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# Slim Williams Goes To Prison For Remainder of His Life

# L. J. LADNER SURE BILL

Member For South Vancouver Will Second Adoption on Final Reading.

FORKE WILL MOVE

Liberal Will Be Chosen To Act As the Chief Spokes-

ss the House of Commons

This is the opinion of L. J. Ladner ne Conservative federal member for outh Vancouver, who has been hosen by the unionist forces to nosen by the unionist forces to econd the bill's adoption on the

Progressive leader, would moradoption, while a member of the iberal party would be the chie

The unionists planned to have their ill moved by a Progressive, second-d by a Conservative, with a Libera or the chief spokesman. Mr. Lader reports that he was approached s a prospective supporter, and he

It was the frank opinion of the member for South Vancouver that e bill would pass the Ottawa House and become law. His personal views that this act would be sufficient ithout further legislation by the

ovinces.

Discussing the coming liquor referndum in British Columbia, Mr. Lader spoke of the "dry" forces as being more or less "down at the heel." approaching contest is not act a struggle between the "drys "wets," but more between thos ogue there, and the proposal to sell

British Columbia are very remote,

#### BLAZE IN QUEBEC CITY CAUSES \$300,000 LOSS

Canadian Press Despatch the business section of the city, completely gutted the wholesale drygoods warehouse of W. McLymont & Sons at the corner of St. Antoine and St. Peter's streets this morning.

Vancouver, April 12—A few parcels containing spare parts for the British Force flying field, and will be held there pending decision whether the fliers will go east via Prince Rupert

### The Weather

Sunday-A few stands.

on the Atlantic and Facific coasts with centers of w over Alberta, Lake Superior and southwest states. The weather over he Dominion has been cool with light

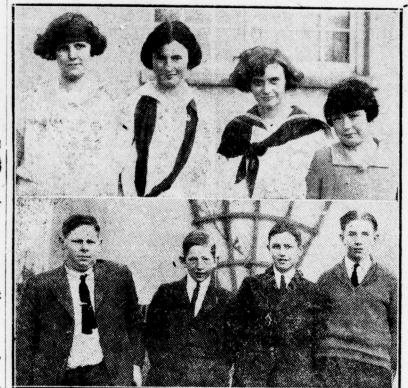
Temperatures.

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during the 24 hours	prev	ious	to 8 a.m.
today were:			
Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	46	Cloudy
Calgary	54	28	Fair
Winnipeg	26	8	Fair
Port Arthur	34	20	Fair
S. S. Marie	28	16	Snow
Cochrane	24	4	Clear
ferente	44	33	Fair
Kingston	40	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	42	36	Fair
Montreal	36	30	Fair
Quebec	36	26	Clear
St. John	40	26	Fair
Hallfox	50	90	G1

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures ecorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were. Highest, 47; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 37; lowest, 34.
Barometric Readings.



WILL SEEK SILVER CUPS.

The eight boys and girls who will contest the silver cups offered by the Ryerson Mothers' Club, at the annual oratory contest and concert to be held at the school on Wednesday night of next week, as they were caught by The Advertiser photographer yesterday afternoon. From left to right they are: Joseph Benson and Fred Parry, senior boys; James Walker and Advertiser that he was prepared to act in that capacity. He explained girls: Mary Moran and Janet Cantlon, junior girls. Mary Moran and Janet Cantlon, junior girls.

### THREATENED STRIKE IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Executive Members For Postal Workers Return to Homes From Ottawa.

THINK WORK TO GO ON

London Delegate Not Expected To Attend Conference in

The threatened strike of the Canantrol system emanates also from pected to take place at midnight e "moderate wets," who would have e "moderate wets," who would have ser sold again in the hotels. But of complete prohibition the present. The members of the sociation that have been at Ottawa conferring with the civil service commission regarding the upward revision of postal salaries returned to Toronto yesterday.

Local postal workers have not yes

been informed as to what transpired at Ottawa yesterday, but the fact that the strike has been called off Quebec, April 12.—Fire involving a oss estimated as high as \$300,000 in he business section of the city, completely gutted the wholesale drygoods warehouse of W. McLymont & Sons at the corner of St. Antoine and St. Peter's streets this morning.

\$PARE PARTS ARRIVE.

Vancouver, April 12—A few parcels containing spare parts for the British ound-the-world fliers have reached tericho Beach, Royal Canadian Air Force flying field, and will be held that the strike has been called off would indicate that the civil service commission is about to go on with the work of salary revision.

It is expected that tomorrow will see a large attendance at the postal workers' meeting, when the result of the executive's last week in Ottawa will be gone over. It is not likely that a representative will go from London, as the news that the strike is off is considered favorable, and London and other large centers will merely await the outcome of the Sunday conference.

#### NO STRIKE MONDAY. Canadian Press Despatch.

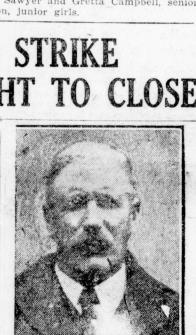
Ottawa, April 12.—There will not be a strike in the postal service on Monday. Leaders of the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees to day informed the government that since willingness had been shown to deal with their salary they would ate winds; partly wait until sufficient time had been cloudy and becloudy and be-coming somewhat

### **GOLF COURSE EXPENSE**

Utilities Manager Points Out Committee Would Have an Adequate Supply.

The only expense on the proposed municipal golf course in the way of clubs if a rental fee of 25 cents for a set of four clubs, so that one of the objections raised by some colfers is removed, E.V. Buchanan, who is one of its most enthusiastic supporters, stated that there would be a number of clubs in the vecession. a number of clubs in the possession of the committee looking after the ourse, and that as these would be rented, there was no great expense involved as far as clubs were con-

He added also that this civic golf during the week ended yesterday course being in the proximity of the motor camp, where all the tourists stay in the summer time, would invite these temporary residents of the city to stay, as most tourists in these days are golfers in any case, and a round of golf is the best thing in the Saskatchewan. British Columbia. world for getting rid of the stiffness New Brunswick and Newfoundland 1 each. of a long run in a car.



ROBERT FORKE.

leader of the Progressive wing in the House of Commons, who will move the adoption of the church union bill when it comes up for its

### OF RAILWAY QUESTION

Commissioner Harley Declines To Comment Until Problem · Fully Considered.

"There are always two sides to any "There are always two sides to any clared, that she had "robbed" Martin question," reminds Frank Harley, of at least \$50,000, all of which was member of the Port Stanley Railway Commission, when questioned as to Russell and Erwin Hamilton his attitude respecting the request postal leaders state, the strike order from the city council that the summer season be inaugurated May 1. "I suppose the council has considered the question from every angle before they made the request." Com-missioner Harley stated. "I suppose they have considered whether it would be good business for the rail-

It was his impression that pro-It was his impression that pro-vision had already been made for cheap fares on certain days in the week for those who would go to the lakeside early to attend to their

gardens, etc. It was pointed out, however, that the council is demanding the summer fares for every day from May 1. Commissioner Harley declined any comment until he had had time to consider both sides of the question

#### NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES DROPS IN WEEK

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, April 12 .- Fifty-four commercial failures occurred throughout the Dominion and Newfoundland

# **MINISTERS**

Barristers Believe Substitution of Life Term Would Increase Crime.

WARNING TO OTHERS

Sir Adam Beck Points to the Number of Murders in Michigan.

While London cle gymen are vir-tually as one in advocating the aboli-tion of capital punishment, local barristers, for the most part, believe the substitution of life imprisonment for the death penalty would increas crime.

Some ministers stated they had not as yet come to a definite opinion not as yet come to a definite opinion regarding the meritse, or demerits of the system, but those who had studied the question in all its aspects were emphatically against it.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh of the King Street Presbyterian Church believes murderers should be "given another". street Pressyterian Church believes murderers should be "given another chance. "There is no indication that life imprisonment for murderers tends to increase homicide, he said. radually force must be supplanted

Instead of hanging a man, I think it would be much more effective if the state attempted to build up his character and make a useful citizen of him. The taking of life is not the fault of the murderer so much as it is the fault of society. Crime de-pends on heredity and environment. Our social state is responsible to: pends on heredity and environment. Our social state is responsible for our criminals, and it seems deplorable that man should pay a severa penalty for the defects of a manmade organization which we call the social system."

Rev. J. Bruce Hunter of the First Methodist Church quoted the government.

Methodist Church quoted the governor of Sing Sing prison, New York, when questioned as to his attitude on capital punishment.

Article Effective.

"I read an article by the Sing Sing official in a magazine," had a profound effect Please See Page 2, Column 5.

### GRAY-HAIRED WOMAN TAKEN FOR SWINDLING

Mrs. Anna Beswick Admits "Robbing" Second Husband of \$50,000.

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, Pa., April 12.-Aprest-

ed on charges of swindling two men out of \$5,000, Mrs. Anna Beswick, a gray-haired, middle-aged woman, admitted, according to the police, that he was a bigamist and had committed forgery to placate blackmailers who threatened to expose her to her second husband, William C. Martin, president of a storage company, and vice-president of a suburban bank.
She admitted, the detectives de turned over to the alleged blackmail ers, whom she named as Herbert whose arrest she caused shortly after being taken into custody herself mother of eighteen children by her first husband, Samuel E. Beswick, carpenter, and that nine of them were

## LIBRARY WILL HAVE

Floor.

A ladies' reading room is to be added to the many privileges of the public library. Alterations are now Questioned by the Canadian

It is expected that six weeks will be required to complete the alterations, which will not only add a room for the ladies but improve the plan of the ground floor,

United States cattle admitted into Canada from territory east of the boundaries specified in the cablegram from the British government. An official announcement regarding this is expected shortly.

United States cattle admitted into court this morning charged with using sidewalks as roads and each was fined \$2 and costs.

The boys paid their fines without argument, all pleading guilty to the charge. of the ground floor,



CHARLES W. DAWES, chairman of the committee of experts which has drawn up a new eparations scheme. Mr. Dawes was elated when he learned the reparacommission had unanimously

approved the report.

# **COUNTY SPENDS**

Keeping Highways Free From Snowdrifts Proves Costly Job.

#### LARGE DEPUTATION WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETING

Ald. John Anderson stated today ohn Anderson stated today Cherbourg, April 12.—Targe deputation would wait Mauretania, being brought that a large deputation would wait hourly contact upon the finance committee when the large descriptions, is 2, Column 5.

Line a large deputation would wait upon the finance committee when the repairs in consequence of the British market bylaws are considered, in cluding the mayor's so-called "huckster" legislation. Farmers, storekeepers in the rural districts adjakeepers in the rural districts ad cent to London, and the so-called morning in tow is proceeding at only "hucksters" will be represented, he 11-2 knots, and is being buffeted b

25 BOWLERS ARRIVE.

Twenty-five C. N. R. bowlers from Hamilton arrived in the city today county court writ on behalf of R. S. at noon on train No. 17 to plays a Adams of Hamilton against H. F. return match with the local C. N. R. Baker, for damages alleged to have

# 100,000 MEN SHIPYARDS

Striking Members of Unions Failed To Resume Work Yesterday.

APPEAL TO OWNERS

Will Withdraw Lockout as Soon as Southampton Men Resume Labor.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 12 .- About 100.00 shipyard workers throughout Great Britain are locked out today in con sequence of the failure of the striking members of their unions in South ampton to resume work yesterday is conformity with the ultimatum the Shipbuilding Employers' Feder

The lockout is operative only at Southampton, where the yards are being kept open for the return of hose men willing to go back to work Although the County of Middlesex of any of the fifteen unions involved spent \$4,000 during the winter months resume labor the lockout against their fellow members in other yards will be to keep the roads free from snow-drifts, the actual cost to the county will be but \$1,800, County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today.

"Most of the work was done on the suburban area, and the county pays for but 20 per cent of that work," Mr. Talbot explained.

During the last four months county ber of skilled British workers were

During the last four months county road expenditure totalled about \$12,000, some \$8,000 being expended on graveling and other contract work in December. Of this amount, the actual cost to the county is about \$4,000.

Out for Cherbourg yesterday a number of skilled British workers were aboard, her, having, with the assistance of employers, dodged the strikers' pickets, Enough of these mechanics are aboard, it is added, to perform all the important repair work on the liner, and only the unskilled part will be done by the Erench workers at Cherbourg. French workers at Cherbourg.

#### STILL IN MID-CHANNEL.

Associated Press Despatch

WRIT AGAINST H. F. BAKER. McEvoy & Henderson have issued

### the National Bowling been caused by the negligence of the afternoon. Great Britain Has Lifted

Cattle Embargo From U.S.

Will Let American Cattle Into Canada From Certain Districts.

ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY

Department of Agriculture Prepares To Follow Up the British Move.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 12.—Notification of
the lifting of the embargo on the
shipment of cattle from the United States for slaughter in Great Britain in so far as it affects those animals origating east of the western boun-daries of the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, was received here today by the fed-Installation of New Quarters
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eral department of agriculture.

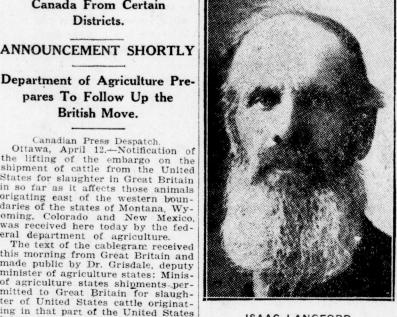
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lying east of western boundaries of

public library. Alterations are now under way to provide for the new Press as to the probable effect the partial lifting of the embargo on Uni-The reference annex will be moved upstairs to a section of the general reading room, which will be partitioned off for the purpose. It is the intention to use the annex room of the ground floor for the ladies' reading room, and the present reading room, and the present reading room in the stack room will be given over to much-needed shelf space there.

It is expected that six weeks will partial lifting of the embargo on United States cattle by the British government would have on the embargo or United States cattle, which was precipated by the cutadian government on United States cattle, which was precipated by the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in the far western states, Dr. Grisdale said that the department of agriculture was preparing to have United States cattle admitted into Canada from territory east of the



ISAAC LANGFORD. pioneer Western Ontario resident who died at his home in Thorndale on Wednesday, in his 93rd year.

become a popular pastime since the submitted to the ordeal,



WILLIAM IRVINE.

to abolish capital punishment was defeated by a vote of 2 to 29 in the Federal House at midnight yesterday, The hangings at London were drawn into the discussion.

Workers at Scranton Vote To Walk Out on Monday Morning.

Associated Press Despatch. Scranton, Pa., April 12 .- A vote to call a general strike of the 10,000 employees of the Pennsylvania and to London to see a few friends. Hilliside Coal and Iron Company was taken at a meeting of the general grievance committee of the company last night in Pittston. The strike would tie up ten collieries throughout the valley. It is to become effective Monday morning.

Sheriff States the Official Spent Most of Day With the Prisoner.

Clarence Topping was examined by a Dominion government alienist

stated today.

A doctor bearing the proper papers A doctor bearing the proper papers arrived at the court house one morning, the sheriff stated, and he was immediately taken to Topping's cell. He stayed with the Strathroy youth for some time both morning and afternoon, and adjudged Topping perfectly same.

erfectly, sane. Topping's uncle complained to the sheriff that his nephew had been promised another examination by Mr. Justice Lennox the day he was sen-tenced, and wanted to know why the promise hadn't been carried out. The sheriff advised him to get in touch with officials at the department of

## CEASE TEMPORARILY

Venders Now Recognizing the Act, States Major T. J. Murphy.

Prosecution of violators of the live tock products act has been temporarily abandoned, following a promise rom the Retail Grocers' Association

ions. Inspector Morrison, who is responsible for enforcement of the act, is still inspecting the eggs of market vendors. He reports that all of them are grading their eggs now since a number of convictions have been

#### MAJORITY OF LONDON LIFE STAFF NOW VACCINATED

The London Life Insurance Company, in obedience to the suggestions of the board of health, have set a good example in the way of vaccina-Of the staff of 170, 110 have

LEAVES FOR DRESDEN Brigadier McAmnond of the Salvation Army is at Dresden today, where he will conduct week-end services. Adjutant Spooner goes to Ridgetown this afternoon to take over the young people's meetings that

will be held there tomorrow.

Melbourne Bandit Makes Last Trip From Middlesex Jail to Penitentiary.

GOVERNOR IS GUARD

Hope Term Will Be Reduced and Pardon Granted in Time.

'Slim' Williams has made his third nd final trip to Kingston Penitenno! Byron Dawson and High Conble Wharton on the station plat-

iams climbed aboard the smoking coach at the front of the train and williams has high hopes that hi incarceration at Kingston will not last for many years. He was a model prisoner while in the penitentiary, and hopes that in ten years' time he will be granted a pardon, and

After being captured Melbourne bank robbery on April 11, 1921, Williams appeared

found guilty of murder, with a rec ommendation to mercy, and was granted a reprieve two days before he was scheduled to be hanged, the death sentence being commuted to

### two weeks before the execution last Thursday, Sheriff Donald Graham PROBATION OFFICER MAKES HIS REPORT

and Thirty-Five Children Appear in Court Within Three Months.

Major J. W. Bradshaw, the proba-ion officer of the juvenile court, in is report for the first three months visits, has given 335 interwiews, attended to seven adult cases in con-

attended to seven adult cases in con-nection with the work of the London juvenile court, and disposed of 25 cases, involving children coming be-fore the court.

Of the 35 children appearing in court, 26 were Canadian, 3 English, 2 Scottish, 1 American and 3 Italian. Charges against the children were as follows: Theft 10, shopbreaking 4, lisorderly 6, breach of a bylaw 1 in disorderly 6, breach of a bylaw 1, in-corrigibility 1, truancy 7, and other offences 6.

#### SPRING CEREMONIAL PLANS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Plans are running smoothly for the big spring ceremonial, to be who has been pressing the charges, stated this morning, vendors of eggs were now recognizing the act and doing their best to abide by its regulations.

Inspector Morris

iccess, while the securin Winter Gardens for the event has

BARTENDERS GUESS WRONG. New York, April 12.—The bartenders of the Cunard liner Aquitania so ar overestimated the th 1,400 passengers that \$1,500 worth of iles and whiskeys had to be

#### Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Norway spruce trees for sale. Frame cottage to let.

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Cord tire lost. Billiard parlor for sale. Kitchen range for sale,