CITY GOVERNMENT AT $45 PER HEAD

Research Institute Figures Out Rate For City of London.

The per capita cost of London's municipal government compares favorably with similar costs in seventeen of the larger cities of Canada, according to a bulletin issued today by the citizens' research institute of Canada. A number of London business men are members of the institute and receive from time to time bulletins on cost of government in Canada, which contain many interesting facts and figures.

It costs London $45.30 per capita to carry on its municipal enterprises under present conditions, figures in the latest bulletin show. This is considerably higher than Montreal at $32.04, Hamilton at $42.38, and Ottawa at $40.28; but Windsor spends $52.58 per capita, Toronto $53.63 and western cities as high as $65 per capita.

Commenting on the figures the officials of the institute observe that on the per capita basis the total burden of governmental expenditure shows signs of decreasing materially in western cities, while in Ontario and Quebec the reverse is the case. A continuation of these tendencies for another year or two will place all Canadian cities on about the same footing as to per capita expenditures, it is pointed out.

The following trenchant summing up of the situation also finds a place in the bulletin:

"A contemplation of this series over the period since 1920 illustrates very strikingly just how difficult it is to decrease governmental expenditures in proportion to the decreased paying power of the taxpayer. Prices of commodities generally and, to judge from dominion income tax returns, incomes also, have decreased since 1920, but per capita governmental expenditures have shown no general tendency in this direction. The taxpayers, when their incomes begin to decrease, must decrease their expenditures accordingly if they wish to remain solvent. Governments, on the other hand, when they find revenues from any one source decreasing, due frequently to the decreased incomes of the taxpayers, instead of cutting down expenditures are prone to look for new sources of revenue.

"When and if taxpayers are sincere in their demands that governments should cut down expenditures, it will be good politics for governments to cut them down. Just so long as taxpayers clamor for reduced expenditures, and, on the other hand, demand that governments shall perform new services, build new pavements, bridges, elevators, harbors or railways, just so long will the sincerity of the taxpayers demand for economy be doubted.

"All governmental expenditures must come, in the final analysis, out of the pockets of the taxpayers."

OIL FOR CITY STREETS BUT NONE FOR PONDS

Mosquito Menace Not Considered Serious in This City.

Mosquitoes are among the least of the worries of city hall officials these days. Learning that Chatham was taking steps to pour oil on streams and ponds in the vicinity of that city as a means of getting rid of the mosquito pest, The Advertiser inquired this morning at the city hall if similar action was contemplated locally. General Manager Buchanan, of the public utilities commission, stated that this neighborhood seemed singularly free from the pests so far this year, although this is the season when they are usually most in evidence. Chatham being situated in much lower lying territory would naturally be more troubled than London, he thought.

"This city is about eight hundred feet above sea level, and there are no ponds and swamps in the immediate vicinity which would serve as breeding places for mosquitoes. I don't think, from present indications, that we will be seriously bothered by mosquitoes this year," he stated.

W. P. Near, city engineer, is saving all the oil he can get together for use on the city streets. There will be none spread on streams and ponds so far as his department is concerned. If the mosquito pest does materialize, some action may be forthcoming, but the city engineer is not crossing any bridges these days before he comes to them. He has enough bridges on his hands as it is.

MIDDLESEX LIVE STOCK BODY WILL MEET SOON

County Improvement Association Plans To Hold First Convention.

The first annual meeting of the Middlesex Live Stock Improvement Association will be held in the near future, R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture states.

The association, while it has not spent much money, has carried on a most successful campaign for the betterment of live stock in the county, much missionary work having been accomplished by Col. Robert McEwen, president of the association, and Mr. Finn, who have inspected a number of fine animals eventually purchased by members.

A list of the breeders of the county is being compiled by Mr. Finn and invitations will be sent requesting their presence at the annual meeting. There are at least 400 breeders of pure-bred cattle in Middlesex, Mr. Finn states, including 200 Shorthorn breeders, 130 Holstein and 35 Jersey breeders.

Real "Grad" Exercises Held As Presentations Made At Lord Roberts

JAMES STEWART.

Conditions of the crop in the west at the present time have never been more favorable nor promised a more abundant harvest, according to James Stewart, president of the Maple Leaf Milling Company.

Precedent in City Is Created When Big Program Put On At School.

GIFTS FROM CLASS

Pupils Honor Dr. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. H. Galpin.

Creating a precedent in the city of London, the Lord Roberts school held graduation exercises last night on the school lawn. Above a platform erected in front, Japanese lanterns and flags were strung, and to welcome the graduation class of over forty pupils, a large audience sat about on chairs arranged on the green.

The graduation class presented a smart appearance, the girls all in white middies and skirts. Every detail of a real graduation was followed out, even to valedictory addresses cleverly delivered by Allan McNaughton and Bennie Higgins.

The surprise of the evening came at the close of these addresses, when Dr. and Mrs. Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Galpin were presented with gifts from the graduation class, bronze reading lamps to the men and lustre nut bowls to their wives. It was a very special occasion for Dr. Bryant, who is this year celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of his connection with the London public schools.

Shields Presented.

Another interesting presentation during the night was that of bicycle shields, awarded to five boys of the Lord Roberts' school by Mayor Wenige for proficiency in a city-wide bicycle contest. The mayor presented the shields to Bob Daly, Reggie Watson, Roy Matthews, Frank Mitchell and Jack Frizell.

S. F. Lawrason, chairman of the school board, presided over the graduation exercises, and during the evening inspiring addresses were delivered by A. E. Silverwood, Dean Norman Tucker, Inspector G. Wheable, Prof. Livingston of Madison university, Wisconsin, who is a guest with Dean Tucker; Dr. Bryant and H. Galpin.

Each address had a word of inspiration for the graduating class, and the suggestion was frequently made such graduation exercises should be held in all of the public schools of the city.

The exercises at Lord Roberts were arranged under the direction of the Lord Roberts' mothers' club, and Mrs. H. T. Reason and Mrs. D. C. McNaughton, their able president and secretary.

Essays Read.

The program included the reading of the Canadian club prize essays by Jack Symons and Russell Morgan of Grade VIII, and Ida Wrenshall of Grade VII. But the most important moment came with the presentation of diplomas and graduating pins and rings, the gift of the mothers' club to the graduates. Dean Norman Tucker and S. F. Lawrason made the presentations—beautifully enameled pins to the boys and silver rings, bearing the same design, to the girls—the presentation being made in order of the pupils' standing.

Following the program, a reception was held in honor of the graduating class and their friends, the school orchestra playing during the serving of refreshments, of which A. E. Silverwood donated ice cream for the children.

The Graduates.

The graduating class includes: Grade VIIIA—Jean Graham, Allan McNaughton, Jean Ballantyne, Jack Symons, Muriel Johnston, Frank Shore, Mary Barnes, Roy McBeth, Frances Gibson, Carson Brown, Laura Crookshanks, Bernard Cottle, Mildred Greaves, Ivan Switzer, Marjorie Moffatt, Ted Stone, Eleanor Kingsmill, Donald Adams, Marion Gillean, Roy Fitzgerald, Frances Riddle, Aileen Hodgins, Kathleen Redmond, Marjorie Montgomery and Marjorie Bice; Grade VIIIB—Russell Morgan, Robert Glover, Tom Wrenshall, Bennie Higgins, Jack Spry, Stewart Stevens, Orville Zavitz, Frank Mitchell, Orville McAdam, Stella Hunniford, Shirley Switzer, Helen Shuttleworth, Margaret Culbert, and Lawson Patterson.

Mary Moore, who graduated last night from the auxiliary class and goes on to technical school, is the first auxiliary class graduate of the school.

SALESMEN GET C. T. A. DIPLOMAS

Seventeen Londoners Pass Tests Following University Course.

Having successfully completed the university course on "Marketing and Salesmanship," sponsored by the Ontario commercial travellers association, seventeen young businessmen of this city have passed the required written and oral examinations, and tomorrow will receive handsome diplomas from the office of the secretary, George T. Hair.

The successful candidates are as follows: C. K. Allison, John Garvey & Sons; G. S. Durand, Northern Life Insurance Co.; Harry Eden, Imperial Oil, Limited; C. J. England, Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.; C. W. A. Kemp, Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation; D. C. McGugan, Middlesex Motors, Ltd.; R. E. McKillop, Fasnion Craft, Ltd.; W. H. Pattison, Bell Telephone Co. of Canada; F. A. Power, Bell Telephone Col. of Canada; A. R. Ramsay, McCormick Mfg. Co.; W. B. Ritchie, Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.; J. T. Sanderson, Bell Telephone Co. of Canada; L. M. Scott, Scott Paint & Varnish Co.; W. F. Spry, The Pedlar People, Ltd.; H. Thompson, M. Masuret & Co.; W. B. Walker, McClary Mfg. Co.; R. G. Richardson, Hay Stationery Co.

How Classes Started.

The idea of inaugurating classes in marketing and salesmanship at the University of Western Ontario originated among the travellers last year who formed a class among themselves. Professor Ellis H. Morrow of the department of commercial economics, was in charge of instruction, and the travellers spent Friday evenings, for a period of many months, in acquiring additional knowledge of the underlying principles of their profession.

The class was so successful that this year an educational committee was formed, which made an effort to get in touch with all young travellers and ambitious young men in warehouses and offices, who might some day become travelling salesmen, with the object of interesting them in the course. Thirty young men enrolled, of which number seventeen have now passed the final examinations, which included written tests on their grasp of the boohs they were required to read, and also a stiff oral test on the practical side of their chosen profession by a committee of three businessmen, comprising F. W. St. Lawrence of the D. S. Perrin Co.; W. R. Grant of Robinson, Little & Co., and W. R. Yendall, of the Richards-Wilcox Canadian Co. Professor Morrow was again the instructor of this year's class, and its success leads the travellers to hope that an even greater number will enroll for next year.

WEATHER PROPHET QUITS IN DISGUST

Aching Bones No Longer Predict Rain, J. B. Cox Declares.

J. B. Cox, most famous of all London weather experts, has given up the job in disgust. J. B. says that he has been fooled so often lately that he is through predicting what's going to happen in the weather line.

"When are we going to get some rain Mr. Cox?" the veteran market grain buyer was asked this morning.

"Don't ask me, my lad" scowled the usually beaming Mr. Cox. "I'm through with predictions for the rest of my life. I've lost a dozen cigar bets in the last two weeks on this weather stuff."

"Time was when aching bones told me louder than words that there was going to be a change in the weather, but even the bones don't mean anything anymore. They will ache all right but the rain doesn't come as they predict.

"No sir, don't ask me to predict any more weather."

Theatre Guide

THE CAPITOL.

Sally, with Colleen Moore in leading role.

LOEW'S.

Paths to Paradise, with Betty Compson. Vaudeville.

SEARCHED AT BORDER POINT.

"What have you got in here?" queries this United States customs officials as he unceremoniously paws through the effects of an American tourist on his way home from Montreal. Amateur 'leggers are summarily treated.

Miserable Time, As Usual, At Annual Society Picnic; 49th Consecutive Failure

Sense of Duty Only Saves Uninteresting Program at So-Called Grove.

NO NEW FEATURES

Resignations Likely To Follow Bungling of Transportation Committee.

Grown weary of writing the formula that "a good time was had by all," and having for years smarted under the almost daily query, "Why can't reporters tell the truth about things?" an Advertiser scribe decided upon the devilishly ingenious, if not original, plan of telling the plain unvarnished truth about a picnic. The following narrative greeted a startled city editor as a result.

Nearly a hundred adults and children spent a miserable afternoon yesterday on the sand lot which does duty for a picnic ground at Hilton's (so-called) Grove at the lakeside. The occasion was the forty-ninth annual picnic of the Sons and Daughters of Methuselah. For the past forty-eight years, following the complete failure of the first picnic, members of the society have favored the abandonment of the annual event, which serves no good purpose and is a cause of much strife and heart-burning among the members throughout the year. But nobody had sufficient courage to suggest that the annual event should be dispensed with, and the picnic was accordingly staged again this year, the expenses being kept as low as possible.

The transportation committee, under the bungling management of Brother Silas Horner, fell down completely in securing sufficient cars to convey the victims to the picnic grounds. As a result the few flivvers which were available were loaded to the gunwales with perspiring adults, fretful children and wailing babies. President Ephriam Swashbuckle was outspoken in his opinion of certain members who apparently had considered their cars too good for such an occasion and left them at home. It is understood the society has had a number of resignations as the result of his remarks.

Despite difficulties, the whole party was eventually landed at the lakeside and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Horner and his committee for the able way in which the transportation problem had solved itself.

Uninteresting Program.

Immediately after arrival the usual uninteresting program of sports was commenced. There were no new features, and all present joined in the various events from a sense of stern duty and loyalty to the organization. A number of entrants presented themselves for the balloon race, which promised to be an interesting event, except that all the balloons, which were purchased at a bargain sale, exploded before the runners could be lined up. Deacon Jones made a serious error in judgment in urging Sister Broadbent to enter the fat ladies' race, and a certain coolness settled over the gathering following the verbal clash which resulted. The children present thoroughly enjoyed the married men's race, chiefly because Pa Perkins tripped and fell early in the event and so completely ruined his $18 Sunday suit that he was forced to retire from public gaze. The softball game was given up when the score on each side had reached over the hundred mark.

The chairman of the prize committee, Brother Obadiah Cornborer, resented hotly the insinuation that the prizes for the various events had all been secured at the last rummage sale held by the Ladies' Aid at the church. He pointed out that many of the prizes had cost as high as fifteen cents and the disappointed children were therefore forced to be content with the tin horns, wooden pencil boxes and all-day suckers which were handed out as rewards for their athletic prowess.

Long To Be Remembered.

The supper, served on the sand where the grass was supposed to be, was an event which will long be remembered by those participating.

Hi Hinkleberry, the well-known village cut-up, wearing a pair of immaculate white flannel trousers and a plaid tie, kept the whole gathering in roars of laughter with his merry sallies until, in a moment of exuberance, he sat down on a lemon pie and had to retire hastily to the nearby woods. It is not known how he reached home.

Baby Simpkins caused much excitement by swallowing watermelon seeds and his life was only saved by vigorous pounding on the back.

Supper being over, and the president observing that there had been no fatalities during the afternoon, the picnic came to a fitting close with the singing of the Doxology. Arrangements are already under way for a repetition of the alleged enjoyable occasion next year. It is surmised that representatives of the press will be conspicuous by their absence.

LONDON LABOR PARTY FAVORS AID FOR N. S.

Plan To Launch Miners' Relief Fund Here Is Favored.

Following the action of the trades and labor council in organizing relief for the striking Nova Scotia miners and their dependents, a similar move is expected in the London labor party, which holds its monthly meeting tonight.

Several members have expressed the opinion that the party should formulate a plan to aid the couhcil, and the women's labor party is launching a local relief fund, while others would leave the scheme in the hands of the parent body. A discussion of the strike situation will likely take place in any event.

President Arthur Mould will occupy the chair.

THREE C. N. R. SPECIALS TO PASS THROUGH LONDON

Three special trains will pass through London over the Canadian National lines over the week-end. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning a party of 150 members of the New England Kiwanis club, occupying a ten-coach train will go through London en route for St. Paul.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock 150 members of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity will pass through on their way from Chicago to Huntsville. There will be eight cars in the train.

The Lethbridge Amusement Company moves from Guelph to Chatham through here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Painleve Halts Drive On Reds

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, June 15.—Premier Painleve agreed to postpone his declaration against the Communists, scheduled for today, in order to give left bloc leaders time to patch up their chamber majority, the security of which was threatened by Painleve's program.

BIBLICAL PHRASES TELL OF PROGRESS

Market House Basement Tenants Laud the Mayor—To Be Guest at Picnic.

The tenants of the market house basement have a soft spot in their hearts for Mayor Wenige, who has made it possible for them to run regular fruit and vegetable stores in the basement. The tenants are preparing for a bang-up picnic at Springbank in the near future, and the mayor will be the guest of honor.

H. Wainwright, one of the tenants, has written of the mayor, and the other tenants in phrases of Biblical times, and the history of the "movement" is described by him in the following paragraphs:

"Lo and behold, it came to pass in the time of King Wenige the First, who was king over all the city of London, that great strife came about all the merchants in the bazaar of that city, in which they did wrestle to go out on to the highways to sell their wares.

"Men from the plains and the vineyards, with fruits and honey, gathered together in a mighty mass on the sixth day of the week, and the king looked with favor on them.

Of Mighty Stature.

"The keeper of the market place, a mighty man of stature, one Maker, by name, a true son of his father, strove to keep the peace between merchants and the plainsmen, taking counsel with those that sit at the receipt of customs, one Ross, a goodly man with many shekels, and Simon, the Syrian, who was a power in the land. also John Eggett, the son of John, a man of many whiskers.

"Then said one unto the other, 'Verily let us go to our mighty King Weni, and say unto him, 'Is it good for these plainsmen to come into our midst and sell?'" But Simon, the wise, answered and said unto them, 'Yea, it is good, it doth bring the multitude unto us. So let us rejoice and make merry and give thanks to our good King Weni, for his noble thoughts unto us.

To Make Merry.

"Then on the third day of the week did they propose to make merry among themselves and to prepare offerings unto him that sat in high places.

"Then they set up an altar on the bank of the river, and the girls did dance with the young men who gathered there in their chariots, led by the mighty man named Fordi, who lived in a distant country.

"Among the number gathered there were Ross, the man of shekels; Simon the Syrian; Eggerti, the man of whiskers; Youltons, of many caravans; Moore, the milk pedlar; Veno, the man of many shanks; Bob, the brother of Rosso of many shekels; James, the fisher; Gramethi, the man of the pig iron shoe, and many others who led by the one Maker, the keeper of the market place.

"And it was murmured abroad that the king would honor them with his presence when it was wise to gather the 4.4, which was the popular vintage of the land at that time, saying unto themselves we must offer good things to Weni, the king, who being a thirsty man, would look with favor on them."

MRS. E. BRIDGMAN, RESIDENT 40 YEARS, DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgman, widow of William Bridgman, and a resident of London for 40 years, died suddenly this morning at her home, 242 Hyman street. Mrs. Bridgman had been in ill-health for some months, but a recent improvement in her condition gave hopes of her recovery. Death came unexpectedly from heart disease. She was a member of the First Methodist church.

Five sons and two daughters survive. They are: W. J., Charles S., William H. and Fred G. of Winnipeg; Mrs. Fred Evans of London, and Verna and Gordon at home.

Funeral arrangements are uncompleted.

NEW COMPANIES FORMED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 19.—New companies to the number of 85, with authorized capital of $14,886,000, were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended June 19, 1925.

Bright Spots

Reason for faith in London's present prosperity and future prospects is found in the following news items gleaned daily by The Advertiser.

One in every ten citizens of London owns a motor car. Official figures show a total registration of 6,098 passenger cars in this city in 1924, an increase of 10 per cent over 1923. Assuming that there are approximately 15,000 families in London, this means that practically every second family owns a car.

Announcement was made at a meeting of the public utilities commission yesterday that "there is a regular scramble for reservations of picnic places at Springbank." London's beautiful riverside recreation park is becoming increasingly popular, and London citizens have both money and leisure to enjoy the healthful outdoor recreation which the park provides at their very doors.

QUICK STRIKE END HOPES BRIGHTEN

Work of Murdock and Absence of Disturbances Seen as Good Signs.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney, June 19.—With the feeling as expressed last night by Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, in the federal government, who has been here from Tuesday until this morning seeking to find a settlement of the prolonged strike in the Nova Scotia coal area, that "a settlement can and should be brought about within ten days," and with an absence for several days of any violent disturbances, the prospects of a settlement appeared brighter this morning than they have in recent weeks.

While neither the representatives of the miners nor the employing corporation would this morning make any statement as to the prospects of an early termination of the strike, the district board of the miners has a few days to consider certain questions in the proposed terms of settlement as submitted to Hon. Mr. Murdock by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, and to prepare the questions at issue for submission to a referendum vote.

Mr. Murdock left for Ottawa this morning, but stated before leaving that either E. McG. Quirk of the labor department or himself would come to Sydney as soon as advised that their services would be helpful.

In a statement issued last night Mr. Murdock said that 'the miners' executive had found two or three of Mr. McLurg's proposals to appear "almost, if not entirely, impossible of acceptance," but he concluded, "my personal view is that a settlement can and should be brought about within the next ten days."

CIVIL RESEARCH BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Imperial Gathering at London, England, Headed by Earl of Balfour.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 18.—The first meeting of the imperial civil research committee which in the words of Lieut.-Col. L. C. M. Amery, colonial secretary, "will do within the empire what the committee of imperial defence has done for its security outside," was held here today.

The Earl of Balfour presided. Other members present were Colonial Secretary Amery, W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, colonial under-secretary, and Sir Warren Fisher, permanent secretary of the treasury and permanent head of the civil service.

The meeting was of a preliminary nature. It is understood that subcommittees will be appointed to deal with matters relating to the welfare and progress of the native populations of the empire.

NEW ROAD SIGNS WIN MOTORISTS' APPROVAL

Westminster township council has placed at every intersection and curve throughout the township signs bearing the uniform type of symbol approved by the provincial government for indicating to motorists curves, crossings and intersections ahead. These signs, which are painted in black on a white background, are of good size and are placed on posts.

The action of the township council is highly commended by officials of the London Motor club, who hope that other township councils throughout the county will adopt similar measures.

City Churches

KING STREET L. A.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the King street United church was held yesterday afternoon at Springbank, and was a delightful departure from the usual routine of business. Following a short session, well attended, sports were enjoyed, including picture puzzles, races,—slow and fast—and guessing contests. It was quite a fete for some of those present to race with a cup of water on their heads, and also for others to guess the number of kernels of wheat and beans in jars. Suitable prizes were awarded for the events

However, the main feature of the day, was the evening meal. A delicious picnic supper was spread on the supper table and everyone concluded the event with good things to eat.

TALBOT STREET L. A.

The members of the ladies' aid of the Talbot street Baptist church held an enjoyable picnic at Springbank yesterday afternoon. A splendid program of sports, arranged by Miss Griffin and Mrs. N. Peel, was run off, after which a delicious picnic supper was served to about 60 guests, under the convenership of Mrs. A. A. Affleck and Mrs. R. G. Wilson.

TRAGEDY MAKES SECOND CALL AT HOME OF HOSKIN FAMILY

Daughter Loses Hand Few Hours After Father Fatally Injured.

AUTO OVERTURNS

Twice within twenty-four hours did accidents bring sorrow to the home of Charles Hoskin, Hale street.

On Wednesday night Mr. Hoskin was fatally injured in the street car crash on the Springbank line. Last night about 6 o'clock a daughter, Mrs. Roy E. Bower, 14148 Kerchival avenue, Detroit, who motored to the city earlier in the day, was so severely injured in an auto crash at the corner of Dundas and Waterloo streets that she was taken to Victoria hospital, and it has been found necessary to amputate two fingers and a part of her left hand.

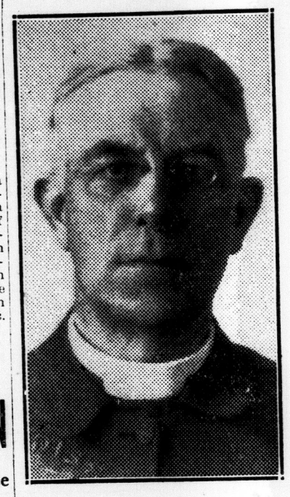
Mrs. Bower, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. William Snell, was driving east on Dundas street. At the corner of Dundas and Waterloo she swung past a car owned and driven by F. Jewell, who had stopped to allow a car driven by W. A. Casselman, 498 Dufferin avenue, pass north on Waterloo street. The Bower car and the Casselman car came together almost in the centre of the intersection, the front of the Bower car catching in the rear of the Casselman car. The Bower car, a sedan, was overturned.

Mrs. Bower reached through the opening in the door of her car as it upset, and her left hand was caught between the sedan top and the pavement.

The two women were quickly extricated from the car, and Mrs. Bower was at once removed to Victoria hospital, where she was attended by Dr. Roland Reynolds, who found that amputation of the fingers and part of the hand was necessary.

Mrs. Snell was removed to her home, 917 William street, where she is suffering from shock, but is believed to have escaped physical injury.

Mrs. Bower's improved condition this morning warranted removal from the hospital to her mother's home at 480 Hale street.



REV. P. D. THOMSON, D.D.,

of Kelvinside, Glasgow, distinguished representative of the United Free church of Scotland to the United church of Canada, who will be chief speaker at the big rally of United church members of London and district at the service of praise, thanksgiving and consecration in Victoria park Sunday afternoon.

SPEED LAW EASING, IS GRAYDON'S URGE

Magistrate Would Give More Latitude on Open Road, Tighten at Crossings.

Abolition of speed regulations on the open road and stricter enforcement of the speed limit at intersections is favored by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon. It is his opinion that a speed of 30 miles per hour is not a reckless rate providing extreme caution is used when approaching road crossings.

Ninety per cent of the motoring public break the law by travelling faster than 20 miles per hour in the city limits, Mr. Graydon said. The maximum speed allowed under the provincial highway traffic act, 20 miles per hour, is seldom observed and to travel at a slightly faster rate is not considered by the police as speeding. Motorcycle officers have been asked by the magistrate to allow motorists some latitude and rarely is one summoned for driving at a rate less than 25 miles per hour.

"I would be in favor of no speed limit if motorists could be depended upon to observe caution", Mr. Graydon declared this morning. "If a driver approaches a corner at 30 or 35 miles an hour he is no menace to traffic so long as he slows down and is prepared for an emergency. That type of driver is less dangerous than the one who observes the speed limit at a road crossing but looks neither to right nor left for other cars."

HOUSE WILL CONSIDER TRADING AGREEMENT

Premier Tells Commons That Pact Had Been "Successfully Concluded."

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, June 18.—A bill to give to a trade agreement between Canada and Australia will be considered in the Dominion parliament this session.

At the conclusion of today's sittings Premier King told the House of Commons the agreement had been "successfully concluded" and that the acting minister of finance would introduce tomorrow a resolution to embody the terms of the agreement. The bill will come up in the House as early as possible. No statement as to the terms of the agreement was available tonight.

RECORD PICNIC ENTRY FOR SPRINGBANK PARK

All Records For Numbers Have Been Broken So Far This Year.

Springbank park is establishing a record as a popular picnic place this year. The public utilities commission reports that there has been an unprecedented rush to obtain reservations for picnic parties. In fact, picnics are already booked right up to the end of August, and additional applications are coming n daily.

Wednesday of this week saw fourteen picnics in progress at the park, and there are seven scheduled for this afternoon. Saturday will see thirteen different parties enjoying the beauties and conveniences of this delightful breathing spot.

Nine pcnics are already booked for next Wednesday afternoon, and for the following Saturday, June 27, the full capacity of the park is taken up. There will be fifteen separate picnics on that date, including a very large one, at which 2,000 or more people of the continuing Presbyterian churches of the district are expected. All available space is also reserved for the holiday on July 1.

"In addition to these, there are always numerous small picnic parties which go down without making reservations and take a chance on getting accommodation," stated General Manager Buchanan this spring. "The rush is in full swing just now, and I look to see records broken by the time September is reached."

DATE OF CHURCH COURTS FIXED

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United church will embrace eight presbyteries, as follows, to be known by the county names: Huron, Perth, Oxford, Middlesex, Essex, Kentfi Elgin and Lambton.

The old Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton and London Methodist conferences and the old Toronto and Kingston and Hamilton and London Presbyterian synods are broken up in the United church into the following divisions: Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton and London conferences.

Naturally the former Hamilton and London Presbyterian synod was larger than the London Methodist conference, but the new United church London conference differs but little from the old London Methodist conference, except that Oxford is now entirely part of the London conference, while Bruce is now entirely part of the Hamilton conference.

Incidentally the Bay of Quinte conference is the only one in the United church to have a name other than that of a city or province, the reason for retaining it being because of the historic early beginnings of both Methodism and Presbyterianism in that district under that name.

The first task of the assembled Middlesex presbytery will be to elect a chairman from amongst its members, as well as standing committees and delegates to the London conference. When assembled the conference will first elect a president from amongst its members, as well as standing committees and delegates to the general council, which meets next year in Montreal during the month of May.

The eleven conferences of the United church of Canada, together with the 109 presbyteries, are as follows: Newfoundland conference, 1 presbyteries; Maritime, 15; Montreal and Ottawa, 5; Bay of Quinte, 5; Toronto, 12; Hamilton, 9; London, 8; Manitoba, 9; Saskatchewan, 16; Alberta, 15; and British Columbia, 8.

"CUSTOMERS" PROVE TO BE GIRL FRIENDS

Young Salesmen Fined $50 and Costs by Local Court.

"We never drink," two young men declared in police court this morning as they explained the presence of a half empty bottle of gin in their auto last night. "We are salesmen and we use the liquor to give our customers the old bracer.'

Although pleading guilty to the O. T. A. breach, the men offered the excuse in hopes of receiving a minimum fine. Magistrate Graydon was on the point of accepting their story when Chief Birrell interrupted.

"Were the two young girls you had in your car last night customers?"

"That throws a different light on the story," the court declared.

The men maintained they gave the liquor to male customers only. They were driving the girls home from a show and had not offered them any of the gin. The court imposed a fine of $50 and costs.

ROSE SHOW TO BE HELD DESPITE BAD WEATHER

The annual rose show of the London Horticultural Society will be held in the Masonic temple on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27. Although the members were dubious as to the advisability of holding the show this year, it was finally decided to hold one despite the adverse weather which has affected the blooms.

Other seasonal blooms will be shown. There will be 19 classes of roses and a large entry is expected.

The prize list may be obtained from H. J. Childs, Dominion Savings Building.