

# Ward System To Be Ignored Only In Elections :: Hydro Boosted For Coke Oven

## CITY WILL STILL USE WARD PLAN

System To Be Disregarded Only For Purpose of Elections.

London's ward system will not be entirely abolished when changes in manner of electing aldermen are brought into effect next December. The division of the city into four districts, by ward boundaries, will remain for all other municipal purposes than election of aldermen.

City assessors will continue to group their work into wards, the tax office will do the same and the city engineer's department will retain its ward foremen with ward gangs for maintenance of streets.

Changes provided for in the city of London bill, which passed the legislature committee yesterday, will be for political purposes only.

In the December elections, the voters will name eight aldermen by a city-wide vote and aldermen in future will sit in council for two-year terms. Four new aldermen will be elected each year.

Discussing the city of London bill today, City Clerk Samuel Baker pointed out that, while the inaugural meeting date of city councils may now be held the third Monday in December of the year elected, no expenditure of money can be ordered until the year for which the aldermen are elected.

Therefore, the 1926 council cannot transact any other business than that of organization when they hold their inaugural meeting on Monday, Dec. 21 next.

## RESEARCH CLUB WILL SIFT RADIO TROUBLES

E. V. Buchanan Heads New Body Here—Interference To Be Probed.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon the London radio research club was formed for the purpose of tracing local interferences and eliminating their source.

During discussion at the meeting mechanical causes of radio interference were classified along the following lines: Hydro-electric lines, street railway lines, defective apparatus on private premises, X-ray and violet-ray instruments and rotating electric machines.

Complaint cards will be distributed amongst the members of the club and the sources of trouble thus revealed, will be followed up and remedied if possible. A trouble-finding set is being secured, and will be used to trace the more irritating sources of interference in London and district.

Officers of the club elected for the ensuing year are as follows: E. V. Buchanan, president; E. Kane, vice-president; E. L. Baulch, secretary.

Those who led in the meeting yesterday were: W. E. Beattie, local radio department instructor; W. E. Rider, H. E. P. C. electrical inspector, and Mr. Buchanan, manager of the public utilities commission.

## EGGS OF PRAIRIE LARK SEEN IN MEADOW NEST

Gray Bird Settles the Earliest Ever Seen in This District.

Eggs of the prairie horned lark, or gray bird, were seen in a meadow nest yesterday by John Paisley, 27, recent street, setting the earliest date they have ever been seen in this district.

According to W. E. Saunders, eggs of the gray bird are generally first noticed around the end of March. The earliest he has ever seen them was on March 29, of last year.

**HOME PROBLEMS TALKED.** Home problems and child welfare occupied the thought of the Salvationists of Exeter corps yesterday when Mrs. Brig. McAmmond and Mrs. Adl. Spooner of the London corps organized the home league of that corps. The meeting was well attended and eighteen women joined the league.

**H. B. R. CRAIG ILL.** H. B. Craig, resident engineer of this district for the department of public works, Ottawa, is ill at his home, 755 Richmond street, suffering from influenza.



**Keeps Baby's Skin Healthy Prevents Chafing & Eczema**

**Dr. CHASE'S OINTMENT**



The above picture is a view of teaching equipment in a classroom of the Victoria Hospital school of nursing, forming part of an exhibit which is being sent to the conference of the international council of nurses to be held at Helsinki, Finland, in July of this year.

## LIBERALS PLAN EAST END CLUB

Preliminary Arrangements Are Made For East London Rally April 3.

A number of Liberals of the east-end of the city held a meeting last night in Forster's Hall, Dundas street east, to make preliminary arrangements for an open meeting to be held in the same place on April 3. It is intended to form an East London Liberal association, and officers will probably be elected at the meeting on April 3. A committee is at work on arrangements and efforts are being made to bring here a first-class speaker for the occasion.

## COURT HOUSE TO HAVE BIG DIRECTORY BOARD

Increasing Business Makes the Layout of Various Attractions Necessary.

Business has become so brisk at the court house and jail within recent months that the county has found it necessary to erect a large "directory" board, in which all the 17 attractions on the three floors of the court house are enumerated.

A special board with gilt letters is being prepared, with a black hand pointing to the words "To the Jail." This board will be extra large, as most of the court house traffic is jailward bound. There is no significance attached to the fact that the hand will be black.

With 40 guests in durance vile, their friends flock to see them. Most of the visitors are not familiar with the court house and jail, and the various offices in their hunt for the entrance to "Dawson's Den." For those who can read, there will be no excuse from now on, officials state.

## TENNIS COURTS SAY SPRING REALLY HERE

Municipal Playgrounds Again See Swing of Racket, Flash of Ball.

Spring has arrived! Proof of that fact, if other proof than the weather be necessary, lies in the fact that the tennis courts of London's playgrounds system have been opened for the season—spring, summer and fall.

The public utilities commission, to be exact, the playgrounds commission, had the nets put up on all courts yesterday—Thames park, Victoria park, and Queen's park, started to issue permits as last year at the rate of 10 cents per hour in the morning and 20 cents per hour in the afternoon, and thus the season is on.

As was the custom last year, permits will be issued from the hydro shop sales counter at all hours of the day.

**SALVATION ARMY STAFF WILL CONDUCT MEETING**

Heads of the Salvation Army social staff will conduct the holiness meeting in the Clarence street citadel tomorrow night. The chief speaker will be Commandant Chaplin, matron of the Ronald Gray Home.

Adl. Wigle, matron of Bethesda hospital and Ensign Robinson will be present. Commandant and Mrs. Sharpe of the women's boarding home will take part in the service. The London No. 4 band will render the musical program.

## LONDON HOSPITAL SENDS EXHIBIT TO FINLAND.

held at Helsinki, Finland, in July of this year. Miss Grace M. Fairley, superintendent of nurses at Victoria hospital, will attend the conference as a Canadian representative. This exhibit represents all the equipment used in the teaching of probationers and pupil nurses at the London hospital. Eighteen countries of the world will be represented at the international conference, the first to be held since 1913. Baroness Nam-

## Gentle Lady Visits City Flowers, Buds and Birds Call Out Glad Welcome

Even House Fly Turns Out to Pay Respects to First Spring Day.

**ALL FILLED WITH IT**

Fairy Hangs O'er City Until Noon, Then Speeds South Again.

And it was 67 in the shade! A dainty vision in a rainbow mixture of gay colors passed through London this morning. She was seen by most of the children—the very young children—and a few of the grownups. One or two dogs caught sight of the bright-hued fairy and barked for a few yards with echoing salutations.

It was the spirit of spring. A young, graceful, carefree spirit, without a care in the world, and the happiest and loveliest thing in the city.

As she passed she left a new impression on everyone. Even the stodgiest old chap felt the warmth of her smile.

"My isn't it a fine spring day. Does you good to get out in the fresh air, so it does," was all the tribute most of them paid, but the little lady heard them and laughed a youthful reply. She was having some effect and was satisfied.

In sheltered spots in favored gardens crocus and snowdrop appeared in all their pristine beauty. There may be a frost later, perhaps in April, says the pessimist, but the little flowers are making a brave showing and are defying the weather man.

**Flies Are Back.**

That black-headed scritch, the housefly, who is credited by scientists from pole to pole with carrying disease germs and making the lives of small babies unhappy, was seen today coming back to his realm of activity.

"Where do the flies go in the winter-time?" Nobody knows or cares. Where they go in the summer is much more important. That's why the makers of fly swatters are all in the super-tax class. But the earliest of the flies showed its nose or its antennae this morning over the top of the cupboard door, and the careful housewife is searching for her fly papers and her bottle of fly killer.

Out in the school playgrounds the children played and ran in the dry, clean earth, not yet dusty with summer's heat. The lady of the spring passed by them and, so the children said, stopped to play with them.

A few of the very young dogs, just the pups, as a matter of fact, were seen to stop suddenly in their play and chase wildly about for a week or two. In pursuit of something, Grownups, hardly noticing, came to the conclusion that all puppies were mad anyway. One or two of the pups were seen to be very tame.

"Even the blessed dogs feel the spring," they said, a bit remorsefully, as they thought of the staffy officer awaiting them. But they missed the vision of the pup, followed, unless one of their children told them about it at lunch.

**Spirit Never Stays.**

Now, as all the fairy books say, and they are all truthful, the spirit of spring never stays on earth after noon. She is a morning spirit, and when the sun gets to its highest spot in the sky, goes back to the green trees and the brilliant grass in the south, whence she came from, probably all the way to Florida.

This morning at noon she was up in the north end of the city gaily flitting about like a feminine Douglas Fairbanks. At 12 o'clock struck, just as the first peal rang out, she stopped suddenly in a garden where a small girl was industriously filling a small pail with sand, and she whispered something in her ear. Then the child finished and she started off for the south. The small girl told her mother in a burst of confidence that the fairy promised her she would come back tomorrow and help her shovel sand, and she says she's going to set up "awful early" so that she will be in time.

## QUEBEC PROPOSAL DENIED APPROVAL

London Chamber of Commerce Against Dropping British Tariff Preference.

Splendid progress is being made by the fire marshal's department in efforts to clean up fire hazards in this city. Deputy Fire Marshal George F. Lewis told chamber of commerce directors yesterday afternoon at the weekly gathering.

Mr. Lewis, in giving a verbal report of the work accomplished, stated that the citizens are co-operating with his men to a great degree, and realize the benefits to be derived from ridding their premises of all inflammable material.

The proposal of the Toronto board of trade that boards of trade and chambers of commerce get together to deal with problems affecting the provinces was referred to the Western Ontario board of trade executive for a report regarding Western Ontario problems that might be dealt with. The object of such a gathering would be to form a national policy in a great many matters on which the provinces are divided at the present time.

The directors did not endorse the proposal of the Quebec board of trade that British tariff preference be removed until Britain was able to reciprocate.

J. F. McKinnon, director of industries in connection with the British Empire Exhibition, will be in London on Friday afternoon to meet manufacturers who are considering placing exhibits at Wembley this year.

R. T. Brymner, represented the Kiwanis club at the meeting; Dr. Grant the Rotary club; Alexander Morrison, the Lions club, and F. E. Hamilton, the Ontario Commercial Travellers' association.

## URGES INSURANCE PLAN AS UNEMPLOYMENT AID

Arthur Mould Attacks Williamson's Criticism of British Dole System.

Arthur Mould, president of the London Labor party, takes W. Williamson, the local contractor, to task for asserting that the dole system in Britain is the cause of unemployment there. At the same time he agrees with Peter Heenan, the Labor member for Kenora, that a government unemployment insurance scheme should be put into operation in the dominion as soon as possible.

"Mr. Williamson, like many men who go to England for a few months and make a cursory review of conditions there, is very much wrong in his conclusions," he says. "It is not the dole but the industrial system that has caused the unemployment in England since the war. The exigencies of the war simply brought out the weakness of the industrial system, that's all."

"Then, to call their system of unemployed relief the dole system is wrong. It is not really a dole, but an insurance against the dangers to the state from men and women out of work and hungry. Dole is a wrong definition of the system entirely."

"What Mr. Heenan says is true, that unemployment is the result of our industrial system and that it will be a permanent feature of our national life from now on. He is right, too, when he says that a government insurance scheme should immediately be introduced to take care of a permanent condition."

"In Great Britain the insurance against unemployment is met by payments from the government, the employer, and the employee. As a matter of fact, the whole cost should be borne by the employer, who is the maker of the industrial system. However, if we could have an insurance scheme in Canada on similar lines to that in use in England labor would be introduced to take care of a permanent condition."

**BUYS PUREBRED BULLS.**

R. A. Finn, of the department of agriculture, announces the purchase of two purebred bulls through the Middlesex live stock improvement association. Mr. Finn is touring the county this afternoon inspecting animals that have been offered for sale.

## LAWRASON SEES PLANS' SUCCESS

Education Board Chairman Believes Council Will Pass Money Program.

Chairman S. F. Lawrason and other members of the board of education are optimistic that the council will approve of the board's building program.

Scant consideration has been given by the board as to what action would be taken should the council decline to sanction the expenditure of \$265,000 for an east end collegiate and \$70,000 for an addition to the technical high school.

Trustee A. R. Cairncross, vice-chairman of the board, stated this morning that he would not be in favor of going over the council's head by means of an appeal to the people if it should be that the council refuses to issue the necessary debentures.

Mr. Cairncross pointed out that a similar move was talked of last year, but was considered unwise and was not acted upon. It is the opinion of the vice-chairman that in refusing the board support in its program the council and the council alone would bear the responsibility, and that there is no reason to believe that the council will do so.

It is pointed out, however, that while the board is dependant upon either a vote of the council or a vote of the people for carrying out its program for school purposes, it has full power with regard to the provision of suitable accommodation for the pupils by way of additions or repairs to present buildings or the securing of additional quarters by renting rooms elsewhere.

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## SLIDING SCALE IS USED IN WATER COST PLAN

Service Charge Must Change With Consumption, Buchanan States.

All water customers of the public utilities commission do not pay the same service charge under the new rates.

There is, of course, a difference between the service charge of \$1.00 for two months to the domestic consumer for a half-inch service and the service charge to industrial consumers.

That is to be expected, but Manager E. V. Buchanan pointed out this morning that the service charge rates to industrial consumers held good if and when the service supplied to the private consumer is larger than a one-half inch service.

Since the commission supplies private consumers with services as large as two-inch services the service charge levied is now \$4.00 per two months. Mr. Buchanan draws attention to the fact that there is thus a sliding scale as to the service charge that the service charge rates to industrial consumers held good if and when the service supplied to the private consumer is larger than a one-half inch service.

The utilities board added that 50 per cent of water consumers in East London district received the same or smaller bills as before the new rates, and the same applied to 45 per cent of the consumers in London west.

## FUNERAL OF MISS MARY LANGAN IS HELD TODAY

Miss Mary Langan, who died in St. Joseph's hospital on Monday, was buried this morning at St. Patrick's cemetery, Adelaide. The funeral was held at 9 o'clock from her home, lot 17, Sarnia gravel road, to St. Peter's cathedral, where solemn requiem high mass was sung by Father Flannery. Father Brisson conducted the service at the grave.

The pallbearers were J. P. Murray, Martin O'Sullivan, Clarence McIntyre, Edward Dobb and Joseph Shannon.

## RESIDENT OF 25 YEARS DIES AT HOME IN CITY

Mrs. Catherine Waters, a resident of London for 25 years, died yesterday at her home, 96 Becho street, in her 85th year. She was born in Canada and was the widow of the late John Waters.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment is to be made at Nairn cemetery.

## RADIAL CAR INJURIES CAUSE MAN'S DEATH

Brantford, March 26.—Thomas Murray, Mount Pleasant resident, who last night stepped in front of a L. E. & N. radial car at Fairchild's stop, died of his injuries in the Brantford general hospital this morning. An inquest will be held. It is believed he became confused, stopping in front of the car. The car takes the switch at this point and waits for the northbound car to pass.

## NEW PLAN FEASIBLE E. V. BUCHANAN THINKS

P.U.C. Manager Declares Hydro Should Power Proposed Coke Oven.

BOOSTED BY MAYOR

City Gas Company Will Double Output of Own Plant to Meet Demands.

A by-product coke oven to be established in London should be equipped with a hydro-electric generating plant in the opinion of Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities commission.

Such an oven, the by-products of which could be handled by the city, would prove the most economical and, according to Mr. Buchanan, would be "superficially all right."

Mayor G. A. Wenige reiterates his opinion that the establishment of a coke oven here, constituting as it does the development of a national natural resource, not a municipal natural resource, should be promoted and undertaken by either the federal or provincial government.

It was learned from an official of the City Gas company that London already has a coke oven. By means of the coal gas retorts system, the City Gas company manufactures gas and produces coke as a by-product.

Having always found a ready market in London and vicinity for its coke, the company is enlarging its present plant to the extent of doubling the output of coke from 7,000 tons per annum. The company has manufactured coke as a by-product for nearly 50 years and retails it at the rate of \$11.50 per ton. The bituminous gas coal is secured by the company from the United States.

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Two Kinds of Ovens. It would seem that there are two representative coke producing ovens. The first, what might be termed the Ford system, because Henry Ford was the one which has proved highly successful, produces large quantities of gas and less of coke. The second, which might be termed the fully system, which is what is known as the English low temperature distillation system, produces more coke and less gas.

Thus the establishment of a coke oven in London resolves itself into one of what type is desired. Whether the production of coke and chiefly of coke, or whether the production of some coke and more gas for the operation of a steam auxiliary plant for the generation of electricity, or whether the production of coke and gas for the operation of a steam auxiliary plant and the generation of electricity by means of shipping it out from the plant. There also enters into the problem the re-selling of large quantities of gas for industrial purposes or for central heating plants.

**U. S. Coal Cheaper.**

Though the suggestion is that Alberta or Nova Scotia coal be used to feed the coke oven it would not appear economical to bring the cheaper grades of coal that distance for an oven here. For two reasons, the first because of the proximity of London to the Pennsylvania fields across Lake Erie, and secondly, because of the fact that the federal government has withdrawn 99 per cent of the tariff on bituminous coal from the United States suitable for coke making.

Though actual figures could not be obtained as to the amount of coke used in London almost all of the local coal dealers would readily admit that coke is becoming increasingly popular as fuel in London and vicinity.

It would seem, therefore, that with a market for coke in London and Western Ontario, and with the possibility of linking up the establishment of a coke oven with the supplying of electric power, that the proposition become one for at least earnest and careful consideration.

## CITY HALL EMPLOYEES PLAN MUNICIPAL CLUB

City hall employees met last evening to discuss organization of a municipal club. Representatives were present from a number of departments, and opinion was that social and sporting activities could be very well taken care of under club organization.

It was decided that a representative of each department act as a member of a select committee to bring in a slate of officers at a later meeting.

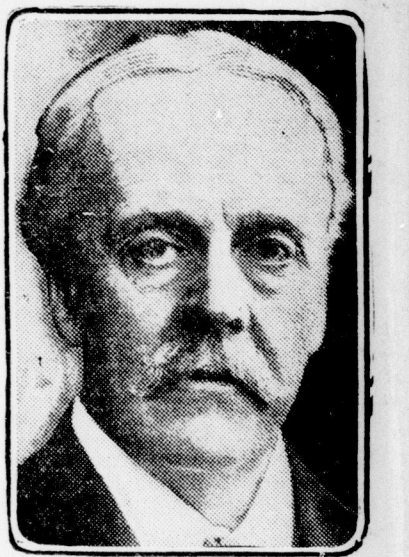
## JOHN BLAKE ISSUES WRIT AGAINST TORONTO FIRM

John Blake of London, charged by Vacuities, Ltd., Toronto with using the firm's money and who was discharged by Magistrate Graydon, has turned round and issued a county court writ through McEwry and Henderson against the Toronto firm for \$588.63 which he claims is owing him.

Blake also asks for an accounting of all dealings between the firm and himself.

## GOES TO OTTAWA.

Capt. F. A. Hawkes, of the Salvation Army headquarters staff here, goes to Ottawa tomorrow to attend the wedding of Captain Neil Warren of Long Branch corps and Ensign Hussey an army nurse at Ottawa. The service will be conducted Thursday by Col. Adby of Toronto. Capt. Hawkes will return to London Saturday.



EARL OF BALFOUR, who is reported to be a result of sea sickness brought on during his voyage to Palestine. It is doubtful whether he will be able to visit Tel-Aviv as planned.

## PRINCE PAYS VISIT TO WEMBLEY FAIR

Makes Final Inspection Before Leaving On Trip To South.

Special to The Advertiser.

London, March 25.—His Royal highness the Prince of Wales paid a short visit of inspection to the Wembley exhibition this morning, making his last tour of the buildings and grounds previous to his forthcoming departure on tour of South Africa and South America. At the Canadian section he was met by representatives of the Canadian Pacific railway and the Canadian government and he expressed great interest in the new developments connected with the exhibition of the government and the railway company. His chief delight was the new children's playground, treasure island, one of the outstanding features of the exhibition this year, the main attraction of which is a Canadian Pacific model train in which the children will "Tour the Rockies." It is expected that both from educational and entertainment viewpoints the Wembley exhibition will this year excel that of last year and the management is making arrangements which will enable them to direct and handle far greater crowds than were in attendance last year.

## AGNES M'PHAIL LAUDS N. S. MINERS' ACTION

Addresses Mass Meeting at Sydney—Declares Fight Is For Children.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney, N. S., March 26.—That their battle was not for themselves, but for their children and their children's children, that they might not be forced to live under similar conditions, conditions which language could not exaggerate, was the statement of Miss Agnes MacPhail, federal member of parliament for South-east Grey, Ontario, in addressing a mass meeting of over 1,500 miners in the Sydney theatre, Gloucester, N. S. Miss MacPhail stated that she came to Cape Breton primarily because she wished to see for herself if the stories of destitution and poverty were true and not exaggerated.

"I found them only too true, and, as for exaggeration, language could not exaggerate the conditions I met with in my brief tour of the district yesterday."

Other reasons were, that the miners as "primary producers" had a claim on her as a member of the class, and that although holding to the theory that national lines served to a certain extent to keep the working class apart, she had not reached that stage of radical development where she could turn a deaf ear to the call of the blood.

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