

REPORT SHOWS LARGER DEMAND FOR CITY HYDRO

Public Utilities Commission
Publish Annual Statement
of Activities.

IMPROVE WATERWORKS

Sales in London Hydro Shop
for 1921 Greatest in De-
partment's History.

Despite the industrial depression in 1921, a steadily-increasing demand for hydro power in London was experienced, as revealed by the annual report of the public utilities commission issued Saturday morning.

As a result of this, the main power distributing station at Horton street was operated under severe overload conditions. The highest peak obtained during the year was 14,750 horsepower, an increase of 3,504 over the highest in 1920. To provide for the increasing loads, the erection of a new switching and transforming station was undertaken in East London, which was completed and officially opened Saturday afternoon.

Other features of the report are: Waterworks Department.—A notable increase in construction work has been noted during the year. About five miles of water main was laid, accounted for mainly by the river water main laid along Queen's avenue and Ontario street to supply the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Trouble Nullified.—Trouble with plugged services is gradually falling off, only six cases being reported in December. The force pump designed by the London department to clear out these deposits of iron has been employed with every success.

Special Construction Department.—During the early part of the winter, Hunt's old flour mill was renovated and adapted for use as a store building at a cost of \$5,500. This has proved advantageous, the cost of a new building being estimated at \$35,000.

During the summer months an extensive program of work was undertaken, the most notable of the permanent work being the construction of new lavatories, concrete wading pool and concrete tennis courts at Thames Park and cinder tennis courts at Queen's Park. New equipment was erected and grading and minor construction work was done at all of the nine playgrounds.

Secretary's department.—As some adjustments in the stock accounts are yet to be made and the audit of the books and accounts of the department have not been completed, it is impossible to give an accurate statement of the past year's operation.

Increase Number of Consumers.—Electrical department.—The number of consumers has increased from 14,878 to 16,259, an average of 106 a month. The gross receipts from the consumers for light and power for the past 13 months amounted to \$565,526.19. In the wiring and job department the receipts amounted to \$101,129.41. The total receipts in the hydro shop, including cash sales, charge to order sales and repairs were \$290,102.91.

Electrical department.—The total disbursements of the electrical department through vouchers and pay sheets was \$1,094,836.59.

Waterworks department.—The cash receipts in this department, not including proceeds of debenture issue, total \$244,178.62 as follows: Receipts from water rates \$215,648.69 Receipts from service extensions 9,146.65 Receipts from job department 19,383.28 The disbursements as per vouchers and paysheets amounted to \$356,795.18.

Wire Old Houses.—Wiring of old houses on the installment plan brought considerable new business with 218 houses wired. This was mainly the result of a special campaign last June and July. The revenue derived from this source amounts to about \$3,300 per annum.

New business.—The maximum bill to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for power was based on the peak load established in December 16, 1921, of 14,750 h.p., an increase of 3,504 h.p. This large increase is due in a great measure to the number of stoves, heaters, appliances and the increased candle power that consumers are now using and also accounted for by the absence of restrictions in the use of power.

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Manager King States Next Move Is Up To Men

SEEMINGLY the next move toward a settlement in the local street railway situation, which rapidly approaches a crisis, must be by the men.

C. B. King, manager of the railway company, stated Friday that there is no intention on the part of the company's officials to deviate from their original decision. "The three cent reduction will go into effect as scheduled," he said. "If the men see fit to seek the services of a board of conciliation they are free to do so," was the tenor of Manager King's remarks.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"That ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way hitherto."—Joshua 3:4.

MAKE no more giants, God.

But elevate the race at once! We ask

To put forth all our strength, our human strength.

All starting fairly, all equipped alike.

Gifted alike, all eagle-eyed.

True-hearted—See if we cannot beat the angels yet!

—Robert Browning.

MONDAY'S DOINGS.

MONDAY.—Annual meeting of City Gas Company at the company's office, 2 o'clock.

Regular meeting of Canadian Labor Party will be held at Labor Temple, 8 o'clock.

City Council meets at City Hall, 7:45 o'clock.

Advisory Vocational Committee meets at Technical School, 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING service at the Centennial Methodist Church, Dundas street, will be conducted by the women of the church. Special music has been provided and will be rendered by a choir, consisting only of women assisted by the Elgar Ladies' Quartet.

ADJUTANT FRED MARTIN, who has just completed fifteen years of service in the Salvation Army, is going to tell something of his experiences during that time, in an address before the Men's Brotherhood of Askin Street Methodist Church Sunday morning.

REV. ARCHIBALD GRAHAM, who has some time ago officiated as chaplain at Westminster Hospital, has received a very urgent call from the congregation of Geneva Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

The matter has not yet been placed before either the Bruce Presbytery or that of London. Both bodies must pass upon the call, but Mr. Graham stated on Saturday morning that he himself was favorably inclined toward acceptance.

DR. ALFRED GRANT will take charge of the next public-speaking course to be opened February 11, at the Y. M. C. A. This is the second course in public-speaking to be opened by the "Y" authorities. The first course in public-speaking was a fusing success, and encouraged by it, the promoters determined upon a second course. Special endeavors will be made to enroll ex-service men in the course by allowing more lenient terms.

CITY CLERK BAKER addressed the Kiwanis club of Ingersoll on Friday on "Communist Form of Government as it is in Force in Several United States Centers."

Mr. Baker said that back of the movement was a desire for an economical form of government. He cited the forms in Galveston, Des Moines and Dayton and gave the troubles which beset each in the different centers. Waite, in Dayton, he said, was an exceptionally good man but he was the only man that could make a success of the Dayton scheme.

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PROVIDES LIGHT LABOR AT MIDDLESEX JAIL

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SNOW RETURNS TO HIDE WORK OF YOUNGSTERS

Dignified Londoners, Stepping
On Concealed Slides, Bless
the Joys of Childhood.

WINTER SPORTS RESUMED

When there is about six inches of very wet snow on the city streets, and mere man is bawling the fate of shiny brown brogues, a dim glimpse is seen of the why and wherefore of the numerous gales which engulf and encompass the flapper's feet. The snow has fallen thick and fast during the past twenty-four hours, but the unfortunate part of it is that it fell thick and fast too soon—that is—before the sidewalks were quite cleared of the ice which formed just after the late thaw.



Now the small boys' slides reveal themselves, in the most unexpected places, and just where the unlucky pedestrian least expects them. As a consequence many peaceful law-abiding Londoners suddenly find themselves projected headlong and downward as a result of a hidden pitfall, which cleared of its snowy covering is merely an innocent slide.

A very staid member of The Advertiser editorial staff was one of the hardest "sitters." He has it to his credit that he can smash a \$15 pair of specks through the toughest kind of case.



London is at last seeing some signs of the hard weather which all the sages threatened this winter.

All indications of winter sports are greatly in evidence. Skates, snow shoes and sleighs. Several hilarious bobbing parties have been seen wending their somewhat noisy way through the city streets. London is prepared to enjoy to the fullest a taste of real old-fashioned winter weather.

However, all is not gold that glitters in the early morning light, as the unfortunate householder realizes in his dismay, when he leaves his snug retreat and gazes upon the piles of snow glittering on his front doorstep.



Snow, snow, oh, yes, beautiful snow! But why, oh, why, must it fall on the doorstep?

WILL GIVE SECOND OF EXTENSION LECTURES

The second of the February series of university extension lectures will be given next Thursday evening in the public library by Dr. Caroline Shanks, who will deal with the life and work of the apostle St. Joseph.

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Exhibit "A" Causes Anxiety to Curious Throng at Court House

Who is dead at the court house? This was the question that worried a whole lot of people Saturday morning as they passed one of London's most stately buildings. A magnificent hearse, shrouded with new pall and varnish was drawn up in front of the main entrance to the building and when the reporters arrived to "cover" the court a curious crowd had collected in the hope of seeing a casket carried forth.

One individual whispered that he had it on the best of authority that the body of a prisoner in the jail had hung himself and they were giving him a quick burial. When asked specifically where he had obtained his information, he stated that "a man" had told him. He didn't know that it was true.

URGE COUNCIL TO ASK DAIRY TESTS

Health Board Members Aim
To Weed Out Tubercular
Cattle.

Monday night C. Mitchell, Dr. Downham and Dr. Tamin, representing the board of health, will wait on the council and ask that the city clerk be instructed to write the federal government applying for the inspection of dairy herds of this district in order to weed out tubercular cattle.

The decision of the board was not unexpected. The proposal to have such tests made with a view to giving the city certified milk, has been to the fore for some time.

If the city's application is granted by the veterinary director-general at Ottawa, it will take two years for the inspection to get well under way. At that time, it is provided in the government regulations, the city may classify its dairies, "raw milk dairies" or "pasteurized milk dairies."

It is also provided that when "raw" actors are found in a herd the milk or cream shall not be sold in its raw state except to a firm for pasteurization.

The matter of controlling farmers who do not retail milk in the city, but sell by the wholesale dealer, was mentioned at the meeting. Dr. Tamin said that he had talked this matter over with Inspector McCallum and believed that it was possible to license all farmers.

The question was asked as to whether the inspection would increase the price of milk. Dr. Tamin could see no reason for an increase. While it would insure certified milk to the city, there would be no cost to the farmer. If any of his herd was slaughtered he would be compensated for the loss.

E. R. Seabrook presided at the meeting. Dr. Cunningham was absent through illness.

PRESENT ANNUAL "STUNTS" CONCERT

Church of St. John the Evangelist Organization Provides Entertainment.

The three branches of the G. F. S. of the Church of St. John the Evangelist this week entertained a large audience with their annual "stunts" performance. Under the direction of Miss Price of the Girl Guides many novel and humorous pantomimes and a little playlet were produced, one of the best of which was "The Spanish Tragedy." Miss Joyce Gibberd gave an interesting reading, "Young Lincoln," read by Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, and acted by members of the G. F. S., was a fine number on the program. "Shadowgraphs" proved a fitting close to an enjoyable evening. The Sunday School Orchestra tendered an appropriate program, the accompanist being Miss Dorothy Davis.

APPOINT QUEBEC COMMISSION.

Quebec, Feb. 4.—A commission whose duty it will be to preserve ancient and historical landmarks in the Province of Quebec will be appointed, it has been announced by Hon. Athanasius David, financial secretary.

Mayor Will Open New Hydro Transformer Station

AT 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Mayor J. Cameron Wilson officially opens the city's new hydro-electric transformer station at the corner of Cabell street and Kitchener avenue, East London.

The ceremony will be attended by the members of the Public Utilities Commission, and any of the general public who so desire.

All the equipment in the new plant has been installed by the staff of the local utility company, and it has been declared by competent authorities one of the finest examples of skilled workmanship in America.

The new station is destined to carry a load of 25,000 horsepower and will be the main distributing center for London.

At present Londoners use approximately 15,000 horsepower.

WILL CONSIDER EXEMPTIONS ON PIPE LINE ROAD

Court of Revision To Inspect
Property Before Taking
Action.

ALLOW BLANCHARD CLAIM

The court of revision has decided to inspect the property on the Pipe Line road, and will likely grant material exemptions to the owners of property unit for building purposes and which is being taxed for the new pavement laid on the street.

The court will likely follow the precedent of the Knollwood Park sewer settlement and recommend to the council that a general reduction in the cost of the ratepayer's share of the pavement be made.

Quite a number of the ratepayers attended the adjourned meeting of the court. Two lawyers, U. A. Buchner and T. J. Murphy, K. C., acted as spokesmen.

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CITY LABOR PARTY TO DISCUSS HYDRO

Will Frame Stand On Power
Administration Monday
Night.

Should the maintenance and further development of Ontario's Hydro-electric power remain under the control of a commission, or should the Drury government institute a department of power, headed by a cabinet minister to relieve the present form of administration, is one of the more important questions now occupying the provincial political stage at frequent intervals.

The attitude of the London Labor body politic in respect to this and similar hydro problems will be shown by the members of the London branch of the Canadian Labor party at their next regular gathering in the Labor Temple, Monday night.

Following certain discussion at the last meeting of the local party prospective resolutions have been drafted and will be submitted Monday night for general approval or rejection. Whatever expression of opinion is registered, the same will be recorded again at the provincial convention of the Canadian Labor party in Stratford, February 24.

The executive of the latter body has sounded the call throughout the province for a definite opinion on the hydro situation, and delegates from the various branches will be directed to attend the provincial gathering with these instructions.

The London delegates will be selected Monday.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD RALLY FEB. 7

Young People Will Meet in
Knox Church, St. Thomas.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, is to be the meeting place of the annual rally of the Presbyterian Young People's Union, which takes place Tuesday, Feb. 7. A feature of the occasion will be the unveiling of an honor roll, containing the names of those who have during the past twenty-five years enlisted for life service in the church as ministers or missionaries. Rev. J. G. Stuart, formerly of Knox Church, London, but who is now retired from the ministry, will perform the unveiling ceremony. Mr. Stuart has been asked to officiate in appreciation of the fact that he was the first president to be elected when the Presbyterian Young People's Society was formed, about twenty-five years ago.

During the afternoon session there will be an exhibition of model programs for meetings of Young People's Societies. This will include, social, devotional and missionary meetings. The work will be put on completely by the young people of the presbytery. A banner will be presented to the society having the best record for the year, which will include attendance at the rally.

R. R. Cochrane, of College Street Church, Toronto, will be the speaker of the evening.

A special car is to leave London at 5:20 p.m. in order that those who have been asked to attend the afternoon may reach St. Thomas in time for the supper and evening session.

PRESENT PLAY AT ST. PETER'S HALL

"The Merchant of Venice," presented by the De La Salle boys of Toronto drew an audience, Friday night, entirely filled St. Peter's Hall auditorium. All of the principals of the piece are pupils of the De La Salle Catholic High School, Toronto, and belong to the dramatic club of that collegiate.

The play, as presented, was highly commendable, and showed an artistic and dramatic interpretation seldom achieved in amateur essays at true production of Shakespeare.

John K. Boles, cast in the role of Shylock, won the hearty and enthusiastic plaudits of the audience, at numerous instances throughout.

Basanio, played by Gordon D. Matson, and Antonio, played by Kenneth Cawell, also found favor by their performance of these two premier roles of the play.

The clowning of Launcelot met, too, with a most cordial reception by the audience. In conjunction with the presentation of the drama, the De La Salle orchestra supplied the numbers attending the presentation, as well as other selections, which were well executed.

Fred Watson was in charge of the direction of the production and Frank Miceli headed the orchestra.

At the close of the piece, Rev. M. F. Fallon, bishop of London, in a few remarks, lauded the manner in which the De La Salle boys had given the interpretation.

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ACTION TO GAIN CONVEYANCE OF COTTAGE LOST

Chief Justice Meredith Dismisses Claim of Thomas H. Robinson.

Declares Disputed Dwelling Was Not Included in Purchase of Farm.

Holding that an inaccurate description had been given when certain lands had been purchased by Harry Stabler from Thomas H. Robinson, and that a cottage included in the conveyance should not have been included, and was never intended to be included in the purchase price of \$9,000, Chief Justice R. M. Meredith dismissed the action brought by Stabler for the conveyance of the lands, including the cottage. No allowance was made for costs.

The "inaccurate description is the whole cause of the litigation," declared the court in giving judgment. "The case presents no difficulties to my mind." The chief justice went on to review the case, declaring that the description of the property had been taken from an old deed, and from the description he did not think that the plaintiff ever attempted to read through it and see what he did buy.

Would Have Inquired.

The chief justice said that the cottage on the farm was separate from and fenced off from the rest of the farm, and if he had any doubt that the property was included in the purchase, he surely would have made some inquiries about it. It was unbelievable that the defendant Robinson would try to sell to the plaintiff land he had already sold.

The court allowed the counter-claim of the defence providing for the rectification of the agreement minus the cottage and surrounding land that had been conveyed to Heister and Agnes Alway.

BERNHARDT TO ACT FOR MOVIES.

London, England, Feb. 4.—Sara Bernhardt has accepted an offer of United States moving picture interests to act for a series of photoplays, according to the London Times.

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Salary Arrives, But No Deputy Postmaster To Draw It

WHO will draw the deputy postmaster's salary that has been piling up for the last seven months?

Though there has been no deputy in all that time, each month the government check in payment of salary has continued to arrive.

It arrived last month, the month before, and will, no doubt, come next month, even though there be no one to draw it.

Deputies may come and deputies may go, but, obviously, their salaries go on forever.

Keen competition among the applicants for the vacancy has been noted for some time back. Perhaps the thought that the salary of the position when it is filled will be retroactive has engendered in the breasts of the applicants a much stronger desire for the vacancy.

WOULD SPEED UP BOARD MEETINGS

School Trustees Think Procedure Might Be Simplified.

It has long been reasoned by members of the board of education that meetings of the body could be expedited with greater speed and efficiency. Both W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board, and Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the 1922 board have interested themselves in this problem.

Chairman Smith is of the opinion that the present procedure can be simplified in certain directions, one being the manner in which the divers communications to the board are handled.

At each meeting the trustees are usually beset with a batch of communications of minor importance, ranging in everything from an application for assistant janitor to a request for a new high school. It is of the opinion of Chairman Smith as well as the trustees that many questions of small detail can be referred automatically to the respective committees without undue parley.

It is suggested that a special report of these communications be placed at the disposal of the trustees at each meeting in order that they can tell at a glance what they pertain to and so can govern themselves accordingly.

This question will claim attention at the next meeting.

WILL LECTURE ON "STARRY HEAVENS"

Professor Kingston To Speak
at London Astronomical
Society.

Professor H. R. Kingston will be the speaker at the next meeting of the London Astronomical Society, to be held in the Western University building Friday evening, Feb. 10. "The Starry Heavens" will be the subject of Professor Kingston's lecture. In conjunction with the address, there will be shown, numerous lantern slides to illustrate