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Tomorrow's Weather—Extremely cold.

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Sun Rises Today, 7:23; Sets, 5:41.

Incinerator Proves White Elephant as Heat Provider for Victoria Hospital—Sunday Cars Promised for Feb. 22nd—Controllers Object to Working Such Long Hours for City—Garbage Wagon Struck by Car and Driver Badly Injured—St. Mary's Doctor Criticizes Victoria Hospital Authorities.

BROTHER PHYSICIAN SAYS DOCTOR ALMOST PERISHED FROM COLD

Dr. Smith, of St. Marys, Calls Upon Hospital Trust to Investigate Departure—Says Superintendent Was Discourteous to Daughter.

Dr. Smith, of St. Marys, a great friend of Dr. Thomas Sparks, of that town, who left Victoria Hospital, in speaking to The Advertiser today, said that friends of Dr. Sparks in St. Marys were not at all pleased with the statements made by Mr. Heard and quoted in The Advertiser regarding the conditions of Dr. Sparks' acceptance at the hospital, and his leaving that institution. Dr. Smith said the friends felt hurt at the treatment handed out by the hospital authorities.

"I will give you the facts of the case," said Dr. Smith, "and they are these: Three months ago, Dr. Sparks' wife, through an accident, had her eye injured, and later the sight was entirely destroyed. The other eye was then in danger, and this worried the doctor, and he did not take sufficient nourishment or sleep well."

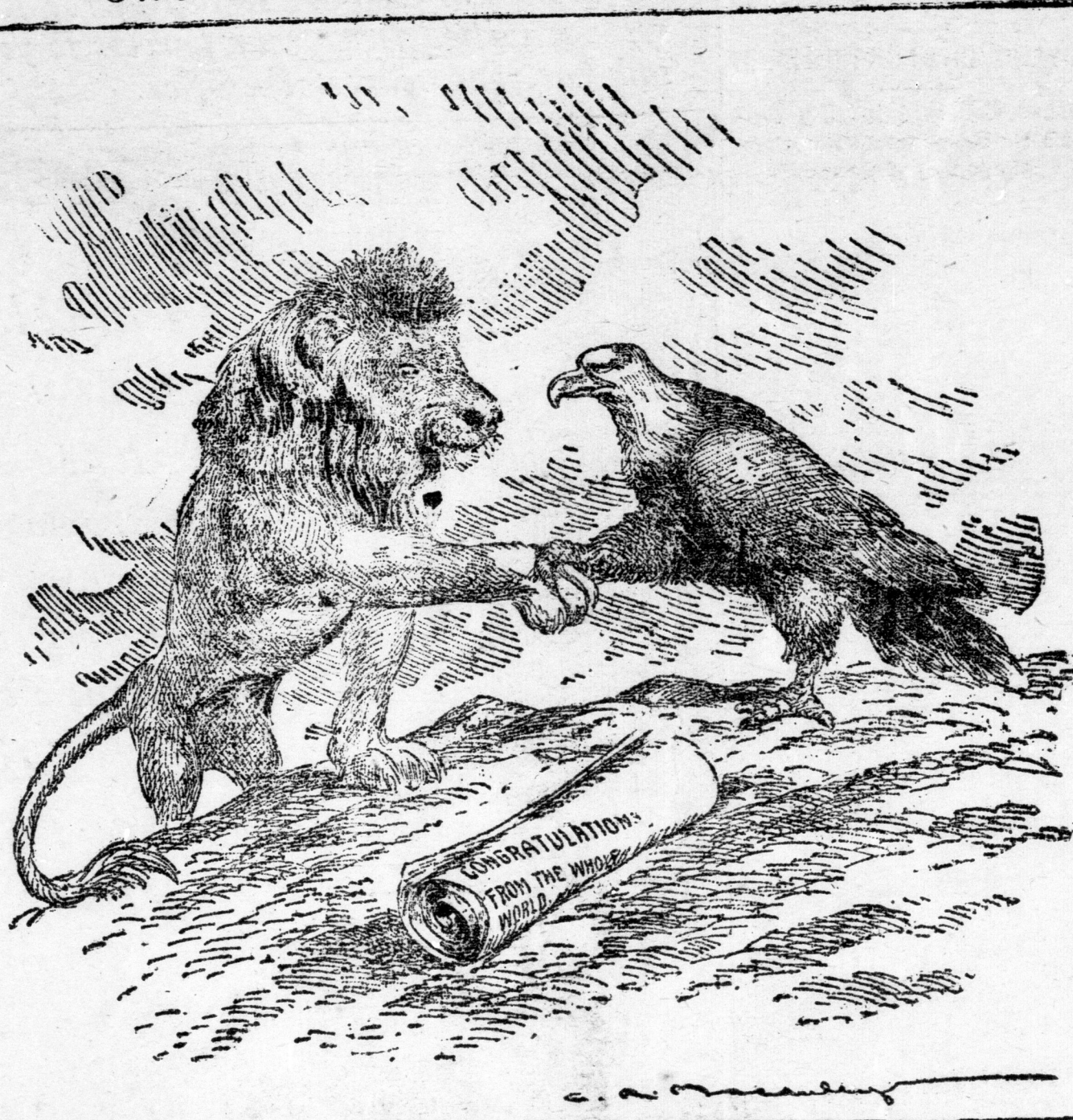
Needed a Change.
"He developed a very bad type of melancholia. On advice of three or four physicians of this town, in consultation with a London doctor, he consented to go to Victoria Hospital, London, for treatment, as it was thought that with rest, sleep and nourishment he would soon recover from his slight mental defect. He went to the hospital last Friday, and the family thought all was well. He was in a private ward with a special nurse, and everyone was satisfied nothing would go wrong."

"The first thing his family heard was that he had left the hospital. This news did not come from the hospital authorities, but from the London physician who had been consulted, who kindly telephoned."

"The members of the family were frightened, as all they could learn was that the people at the hospital had seen him board a street car into the city. It was a bitterly cold day, and it was feared that the doctor might have shown great negligence at the hospital to allow him to go without having someone at least see him safely onto a train for home. It was known that his state of health was not good."

Says There Was Discourtesy.
"On hearing of the departure, Miss Sparks telephoned the hospital, and spoke to Mr. Heard. She claims Mr. Heard was discourteous, and even impertinent to her, and showed anything but a proper spirit. She then consulted with the police, and at last learned he was at Lakeside. It was found he had gone to a livery stable near Lakeside, and from there he drove there changed horses. Then he drove (Continued on page 11.)

One Hundred Years Of Peace.



INCINERATOR HEAT MORE COSTLY THAN OLD SYSTEM

Claims of Economy Through New Plant Disproved—One Hundred More Tons of Coal Required to Run Incinerator Than Ordinary Hospital Boilers.

That it will cost many hundred dollars more to heat Victoria Hospital this year since the inception of the incinerator, than it did when all the hospital buildings were heated from the regular hospital plant, is the startling statement of engineers who are conversant with the situation.

Ordinarily the hospital heating plant consumes between six and seven hundred tons of coal in the course of a season, but The Advertiser learned today that this amount would be exceeded this year by an amount ranging in the neighborhood of 100 tons, by reason of the operation of the incinerator.

Supposed To Be All Heating.
When the incinerator was purchased at a cost of \$48,744.55 it was supposed by its promoters that it would heat the entire hospital and thus affect a large saving. But several months' trial has shown a very different state of affairs. The incinerator today is NOT SUPPLYING 20 PER CENT OF THE HEAT used by the Victoria institution. This was the statement given The Advertiser today by a man who is in a position to know.

Closed Twice a Month.
Furthermore, the incinerator is closed down for a number of hours every two weeks in order to give the employees an opportunity of cleaning out the dust that accumulates in large quantities in various parts of the plant. This shutting down of the incinerator occurs the steam service to the hospital is, of course, discontinued, and a sum of money must be expended in order to have the hospital heated from the regular plant. Ordinarily the incinerator furnishes heat for the nurses' home at the west end of the grounds, but with the present equipment it cannot begin to heat the entire hospital plant.

And furthermore, the hospital boiler room is charged up with all the coal used at the incinerator. When the garbage is wet and does not burn freely,

barrow-loads of coal are dumped in. On some days seven tons. The Advertiser was informed, have been burned in this way. Instead of all the coal being consumed in the hospital boilers, a good portion of it is in this way used in the incinerator and the result is very expensive.

The predictions of great savings in fuel operation by reason of the incinerator heating, or assisting to heat the hospital, have been completely disproved. Instead of a more economical system of heating the building, actual operation shows that the city of London is being saddled with an additional and unnecessary expense of considerable magnitude.

Extra Boilers Required.
The Advertiser was advised that it would be absolutely necessary to install two or three additional boilers at a cost of \$10,000 or so in the incinerator plant in order to furnish an adequate supply of heat to the hospital. When the incinerator proposition was before the ratepayers one of the strongest arguments advanced in favor of it was that it would consume all the garbage and thus lighten the city's burden. The people living around the neighborhood are up in arms. Down in the incinerator you may not notice it so much, but you see it higher up when the smoke drifts over from the stack."

"The incinerator is a white elephant," said a hospital employee to The Advertiser, "I don't want to knock it, but at the present time it isn't begin to heat the hospital. It should not have been placed where it is, either, for the smell from it at times makes the work of the living around the neighborhood very unpleasant. Down in the incinerator you may not notice it so much, but you see it higher up when the smoke drifts over from the stack."

All of which goes to show that the mayor's pet snuff factory is living up to its name. It is a plant that cost many thousands of dollars more than it should have cost, is not doing the work that it was claimed for it, and from present appearances will cost many thousands more before it is in a position to fulfill the requirements made upon it.

SKATING ACCIDENT CAUSES BOY'S DEATH

Norman Graham Succumbs to Injuries Received on Queen's Park Rink on Jan. 26.

Norman E. Graham, who was knocked down while skating on Queen's Park rink Thursday night, Jan. 26, died of his injuries at his home, 109 Adelaide street, early this morning. The boy, who was only 15 years old, had suffered from a mild form of tubercular meningitis, and in the accident his head struck the ice, hurrying the course of the disease. Since he was carried home Thursday night he had attended the commercial department at the Collegiate, and would have finished the course there in June. He was an excellent scholar, well liked by his fellow-students, and took great interest in the cadet corps of which he belonged.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it will be held on Friday, and the services will be conducted by Rev. A. M. McKibbin, pastor of Hill Street Methodist Church. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The boy is survived by his father and mother and five surviving brothers all at home.

"ALL IN SHAKEDOWNS"

Such Was Bedtime Report at County Jail Where Prisoners Are Overcrowded.

"They're all in their shakedown," was the bedtime report from the Central Prison Tuesday night, where the problem of finding sleeping room for about ten more prisoners than the cells were designed for, had to be met again. The solution, as on Monday night, one prisoner was to be accommodated in a cell, and the others were to be put in the prison Tuesday afternoon.

The twelve railroad laborers, whose detention on a charge of theft has caused the overcrowding, came up before Magistrate Cole's court this morning. As a result a change may be made in the time of meetings next week.

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W. F. MACLEAN IS NOW TALKED OF AS POSSIBLE LEADER

Would Come In As Leader of Hydro-Electric, Said To Be in Danger.

UNSUITABILITY OF HANNA

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Although officially all is quiet, rumors as to the "succession" in the Conservative party in Ontario are still flying about. There is general delight in the improvement in Sir James Whitney's health, but it is still a wide-eyed hope that he will not again be able to lead the House. The latest name mentioned for the position is that of W. F. Maclean, M. P. of the Toronto World, who, it is said, would be willing to come in as an upholder of the hydro-electric, which, according to the Toronto Telegram and other Conservative sources, is apparently in danger from the attacks of Men, Hon. Mr. Hanna among them, within the cabinet itself.

More and more stress is being laid on the unsuitability of Mr. Hanna for prime minister. Not only is there the effect of the Proudfoot charges, but there is the additional and powerful obstacle that Mr. Hanna is considered by the Standard Oil interests in Ontario. Such a position does not lead to the confidence of the public, a man holding a similar office in the United States with the Standard Oil Company would scarcely be considered for any high office, directly or indirectly in the gift of the people.

"Thoughtful Conservatives are quite frankly worried over the situation," they themselves realize the similarity between the present state of affairs and that which followed the retirement of Sir J. A. Macdonald in the federal office. The party was able to hold itself together in a weak sort of way for a few years, but a November election would have broken it up before the Liberal Government was in power. The passing of Sir James Whitney from the active leadership of politics, they feel, may well be followed by a similar result here, especially in view of the widening breach between members of the present cabinet.

ILL DOCTOR LEAVES HOSPITAL BED, GOING FOR LONG DRIVE

As Result Relatives May Ask for Investigation as to Why St. Marys Physician Was Allowed to Leave Institution.

An investigation may be asked by relatives of Dr. Thomas Sparks, of St. Marys, as a result of his disappearance from Victoria Hospital on Monday.

Dr. Sparks came to Victoria Hospital on Saturday last to be treated for an attack of acute melancholia, from which he had been suffering as a result of a serious accident which happened to his wife more than one year ago, whereby she lost her eyesight.

According to the hospital authorities Dr. Sparks objected to the restraint which was placed on him immediately after he had come to the institution, and on Monday about the noon hour he put on his clothes and

left the hospital before anyone could detain him. As soon as it became apparent that he intended to leave an orderly was sent to search for him but he could not be found.

Drove to Lakeside.
After leaving the hospital Dr. Sparks went to a livery stable, secured a conveyance, and was driven to Lakeside, where he resided before moving to St. Marys. Relatives say that Dr. Sparks was in no state of health to have taken the journey, and maintain that he should have been kept in the hospital until relatives were notified. The long drive in the cold is said to have seriously affected his condition.

Superintendent Heard stated to The Advertiser that while it was not in accordance with proper procedure to

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SUNDAY CARS PROMISED FOR FEBRUARY 22

Directors Sanction Agreement After Omitting Springbank Clause.

UP TO THE COUNCIL NOW

If Amended Agreement Passes Aldermen, Cars Will Start a Week From Sunday.

OBJECT TO SPUR LINE
Railwaymen Claim Its Operation Would Be a Most Dangerous One.

Sunday cars are now promised for a week from Sunday (February 22), that is provided a new bylaw, which will be submitted to the Council on Monday night passes. The new bylaw will not include any reference at all to Springbank, and the matter of service on Railway street will also be omitted. These points have been the bone of contention between the representatives of the city, and the Street Railway Company, and with these left out, the company has agreed to guarantee to have cars in operation on February 22.

Mayor Graham and Controller J. P. Moore met the city directors of the Street Railway in the office of the company's solicitor, C. H. Ivey, Tuesday afternoon, in reference to the much-discussed agreement. The street railway representatives were emphatic in stating that the operation of cars on Railway street would be a hardship on them, and would also involve a great deal of danger. The line would have to be a spur line, and unless an expensive switch was installed, cars would have to back either up or down the steep hill occurring at that point, a practice which would involve great danger. The only other solution would be the purchase of special cars having a motor in each end. Mr. Ivey, solicitor for the company, pointed out that in the event of a spur line being operated on Sundays, passengers would be discharged on the company's right-of-way at the end of the line, and then they would naturally continue down the track to Woodland Cemetery. The fact that they were discharged on the company's right-of-way would form a sort of passive compliance on the part of the Street Railway Company to their responsibility, and if any were struck by cars they would have ground for legal action.

The matter was brought up at the board of control meeting this morning, and it was decided to submit a new bylaw at the next council meeting, omitting the clauses which have been the cause of contention. No objection has been made to the limiting the hours of operation to six days a week, and this will be included in the new bylaw.

TWO EXAMPLES OF "LAW."

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Two sentences passed on prisoners here recently have aroused much adverse comment. In one case, Eugene Dwyer was given two months in prison for stealing some groceries for a destitute family, one member of which died from starvation. In the other case a youth convicted of highway robbery was sentenced to four days in jail. Magistrate Beef, it is said, has been called upon by Premier Gouin to explain this short sentence.

INCREASE OF 236 IN REAL ESTATE DEALS SHOWN IN YEAR 1913

Jump in Values Was \$582,652 Over 1912—Realty Transfers Numbered 1,352.

TOTAL PRICES, \$2,505,987

288 Transfers in Annexed District Not Included—Heaviest Business in July.

Real estate transfers in the city of London for 1913 show an increase of 236 in numbers, and \$582,652 in values over the previous year, according to figures compiled by the assessment department. The total number of transactions during the past year were 1,352, in comparison with 1,116 in 1912, and 928 in 1911.

Percentage of Assessment.
The consideration paid amounted to \$2,505,987 on property assessed at \$1,844,770, or 73.6 per cent of the price paid. In 1912 the amount was \$1,923,335 on property assessed \$1,446,035, the percentage of assessment to price paid being slightly higher, namely, 75.1 per cent.

In 1911, the property transfers amounted to only \$1,568,025 on property assessed at \$1,112,239, so that quite a healthy increase in the volume of real estate transactions in the city is shown. The figures do not include 288 transfers, which took place in the annexed districts, the values of which could not be ascertained.

July Held Year's Record.
The heaviest months in real estate transactions during the year were July, when 118 deals, involving a total of \$287,007 were put through, and November, when 99 transactions took place, involving the changing hands of \$299,897.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:
Highest, 16; lowest, 2 1/2 below.
The official temperature for today:
Highest, 16; lowest, 6 above.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND EXTREMELY COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 11, 8 a.m.—Fair and continued extremely cold today and on Thursday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
High Low Weather
Victoria 42 40 Cloudy
Winnipeg 18 20 Clear
Calgary 18 23 Clear
Port Arthur 12 30 Clear
Perry Sound 4 32 Cloudy
Toronto zero 26 Clear
Ottawa 2 32 Clear
Montreal 2 26 Clear
Quebec zero 24 Clear
Father Point 2 24 Clear

(—) Minus, below zero.

Weather Notes.
The great cold wave has not changed its position since yesterday morning. It has become more severe generally, with no immediate prospect of a change in existing conditions.

NO CORRUPTION BECAUSE BILL HAD REALLY NO EXISTENCE

Aime Geoffrion Points Out, in Defence of L. P. Berard—Also Says Corruptors Are Guilty—L. T. Marechal Claims Mail Charges Proven.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—The Upper House graft probe this morning concluded its investigation into the Daily Mail charges against L. P. Berard and Achille Begevan, two legislative councillors. The interesting C. E. K. Carpenter, who "budded into" the Montreal fair bill affair and frightened the detectives, will not be called because it has been felt by both the Lower House committee, which closed its inquiry last night, and by the Upper House committee that his role in the affair is merely incidental and not connected with the bribery aspect of it.

This morning addresses to the council committee were made by L. T. Marechal, K. C., Montreal, on behalf of the Mail Publishing Company and on behalf of the accused, and Aime Geoffrion, K. C., and L. K. Lafamme, K. C., both of Montreal.

The two committees began today their consideration of their reports to their respective houses which findings must consider them and decide on adjournment which has been delayed by the investigation.

Evidence Ends.

Mr. Marechal, counsel for the Mail, said he would like to have Mr. Mousseau's testimony as he had heard he was getting better.

Mr. Chapais said the committee could not wait until Mr. Mousseau was in a condition to be heard.

Messrs. MacNab and Nichols then made formal declarations that they first heard of the charges on January 19, 1914, and published them in the Montreal Mail, believing them to be true, and the publication of them to be in the public interest.

Mr. Devarrenes read a statement in which he swore that neither directly nor indirectly had he received any money in connection with the passing of the Mail Publishing Company bill.

Mr. Chapais then declared the taking of evidence closed, and Mr. Marechal addressed the committee on behalf of the Mail publishers.

Briefly reviewing the testimony, Mr. Marechal said Mr. Berard had received \$500, and had entered into an agreement whereby he was to get \$2,000 in connection with the Montreal fair bill, when it went through. Counsel said he believed that it had been clearly established that the money had been paid by Detective Biddinger.

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CRITICIZES BOARD FOR FREAK SCHEMES

G. T. R. CAR THIEVES
GET SIX MONTHS

Doctor Declares Health Organization Is Too Fond of Newspaper Notoriety.

SHOULD ENFORCE LAWS

Says Proper Fumigation For Contagious Diseases Is Not Being Looked After.

One of London's foremost physicians stated this morning that "if the board of health would stop its freak schemes of getting newspaper notoriety and see that the health laws were enforced it would be doing London service."

The physician referred to the fact that houses in which there had been contagious diseases were not properly fumigated after the quarantine had been removed, and that there was danger to the health of the public as a result.

From another source it was learned that in a house where there had been smallpox, only one small formaldehyde candle had been furnished for fumigating purposes, while to insure the thorough disinfection of the place it would have been necessary to seal the house up and burn at least a dozen formaldehyde candles.

Magistrate Convicts Four of Accused Gang and Sentences Them to Central.

STOLE BUTTER AND EGGS

Freight Car Robberies Culminate in Detectives' "Haul" and Prison Terms.

Rochetti Urelio, Vitoria Pasini, Setleno Casara, and Alex. Anigeto, employees of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, were found guilty by Magistrate J. C. Judd of breaking into a Grand Trunk bonded car and stealing butter and eggs valued at \$70. The convicted men were sentenced to serve six months in the Central Prison.

For some time the railway authorities have been receiving complaints to the effect that when cars reached their destination large quantities of merchandise was missing. All the cars that had been broken into were from London. Grand Trunk Detective John Hughes investigated the complaints, with the result that fifteen men working on the Grand Trunk coal dumps were arrested. There being no evidence against eleven of the men, they were discharged.

Advertiser Trophy For Boys' Apple Club

One Will Be Presented For Competition Among Middlesex Schoolboys.

The department of agriculture in Middlesex County has under consideration the forming of apple clubs among the boys of the county during the coming summer.

The scheme is to organize associations of ten boys in a district, each of whom would take entire charge of ten apple trees to cultivate, spray, prune and harvest, and market the fruit, making exhibits and demonstrations at fairs.

It is expected that good results could be secured, and The Advertiser has announced its intention of placing a trophy with the department for the club securing the best percentage.

Other suggestions have been made for the organization of boys' corn, potato, apple and pig clubs, and of girls' canning clubs. The same ideas are being tried in the state of Washington at the present time.

In that state, all work done by the boys will be credited to their school standing.

CONTROLLERS' WORK "MUCH TOO LONG"

City Governors Declare \$1,000 Per Year Is Insufficient to Pay For Work They Do.

WANT EVENING SESSIONS

Claim Health and Private Business Is Being Ruined by Arduous Labors.

Hours of labor for city controllers formed the subject of an interesting discussion at the meeting of the board of control this morning. From their own statements, it appears that not only the private business of the controllers, but their health, is being ruined by the long hours spent by them in conducting the city's affairs, and this morning's discussion was held in an effort to find some way of expediting matters so that the controllers would not have to spend so much time away from their offices. As a result a change may be made in the time of meetings next week.

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