PRESBYTERIANS HAVE 1,100 CONGREGATIONS

Hamilton and London Synod Stands Second in Eight Synods of Dominion.

BIG MISSION FUND

Sixty-Five Per Cent of $600,000 Budget Will Go to Home and Foreign Fields.

Having agreed to raise $167,000 for the budget of the Presbyterian church during the current year, the Hamilton and London synod stands second in the list of eight synods comprising the general assembly of the church.

It is a significant fact, according to the statement of Rev. James MacKay, B.D., moderator of the London presbytery, that 65 per cent of the $600,000 budget of the whole church throughout the dominion will be devoted to home and foreign mission work.

"Our strength has grown until we now have 1,100 congregations in the dominion," stated Mr. MacKay, "and we have between 45 and 50 per cent of the total membership of the Presbyterian church prior to church union. We find that our people desire and need more information about the church, and thus the synod is recommending to the assembly the publishing of a weekly or bi-weekly magazine to supplement the Record, which is issued monthly."

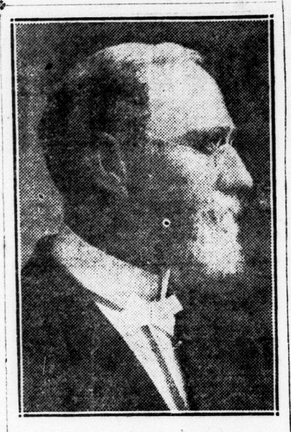
How Budget Divides.

The dominion budget of the Presbyterian church has been divided up as follows: Home missions, $250,000; foreign missions, $150,000; Montreal college, $25,000; Knox college, Toronto, $25,000; Sabbath school and young people's work, $7,000; deaconess training work, $5,000; aged and infirm ministers' fund, $25,000; widows' and orphans' fund, $25,000; general assembly expenses, $25,000; administration costs, $35,000; bursaries, $2,000; miscellaneous and contingencies, $26,000.

The amounts allocated by the general assembly to the eight synods in the dominion are as follows: Toronto and Kingston, $200,000; Hamilton and London, $160,000 (the synod of its own accord raised this to $167,000; Montreal and Ottawa, $100,000; maritime provinces, $60,000; Manitoba, $16,000; Saskatchewan, $18,000; Alberta, $22,000; British Columbia, $24,000.

$25,000 Locally.

The synod of Hamilton and London has subdivided its allocation among its eight presbyteries as follows: Hamilton, $55,000; London, [illegible] Stratford, $25,000; Chatham, [illegible] Bruce, $10,000, [illegible] on, $8,000. [illegible] proceed at [illegible] will take [illegible] this month, [illegible] cation among [illegible] tions within the bounds of the presbytery.



REV. THOMAS BINGHAM.

who has just begun his work as the first pastor of Hope Baptist church, Westminster township. Mr. Bingham, who came to London from Parkhill, will be tendered a reception by the congregation on Thursday night next.

DUTIES ON IMPORTS ARE GREATLY REDUCED

Excise Totals For Month at Port of London Are Much Higher.

A decrease of $6,777.45 in customs and excise duties on imports during the month of October, as compared with October, 1924, is the chief feature of the report for the customs port of London, which was issued this morning. The increased prosperity of the country is reflected in the increase of $16,484.29 in excise totals for the month, which more than balances the decrease in import duties. The grand total of excise, customs and income taxes for the month was $395,746.35.

Total import duties for the month were $106,525.73. Sales tax on these imports totaled $15,139.40, making a grand total of $122,257.20, including sundries. Internal excise taxes for the month were $114,261.36.

FIFTY HEAD OF CATTLE TO BE SOLD TOMORROW

Fifty head of cattle will be up for auction at the Western Ontario Consignment Sales Co. show to be held at Queen's park tomorrow. The show will start at 10 a.m. and the sale at 1 p.m. A silver cup is being offered for the best female Shorthorn at the show. James Douglas, Caledonia, will act as judge.

FINAL DINNER TONIGHT.

The fourth and final ringside dinner in connection with the Y. M. C. A. membership prize fight, will be held tonight. The Blues are 25 points in the lead, but it is believed that the Reds have a few odd punches up their sleeves that they will deliver this evening.

A Few Doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup May Stop That Cough

Mr. Frank D. Comeau, West Bathurst, N.B., writes:—"I had a very bad cold and cough that settled on my lungs, and I thought that I would never get rid of it.

One day a friend spoke to me about your wonderful remedy, so I sent and got a bottle of it, and after the first dose I took I got relief, and by the time I had finished the bottle I was completely relieved of all my trouble."

"Dr. Wood's" is put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

SEVEN SENTENCED ON O.T.A. COUNTS

Post-Halloween Squad Quickly Disposed Of in Magistrate's Court.

Like a squad awaiting reprimand by a general, seven came to attention as their names were called in police court this morning, and with click of heels exclaimed, "Guilty, your worship," when Magistrate Graydon read information against each under the O. T. A. But like soldiers standing before a firing squad they dropped to their places in the prisoners' box as Mr. Graydon gave a "thumbs down" signal, and disposed of each with a penetrating "$10 and costs or ten days."

With each plea of guilty arguments were made, but no logical reasons for dismissal were set forth. Each unwittingly gave age-old excuses which fell unimpressively upon hardened ears.

Robert Andrews, Chief Birrel introduced as a frequent visitor, who violated the gentleman's code of drinking rules by taking an excessive forenoon amount.

Andrews explained that his state of intoxication was brought about when he took a dose of alcohol as a "catch me up" for the morning after the night before, which was Saturday and halloween.

"Ten dollars and costs," the court answered in a tone of skepticism, and Andrews was disposed of.

Gets the Minimum.

James Pearce told of his good behavior of the past three months as his excuse for leniency. Previous to that, however, jail terms and heavy fines marred his record, but disinclined to be too severe, the court imposed the minimum. Pearce went satisfied to the cells below.

Charles Evans and Alfred Meakin protested timidly, but learning their fate to be the same as the rest, took a $10 fine with satisfaction.

John McGuire's case occupied a greater amount of attention. Chief Birrell's corsairs of Saturday night had taken from his hip a quart bottle of liquor. McGuire could offer no excuse for its presence in such an illegal place, but he did say that he came by it honestly. But with his statement that he had purchased the bottle he became more entangled in an O. T. A. web, for to buy liquor in a place other than a dispensary is a serious breach of the provincial temperance laws.

"I was forced to buy the bottle, though," McGuire caught himself. "I didn't want the thing at all, but an unknown man came up to me and said, 'Take this and give me $7.'"

First Offence, $50.

McGuire was told that the court didn't believe him. As a first offender, however, he was fined $50 and costs.

Last of all Pat Riley, most frequent of all police court attenders, bowed before the magistrate, and before greeted with any charge, commenced a voluble and earnest plea.

"I haven't been here since May," he stated. "Don't send me to jail now. This is the busiest time of the year for me, and I have to lay up enough money for the winter."

Mr. Graydon refreshed Riley's memory with a list of court figures which offered indisputable proof that he had been fined twice during the summer months on drunk charges.

"Well, well, well," Pat said as he remembered. "Give me a chance anyway," he smiled, and Mr. Grayden did.

"The same chance as the rest," he said. "Ten dollars and costs."

SIXTY-THREE COUPLES WED DURING MONTH

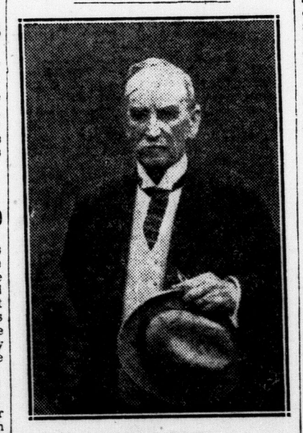
Hundred and Twenty-Two Children Born Here During October.

Despite doleful prophecies of Conservative campaigners sixty-three London couples found sufficient courage to enter the matrimonial state during the past month, according to statistics made public today by City Clerk Baker. Population also took a jump when a total of 122 births, 59 boys and 63 girls, were registered as against a record of only 85 deaths, the grim reaper claiming 43 males and 42 females.

Marriages for the corresponding month last year numbered 69. There were 78 deaths in the same period and a total of 123 births, boy babies predominating. There were 65 boys and 58 girls.

5 LOTTERY MAIL BANNED. 5

A. Goodfellow of New Westminster, B. C., is to have no more mail delivered to him, nor are any letters to be accepted from him for delivery, according to a notice received at the local postoffice this morning. It seems that Mr. Goodfellow has been inducing the public to subscribe to lotteries, which are prohibited by the laws of Canada.



THOMAS TRACY,

London's first city engineer, who died at his home in Vancouver on Saturday.

City Churches

REDEEMER CHOIR SOCIAL.

A delightful Halloween social was held recently in the Sunday school room by the choir of the Church of the Redeemer. A committee of ghosts ushered the guests into the room, which was gay with colors of the season. The guests were all in costumes and one feature of the evening was the grand march, when the judging of the costumes took place, little Miss Joyce Tomlinson taking the prize, representing a cunning little rabbit. Ghost stories were told by Harold Mason, assisted by Miss Granger and a number of games were enjoyed, the following winning prizes: Guessing contest, Miss Alice Parry; feather blowing contest, Miss Florence Taylor; apple eating contest, Miss Jean McGuire; sober face contest, Rev. A. S. H. Cree. A very delightful lunch was served by the refreshment committee.

ROBINSON ISHKOODA CLASS.

Mrs. N. A. Tanner entertained the members of the Ishkooda class of Robinson United church at her home in St. George street recently. The hostess opened the meeting with prayer, after which the election of officers was held, with the following results: President, Miss E. Jeffrey; vice-presidents, Miss H. Francis and Miss H. McCallum; secretary, Miss M. Macpherson; treasurer, Miss A. Wigmore, and press secretary, Miss Grace Wray. Plans were made for a ceremonial head-dress of a red band with a silver star in front and a black feather at the back, to be worn by the members at every meeting. Arrangements were made for an oriental tea, to be held in November. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the Misses Tanner.

COLBORNE MUSIC.

An outstanding feature of the anniversary services held yesterday at Colborne United church was the special music, under the direction of Harry J. D. Moss. The morning service included anthems, Oh Harken Thou, by Noble; Praise the Lord, by Randegger; solo, The Lord Is My Shepherd, sung by Miss Tuck. At the evening service the anthems were: Who Is Like Unto Thee, by Sullivan; I Will Lay Me Down In Peace, by Noble; octet from The Holy City, List the Cherubic Host, the obligatto solos taken by Mrs. (Dr.) Baker and George Andrews, and How Holy Is This Place. The organ prelude, Morning Mood, from Peer Gynt, by Greig, was rendered at the morning service, and Intermezzo, by Hollins, was given in the evening.

CRONYN BAZAAR.

A feature of the calendar bazaar of Cronyn Memorial church, which is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday in Warner hall, will be an Egyptian booth, where Madame Zini will in triplicity.

REDEEMER GIRL GUIDES.

The Girl Guides of the Church of the Redeemer held a social on Saturday evening in the church basement. After supper was served a taffy pull was enjoyed. The girls came in masquerade costumes and a pleasant evening was spent.

COLBORNE ANNIVERSARY.

An anniversary supper and concert will be held at Colborne United church tomorrow night and a large crowd is expected. An excellent program has been arranged, including: Piano selections by Harold Moss; vocal solos by George Andrews, baritone; Mr. Barnum, tenor, Miss Rosa Tuck, contralto; Mrs. Baker, soprano (with an obligato by George Andrews); readings by Miss Korkwood and Miss Hobbs, and a violin selection by Miss Davidson, leader of the Sunday school orchestra.

JAIL WILL NOT BE COOLER DURING WINTER MONTHS

The county jail certainly won't be any cooler this winter, judging from the loads of coal being thrust into the courthouse bins today. Three teams and wagons owned by John Daly kept teamsters pouring coal into the bins all morning and continued again this afternoon.

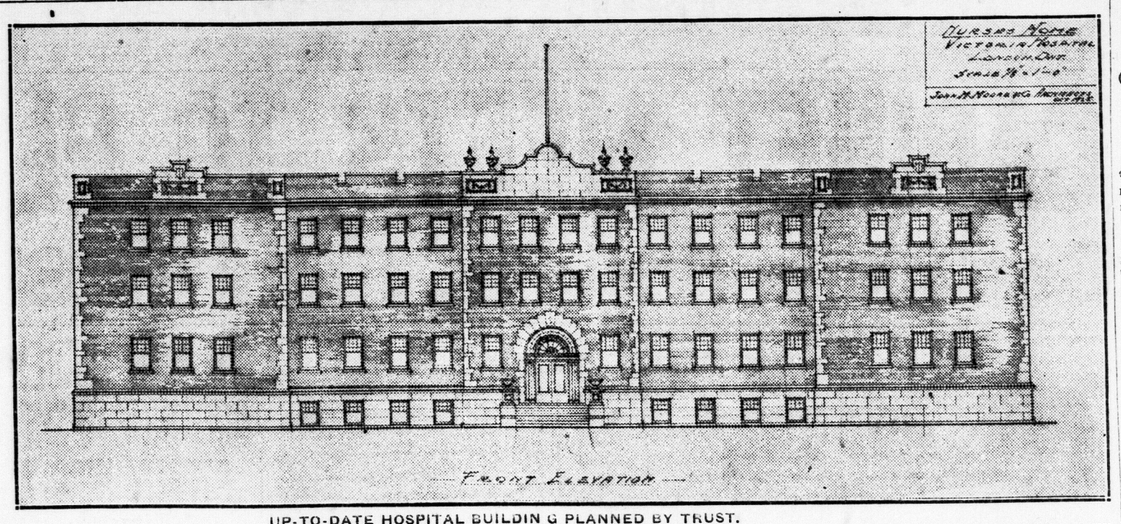
MONTH'S FIRE DAMAGE DOES NOT EXCEED $6,000

There were sixteen regular fires and two chimney fires in London during October. Loss during the month, through fire, will not exceed $6,000. The largest blaze was that which damaged the Dominion Seeds store on Dundas street. There were five false alarms, 20 alarms came by telephone, one by box and two were delivered verbally.

BANK CLEARINGS DECREASE.

London bank clearings for October showed a decrease of $1,038,240 from the figures for the same period last year. During October they amounted to $12,502,533, while in October, 1924, they were $13,540,773.

Proposed Nurses Home a Necessity At Victoria



UP-TO-DATE HOSPITAL BUILDIN G PLANNED BY TRUST.

The new nurses' home for Victoria hospital will be one of the most up-to-date structures of its kind in the dominion, according to the plan of the front elevation, shown above, which has been drawn up by John M Moore, architect. The building is to be erected on Ottaway avenue property between the university of Western Ontario Medical school and the Children's War Memorial hospital. It will offer accommodation for all nurses in training at the hospital. The new home is a necessity to Victoria, according to Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent, the present quarters for nurses being entirely inadequate. The site on which the home is planned to be erected was chosen some months ago by the hosptall trust and was purchased by Col. W. M. Gartshore in his name until building operations become a reality with the passing of the nurses' home by-law at the forthcoming municipal elections.

Death Lurks In Extract Of Lemon, Warns Court

Magistrate Recalls Prisoner as Hard-Working Man Years Ago.

TREATED LENIENTLY

Spirits and spooks — bottles of liquor and a man who was just a ghost of his former self, were present in this morning's police court, the tell-tale aftermath of Halloween revelry. From among a motley crowd, eight in all, Magistrate Graydon singled out one, and with remarks which brought back memory of a strong physique and a perfect picture of a man of years ago, sympathetically inquired the cause of the prisoner's downfall.

"I remember," he commenced, "when you were a respectable and hard-working citizen. We've done our best for you, and here you are again. What's the trouble this time?"

Chief Birrell supplied the information. He slowly raised a half-consumed bottle of lemon extract from a table and, extending it in his hand, held it aloft for spectators, prisoners and court to view, like a class of pupils surveying a weapon of death and thereby learning an object lesson.

Halloween was the man's excuse. "I've gone straight for three months," he told the magistrate with a familiarity that hinted at repeated appearances in court in days gone by. "Everybody was having fun on Saturday night. I started with real, good liquor and then I ended up with drinking that stuff."

"You will end up by drinking that stuff," Mr. Graydon replied. "It's poison, you know, and you'll be found dead some day if you continue to get drunk on extract."

"Never again," the man declared and earnestly pleaded for a chance.

Mr. Graydon leniently complied. "I'll give you a chance," he said. "I'll give you a chance to sober up and get this poison out of your system. I'll fine you $50 and costs or a month in jail."

MOTORIST PROPOSES SUING COUNTY FOR $700

Alexander Howlett Alleges the Town Line Road in Need of Repair.

Alexander Howlett, of Delaware township, has notified County Clerk John Stuart that he proposes to sue the county for a total of $700 as the result of an auto accident last week in which his car was hurled into Dingman's creek just opposite the McEwen farm on the Westminster town line. Howlett claims $500 damages for himself and $200 for his wife.

Mr. Howlett claims that the road was not in repair and that there were no guard rails at the approach to the bridge.

Mr. Stuart has turned the matter over to the insurance company for action.

SEEKS BEST ALFALFA SEED.

R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture, is touring through the county today arranging for the best sample of alfalfa seed that can be found, to show at the grain show in connection with the Chicago international exhibition of live stock and grain.

Mail Presents Early, Is Advice

The British postoffice has issued a warning that all persons wishing to send Christmas present to the old country should mail them long in advance of the holiday. The warning is for the purpose of avoiding delay similar to that which occurred last year owing to the great congestion in the mail. The notice has been posted in a conspicuous place in the local postoffice.

LONDON DIVISION EARNS $2,000,000

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then solid iron and then steel, the latter weighing about 40 pounds to the yard. Today everything is steel rails, weighing as high as 100 and 136 pounds to the yard. There was not sufficient money for double tracks when railways were first built in America, and thus trains were run for a certain number of hours in one direction on a single track and then a certain number of hours on the same track in the opposite direction. Later sidings came into effect and trains were timed to meet at certain stations. Still later train movements were speeded up by means of the telegraph in releasing waiting trains from one siding to another, and finally there were double tracks and the up-to-date time tables, though all trains still move under the direction of a train despatcher. Head-on collisions were frequent with the single-order system, but now the triple-order system, a copy of the order going to each train, is generally in use, with automatic signals to prevent rear-on collisions.

Many Dangers Lessened.

"Hand brakes were used on old trains until George Westinghouse invented air brakes in 1875, and this brake, perfected, of course, is now used on the great majority of trains all over the continent. Automatic couplers replaced the old and dangerous link and pin couplers in 1893, and now it is not necessary for trainmen to go in between the cars to couple or uncouple cars and engines.

"The operation of a train requires the co-operation of more employees than any other business in the world. In running a train there is involved the co-operation of the shopmen, trackmen, switchmen, engineer, conductor, fireman, trainman, despatcher and many others, in fact, every employee on the railroad, and if any one employee fails to discharge his duties there is bound to be delay or trouble.

"Today we have to compete not only with other trains," concluded Mr. Forrester, "but we have to compete with vehicles on the highway. At first the privately-owned automobile came into action and active competition for short runs, but now it is being used for long distance service as well."

Mr. Forrester was accorded round after round of applause at the conclusion of his excellent and informative address. The music at the luncheon was provided by Ken Green and his chorus, headed by W. G. Young, singing Ship Ahoy, and My Wild Irish Rose, in rousing style.

TO RESUME DUTIES.

Secretary Ed. Bernard of the London Motor club will resume his duties on Wednesday, following holidays spent in the Eastern States.

King Approves Affiliation Of R.C.R.'s and Gloucesters

His majesty, the king, has approved the affiliation of the Royal Canadian Regiment with the Gloucestershire Regiment, and official word of his action has been received from the imperial war office by Lieut.-Col. E. A. Seely-Smith, officer commanding the R. C. R. Thus one of the oldest of English regiments becomes linked with one of the most prominent of Canadian units.

The Gloucestershire Regiment has a long history and was one of the regiments to help Wolfe with Canada. For this reason it was thought fitting it should be affiliated with the R. C. R. Its battle honors include Louisburg, and the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, at which the fate of Canada was decided. It also had a notable record in the last war. At present one of the units of the regiment is in India and the other is at Aldershot.

The first move towards affiliation was made one year ago by the imperial regiment. The plan met with an enthusiastic response among the officers, and after approval by the department of militia and defence and the imperial war office, was forwarded to the king for his approval.

Officers and men of each unit now have the privileges of the messes of both regiments. Visits may be arranged, and an exchange of officers and men might possibly be instituted. Should a man serving in the Canadian unit wish to transfer to England it can be easily arranged.

TWO LOCAL GROCERY FIRMS WILL UNITE

Consolidations Aimed at Lessening Inroads Being Made by Chain Stores.

As the result of the formation of a combine of 40 Ontario wholesale grocery firms, under the title of National Grocers Company, Limited, the two local firms which entered the merger, Edward Adams & Co. and A. M. Masuret & Co., are to be united with offices at Edward Adams. A. M. Masuret will continue as director of the firm.

This is the first of a series of consolidations being planned throughout the province to combat the chain store inroads on the business of wholesalers. Economies effected by larger buying orders are expected to reduce wholesale prices, thus permitting the independent retailer to buy at the same price as the chain store.

The statement issued by William Turnbull, manager of the Edward Adams & Co., follows:

"Effective from Nov. 1, 1925, the Edward Adams & Co. and the A. M Masuret & Co., branches of the National Grocers Company, Limited, will be merged, with offices at the Edward Adams & Co. warehouse, William Turnbull and A. M. Masuret are continuing with the National Grocers Company, Limited.

"(Sgd.) WILLIAM TURNBULL."

FOR FIRST TIME NORMAL IS PASSED

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that now the incompetent, the financially unsound, and the inefficient have largely retired. The concern that has withstood the adverse conditions in Area G is in a stronge position today. Salesmen have been trained in five years of uphill sales resistance. When we entered the period at the beginning of 1921 a great many sales forces had deteriorated to mere order takers. Emerging from the period of depression has been so gradual that many businessmen have not realized it, and of course some lines have not yet felt the improvement. Looking back, everyone now can see the economic growth that has been made since the beginning of 1921.

Money Above Par.

"Canadian exchange at New York has advanced from a low of 85 cents, so that it stands at or slightly above par. Newsprint production has increased more than 100 per cent. New industries have developed. Shipping and terminal facilities are greater. Roads constructed as a relief measure during the depression are an invitation to tourists and a boon to the farmers. In fact, no locality can look back to the beginning of the hard times in 1921 without seeing benefits, both material and psychological, which promise better times ahead."

CLERICAL ASSOCIATION ARRANGES FOR DEANERY

The Anglican Clerical association, meeting in Cronyn hall this morning, arranged for the next meeting of the East Middlesex deanery, to be held on November 18 and 19.

The question of an Anglican chaplain for city institutions and hospitals was discussed, and a committee appointed to confer with Bishop Williams in the matter.

Prof. Freeman of the University of Western Ontario spoke to the association on "Canada and the Orient," his address being most informative and greatly appreciated.

Archdeacon Fotheringham of Brantford will address the association at next month's meeting.

CHICKENPOX CASES ARE NUMEROUS IN THE CITY

Chickenpox forms the chief worry of the city medical officer of health. Dr. W. S. Downham, at the present time. Dr. Downham stated this morning that chickenpox was quite prevalent. There are very few cases of more serious communicable diseases, such as diphtheria and scarlet fever. There are a few cases of mumps and a number of cases of measles. Three cases of measles developed in one home on Saturday and a fourth one came to light this morning.

With these exceptions the health of the city is remarkably good, considering the inclemency of the weather during the past few weeks.

OLD COUNTRY FOLK LAUGH AT FOG HERE

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it," he replied. "If you must, drive with headlights full on. They may not help you to see much, but they render your car visible to other drivers. Drive slowly. Drive carefully. That's all you can do."

There were no accidents on the highways or in the city reported up to noon today.

Old Country people are inclined to smile at the Canadian conception of a fog. Over there they get the real "pea-soup variety." Such a fog struck old London Saturday, blotting out the sun at noonday so that all work had to be carried on by electric light. Street traffic was greatly hindered and shipping on the Thames ceased entirely. Wembley exhibition authorities attempted to carry out the closing day exercises by means of searchlights.

Pretty Thick.

Secretary W. A. Tanner of the board of education, who hails from the port of Bristol, states that Canadians, at least in this section, have never seen what an old countryman would call a real fog.

"Why, over in my native city I've seen fog so thick that you absolutely couldn't see your hand in front of you if held at arm's length," he remarked. "That was in the days of the old gas lamps, and I've seen fogs roll in from the Bristol Channel so thick that when the street lamps were ighted one could barely distinguish the light from the base of the poles. These fogs were dark brown in color and of a consistency one could almost feel. Naturally they paralyzed all traffic. Teamsters could proceed only by leading their horses, and I know of several instances where teamsters backed their conveyances over the edge of the docks into the water."

Many amusing stories center about the numerous heavy fogs which descend on coast cities along both sides of the English Channel. One concerns two gentlemen who were groping their way through a fog along a side street in old London. They collided. "Where does this street lead, friend?" asked one. "It leads to the river. How do I know? Why, haven't I just crawled out of it?" was the reply.

Memories of Flanders.

Veterans of winter campaigns in France and particularly Flanders all could tell fog stories without number. The experience of the troops in this connection lends point to the famous verses penned many years ago by the late Eugene Field, commencing

"Through sleet and fogs to the saline bogs
Where the herring fish meanders,
An army sped and then, 'tis said,
Swore horribly in Flanders."

Dr. H. R. Kingston of the university of Western Ontario provided The Advertiser with a characteristically lucid explanation of the cause of fogs. "There is at all times, a certain amount of gaseous or transparent vapor in the atmosphere," he explained. "But when the atmosphere becomes chilled, this vapor is congealed in little drops which are not transparent. The effect is exactly the same as when steam issues from the spout of a kettle. That is the way clouds are formed. A fog, such as we had this morning, is nothing more than a cloud resting on the earth." It is often possible, he added, to see the stars shining quite clearly through a fog, due to the fact that the cloud is only a few feet in thickness.

Which recalls the incident of the old lady who found fault with the steamship captain because he stopped his ship in a fog. "Ridiculous!" she exclaimed. "I can see the stars shining quite clearly. "I know, ma'am. But unless the boiler bursts, we're not going that way," replied the mariner.

CHAMBER SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES

Conference in Winnipeg Will Seek To Solve Problems of Dominion.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 16th, 17th and 18th of this month, there is to be held in Winnipeg a conference of delegates from chambers of commerce in all parts of the country, to discuss national problems in the hope that a common policy may be arrived at for dealing with them. The object is to secure a proper representation of the various points of view and to reconcile, if possible, conflicting claims. It is obvious that what is good for the dominion as a whole must be good for each part of the dominion. In many things provincial interests have necessarily to be subordinated to national interests, but no one province should demand to be given favors at the expense of others. There are many outstanding complaints and grievances which cannot be satisfactorily disposed of without a general get-together, first, for a proper understanding of their nature, and, secondly, with a view to discovering the appropriate measure to be adopted.

It is to be hoped that the Winnipeg conference will be well attended and that it will be as fruitful in results as its organizers anticipate. Whether it will fulfil expectations depends to a large degree on the spirit in which the deliberations are conducted. If it is merely a matter of each representative fighting for what he considers to be "local rights," it may conceivably do more harm than good. The purpose of the conference is to engender a sentiment of give and take, not to afford an opportunity of airing selfish pretensions.

Subjects for presentation at Winnipeg will be welcomed from Londoners, and should be forwarded to the local chamber of commerce immediately.

Citizens who expect to be in Winnipeg on the dates mentioned above are asked to communicate with the local civic institution so they may be appointed as accredited delegates.

ALARM EXPRESSED AT L.S.R. LAYOFFS

scheme won't get us anywhere and will only result in a number of good citizens losing their positions.

"Besides, I am convinced that the bus company cannot make the venture a paying one on a five-cent fare. The White Company of Cleveland, big manufacturers of motor buses, proved that to our satisfaction years ago. The only result will be that the buses will eventually have to quit and then we will be in a worse position than ever to bargain with the street railway company."

"Occasionals" Laid Off.

"I'm not so much concerned about the London Street Railway Company as I am about the men who are working for it," remarked a motorman on a Richmond street north car to a passenger on Saturday evening. "Since the city council has put on the buses it has meant that a good many of our men have lost their jobs and they can't find anything else to do. I can't see that it is helping to make London a better city to live in that they talked so much about when they were out after our votes at the last municipal election. A good many of the occasional men have gone and the next move will be the let out of some of the regular men. They all have their homes here and their families to keep.

"Now there is a bus just gone past us now. I wonder if they call that giving the service to parts of the city that had no service. The bus waits up toward the end of the street until it sees us coming, and then starts up just a block or so ahead and keeps on ahead of us picking up passengers that would have had a service down street anyway. It's just a duplication of the service that has always been on this street, and run only for the purpose of taking away the customers from the street cars.

If City Owned It.

"There's another thing that I think worth considering," continued the motorman, "and that is what the city would do if it owned the street railway system itself. There has been a lot of talk about the city taking it over some time or other. Suppose they did, do you suppose the city council would be so anxious to have bus service put right along on the same streets as the street cars in order to compete with the city for the business of carrying traffic? If they did they would be foolish, and I don't suppose for one minute they would do it. There's not enough business for both, and there wouldn't be enough if the city owned the road. I bet the first thing they would do would be either to run the buses along with the street car service or else put them off the street.

"The men on the street car service don't think they are getting a square deal from the council. If you can show me where it's fair to have men thrown out of work at this time of year, I'd like to see how you'd do it."

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