

REVENUE OF C. N. R. INCREASED BY 17 MILLIONS

British Labor Condemns French Reparations Attitude

CHAMBERLAIN TURNS GUNS ON LIBERALS FOR DECISION

Chancellor of the Exchequer
Strikes Defiant Note in
Address.

THOMAS' ATTITUDE
British Railwaymen's Secretary
Declares Party Has No
Reasons To Apologize.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 18.—In the resump-
tion of debate on the speaker from
the Liberal benches, Mr. H. Thomas,
the railwaymen's secretary, alluded
briefly to the international connec-
tions of the British Labor Party. He
said that party did not regret and
was not going to apologize for its
association with internationalists.

Dealing with Great Britain's
foreign policy, Mr. Thomas said:
"We have been asked how we are
going to deal with France. God forbid
that any of our words should be
construed that we are anxious to
break with France or talk about
war." However," he added, "real
friendship did not consist in pretend-
ing that all was well when all was
not." He condemned the attitude
on the reparations question, and
said that when France was follow-
ing the wrong path and heading for
disaster she ought to be told so. He
declared that because of the British
government's vacillating foreign
policy France was treating the
former with contempt.

Chamberlain Defiant.
Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of
the exchequer, following Mr. Thomas,
struck a note of defiance to the
Liberals who purpose supporting
Labor on the vote of confidence Mon-
day. Mr. Chamberlain said to the
Liberals:
"We are asking nothing from you.
We make no bargain with you. We
point out to you that your choice
is between a party whose program
is to proclaim to be a reshuffle of your
own, and a party which stands to
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A. N. UDY IS ELECTED VOCATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Appointment Made at Meeting
in the Technical School
Today.

A. N. Udy was elected chairman
of the advisory vocational committee
of the board of education at a meet-
ing this afternoon.
J. E. Wright was appointed to a
special committee on insurance and
W. N. Mann will represent the com-
mittee on the body to inquire into the
account system and duties of offi-
cials.
Chairman Bryden Campbell stated
that the trustees must keep in mind
the need of developing the social
side of applied secondary educa-
tion and in order to do this the Tech-
nical School, as originally planned,
must be completed as the years con-
tinue.
Inspector F. S. Rutherford of the
department of education, also spoke
briefly, praising the school.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Fresh to strong southwesterly winds,
mostly cloudy and moderately cold to-
day and Saturday; light local snow-
falls.
The weather continues very cold to
the westward of the Great Lakes, and
moderately cold from Lake Huron east-
ward.

TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.
today were:

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| Victoria | 42 | 22 | Clear |
| Calgary | 4 | -12 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | -10 | -16 | Clear |
| Port Arthur | -6 | -16 | Clear |
| S. S. Marie | 4 | -6 | Fair |
| Toronto | 25 | 12 | Fair |
| Kingston | 26 | 12 | Fair |
| Ottawa | 20 | 2 | Fair |
| Montreal | 20 | 10 | Clear |
| Quebec | 20 | 4 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 25 | -12 | Clear |
| St. John | 44 | 22 | Cloudy |
| Halifax | 48 | 28 | Cloudy |

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 32; lowest, 12.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 14; lowest, 6.
Barometric Readings.
Thursday—5 p.m., 29.42.
Today—8 a.m., 29.46.



TELLS STORY OF WORLD'S GREAT TRAGEDY.
Above is shown a picture of Tokyo
after it had been swept by the great
quake. This picture, with others
showing the horrors of the disaster,
was smuggled from Japan by D. B.
Sparks, who visited the scene a few
days after the disaster, and is pos-
sibly one of the first to tell the awful
story. Mr. Sparks is at present in
London on a business trip and is the
agent in the Orient for several local
firms.

HAVOC OF GREAT QUAKE REVEALED BY VISITOR

D. B. Sparks Tells of Horrors
Following World's Greatest
Disaster.

SMUGGLES PHOTOS
Japanese Are Starting Recon-
struction of Devastated
Area.

By the greatest stretch of imagina-
tion, few persons can conceive the
awful havoc wrought by the Japa-
nese earthquake unless they see photo-
graphs of piles of horribly mangled
bodies, in the possession of D. B.
Sparks, now staying at the Tecumseh
House here.

Mr. Sparks is private agent in
Shanghai for several local manu-
facturing concerns. He is the first
Canadian to bring in picture form,
the true story of the greatest disaster
in all history—the Japanese earth-
quake. To The Advertiser this morn-
ing he showed a photo of a main
street in Yokohama after the earth-
quake. Its horror is almost beyond
description.

Twenty thousand bodies of men
and women piled four feet high,
mangled and dismembered, lying in
a shocking jumble; limbs, heads and
torsos resting in one appalling moun-
tain of decimated humanity, are what
the photos show. These pictures were
taken in violation of Japanese law.
They are the first to be smuggled
into this country. They are too gree-
some to be reproduced in a news-
paper.

Mr. Sparks will be in London today
and tomorrow visiting manufacturing
concerns, whom he represents in
Shanghai. He was in Yokohama,
and other devastated sections of Japan
just after the quake.

"The slight cannot be described,"
Mr. Sparks told The Advertiser. "If
Please see page 18, col. three.

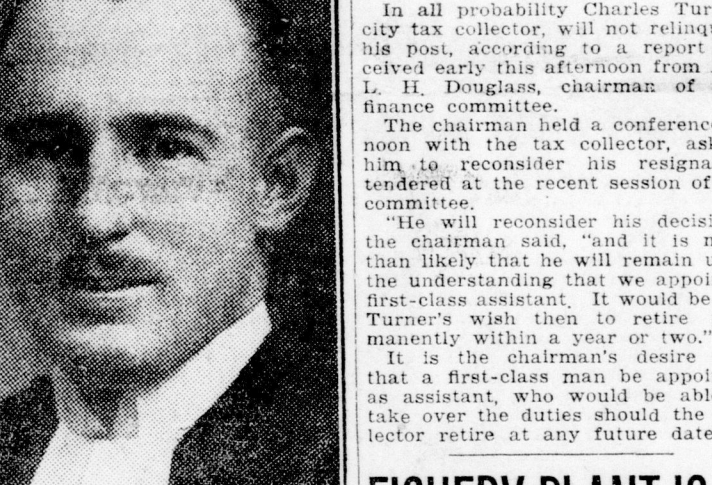
DETROIT ROTARIANS COMING HERE MONDAY

**American Visitors Will Bring
Own Orchestra For Club
Gathering.**
Monday next will be a big day for
London Rotarians, when the Detroit
club will be on hand with fifty or
more of its members. Word was re-
ceived from the secretary of the Det-
roit club today that the entertain-
ment would be provided by Edward
Guest of the Detroit Free Press.
Paul King, the governor or Rotary
himself, and Jeff Webb, past-presi-
dent of the Detroit club.
The visitors are bringing their own
orchestra, and arrive in two special
cars at 4:10 on Monday afternoon.
The dinner will be at six instead of
at noon as usual, and the Detroit
Rotarians will depart for home on the
National at a few minutes after nine.
The committee of the London Rotary
Club is making preparations for a
successful gathering.

NEW FURNITURE FOR CHIEF.
Recent additions to the furnish-
ings of Chief of Police Robert Bir-
rell's office were augmented this
morning when a handsome fumed
oak bookcase was carried into the
chief's working apartments. This
is for the purpose of accommodating
numerous books on police activities
and statistics.

OFFICIAL MAY NOT RESIGN POSITION

Charles Turner To Stay as Tax
Collector If Assistant
Granted.



WILLIAM DYER,
who was yesterday called to the
bar before Mr. Justice Kelly at Os-
goode Hall. Mr. Dyer is the son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dyer, layman
Court. He passed through all his
college years with honors.

FISHERY PLANT IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

**Archie Mac Company of Port
Stanley Suffers Heavy Loss
Early Today.**
Special to The Advertiser.
Port Stanley, Jan. 18.—Fire of un-
known origin totally destroyed the
buildings and contents of the Archie
Mac Fish Co., Main street, at an
early hour this morning.
The fire was discovered about two
a.m., but had made such headway
that the fire department upon arrival
could only confine their efforts to
save the adjoining buildings. The
whole equipment, twine, nets, corks,
etc., will be a total loss. The amount
of the loss sustained by the company
has not as yet been determined but
will run into several thousands of
dollars there being large quantities of
twine, nets, etc., stored in the build-
ing for the winter.
The company's tug, Archie Mac
was docked farther down the harbor
and consequently was undamaged.
The ice house adjoining on the south
side of this company's building and
formerly owned by H. F. Woollett
was rather badly scorched and a por-
tion of the roof burned. The ice
house and other buildings of the Co-
operative Fish Co., adjoining on the
north side were only slightly dam-
aged.

SEWER GIVES WORK TO 100 MEN A WEEK

**Scheme Used Great Aid to
Unemployment, J. C.
Spencer States.**
London's storm sewer is taking
care of 150 men each week, accord-
ing to J. C. Spencer, superintendent
of the labor bureau. These men are
given a full week's work at a time,
a suggestion of the city council
some time ago, when it was thought
that a full week's work better than
three days, as it would be easier for
the men out of work to get em-
ployment for a whole week than for
a shorter period.
Mr. Spencer says that this is a
great help in the matter of reducing
the unemployment overload at this
time of the year. The lot of the
skilled man is in a way worse than
that of the common laborer.
The iron and steel trades are re-
ported as being dull, and men in
those industries are feeling the
effects of the slack season. With
the spring and the resumption of
building, the employment situation
is expected to improve.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ILL.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Sir Robert Bor-
den is confined to the house with a
cold, but expected to be around
thoroly. He was reported today to
be considerably better.

EGYPTIAN CABINET QUILTS.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 18.—Newspaper de-
spatches from Cairo report the resi-
gnation of the Egyptian cabinet in
consequence of the electoral victory
of the Zogolists or Nationalists.

WILL CHOOSE CHAIRMAN.
Holding their inaugural session to-
night, members of the Housing
Commission must choose between E.
R. Dennis and ex-Ald. Ashton for
their 1924 chairman.

ATTORNEY MAY CALL WITNESSES IN DEFENCE

Judd Asked To Subpoena Wit-
nesses, Clarence Topping
Lacking Funds.

WILLING TO ASSIST
Step Is Means of Giving the
Confessed Slayer Fair
Trial.

Because Clarence Topping has no
money with which to conduct his de-
fence on the charge of murder,
Crown Attorney Albert Judd has been
asked to subpoena all witnesses for
the defence and to see to it that
their expenses are paid.

This was the statement made this
afternoon to The Advertiser by D. A.
G. Swanson, Oshawa who is defend-
ing Topping. Mr. Swanson stated
that in his experience in such cases,
the crown had always been willing
to assist the defence in gaining for
the prisoner a fair trial and he had
no doubt that the attorney general
would accede to the request which
will be made to him through Crown
Attorney Judd.

Mr. Swanson stated he had a list
of 30 names from which to pick wit-
nesses for the defence.
"Of course I do not purpose calling
that number of witnesses," stated
Mr. Swanson. "I am not sure yet how
many we will call."
"When in London last week I made
inquiries at the sheriff's office and
was told that Dr. Robinson of the
Ontario Hospital had already exam-
ined my client as to his sanity, but
I have not received any report yet
as to the conclusions of the alienist."
"Should Dr. Robinson believe Topp-
ing is sane, I am prepared to call
in one of the most eminent alienists
in Canada to examine Topping. On
the other hand, if Dr. Robinson
comes to the conclusion that Claren-
ce Topping is insane, it will not be
necessary for me to call any wit-
nesses in the case. I will likely be
in London on Sunday and may have
something more to say at that time."

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PREPARE FOR EXAMS

**Classes at Western Close Thurs-
day To Allow Time To
Study.**
All classes at the University of
Western Ontario ceased yesterday in
order that the students might have
ample time to prepare for the first
semester examinations, which com-
mence Saturday morning. The ex-
aminations will continue all next
week, and classes will not commence
again until the Wednesday following
examinations.
At the last class in astronomy,
Professor Kingston gave a short
lecture on his recent trip to Catalina
Island, where he viewed the total
eclipse of the sun. He showed photo-
graphs of the preparations made by
the Jerkes observatory party, of
which he was a member, to take
pictures of the wonderful spectacle.

MELANCHOLY INDIVIDUAL DECIDES TO END HIS LIFE

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 18.—A man who regis-
tered as Archie Kert, and who is said
to have been born in Montreal in
1880, committed suicide yesterday in
the Hotel Normandie. Kert left a
letter in which he said he was tired
of life and had decided to die.
He asked to be buried in a Jewish
cemetery and left money to pay the
expenses.

MEETING DATE CHANGED.

The date of the meeting of No. 3
committee of the board of education,
as decided yesterday, will be the first
Thursday following the board meet-
ing. Last year it was Friday, but
owing to the fact that the chairman,
Dr. A. J. Grant, is giving a series of
lectures that day, it was decided to
make the change.

Opportunity Is Knocking At Your Front Door Today To Put Money in Your Hand

Eleven Automobiles or Their
Cash Values Waiting To
Be Given Away.

SOMETHING FOR ALL
The Advertiser Will Pay Cash
Commissions To Everyone
in Contest.

There are twelve prosperous busi-
nessmen in twelve different cities in
Canada who owe their start in life to
having competed for prizes in news-
paper circulation contests.
In each instance it was an auto-
mobile won in a contest, and in each
instance the automobile was imme-
diately turned over for cash, thus
furnishing the necessary capital with
which to lay the foundation of a
successful business.

The names of these successful
businessmen will be gladly given
upon making application to the man-
ager of The London Advertiser
\$20,000 cash prize contest.
What other men and women have
accomplished, you, Mr. Reader, can
accomplish in this contest.
How often have you said to your-
self: "If I had \$1,000 I would start in
business for myself?"
Here is the very opportunity you
have been looking for, and it lies
entirely with yourself whether you
earn \$1,000 or \$2,000 during the next
few weeks.

The Advertiser's big contest has
only been announced and already
nominations and inquiries are being
received from all over Western On-
tario.
You may send in your name or the
name of some friend whom you would
like to see win one of the eleven
automobiles, as soon as you receive
this paper or at any time thereafter,
and all information and receipt books
will be forwarded to you at once.
Persons entering their names to-
day will have a big advantage over
those who enter later.

Everything to Gain.
You have everything to gain and
nothing to lose by entering your
name in this contest.
Eleven automobiles will be given
away, or their cash equivalents.
There are enough renewal sub-
scriptions upon you and Advertiser
to be had for the asking to insure
success in winning one of the auto-
mobiles.

The contest is just starting, so that
all who enter will have an equal
chance.
This is your contest. This is your
opportunity to earn a lot of money
in a few weeks. You will be no
losers. Every person who enters will
get a prize or cash commission.
Telephone 7352.

Call us by telephone at 7352, and
we will have one of our representa-
tives call upon you and explain
everything. People living outside the
city of London may call long dis-
tance and all information will be
given.
Do not overlook the 200-voice cou-
pon that is published on the Contest
Page every day. Each coupon costs
200 votes. A few friends saving
these coupons would give you many
thousands of votes.
The Advertiser Contest Office is
located at the corner of King and
Richmond streets. The telephone
number is 7352.

Use the coupon at the bottom of
this page for enrolling your name or
the name of some friend.

RESULT OF ANNEX TAX SUIT IS STILL AWAITED

City authorities still await an an-
nouncement from the courts relative
to their recent suit against the Mc-
Cormick Manufacturing Company for
additional school taxes—the cele-
brated "annex school tax issue" of
many years standing.
Officials have always professed the
belief that the municipality would
lose, but in the meanwhile the vari-
ous industries in the annexed district
will be assessed upon a basis of a city
win in the courts.

USE THIS—TODAY

Here is the form by which you may enter yourself or a friend
in The Advertiser's \$20,000 circulation drive.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER,
London, Ontario.
Gentlemen:—Please enter my name in your \$20,000 Prize
Contest, and send me all particulars.

Name

Street

Town or City

Mail this coupon to the office of The London Advertiser today.



SIR HENRY THORNTON,
who announces that the net revenues
of the C. N. R. have been increased
in 1923 by \$17,645,945 over that of
1922.

NET REVENUE OF C. N. R. IS INCREASED

**Sir Henry Thornton Declares
1923 Figures Show Big
Jump.**

LAUDS EMPLOYEES
Advance of \$17,000,000 in
Year's Business Is
Reported.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Jan. 18.—In an official
statement issued today by Sir Henry
Thornton, chairman and president,
the net revenues of the Canadian
National Railways for 1923 are
placed at \$20,127,447, being an in-
crease of \$17,645,945 in net revenue
over 1922. The statement says:
"The following represents briefly
the financial performance of the
Canadian National Railways for the
year 1923, as compared with the
year 1922:
Operating revenues: \$254,662,447
1923
232,659,888
1922
Increase \$ 21,002,559
Operating expenses: \$234,535,000
1923
231,176,376
1922
Increase \$ 3,358,624
Net revenue: \$ 20,127,447
1923
2,480,512
1922
Increase \$ 17,645,945
The figures for 1923 are subject to
slight alterations, as some of the
items entering into both revenues
and expenses are estimated, but the
adjustment will only slightly affect
the above statement. This statement
speaks for itself, and complete de-
tailed information with respect to all
matters of interest relating to the
National Railways system will be
published in the annual report, which
is now in preparation, but the ad-
ministration desired promptly to
acquaint the people of Canada with
the general result.
"The board especially desires to
acknowledge the fine and alert ser-
vice rendered by officers and em-
ployees alike, which has greatly con-
tributed to the favorable results for
the year."

CITY BYLAW COVERS FIRE PREVENTION IN LONDON

Chief States One Man Doing
Work of Inspection at
Present.

FINE IS PENALTY
Proprietors of Buildings Must
Have Rubbish Removed
Each Day.

Fire prevention is covered ade-
quately by a city ordinance, bylaw
5830 being the most recent legisla-
tion of that nature; passed during
the term of ex-Mayor C. R. Somer-
ville.
Sub-section (1) of section 46 of
the city bylaw 5830, the city's fire
ordinance reads as follows:
"No waste paper, straw, shaving,
excelsior or other inflammable rub-
bish shall be allowed to accumulate
in any building, yard or alley except
that such material be stored in a
fireproof room provided with fire-
doors or in covered metal receptacles;
if such materials are not stored in
such fireproof rooms or receptacles,
they shall be removed or destroyed
at the close of each business day."
It is further stipulated in bylaw
5830 that all convictions under this
ruling may be followed with a fine
not to exceed \$50 or a sentence in the
common jail in default of this fine,
not to exceed 21 days.

Regular Inspections.
The onus for the enforcement of
the fire bylaw rests upon the fire
department. "Regular inspections
must be made," Fire Chief John Aitken stated to-
day that inspections are as numerous
and as thorough as possible under
the circumstances governing his de-
partment. Since the first of the year,
for example he has been able to
have one fireman engaged contin-
ually at this work.
But this will not always be pos-
sible throughout the year he stresses
unless the city councillors act upon
his request for additional men at
the central fire station or the city-
ing stations.

In fact his request for more men
was received at Wednesday's inaug-
ural session of the finance committee
but left in abeyance until such time
as possible.
Please see page 18, col. four.

"HERE COME THE COPS" AND ALL IS CONFUSION

**T. Slobasky Fails To Appear To
Tell Part in Restaurant
Mix-Up.**
"Here come the cops," someone
shouted in a restaurant at Carling
and Richmond streets last evening
when Sergeant Last and a constable,
attracted by much noise, entered to
find out what it was all about.
On hearing the warning, customers
scrambled about in confusion, and
Louis Slobasky vainly tried to put on
his coat. He was using profane
language because he couldn't get his
arm in the sleeve. Constables claim
he was very drunk.
Slobasky was not to appear in
court this morning but failed to
show up. The case will probably be
heard on Saturday.

BRANCH HIGH SCHOOLS ARE STILL FAR AWAY

**Mayor Wenige Declares No
Money For City Hall, None
For Schools.**
"No city hall, no branch high
schools."
Harsh words, these, from Mayor
George Wenige today, following the
attitude of members of the school
board who yesterday effected their
first move for the construction of
another collegiate institute.
"You do not consider the time is
opportune to make provision for in-
creased secondary school accommo-
dation?" he was asked.
"Not in view of the vote against
a new city hall," was his reply.
"What provision would you suggest
then, to relieve the situation de-
scribed by the trustees," he was
asked.
"That's up to the school board, not
the city council," was the mayor's
concluding ultimatum.