

# Do You Want More Taxes? Then Vote For City Hall

## RECALLS DAYS WHEN FIREMEN THOUGHT \$400 ANNUAL SALARY MUNIFICENT CIVIC REWARD

W. A. Howard, Who Left Local Force In 1906 To Take Charge of Neighboring Department, Returns To His Old Home.

### Churches and Clubs

W. A. Howard, after nearly 20 years' experience as a fire-fighter, 10 years of which were spent as chief of the Peterboro department, has returned to London and is now in business at 755 Dundas street. He entered the service which claimed so many years of his life's work in London in 1890 when firemen, receiving the yearly salary of \$400 and uniforms, given by a grateful city, considered themselves as having the world by the tail with a downhill pull.

In those days, Mr. Howard points out, fire and police force were on the most friendly of terms, and both were alike friendly with the demon reporters of those far-off days. The old central station, he declares, was a rendezvous for many former London newspaper men who in the past two decades have been scattered all over the Dominion, most of them going to posts commensurate both honor and influence.

Mr. Howard in 1906 was considered one of the most valuable members of the London forces. His departure for more important work in neighboring cities was signified by no less than three banquets. "They were that glad to get rid of me," he stated when questioned on the matter.

Chief Rowe was in charge of the force when Mr. Howard left, and the late Chief Clarke was at that time one of the junior officers.

Old timers of the London police and fire departments are welcoming Mr. Howard back to London.

When citizens of London go to the polls on Monday to elect their municipal representatives for 1924, Frank Jones, aldermanic candidate in Ward 2, will most likely head the vote for his ward. It was confidently asserted to-day by his friends. They feel certain that Mr. Jones will make a record in that ward and be elected with a most substantial majority.

Frank Jones is a newcomer for municipal honors. He is bringing to the ward just those qualities which are sought for by the people. A son of ex-Water Commissioner William Jones, he has pledged himself to a policy of economy and efficiency, promoting the welfare of London, with particular emphasis placed on Ward 2.

The electors of Ward 2 will be looking for their own interests when they elect Frank Jones as alderman.—Adv.

**BROWN-MOORE.**  
The marriage of Dorothy Jane, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore, of this city, to Audrey Kenneth Brown, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, of St. Thomas, was very quietly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, 401 Waverley street, at 9 o'clock last evening. Rev. Mark Turnbull, of this city, officiating. The bride wore a smart gown of nigger brown tulle, trimmed with sable. After a buffet supper, Mr. and Mrs. Brown left to spend a brief honeymoon in Detroit and will later live in St. Thomas.

**P. J. WATT RUNNING STRONG.**  
Citizens Want New Blood On Public Utilities  
Rally To Support of Popular Candidate

The candidature of Ald. P. J. Watt for the Public Utilities Commission appears to be gaining remarkable strength as the campaign draws to a close. His dignified, businesslike and straightforward appeal to the thinking citizens of London is winning him supporters in increasing numbers.

Mr. Watt stands for harmony and co-operation among all the public and semi-public bodies of the city. If elected he will insist on fair consideration and equitable treatment to London manufacturers and merchants. This, he charges, is now being denied to local firms by the present commission. Ald. Watt believes that all things being equal preference should be given to London workmen by city spending bodies, especially as employment at the present time is none too plentiful. His policy is "Buy London-made goods and keep London workmen busy."

While a staunch supporter and advocate of public ownership, Ald. Watt claims that the real enemies of public ownership are those who, by their cavalier treatment of the members of other municipal boards and their autocratic attitude toward the business public, are doing injury to the city.

Ald. Watt also believes that all legitimate information regarding the workings of the Public Utilities Commission, in which every taxpayer is a shareholder, should be available to the citizens. He claims that too much unpaid officials who do not realize their responsibilities to the general public. This, he claims, tends to star chamber autocratic methods.

His hosts of friends assert that Ald. Watt is in no sense an office-seeker, but a capable, genial business man, who consistently advocates a square deal policy and courteous and reasonable consideration to all citizens. His supporters confidently predict that they will place him at the head of the list on election night.—Adv.

**HACKETT LODGE DANCE.**—Hackett L. O. L. No. 865, holds a seasonable dance in Hyman Hall on Tuesday, December 4, to which the public in general is invited.

## Another Group of London's Future Citizens



Here are the pupils of Grade 1A of St. George's Public School as they posed for a Free Press camera man a few days ago.

## Reports Garbled By Toronto-Owned Paper

In its efforts to make out a case for the city hall by-law, The London Advertiser represents that The Free Press has been in favor of both the city hall and the Springbank dam, and has only shifted its position within the past ten days. Our Toronto-owned contemporary resorts to garbling of Free Press editorials. It makes half quotations from editorials of November 7 and 22. Here is what The Free Press stated on November 7 in regard to the Springbank dam:

"The electors will be asked by the City Council at the coming municipal election to vote on the building of a new Springbank dam at a cost of \$150,000. In addition, the ratepayers will pass on a vote of \$500,000 for the erection of a new city hall."

"Whatever may be said in regard to the building of a new city hall and The Free Press is not in favor of the erection of the municipal buildings on the McCormick site owned by the city on Dundas street, there should be no question as to the value to London of reconstructing the Springbank dam. The Thames River between the city and Springbank Park is at present an eyesore. With the dam rebuilt it would be a thing of beauty and a wonderful asset for recreation and healthful enjoyment for London citizens."

"However, it is doubtful whether a vote should be taken this year. The electors are in an economical mood, and if they are not, they should be. They are in no frame of mind to spend money on anything except absolute necessities. With two large money-to-be-voted upon the chances are that both will be defeated, irrespective of their merits. It would be the part of wisdom if those back of the Springbank dam scheme, which The Free Press supports, had held over the vote for another year. Now they endanger by an adverse vote the progress of the plan for a number of years."

The Free Press has not changed its attitude. It is in favor of the Springbank dam, which would add to the beauty of the city and would be a real asset, but it believes the City Council made a serious blunder in submitting the by-law this year, under present financial conditions.

Then again on November 22 The Free Press said:

"There is no doubt of the need of a new municipal building. The present quarters are disgraceful. However, The Free Press believes it would be better to follow report of the town-planning expert, Thomas Adams, who recommended against building on the Dundas street site, and suggested rebuilding the present Spencer Block along the line of the Public Utilities structure and securing the Deane or some similar location on Queen's avenue for the permanent building."

"There is little room for argument as to the value to the city of the Springbank dam. It would turn the Thames River from the city to the park into a thing of beauty, instead of the present dirty streamlet. The only question is as to the advisability of proceeding with the work immediately. The Free Press is of the opinion the vote should not have been pressed this year. This is the time when there is an urgent need for rigid economy, and no work should be pushed with, calling for large capital expenditure, unless of a most pressing nature."

This is the position of The Free Press on November 7 and November 22, and is the position of The Free Press to-day. There is no question as to the need of new municipal buildings, but The Free Press believes that it would be a serious mistake to build a pretentious city hall on the McCormick site at the present juncture.

Misrepresentation of a paper or an individual's position may be looked upon as good journalism in the City of Toronto, but it is not a type of journalism which is welcomed in the City of London.

**FORBID MARKET TO ALL "HUCKSTERS"**  
New By-Law Being Enforced To-Day For First Time.

**SOME EVADING THE ORDER**  
Confusion Exists With Regard To Country Merchants.

To-day was the first regular market day that the recent regulations regarding "huckster" and "trucker" privileges on the local square were enforced. Recent regulation amendments insist upon 50 per cent. of the vendor's produce offered for sale on the local square being grown by himself. For this reason many former familiar figures on the market to-day were conspicuously absent. Dealers who had been accustomed to collect produce for sale are now banned from their stands on the market. The so-called hucksters, who display their wares north of the market house, in many cases have retired to their stalls in the basement of the market house. One man employed a sign posted who he had originally conducted his business, announcing his removal to new quarters.

Country merchants, who are in the habit of taking butter and eggs in exchange from their customers, are in some doubt regarding the matter. They argue that in so much as they are forced to accept this form of payment by the nature of their business, they are in a difficult position than a buyer who secures the country produce and should be allowed the outlet afforded by

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United Commercial Travelers Institute New Lodges To-Day.

THREE FALL IN LINE  
Local Officers Leave For Brantford At Noon.

What practically insures the establishment of the grand council of the United Commercial Travelers of Canada in London will be effected to-day in the dedication of lodges at Brantford and Peterboro. A lodge in Windsor will be instituted next Saturday. Officers of the London U. C. T. lodge leave for Brantford at noon, where F. W. St. Lawrence, past senior councillor, will be in charge of the ceremony.

London's U. C. T. lodge, now nearly two years old, was the first of the order in Ontario. Immediately after organization, officers of the local lodge started a strenuous campaign to organize other lodges throughout Western Ontario, with a view to holding the future grand council headquarters here.

That effort has now been crowned and it is probable that an international meeting will be held early in the year to select the governing organization.

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The vote on Monday is sure to elect Allen Towe as alderman in ward 1.—Adv.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

THE FAMILY of the late Mrs. Emma Taylor, 279 Wharfedale road, north, wish to express their sincere gratitude to their many friends and to the gentleman that acted as agent and collector of the neighbors who so kindly loaned their cars and for their kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement.

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**FLOODS IN ITALY.**  
UPINE, Italy, Dec. 1.—Heavy rain storms have affected the whole Friuli country, in this province, causing the rivers to overflow their banks, flooding the surrounding country, and obliging the inhabitants of some towns to take refuge in the hills.

**WOUNDED GIRL MUCH IMPROVED**  
Able to Move Herself Slightly For the First Time.  
FAMILY WITH HER  
Victim of Love Duel Sure of Own Recovery.

"Unchanged" is the report from Victoria Hospital regarding the condition of Viola McNaughton, who was wounded more than a week ago in the chest when Clarence Topping inflicted fatal injuries on his former sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, by shooting her twice in the abdomen. For a week Miss McNaughton has battled for life and though at times slight adverse indications were noted, she is much better to-day than when she was admitted to the hospital.

Friends who visited her yesterday afternoon state that she moved herself for the first time and for a while assumed a half-sitting posture. The wounded girl has every confidence that she will pull through and relatives share her hopes.

**PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR—Guelph.**  
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6.  
Guelph's great Winter Fair is one of the most outstanding events of its character held in Canada. It is both educational and intensely interesting for anybody, but particularly the farmer, the live stock breeder, poultry breeder, etc. Travel "The National Way" to a National Fair. For particulars of reduced fares apply to nearest ticket agent of the Canadian National Railways.—Adv.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Provisions averaged higher to-day, in line with hog values. Futures closed from 1/2c off to 2/10c up, as follows: Pork—Nominal.

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