

Municipal Association To Urge Commission Form of Government

FIRST SEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO GET COMMISSION RULE

City Clerk Baker Will Be One of Delegates to Approach Provincial Secretary.

MAYOR PREDICTS VOTE

The first steps toward the inauguration of the Province of Ontario of the commission form of government will be taken tomorrow or Wednesday when City Clerk Sam Baker, in company with members of the Ontario Municipal Association, presents to the government the recommendation to that effect.

Clerk Baker will attend tomorrow a meeting of the executive committee of the Municipal Association in Toronto, following which members will approach, as is usual, the provincial secretary with the several recommendations and proposals from that body, representing the general attitude upon these questions will be stated by the representatives of Ontario municipalities and districts.

"London is chiefly concerned with the proposed commission form of government project," City Clerk Baker stated. "I will accompany the members to the provincial secretary when the various questions will be submitted. We will request the government, in accordance with our resolution passed at the convention, for a general investigation and a report as to the most suitable form of commission government for this province."

Mayor Wenige insists there will be a vote in London at the next municipal election, if not before, upon this important project, already recommended for inauguration here in the Britannia report.

County Roads Impassable Due To Heavy Snow Drifts

Old Dobbin Comes Into His Own as Farmers Hurry To Vote.

MANY ARE STALLED

Horses Called Out To Bring Motorists Clear Of Difficulties.

Roads in Middlesex County running north and south are practically impassable today, according to County Engineer Charles Talbot. Although the east and west roads are in fairly good shape, the drifts are not so frequent or as large as those on the other highways.

Old Dobbin has come back into his own with a vengeance. Farmers with autos had to leave them in the driveway today and trust to the hay and oats gentry to jingle them to the polls to vote in the township elections. It is more than likely that most gas bugs will be left on the barn floor until the birds twitter the news that spring is once more in the offing.

Farmers on the Lambeth highway reaped rich rewards Saturday afternoon and evening. Over twenty motor cars found their way into the wide ditches at each side of the highway and it cost their owners from \$5 to \$10 each to get their machines back on the road.

One man slewed into the ditch no less than four times and paid out \$20 before he got home into his London garage. He is through with motorizing for the rest of the winter, he states.

Another man took three hours to go three miles and was in the ditch twice.

Plain 'Mr. Smith' Now To Hospital

Sid Murrell has another alias. He was admitted to Victoria Hospital yesterday as plain "Mr. Smith" and is recorded as having an "abscess." Murrell who was operated on for appendicitis, is doing splendidly and will likely be back at his cell at the county jail within ten days.

NOVELTIES WILL MARK SOPH. 'HOP'

Bizarre Note To Feature Annual Dance at the Winter Gardens.

Novelty dances will be the feature of the annual sophomore dance of the University of Western Ontario which is to be held in the Winter Gardens tomorrow evening. The committee in charge have made arrangements to have every other dance a bizarre one, but the exact nature of some of the dances is to remain a secret until tomorrow night.

At the university this morning it was rumored about that the co-ed was to reign supreme at the "hop." The fact that this is leap year has not been forgotten by the girls of the dance committee and special arrangements have been made to have the tenth dance of the program a leap year "hop." Each girl will choose her own partner.

A "robber" dance where the girls play the role of the bandit and steal their partners from other girls, is also on the program.

The most interesting event of the evening will be the "crown dance." All sophomores will wear crowns made of purple and white ribbon and paper with a number adorning the front. When Dean Fox turns his back and a box containing duplicate numbers, he will pick two numbers. The girl and boy wearing the crown with the corresponding picked number are to be given the winners.

Dancing will commence at 8 o'clock and will continue until 12.

ROTARIAN GREENE OF CLUB 'BEAUTY CONTEST'

Stunt Provokes Gales of Laughter at the Weekly Luncheon.

PROF. RUSSELL SPEAKS

That august body, the London Rotary Club, succumbed today to the insidious attack of a beauty contest.

The Rotary Club had the edge on other contests of a similar nature, however, as none of the fair aspirants were aware of the nature of the contest they were entering into, thus eliminating "sour grumblers" to the effect that the contest was a stunt to make the club more popular.

The beauty contest didn't adhere strictly to the customary rules. The prize was offered for the best "facial adornment," but before this was made known the president, "Bill" Fox, summoned a certain group of members to the front of the Tecumseh dining-room. It was a few minutes later that the discerning realized that all of these boasted the marvellous attribute of a moustache.

To be sure that there was no competing with regard to the decision, the president appointed E. V. Buchanan and Mayor Wenige to count the votes and each Rotarian sent in a secret ballot.

James and Ken Greene were "Zev and Papyrus" of the beauty contest. They left others in the race away behind, but in the final process of elimination the honors were won by the president, Dean Fox, (who acted in the absence of Mr. Valentin, champion prize-giver at the contest) awarded him one of the antique species of unsafely razor.

In the manner of stunts the "beauty contest" was one of the Rotary Club's best. It provoked gales of laughter, and left plenty of time for the main feature of the program which was an address by Professor Russell of the University of Western Ontario. He touched on a bit of mining development when he pointed out that when men were induced to invest their money in mining ventures they usually put the money in cover from their wives, the newspapers and their bankers.

They regard it, Professor Russell said, "very much in the light of getting drunk. They don't want anybody to know. Consequently this feeling hampers businessmen in what they might call 'legitimate' mining ventures."

YOUNG CHEMISTS DISCOVER METHOD TO PURIFY INSULIN

Toronto University Graduates Are Successful After Long Research.

WILL COST LESS

Special To The Advertiser.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—After patient and painstaking research lasting more than a year, two graduate chemists of the University of Toronto, P. J. Maloney and D. M. Findlay, have succeeded in working out a system of purification which may greatly widen the field of usefulness of insulin extract.

A few days ago Mr. Maloney addressed the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its convention in Cincinnati, and his members of the results of the experiments carried on by himself and his co-workers. The method, which was known as the fractional absorption method here, depended upon the removal of certain elements from insulin by placing the extract on charcoal and removing it after the charcoal had completed its reaction.

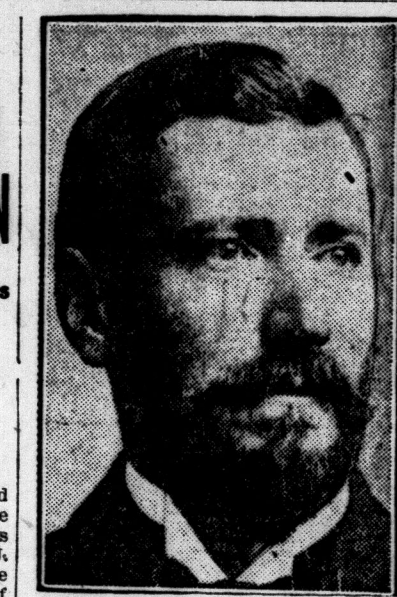
Mr. Maloney was very diffident about discussing the new method which he and his fellow-chemist had evolved. "This method, which is known as the fractional absorption method of purification, is used as one step in the present process of making clinical insulin," he pointed out.

Step Toward Synthetic Product.

"It is quite possible that by the use of this method insulin may soon be obtained in a very much purer state than at present and possibly as a pure chemical individual," he continued. "If this step can be realized it will be a first step toward the synthetic production of insulin."

"What effect would that have on the medical treatment with insulin?" "It would still further reduce the price of insulin and bring it into more general use than it is at present. If insulin could be separated as a chemical individual it would hold far greater usefulness than at present enjoyed."

Asked to explain the method of purification which he and Mr. Findlay had found to be the best and most satisfactory in dealing with insulin, he explained that it was accomplished by absorption on charcoal. "Charcoal," he explained, "has been found to be the best and most satisfactory in dealing with insulin. The replacement of surface of sugar. It was for this reason used during the war to remove poison gases from the air. In the past its main use has been to remove impurities rather than as a purification method for colloids."



VISITING AMERICA. Sir Horace Plunkett, former Irish Free State senator, is visiting America.

BOILER EXPLOSION ENDANGERS MANY

Buildings Shaken as Tank Bursts in Windsor Grocery Store.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Jan. 7.—One person suffered from shock and a dozen others were endangered when the boiler of a hot water furnace in the basement of Adelman's Economy Store, 68 Pitt street east, exploded at 11:15 o'clock this morning. Large plate glass windows at the front of the store were shattered by the detonation, and fragments were hurled half way across the street. Fortunately no pedestrians were passing at the time and casualties were nil. Damage was suffered to the extent of about \$500.

Miss Lillie Moscovitch, a clerk in the store, suffered slightly from shock. She was standing behind one of the counters a few feet distant above the spot where the boiler was located. Suddenly a loud report was heard, and a large piece of the boiler was hurled through the floor to the store ceiling. A shower of water accompanied it, and considerable goods on the shelves were overturned and damaged by water.

Three workmen in the shop of the Signcraft Sign Company overhead, were lifted completely off their feet. Stores on both sides of the Economy Store were also severely shaken.

RAILWAYS MUST "TOE THE LINE" IN 1924, SAYS DRAKE

Alderman Asserts Bus Lines and Crossings Delays To Feature.

TO SEEK POLICE AID

The London Street Railway and the C. N. R. will have to "toe the line" in 1924, according to Ald. Drake, who states that a rather extensive program has been tentatively mapped out.

"We are going to have new rails and increased service," he reports. We want two bus lines from the company, one for the people of Chelsea Green and the other for Mount Pleasant avenue and district, West London.

"And while we are considering the question, I am going to urge new street railway delays through the Rectory to Egerton streets. The present ones are practically worn out and the company will have to stop the operation of their cars in this line if they do not move to replace them."

Ald. Drake states that just recently he investigated the cause of certain street railway delays through the Rectory to Egerton streets. The present ones are practically worn out and the company will have to stop the operation of their cars in this line if they do not move to replace them."

He stated that he had been responsible, through his switching operation at Rectory street. "He proposes to take up this question with Chief of Police Robert Birrell without further delay."

"I went up to find out why the street cars were running late in the east end," Ald. Drake stated. "I found that the C. N. R. is consistently blocking the crossing at Rectory street. I am going to see what can be done to alleviate this condition, and I am recommending to Chief Birrell that his department consider this question. He should place a constable on duty at the crossing until such time as the railroad adheres to the bylaws governing the blocking of crossings."

OLD KING WINTER BLOWS AWAY ALL ELECTION PLANS

Minority Vote Seen in County as Roads Become Impassable.

AUTOS ARE USELESS

Old King Winter took a hand and blew the best-laid scheme of county politicians all to pieces today. The big political guns of the county were all prepared for today's elections with motor car ammunition which has been rendered absolutely valueless owing to huge snow drifts that dot every road in the county.

Those in touch with the election situation state that barely half the residents of the county will cast votes today. In fact one county authority says that the true feelings of the people may not be shown as minority votes will be the rule in every township.

Candidates frantically phoned their friends last night and asked them to be on the job with sleighs and cutters. But even these found difficulty in cutting through the huge drifts. It means that one county "Daddies" who were almost sure of election will have more than an anxious time waiting for results to be announced.

There are thirteen individuals though, who are not particularly interested in the vagaries of the weather. These are the men who have received acclamations in their respective townships and villages. They are: A. C. Hodgins, Austin Winter and Mr. Butler of London Township; Allan MacPherson, Glenora; Dave Calbert and George Watcher, Dorchester; Duncan Gordon, Delaware; A. L. McDougall, Carleton Place; J. M. Ross, Lucan; and George Johnston of Westminster.

There are twelve acclamations to the county council last year.

MURRELL'S OPERATION PERFORMED IN TIME

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frustrate any coup that friends of Murrell might possibly decide on.

Sid was mighty sick when he came out of the ether, and was more miserable than most patients who undergo that particular operation, hospital authorities state. He smiled wanly at the guard and grinned feebly when he noted the bars which were piled padded with felt, so that no "D. T.s." can harm themselves.

Murrell was much better this afternoon, and if he keeps on improving will be able to leave the hospital within a few days, despite the fact that two tubes were found necessary to drain away the large amount of puss from the wound.

A rumor that Murrell was in such bad shape that he would be unable to stand trial on Feb. 4 on the charge of murdering Russell Campbell, was scouted by hospital authorities, who stated that, barring complications, Murrell would be sufficiently recovered to take his place in the prisoner's box.

Murrell has no special nurse. The nurses on the ward take turns in ministering to his wants under the eye of a house surgeon. He will not be allowed to receive any visitors while in the hospital.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION ASKED

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as in 1923 when the Manufacturers' Building was made possible. The municipality would guarantee the bonds. In any event the arena would be self-sustaining, he has stated.

The mayor has also advised the remodeling of the Crystal Palace at the exhibition grounds. This could be converted into a modern structure.

Civic Insurance.

It is the mayor's proposal also that the city council should deal finally with the question of civic insurance, and he has stated that he favors a grant annually for this purpose. This work could be undertaken in conjunction with the city treasurer's department, he believes.

The question of "inequalities" of city hall pay, an early consideration of this annual issue is urged, with a view toward the inauguration of a sliding scale of wages, a maximum and minimum salary, an age limit for retirement, a civic pension scheme, etc. These questions have claimed attention intermittently for years.

Better train service into the city from Stratford, Strathroy and neighboring communities and districts will be urged, and in all probability the councillors will be requested to co-operate with the Commercial Travellers' Association, and approach the C. N. R. and C. P. R. authorities in this regard.

London's traffic problems are increasing manifold and should receive immediate consideration, the mayor says. He would consolidate into one act the several bylaws pertaining to this problem. And he would designate the "through" streets, and make it imperative for the driver of every auto to halt as he or she enters these thoroughfares.

More covered space in the city market, the use of the old registry office as a rest-room, the establishment of a bus terminal, the appointment of a purchasing agent for the city, and the appointment of the city clerk as secretary of the L. & P. S. Railway will be numbered among other clauses in the mayor's inaugural, it is anticipated.

The mayor will devote considerable space in his inaugural address concerning the "commission form of government." This question receives also the early attention of the provincial government and the mayor wants this type of government adopted in London.

NEW PERMANENT COURT'S OPENED

Judges Are Sworn Into Office of the Second Divisional Branch of Appellate.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The permanent second divisional court of the appellate division became a fact today, when its members were sworn in before Sir William Mulock, chief justice of Ontario, and at once entered upon their duties. The ceremony took place in the appellate courtroom, which was crowded with spectators.

Chief Justice Latchford had been previously sworn in before the lieutenant-governor. Each judge in turn read aloud the oath of allegiance and the oath of office to which he subscribed before he entered his name in the roll of judges. This was done by Justices Middleton, Masten, Orde and Smith, the ceremony taking 25 minutes.

Esward Bayly, K.C., deputy attorney-general, and Peter White, K.C., solicitor-general, were present. Chief Justice Latchford.

SALVATION ARMY AIDS HUNGER-STRICKEN MEN

More Than Dozen Unemployed Seek Shelter Over the Week-End.

More than a dozen hunger-stricken men, without homes, came to the Salvation Army Citadel on Clarence street for refuge Saturday night and Sunday. They were without warm clothing, and had been wandering the streets all day Saturday looking for work.

One man, who said he had been walking the streets all afternoon during the snowstorm, was in a precarious physical condition. When he arrived at the citadel he was suffering from cold. He had given food and lodging for several days until he remains here for a meal for each man was provided by the industrial department of the army, and they were given lodging until this morning, when they left the citadel to look for work again.

City Churches

C. E. S. SERVICES.

The services last evening at the Southern Congregational Church were in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society, taking the form of a young people's rally. Dr. H. Taylor, the president of the society, was in charge.

An interesting address was given by W. H. Liddicoat, in which he pointed out to the young people that the New Year had just opened a new door of opportunity for them.

Musical numbers during the service were given by H. Tiersch, who contributed a violin solo, and B. Wherry, who joined with Mr. Tiersch in a splendid duet.

PENNANT PRESENTED.

At the close of the morning service in St. Andrew's Church yesterday morning, P. G. McAllister, the chairman of the Boys' Work Board, presented the monthly pennant for general efficiency to the C.S.E.T. group, "Pilots," in view of their record during the month of December. The contest for general efficiency commenced in December and is in progress until April, when a silver cup will be awarded to the group having the best record.

BROTHERHOOD.

A. E. Welsh gave a splendid talk on "The Brotherhood and the Church" at the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood yesterday morning.

CHOIR ELECTION.

The choir of the King Street Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting last Friday night and all the officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Mr. T. Ames, president; Mrs. A. Smith, vice-president; Miss Ila Darling, secretary-treasurer; and Messrs G. England and W. Skinner, librarians. A vote of thanks was tendered the choir by Mr. Ames on behalf of the session for their faithful services during the year, and Miss K. Moore, the church organist, also thanked the choir for their support. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent in games and music and a dainty lunch was served.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN CAR ACCIDENT CASE

Plaintiff Seeks To Collect \$335 Following Collision of Autos.

Judgment was reserved today by Judge Talbot Macbeth in the \$335 motor accident case, heard this morning at the court house. The plaintiff, Mrs. S. J. Francis, sued W. R. Simpson, L. Stanley Coyle, and H. Epstein for the above amount. She declared that Simpson in endeavoring to avoid a collision with Epstein's car at Mainland and Dundas streets on Dec. 27, 1921, struck the car in which she was being driven by her son.

The defence claimed they were not responsible for the accident.

A. R. Douglas appeared for the plaintiff, and I. Hodgins for the defence.

FRENCH NON-COMMITTAL ON SENATORIAL RESULTS

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The winter elections today would express neither satisfaction nor disappointment over the results of the senatorial elections held yesterday, which left the complexion of the upper chamber virtually unchanged. A spokesman of the foreign office said the government had refrained from supporting or opposing any political group, remaining absolutely neutral.

WILL SELECT JURORS

Jurors for the Murrell, Topping and other trials at the winter assize on February 4 will be chosen on Wednesday in the office of Edmund Weld, clerk of the crown, Sheriff Graham announced today.

POLICE COURT CLERK SERVES 30 YEARS

John Moule Has Acted in Present Capacity Under Four Magistrates.

Thirty years ago today, Police Court Clerk John Moule took up his duties at the police station and has given eminent satisfaction ever since. During that time thousands of dollars in fines have passed through the hands of Mr. Moule. He has listened to gruesome murder cases, has smiled at the excuses put forth by intoxicated citizens, and has seen crime wave after crime wave.

London was known as a rowdy city" when Mr. Moule began work for the city. His stories of criminals of yester year are legion and would fill several volumes.

The clerical work in connection with his job has increased by leaps and bounds, but Mr. Moule has always proven equal to the task and each month sends reams of statistics to the provincial government and the crown attorney.

Mr. Moule has listened to four magistrates mete out justice. They were the late E. Jones Parke and Francis Love, County Judge J. C. Just, and the present magistrate, A. H. M. Graydon.

Obituary

FRED BARNETT.

The funeral of Fred Barnett took place from the family residence, 734 King street, this afternoon. Rev. John Garbutt, pastor of Dundas Central Methodist Church, officiated, and the pallbearers were chosen from Men's No. 8 Club of the Sunday school, as follows: Professor James H. Bowman, Fred Matthews, Ernie Dennis, Leonard Tait, Norton Udy and Lew Keenleyside. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

At the session of No. 8 Club on Sunday afternoon funeral reference was made by Albert E. Cowley to the passing of Mr. Barnett. The deceased was an usher of the church, a member of the school orchestra, and was an old member of No. 8 Club and class 13 in the old church.

Many residents of East London will recall Mr. Barnett, he having kept a butcher shop in that vicinity. Though a young man, deceased was in ill-health for a number of years. A widow survives.

MRS. JOSEPHINE SNELL.

Mrs. Josephine Snell, for the past ten years a resident of this city, died this morning at her home, 19 Elmwood avenue west. She was 55 years old.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, one sister, Mrs. Edward Laskey of this city, and two sons, Lloyd and Wellington, both at home.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Cosby Morris of Ash Street Methodist Church will conduct the services. Interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF FRED BARNETT.

The funeral of Fred Barnett was held this afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Besides his wife, Mr. Barnett is survived by four sisters and two brothers.

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