

THE WEATHER:
SNOW AND SLEET TONIGHT,
FRIDAY—COLD.

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LONDON COUNCIL CONTROLS RAILWAY FARES

More Reported To Introduce Sale of Six Per Cent Beer

PLEBISCITE IS URGED ON FARES

City Solicitor Confirms Statement Council Has Power to Make Yearly Agreements.

IS UP TO LONDON

Question Not Necessarily Settled by Private Bills Committee.

The London Street Railway company still has an ace to play in the matter of the reduction in fares, scheduled under provincial legislation to occur next March.

The fact became known in municipal circles today that City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, K. C., has confirmed an opinion said to have been placed informally before Mayor Wenige and members of the council of 1925 by Vice-President R. G. Ivey of the street railway company, a member of the law firm of Ivey, Elliot & Gilanders. This opinion is reported also to have the indorsement of I. P. Hellmuth, K. C., of Toronto, the company's consultant.

The company obtained the right to increase its scale of fares from 7 and 9 tickets for a quarter to 5 cents straight by going over the heads of the members of the city council of 1922 to the Ontario Legislature during the regime of the U. F. O. The legislature ignored the opposition of Dr. H. A. Stevenson, then London's M. L. A., and Mayor J. C. Wilson and a deputation of aldermen.

First Period Only.

When the government changed and Sir Adam Beck was again elected he had a bill put through the House declaring that the increase should be effective only during the first period of the company's franchise, which expires on March 8, 1925.

That appeared to be the company's hands. Mayor Wenige during recent municipal election campaign disclaimed the whole street railway question as one that is out of the hands of the city council and merely stand for enforcement of the provisions of the old franchise, bylaw No. 916.

Now, however, it develops that the matter is not out of the hands of the council and that the company will win or lose its fight according to the strength it is able to control in the new council.

Council Has Power.

The law, according to this rather startling interpretation, is that the council has power to make agreements with the company in the matter of fares covering periods of one year only. Therefore, if the mayor should adhere to his attitude of a few months ago and find six aldermen to back him, it would be possible to prevent the fare reduction next March, and to give the company the benefit of the 5-cent scale for the next twelve months. Such a renewal could be made from year to year without a vote of the people.

The suggestion has been advanced at the city hall that the company's annual report for the increase comes before the council a plebiscite should be taken to ascertain the will of the electors. This could be done at a cost of about \$500 in three weeks.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

North-west winds, snow and sleet tonight and Friday, probably turning to rain in some districts. The pressure is now high to the east of the great lakes, and quite high over the north-western portion of the continent, while a shallow trough of low extends from Lake Erie to the southwest.

The weather has turned colder from Ontario eastward, and continues decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Temperatures.

Station.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	24	18	Fair
Calgary	22	15	Fair
Winnipeg	12	16	Snow
Port Arthur	2	2	Cloudy
St. John's	22	6	Cloudy
Toronto	24	15	Cloudy
Kingston	24	12	Fair
Ottawa	29	4	Fair
Montreal	29	4	Fair
Quebec	18	6	Cloudy
Father Point	16	9	Fair
St. John's	28	10	Clear
Halifax	16	14	Clear

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours during the night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—29.52.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.42.

AMOS UNOPPOSED GOES BACK AS U. F. O. PRESIDENT



W. C. GOOD, M.P.

declined to allow his name to go in nomination today for the presidency of the U. F. O., stating he would not be in a position to accept if elected.

W. A. Amos was re-elected to the office after others nominated withdrew.

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Acclamation Accorded Present Incumbent as Others Withdraw From Race.

REVISE READERS

Resolution Urging Glorification of War in School Books Be Removed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—W. A. Amos was re-elected president of the United Farmers of Ontario by acclamation at the election of officers held this morning. There were four other nominations: W. C. Good, M.P., who said he was not in a position to accept the office; Harold Currie, who withdrew; E. C. Drury, who was not present; and R. H. Halbert, who also withdrew.

The nomination and election of the vice-president takes place this afternoon.

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SAFEGUARDS PLANNED FOR INDUSTRIES

Baldwin Government Will Change Methods of Imposing Duties.

HELP DOMINIONS

Preference on Tobacco Alone Will Go From One-Sixth to One-Quarter.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Copyright.

London, Dec. 18.—The most interesting personal question in last night's debate on imperial preference was the attitude that would be taken by such an old champion of free trade as Winston Churchill.

His speech left no doubt about the thoroughness of his conversion. He went beyond the other spokesmen on the government side in saying a good word for the protection duties, though he was careful to say he made no indication of what would happen in his own budget regarding these duties.

There was a good deal of hair-splitting in the debate as to the difference between a tariff that protects industries and a tariff that protects the consumer. The government says they will safeguard but not protect.

Political Distinction Only.

This, however, appears to be a political distinction and not a real one. It is true, but it is equally true that protection is a duty which is imposed on goods coming not only from the country whose competition is declared unfair, but also from all other countries.

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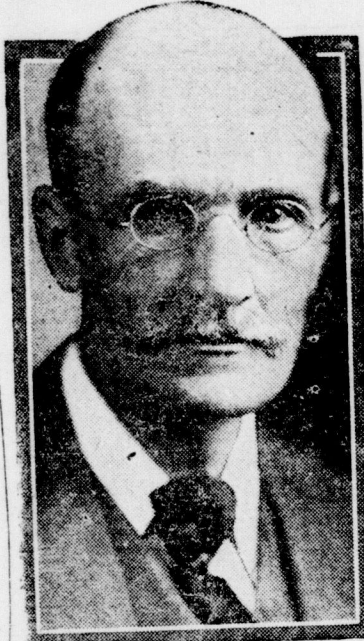
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PROF. GILBERT MURRAY.

classical scholar and league of nations advocate, who recently was the principal in remarkable telephatic test.

The consistory was that preceding the celebration of holy year and no cardinals were created, the meeting being chiefly intended for the appointment of legates for the opening of holy doors on Dec. 24 simultaneously with the opening of the one in St. Peter's.

Legates Appointed.

The pope designated Cardinal De Lodi to open the holy door in St. Paul's, Cardinal Pompili that of St. John in Lateran, and Cardinal Vanutelli that of Santa Maria Maggiore. These legates were granted facilities to impart the apostolic and papal benediction with plenary indulgence to all those present.

All the cardinals living in Rome were present at the secret consistory. The pope delivered his allocution to the sacred college after all the high prelates, patriarchs, archbishops, bishops and Vatican officials had left the consistorial hall.

With regard to Russia, the pope, after speaking of the return of the pontifical relief mission from that country and praising their work, added: "We have decided to continue as much as possible to help the Russians, whether living at home or abroad. Nobody certainly can have thought that we, by creating the work of relief for the Russian people, have intended in any way to favor a system of government which we are so far from approving."

Will Aid Suffering.

"Indeed, we, after having for a long time, with all our heart and with all our forces, have tried to relieve the immense sufferings of that people, but it is our duty to exhort all, particularly men of family and human dignity, to make every effort to fight the very grave dangers and certain injuries coming from socialism and communism."

"This, however, must not affect our dutiful solicitude in elevating