

LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1922

PARLEY DENIED UNTIL GAS CO. DROPS APPEAL

City To Refuse Conference
Unless Company Withdraws
Application to Legislature.

HIGHER RATES SOUGHT

Council Is Displeased With
Chamber of Commerce
Stand On Memberships.

The city gas company desires a conference with the city in an effort to arrange an amicable settlement as to rates.

Such was the request contained in a communication presented to the finance committee of the city council on Wednesday night.

The city will not grant the request unless the gas company first withdraws its application to the legislature for increased rates.

The letter was from J. C. Elliott, acting for the gas company. He pointed out that the present agreement expires on May 31.

Mayor Wilson said that the city would have nothing to gain by such a conference in face of the company's application before the legislature.

The company had prejudiced its own and the city's case.

Ald. Ashplant agreed. He said that the company was now out of court and by this piece of strategy hoped to get back into court.

Must Drop Application
The committee's decision was to notify the company that if it withdraws its application to the legislature the council will accept the proposal for a conference.

The Chamber of Commerce did not accept or reject the council's request that the members of the council be made members of the Chamber of Commerce by virtue of the grant made to the chamber by the council, and the committee will send the matter back with the statement that the answer of the chamber is not a satisfactory one to the request of the council.

Secretary Gordon Philip in his letter to the council said that the request had been considered by the board of directors and the conclusion had been arrived at that there was a misunderstanding as to the agreement under which the grant was made by the council. It was pay for services rendered and the letter set out at length what these services were.

When the letter was read Ald. Ashplant, who has fathered the matter before the council, remarked that if brevity was the soul of wit, there was little wit in the letter.

"Or soul, either," said Mayor Wilson.

Matter Referred Back.
Ald. Ashplant said that the communication was unworthy of the chamber. He contended that the city should be represented on the chamber the same as other industries which made grants to its funds.

Ald. Cunningham went back into the history of the hiring of Mr. Philip by the city, and said that later full control was taken over by the Chamber of Commerce. The city then used to pay half the salary.

Ald. Ashplant said that this strengthened his argument, as where-

Will Put Horse Drawn Fire Equipment Up For Sale

IN THESE days when every nickel of expense counts on the tax rate, members of the council are scouting round looking for possible sources of revenue.

Chief Aitken, of the fire department, told the members of the finance committee on Wednesday night that having secured a new motor apparatus he had a couple of old horse-drawn fire-fighting pieces that might be sold.

Mayor Wilson thought that the city must have a lot of junk about the city, in the fire halls, in the storage yards, etc. He thought this might be a junk sale staged.

The chief will try and bring in his share of funds from the sale of the couple of wagons.

as the city used to have the control over the industrial commissioner. He expressed regret that the chamber had not given a direct answer, and his motion that the clerk refer the matter back carried.

The Chamber of Commerce also sent along its nomination on the industrial advisory committee. The nominees are Messrs. Moore, Harley, Manning, Foster, Little and Philip.

Should Control Committee.
Mayor Wilson immediately objected. The council would have only four members on the committee, and yet it was putting up all the money. He said it should control the committee and action to this end is to be taken.

City Clerk Baker reported in writing on the recent interview which the special committee had with T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, on the question of annex taxation. The tenor of the clerk's letter was, as reported recently in The Advertiser, to the effect that "the property in the annexed district is not, by the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, made upon the annexation, exempt from the payment of school taxes." The communication was filed.

Chairman Childs recommended that Orth's, Limited, be awarded the contract for the firemen's summer uniforms. The price will be \$34.35 for the firemen's outfits with extra trousers, and \$38.75 for the chief's and assistant chief's uniforms.

Adjusted Best Value.
The tender was not the lowest but Ald. Childs said that expert advice on the samples submitted had been secured and Orth's was adjudged the best value.

Orth's also made the winter uniforms of the department.

Ald. Watkinson criticized the inspection of meats and fowl sold on the market. He had purchased fowl that were afflicted with tuberculosis and wanted a rigid inspection enforced.

The mayor asked how the farmer could tell that an animal had the disease. While Ald. Ashplant suggested that if the farmer were able to tell that the bird was diseased, the purchaser would also be able to tell.

The matter will be called to the attention of the board of health.

The juvenile court question came up again. The mayor said that the matter would be brought home about the end of the month.

Bylaws Sent to Council.
The bylaw approving of the commission government scheme was sent on to the council.

Ald. Holmes wanted to know when the matter of better street lighting was going to be dealt with. His query came up with the recommendation of the engineer for an extra light on Victoria street below Talbot.

Mayor Wilson said the matter would be considered with the estimates.

St. Catharines believes that the housing commissions of the province have served their purpose and the little that remains to be done could be handled by the councils. The proposal is to have the council invested with the proper authority by the legislature.

Mayor Wilson was not agreeable. He would like to see the commissions carried on into perpetuity, having in mind, evidently, the local situation.

The city will not approve.

Debentures Approved.
City Clerk Baker reported that the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board had approved of the issuance of \$125,000 for waterworks debentures. He also thought that a similar amount for the electrical department had been approved but was not certain.

City Treasurer Bell reported that the street railway has paid \$500 every month on its paying debt to the city.

URGE START ON NEW CITY HALL

Members of Trades and Labor
Council Pass Unanimous
Resolution.

CLAIM BUILDING DISGRACE

Delegates Assert That Smaller
Cities Have Creditable
Civic Structures.

The officers and members of the trades and labor council, at its last regular meeting, following a full discussion on the present unemployment condition locally, adopted the following resolution:

"That we ask our honorable body to proceed at once and bring about plans for the building of a new city hall which has been under discussion for the past 20 years;

"Be it further resolved that more extensive city work be provided so that London will not have to resort to the 'bread line relief' measures, so extremely distasteful to other cities.

"Furthermore, that we express ourselves fully in accord with any emergency public works which will relieve the extreme want prevalent in our midst."

Such was the resolution introduced at the regular session of the London Trades and Labor Council Wednesday night by John M. McGuire, president of that body, seconded by Delegate R. H. Hessel, and passed without opposition. It will be presented to Mayor Wilson and council.

Would Begin Excavation.
Delegate Arthur Mould expressed the opinion that the council might direct that the excavation work at the site of the hall be undertaken immediately, while it would provide employment for many. Once this was completed the sign boards could be placed around until the actual building was commenced.

The delegate held that the present quarters were a disgrace to London, and referred to the fact that much smaller places, such as Stratford, had city halls that the residents might well be proud of.

When the suggestion was made that as the relief could be undertaken as a relief measure, the government should be asked to shoulder the cost, the delegate said that John Ashton questioned the probability of the latter taking such action.

Sewer Work Waiting.
The councillor was of the opinion, however, that No. 2 committee of the city council was practically ready to go ahead with certain sewer work already petitioned for. It was of the opinion that under the circumstances the employment situation in the city during the past few months had received remarkable consideration.

"While times have been slack," he pointed out, "there has been about 600 men working, and we had not much to put them at."

Ald. Ashton explained that the city had three or four big jobs to commence, but that there had always been something to prevent a beginning lately. He expected, however, that within a week or two a start would be made.

WANT POLICE UNIFORMS
MANUFACTURED IN CITY

Union Clothing Workers Protest
Against Outside Firm Securing
Contract.

Union clothing workers have complained that the police commission has awarded the contract for constable clothing to an outside firm.

Delegates of the union explain that they have approached members of the city council regarding the matter, but learned they say that the aldermen have apparently nothing to do with the affair except to pay the bill.

Ald. John Ashton has promised to take the issue up with Mayor Wilson immediately while the trades and labor council will also ask the Chamber of Commerce to use its influence in the same direction. The union chiefs point out that the Chamber of Commerce always seems to have a willingness to co-operate in anything to the advantage of the city.

The clothing workers explain that this contract would mean quite an appreciable volume of work for local men, especially at a time like the present.

plus the amount seized by the sheriff at the city's request.

Deputy Fire Chief Chas. Scott filed a claim for \$47 for doctor's bills arising out of an accident he suffered while on duty. The claims committee will dispose of the matter.

Dr. McCullough, the provincial health officer, said that the clerk was entitled to \$79.75 fees for the collection of vital statistics, figures which had been recorded with his department.

Ald. Watkinson suggested that the fair board should get some assistance so that it can reduce its admission fee.

Will Not Aid Fair.
"Nothing doing," said Mayor Wilson, and so it ended.

Later Ald. Watkinson remarked that Toronto's exhibition got assistance from the city. "They boost their fair, we knock ours," he said.

Tenders for the city printing for the year were received and referred to the chairman and clerk. Mr. Baker said that he and the treasurer were of the opinion that by placing individual jobs as they came up, would save the city money. By letting a bulk tender for the year, only one firm tendered. The Advertiser Job. The proposal is to be considered.

Ald. Ashplant suggested that when estimates are being prepared, the figures for 1915 should be given for comparison purposes. The figures should not be all based on last year's costs.

London Boys Will Enter Dominion Bible Study Competition in April

With Lou Buckley, national boys' secretary, and Howard Crocker, national physical director, attending, the conference of the boys' secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. for the Western Ontario district was held Wednesday afternoon in the London Y.

The object of the conference was to make certain recommendations to the national council about the problem of Bible study in the association, and the tasks of the junior leaders' corps, together with matters concerning summer camps, had been discussed.

In addition, a recommendation was made to the council dealing with boys' training for leadership in churches.

Particular attention was directed to Bible study in the "Y." because of the fact that the national council accepted the recommendation of the national commission on Bible study, the chairman of which commission was Lloyd Houlding, B. A., the London boys' secretary. The commission has been working two years on the question of promoting the study of the Bible within the association.

Next April a Dominion-wide contest will take place among the classes of Bible students. The contest will apply locally in the following manner: all church groups, which have been meeting in the association building, will try examinations on the course which they have been taking up.

These groups will then be placed in competition with all other groups in Canada, and the highest placed group will be taken for the basis of the Dominion competition.

It is expected by the secretaries that much more energetic promotion in Bible study will be given the students on account of the new project.

Mr. Lou Buckley addressed a group of 80 boys on Wednesday evening at the conclusion of the conference.

EXTENSION CLASS WILL OPEN SOON

Educational Course for Workers Reported to Labor Council As Ready For Commencement.

UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATES

Western to Provide Professor, Students Only Asked to Secure Their Own Text Books.

W. J. Stewart, a member of the labor committee that has been working in conjunction with a committee of the Western University with a view toward the establishment of workers' extension classes, reports favorable progress.

It is expected that a class will be completed in a short time. Mr. Stewart explains that it was suggested that for the present at least a class of fifteen be formed for an immediate start, while more could be added from time to time. He reports that workers to this number have already signified their desire to participate in the first class.

The Western University has arranged to furnish the professor or instructor, the workers providing their own text books. Once these classes are under way, London will be the third city in Canada to actually identify itself with this endeavor. In Montreal and Toronto it is explained, progress has been noted.

It is the intention of the union men that the instruction be available for any worker, whether a member of a union or otherwise.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love, and of a sound mind.—II. Timothy 1:8.

GIVE free and bold play to those instincts of the heart which believe that the Creator must have created the creature as he has made him, and that the creature takes each of them into his love, and knowing it separately, surrounds it with his separate sympathy.—Philips Brooks.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

Kiwanis luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
Commencement exercises, Collegiate, 2 p.m.
Commercial Travelers' ball, 8 p.m.
Board of works meeting, 8 p.m.

REV. W. K. F. HARRIS, of St. Andrew's Church, is in Toronto at the meeting of the boys' work board.

THE WOMEN'S Association of Knox Presbyterian Church, meeting in the schoolroom Wednesday afternoon, discussed after the usual opening exercises, coming social events. The ladies present were in favor of holding St. Patrick's day on the evening of March 16, and later on in the month a "Made-in-Canada" exhibit.

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS were initiated into the supreme lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose at the first meeting since the organization meeting, one week ago. On account of the increasing membership of the lodge permanent lodge rooms will be secured immediately. Until the campaign for membership closes the loyal order will meet Wednesday of each week. At present the order numbers seventy on its roll.

THE MEETING of the London Methodist Ministerial Alliance, in the First Methodist Church, Tuesday, March 7, will commence at 2 p.m. instead of at 11, as has heretofore been the custom. The change is being made to comply with a wish expressed by the wives of Methodist ministers in the city. Rev. A. E. Hopper of Delaware, will be the speaker on this occasion. His subject will be a review of a book by Eddy, a world famous missionary. "Everyday's World."

A JOLLY EVENT of Wednesday evening was the banquet tendered the graduating class of 1922 of Victoria Hospital by the intermediate class at the Teemish House. Covers were laid for more than sixty in the big dining-room beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Miss Helen B. Armstrong, night superintendent, and Miss A. Green, chief of the operating room, chaperoned. During dinner, several numbers were played by the hospital orchestra, and many old songs were sung. The evening wound up with a dance.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY meeting of the London Presbytery is being held on the 17 of March, 17 week earlier than the customary date in order that members may hear Rev. E. T. McKerrill, convener of the assembly committee on pension funds. The question of whether a minister should retire at the age of 65 or 70 was the cause of much discussion at the February meeting of the Presbytery, when a remit from the general assembly on the subject was brought before the court. Members entertained conflicting opinions, necessitating the holding over of the remit until the March meeting, when it was felt Mr. McKerrill, would be able to throw more light on the subject.

Springtime Needs

These brisk March days bring a lot of added tasks to the busy housewife—moving, cleaning, repairing, sewing and many other things; but the Want Ads will quickly lighten her burdens.

Let the Want Ads help with the cleaning—secure competent helpers, labor-saving equipment and many other essentials.

Let the Want Ads help with the sewing—secure a competent seamstress by means of them—or purchase a sewing machine at a special price.

The Want Ads are a great boon to the housewife at this time of year. Telephone 3670.

3,066 MOTHERS IN ONTARIO ASSISTED

Total Number of Children Who Benefit Under Act Estimated at 9,350.

COSTS \$1,400,000 YEARLY

Allowances Enable Many Families in Province, Formerly Separated, to Be Reunited.

The total number of beneficiaries under the mothers' allowance act, up to the end of February, is 3,066, who have an average of three children to a family, so that about 9,350 children have benefited during the year 1921.

The number of families receiving checks from the commission is increasing every month, and during the month of February 95 were added.

Rev. Peter Bryce, chairman of the mothers' allowance commission, who is addressing the annual meeting of the Social Service Council Thursday evening, said that the commission estimate that it would take \$1,400,000 to carry on the work this year.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Nov. 1, the amount expended by the commission had been increased \$300,000 monthly.

The amount spent by the commission last year was \$775,000, but the number of mothers receiving the allowance had increased to 2,971 at the end of last January, as against 100 in January, 1921.

One of the good results of the mothers' allowance act has been the better attendance of the children at school and the teachers report that the children are better clothed and fed.

Rev. Peter Bryce in speaking of the effect that it has had on the mothers, said that in most cases the health of the mother was much better, because she had been relieved of a lot of worry by the assurance that a certain amount of money at least would come in regularly.

Through the assistance given by the commission in one district, 17 families who had been separated before receiving the allowance, had been reunited.

"The provincial board," said the chairman, "is of the opinion that there is no better board anywhere than the mothers' allowance board of London."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SUPPORT LABOR PLEA

Will Back Trades Council in Protest Regarding Police Uniforms Contract.

That the Chamber of Commerce stands ready at any time in the general interests of Londoners to co-operate with the trades and labor council or other bodies was the assurance given Thursday by Gordon Philip, managing secretary of the former body commenting upon the complaint that the police commission has let a clothing contract to an outside firm.

"We don't know the merits of this case," said Mr. Philip, "but we are always ready to interest ourselves in anything for the betterment of the city as a whole. That has been our permanent policy. I was under the impression personally, however, that the contract in question had been let to a local firm."

The labor men had expressed the hope that the Chamber of Commerce would co-operate with them in this and similar problems.

Eddy, a world famous missionary. "Everyday's World."

Obituaries

JAMES S. REARDON.

The funeral of James S. Reardon, who died suddenly Saturday, was held from his residence, 358 Oxford street, Tuesday. The services were conducted by Mr. Smith, and Rev. Peter Nichol, of the Knoxwood Park Presbyterian Church. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery. Mr. Reardon was a carpenter and had followed his trade for forty-two years in London. Besides a widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Tack of Hamilton road, and Miss Lizzie at home, and three sons, John of Hamilton road and Robert and James at home. Two sisters, Mrs. Charles Currie of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Ryan of Toronto also survive.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local post office on Thursday, March 2, 1922, to be forwarded via S. S. Canada, sailing from Halifax, N. S., on March 5, 1922. This mail will consist of all classes. Letters and registered matter at 10 a.m.; parcel post and newspapers at 2 p.m.

Also.
Letters and registered matter at 10 p.m., S. S. Panhandle State, sailing from New York.

ASK MORE AID FOR SHELTER

Representatives of Children's
Aid Society Urge City To
Increase Grant.

SOLDIERS' AID PRAISED

Request That \$3,000 Grant
Be Placed in Estimates,
Well Received.

The Children's Aid Society wants the city to do as well by this society in the matter of grants as is being done by the county. Wednesday night a deputation from the society waited on the finance committee asking this.

The county grant and allowance of 1921 allowed the shelter 73 cents per day per child, while the city allowance, as per a \$2,000 grant, was only 41 cents a day.

A. E. Barbour remarked how pleased the officers of the society would be to see the city's appointed representatives to the society attend their meetings and learn something about this work. It would be an education for the aldermen and they would be able to keep the council posted on what is going on, he said.

He said that the society had an added responsibility and it was the wish to lay the details of the work before the committee that it would recommend a substantial increase in the amount paid.

Had Deficit in 1921.
During 1921 there was a deficit of \$3,077 which was taken care of by legacies. The city's 1921 grant was \$2,000, which figured at the number of days, 7,762 for city children, allows 41 cents a day. Computed at the generally accepted rate of \$5 a week would cost the city \$5,545, thus the city is short in its account, \$3,545.

Mr. Barbour compared this with county payments. Mr. Barbour first suggested a \$1,500 increase then that the city equal the per diem allowance of the county, or even raise it up 20 cents.

The council sent the matter on to the estimates along with a soldier's aid grant of \$3,000 and \$2,500 for the Children's Day Nursery, which grant has been increased \$500 a year for 1922, to \$1,000, and at the same time pay a per diem allowance of 73 cents per child on a total paid in 1921 of \$1,577.

D. H. McDiarmid said that the council is liable under the act for the complete upkeep of the shelter, if the society asked for the enforcement of the act. However, it is not asking this, but desired that the council gradually increase its grant until it is taking care of the shelter and save calls on the public.

Chairman Childs remarked that it would not do to take away the prerogative of the charitable inclined.

Mayor Wilson thought that the county should pay more to a city institution.

Only Gives Yearly Grant.
Mr. Barbour pointed out that the city did not pay for the building. Its only grant for aid was \$2,000 yearly. The mayor pointed out that the shelter paid no taxes. He did not think that the city should try and be a father of all the charitable institutions.

Mr. McDiarmid said that if the voluntary institution did not exist the city would have to foot the bill of an institution of its own.

Ald. Cunningham said that the institution had for better boys and girls. He favored that some grants should be cut to increase this as a means of saving the city money. They are not sure that they will need the money, but want to be protected financially if hard times continue. Members of the committee spoke highly in appreciation of the work which the Soldiers' Aid has been carrying on, and their request was sent on to the estimates with a recommendation that it be given favorable consideration.

Mrs. E. T. Edwards spoke for the Day Nursing. It cost \$5,000 to operate the nursery. She thought that if the council would give \$2,500 the other half could be raised voluntarily.

The request was sent on to the estimates.

Will Cut Representation On Committee If Aldermen Desire

IT WAS not with any ulterior motive, explained Gordon Philip, managing secretary of the chamber of commerce, that the latter's representation upon the industrial area committee was six in number, one in excess of the city council's.

Mr. Philip, "that the question warranted our earnest consideration, and it was only in a spirit of co-operation that we selected six as the number for the committee. We will be quite ready to reduce this representation to whatever figure the aldermen desire."

STRESSES VALUE OF MISSION WORK

Rev. Dr. Wallace Addresses Conference in St. James Presbyterian Church.

SHOWS LANTERN SLIDES

Urges Audience to Support Forward Movement to Aid Immigrants.

A most successful church and community conference was held in St. James Church, Wednesday evening, in connection with the London Presbytery. All the Presbyterian churches in the city were well represented.

Rev. Dr. Wallace, secretary of the forward movement board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, gave a most interesting and instructive address on the work of the Presbyterian Church. The talk was supplemented by lantern slides, illustrating work in the foreign and home mission fields.

Dr. Wallace emphasized the extensiveness of work done amongst immigrants, mentioning particularly the Ukrainians, of whom there are 30,000 in Northern Ontario alone. It was evident from Dr. Wallace's statements that the influence of the Presbyterian Church was expanding rapidly amongst foreign immigrants in Ontario and the prairie provinces as well as in the far northwest.

Forward movement funds are being used to build and enlarge churches, schools, hospitals and settlement houses are being erected amongst these people so that their community life may be improved. Large settlement houses are in successful operation in Toronto, Winnipeg, Montreal and Vancouver. The speaker stressed the importance of the work carried on by means of the forward movement, and urged that the best possible support be given it.

Although dealing more fully with the work in the home mission fields, Dr. Wallace gave some interesting information concerning work in China, Japan and other eastern countries where the church had made its influence felt.

Rev. James McKay of New St. James Church, presided as chairman.

HEARS EVIDENCE IN BETTING CASE

Magistrate Bartlett Reserves Judgment on Charge Against Julius Siskind, 338 Richmond Street.

RACING PAPERS FOUND

Inspector Lucas Also Testifies Safe Contained Numbered Tickets and Horses Names.

Julius Siskind, charged with unlawfully allowing his premises to be used for the recording of bets, wagers, or selling pools, as a result of a raid on his premises, 338 Richmond street, on February 22, asked for trial by jury when his case was called in police court Thursday morning.

Magistrate Bartlett heard the evidence offered at the preliminary hearing and reserved judgment until Monday.

Inspector Thomas Lucas told of visiting Siskind's place on Richmond street on the afternoon of February 21, and finding a number of racing sheets.

W. R. Meredith for Siskind, objected to this evidence, stating that the mere finding of these sheets did not prove anything, but the magistrate admitted the evidence.

Copies of the Last Minute Racings and Sporting News and The Canadian Daily Racing Form were found according to the inspector who told of finding a book in Siskind's safe. Siskind told him the book contained entries of his business.

Mr. Meredith also objected to this evidence.

Inspector Lucas declared that he found the names of 24 different race horses in the book as well as slips with numbers and initials on them. Mr. Meredith submitted that there was not enough evidence to send Siskind for trial.

"This man could make 1,000 bets of his own if he desired. It must be proved that he allowed people to come in here and make bets and that has not been proved," declared Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he would give judgment in the case on Monday.

3 KILLED DURING RIOT.
London, Feb. 2.—Three persons were killed and twenty-four others injured, some seriously, in a disturbance this morning at Tanta, Egypt, 50 miles north of Cairo, says a Central News dispatch from Cairo. Native soldiers quelled the disturbance and restored order.

LONDON STREET RAILWAY MEN LO