

SAYS LONDON IN PAST LIKE DRIFTING SHIP

MAYOR SAYS CITY RIPE FOR COMMISSION RULE

Asserts Investigations Since the First of Year Show Bad Condition.

PREDICTS CHANGE

Charges Councils Have Not Shown Initiative Demanded of City Manager.

"There'll be a commission form of government in London one of these days just as sure as night follows day," predicts Mayor Wenige who says that "a mayor can't do it all and many of the mistakes of past years would have been avoided if the city had adopted the city manager type of administration as approved by popular vote of the people four years ago."

"Who ever heard of a big department store proceeding satisfactorily when the manager changed every year. It can't be done and the day must come when we adopt the commission form of government. Our investigations since the first of the year show this."

"Our hospital shows. Certain things have dropped up only within the past few days that show it. The city engineer's department shows it. In fact the city in the past has been like a ship at sea in the middle of the ocean without a helmsman."

"The people do not have to accept my word for it. Let them regard the fact that 116 communities throughout the United States and Canada have adopted this method of conducting their internal affairs."

"The fact that the city councilors have not demanded improved service from the Street Railway Company, since a bylaw regulating the same was passed in the summer of 1918 is another indication that it is time for a change."

"Had there been a city manager in charge, one able to devote his whole time to the city, this lack of action would not have been noted."

Mayor Wenige states that directly the "elective police commission" project has been finally considered by the Ontario legislature, he will call another convention in London, at which will attend representatives from all municipalities interested in the commission form of city government.

URGE CITIZENS SUPPORT UNITED WELFARE FUND

Local Businessmen Make an Appeal for Aid in Campaign.

A unique feature of services of the majority of local churches yesterday were the addresses delivered by local businessmen urging support of the United Welfare Fund, which commences April 1.

George M. Reid, president of the association, speaking at St. Paul's Cathedral, outlined the needs of London and emphasized the good business of giving generously to the fourteen charitable institutions for whose benefit the campaign is being launched.

In estimating the amount each individual can afford, Mr. Reid advised citizens to add about 10 per cent over the last year's subscription. In this way the objective is certain to be reached, he said. Mr. Reid told of a letter he had received from Col. William Gartschke recently, which said the inhabitants of the city of Honolulu of 100,000 population had successfully completed a welfare campaign to raise \$350,000.

When it is considered that 75 per cent of this population is comprised of yellow and black races, the result is a great credit to that city, he said. With 60,000 white persons to draw from the objective of \$125,000 of the local campaign, Mr. Reid said, should be easily attained.

Business operations

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LAST SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED TO DIVINE SARAH

Noted Tragedienne Sinks Rapidly at Her Home in Paris.

MOVIE MEN ARRIVE

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Paris, March 26.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt sank rapidly today after a Sunday in which she brought cheer to the world by appearing to recover somewhat from uraemic poisoning that has been sapping her life.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning the great tragedienne was in a comatose condition. She could recognize no one, and Dr. Provost announced that her condition was extremely serious. Bernhardt's remarkable will alone pulled her through Sunday, physicians declared, and her hours admittedly are numbered, unless by some miracle the spread of the uraemic poison, which doctors have been unable to check, ceases.

At dawn today Bernhardt came suddenly worse, delirium came upon her once more, and injections of morphine proved ineffective. Once more she went through the classic roles she made famous, "Camille" and "The Tragedienne." Again she struggled to rise from bed and go downstairs to resume acting for the motion picture camera, which stands among garish sets in her living-room below.

Three Fortunes Gone.
The tragedy of Bernhardt's passing is emphasized by these accretions of the "movies," for which she was forced at 78, to act, because she was clearly her long lifetime, as the world's greatest actress, are gone, and Bernhardt is near death in comparative poverty.

Her faithful doctors, Provost and Marot, attempted to quiet her today, as the delirium grew worse. An aged servant of Bernhardt's, who has been with her since she was a child, came to the door for a moment, and spoke to the anxious watchers outside. "Madame is very agitated."

No Words Came.
No words came from the trembling Bernhardt, who was very near death. She tried to say something, and a doctor bent his ear to her lips, but could not understand what it was.

At half-past 11, a doctor announced: "It is almost hopeless." At 1 o'clock this afternoon, her condition was becoming worse, she was unconscious, and doctors were injecting camphor.

As Sarah Bernhardt lay unconscious at the point of death today, six employees of the motion picture company for which she was working, when she was stricken, arrived at the house.

They carried into the living-room, frame-work for scenery of the film plan, declaring the picture must be completed immediately, even if Bernhardt died.

A priest arrived at the residence of Sarah Bernhardt this afternoon to administer the last sacrament.

Favor "Springbank Drive" As New Name of "Pipe Line"

Rotary Club Unanimously Supports Movement To Change the Name of Road Leading to Park.

In spite of the protest of one member, who declared that it was "unlucky" to do away with the pipes and everything in connection with them, the Rotary Club passed with unanimous consent the resolution submitted by Wm. Saunders, and forming the sole business of today's regular meeting in the Tecumseh House, that the Rotary support be given the proposed movement to change the name of Pipe Line road to Springbank Drive. One member maintained that the retention of the "Pipe Line" might attract the tourist trade and offer competition to Montreal, but his opposition was drowned, and the vote made unanimous.

Reports, given by delegates to the Michigan district conference, held in Flint last week, made up the informal program.

Dr. Alfred Grant, who was one of the speakers at the conference, referred to the genuine kindness and courtesy of the greeting offered the club.

One dollar awaits Tam who contributed the winning item today. A young woman, dashing down Richmond street in pursuit of her hat. The naughty north wind fastened it to the broad back of a corpulent gentleman, who went on his way, quite unconscious of his adornment. He was soon overtaken by the breathless young woman, who touched him on the shoulder and said: "Pardon me, but my hat is on your back."—TAM.

A policeman on a bicycle speeding down the Richmond street sidewalk from Dundas to Carling streets, while several other officers laughed—talking the matter as a huge joke, was at 4 o'clock this morning, and the "cops" were changing their beats—He wasn't arrested.—P. V. M.

In a local paper an article which reads as follows: "A portion of the west wall of the main salesroom is being torn out and an elevated office or the manager is being built in its place."—ANNIE LAURIE.



\$7,000 DAMAGE IN SUNDAY FIRE.
Tennant & Wilkinson's Garage, York street, was damaged by fire caused by an exploding oil heater Sunday morning. Fifteen automobiles were also more or less scorched.

Middlesex County Pioneer Tells of Days 60 Years Ago

John Lawson Was Born in Thrums, Scotland, Made Famous by Sir James L. Barry.

"Fifty or sixty years have seen a good many changes in London and the Middlesex County," said a visitor to The Advertiser's office, who is a hale and hearty, bushy bearded man, though he claimed it was 86 years since he was born at Thrums, in Forfarshire, Scotland, made famous by another of her sons, Sir James L. Barry.

"Well I remember the window in 'Thrums,' continued John Lawson of the fifth generation of Westminster Township. "Of course I didn't know the famous Jimmie Barry, but I can clearly recall to this day how his father looked. He used to take in the veils and give them out to be woven by the women of Thrums and the countryside."

Mr. Lawson is anticipating with keen interest a great event, the diamond wedding celebration of his friends of sixty years standing, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gee of Thorncliffe, which takes place the beginning of the week. "I was one of the guests at their wedding in Markham sixty years ago," said Mr. Lawson, "and they are wanting me to go to the wedding. I'm sorry I can't go, but I'll be there with the sacrament coming on Sunday. You see, I'll have my duties to perform there, and I don't think I'd have a clear conscience if I was away over the Sabbath."

"But think of the disappointment of your old friends if you couldn't be there," said Mrs. Lawson, who would take the eggs and the butter to Mr. Painter and get goods in exchange at the rate of 12 for a pound a dozen, and the same for butter a pound.

"The church was a mission station, the seats planks on blocks, and glad to have it. The first settled minister was Rev. John A. McDonald. "We stayed on the farm there eleven years, then moved into Dorchester for a year, coming to the 150-acre farm in Westminster in 1874. It was the 3rd of March the day we moved, in one of the most awful storms I've ever seen in the sixty years I've lived in Canada. Well, I've lived there ever since, and my son and his family."

"I well remember the time The Advertiser was started, and I took it the very first. It is a fine paper all through."

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With examples of workmanship of every class in the school on exhibition, and with many other interesting features, such as moving pictures, wireless concerts, scientific experiments as added attractions, the annual exhibition of students' work will be opened at the Technical and Art School tonight.

Only parents with children attending day classes will be admitted on the opening night, however. The general public must wait until tomorrow night and Wednesday. This ruling was made so that parents will be given every opportunity of meeting the staff and becoming thoroughly acquainted with the work of the students.

As a visitor enters the building tonight, he will be taken immediately to the classroom, where his child is taught. Here he will meet the teacher who is responsible for the student's education, and here each individual case will be thoroughly discussed. The parent will have access if he desires it, to every record and report on the child's progress.

Exhibition of Work.
After this, the general exhibition of work will be viewed. In every classroom a complete and splendid display of work is ready.

On the top floor, experiments in chemistry will be conducted, in the room, while in another, pies, cakes, cookies and other tempting samples of the culinary art will be on display. On this floor also, will be the exhibitions of commercial art, show card writing, all forms of drafting, architectural and otherwise, sheet-metal patterns, making an electrical display and work of the physical laboratory.

On the main floor will be examples of wood-working, roof-framing and staircase patterns. In other rooms will be beautifully trimmed hats, the work of the millinery department, and an exhibition of the products of the dress-making department.

Machine Shop Work.
Downstairs automobile, plumbing, machine shop and electric wiring departments will be open for inspection.

In addition to the display of work there will be moving pictures, showing the history of the electric light bulb, and the building of the great Chippawa Canal. Employees of various manufacturing concerns will conduct experiments in the chemistry laboratory, and an exhibition of o. o. acetylene welding will be given. An interesting feature also will be the testing of various pieces of cloth. Anyone desiring may learn just what percentage of silk, cotton or wool is in the suit or dress which he or she is wearing.

The evening will be brought to a close with refreshments, when the staff will act as hosts to the parents.

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CLAIMS JOHNSTONE GOT \$3,000 IN BONDS

London Man Faces Charge in Windsor Court for Converting Funds.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, March 26.—License Inspector J. E. Stone of Essex, today told the Windsor police court of his financial dealings with Hughson Johnstone, former broker and temperance worker of Windsor, as a result of which Johnstone is facing a charge of converting \$3,000 to his use.

Stone stated that he gave Johnstone \$3,000 for bonds of the Essex Provision Company, which is now defunct. He declared that he had been associated with Johnstone in several temperance movements, and trusted him.

The bonds were never handed to him, Stone stated, the excuse given by Johnstone being that a mistake had been made in printing, and that the bonds would have to be reprinted. Later, Stone said, Johnstone told him the bonds had been bought in a block by Grand Rapids Company.

After becoming suspicious, Stone wrote to Johnstone several times, asking about the bonds and arranging for a conference with Johnstone, which was attended by F. W. Wilson, Stone's lawyer. At this conference Johnstone offered to give Stone a note for \$3,000, but this note was never given. Both Stone and

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KINDLING WOOD for sale, 2 loads for \$2. London Box Manufacturing and Lumber Co., 309 Bathurst St.
HOOPER—At his late residence, 19 College Ave., on Monday, March 26, 1923, Henry Hooper, aged 70 years. Funeral notice later.

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