

Exemption Will Cut City Assessment \$100,000 :: Beattie Hits Fund Action

ANOTHER INCOME TAX CHANGE SEEN

New Exemption Would Cut \$100,000 From City's Assessment.

London will lose approximately \$100,000 income assessment by the move to increase exemptions for children. According to a proposal adopted by the statutory revision committee for the province, the municipal exemption for each child would be increased from \$200 to \$400. Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett states that this would possibly cut \$100,000 from London's available income assessment.

At the present time, \$4,786,000 annual earnings are available for income taxation in London. The proposed move would have little effect on the average householder in London. A man has to be making more than \$50 a week to take advantage of it, supposing his family includes only two children.

"When you get beyond the \$2,400 income mark you find families with few children," Mr. Bennett remarks. "It isn't likely that you'll find a man today who is making \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year and who is raising six or seven children. The change wouldn't help the ordinary workman at all. Men in the shoe don't get much more than \$2,000, and they are exempt all of that even if they have no children."

Quite a number of citizens have filed income returns already and have sought exemption of \$400 on each child, basing their application on information contained in despatches from Toronto. However, this law, even if adopted by the government, will not be put into effect in time for this year's taxes.

BORDER BEING COMBED IN SEARCH FOR GIRL

Aunt in Sarnia Has Seen Nothing of Pretty Isabella Hodgins.

A week's continuous search for Isabella Rebecca Hodgins, of Bid-duh township, who vanished from Lucan on March 9, is still unsuccessful. High Constable Wharton reported this morning.

The search is progressing all over Western Ontario by police, and the border cities of Port Huron, Detroit and Niagara Falls, N. Y., are being carefully combed.

Mrs. Wellington Rollins of Sarnia, an aunt of the missing girl, states that she has not seen Isabella for some time, and that when she did visit Sarnia she avoided relatives. It was thought she purchased a ticket for Sarnia, as the Lucan station agent remembered selling a ticket to a girl answering the description of Miss Hodgins, who is 17 years of age, and extremely pretty.

The girl was not satisfied to continue at school, and it is thought by neighbors that she is being sheltered by unknown friends who have found work for her, either in the country or a Western Ontario city.

MOTORIST PAYS TAX, BUT ESCAPES DUTY

Three-Cent Levy Will Be Car Driver's Only Bother This Year.

Only the three-cent tax on gasoline will bother the Ontario motorist this year. He at least has the advantage of practically free importation of his gas from the other side. The very large part of the gasoline used in Ontario is imported as crude petroleum from the States and refined here. This means that it comes in free, as there is no duty on crude oil imported for the purpose of refining by the importers.

There is a one-cent a gallon tax on all gasoline of more than 725 specific gravity, but as most of the importers take care to have their gas of less than this specific gravity, the percentage of gas which pays a duty is very small, according to local dealers.

All the Ontario motorist will have to supply to the province is three million dollars as a gas tax this year, and he will have the pleasure of knowing that all his power tax goes to the provincial government for highway purposes.

NO NEW CLASSES ADDED BY CATTLE COMMITTEE

The cattle committee of the Western fair, meeting yesterday afternoon, recommended several minor changes in the prize list, but did not decide to add any additional classes to the competition this year.

Special contests for grade calves, raised by boys, was suggested by several members, but this matter was held over for the time being, as it is too late to enter this field this year. It is hoped that this section will be added to the competition next year.

PROF. CORNISH TO ADDRESS KIWIANS ON FRIDAY

Professor Cornish, of the University of Toronto, will speak on Russia to the London Kiwanis club on Friday of this week. Professor Cornish is also speaking in the afternoon to the Canadian Women's club on some of the recent discoveries in Egypt. He has made an intimate study of Russian conditions and was specially asked to talk on this subject by the entertainment committee.

THE GREEN OF OLD IRELAND LONDON'S OWN COLOR TODAY



SAAD ZAGHLUL PASHA, Egyptian nationalist leader, who was returned by a Cairo district to the chancery deputies in yesterday's general election by an overwhelming majority.

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\$38,000 IS PAID FOR STORE BLOCK

Hyatt Brothers Reported To Have Bought Dundas-Talbot Corner Property.

Hyatt Bros. are reported to have closed a deal for the purchase of the block at the northeast corner of Dundas and Talbot streets, occupied by the Dominion Express, Hockins' grocery and others on the ground floor, and by a number of offices on the upper floors.

The consideration was reported as \$38,000, the vendor, a St. Jacobs, Ont. man having bought the property a couple of years ago for about \$10,000 less.

Hyatt Bros. have purchased the property with a view to building thereon a three-story office building for lawyers, specializing in that profession as has been done in the Queen's avenue clinic building for physicians.

However, there are a number of long leases on the property, and until these are adjusted it will be impossible to proceed with the new construction program.

TYPHOID GERMS GIVEN YOUTH TO GAIN FORTUNE

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For a vote of the grand jury today if a true bill is voted Fauman will be the state's star witness. Mr. Crowe said, and may gain the minimum penalty, if not complete immunity, for his part in the case.

Fauman said that after Shepherd had taken a two weeks course in the money to Shepherd, he then at the first favorable opportunity, was to be given the germs. Finally the moment arrived. The boy had made his will, leaving the money to Shepherd.

"It was the understanding that Shepherd was to wait until young McClellin in a glass of cold water. After that the doses were repeated and the typhoid germs were given."

"A week after McClellin became ill, Shepherd met me and he asked me to take the money. I told him to administer the germs to the youth when the latter's stomach was empty. I explained that it would penetrate the intestines and cause almost certain death. At this time the boy asked me for advice as to how he could make the fever more deadly. McClellin was very ill."

"Shepherd told me he was after the McClellin fortune and was going to get it by getting rid of the boy. I yielded to his plea after he assured me that when he got the fortune in his hands he would share with me."

Fauman's statement culminated the story he began relating Saturday morning, when he said Shepherd had attended his school and that three test tubes of typhoid germ cultures disappeared about that time.

Y-KNOT CLUB ENTERTAINS TO JOLLY THEATRE PARTY

A theatre party and a social at the Y. M. C. A. were the features of a jolly program enjoyed by the members of the Y-Knot club last night.

Twelve couples met at the association building and went in a body to the Capitol. After the show they returned to the Y. M. C. A., where games were played until lunch was served.

The following were in the party: H. McDonald, F. Parsons, K. King, R. MacArthur, J. Glover, P. Seaton, W. Kilmer, H. Obeay, C. Fairless, W. F. Sherwin, Mrs. Blakely, Mrs. Sherwin and Misses Martin, Robinson, Essex, Alexander, Iverson, Teale, Gray, McNaughton and Fairless.

Gov. "Al" Heads St. Pat's Parade

New York, March 17.—New York celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a parade on Fifth avenue in which 25,000 men and women are expected to march.

Governor Al Smith was the grand marshal. Cardinal Hayes, in his pontifical robes, reviewed the marchers from a grandstand on the steps of St. Patrick's cathedral.

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PROOF LINE ROAD EXTENSION SEEN

Highway Dept. Expected To Continue Pavement as Far as St. John's.

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It is the intention, however, to build a permanent road from Delaware to a Meibourne, on the London-Windsor highway, the concrete having been extended from Lambeth to Delaware last year.

Tenders have also been called for 6 1/2 miles of pavement from the end of the present pavement on the Sarnia road, at Sarnia, to a point known as Reece's Corners.

On the Chatham road, the pavement, which now runs to Levesville, is to be carried further east, and there will also be a new section constructed between Cottam and Leamington, on the Windsor highway.

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Township councils all through the district have been passing resolutions endorsing the ditchless highway.

WOMAN DIES AFTER 83 YEARS RESIDENCE

Mrs. Anne Eliza Pike Came to Forest City When Six Years of Age.

Mrs. Anne Eliza Pike, one of the oldest residents of London, died Monday following an illness at her home, 564 Ontario street. She was in her 83rd year and came to the city when only 6 years of age from her birthplace in Yorkshire, England.

Mrs. Pike is the wife of the late John Pike, who died in 1880. She was for a number of years actively engaged in W. C. T. U. work in the city. She was also a prominent member of the Centennial Methodist church.

Four sons, William and Herbert of Chicago, Fred of Syracuse and John of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Kirkpatrick of Hamilton and Miss Sarah Pike, at home, are the survivors.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home to Mount Pleasant cemetery. Rev. E. M. Thompson will have charge of the services.

The pall bearers will include three grandsons of the deceased, Wesley Pike, Fred of this city, and Fred Kirkpatrick, Fred Ball and William Wilkie.

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Ridings To Follow Ward Boundaries With Fifteen Members in All.

Canadian Press Despatch.
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COAL DEALERS FINED IN COURT

Magistrate Graydon Declares "Public Must Be Protected."

Two local coal dealers, A. Deviney and Roy C. Brooks, were found guilty in police court this morning of violating a city bylaw by delivering short-weight loads.

The case against Deviney, pressed by Inspector R. H. Sanders, was heard in police court when a plea of not guilty was entered. Upon imposition of a \$25 fine by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, R. C. Brooks entered a plea of guilty and a similar fine was imposed.

On March 6, according to evidence given in court, Inspector Sanders made four inspections in the city. He took slips from the wagon drivers and then ordered time to proceed to the city weigh scales at the market. In two cases it was found that the loads were short weight.

Weighted Load.
The driver of the Deviney coal wagon, George A. Warwick, declared that he was in the act of delivering a half ton of coke when stopped by the inspector. When his load was weighed on the city scales it registered only 560 pounds.

Robert Deviney, who ordered Warwick to make the delivery and weighed the load at the coal yards, declared that the driver left there with two deliveries, one of 1,500 pounds for a Partridge street address and the other of 500 pounds for a Marmora street residence. He stated that the weight registered on the company's scales was identical with that written upon the slips and handed to the driver. If, after delivery of the first two deliveries, a shortage was detected by weighing at the city scales, he declared that the driver had given too much coal to the first.

Weight Wagons.
He stated further that the weigh scales at the company's yards were assisted by a balance beam, which weighed three and four times a day that the exact amount of ordered coal could be delivered. He said that in the majority of cases an exact amount was generally given.

The driver was unable to state definitely whether or not he had made an incorrect division in the two loads which he was delivering on the day Inspector Sanders stopped him.

"The only possible conclusion is that there has been a break in the delivery of the coal," Magistrate Graydon said at the conclusion of the case. "The public must be protected."

ADVANCE S. A. GUARD REACHES CITY TODAY

One Hundred Delegates Are Coming to London For Two-Day Conference.

The advance guard of Salvation Army officers and soldiers who will attend the two-day councils of the Salvationists here arrived this afternoon. By tomorrow noon it is expected that fully 100 will have registered at the Clarence street citadel.

Commissioner Stowton, of the headquarters staff, Toronto, will have charge of the sessions. He will be assisted by Col. Miller and Col. Adly. They have been conducting similar councils in Windsor and will be here tomorrow morning.

A special unit service at Clarence street citadel tomorrow night will see practically the entire force of army soldiers present.

WEMBLEY OFFICIAL WILL SEE LOCAL EXHIBITORS

J. S. McKinnon, director of the industrial exhibition for Canada in London, England, will be in London shortly to confer with local manufacturers interested in placing exhibits overseas this year.

Gordon Philip, secretary of the chamber of commerce, would like to hear from manufacturers interested, so that he can make arrangements for them to meet Mr. McKinnon. Mr. Philip points out that 18,000,000 people visited the Canadian exhibit last year, and that larger crowds are expected this summer. London firms having exhibits in place last year are more than pleased at the results obtained. Mr. Philip states.

BEGIN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning a Bible study program, which will occur a month, the members of the Y-Knot club at the Y. M. C. A. will meet tonight to take up the first lesson on the "Life of Christ." W. F. Sherwin will be in charge. The meetings will be held weekly.

Cheer Up Ye Generous Ones This Man Returned "Loan"

Take heart all ye who have debts outstanding. There is hope. The honest man has been found. He made his appearance at the Y. M. C. A. He was somewhat overdue. But he did arrive and he squared his account.

Last fall just as the leaves began to turn he walked into the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. He was hungry. Like many another, he approached the desk. Al Devenney was on duty. Al could not see him suffer, so he produced a half a dollar and bid it with him.

farewell. He soon forgot the time-worn phrase that the forlorn one offered, "Return it later."

Yesterday a well-dressed stranger with a prosperous air stepped breezily into the lobby. The faithful Al was on duty. The gentleman did not want anything. He wanted to give something. He handed over the 50-cent piece, thanked the chap who had so kindly helped him out, and was gone.



TO GIVE FIGURE SKATING EXHIBITION.

Above is Miss K. White, who will have Lieut.-Col. F. B. Ware as partner in a figure skating exhibition at the London Skating Club carnival this Friday night. The program will also include waiting on skates by club members, children's events, eccentric skating by the club professional, judging of costumes and many novelty features.

COUNCIL TO ASK HELP IF RAILWAY CO. BALKS

City Fathers Take Definite Stand Against Company in Fare Issue.

GIVE NOTICE TODAY
Action Is Outcome of L. S. R.'s Refusal To Compromise.

City council orders to the London Street Railway Company to go back to seven and nine fares for a quarter will be issued today.

Just as soon as formal demand can be drawn up by City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, the company will be asked to immediately revert to the rate of fares required under bylaw 916. Failure to do so will give the cue to the council to bring in the Ontario railway board to operate the road.

A 12-0 vote of the council last night put a strongly-worded resolution into the hands of the city solicitor. Every member of the council, bar the absent Ald. John Ashton, voted to have the company come to time and accede to concessions to the city.

Action Is Decisive.
There was not the slightest indecision apparent in the council. In a matter was introduced during a 50-minute session and occupied less than 15 minutes. City Engineer W. P. Near was asked to report for the special committee, and his remarks were endorsed by the mayor and Ald. Frank McKay, also members of the special committee which met company directors last Thursday.

It was reported that the company would promise nothing in exchange for a year's extension of the five-cent fares. Ald. McKay immediately moved to rescind the last offer of the council made to the L. S. R. A unanimous vote resulted.

Ald. McKay then introduced a lengthy resolution, setting forth in greater detail the company's original memorandum to the company to revert to the old rate of fares. He asked that this resolution be handed to the city solicitor today and checked before going to the street railway company.

The question was introduced just before the close of the meeting. The mayor protested against having to report to the committee, and asked to be excused on the grounds that he had reported the last street railway conference for several months.

Engineer Reports.
"Oh, I might be biased a bit," Ald. McKay expostulated. "We had a man on the committee who was supposed to be neutral. I'd like to have the engineer report on the matter."

Mr. Near's extemporaneous summary of the conference proceedings was found fair by both the mayor and Ald. McKay. The engineer related that the company had turned down the \$25,000 offer on the grounds that they could not finance such a project. The company was ready to do what paying they could by using this year's net earnings. Based on last year's earnings, this amount might reach \$25,000.

There was a shuffling of feet. "I'd move that the motion passed at our special meeting last week be rescinded," offered Ald. McKay.

Seconded by Douglass.
"That's the one respecting the \$25,000 offer," put in Ald. Douglass. "I'll second that."

"I didn't think Ald. McKay would spring that so quickly," commented Ald. McCormick, rising a second before two or three other would-be debaters. "He took the words out of my mouth."

It was agreed that Ald. McCormick, who had moved the original motion, would be the one to move the resolution.

JOHN ELY HARDING DIES.
Hamilton, March 16.—John Ely Harding, former judge of the county court of Victoria county, Ont., died tonight at his residence here at the age of 84 years. He had been a resident of Hamilton for seven years. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

ST. GEORGE'S HIT BY DR. W. BEATTIE

Action Is Desertion of Missionaries, First Pastor Charges.

Action taken by St. George's Presbyterian church last night in deciding to use its mission funds to assist non-concurring Presbyterian congregations was characterized as "desertion of four foreign missionaries" by Rev. William Beattie, D. D., chairman of the presbytery church union committee, this morning.

In joining Rev. T. A. Symington, M. A., moderator of presbytery, in an official statement, all unionist minorities are being enjoined to continue uninterrupted their contributions to the budget until union is consummated on June 10 next.

Dr. Beattie feels strongly upon the question and maintains that St. George's congregation was a party with the whole church in sending foreign missionaries into the field and guaranteeing their support.

"To withdraw support," asserts Dr. Beattie, "is desertion of our missionaries and will involve serious hardships upon a faithful and loyal body of men who have sacrificed home and country and have given themselves to the extension of the kingdom in distant lands."

"An accusation of withdrawing unionists from non-concurring congregations," adds Dr. Beattie, "comes with very bad grace from an organization in this city that has encouraged the establishment of an anti-Union Presbyterian church in South London."

The joint official statement made by Mr. Symington and Dr. Beattie is as follows: "In view of the action of the presbytery and chairman of the church union committee of presbytery, we desire to state that all unionist minorities in this presbytery and throughout the whole church have been urged, and are being urged, to continue without interruption their support of the missionary budget of the church until June 10."

"This policy we consider to be incumbent upon us in loyalty to our faithful missionaries representing us in the home and foreign mission field."

SHEEP KILLING SUIT IS NOW ADJOURNED

London Township Council Protests Delay in \$3,580 Action.

London township was prepared this morning to fight the supreme court action brought by Eugene Patrick for \$3,580, which he claimed was the value of Kankul sheep killed by dogs last May. However, counsel for Mr. Patrick was not prepared to go on, stating that sheep expected from Utah and New York could not be present today. He asked that the case be laid over till the next sittings.

J. C. Elliott, counsel for defense, objected, stating that neither he nor his client had seen the sheep and how could they value what they hadn't seen. There were counter-claims, as the sheep and who would give testimony as to their value.

His lordship suggested that the case might go to the next court on payment of costs by the plaintiff and subsequently ordered an adjournment if the costs were paid within 30 days, otherwise the action would be dismissed.

The jury action of Albert E. Reason to recover \$3,390 from Albert E. Reason Hodgins alleged to be owing on stock transactions in connection with the sale of stock for the Vulcan Company, is now proceeding. Mr. Hodgins is now proceeding. Mr. Hodgins is now proceeding.

DR. NAIR AGAIN REVEALS ATTITUDE, SAYS BEATTIE
Replying to the letter written by Rev. John McNair, D.D., relating to his dismissal by London presbytery, Rev. William Beattie, D.D., states that Dr. McNair "again reveals his unwillingness to state a case fairly."

He quotes only half of Dr. Woodside's letter, and then states, "and thereby gives the impression which suits his purpose. Dr. Woodside, representing the central union committee, was answering the many inquiries of unionist minorities as to whether or not they should withdraw at once or wait till after June 10."

The letter replied that they must be guided by local circumstances, and that they should wait till after June 10. Dr. Beattie, "and then set forth under two headings the reasons that might decide them, firstly in withdrawing at once, secondly in remaining till after June 10. Dr. McNair quoted only the former, thus leaving the impression that he desired the public to have."