TO SWIM OR NOT TO SWIM—LET PEOPLE REPLY

CITIZENS ALL CLASSES **DISCUSS SUNDAY SWIM** IN THAMES PARK POOI

Mayor Announces Petition in Circulation To Open Civic Swimming Pools on Sunday Is Being Largely Signed—Rev. Dr. MacGregor Writes of Ministerial Alliance Stand.

'ALL' SORTS OF OPINIONS—TAKE YOUR CHOICE

One of the most interesting questions which the council may be called on to decide is that at present being asked from one end of the city to the

"Shall there be bathing in Thames Park and other civic controlled

swimming pools on Sunday or not?"

Opinion on both sides is being expressed very freely, many taking

the stand of Mayor Wenige, who adheres to his statement that the poo should be kept open on Sunday, and who states that a petition to this effect is being circulated and is receiving many signature

Acting Mayor Peter Watt suggested this morning that the pastors of some of the richer congregations in the city should get after those embers who indulge in golf on Sunday and who are able to leave the dust and grime of the city behind on the Sabbath while they enjoy themselves elsewhere. These people should be asked to forego their pleasures as well as the laboring man and his family.

Rev. Dr. MacGregor, in a second letter, further elucidates the stand of the Ministerial Alliance on the question, while the Mothers Club are

also in favor of keeping the pools closed. Many representative citizens expressed their opinions to The Advertiser this morning on the question, a few of the remarks being as follows:

terial Alliance is right to a certain

Agrees With Miss Armstrong.

Mrs. H. W. Paddell, who is the

president of the local branch of the

Union, expressed herself as heartily

in concurrence with the views of Miss

Isabel Armstrong, expressed in an interview with The Advertiser on

"I am very much opposed to the opening of the swimming pool on Sunday. I am not speaking officially for the society of which I am president

dent. They have already decided to declare themselves in an open letter,

which will be delivered shortly to

ject of allowing Thames Park to be

ecreation, without opening the pool

Mothers' Club Indorses Alliance.

At a meeting of the Union Moth

ers' Club, held Thursday evening, a

protest 'was unanimously voiced

that the supervised playgrounds which were initiated by the Mothers

CLYSTIE E. TANNER, President LAURA B. HOSIE, Corr. Sec.

against the desire of some citizens to

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to secularize the schools.

Go After Sunday Golf. Acting-Mayor Peter J. Watt chal-nges the London Ministerial Alli-official stamp on it. I don't think it's Acting-Mayor Feter and Allilenges the London Ministerial Allilenges the London Ministerial Min

tited retort today to members of the should give London a 'black eye' before all Ontario by having London as demnation of the closing of the Thames Park bathing pool on Sun-

"Going around with a sanctimon-tous face to pick the faults of others may be the true idea of Christianity" he declared to The Advertiser, "But I would say it was very hard on the face. I can say that I for one have assed the three-score and ten years 61 years of which I sang in the church choir, and I feel that I am none the worse for bathing in the pond on Sunday afternoons as I did frequently as a how."

I do not seek any controversy with the clergy or the Ministerial Allibut I will say this that when the Ministerial Alliance plucks up sufficient courage to go after members of their congregation who play golf and other games on Sunday and not hound the boys and girls at the swimming pools, I may change my opinion and be willing to apologize if I have said anything to hurt their

Not Over Says Mayor. Just before he left this morning for Cleveland, Chio, where he speaks be-fore a gathering of former London-ers who are coming back in August, Mothers' Clubs concerning the sub-Mayor Wenige assured the Advertiser that the question involving the civic bathing pools had not been brought to a close. It is his belief that a petition, signed by at least 5,000 bonalide taxpayers, will be ready for pre lide taxpayers, will be ready for presentation to the members of the public utilities commission at the next regular session of that board, dehanding their elected representatives to open the pools on Sunday.

"There are hundreds of signatures already obtained," 'the mayor explained, "And the petition is still going the rounds of the factories and

ing the rounds of the factories and ces where citizens are gathered together. We expect that we will thousands of names of those who protest the action of the utilities sioners who have evidently acceded to the pressure brought upon them by the Ministerial Alliance. We for at least 5,000 names."

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Ald. Gordon Drake, ward three, lines up behind Mayor Wenige and Ald. Watt.

"Have the pools open Sunday by "That will means." he declared.

"The Mothers' Club puts itself on record as being opposed to this action. It would also very much regret that the supervised playgrounds. "Have the pools open Sunday by all means," he declared. "That will not keep the children out of Sunday to the children out of ool or church. They can still go to both or either and still have an hour or so at the civic pools. I say leave

Club should be used as a means of desecrating the Lord's Day thus de-Detective Nickle. "I don't think I am in a position to express an opinion on the matter of Sunday bathing," declared Inspector of Detectives Tom Nickle this morning. "Go and see some of these citizens who are running the town and perhaps they will tell you what they think."

Chief Is Silent.

"You can't draw me into the con troversy about bathing on Sunday, stated Chief of Police Birrell. I eems to me that it is a matter for the public utilities commission and the Ministerial Alliance to settle be-tween themselves. The police have to do with it, and personally would not care to express an opin-

Magistrate Gladman.

"Any expression of opinion on my part, regarding the advisability of opening Thames Park bathing pool on Sunday would not fit in with my ofay would not fit in with my of-said Deputy Magistrate Glad-"Who knows but that some day someone may appear before me charged with a violation of the Lord's day act, and then if I expressed myself now, it might come back on me. I do think, however, that it is a question of whether the municipality will co-operate with the churches or not. That seems to be the crux of the whole matter."

At Port, Yes! In City, No-Howard R. Cluff, barrister, is opsed to Sunday bathing in London's swimming pools, claiming that it is only the thin edge of the wedge to further breaches of Sabbath observ-

"I think six days in the week in sufficient," he said. "It is all right to swim at Port Stanley on Sunday, for that is the only day many citi zens are able to enjoy at the lakeside, but they can go to the swimming pools six days in the week. I do not want to appear Puritanical, but I still would not like to see Sunday beervance flouted."

Sees No Harm in It. "I can't see any harm in Sunday pathing," declared Edward H. Braund, parrister. "However, I do not think

O God of Little Kids

The Ministerial Alliance at London, Ont., gives seventeen reasons why the mayor should not open the city playgrounds on Sunday.—Daily

O God of little kids,

E'en on the holy Sabbath Day! Who never shaped their pretty limbs to pews, Or told the mayor why he should refuse To let them play-

On any day-When skies are blue and grass is green

And flowers laugh out from golden sheen! Who certainly didst not supply They should not play-

On any day-When sunshine gilds the garden sod. And every leaflet lisps of God!

O God of little kids! Convert thine anxious representativas: In words full plain-That man-and most the little kids-Were not created for a day On which it is a sin to play-That every gleam of happiness. Thou dost approve

And bless, and bless, And on the whole toy-killing horde-

-Alfred Buckley.

"The Ministerial Alliance are in-

onsistent. They wink when a man

DR. McGREGOR WRITES.

in the following letter from Rev. D. C. MacGregor:

I know you want your paper to be absolutely fair in dealing with the question that is now before the pub-

Issue we raised.

I thought we made it abundantly clear that the question we were discussing was not "Is it right or is it

wrong to swim on Sunday?" The question was "Should the city of London as a corporation put the

facilities for amusement and recrea-

tion in its playgrounds at the dis-posal of the public on Sunday, and

thus ally itself with those forces that tend to destroy the sanctity

part of the city playgrounds policy

We contend that the relation in which the problem is discussed makes all the difference in the world.

I may be indifferent to a hole a rat may have dug in a pasture field. But

if that hole is dug in a dyke, I am alarmed. I plug it up and I call the attention of the authorities to the danger of the whole country being

The Position.

Now our position is this: If you open the swimming pool on Sunday

for the man who wants a swim, you

and the skating rinks in winter for

those who want that form of exer-cise. If you provide for one you will

vide for another, and before you know

it you will have a wide open Sun-

day.

The real issue is between our ideal

of a Sabbath devoted to rest and to worship and a continental Sunday.

of the Lord's Day.

the Editor of The Advertiser:

Have mercy! mercy! mercy, Lord!

Ottawa, July 11, 1923.

self decidedly opposed to the opening | want a swim and for these people the

ming pool should be open on Sunday.
Willam Mason of the road department says: "Certainly the kids should swim on Sunday. I do myself. If it is all right for people who can afford it to swim at Port Stanley or play golf at the Hunt Club or J. M. Donohue, barrister, and candidate in the recent provincial election, declared: "I think the Minisor play golf at the Hunt Club on Sunday, why not let the kiddies have a dip in the swimming pool? The pool is there asking to be used." The city has no more right to make the Sabbath secular by operating bathing pools than it has

"Cap" Logan, C. N. R. police constable, thinks that the pool should be kept open and says: "Why shouldn't they swim? When they're swimming they're not doing anything worse, and besides they are learning something worth while."
Bayley Huston, another railway employee adds: "Yes, let them swim. Women's Christian Temperance

Most of us go in for recreation on Sunday and a lot of it is not so easily justified as Sunday bathing." Three Men on the Street.

After leaving the vicinity of the railway depot, The Advertiser acrailway depot, The Advertiser accosted three pedestrians and asked their views on Sunday bathing.

The Advertiser account of favors. We are convinced that when the public really understand what we are contending for, there The Advertiser. At the same time, I wholesome swim, which the boys will get anyway. It is much better that their swimming should take place

Particularly in the summer-time, then the children are able to enjoy where it can be supervised and for this reason alone I favor keeping the advantages of the play-parks duropen of the Thames Park pool. ng the entire months of July and Sim Thompson, barber, 364 Rich-August, Mrs. Wm. Burnard, past president of the London Women's mond street, said: "I suppose the churches have something in their favor in wishing the pool closed. At Labor party, does not support the views of those who would have the Thames Park swimming pool open on who can't manage a swim during the other six days. For these people I "Especially in the holidays, I think the children ought to find six days would say, leave the pool open and in the week sufficient for exercise and

don't approve of the practice can go about their business and observe what they think is an ideal Sabbath." E. A. Pocock, 318 Wolfe street said: "Let them swim. If you want a puritanical Sabbath, stop the street cars, cut out Springbank, and stop people from going into the country in motors. Some people think that Sunday is not complete unless they are miserable and making others feel

The Voice of Labor.

Wanting the opinion of a few labor men, The Advertiser questioned three of London's prominent labor representatives who replied as follows: Rud Hessel thinks that "the kids tennis courts for those who say they feating the real purpose for which they were instituted; that of devel-oping true well-rounded Canadian should swim if they want to. They need exercise, and the baseball dia-will swim, anyway, and what par-ticular sin is there in it? I would to take their exercise in playing much prefer to have children of baseball; and the football grounds for mine swimming where they are those who prefer to play football;; It is felt that nothing can be gained by controversy on the subject as to whether it is right or wrong to bathe supervised than taking a chance on on Sunday. Therefore they wish to heartily indorse the stand taken by the Ministerial Alliance in their ensome little-known swimming hole miles from any help in case of accideavor to preserve the sanctity of

John Colbert.

"The Lord's Day Alliance people are hardly fair in asking that the Reiterating sentiments expressed in a letter to The Advertiser, Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, declared himpools be closed while at the same

BURGLARS ENTER JEWELRY STORE, RAID SHOWCASE

W. J. Wray and Company Loses Necklace and Watch Case.

DISCOVER NO CLUES

Third Time Thieves Have Stolen Valuables From Dundas Street Shop.

Thieves stole a necklace and watch cases from the jewelry store of W. J. Wray & Co., 234 Dundas street, some time during last night, according to a

report lodged with the police. In order to get at the articles, a lock was pried off a showcase which sits outside the building. No trace of the thief could be found, and Mr. Wray would give no information as to the

value of the articles taken. The case from which the goods were stolen, while not a portion of the window of the store, is nevertheless very easy of access, being a small showcase in the entrance way from the street, in which various articles are from time to time displayed.

While this is the first which this particular case has been robbed, on two previous occasions thieves broke the large window and succeeded in getting away with several valuable pieces of jewelry.

swims or permits his family to swim at Port. They would approve of a continental Sunday and it is interesting to make in this connection the continental Sunday and it is connection the sunday and it is connection the continent of the Bishon of Zanziber. Sunday band concert which played opinion of the Bishop of Zanzibar, tions by saying that "It is for chartity." When it comes to swimming its the same way. The wealthy memthe same way. The wealthy memthe same way. The wealthy memthe same way. The said, "is as pagan as Zanzibar."

Our Sabbath is the dyke that protects our civil and religious liberties.

bers of the congregation can swim from the summer homes at Port Stanley and its all right. When the poor man wants a swim in London it's all we keep or break the Sabbath Day we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which man rises." Believing this, is it any wonder that we are trying to plug up the holes The position of the Ministerial Al-iance on the Thames Park Swim-ning pool question is again elucidated that are being dug in the dyke that we may not be overwhelmed by the flood of materialism and godlessness that threatens to destroy all that is

best in our civilization. Port Stanley.

The mayor quotes Port Stanley. lic in regard to the opening of the swimming pools on Sunday. We ask no favors. We are convinced that We are glad he is with us. We only wish he had been with us when the policy in regard to Port Stanley was their views on Sunday bathing.

J. W. Wardrope, accountant of Hobbs, Limited, says: "Yes, Sunday swimming is becoming quite an issue. Personally I think that the pool should be kept open. I see no breach of Sunday observance in a breach of Sunday observance in a sked their views on Sunday bathing.

When the public really understand what we are contending for, there will be no question as to their attifuely.

But I submit that your reporter has not been seized of the position that the Ministerial Alliance has taken in the matter. Evidently, he canvassed the matter. Evidently, he canvassed the matter of the public really understand when the public really understand the public really understand when the public really understand the p the city yesterday as to opinions on bank at another point. Sunday swimming and bathing, leaving the impression that that was the the Chamber of Commerce are basing

their whole case on the needs of "the poor workingman One imagines that the "poor work-

ingman" must be rather "fed up" with being made the argument for every inroad made on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, For him, excursion trains are run to Port Stanley on Sunday, for him street cars are run to Springbank on Sunday: for him it is urged the swimming pool should be opened on Sunday. One wonders We are discussing the opening of what percentage of the patronage of s swimming pools on Sunday as the pool on the two Sundays it was rt of the city playgrounds policy. open was of the class they call "the poor workingman." If I understand the workingman, what he wants is justice and fair dealing. If the abov gentlemen had shown their practical interest and support when the churches and the Social Service Council were agitating for a minimum wage for girls; for mothers pensions; for early closing on Saturday night, etc., their present profes-sion of interest in "the poor work-

ingman" would carry more conviction.
The workingman does not forget that he owes his legal right to one day's rest in seven to the Lord's Day act .- That act was put on the statute books of Canada after seven years of agitation by the Lord's Day Alliance and the churches. Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave that measure the support of his government because, as he a continental Sunday. That is the

issue before us today.

It is interesting to note that those representing the institutions that have special responsibility for the training of the youth of the home, the church and the school -are of one mind on the question now before the city. Yours truly, D. C. MACGREGOR

against her husband. Robert E. Treman, while in France. After a hurried voyage overseas, her husband managed to effect a reconciliation. Mr. Treman is now on his way back to the United States, but without his charming Results of Examinations

St. Angelo's Music School The following is a list of the examination results of St. Angela's fargaret Fallona. College School of Music which is in Junior Harmony. affiliation with the Toronto oCnservatory. Practically 100 per cent of

CAUSES FLUTTER IN SOCIETY.

Irene Castle, who created quite a sensation by filing a suit for divorce

the different branches of music, piano, violin, vocal and theory, while a great number obtained honor standing. A. T. C. M. Piano. Pass—Rita Doyle, Margaret Cook. Intermediate School Piano. Pass—Sheila O'Hara. Naughton.

Pass-Ruth Robins. Junior School Piano. -Ruth White

Pass-Inez Mitchell, Nora Kiley. Primary Piano. Pass—Ruth Thompson.
Primary School Piano.
Honors—Teresa Sherlock. Pass-Marion Mitchell, Cecile Fin-

ney, Shirley Thompson, Margaret McMillan, Iola, Smith, Margaret Hutchinson, Rose Sansone Elementary School Piano. Honors—Theodore Hall, Audrey Yale, Beatrice Croucher, Margaret Brazier, Jack Orendorff.

Pass-Margaret McLaughlin. Introductory Piano. Honors-Fanny McCormack.

Introductory School Piano First-Class honors-Catharine Fin-Honors-Hilda Adams, Stewar Murray.
Pass-Brian Sweeney, Mary San-

sone, Florence Faulds, Kathleen Wilbraham, Alex. Campbell, Agnes Garvey, Patrick Sweeney. Intermediate School Singing. Pass-Marjorie White. Junior Singing. Honors-Geraldine Hedden

Primary School Singing. Honors-Helen O'Donnell Pass-Rose Sansone. Elementary Singing. Pass-Inez Mitchell.

Elementary School Singing. Intermediate Sight Singing.
Honors—Rita Doyle, Antoinette illes, Marjorie White.

Junior Sight Singing. Pass-Helen O'Donnell, Rose San ne. Geraldine Hedden Primary School Violin. Gilles.

Elementary School Violin. Honors-Nora McNaughton, He loise Coles. Pass-Ernest Garnett

Introductory School Violin. Honors-Brian Sweeney. Intermediate Form. Honors—Antoinette Gilles. Pass—Rita Doyle.

Junior History. First-Class honors—Margaret Cook,

Pass-Margaret Fallona. Junior Counterpoint. the students were successful in all Pass-Margaret Fallona, Gilles, Margaret Cook. Primary Harmony.
First-Class honors—Marion Mit- slashed, in many instances 50 per cent. Mayor Wenige states that a

Honors-Marjorie White, Jean Mc-Pass-Sheila O'Hara, Angela For-

Primary Rudiments. First-class honors-Marion Mit-Honors-Jean McNaughton. Pass-Marjorie White.

Elementary Rudiments.

First-class honors-Kathleen Kel-leher, Heloise Coles, Edward Orendorff, Helen O'Donnell. Honors-Lenore Smoothy, Mar-garet Hutchinson, Julia McCaughey, Rose Sansone. Pass-Ruth Thompson, Rowena

STAGE AERIAL DERBY FOR BRITISH PLANES

Seventeen Machines Start Today on First Leg of Long Course.

Associated Press Despatch. Hendon, England, July 13 .- Seventeen machines left here at intervals of five minutes today on the aerial derby for the King's Cup over a course of 800 miles. The first leg, which is to be completed today, carries the contestants through Birmingham and Newcastle to Glasgow, where the aviators will halt tonight, returning through Manchester and Aitken as chairman of the baby show Bristol. Captain Barnard, winner last year, is a strong favorite. The planes were sent off in the order of handicap. The machine arriving at Hendon first tomorrow wins

EXHAUST IMMIGRANT QUOTA. Associated Press Despatch.

New York, July 13. — The British uota of 15,468 immigrants to the quota of 15,468 immigrants to the United States was exhausted last night, immigration officials announced. Fourteen other quotas, including that of Russia, second in size to the

British, already have been exhausted

MAYOR DEFENDS SALARY INCREASES AS RECOMMENDED

Wenige Believes Something Accomplished for Benefit of Underpaid Clerks.

DRAKE PROTESTS

Alderman Warns Assessment Officials May Quit as

Pay Is Low. Mayor Wenige today defends his city hall salary increases recommended at last night's caucus, aggregating roughly \$3,200. And he submits that something has been accomplished that has long been overlooked at the city hall-an equalization of the pay sheet for the direct benefit of the

underpai dclerks. Always Three Courses.

"There are always three courses that may be pursued" Mayor Wenige stated; "I always choose the middle course and as a result my recommendations call for an expenditure of but \$3,200 instead of the entire \$5,000 as set in the estimates for this purpose all of which members of the ouncil have proposed to spend. But while he stated today that he is 'sick and tired of this monkeying around about the wage question." Ald. Drake sounds the warning that "the first thing they know they will be having the assessment commis-

sioner and his assistant quitting their "And I don't know where we are going to find someone to do their work for the money that some of the council propose to give them," he adds. "I think myself that even \$3,-000 wuld be little enough for the comnissioner, to say nothing of the \$2,600 as recommended by the mayor. The thing that arouses me is why wasn't

some one there last night to defend the assessment authorities, someone from their office.' The mayor explains that all those who were recommended by the department heads for increases have Bertha been cared for in some manner although the amounts entered were

> complete equalization of the lowerpaid clerks was accomplished.
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> Mayor Wenige recommends a \$500 increase for Harry Bennett who was elevated to the post of assessment commissioner early in the year bringing his salary to \$2,600. His assistant, Arthur Glass will be raised from \$1,600 to \$1,800, i. the mayor's

> program is followed. Three outside assessors, W. J. Grav. Fred England, and A. B. Barr are set for \$150 increases with minor inment.

Divided Among Three.

Three departments, the city treasurer's, the city clerk's and the city auditor's will be treated practically alike. In the former the sum of \$480 in increases will be divided among three clerks; in the second instance the sum of \$430 will be divided among a similar number while in the audit department the sum of \$480 will be spread among three clerks. The city engineer's department would be altted about \$564 for five employees.

DECIDE IRISH PICNIC WILL BE AUGUST 23

Fire Chief Aitken Resigns as Chairman of Baby Show Committee.

At a special session of the Irish Benevolent Society last night it was decided to stage the annual picnic at The resignation of Fire Chief John committee was reluctantly accepted and Dr. W. Shoebotham was named in his stead, with George Webbe, St. George street, as vice-chairman.

A resolution of sympathy was passed for a fellow-member, "Bill" Moore, now ill in Victoria Hospital, and the president was directed to visit

CITY LEAGUE PRESENTS PLAY AT ST. THOMAS

First Methodist Church Organization Delights With Performance at College.

A clever missionary play was preented last evening by the Epworth League of First Methodist Church at he summer school being held at Alma College, St. Thomas. The play, which was written by Kenneth Beaton, a missionary in China, was brought to London by Dr. Wallace Crawford, a returned missionars, whom the young people have been supporting

The tital of the skit is, "The Transformation of the Wongs," and those taking part included Misses Ruby Finley, Grace Mann, Cora Smith, Ethelwyn Shannon, Madeline Crawford, Winnifred Mack, Elinor Hornsby, Jean Henderson, Marie Ball, Rev. E. W. Jewitt, Dr. Crawford, and Messrs. Ed. Harley, Norman Dunn, Howard and Leonard Crawford, Nick Kinsman, George Younge, Timmonds and Percy Harris.

CHINESE LOOT HOME. Associated Press Despatch. Hong Kong, July 13.—Chinese rob-bers today raided and looted the resi-dence of a German at Tung Shan.

