DRURY NOT LIKELY TO COMMAND U. F. O. FORCES

BECK DECLARES PAVING UNSOUND

Clashes With City Engineer On Richmond Street Construction Work.

GATHER ON STREET

Sir Adam Beck, M.L.A., several street railway officials, Ald. Douglass and three other aldermen and City Engineer W. P. Near held an informal session yesterday afternoon at the corner of Richmond and Pall Mall streets, when the alleged faulty construction of the Richmond street paving job was considered and everybody agreed generally to disagree.

Sir Adam Beck, accompanied by Hydro Engineer Fraleigh condemned the street railway's portion of the work as being "too expensive, not of a permanent nature and not of modern construction in accordance with the terms of the city's agreement with the company, bylaw 916."

Practically all of Sir Adam's allegations as to inefficiency were refuted by the street railway authorities, R. G. Ivey, vice-president, and C. B. King, general manager, and narrowly questioned by City Engineer Near.

Object to Supports.

Sir Adam's engineers, one of whom was in attendance to outline his views, take decided and serious objection to the supports at the joints beneath the rail. Sufficient cement is not being used, they say. Another outstanding objection is that "tie rails" are not being used at regular specified intervals. In short the entire construction does not measure up to the standard set by the hydro experts.

City Engineer Near sparred with Sir Adam and his visiting engineer at several junctures as did Vice-President Ivey and General manager King.

The charge was made that the ties have not been "tamped," but the city engineer insisted that this had been done by men with rubber boots. Sir Adam questioned this claim, asserting that had such been the case, there would not have been so much water on the surface an hour after the process.

Sir Adam insists further that there are numerous ties in the street railway consignment that fail to measure up to a proper standard.

Ties Unsuitable.

"I have been 40 years in the sawmill business" he declared, "And if there is anything that I know more about than hydro and railways, it is the lumber business. There are ash ties as well as oak ties."

Vice-President Ivey stated that the ties in question had been inspected by experts who returned an opinion just the reverse from Sir Adam's.

"We'll each bring our expert and we'll throw out all that are not white oak ties," challenged the vice-president.

"You can bring 200 experts if you like," returned Sir Adam "But I say there are other than white ties in this lot."

Vice-President Ivey and City Engineer Near subjected Engineer Fraleigh to a cross-examination as to the construction in Windsor, Toronto and other communities.

"This is solely a matter of opinion among the engineers," Mr. Ivey declared to Sir Adam. "Your engineers say that this work will not be permanent and will not adequately support the traffic. Our engineers say that it will. Why, your own engineers admit that you have no standard set in Toronto."

Mr. Ivey claimed that the Toronto railway authorities were not using cement bases under their ties but were utilizing crushed stone only with pine ties.

Notice Mistake.

Engineer Fraleigh contended that this was done only in certain stretches, while Sir Adam pointed out that the Toronto authorities were "beginning to notice their mistake" in this connection.

City Engineer Near and Sir Adam differed as to the former's precise powers under bylaw 916; Sir Adam declaring that the entire responsibility rested upon the engineer to insure that the people receive their money's worth.

The engineer submitted, however, that while that had been his understanding, he had since found upon closer examination of the enactment in question, that in certain instances, however, the city council had the final say. At one juncture Sir Adam questioned the engineer sharply if he had read the bylaw, and the engineer retorted in kind.

"You have the responsibility," insisted Sir Adam.

"If we had accepted that responsibility then we should have closed them up long before this," suggested the engineer.

"Before they even started," corrected Sir Adam.

"Why didn't the other fellow do it then? This agreement has been in force for years," responded the engineer with equal alacrity.

Discuss Windsor Line.

During a discussion with the hydro engineer, the city engineer questioned if it was not correct that the Windsor railway construction would not have to be "all smashed again." This was denied, however.

The city engineer contended also despite the contrary opinion from Sir Adam and his aide, that as yet there was no standard street railway construction, and that this issue was still in the experimental stage.

The conference was lengthy, exhaustive and extensive, and staged as it was in the open street drew a substantial audience of homebound pedestrians who grouped about the contestants and listened with interest as the opposing factions argued the merits of their respective cases.

Others who attended were: Ald. Edmund Hayden, Ald. Frank McKay, Ald. John Greer and Superintendent Hummiston.

BARN IS DESTROYED IN BRANT TOWNSHIP

Special to The Advertiser.

Cargill, Sept. 17.—A fine large barn on the farm of Edward Majury, in Brant township, near the village of Eden Grove, was completely destroyed by fire Friday inght, together with the entire season's crop of grain and hay. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss will be in the neighborhood of $5,000.

Ex-Premier Not Expected To Lead Ontario Farmers Next Parliament Session

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Sept. 17. — Ex-Premier Drury will not likely lead the U. F. O. group or the Progressives as he terms them, at the coming session of the legislature. The decision today of the elected U. F. O. members of the legislature and the Ontario federal Progressive members meetings in conference at the parliament buildings, not to hold a fall convention seemingly makes impossible Mr. Drury's installation as leader before the house opens in January.

In two resolutions which passed today's conference, the Ontario U. F. O's and Progressives, affirm their belief in ex-Premier Drury's "Broadening out" principles, but declare for local constituency autonomy in their application to party conventions and provincial and dominion elections. These were the resolutions which were carried:

"That in the opinion of this conference of federal and provincial elected members, the Progressive ought to, and does, include men and women of common ideals in all walks of life, and that steps should be taken to give practical expression to these ideals.

"And the convention also affirms the principle of local constituency autonomy as the basis of representation for party conventions, and also federal and provincial elections."

The conference adjourned to meet again January 3, with the all-important matter of a convention date undecided. It was said that lengthy discussions revealed a consensus of opinion that a convention before November was inadvisable, and for various reasons a December convention was dismissed as impractical. While conference delegates were little disposed to put any interpretation upon the bare announcements of the resolutions carried, it is understood the possible effect upon a possible Drury leadership of abandoning the idea of a fall convention was fully discussed. The heralded "Progressive" convention cannot now take place before the opening of the 1924 Legislature, and Hon. Mr. Drury has said he would only consider a leadership profferred by a convention of "Progressives" from the whole of Ontario.

The U. F. O.'s obvious course, it is stated, in view of today's proceedings, is that they will in party caucus select a temporary house leader to carry on during the session, and then give the new leader the grand send-off in midsummer convention.

No official information was forthcoming after this afternoon's conclave as to whether Premier Ferguson's declaration that the U. F. O. group would not be recognized as the official opposition was a topic of conference discussion. It is understood, however, that it was not discussed except in a most perfunctory manner. According to one of the members, no one regarded it of very great moment anyway, in determining the destiny of the Progressive Party, but it was intimated that it was an issue that certainly would be fought out at the proper time and place with the premier and his following.

Secretary J. J. Morrison of the U. F. O. declined tonight to comment upon the conference proceedings or the resolutions carried.

IVEY DECLARES ONLY HYDRO MEN ARE DISSATISFIED

Street Railway Official States Ties and Steel of Best Quality.

EXPERTS SATISFIED

Are the hydro engineers merely "trying" to "find fault" with the street railway portion of the Richmond street paving?

Richard G. Ivey, vice-president of that corporation, is inclined to believe that such is the case, and to The Advertiser yesterday he declared that all the other experts who have surveyed the work have stated that it is being properly undertaken and that the material used is of A1 quality.

Vice-President Ivey announces that oak ties of excellent quality and similar to those being used by the Toronto Transportation Company are now being placed on Richmond street after careful inspection.

Claims Ties Good.

"These ties are A1," Mr. Ivey declared, "and in fact our experts assert that they will be more serviceable than steel ties. As ample evidence of that, the street railway authorities in Cleveland are tearing up their steel ties and replacing them with ties similar to those we are using here."

"The steel rails being used on Richmond street are heavier than those laid on the hydro-operated Border Cities street railway lines, and the cars that we have placed in operation reach a higher standard than those in Winsor."

Vice-President Ivey states further as proof that the street railway work on Richmond street is satisfactory, and that City Engineer Near has reported quite favorably upon it.

Near Satisfied.

In any event what steps could be taken to compel the street railway company to remove its new track and ties and place others in their place, if the city council should take action, as suggested by Sir Adam Beck?

This is the question which now presents itself, and City Engineer Near advances the reasoning that this query will be somewhat difficult to answer if it can be shown that the street railway work is good, although not accomplished perhaps as it would have been done in other communities.

"The street railway work satisfies me with reference to our paving," the city engineer pointed out, "while our paving is satisfactory to the street railway officials, who consider its relation to their track allowance."

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE AS FIRE BURNS HOME

Getting Milk For Baby in Night Leads To Discovery of Fire.

Special to The Advertiser.

Aylmer, Sept. 17.—Fire was discovered about 1:15 this morning at the residence of Mrs. Annie Chambers and Mrs. Eliza Stevens, King street, and the firemen quickly responded to the call. The house is a frame structure with a metal roof, and the fire started in the woodshed at the rear. This was destroyed, and the firemen did well to save the main part of the house.

The woodshed was all in flames when the fire was discovered by Mrs. Stevens, who got up to get some milk for a baby. The occupants of the house were: Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Adams and her two babies of Windsor, and the latter's sister, Miss Laura Hunt. No doubt the baby was the means of saving their lives, for in a few minutes after the fire was discovered the house was filled with dense smoke, and the occupants would have been suffocated.

The women were taken to the homes of their neighbors, and willing hands removed most of the furniture from the home. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The loss is estimated at $1,100, which is covered by insurance. The firemen are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. W. Baxter, neighbors, who treated them to a nice hot lunch after their hours of strenuous work.

STRATFORD RAID BRINGS RESULTS

Police Find Something Besides Gasoline and Oil in Filling Station.

CITY $460 RICHER

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Sept. 17.—Early Sunday morning the police raided a filling station at 697 Ontario street and found quite a number of customers who were not interested much in gasoline and oil according to the appearance of things, but more interested in some gin and whiskey. As a result of the raid the city is some $460 richer in fines, and several cases are still pending.

The first charge was one against Melville Syrett that he in the past three months did purchase liquor illegally. The case was dismissed. He admitted that it was illegally purchased, and said that he had bought it from a man with a truck load passing through the city. A charge was then laid that Melville Syrett did drink liquor that had been illegally purchased, and on this he was found guilty and fined $200.

James Scott was fined $10 for being drunk, and $50 for having liquor illegally. In his evidence he said that he purchased a bottle of gin from Mrs. Syrett for $7. A charge of selling liquor was then laid against Mrs. Syrett, and she was found guilty on Scott's evidence and fined $200 and costs.

Charges of drinking liquor illegally purchased against three other young men who were in the house at the time of the raid were withdrawn.

Messrs. T. Moorehead, J. Wingefelder, F. Markins and John Keyes were each charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling place, and the cases were all adjourned to next Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

An order for the confiscation of the 11 bottles of gin and 13 bottles of whiskey was given by the magistrate.

FIUME SETTLEMENT PLEASES JUGO-SLAVIA

Believe Premiers Pachitch and Mussolini Are Negotiating Secretly.

Associated Press Despatch.

Belgrade, Sept. 17.—While Jugo-Slavia was celebrating the fifth anniversary of the capture of Monastir and the piercing of the Saloniki front, news was spread today to the effect that Jugo-Slavia had scored a diplomatic victory over Italy—that, as the matter was represented here, the octogenarian premier, Pachitch, builder of Jugo-Slavia, had beaten the young and aggressive Mussolini on points in the duel of Fiume.

Italy will have Fiume, public opinion agrees, but she will pay for it by concessions on the Italian littoral, which the Jugo-Slavs consider an adequate equivalent, and it is confidently predicted by the Jugo-Slavs that the port to be developed in the vicinity of Fiume will "make the grass grow on Fiume's quay" within two years.

Details concerning the resumption of negotiations between Jugo-Slavia and Italy are being kept secret by the foreign office, and the names of the negotiators are withheld, but it is generally believed the conversations are being carried on by Pachitch and Mussolini personally.

FROST ON SATURDAY TURNS DEREHAM CORN BLACK

Ingersoll, Sept. 17.—While on the whole splendid progress has been made in the neighboring districts in harvesting the corn crop, there are still large quantities in the fields. Frost is the farmer's enemy at this time of the year, and all possible haste is being made to place the corn crop in the silos before the damage becomes too severe. While the crop has escaped remarkably well in this immediate vicinity, word has been received from Dereham Township that there was a very injurious frost on Saturday night. In some sections it was stated the corn had turned black. Sunday night's frost here was severe, and it is feared that serious damage has been caused, especially to the flowers and the tomatoes.

HOLDS DECISION IN THEFT CHARGE

Indians On Sarnia Reserve Accuse London Man of Not Delivering Stock.

UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Sept. 17.—Following a hearing which lasted throughout the afternoon County Magistrate C. Woodrow reserved decision for two weeks in the case of Angus Eric McKenzie, described as a real estate salesmen of London, Ont., who is charged with theft of $900 from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maville, Indians of the Sarnia reserve. It is alleged that McKenzie sold stock of the Galt Shoe Company, promising to deliver the certificates in a week, and had failed to deliver them to date, although the sale was made on December 12 last, shortly after the Sarnia Reserve Indians received payment for their land sold to the Dominion Alloy Steel Co.

Gordon Logan of Sarnia, defending, admitted negligence and breach of contract on the part of defendant, but admitted there was no theft or intent of theft.

The court agreed that the stock sold was fair value for the money paid.

McKenzie, in the witness-box, declared that he was the owner of $3,200 worth of par value shares formerly held by Mr. Lashbrook of Galt. Some of these had been sold to Eliza Maness, another Indian on the Sarnia reserve, and the certificates delivered. Defendant claimed that he did not obtain the certificates sent to the company for transfer until June 3, this being corroborated by Andrew Stuart, secretary-treasurer of the company. Thereafter, Mr. McKenzie said, he had been intending to visit Sarnia each week and deliver the certificates to the Mavilles personally, as he had not their address or Christian names, but there had always been a delay. He had with him a $1,200 certificate at the time of the sale, but this naturally had to be altered in denomination or the Mavilles would have received their certificates at once.

The books of the shoe company produced in court showed the record of the transfers and changes in denomination of the certificates with one for $900 intended for the Mavilles included.

John Macpherson, barrister, of London, said that defendant was a business man of very good standing in that city, and he was certain there was no intent to defraud. Mr. Logan asked for acquittal, but the magistrate said he would like to consider the evidence, and accepted the defendant's own recognizances.

DRESS CATCHES FIRE WHEN GASOLINE SPILLS

Mrs. A. W. Zinger, New Germany, Narrowly Escapes Dreadful Death.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, Sept. 17.—Mrs. A. W. Zinger, New Germany, narrowly escaped being burned to death when gasoline, spilled on her dress, caught fire. Her clothes were completely consumed, and she was severely burned about the legs, arms and face.

At the time the accident happened Mrs. Zinger was polishing a stove. While adding gasoline to the polish, the gasoline container caught fire. She picked the can up to throw it out, and in doing so spilled some of the contents on her dress, which immediately took fire. The unfortunate woman ran outside where her daughters were working in the garden. Displaying great presence of mind they ran into the house, and pulling a blanket off one of the beds wrapped it around their mother, extinguishing the flames, but not before she had been very painfully burned. Everything possible was done under the circumstances to alleviate the woman's sufferings until the arrival of a physician from Preston.

Mrs. Zinger, who is about 52 years old although suffering a good deal of pain, is bearing up well, and if complications do not set in is expected to recover. Two weeks ago she underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital here, and had not fully recovered when the accident occurred.

TOBACCO CROPS SUFFER DAMAGE IN RECENT FROSTS

Special to The Advertiser.

Duart, Sept. 17.—A rough estimate of the damage done by the recent frosts shows that easily 50 per cent of the tobacco crop has been destroyed or damaged. Owing to the late spring, and the impossibility of getting early settings, a large portion of the crop required two weeks yet to ripen, but a small percentage of the acreage has been cut and hung up.

In the immediate neighborhood the damage has not been so severe as in the outlying districts. Some farmers saved their crops by keeping smudge fires going during the three nights when the frost was at its heaviest. The crop, both north and west, suffered severely, entire fields being cut to the ground. This is especially noticeable around Highgate and Ridgetown. The official report for Essex and Kent gives 55 per cent of the burley and 20 per cent of the black variety a total loss. Beans and corn also suffered to a large extent.

PRESENT FAREWELL GIFTS TO TELEPHONE OPERATOR

Special to The Advertiser.

Melbourne, Sept. 17.—A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Anna Cavan on Friday in honor of Miss Isabel Prince, who has been telephone operator here for over six years. In the course of the evening Miss Hildegard Howlett, who wore a pretty white dress, a long veil, and a wreath of flowers in her hair, and Billy Lee entered the room drawing an express wagon decorated in white loaded with gifts, which were presented to Miss Prince. As the wagon would not hold half of the gifts, friends carried in the remainder. Many kind wishes were showered upon Miss Prince, who has resigned her position here, to the regret of everyone.

DISPLAY IS GOOD AT SCHOOL FAIR

More Than Five Hundred Attend Annual Thorndale Event.

ENTRIES ARE MANY

Special to The Advertiser.

Thorndale, Sept. 17.—The Thorndale School Fair was held on the Agricultural grounds on Monday, Sept. 17, with more than 500 in attendance. The number of exhibits in the building was one of the largest seen in the history of this fair. On account of the date being earlier than in former years, there was a fewer number of schools entered in the school parade. Wyton school, S. S. No. 3, won first prize, and S. S. No. 6 won second.

In the livestock-naming contest the first prize was won by S. S. No. 8; second by S. S. No. 3; third by S. S. No. 2; fourth by S. S. No. 6. For his exhibit of beef cattle, Marshall Waugh was awarded first prize. In the calf, dairy heifer contest, first prize went to Cecil Leech; second to Orval Bestard, and third to Howard Jones. The first prize for halter-broken foal was won by Percy Jones, while the first prize for halter-broken calf was won by Howard Jones. A large number of entries featured the fur pets. The first prize was won by John Mitchell and second by Kenneth Hogg. In the feather pets class, the first award went to John Mitchell, and second to Jean Abbott. Three entries were made for the public speaking contest. George Birch, S. S. No. 9, captured first prize; Stella McCutcheon, S. S. No. 8, second, and George Belton, S. S. No. 8, third. All these speakers were exceptionally good. At the close of the contest Peter Thompson, school inspector for this district, gave a short address.

In the building great interest was shown in the many exhibits. The display of cooking and flowers was very creditable, and the egg display was also large. The vegetable collection, especially the potatoes, made a splendid display. The needlework done by the girls was one of the attractions of the building. The special prize donated by the Women's Institute for the best collection of writings from the five classes of the school was given to S. S. No. 7. Second prize went to S. S. No. 9. The usual foot races and games completed the program. The booth in charge of the Women's Institute was well patronized.

The complete list of prizewinners is as follows:

Public speaking—George Birch, S. S. No. 9; Stella McCutcheon, S. S. No. 8; George Belton, S. S. No. 8.

Women's Institute special for writing—S. S. No. 7, first prize; S. S. No. 9, second prize.

Judges—P. D. Vahey, poultry; Mrs. Luscombe, cooking, sewing and flowers.

Oats, quart in sealer, Kenneth Buck. Barley, quart in sealer, Elizabeth Bailey, Stanley Elliott, Violet Jones. Barley, sheaf, Violet Jones.

Carrots, Howard Ryckman, Hughie Smith, Joe Payne, Daisy Parker, Sidney Mayor, Evelyn Logan, Irene Innes, Edith Woosnam. Onions, Lillian Payne, Joyce Innes, Ernest Hobbs, Helen Parker, Sidney Mayor, Hobbs, Helen Parker, Sidney Mayo, Walter Goloczko, Stella McCutcheon, Harry Cole, Dorothy Webb, Lorne I. Murphy, Kathleen Pitt.

Cockerel, Barred Rock, Thomas Bedggood. Pullet, Barred Rock, W. E. Clarke, J. G. Clarke. Pen, Barred Rocks, Murray Ramsay.

Draft foal, Percy Jones. Beef calf, Marshall Waugh. Dairy heifer, Cecil Leitch, Orville Besterd, Howard Jones.

Halter broken foal, Percy Jones. Halter broken calf, Howard Jones, Orville Besterd, Cecil Leitch.

Milking stool, George Burtch, Garfield Clarke, Edward Innes, Kenneth Hogg. Model, chicken feed hopper, Clayton Smith. Plasticine models, Jim Dawson, Ina Ryckman, George Hart, Fred McCutcheon, Howard Ryckman. Paper articles, Leyland Glass, Evert Hobbs, Anna Heir, Daniel Whitehead, Wilma Brocks, Elma Fox, Edna Waugh, Ina Ryckman.

Cropping plan of 100-acre farm—Jack Cole, Edward Fitzsimmons, Charlie Duffin. Plan of farm garden—Miss Hazel Judge.

Pieces of art, school collection—Eva Elliott, Gladys Skinner, Mervin Lindsay. Articles of sewing, school collection—Wyton School.

Noxious weeds—Kenneth Wood, Gladys Skinner, Eileen Hobbs.

Fourth class writing—Ralph Henshaw, Lillian Payne, Jean Abbott, Ruby S. Webb, Helen Parker, Olive Lee, Truman Brock, Bernice Jones. Third class writing—Agnes Lee, Gladys Barber, Kenneth Wood, Kathleen Belton, Dora Parkerville, Gladys Salter, Reta Molland, Lorne Barber. Second class writing—Emma Pratten, Amy Chase, Evelyn Brock, Edna Fox, Hazel Judge, Eva Henshaw, Cecil Leitch, Ruby Hough. First class writing—Dorothy Webb, Caroline McMurray, Audrey Barber.

Farm animals (drawn in pencil)—Marion Wilson, Marion Dawson, Rose Davis, Ralph Davis, Irene Jones, Garfield Clarke, Kate Hogg. Poster—Kenneth Wood, Edna Fox, Mabel Jones. Illustration nursery rhyme—Gladys Barber, Margaret Belton, Lorne Barber, Audrey Barber, Kenneth Wood, Marion Wilson.

Essay—Cecil Leitch, K. Wood, Jack Cole, Helen Parker, Agnes Gee, Marion Smith.

Livestock naming contest—S. S. No. 8, S. S. No. 3, S. S. No. 2, and S. S. No. 6.

Public speaking—George Burch, Stella McCutcheon, George Belton.

Feathered pets—John Mitchell, Jean Abbott, Orville Besterd, John Mitchell, Wilton Molland, Gordon McGuffin, Sidney Mayo, Hughie Smith. Furred pets—John Mitchell, Anthony Kutz, Fred McCutcheon, Annie Baskerville, Edwin Kennedy, Lorne Murphy, Thomas Bedggood.

Eggs, specials, brown—Freeman Brock, Gerald Innis, Helen Parker, Ruby Ellis, Naomi Weston, Agnes Mitchell, Jack Cole, Eileen Hobbs. Eggs, specials, white—Lila Weston, Irene Innis, Edwin McMartin, Edwin Kennedy, Willie Molland, Ruby Webb, Freeman Brock, John Mutchell.

BRING SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST SARNIA WOMAN

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Sept. 17.—There was a development in connection with the attempted suicide of Lena Hale, 16-year-old girl of this city, who took permangamate of potash Saturday afternoon, when Lucy V. Hawke, a married woman of this city, was arrested this afternoon by the city police, charged with committing an illegal operation. The injured girl is stated to be progressing as well as can be expected in the Sarnia General Hospital.

Lord Renfrew Aids In Work of Harvesting Ranch Crop

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 17.—Lord Renfrew is out at work in his sunflower patch on the E. P. Ranch today, and garbed in blue overalls, is helping to harvest his crop of the big yellow-headed daisies. He started in early in the morning, and is reported to be having a good time, giving every indication of enjoying himself and really earning his title of farmer-prince. This is the information obtained from the ranch over the telephone by Hon. George Headley, provincial minister of agriculture.

It developed that the prince was to be given a corned beef and cabbage dinner, and that he has already declared himself a convert to this bill of fare for which he was acquiring an appetite in the harvest field.

A special license to shoot all kinds of game while in the province has been given Lord Renfrew with the compliments of the Alberta government game department. The privilege, which is intended to supersede all the game laws of the province for the period of the prince's visit, is for himself and the members of his party.

The arrival of the party has coincided with the opening of the duck season, but the special license furnished by the government will give the right also to shoot partridge and chicken, which are not yet open to the public, and in fact all other kinds of game that may come within the range of the prince's rifle.

Owing to the limited time at his disposal Lord Renfrew was forced to decline an invitation from the Alberta government to a moose-hunting trip in the northern part of the province.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DECREASE EXPLAINED

Inspector Greer States Larger Entrance Classes Are Responsible.

Increased entrance classes of the past two years are responsible for the decrease in public school attendance, according to Inspector V. K. Greer, who made that statement at a meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon.

But although the schools in the central part of the city show a decrease, the boundary schools are in an over-crowded condition, the entrance classes having come from those in the imlying sections.

The question of Trafalgar school was also mentioned, and it was pointed out that there are now four rooms of pupils, one auxiliary class and a kindergarden class ready to move into the building as soon as it is completed. These will occupy six rooms of the eight-room school, and according to members of the committee justifies the action of the board in going ahead with the construction.

At present two classes are being taught in the basement of the Hamilton road school, one class in a house on the Ealing school grounds, and a third one in the basement of the Aberdeen school. This emphasizes the need for speedy construction of the partly-completed school.

Inspector Greer pointed out that although several schools showed a decrease in enrollment, this decrease was not in the districts where building was being carried out.

EVERYTHING READY FOR STRATHROY FAIR

Exhibits and Attractions Are More Numerous Than in Former Years.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Sept. 17.—Nothing but fine weather remains to make the Strathroy Fall Fair an outstanding success. Tonight all the exhibits and attractions are in place waiting for the judging to commence tomorrow morning. In quantity they are more numerous than ever and of unsurpassed quality. The display in the horticulture building far surpasses anything seen here before. So numerous are the flower entries that the wonderful exhibit of gladioli by the St. Thomas Horticultural Society had to be placed in the agricultural building.

Some of the younger patrons of the fair were worried about a rumor that there would be no merry-go-round. There was some difficulty in securing one, but the management obtained one which came all the way from Sudbury. It came this morning, and this afternoon and evening is tunefully furnishing rides for a host of youngsters who do not have to wait till tomorrow for their entertainment to begin.

The stables are filled with horses, cattle and sheep, all in the best of condition, ready for the contest tomorrow. All the races are filled, and the horses here settled down for a good night's rest before the racing tomorrow and Wednesday.

The baseball grounds have been put in good shape. A new fence has been erected to keep the crowd from the base lines, so that the game between the Meadowlarks and Delawares will be able to be seen by all who are interested in baseball.

When the grounds are opened to the public tomorrow this will be the 66th consecutive year the Strathroy Agricultural Society has put on an annual fair. In 1857 seventy citizens subscribed the sum of five shillings each to organize this fair, and held the first exhibit in September of that year. Every September since has seen a Strathroy Fair growing larger and better every year.

NICKLE OPINES PARTY O.T.A. STAND CLEAR

Public Referendum Necessary Before Act Changed, Says Attorney-General.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—When the attention of Attorney-General Nickle was drawn today to a press report crediting the Conservative party with an intention to seek no new mandate from the people in the event of a decision to repeal the Ontario temperance act, Mr. Nickle said that he thought the position of the Conservative party in relation to the O.T.A. had been made abundantly clear in the last election—that so long as the act was on the statute book it had to be respected and enforced and that the voice of the people, expressed by way of referendum, would be necessary before it could be repealed or other legislation substituted.

STATE INDUSTRIAL AREA IS FINEST IN DOMINION

Canadian National Officials Inspect District With Purpose of Placing Spurs.

"It's the finest industrial area I have ever seen in Canada," said W. P. Fitzsimmons, industrial commissioner of the C. N. R., yesterday after he had inspected London's industrial reservation in the east end. Together with Divisional Engineer Hewson and accompanied by the mayor, the city engineer, and the secretary of the chamber of commerce, these two experts of the national railroad visited the area yesterday afternoon with a view to drawing up alternative plans for the laying of railway spurs into the grounds.

When they left the city it was with the understanding that the city engineer would forward them a plan of the contours of the area, with the various plans for the spurs.

This is the first step towards offering incoming manufacturers something definite in the way of locations in this area. The railway officials are keenly interested in the success of the industrial situation in London, and expressed themselves as heartily in favor of doing all they could to direct new business to London. They regard the site out in the east end as ideal for the purpose, and added that the C. N. R. is inaugurating an industrial department in Toronto, and that this will give London much better service and more regular attention than the city has had in the past.

DECLARES DIABETES HAS BEEN CONQUERED

Professor Associated With Dr. Banting Outlines Effect of Insulin.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Eng., Sept. 17.—"Diabetes Has Been Conquered," was the text of the address delivered today before the Association for the Advancement of Science by Prof. J. J. R. McLeod of Toronto, who was associated with Dr. Banting in producing the insulin treatment.

Prof. McLeod showed how successive efforts had been made to extract insulin from yeast, but probably through bacterial action these experiments had not been uniformly successful. Dr. Banting, he said, had proved that continued periodical injections brought the sufferers back to health, and possibly time would show that prolonged treatment would permanently restore health.

Prof. McLeod said the action of the British Medical Council assured an adequate supply of insulin for Great Britain, which country was independent of foreign supplies. The unit price was now 25 shillings weekly for two daily injections, and would become lower as production increased.

DRUMHELLER MINERS WILL RETURN TO WORK

Murdock Expected To Be Chosen Independent Chairman To Settle Dispute.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Calgary, Sept. 17.—One thousand Drumheller coal miners who have been on strike for 21 days at a mass meeting in Drumheller today decided to return to work tomorrow and to submit their dispute to an independent chairman for settlement.

Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, will probably be named independent chairman, according to W. A. Sherman, president of District 18 United Mine Workers of America. The chairman will be asked to investigate cases of discrimination against certain men, and also decide the legality of the miners' contention that they have the right to esablish "O.K." system, whereby all miners hired by mine owners had to obtain an O.K. from the local union before they could go down the pit.

PORT LAMBTON PROTESTS AGAINST DECREASED GAS

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Sept. 17.—Wilfred S. Haney, M.P.P., for West Lambton, is to take up with the minister of mines at Toronto the matter of curtailment of Port Lambton's gas supply by the Union Natural Gas Co., of Chatham, and the probability is that the minister will be asked to quash the intended action of the gas company until the village can place its case before the provincial board of reference. A meeting held in the village was attended by a large representation of gas consumers, C. H. Collins, chairman of the board of trustees, presiding. Mr. Haney was present. The gas company initimated by letter last week that as they were losing money by supplying the village with gas, the supply would be cut off one month from the date of the letter, Sept. 11. The villagers take the stand that such action on the brink of winter is unfair and unwarranted.

DEMAND BANKERS HELP DEPOSITORS

Representatives Affected by Home Bank Failure Gather At Montreal.

THREAT IS ADDED

State Provincial Savings Houses Will Be Organized If No Action Taken.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Between 60 and 70 depositors in the Montreal branches of the Home Bank of Canada gathered here today in reply to a request made by I. A. Weldon, advocate, of Lindsay, Ontario, who has been named general secretary of the depositors of the bank in Canada.

A number of resolutions were passed by the meeting, bringing the position of the Montreal depositors into line with that adopted by Ontario depositors at meetings held in Toronto. M. M. Sherber, advocate, of Montreal, was chosen by the meeting to represent the local depositors at general meetings of representatives of various localities in Canada to be held at Toronto from time to time, and generally speaking for Montreal depositors. Mr. Weldon said a meeting of this kind would probably be held in Toronto this week.

The sentiment of the meeting heartily approved of statements that it was for the other banks to come to the aid of the depositors, and a threat was added by Bernard Rose, K.C., representing the Verdun Great War Veterans' Association, and a New York financial institution, that unless this was done a movement would soon commence in Canada for the formation of provincial savings banks. One resolution said the depositors' committee would continue in existence until such time as the depositors got 100 cents on the dollar.

Other resolutions opposed any winding-up order until the curator has made his report and until such time thereafter as the depositors have had time to consider such report; and that the government of Canada should at once appoint a royal commission to investigate the causes of the failure of the Home Bank and also investigate in the most comprehensive manner the condition of all Canadian banks so that depos-

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tors may be in a position to judge as between banks.

M. Albert, a local depositor, who acted as chairman, said all the banks should be investigated, since the Canadian Bankers' Association was in a sense the father of them all and the culprit in this case, and all banks were members of the association. Objections were raised by a large depositor present that such a course would entail great delay, and the resolution was amended to the investigation of other banks only when the royal commission was through with the affairs of the Home Bank.

Protest Preference.

Another resolution protested against a preference being given to the deposits of the federal and provincial governments. Mr. Weldon explained that it was desired to have the governments waive their rights under the bank act for preference over private depositors. He added that in the case of the Home Bank the depositors' money had been taken to New Orleans and put into a railway.

Bernard Rose, K.C., said that the fact that the Canadian Bankers' Association had put a curator in charge of Home Bank affairs was proof of responsibility by the association. He insisted on depositors getting 100 per cent of their claims, claiming that their funds were in the same position as trust funds. He declared that the information that the Home Bank affairs were not sound was known at Ottawa months before the crash. He suggested that a committee wait on Premier Taschereau to ask him to use his influence with the federal government and the association to get the money for the depositors. He also wanted a huge delegation to go to Ottawa. Unless the Canadian bankers came to the aid of the depositors, said Mr. Rose, there would be a nation-wide demand for the establishment of provincial savings banks.

TRAINMAN INJURED IN JUMP FROM CARS

Lewis Bell, Toronto, Brought to Hospital After Ingersoll Accident.

When a string of rapidly-moving freight cars, on which he was riding at Ingersoll yesterday morning crashed into some standing cars on a siding, Lewis Bell, aged 21, C. N. R. trainman of Toronto, suffered severe cuts to his head, and injuries to his back. He was brought to London in a caboose, and removed to Victoria Hospital. He was attended by Dr. F. R. Clegg and S. G. Henry.

Trainman Bell was riding a string of cars which were being shunted, when they jumped the switch, and seeing that a collision with the standing cars was inevitable, he jumped. Owing to the speed of the cars, the victim was thrown backward, striking his head on a rail, and injuring his back. His left ear was severely mutilated by the impact. Attending physicians state that Bell will likely recover.

HOLD METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Sept. 17.—Capacity crowds filled the Cairngorm Methodist Church both morning and evening yesterday at the anniversary services addressed by Rev. A. B. Vincent of Strathroy. Mr. Vincent spoke at the morning service on "Our Work For Christ," and in the evening "Christ's Judgment of Our Work." A special anthem and duet was given at each service by the choir. The anniversary celebration was concluded this evening by a chicken supper and concert which was well attended. The program, which was greatly enjoyed by all, was furnished by Mrs. MacDougall, Mrs. Mennish, Mr. Mack Collins, soloists; Miss Lorinda Zavitz, elocutionist; Miss Ella Sexton, violinist; and Mr. Dwight Sexton, pianist, all of Strathroy.