

POSTAL RECORDS BROKEN TUESDAY

Busiest Day in Local History
Whirls 137,900 Letters
Through Machine.

Yesterday was the busiest day in the history of the local postoffice. Over 137,900 letters went through the automatic cancelling machines. The number does not account for bulky letters, which ran into many thousands, nor for the thousands of parcels, big and small, which went through the mails.

Postmaster T. Duncan said today that the mail is moving freely in spite of the last grand rush to get Christmas parcels away. Postal workers are busy in rooms stacked to the ceiling with bulging bags of letters, cards and parcels.

There is English mail, American mail and Canadian mail by the truck, and wagon load all ready to meet the trains as they are made up. But the worst is over. Stamp sales show that the bulk of the mail has gone. Stamps of one, two and three cents are being called for now. For the last few days there has been a run on denominations of five and ten.

Assistant Postmaster Skinner's office did not escape the rush. The office was full of letters, and overflowed with mail today. It will all disappear tomorrow when local carriers and trains get the most of it away.

Like the railwaymen, the postal workers will have a busy day on their hands tomorrow. They will have a full day of sorting, stamping, cancelling and despatching of Christmas cards and presents.

TWENTY-SEVEN SCHOOLS PROVIDE WORK APLENTY

W. H. Robinson, superintendent of works for the board of education, and his staff are busily engaged in doing odds and ends of jobs in the 23 public schools and four secondary schools under his charge.

Superintendent Robinson's department has always to make hay while the sun shines during vacation time, and complete small jobs that just can't be done while school is on.

The department staff is concentrating on the new school building, and motor mechanics department equipment at the Technical high school.

JOHN BLAKE, SUSPECT IN \$190 THEFT, REMANDED

John Blake, who was arrested a week ago by Detective Sergeant Harry Down and Detective Thomas Bolton on a charge of misappropriation of \$190 from Vacuums, Limited, Toronto, was remanded for another week to stand summary trial. When he appeared in court a week ago he pleaded not guilty to the charge, and elected trial by jury.



Scene from "The City That Never Sleeps," a drama of night life on Broadway now showing at "The Capitol."

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Rector, The Very Rev. Dean Tucker, D.D., D.C.L.
Assistant, Rev. Gilbert O. Lightbourn, M.A.

CHRISTMAS DAY

7, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Holy Communion
11 a.m., Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Huron
Christmas Services—11 a.m.

Organ Prelude: Pastoral Symphony..... Handel (from Messiah).
Choral Service: In F..... Jackson
Anthem: Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah..... Handel

HARRY T. DICKINSON, Organist and Choirmaster.

Are You Holding Bonds or Interest Coupons Payable Jan. 1st?

You can deposit or while your January bonds and coupons NOW with the Huron & Erie and thereby save for yourself many valuable moments during the first week of January, which usually is the busiest time of the year for financial institutions.

Our tellers also save for you further valuable moments because they pay out cash—in addition to accepting deposits—at each savings window.

Any officer of this institution will be glad to attend to the details of opening a Savings Account in your name.

The Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation

"Older than the Dominion of Canada"

Four Branches in London:

Dundas opposite Rectory
Richmond Street opposite Postoffice
Market Square

T. G. MEREDITH, K.C.,
President.

HOLY YEAR OF '25 HERALDED AS POPE GREETS CARDINALS

Christmas Reception Unusually
Quiet as Jubilee Is
Imminent.

PONTIFF VIGOROUS

Declares Pilgrimages Next
Year Will Aid Universal
Peace.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 23.—The reception of the cardinals by Pope Pius XI. today was unusually quiet, because it coincided with the opening tomorrow of the holy door and the commencement of jubilee year. The pope's reception of the cardinals was a gesture of peace, especially at the present time, when the Christmas tide joined with holy year.

"We hope the words 'Glory to God, and on earth goodwill to men' will come true," said the pope, "May the holy year bring peace to the world and peace to the heart and peace to the mind, to the body and to the soul, together with a larger vision of truth; to the heart, so that men may forevermore love each other and between both individually and between the classes of the peoples; to the body, because therewith mankind can put into practice the necessary means to reach peace."

The latter part of the pope's speech laid emphasis on the meaning of holy year, which, he said, would be a year of "purification, elevation, sanctification, redemption and remission, thus becoming the dawn of that holy peace which will reign in the kingdom of Christ."

The pontiff ended by saying that the meeting in Rome of so many pilgrims from all parts of the world would contribute toward facilitating universal peace. After his address, Pope Pius distributed to all those present medals commemorating jubilee year. The medals have on one side an image of the pontiff and on the other side a reproduction of the dome of St. Peter's.

Pope Pius not only looked well, but was strong, alert and vigorous. The pope's speech was well received, and he was greeted with applause.

BOARD RULES REVISION BY BRITAIN COSTS \$100

Dr. Horace L. Britain, director of the Canadian bureau of municipal research, this morning forwarded his bill for the revision of the rules and regulations of the board of education. The bill is for \$100.

The changes made in the administration of the board's affairs following the British survey, made it necessary to rewrite the regulations in their entirety. This task was passed on by the board to Dr. Britain, with the feeling that, having previously surveyed the entire situation, he could best revise the rules as they should be revised.

The original survey by Dr. Britain was made at a cost of \$1,500. Of this amount the bureau lopped off \$60, the balance being paid by the chamber of commerce and the board of education, being split on a one-to-two basis. The \$1,000 paid by the board was charged equally to the public schools, college institute and technical high school departments.

OFFICIALS CELEBRATE.
While 12,000 children of the public and secondary schools of the city are just in the midst of a vacation that will reach its peak tomorrow, there is little or no holiday for the officials of the board of education.

The officials will take time to celebrate with their families tomorrow, however, and accordingly the offices will be closed for the day.

Gay Red Stamps Are All Gone

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Many of the Christmas letters which go out of Ottawa this year will be robbed of festivity through the fact that a shortage of the gay scarlet three-cent postage stamp, now current, has compelled the authorities to put on sale a left-over supply of the dun-brown three-cent of a previous issue.

These sparrow-colored stamps of paper of a previous year are legal tender today and letters will reach their destinations under their authority.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC TALKS OVER THE AIR TODAY

Experimental Broadcasting
Proves Successful This
Morning.

London radio fans listening in at 11:30 this morning picked up a new station when the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario stepped into the air with a talk on the efficiency of hydro lamps.

When the broadcaster finished his brief talk he announced that it was the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario experimentally taking the air, with the particular purpose of transmitting the matter to station L.S., another station of the H. E. P. C. L.S. was asked to report results of reception "by calling on the physical line" in other words the wired telephone.

It is reported that the commission will soon have a broadcasting station in operation, by means of which the H. E. P. C. attitude on various matters. A suggestion has been made that Sir Adam Beck should periodically talk hydro to "his public" in the same manner as Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National railway, talks from week to week from different C. N. R. stations in various parts of the country.

The C. N. R. stations are now anxious to place with the broadcast-summing of front rank on the continent. They usually finish their nightly programs with the announcement that "this is radio station C.N.R. (or whatever it happens to be), radio station of the greatest railroad system on the continent, the Canadian National railway, Ottawa, Ontario."

Last National railway, N.B., Canadian railway, farthest east, came in like a bell on London sets.

L. & P. S. SCHEDULE UNHINDERED BY STORM

All Trains Are Running On
Time, Railway Officials
Report Today.

According to the L. & P. S. railroad officials, traffic has not been affected by the snowstorm of last night, all trains being run on schedule. The passenger cars have been filled to capacity during the last week or so and it is expected that the largest crowd will pass over the line this afternoon and tonight.

Two, and sometimes three, cars had to be used lately where one would usually be sufficient. Conductors have been employed, although it was thought at first that they would be needed.

FUNERAL OF M. O'HEARN IS HELD THIS MORNING

The funeral of Michael O'Hearn, well-known in London, was held this morning from the family residence, 246 Richmond street, at St. Peter's cathedral, where Requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Father O'Donnell.

The bearers were Frank Smith, James Murray, John Gleeson, M. C. W. Casey and John Cox. The interment took place in St. Peter's cemetery, Father O'Donnell conducting the service at the grave.

RULES TO FAVOR THE PEDESTRIAN

Proposals To Widen Street
Intersections Not Approved
Of.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM

Proposals to widen intersections and cut street curbs are not meeting with unanimous approval, and it is likely that members of next year's traffic and works' committee will lend attention to the problem of the pedestrian more than ever before. Recent surveys have shown that the pedestrian is becoming more and more a problem in the handling of traffic, and where intersections are made too wide, pedestrianism is extremely hazardous.

For instance, the Richmond, Clarence, Central avenue intersection may be improved for the safety of the foot passenger as well as for automobile and street traffic. One proposal has already been made, that the "V" at this corner be cut off so that motor traffic could cut round from Richmond to Clarence or vice versa. However, it has since been pointed out that this would provide an exceptionally large and hazardous zone and people on foot would have much difficulty in navigating around the intersection.

The same argument is given in the matter of intersections at curbs, more central blocks. In order to assist motor traffic, corners would be cut off, but this would widen the road to travel over. It is likely that the pedestrian will get much consideration from the traffic legislators during the coming year.

LIQUOR FOR CHRISTMAS IS GREATLY IN DEMAND

Forty Thousand More Orders
Than in 1923 Placed With
Dispensaries.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—"Christmas cheer" in the form of liquor seems to be greatly in demand in Ontario this year. During December, it is estimated from figures for the past four years of department of licenses, there will be 40,000 more orders for liquor placed with the eight government dispensaries in the province than in any other month during the year. Practically every order is for a quart of liquor.

Chairman James Hales, of the license commission, this morning intimated that there was no other reason for the increase in the number of orders than that it is Christmas time. He said that undoubtedly there was a great increase in the demand for liquor at this time of year, and as for medicinal purposes, the commissioners are unable to stop the extra supply going out.

It is also a fact that the unusually early and severe winter weather has developed considerable sickness for December, and people have turned to liquor for medicinal purposes.

H. H. COUSENS WILL SUCCEED SIR ADAM

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signing" during the coming year, when he will have completed 25 years of public life.

It is claimed here that Sir Adam is greatly disturbed over the impending extra session, which he believes cannot be averted because of delay in commencing the development of the St. Lawrence river. The delay is due to the fact that the Niagara generating plants of the commission were under serious pressure for the first time since the post-war boom in electricity.

On that afternoon every cubic foot of water allotted to Ontario by international treaty was in use. The load now is growing at the rate of 50,000 to 60,000 h.p. a year, which in itself is said to be sufficient to provide a serious shortage within the next few months, which he believes a return of prosperity should speed up operations in factories, the demand for power could be scarcely be met by the St. Lawrence.

For this reason, Sir Adam is now reported to be straining to secure from the provincial government funds required for immediate completion on construction of a 100,000 h.p. steam plant to be built in Toronto. Later another unit will be built at Port Stanley to serve Western Ontario. C. P. R. will run a special to Toronto tomorrow night to get the holiday crowd in Toronto before midnight. It will leave at 8 p.m., and make immediate stops. The Chicago train this afternoon is running in three sections.

FOREST CITY MAY BOAST NEXT BOY PREMIER

London has every prospect of having its first premier of the Ontario boys' parliament meeting in Toronto tomorrow and succeeding five days in the election of Frank Adams.

Mr. Adams is the leader of the Advance party and is one of the leading C. S. E. T. workers in the province of Ontario.

He is an active member of Dundas Centre Methodist church, is grand preacher of the Nikitar, Tuxis club, and mentor of the Gordon trail ranger camp.

He was mentor at the provincial C. S. E. T. leadership training camp held at Beasdale Island, Georgian Bay, last summer.

ROAD OF ICE.
George Bowman, of Talbot street east, St. Thomas, reports that the road from Aylmer to St. Thomas is a sheet of ice and that lovers of skating would be able to cover the whole distance on steel. Mr. Norman remembers years when the road was covered with a foot of mud at this time of the year.

SPEEDERS FINED.

Three speeders and two drunks deposited fines amounting to \$70 in the police court clerk this morning. They all pleaded guilty to their charges and promptly paid up before court opened.

WESTWIND UNION TELEGRAM

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
URGENT	URG
DAY LETTER	DAY
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT
REGISTERED	REG
RECEIVED	REC

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SANTA CLAUS PRESENT

Received at

QST 0 284 Paid 1924 Dec. 24 Bedtime

Boys and Girls,
Everywhere.

When you go to bed tonight be sure to leave some sort of light burning in the window and kindly ask the weather man to do the very best he can and please don't have the wind blow. If you've a chimney I'll be down while you are off in slumber town, but if you've got a kitchenette just leave a tiny crack for me, and in the morning you will see that Santa Claus does not forget. I'm going down to Ottawa to see if something can be done for bigger, better stockings--rubber maybe would be best--for if they'll stretch I'll do the rest. Too little space is shocking. I've sent a message to the schools and asked them to suspend their rules and have no school on Friday, for this, I think, you will admit that one is not so fine and fit the morning after pie day. Unless it should be snowing hard please put a carrot in the yard for my old reindeer Skip. My sleigh is packed so full of toys and other things for girls and boys the load would sink a ship. There's love enough to reach around from Halifax to Owen Sound. And just a word of warning before you slice that Christmas cake just say a rhyme for stomach ache and you'll feel fine next morning.

Lovingly
SANTA CLAUS

FEAR FOUL PLAY IN BOY'S DEATH

Michigan Farmer's Son Found
Strangled to Death in
Shack.

Associated Press Despatch.
Ravenna, Mich., Dec. 24.—Muskegon county officials today are investigating the death of Aubrey Forrest Blauvelt, 14, son of Floyd Blauvelt, a farmer living near here, whose body was found in a deserted shack near the farm home late yesterday.

The boy apparently was strangled. He was found with his neck caught in a rope, his knees touching the floor. In view of the fact that the rope was too long to permit the body to swing free, officers are inclined to believe that perhaps the boy might have been the victim of foul play.

Examination of the body by Dr. W. H. Thiele of Ravenna has not yet revealed a mark or bruise of any kind.

HEAVY HOLIDAY TRAFFIC DELAYS MANY TRAINS

Ice-encrusted trains bearing evidence of plenty of snow on the runs are arriving here with full loads of passengers, express and mail today. Practically all trains are a little late owing to the heavy Christmas traffic. Many of the trains are running in two sections and some in three. Bad weather and heavy traffic has made it impossible to keep to schedule.

The C. N. R. and C. P. R. are running Christmas specials as well as to assist on the fast trains. The C. P. R. will run a special to Toronto tomorrow night to get the holiday crowd in Toronto before midnight. It will leave at 8 p.m., and make immediate stops. The Chicago train this afternoon is running in three sections.

CONTRACTOR IS PRAISED FOR WORK ON SCHOOL

Board of education officials this morning expressed unqualified approval of the work of John Fetherly, contractor for the new Empress public school.

Senior Inspector V. K. Greer stated that "Mr. Fetherly had lived up to every requirement of the specification, and in some instances had gone beyond the mark to make the building thoroughly substantial and well built in every respect."

"The officials are unanimous in their view," continued Inspector Greer, "that much credit is due Mr. Fetherly for the manner in which he has carried through the contract, both as to the high quality of the work and the speed with which it was completed."

"VENGEANCE" DEVENNEY LEAVES FOR HOME PASTURE

Al "Vengeance" Devenney, the popular office secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left for a week's holiday at his home in Ottawa this morning. Since coming to London Allan has gained a name for himself for the manner in which he deals out justice to those who would trip one over on him at the desk in the Y. M. C. A.

News From City Churches

CHALMERS CONCERT.
A concert of much merit was put on last night at Chalmers Presbyterian church by the members of the Sunday school. It opened with the Christmas hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed by a welcome given by Ruth Caniff and Billy Swanwick. A delightful program was given and included the following numbers: Chorus, "Christmas Time," by the primary and beginners departments; recitations, Harold Scott, Jean Stanfield, Helen Denley, Jack McLachlan, Alma Bell, Ruth Stanfield, Herbert Thorne, Bernice Palmer, Jessie Duncan and Norman McLeod; duet, "Blue Eyes and Brown Eyes," by Billy and Betty Weames; chorus, "Jack Frost," by the primary and beginners classes; the members of the mission band sang "The Story of Christmas," by Miss Weames' class; duet, James and Jack McLachlan; chorus, "Christmas," by Miss Anita Foster's class; and a duet by Mae Dunn and Alex. Duncan.

One of the best numbers of the program was given by the C. G. I. T. under the direction of Mrs. Duguid. It was entitled "The Four Open Doors of Christmas Time," and was one of the most unique and splendid features of the evening. The four doors represented: Sympathy, Sacrifice, Service and Worship. At the close they sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," and the selection was a most appropriate one for this season of the year. The Trail Rangers put on a very amusing number, "The Barber Shop," which was a take-off on "Shall I Have It Bobbed or Shingled?"

Rev. John Richardson was the chairman of the evening, and Festus Bell, the superintendent of the school, distributed the candy to the young folk at the conclusion of the program. However, Mrs. Bryce, who supervised the program, is to be given a great deal of credit for the success of the event, and the time and patience she exhibited in arranging such a delightful entertainment. She was assisted by the teachers of the school.

EMPIRE AVENUE Y. P. A.
The regular meeting of the Empire Avenue Y. P. A. took place last evening under the direction of J. E. Evans, on community Bible reading. A very profitable Bible reading was given by Miss Irene Broderick, the subject being "The Christmas Story," and Charles Robinson contributed a Christmas solo, with violin obligato.

During the business session further plans were made for the coming league anniversary.

WORTLEY ROAD CONCERT.

The members of the Sunday school of the Wortley Road Baptist church, on a delightful Christmas merriment last night. The numbers, which were all splendidly given, include the following:

Opening chorus, "Ring O Bells," by school; Scripture reading, Psalm, xxviii; prayer by the pastor; chorus, "A Christmas Greeting," by school; recitation, "Welcome," Ruth McLachlan; "Short Piece," by Mrs. M. Eastwood; chorus, "Christmas Time," by primary class; recitation, "The Gladdest Time," Jean

DANCES TO PROVE YOUTH, FALLS 30 FEET TO EATH

Special to The Advertiser.
Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Stumbling while attempting to execute a dance at a party given by Frank Jefferson, 62 years old, a carpenter, fell 30 feet to his death upon the ice of the Raccoon river here last night.

Jefferson, with his wife and a number of friends, were on their way to the home of an acquaintance. Members of the group told police that Jefferson was attempting to prove to them that he was "not as old as he looked," by executing a jig on the ice.

MAYOR OF OWEN SOUND IS GIVEN ACCLAMATION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Owen Sound, Dec. 23.—Mayor Christie was re-elected chief magistrate of Owen Sound today by acclamation at the municipal nomination here.

James McCartney of this city, one of the best known horsemen in Western Ontario, was presented with a substantial purse last night by members of the "Currycomb club," who gather at Mr. McCartney's office on frequent occasions. The presentation and address were made by Dr. Graham and Steve Ellis, who extolled the many good qualities of Mr. McCartney. Some 35 members of the club were present.

AUTO STEALING MORE PREVALENT

Ten Motor Cars Taken From
London Streets Within
Two Weeks.

Automobile stealing has become more prevalent in London during the past few weeks than heretofore, according to the police. As many as ten motor cars within the last two weeks have been stolen from downtown sections of the city.

Last night, a delivery truck owned by Hockin Bros., grocers, 112 Dundas street, and its contents of about \$300 worth of groceries, was stolen during the absence of the driver at the corner of Maple and Talbot streets.

Police gave chase, but were unable to overtake the stolen auto. Early this morning it was found abandoned near the groceries taken at the corner of Alfred and Pull Mall streets.

Another automobile owned by J. F. Tanton, 551 Waterloo street, was taken, while parked on Clarence street. It was a gray touring car with license number 275,408.

Police have not as yet received clues which might lead to the apprehension of the thieves.

APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE PERMANENT

New Year's Plans Explained
by Senior School Inspector
Greer.

Senior Inspector V. K. Greer stated this morning that no permanent appointments are being made to the public school staff at the reopening of the schools in January.

Inspector Greer further stated that the inspectors are recommending to the board the temporary appointment of about six teachers from the occasional or substitute list, who have been acting as substitute teachers during leave of absence granted to Miss Amy Blair, who is being recommended to the board for permanent appointment, owing to Miss Blair's resignation.

Miss Hilda Slater has been transferred from Tecumseh school to Empress school, where she will have charge of the new eight-grade class being organized at the beginning of the new year.

Miss Greta Nickle has been transferred from Ealing school to Trafalgar school to have charge of a new auxiliary class there.

Resignations from the staff which have already taken effect include those of Miss Lizzie Wilson, Rectory school; Miss Edna Nagle, Chesley avenue school, and Miss Grace Sing, Boyle Memorial school.

GOVT. WORKERS HERE BENEFIT IN PAY JUMP

Checks To Cover Adjustment
Come to Forty Federal
Tax Employees.

Junior employees of the local offices of the department of federal income taxes have received an adjustment in wages which goes back three years. The decision to make the civil servant salaries more uniform was reached at Ottawa early in November and an order-in-council was passed on the 16th of that month.

Forty employees, mostly girls, benefit in the offices here. Three or four men received increases. The sums are retroactive to April and mark the gradual fusing of the tax departments. The increases were confined practically to lower-paid workers.

Inspector Tanton reports that the checks arrived in time to be placed in the Christmas week pay envelopes.

POWERHOUSE ONE UTILITY TO WORK ON CHRISTMAS

The public utilities office and hydro shop will be closed tomorrow for the Christmas holiday.

"But in the words of Manager E. V. Buchanan, 'the power house will not.'"

The hydro shop, gorgeously decorated, has been open since the same as the downtown stores, during the past week for the convenience of the commission's customers.

Mr. Buchanan reports that the hydro shop has a fair share of the Christmas business this year.

MRS. HUNT IS ONLY TRUSTEE TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. John L. A. Hunt will celebrate Christmas Day tomorrow as the only school trustee to have taken the oath of office for 1925.

Though Clara Baker sent out the notices to the successful candidates last week, notifying them that the oath must be taken within a period of two days, Mrs. Hunt has so far been the only one of the six recently-elected trustees to respond to the call.

The other five trustees, who have apparently been too busy with Christmas business to take time to complete their qualification for office by taking the oath are: S. F. Lawrance, W. G. Murray, F. H. Greenlee, N. F. Willmot and J. T. Bowman, M.D.

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