Chief Will Introduce Fire Drill: Church Union Hearings Are Again Delayed

OTHER CITIES HAVE FIRE DRILL

Chief Aitken Will Start Training Here, Protests Council Interference.

City firemen will be required to ake pompier fire drill and physical exercises, according to plans which Chief John Aitken entertains, and which are supported by the customs in other departments throughout the

Fire chiefs, writing from Brantford, awa, endorse regular drill for the firemen. London's department had one of the best-trained corps of men in the country before the war. Led by the sturdy chief, they exercised egularly, and were ready and fit for emergency.

However, regular drill has been alowed to lapse and the chief is amongst those anxious to see it dopted again. He says that interference from the council has helped men to provide excuses from drill duties, and this has prevented regular

"There's nothing finer than good exercise and ladder drill declares Chief Aitken. keeps them fit and trained. The pom pier ladders may be needed on some of London's buildings in a fire. You can never tell when you'll need them. Of course, climbing them may look like dangerous work. But fighting fires is a dangerous job at the best

Committee Inquired.

Under the impression that pompier

"Pompier drill is included in our ment in employment conditions is

"This department does not take up

pompier drill, as we have no tower suitable for this work," explains Chief W T James of Hamilton. "We

compiers, as we have ladders to reach the highest building we have here," writes Chief Dan Lewis of Brantford. "We have a drill tower here, and when weather will permit we practice a heavy local improvement program worst." "We have a drill tower here, and wice a week on this. Our men take are now being finished.

mit, I am going to have the men out other month. practicing," Chief A en declared to- son in

VILLAGES HEAR TALKS

H. G. Crawford how best to combat the corn borer that has made much." serious inroads into the corn-grow-ing industry of Western Ontario.

NEW BIKE STOLEN.

new manufacture with blue-rimmed to get more city work. No define wheels.



nd-in-command of the U.S. air and reverting to his permanent rank watchful eye on all those who of colonel as the result of his attacks or leave the building. The referees

BUILDING OUTLOOK NOW IMPROVING

Permits For 20 Houses Given in Past Two Weeks-City Program Lightens.

Under the impression that pompier drill had been discarded as too risky; this month provides a fair outlook keep order. the finance committee of the council for construction work this year and already cuts are being made in the smashing stroke across the board, cities.

"We don't take up pompier lad"We don't take up pompier lad"Some 20 new houses have been all was rendered. In ten minutes he "We don't take up pompier ladder drill, but certainly would if we had a training tower," writes Chief DeFields of Windsor. "We take up he started immediately as and with considerable excavation to he started immediately as a few hours the cries of "we have started immediately as a few hours the cries of "we have started immediately as a few hours the cries of "we have started immediately as a few hours the cries of "we have started immediately as a few hours the cries of "we have a few hours as a few hours are considered. In ten minutes came back strong and defeated I doubt a few houses has been at the considerable as a few houses have a few houses have a few houses have a few houses has be started immediately an improve-

"Pompier drill is included with the control of the city of London has employed three times as many workmen on hysical drill every day and someprevious winter. The pay checks last summer went up as high as 500 men in two weeks. This winter witable for this work," explains Chief W. T. James of Hamilton. "We have regular drill with apparatus three times a week."

they have been as night as 450 men. The city has not been shirking its duty to the jobless, authorities state, but there will be a slight let-up in of the players to the value of chocothey have been as high as 450 men. "We do not practice much with our city work for some time now.

Winter a Long One.

The 1924-25 winter has been longer and steadier than usual but work has of high caloric value to the near work has been authorized, including supermen have finished three whirl-

looked for.
'Just the same, we cannot go on VILLAGES HEAR TALKS
IN WAR ON CORN-BORER
Farmers at Melbourne and Lameth were instructed yesterday by

One of Commond how best to community to the anterior program for construction program for con

Building Permits.

the from an ensilage and canning issued yesterday and today are these: W. B. Johnson, \$400 shed, 423 and.

Addresses are being given by Mr.

Wellington street; A. Methers, \$3,500

If the referees last the tournament Addresses are being given by Mr. Grawford today at Belmont and dwelling, 638 Hamilton road; Hyatt brothers, \$950 store front, 206 Dunion department of agriculture expert speaks at Glencoe and Mount Brydges.

Mount Brydges.

Wellington street, Methods, \$3,500 dwelling, 638 Hamilton road; Hyatt brothers, \$950 store front, 206 Dundas street; H. G. Walker, \$9,800 dwelling, Whannchiffe road; S. Burr. \$3,800 dwelling, William street; William Bidnall, \$2,500 dwelling, Empress avenue press avenue.

NEW BIKE STOLEN.

John Pritty, Erie avenue, reported to the police today that an Empire bicycle owned by him had been stolen from in front of the Dominion Savings building this morning shortly before 10 o'clock. The bicycle was of pow manufacture with blue-rimmed to get more city work. No definite

HEY,

KIDS!

POGO STICK

TODAY

The number of Pogo

Sticks for "Joy Week"

is very limited. Any boy

or girl wishing to enter

the Pogo Race should

enter at once. Get your

stick and start practic-

ing. Fill out the coupon

PING CHAMPS WAGE **BIG PONG BATTLE**

Fight For Supremacy in Annual Tournament in Y.M.C.A. Lobby.

All through the night the battle raged, and through most of the morning and afternoon, too. For a week the Y. M. C. A. lobby has been the scene of one skirmish after another, as the supermen of the pingpong world have fought for their very existence in the annual tournament, which will come to a close this week. The "Y" lobby has taken on the

appearance of a pugilistic training camp. The fighters sit about swathed losing that command in sweaters. The trainers keep a upon his superiors who opposed his are becoming cross-eyed trying to ideas about aircraft defence. keep the ball in the line of vision.
Yesterday afternoon and night
crowds surged around the players as they battled for ping-pong supremacy. The shield which will grace the of the winner is uppermost in the minds of the ping artists. goads them on to desperate right-hand swings and left-hand clouts.

Seats at Premium. Seats were at a premium at the games yesterday afternoon though few used them. Fast playing, hour after hour, kept the spectators on their feet. For a while the excite-Impetus given building contracts ment was so great that it looked as if George Day would have to be

In one set, Lisle Rooke, making a came back strong and defeated his For two hours the cries of "well tried, sir," and "well played, sir," filled the jobby. These came from the gentlemen's corner near the grate fire. From the other side, where the dominion. uninitiated park, came, "O what referee," "take him out," "you're

and other savage utterances of softball fans

New Discoveries. late while training for strenuous battles. Allan Devenney, busy at the counter, issued rations of chocolate dians who have been selected as blo-

By the time a couple of ping-pong Ottawa takes pompier ladder and also physical drill regularly.

"As soon as the weather will perwork can be started for at least answork can be started for at least answork can be started for at least answhrine of a Turkish bath. They month. However, a fair sea-city construction work is slump into the nearest chair while the anxious trainers rush for choco-

lates. The spectators huddle about Out of the ping-pong tournament has come the "handkerchief turban." It is something new in fashions for men. In order to protect their nomnadours from becoming disarranged the players have resorted to boudlor caps fashloned out of pocket hand-kerchiefs. This gives the game a Included in the building permits sort of Oriental or whirling dervish

GETS SUPERANNUATION

G. A. Dowling Leaves C.P.R. With One of Longest Records in Division.

George A. Dowling, veteran engineer on the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been superannuated. Mr. Dowling, who lives at 583 Princess avenue, leaves the company's service with one of the longest records in London division.

when the present trunk line was being put through here, Mr. Dowling worked his way up to the preferred runs and for a number of years has handled the fast Detroit to Toronto 000 was passed.

JOY WEEK DECORATORS START WORK IN CITY

starts today, and the decorators hired by the committee in charge have arrived in the city to start work. It is planned to decorate the fronts of planned to decorate the fronts stores on Richmond street and Dundas street for the week, and profes-sional decorators have been obtained to give uniformity to the plan.

A small and nominal fee will be charged from all owners who wish to have their stores decorated during he week. Agents of the Broderick Decorating company, which will do this work, will call on London mer-

colored designs have been decided

upon as the best dressing for the city

streets, while the armories are busy

with the appeal of Joy Week.

IS AGAIN POSTPONED

ues, Though-Bylaw Will Be Talked.

planning expert, to London has been postponed again. No definite word has been received here from Horace L. Seymour, who is in direct charge hants during the remaining days of of the survey and advisory work his week in connection with decorat- which has been going on for some ing. Flags, colored bunting, and months.

Traveller Thought Smoker Was Barred To All 'Antis'

'Is the 12:20 train for Toronto made said the traveller as he hurried out. Fingal for burial,

HURON WILL PAY \$800 SCHOOL BILL

London Has Legal Right to Collect For Outside Students, Solicitor Says.

The Huron county council has become resigned to the payment of \$860 for its students who attended the London collegiate institute last year. The council did not becomeresigned, however, until informed by James Bell, treasurer of the board of education, that the bill had to be paid. Last December, the Huron council communicated with the local board and expressed an unwillingness to pay the amount, having been ad-rised by its solicitor that in the case of students within the county who passed by Huron county collegiates to attend the London collegiate the county was not liable for payment of the 80 per cent of the cost of their

education here.
The communication Huron council asked the board here to look into the question before re-questing payment of the bill for last

year. This Mr. Bell did by asking City Solicitor T. J. Meredith, K.C., for his opinion on the legality of the bill as levied by the city. After consulta-tion with Principal E. A. Miller of the collegiate institute and considering the school acts, Mr. Meredith informed the treasurer that the Huron council was liable for the bill ren-

Mr. Bell accordingly communicated with G. W. Holman, clerk of Huron council, informing him that the bill must be paid as rendered.

A letter has just been received from Clerk Holman, regretting publicity over the affair, which he characterizes as "a tempest in a teapot," and indicating that the bill will be given attention by Warden Chas. A Robertson at an early date and the

money forwarded the board here There is, of course, involved in the question the rather delicate point as to the county's responsibility for educating outside the county students who deliberately pass by secondary. who deliberately pass by secondary | The "foreign car tangle" has been

so that for students who pass by high foreign soil. other high schools outside the county the county shall not be liable, but the to the board of education controlling

HELD BY LABOR PART in the Temple Last

Night.

At the St. Patrick's concert last Brock, Thomas Chandler Haliburton, Joseph Howe Dr. Egerton Ryerson, proved too small to hold the crowd. Joseph Howe, Dr. Egerton Ryerson, donald, Lord Strathcona, Father Lacombe, Dr. Louis Frechette Sir Wil-frid Laurier. Sir William Osler, Paul a euchre, a dance and a concert. a euchre, a dance and a concert. There was also a supper.

Winners of the euchre prizes were: First gentleman, J. Fitzgerald; ladies, Mrs. B. O'Connell; consolation verware formed the first prizes.

In the musical part of the pro-

gram, J. Nixon proved popular with some clever Irish songs. He was ac-companied by Mabel Greenslade and Mr. Bissett, A. Nielson and Norman Greenslade gave a duet, E. C. Harlor

Greenslade a piano duet.

The regular Friday euchre of the party will not be held next week as Joy Week will be in progress and the ladies of the party will be engaged at the refreshment booths in

SLIPPERY CAR TRACKS CAUSE OF COLLISION

Two Trolleys Slightly Damaged at Dundas Street Intersection.

Slippery car tracks is given as the cause of a street car collision at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets last night shortly before 12 o'clock. Dundas car No. 134 bumped the rear of Ridout car No. 124 when quick application of brakes failed to respond. Two windows of the Ridou car were broken. The Dundas trolley suffered only a smashed headlight. Conductor G. McLean and Motorman G. Palmer were in charge of the Dundas car, and the Ridout car was operated by Conductor W. Paton and Motorman A. Paynter.

GEO. WHITTON'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD AT FINGAL

Funeral services for George Whitton, who died in Estwan, Sask., on Sunday, will be held at Fingal on Thursday. Mr. Whitton had been living with his daughter, Mrs. John Chisholm, in the west since the death of his second wife. He had formerly lived in Fingal.

Mr. Whitton was born in Scotland.

coming to this country with his wife and two children when a young man. Queer questions are asked of Sta- up yet?"

tionmaster Gillean of the C. N. R. Mr. Gillean said that the train of the A. O. U. W. lodge of Fingal.

HELLO, HELLO, ITS GROWING; EFFORTS RENEWED PHONES SHOW CITY ADVANCE



SENATOR W. H. BENNETT, who died at Guelph Monday after an illness of six weeks. He had been in politics since 1891 and was an out-standing member of the Conservative

FOREIGN CAR TANGLE NOW NEARS SOLUTION

Born in 1858, he had been a

With the addition of considerable rolling stock to the Canadian Na-

school institutions within the bounds the bugbear of American roads for Incidentally, it is understood that years. The solution is now seen the question is even now being con- The roads have more equipment and

the question is even now being considered by the educational and provincial authorities at Toronto and vincial authorities at Toronto and as quickly as they are unloaded on C. F. Forrester, divisional superin tendent of the C. N. R. here, said today that the business of returning student himself will have to pay the 80 per cent educational bill directly cars to the United States is carried

> Special efforts are being made to keep up a movement of American court funds, does not want nor will question cars back to their own districts. It is difficult to prevent the tangle. jail officials. The American roads ship coal from

Pennsylvania, lumber from Georgia cial privileges, nor do I expect any," seemed to be a feeling that a settlement of matters in dispute would be ada, and the problem is to get the jail authorities. "Whatever the rest official representatives of both sides cars back without running long of the men are having for their even- then Program of Varieties Presented strings of empties, which is a profit-less business, said the superinten-

Just now. Canadian cars carrying a lot of paper from Thorold to points in Illinois and New York These will be returned filled with American products for Canada.

AUTO IS BADLY SMASHED

bread and tea. A motor car driven by William Goldenberg, 779 Dufferin avenue, was struck and badly smashed by a Dundas street car, No. 146, shortly after to be removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the removed to the Ontario reformatory by Bailiff Ryan. The latter was in the city last Thursday and took "Astronomy." The annual meeting the control of the Uniprizes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Emery. Sil- das street car, No. 146, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

front of the auto was broken

Development in London's Res-

idential and Business Dis-

tricts Reflected in Report.

NEW DIRECTORY

Total of 14,500 Subscribers Is

Reached-Many Num-

bers Changed.

during the past six months.

entral districts of the city.

imperative in the very near future.

when calling unfamiliar numbers.

ANY FAVORS IN PRISON

Has Regular Fare of Porridge,

Bread and Tea For His

Breakfast.

accept any favors at the hands of

His breakfast this morning con

sisted of the regular fare, porridge,

Guelph in a few days.

in an appearance.

Further Postponement Until Tuesday Made to Permit Conferences.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 18 .- A further post ponement of the church union bill discussion was made by the private bills committee this morning. It stands until 10 a.m. Tuesday. Mr. London's steady growth in both resi. Nickle said that after the committee dential and down town districts within had adjourned yesterday conferences the past year is reflected in the new Bell were held until night and demands Telephone Company's directory, issued had been reduced to the irreducible this week. The latest edition contains minimum. But while the conferences the names of more than 800 additional had ended in failure hope had again telephone subscribers in London alone come with the morning.

The new lines have been installed He asked for views in regard to mostly in London homes, but a consid- an adjournment until Tuesday in

erable number has also been set up in be held. business offices and buildings in the D. L. McCarthy, K.C., representing the non-concurrents, said that as long London now has more than 14,500 as there was any possibility of coming to a settlement his instructions were to consider any offer that might cording to company officials, which will be presented. There was a sincere make instanation of a new exchange wish for settlement. Mr. Mason, K for the unionists, concurred in Mr The new directory will be mailed to that there were real difficulties in that there were real difficulties in that there were real differentiated that a determined that a circulation of about 25,000, effort was being made by both sides covering London, St. Thomas and other to overcome them. The difficulty,

said Mr. Mason, was the "inherent Many changes in telephone numbers difficulty created by the subject mathave been made during the past six ter."
months, according to Fred A. Power of
A. H. Rankin, M.L.A., who spon-Addition of Rolling Stock
C. N. R. Relieves Trouble of Long Standing.

The contract department. The new numbers and lines, about 400 in all, will be put into operation with delivery of the new semi-annual directory. For this reason patrons are requested by the company to refer to the new edition when calling propriities propries. rumor that matters not pertaining to the Ontario situation were the cause of inability to arrive at an

agreement. He was strongly of the inion that so far as Ontario is neerned the matter should be settled as an Ontario situation

W. S. Haney, M.L.A., then moved ne following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lewis: "That with sincere regret the private bills committee had learned this morning of the failure of the proponents and opponents of church union to arrive at an amicable ad-justment in relation to the division church properties and moreover, Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, sen-tenced to from six months to two the bitterness that characterized the cars to the United States is carried years in the Ontario reformatory controversy of last year, this com-out with efficiency and despatch. yesterday by Magistrate Graydon for mittee are stil of the opinion that

the theft of some \$8,000 first division even greater efforts should to arrive at a solution of this vexed The committee room was with representatives of both sides and after the adjournment groups "I'm not going to ask for any spe-

ing meal will be good enough for me." with Hon. Mr. Nickle in attendance. On his arrival at the jail yesterday, Col. Graham was greeted by one of Charles Coughtrey, 9-year-old son. the turnkeys, who served under him of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Coughas a private in the 142nd battalion, trey, who died at his parents' home Col. Graham is still wearing civilian 30 Carlton place, on Tuesday mornclothes, but will don the jail uniform ing, was buried this afternoon Mount Pleasant cemetery. Rev. McDonald of Maitland street Baptist

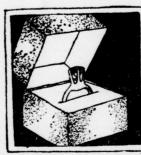
MASONVILLE CLUB.

Prof. H. R. Kingston of the University of Western Ontario will ad-The accident occurred on Dundas street, between Wharncliffe road and Belton street. Mr. Goldenberg was not hurt, although the windshield and front of the auto was broken.

5,000 TONS OF WATER-DAMAGED **JEWELRY** So successful was our sale in Windsor, we are going to give London people the same

opportunity. Nothing but right that we should do this for London also. The insurance company gave us such a wonderful settlement we can now forget

profits for one week and give our cust omers real bargains. Come early and pick up the Half-Price Specials.



sale price ...

LONDON

only Grandfather

Clock, walnut, Westmin-

ster chime. Regular \$500,

One only Grandfather

Clock, oak. Regular \$300,

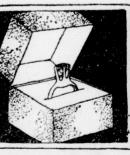
sale price..... \$150

Ladies' Diamond Dinner

Ring. Regular \$400, sale

price \$200

Watches — Diamonds Clocks — Jewelry **20 to 50%** Off Regular Prices



Ladies' Diamond Dinner Ring. Regular \$300, sale price \$150

300 Sherbets, cut glass. Regular \$10 a dozen, sale price. \$2.50 for 1/2 dozen

Many wonderful pieces of Glass at half regular Watches half price. Too many to list all of them. only Gent's 17-Jewel Longines, thin model. Regular \$65, sale price Ladies' Wrist Watches, 20

per cent to half price. Oil Paintings and Water Colors half price.

AMSTERDAM

"Buy here and they'll know it's paid for." We sell only for cash, of course, for less.

A. NASH **JOHN**

MY JEWELER

"Where you will eventually buy" Perfect Diamonds WINDSOR

POGO RACE Write in your name and address and present coupon with 50c to the tore below and you will receive Free One Genuine English Pogo Stick worth \$3.50. GIRLS REGISTER AT J. M. Thomson, Ladies' Wear, 179 Dundas street. BOYS AND GIRLS REGISTER AT J. E. Donnelly, corner Emery and Wertley road, London South. BOYS REGISTER AT W. Gurd & Co., 185 Dundas street; Johnston Shoe Company, 206 2 Dundas street, and Oak Hall.

In entering this race the signer releases its sponsors from any accident

of Toronto, the youthful organizer of the Ukrainian Sporting "Sitch" Association of Canada, which has been granted a dominion charter. He plans to liberate his country and restore its national freedom by banding his countrymen together in an organization which makes for good citizen-ship, inspires patriotism and the respect of the great nations. LONDON OLD BOY TELLS

"Canadian Portraits" by Adrian Macdonald Published in Toronto.

In "Canadian Portraits," just published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, Adrian Macdonald, an old London boy, has made a rich contribution

dominion. Adrian Macdonald, who is at present English master at the Normal school, Peterboro, was educated in public and high school here, proceeding later to Queens, where he gradu-

ated. He has two brothers still liv-ing in the city at 875 Hellmuth avegraphical subjects in this little book

is in the journalistic rather than the historical vein. Personality and incident have been given place of honor instead of policy and doctrine. The result has been a new view of many famous men, whose lives and actions have gone into the making of the dominion and of Canadian history. Mr. Macdonald admits in his preface that this has been the object of his authorship and that he has tried to present an interesting per-

enjoyable and accurate, as the historical facts have not been tam pered with.
Included in "Canadian Portraits" are: Wolfe, Montcalm, Sir Isaac

sonal narrative rather than an his-torical study of his subjects. He has succeeded, and the reading is

In Canada's **Parliament**

Canadian Press Despatch. Today.

Peel and Archibald Lampton.

Ottawa, March 18 .- The senate will In the house of commons private members measures will be consid-

In the senate, Senator Poirier as London division.

Joining the motive power staff dealing with the Geneva protocol. In the house of commons, Premier King defended the Petersen contract in a speech of four hours.

An interim supply bill of \$31,409,

THOMAS ADAMS' VISIT

Town-Planning Work Contin-

The visit of Thomas Adams, town-

The zoning bylaw will not come up at this afternoon's session of the town-planning commission, and a short meetin gi santicipated.

tionmaster Gillean of the C. N. R.
From morning until night he answers questions of every conceivable kind. Some of them pertain to trains and a lot of them have no bearing on railroading.
This morning, a nervous, fussy man of middle age and quite deaf, hurried into the stationmaster's office.

"I don't smoke though," said the man, dejectedly.
"Well, you don't have to smoke to use the car. You may sit in it," answered the patient stationmaster.
"Oh, that's fine; I'll do that then."

Mr. Gillean said that the train had not arrived, but there was a special smoker on the siding that would be attached to the train, it was available.
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