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## TORNADO SWEETS WESTERN PROVINCES

### LONDONERS HELD WITH 708 QUARTS OF LIQUOR

Harry Rogers and Norman Hill Arrested Near Whitby With Big Consignment of Booze.

SHIPMENT WAS BEING BROUGHT TO LONDON

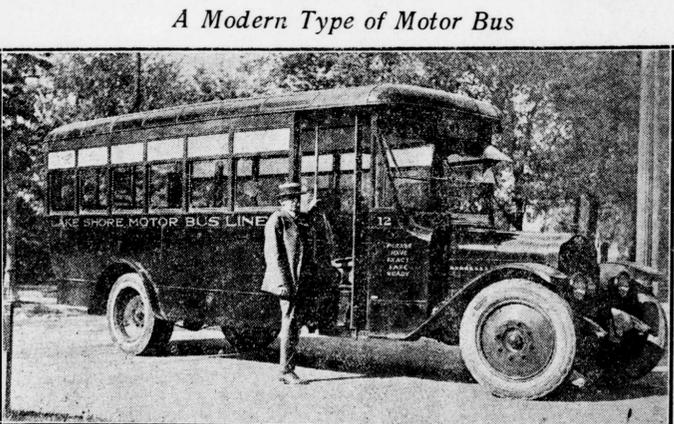
O. T. A. Officers Intercept Four Motor Cars and Confiscate Contents.

Harry Rogers and Norman Hill, both of London, along with five other men from Toronto and Windsor, were arrested near Whitby yesterday when O. T. A. enforcement officers intercepted the movements of four automobiles containing 708 quarts. In each of these were a dozen bottles of liquor or a total of 708 quarts. The liquor was being transported to this city.

All of the men arrested were well known to the police and it is thought that the consignment was one of the export shipments for Cuba, Mexico or the United States. Provincial Constable Carroll and O. T. A. Enforcement Officer Landriani, of Toronto, intercepted the shipment during the early morning hours and the men were detained until the arrival of Chief Inspector A. T. Paxton and Inspector A. R. Elliott, from Toronto.

The liquor was confiscated and the men were held to appear in Whitby police court this morning. Those in the party besides Rogers and Hill, who are both Londoners, were Sam Swartz, Windsor; Harry Goldstein, Jacob Omro, George Fallis and Harry Taylor, all of Toronto.

Inspector Elliott claims that the liquor all bore the label and seal of the Corby distillery at Corbyville, Ontario, and that it had been brought in a boat to Freshman's Bay about midnight. It was loaded into three of the cars and the men were transporting the liquor to their destination under cover of darkness. According to information in the hands of the officers, London was the destination for the shipment, one of the men having a bank draft drawn in this city and payable to a bank in Toronto. The draft was found in his sock when searched. None of the men are strangers to O. T. A. officers.



A Modern Type of Motor Bus

One of the White buses in use on the Toronto-Hamilton route by the lake shore line. It was brought to London yesterday for demonstration purposes. The picture was taken in Victoria Park, where it was driven yesterday afternoon on instructions of the mayor. His worship is seen about to step into the car. Last night Mayor Wenigo and the aldermen were driven about the city in it. They all pronounce it one of the easiest riding buses that are manufactured. If the money could be secured a few of this type would be purchased for use as auxiliary transportation by the city.

### Poor Spelling May Be Index of a Student's Mental Superiority

Dr. Dearness, Addressing Normal School Literary Society, Declares Mathematical Ability May Be Predicted From Bad Spelling Form.

Cheerful words for the poor youngster who is considered a poor speller were spoken by Dr. J. Dearness at today's monthly meeting of the Normal School Literary Society. He pointed out that what is usually considered poor spelling in children is in reality evidence of a logical mind functioning earlier than usual. If a scholar spells "receipt" as "recept" on the ground that "recept" is so spelled except for the initial letter, then that scholar shows a keen mind able to draw conclusions.

I can recall being one of a class whose teacher wasted much of his own time as well as ours drilling us for inter-school spelling matches," Dr. Dearness stated. "For when it is to spend 30 cents on a dictionary to be used if the need arises than a large part of 30 cents in storing crooked spelling somewhere in the memory.

TWIN ARTS.

"Spelling and writing are twin arts that nearly equally serve a common end; it is, therefore, strange that so many people who competently tolerate penmanship that would not merit 30 per cent, mercilessly criticize spelling that is fully 90 per cent correct. Everyone has heard of correspondences so badly written that even the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer could make it out. Did you ever hear of a plain written letter so badly spelled that it could not be read?"

Dr. Dearness also champions reformed spelling. "The," he states, "does not need to have 'gh' tacked on it; recit can get along without 'p' as well as 'deceit; program does not need a tall any more than epigram; step is a matter of three steps; labor, honor, and so on, certainly look better when they are not bugged out with a 't'."

Before the excitement and fun attendant upon a recent spelling contest in this city are forgotten it may be profitable to take educational stock of the experience. Dr. Dearness said, "The fun of it is apt to be offset by the danger of throwing educational values out of perspective, especially in the minds of children, who naturally attach exaggerated importance to the subject of spelling for the time the peak-load of attention is focused on it. It is observed that leading educationists of the day emphatically contend that children can be more nobly and effectively educated in the atmosphere of co-operation than in one of competition.

"Endurance dancing is a quite modern phenomenon, but there have been outbreaks of endurance spelling now and again and here and there for many a year."

Outlining his theory that bad spelling often indicated a superior mind, Dr. Dearness observed that it had been correctly foretold of a pupil that he would make a good mathematician by the kind of bad spelling he did. "Parents and teachers should be pleased with rather than disappointed in young children who are ever trying to spell words according to the way they are pronounced," the speaker concluded.

### ESCAPED RUNNING GAUNTLET OF FLAMES

People of White River Spent the Night in Box Cars As Forest Fires Raged.

WIND HAS SHIFTED AND RAIN IS THREATENING

Unless Breeze Whips Flames To Life Again, Town Is Safe.

FORT WILLIAM, June 1.—Forest fires at the skirts of White River all last night. The flames, which have been threatening for the last three days, were fanned into the town today and the buildings on the edge of the town were doomed. Several have already been destroyed by the fire, which swept furiously down on the town.

A special train of box cars was made up last night and loaded with household effects. Women and children were then crowded into the cars and the train was made ready to run the gauntlet of the fire along a scorching right-of-way.

The wind may even yet carry the flames right through the heart of the town, but the change of wind during the night aided the fire fighters and so far the town is safe. Many women remained in the box cars all night.

PUPILS HELPED TO FIGHT.

The gathering force of a great fire similar to that which destroyed Halesbury, Charlton and other Northern towns last fall was temporarily broken by a desperate uphill fight on the population and by the ever-shifting winds here to-day. A determining fight by the provincial fire rangers, assisted by special C. P. R. gangs, workmen from the surrounding bush and local high school pupils, saved the town and this morning trenches are being dug and pumps placed in position of advantage along and behind the C. P. R. tracks.

Due to shifting wind and the possibility of rain it is now generally felt that the fire is completely under control, and with the burned area encircling the entire business and residential section, making it necessary for further flames to leap these charred stumps and trees, it is not expected further flames will menace the population, although reserve fire fighting equipment is continuing its vigilance. Unless the breeze again comes strongly from the west, the town is safe. An airplane is reporting developments of the fire to the chief ranger.

RAIN MUCH NEEDED.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., June 1.—Practically the whole forest north of Lake Superior is ready to break into flames unless rains come soon. The chief ranger received from the offices of the Algoma Central Railway here, 86, north of the Soo, some telephone poles caught fire last night and two bridges were in danger, but were saved. Incipient blazes are being detected at many points, but so far the line appears to be safe. General Superintendent McCormack is now up the line investigating conditions. No reports are available here as to conditions at White River.

SITUATION BETTER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 1.—The forest fire situation in the vicinity of White River, Ont., and in Northern Minnesota is better to-day, according to reports reaching here.

Dying down of the wind and heroic efforts by townspeople saved White River yesterday and last night, although the town, menaced for several days, is not safe yet.

In Minnesota the fire near Wilson Lake, east of Winton, Minn., some 40 miles from the Superior National Forest, has been checked by 145 state and national forest rangers, forcing threatening to advance into the forest.

Travelling swiftly over stretches of burned-over timber, fire near Pickens Lake, east of Winton, Minn., is reported. About 10,000 acres are causing, as having been burned. Firefighters have been unable to get this blaze under control.

### RECOMMEND 17 AGENTS TO COLLECT INCOME TAX

Dominion Inspector Tambling Would Have Them Cover the Nine Counties.

DELINQUENTS WILL BE PROSECUTED

Representatives Would Institute Proceedings At Less Expense Than At Present.

Recommendations for the appointment of 17 agents to be scattered throughout the electoral districts of the nine counties which comprise the taxation district of London, have been made to the federal department of finance by George Tambling, Dominion income tax inspector for London district. The duties of the agents will be to collect sums owing by them on incomes made up as at present instituted and handled by lawyers in the cities or towns nearest to the residence of the delinquents. As far as the method of collecting the taxes is concerned no change will be made and the amounts owing will still be collected through the courts, in preference to having various lawyers handle the cases it is proposed to have an agent, preferably a lawyer, in some of the electoral districts in order that the amount expended in the prosecution of delinquent districts over which they have jurisdiction.

Police court proceedings for the collection of amounts from those who fail to comply with the requirements of the law by neglecting or refusing to forward sums owing by them on incomes made up as at present instituted and handled by lawyers in the cities or towns nearest to the residence of the delinquents. As far as the method of collecting the taxes is concerned no change will be made and the amounts owing will still be collected through the courts, in preference to having various lawyers handle the cases it is proposed to have an agent, preferably a lawyer, in some of the electoral districts in order that the amount expended in the prosecution of delinquent districts over which they have jurisdiction.

How soon the proposed new system will be put in force will depend entirely on the decision of the finance department of the Government of Ottawa, which the recommendation was forwarded to. No announcement has yet been made regarding the outcome. It is not expected that one will be received for some time.

If the proposal meets with the approval of the finance department each of the agents will be stationed at the most convenient point in each of the districts in which they operate. In this way the work can be carried on as expeditiously as possible.

### Predict Heaviest Vote In London's History At Coming Election

Nearly 34,000 Names On City Voters' List, D. R. O. Baker States—Names Being Added and Subdivisions Merged.

The heaviest vote ever polled here will be recorded in London on June 25, it is confidently believed. Returning Officer S. Baker announced that there are 33,822 names on the voters' lists and it is anticipated that a larger per cent. will come out to the polls than was ever known previously. It would be no great surprise if a total of nearly 25,000 ballots is found when the votes are counted.

Approximately 425 names were added by Judge Judd during the last two days, averaging slightly more than 100 for each ward. At the last election thousands of names were added. Mr. Baker thinks the fact that the list was prepared by the assessment department last year instead of by special enumerators is responsible for the small number added now. The work was done with more care in the first instance and fewer names were omitted.

RAILWAY POLL.

Mr. Baker has received notice of the railway poll which will be held on June 21, 22 and 23, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. There are 32 subdivisions that will be open from 8 to 9. As there was no mention made of the addition of the travelers' poll with that of the railway men, Mr. Baker doubts whether travelers will be able to cast their ballots at any other date than June 25. He is writing for definite instructions on this point.

There are 32 subdivisions that will vote in the city. Subdivisions 2 and 4 have been combined for this election, and so have 3 and 6. Subdivision 16 has been divided into two subdivisions.



REV. WALTER E. MILLSON, field secretary of the department of evangelism and social services, with headquarters in this city, who was elected president of the London Methodist conference at Saratoga.

### FLOODS IN ALBERTA; HUNDREDS HOMELESS

Scores of Animals Drown As Torrential Rains Sweep the Province.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE TO SASKATCHEWAN CROP

Storm Near Regina Approached the Proportions of a Cyclone.

CALGARY, June 1.—Heavy rains were general over the southern, eastern and western parts of the province yesterday afternoon and evening, while the rains north of Calgary to Red Deer and towns beyond were lighter, according to long-distance telephone and telegraph reports received here last night. Torrential rains, accompanied by thunder and lightning, were reported from the north of Balgonie, near here. Bellevue reports say 200 homes were there. Scores of live stock have been drowned throughout the South Saskatchewan. At Okotoks, on the Highwood River nearby, have risen eight feet since yesterday morning. Heavy flood conditions are threatening. Heavy rains are reported all over Southern Alberta.

HAIL DAMAGES CROPS.

REGINA, June 1.—Breaking window panes, driving young crops into the ground, tearing the roofs from six freight cars in motion and accompanied by gusts of rain, a hailstorm which broke to the north of Balgonie, near here, last night, for a time approached the proportions of a cyclone.

Telegraphic reports state that rain fell throughout yesterday in all points west of Regina and Calgary, with heavy rains in remote sections of the province. Heavy rains have also been reported as far east as the Broadview and south to the boundary.

Rain came following closely upon those which fell throughout the province two days and assures healthy growth for the grain crops.

### BOOST GRANT TO PROTECT HYDRO

London Will Probably Co-Operate In Proposal.

MAY DOUBLE AMOUNT

As one of the most interested of all hydro municipalities, it is not likely that London will refuse co-operation in the proposal of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association to increase municipal grants to this association, with a view to insuring protection of the \$200,000,000 invested in hydro throughout Ontario. At the present time municipal grants to the Ontario Municipal Electric Association are based on the amount of power consumed. On this plan London at the present time pays an annual fee of \$65, but in view of the strenuous opposition that has developed against public ownership this is not considered sufficient.

It may mean doubling the amount, but I have no definite information as yet," declared T. W. McFarland, a member of the local utilities commission and a director on the executive of the Ontario Association. Mr. McFarland pointed out that the object of the O. M. E. A. is to promote public ownership and in view of recent developments and the apparent opposition that has arisen, a stronger financial backing is required in order to combat these forces that are behind the movement to overthrow municipal ownership of hydro.

NO CAMPAIGN LEVY.

Commenting on the matter yesterday, Mayor Maguire, of Toronto, characterized as "absolutely untrue and deliberately misleading" the story published in Toronto evening paper claiming that London was admitting "a campaign levy on hydro funds."

He declared that the money was not being used for political purposes, but was intended to establish a permanent, strong organization which would keep the facts concerning hydro before the public.

This view was also taken by Mr. McFarland, who is a member of the executive of the Ontario Association, as well as other local hydro supporters. It was pointed out by E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the Public Utilities Commission, that any association of this sort is formed purely for the purpose of promoting the interests of its members. In the case of the Ontario Electric Association, the members were representatives of municipalities interested in the ownership of hydro. Without funds such an association could do nothing and it was, therefore, up to the municipalities to provide the funds required.

At all events it is distinctly understood that politics has nothing to do with the proposed levy, although the usual pledges will still be sent out to members of the Provincial Legislature asking that they support hydro-electric development.

### SHAMROCKS IN FOREST FRES

Girl Basket Ball Champs Return To City.

HAD THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Will Be Honored By The City Council.

The Shamrock ladies' basketball team returned home to-day from Edmonton where they competed against the commercial graduates for the Dominion ladies' basketball title. Yesterday the Londoners had the thrilling experience of passing through the Northern Ontario forest to arrive to-day. Dr. Smith's blaze was not sure whether they would arrive home safely," said one of the members when met at the C. P. R. depot.

The London ladies greatly enjoyed the trip to Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary and, although they were not successful in retaining the Dominion ladies' basketball title, they left a true impression of Eastern Canada sportsmanship in the minds of the Western players and spectators.

Every member of the team expressed pleasure at reaching their home town by a two-weeks trip to the Western Provinces.

A banquet is to be held by the members of the City Council in honor of the Shamrocks, and a silver ring engraved with a shamrock and a basket ball will be presented on behalf of the City of London to each member of the London team.

Dr. George Smith and Mrs. Smith, who accompanied the team on the trip, will immediately take over his duties as supervisor in chief of the city playgrounds.

### CONFERENCE AT NEW 'U' LABORATORY

Prof. Burt-Garrons, of Toronto, Assisting Faculty Here.

ELECTRO-CHEMICAL PLANT

Will Be Installed In Western Science Building.

Prof. Fred Burt-Garrons, of the University of Toronto, arrived in London yesterday on his way to the University of Western Ontario faculty members with regard to the equipment of the electro-chemical laboratory, which will occupy space in the new science building.

In this connection, it is pointed out, that the science building of university college will be largely devoted to laboratories equipped with the most modern aids to scientific research. Middlesex County has the honor of having contributed the first \$100,000 towards the cost of erecting that building as a memorial to its war dead.

In addition to the electro-chemical laboratory there will be sections allotted for physics, organic chemistry and other departments that require visual demonstration and individual research. The building will contain lecture rooms, offices and stores.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

Steamer. Arrived at. From.

Saxonia. .... New York. .... World Cruise

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### BECK WILL ANNOUNCE HIS STAND TO-NIGHT

To Give Definite Statement On Election To-Night.

Sir Adam Beck is expected to give a definite statement to-day with reference to his stand in the coming election. He was tendered the Conservative nomination at his home and at his request was given time to consider what he would do. He has promised to give his decision for the public tonight. As soon as his answer is received the campaign will get under way in earnest.

### CYCLONE IN ITALY CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

ROME, June 1.—A cyclone in the Simion region of Northern Italy has caused much damage in many localities, according to advices to the Central News to-day. Numbers of houses were wrecked, several bridges destroyed and international railway traffic was greatly hindered.

Four persons are reported killed at Vogogna, two at Ossola and several at Domodossola.

### EXPLOSION DAMAGES ABATTOIR AT TORONTO

TORONTO, June 1.—A tank of 9,000 cubic feet of United States gas exploded in the generating plant of the Ontario Abattoir, Keele and St. Clair streets, about noon to-day, when a safety valve blew out and the gas ignited. Two other explosions followed in rapid succession, but no one was injured, although there were 19 persons in the place, which is a separate one-story building. The firefighters were called and Chief Russell and District Chief Bell with West End sections responded. The damage was about \$25,000.

All the windows in the building were shattered and blown out by the force of the explosion.

### WOLVES FROM CIRCUS ROAM MONTREAL STREETS

MONTREAL, June 1.—Four wolves which had escaped from a circus roamed the streets of Montreal and Westmount during the early hours of Wednesday morning. They were all lassoed and taken back to their cages after some difficulty. No one was molested by the animals and no reports of terrorized citizens were received.

### THE WEATHER

FAIR—WARMER.

PROBABILITIES

Moderate winds; fair and somewhat warmer to-day and on Saturday.

NOTES.

The high area which has been north of the Great Lakes for several days has drawn southward to the Gulf of Mexico, and the low pressure covering the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the western half of the continent has moved eastward and unsettled in the Western Provinces, with heavy rains in the southern districts.

TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures for 24 hours, between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m.:

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Pair
LONDON	68	42	Fair
Calgary	56	48	Bath
Winnipeg	58	54	Clear
Port Arthur	62	48	Hazy
Parry Sound	56	44	Clear
Toronto	68	46	Clear
Kingston	66	48	Fair
Ottawa	58	50	Pain
Montreal	66	54	Cloudy

### French Fascisti Makes Its Appearance; Weapons Are Mud, Purple Ink and Castor Oil

Parisian "Blackshirts" Seize Socialist Deputies and Give Them Ink Shampoo.

Special Cable to London Free Press.

PARIS, June 1.—A French Fascist made its appearance when three Socialist leaders were seized, given a shampoo with purple ink, forced to swallow castor oil and then rolled in mud.

The new Parisian "Blackshirts" announced that hereafter Communists and others promoting anti-nationalist demonstrations are liable to similar treatment.

The movement was originated following the conflict of Premier Poincare with the radical group in the Senate. Poincare recently resigned when the Senate voted it would not try certain Communists whom the premier sought to impeach.

As the three Socialists—Deputy Moutet, Marc Saunier and former Minister Violette—were leaving their homes late last night they were stopped. The attack, it was said, was aimed to prevent the three from attending an anti-Fascist meeting.

Saunier also received a coat of mottled tar on his head.

### Irish Rebels Give Up Fight, Lay Down Arms

Special Cable to London Free Press.

DUBLIN, June 1.—Big dumps of rifles, machine guns and ammunition are being discovered throughout Ireland by Free State forces.

The discoveries are accepted as proof that the insurgents are following Lamont De Valera's recent order and abandoning warfare.

De Valera issued the order because "it seems apparently unnecessary to carry on the conflict" against the Government.

### CANADA NOT A DUMPING GROUND

Agent-General Noxon Denounces British Emigration Schemes.

TRAINED MEN WANTED

Britain Must Teach Young Men Agriculture, He Says.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

Special Cable to London Free Press.

LONDON, June 1.—W. C. Noxon, agent-general for Ontario in London, and the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Cook, of Australia, denounced the beautiful promises of the expanded British Dominion's Emigration Society at a meeting held in the Guildhall here last night.

The Duke of Devonshire, secretary of state for the colonies, opened the proceedings by suggesting that the movement of immigrants from Great Britain to the dominions was probably the same as the transfer of workers from Lancashire to the neighboring County of Yorkshire. The well-known die-hard, Col. Fane Croft, who in the last Parliament was one of a party of two in the House, elaborated this idea and said that that was the only practical solution of the existing unemployment problem, as well as of the country's financial questions, which, he said, were to a large extent dependent in activity on shipping. Col. Fane Croft said in the course of his address: "No man is forced to go overseas."

SOME SCHEMES HUMOROUS.

Sir Joseph Cook declared that a sense of humor was needed when the many emigration schemes put forward from day to day were considered. He admitted that there were many men with brains in England and he urged that these men should apply their talents to an attempt to arrive at some solution of the emigration problem. In the course of his address he denounced in strong terms the theory propounded by Mr. Harold Cox, with regard to birth control as a solution of the overpopulation difficulty and demanded scientific distribution of the surplus people rather than mere dumping of unemployed.

The Ontario agent-general declared that that honor and good humor are the sole factors that hold the dominions to the British Empire. He said that England was the best place to live in, but the dominions offered the best opportunities for a life of adventure in advising England. He spoke plainly in advising Englishmen that she must train youths for agriculture if she wanted to give them a chance in life overseas and indirectly a chance in the country's financial questions, which, he said, were to a large extent dependent in activity on shipping. Col. Fane Croft said in the course of his address: "No man is forced to go overseas."

### MARKS DROP AGAIN

(Special cable to Free Press.)

LONDON, June 1.—Marks dropped to 230.00 on the pound on the London exchange to-day, a new record low. This was a drop of 15,000 since yesterday.