

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND COOL TODAY,
WEDNESDAY—COOL.

London Evening Advertiser

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HOUSE OR FLAT?
WANT ADS FIND THEM.
ON PAGE 12.

THREE CENTS.

SIXTH YEAR. NO. 24111

FOR CHANGES IN CIVIC METHODS GO TO VOTE

Greer May Become Inspector-Secretary of Public Schools

EDUCATION MAY HAVE 3 LEADERS

Greer, Miller and Beal Named
For Positions in
London.

REDUCE BOARD

Hope To Have Only Six
Members To Carry Out
Work.

The board of education is anxious to make immediate use of such sections of the British report as will bring centralization of authority and simplicity of system in school management.

With this end in view, it is probable that the recommendation will be made that V. K. Greer, senior public school inspector, be appointed to a new position of inspector-secretary of the primary schools of London, the new officer responsible to the board, and having power to attach to any position in the primary schools at present. Responsible to Mr. Greer will be several other officials, purchasing agent for the schools, attendance officer, etc.

Pursuant to the same policy, Principal Everett Miller of the colleges will be placed in control of the secondary academic school system of London, with probably more far-reaching powers than he exercises under the present system.

Same Manner. The matter of the technical high school will be treated in the same manner, and Principal H. B. Beal will be the official responsible for that school. There will also be an effort made to secure a greater degree of co-operation from all the schools in regard to the matter of purchases, as the trustees feel that in this direction, particularly with the purchasing being done through one central purchasing agent.

What is aimed at ultimately is a board of education of six members, one of them a representative of the Roman Catholic families. It is not likely that this can be accomplished at once, but the other moves will be made first, and will mark the inauguration of a policy leading up to a smaller body in control of the schools, and with responsibility definitely fixed upon the officials named above.

Waste of Time. Several members of the board have felt for some time that the present method is a waste of time and energy, particularly the adherence to the old plan of referring matters to committees that could be settled in a short time by any of the officials whose business it is ultimately to attend to the matter.

Dr. Brittain is spending this evening going over the situation with members of the board, and the whole matter will be brought up for discussion at the meeting on Thursday, together with the recommendations for the adoption of the portions of the report that can be applied immediately.

CONTRACTOR LOSES HAND IN HUNTING ACCIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Nov. 4.—When the sun was low, a contractor and his hands were hunting and blew to pieces, Jeanne Pratte, a contractor at the works of the Quebec Development Company at St. Joseph d'Alma, suffered the loss of one hand and is in grave danger of losing the other.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate to fresh winds; fair and cool today and on Wednesday.
The pressure is high in North-western Canada, accompanied by wintry weather. The weather is also quite cold in Northern Ontario and in Quebec.

A light snowfall has occurred in Eastern and Northern Ontario.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	40	Cloudy
Winnipeg	32	18	Fair
Port Arthur	42	30	Cloudy
Barry Sound	34	20	Cloudy
Toronto	46	38	Cloudy
Kingston	38	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	26	Snow
Montreal	34	26	Snow
Quebec	32	24	Clear
Father Point	34	20	Cloudy
St. John	46	26	Cloudy
Halifax	42	22	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 48; lowest, 31.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 38.

Barometric Readings.
Monday, 8 p.m.—29.11.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.17.



IRISH LADS AT RYERSON PAGEANT.

Here are the lads from the Emerald Isle who met with such a fine reception last night at the Ryerson school pageant. They had the support of a bevy of lovely colleens. Back row,

from left to right, they are: Jack Eady, Norman Puthurbough, Martin Jack Eady, Earl Sullivan, Leonard Kingham, Wentworth Down, Bill Southcott and Arthur King.

ham. Front row, from left to right, Jack Eady, Norman Puthurbough, Jack Miller, Bill Lamon, Henry Baker, Jim Robinson, Jack Millie, and Bill Gammeage. See also page 3.

PETER SMITH GETS ANOTHER SENTENCE

Second Term Imposed Today
Runs Concurrently With
First.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Mowat this morning on Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, who pleaded guilty of conspiracy in connection with the defunct Home Bank. The proceedings were brief and no evidence was taken. Smith is already under sentence of three years on conviction of conspiracy in connection with the Home Bank. Both sentences will run concurrently.

T. H. Lennox, K.C., appeared for Smith. When the indictment was read, Lennox stated that since the previous trial and conviction of Smith he had given the matter close consideration and in his mind the great expense involved in a further trial on the new count he had taken the responsibility of advising his client to plead guilty.

Bandit Is Slain Trying To Escape

Deserted by Pal, New York
Hold-Up Man Killed by
Police.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Nov. 4.—Deserted by his companion, who fled in a taxicab, an unidentified bandit, who held up the cashier of a restaurant at the point of a revolver in lower New York, was shot and killed and his body was found before a fusillade of shots fired at him by two pursuing policemen. His body with two bullet wounds in it, was found in a basement to which the chase and led. The man had backed the restaurant cashier into a corner and overpowered five patrons when the tinkle of the cash register bell attracted the attention of Joseph Karpodine, the proprietor, Karpodine, who had been the victim of a holdup man more than a year ago, was armed and he opened fire from a protecting wooden partition. His shots went wild and the bandit fled.

The fact that London township farmers have suffered severe losses from sheep-killing dogs led the council to appoint the former constable as dog catcher. Many valuable sheep were killed last spring and summer, and the council was forced to part with much good money to owners.

Several sheep were recently killed, valued at \$100, and this has resulted in the appointment of Mr. Corsaut, who is familiar with every road and almost every farm in the township.

TORONTO STAR PURCHASES TORONTO SUNDAY WORLD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—The Toronto Star has purchased the Toronto Sunday World from the Mail Printing Company and the Sunday World will be merged with the Star Weekly. The Sunday World will cease publication with the current issue. The Mail Printing Company gave out the above statement today in answer to a query as to the truth of the rumor that the Toronto Star had purchased the Sunday World.

The consideration paid by the Star for the Sunday World has not been made public.

"We were approached with a good offer for the Sunday World and we accepted it," is all the information given by the Mail Printing Company as to the monetary consideration in connection with the deal.

HOME FOR AGED WOMAN IS SOUGHT BY CHIEF

Every effort is being made by Chief of Police Robert Birrell to find a home for Mrs. Lenina Baxter, an aged woman who yesterday appeared in police court as a vagrant. She was broken down and penniless and had been evicted from her boarding house for failure to pay rent.

Mrs. Baxter told Chief Birrell that her daughter had refused to support her. She was broken down in health and unable to work.

Chief Birrell signed her release from the county jail this morning. He and Mayor Wenig are endeavoring to find her a place in the Aged People's Home. Meanwhile a London South resident has volunteered to give her light work to do and offer her temporary board and shelter.



MADAME A. KOLLANTAY,
first woman in the world to be appointed as a minister plenipotentiary. She was just arrived in Christiania as the ambassador from Russia to Norway.

DOG CATCHER NAMED TO PROTECT SHEEP

Arthur Corsaut, Former County
Constable, Receives
Appointment.

The London township council in session yesterday at Arva appointed former County Constable Arthur Corsaut as official dog catcher of the township, and stray pups that cannot lay claim to a master will be shot on sight and buried at leisure.

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GASOLINE BURNS MAY PROVE FATAL TO WOMAN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur, Nov. 4.—The victim of a gasoline explosion in her apartment early this morning, Mrs. Ethel H. Lyons, wife of Roy H. Lyons, night superintendent at the Provincial pulp mill, was perhaps fatally burned. She is unconscious in a local hospital, and blood transfusions are being given in an effort to save her life.

Mrs. Lyons was using gasoline to clean clothing, when the gasoline ignited. She was found sitting right on the stairway with her clothes burned off. Several pounds of glass were blown out by the force of the explosion.

CHILD IS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY STREET CAR

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Woodson, 12 Askin street, lies in a Victoria hospital in a serious condition as a result of being struck by a Normal street car about 2:15 this afternoon on Wharncliffe road.

The child was rushed to the hospital suffering from a fractured jaw, deep head gashes and other injuries. He was taken to a hospital where he expressed doubt as to his recovery.

WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL APPEALS TO OTTAWA

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—Supporting Winnipeg businessmen in their fight to have the board of railway commissioners' ruling abrogating the Crow's Nest Pass agreement set aside, the city council last night passed a resolution urging the government to rescind the judgment of the commission and lower freight rates in the west to a point where "discrimination would be removed." The resolution is being forwarded to Ottawa.

JUVENILE COURT TANGLE UNSOLVED

Judge Warner and London
Deputation Confers With
Attorney-General.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—A conference lasting well over an hour between Judge Quinton Warner of the juvenile court of London, Ont., and Attorney-General Nickle at the parliament buildings, was unproductive of any solution of the situation which exists regarding the carrying on of the court. Mr. Warner refused to make any statement regarding the outcome of the conference, other than to say that his deputation was cordially received by the attorney-general, and that the situation was considered from several different points of view.

"As far as my resignation is concerned," he said, "the conditions are just as they have been for the last three months. Mr. Nickle has it before him, and it will be accepted as soon as some man suitable for the position is found in London."

After consultation with those who accompanied him, Mr. Warner said: "It would not be wise for us to go into any details of what we have just discussed with Mr. Nickle. There is nothing which sufficiently alters the situation to be worth public announcement." Mr. Nickle, however, had just finished discussing he would be unwilling to have his resignation accepted. Neither party would elaborate what those conditions are.

As Mr. Warner left Mr. Nickle's office he made the statement, "I have made the statement, but I have not finished discussing he would be unwilling to have his resignation accepted. Neither party would elaborate what those conditions are."

FORM OF CITY BALLOTS IS ANNOUNCED TODAY

University and Police Bylaws
Will Be Voted On
This Year.

In addition to four bylaws regarding change in civic government, voters will be given opportunity on Dec. 1 to cast their ballots on two others, one regarding a grant to the University of Western Ontario and one to change the form of electing police commissioners.

City Clerk Sam Baker today announced the following form for the additional two ballots:
1. Are you in favor of having the membership of the board of commissioners of the city increased by two additional members, to be elected by the municipal electorate?
2. Are you in favor of an annual grant of \$5,000 being made to the University of Western Ontario?

Both these plebiscites will be voted on by all those on the city voters' list, Mr. Baker says.

PLEBISCITE COMMITTEE PRAISED BY "Y" BOYS

At the boys' council meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last night it was moved by Hugh Satch and seconded by Howard Obeay that a letter of congratulation be sent to the plebiscite committee.

Plans were discussed for the coming convention of older boys and leaders, to be held the last three days of this week. It was planned to give the visitors a motor tour of the city as part of the recreation program.

W. H. Spearman, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., presided.

Labor Cabinet Has Resigned

Associated Press Despatch.
London Nov. 4.—The cabinet of Ramsay MacDonald, Great Britain's first Labor government, resigned today. King George accepted the resignation.

COOLIDGE PICKED TO WIN TODAY

Largest Electorate in History
Will Select New
President.

POLITICAL TANGLE

All Candidates Confident as
Voters Ballot to Decide
Choice.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Nov. 4.—Ideal weather favored the voters of the United States for their quadrennial presidential election in nearly every section of the country today, and this, together with keen interest in local political battles, served to bring out what promised to be a very heavy vote.

The presidential result is regarded by the majority of political observers as a foregone conclusion. Some of the leading Democratic papers this morning conceded that the election of Calvin Coolidge is a probability. The remarkable interest, indicated by a very heavy early vote, therefore, is attributed to the keen contests that have been waged on local issues in many parts of the country.

Dry, clear weather in the rural districts with the roads in excellent shape, foreshadowed a particularly heavy vote from the country precincts.

President Coolidge expects a vote in the electoral college of at least 250 and a Republican working majority in the house of representatives next session of 20 or more. It was stated in the statement issued this morning from the White House.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Nov. 4.—The largest electorate that ever cast a vote under the United States constitution was today the most puzzling tangle in the modern political history of the United States. With three major candidates for the presidency, a full and complete breakdown of the electoral college was expected.

SETTLE DECLINES TO EXONERATE GABY

Clings to Statement of Yesterday
That Engineer Perjured Himself.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—"Unchecked encroachment of freed, waste of public money, and exploitation of the hydro for the personal aggrandizement of one man" is the first of 24 charges made by E. Clarence Settle, former secretary to Sir Adam Beck, against the administration of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, and which form the ground for an inquiry now going forward here before Judge Colin Stender. These charges were published this morning.

Settle, who was brought from jail, where he awaits trial on a charge of fraudulently cashing a check for \$29,000 belonging to the hydro-electric commission, again gave evidence this morning, the proceedings hinging on the accusation made by Settle that Macchett & Co., X-ray dealers, had an office in the hydro quarters, and that the commission paid the rent of it. On behalf of the Macchett company, Charles S. Patterson, accountant of the Continental Life building, produced his books to show that the Macchett firm had paid their own rent, with one exception, when a readjustment was taking place in the offices. The hearing this morning was continued from yesterday.

On the refusal of Settle to exonerate Chief Engineer Gaby from the charge of perjury, which he leveled at yesterday, in his evidence before the D.D. of First Presbyterian church, the decision was made to hold a Thanksgiving day service on Monday, Nov. 10.

Dr. Beattie and Rev. John Richardson of Chalmers church were appointed a committee to complete the arrangements in connection with the service.

It is likely that the service will be held in one of the central Presbyterian churches, and that the address will be given by one of the local ministers.

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS PLAN SPECIAL SERVICE

At the regular monthly meeting of the Monday club of the Presbyterian ministers of the city, held last night at the home of the president, Rev. William Beattie, D.D., of First Presbyterian church, the decision was made to hold a Thanksgiving day service on Monday, Nov. 10.

Dr. Beattie and Rev. John Richardson of Chalmers church were appointed a committee to complete the arrangements in connection with the service.

It is likely that the service will be held in one of the central Presbyterian churches, and that the address will be given by one of the local ministers.

While the service is being arranged by the Monday club all those desiring to participate by attending the services are cordially invited to do so.

PEKING IS ENTERED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tien Tsin, China, Nov. 4.—The cavalry of General Peng Yu Hsiang, "Christian general," now in control of Peking, entered this city at noon today after quelling slight resistance.

4-Question Ballot On Civic Proposals

City council follows proper course—The Advertiser
will recommend "YES" on first three questions
and "NO" on the fourth question.

The people of London will vote next month on four proposed changes in city government. This is the result of last night's meeting, when the city council, to their credit, put squabbling aside and in a commendable change from the attitude of the finance committee last Wednesday agreed to submit the proposals for decision by public vote. The course of action recommended in Saturday evening's Advertiser was adopted in entirety and the public will be given a ballot containing the following four questions:

1. Are you in favor of the reduction of the council to eight aldermen?
2. Are you in favor of the election of aldermen for a term of two years, one half to be elected each year?
3. Are you in favor of the abolition of the ward system and the election of aldermen by a general vote?
4. Are you in favor of the appointment of a civic manager?

PARTS OF A GENERAL PLAN.
The Advertiser regards these four suggestions as parts of a general plan of which the chief purpose is to secure greater ability, harmony and efficiency in the city council.

The changes themselves will mean little unless they are effective in accomplishing that purpose. No plan of government matters much in itself unless it produces men of ability to operate it.

"YES" ON FIRST THREE, "NO" ON FOURTH.
From that basis regarding the proposals collectively The Advertiser believes that the city should answer "YES" to questions one, two and three, and "NO" to question four.

"YES" ON THE FIRST THREE QUESTIONS.
The reduction of the council from twelve to eight and a two-year term for aldermen are almost self-evident means of securing, first, a more efficient and united body and, secondly, a continuity of plan from year to year which is impossible at present when the entire council is disrupted with an election campaign each December.

Election of the council by general vote, on the same system as the public utilities and the board of education, appears to be a necessary part of this general plan in addition to its advantage of encouraging members of the council to work for the city as a whole instead of as separate wards. As part of the plan it should be supported.

"NO" ON THE FOURTH QUESTION.
The Advertiser will recommend "NO" on the question of appointing a civic manager, for the same reason that it will recommend "YES" on the other three questions.

If it be accepted that the object of the proposed changes is to develop a better mayor and council, then it must follow that until a better government is secured it would be useless to add a civic manager who would have no chance to perform his work. The Advertiser is not satisfied that London needs a civic manager under any circumstances, or that there would be sufficient work to justify his salary and appointment, but that question need not be argued at present.

The present point is that with the present mayor and the present council in control of affairs a city manager would have absolutely no hope of conducting affairs without interference and endless squabbling. A CITY MANAGER UNDER MAYOR WENIG AND A QUARRELING COUNCIL WOULD BE A USELESS PIECE OF FURNITURE, and merely an added excuse for dispute and interference. The city manager, if he be needed at all, should certainly be left until the remainder of the plan succeeds in obtaining a mayor and council with whom a manager could efficiently operate.

The ballot and its four questions deserve the careful study of all ratepayers and the weight of reasonable opinions on both sides. The Advertiser will be glad to give opportunity for free discussion of all points of view and will recommend to its readers that they vote as follows in December:

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| 1. On question one (Reduction of council from twelve to eight) | YES. |
| 2. On question two (Two-year term for aldermen with half retiring each year) | YES. |
| 3. On question three (Election of council by general vote) | YES. |
| 4. On question four (Appointment of civic manager with salary) | NO. |

PNEUMONIC PLAGUE CLAIMS 25 VICTIMS

Death Toll in Los Angeles
Epidemic Increases Despite
Precautions.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 4.—The death toll since the outbreak of the pneumonic plague in the Mexican quarter here Oct. 19 had been increased to twenty-five today by four fatal cases reported yesterday. Health officers continued efforts to bring under quarantine every person known to have been in contact with sufferers from the disease.

Five patients were under treatment at the general hospital; fifteen square blocks of the Mexican and Chinese sections were under strict police cordons, an isolated house on the edge of the main business district was under quarantine, and another sector under guard was in Belvidere, about eight miles from here, in the county.

PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—By a vote of 13 to 9, the city council voted down Ald. Pearce's proposal that the city apply for legislation to empower the city to carry on the business of buying gasoline and selling same to independent dealers, without profit or gain, and to issue debentures to the amount of \$50,000 without a vote of the electors, for that purpose.



LORD CAVE,
who is regarded as a certainty for the office of lord chancellor in the new Baldwin ministry.

FLINT MAN HAS VOTED FROM LINCOLN'S TIME

Associated Press Despatch.
Flint, Mich., Nov. 4.—Theodore Carnright, 93 years of age, who voted for Lincoln and who cast his ballot at every election since, kept up his record this year, though he felt at the age of 93 that he was seriously injured he will be unable to go to the polls today. City Clerk King was notified and exception made and an absentee voter's ballot was sent to the aged man.

MINISTER'S STATEMENTS STIR WRATH

War Veterans' Head Delivers
Scathing Attack Against
Dr. Bowley Green.

PASTOR IS READY

Sons of England Demand an
Apology For Remarks
in Sermon.

A storm of protest has arisen out of statements made by Rev. Bowley Green, D. D., from the pulpit of the Talbot street Baptist church during the course of a sermon on Sunday. The statement referred to voters in the recent O. T. A. plebiscite, "who were shouting for government sale of liquors, were the men who were most evidently beer-soaked Englishmen. A further statement was as follows: 'I believe one of the forces we had to fight was that of Englishmen brought up on beer and whiskey and intending to retain it.'"

Members of the G. W. V. A. and Sons of England have written public letters to The Advertiser in refutation of Mr. Green's statements. Mr. Green himself stands by his remarks and told The Advertiser that he had been correctly quoted in newspaper reports of his sermon.

"The members of the G. W. V. A. and Sons of England society will read over carefully what I said they will find that there is nothing which needs to be taken back," Mr. Green stated to The Advertiser this morning.

"I should be very pleased to meet members of the G. W. V. A. and the Sons of England society and to interview me personally instead of talking over the phone."

Letter from G. W. V. A.
Following is a letter received by The Advertiser from Harry Wray, president of the G. W. V. A., Editor of The Advertiser:

"Sir.—Following out the policy of the Great War Veterans' association, I phoned Rev. Mr. Bowley Green today in reference to a statement made by him from the pulpit of the Talbot Street Baptist church. I asked him if he had been correctly reported in the newspapers regarding 'beer-soaked Englishmen.' He admitted that he had."

The Great War Veterans' association take strong exception to his remarks no matter what nationality he had been criticizing. His statements do not make for good citizenship."

I think that no man in his right senses would make a statement like this, whether he be minister or layman. It is my opinion Mr. Green has softening of the brain. By his remarks, he is a menace not only to London, but to Canada."

I strongly recommend that immediate steps be taken to have Mr. Green examined by a mental expert. (Signed) H. W. WRAY, President, G. W. V. A., Sons of England.

The following is a letter received by The Advertiser from the district deputy of the Sons of England, Editor, London Advertiser:

"Sir.—I have been requested as representing the Sons of England order in London and district to strongly protest against such a slanderous and libelous statement made by the Rev. Dr. Bowley Green in Talbot street Baptist church last Sunday evening. Such a statement calls for a public apology from him to all Englishmen of this city and the province of Ontario. Failing such an apology, I will take steps to bring this matter before the supreme council of the Sons of England for action."

"We consider the statement uttered by the reverend gentleman to be a slur on the good name of England and the blood of Englishmen which the freedom he enjoys today, protected by freedom's flag and the Union Jack."

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR F. MOORE,

MONTREAL PORT CREATES NEW EXPORTING RECORD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Nov. 4.—The port of Montreal established a new record in October by exporting more grain and despatching more vessels than in any other month of its history. It is announced by Dr. W. L. McDougall, president of the harbor commission, "The port handled thirty-eight million bushels of grain last month and thereby set a new high mark for itself and for all other ports," the harbor president said. "The very satisfactory amount of grain traffic handled during October makes it safe to reaffirm my prediction of some months ago that Montreal's grain exports this year will total around 170,000,000 bushels."

MESSAGES EXCHANGED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 4.—Four wireless messages have been exchanged in the past day or so between Australia and the United States. This is the first time Australian amateur wireless operators have succeeded in getting in touch with the United States by wireless.