

STORES BEAR THE BRUNT OF INCREASED ASSESSMENT DURING PAST FEW YEARS

Man & Ingram Has Taxes Practically Doubled From 1918 To 1921.

The statement which has been made recently to the effect that the small business owner is bearing the heavy brunt of the increase in taxation of the last few years is absolutely proven to be false by a careful study of the facts. The business men on Dundas and Richmond streets assert that they have tangible evidence that the largest percentage of the increase in taxes is borne by the smaller homes.

taxes paid on the store and on the McGarvey terrace totaled \$7,888, while last year the amount for \$4,953.

One of the most prominent business men of the city, who owns some vacant property in the North End as well as other properties, pointed to two instances as being typical. One vacant lot, assessed at \$1,800 in 1920, was boosted to \$3,350 last year. The assessment on a lane leading to a garage, which was \$500 in 1921, was exactly doubled this year. He contends that other business men with large property owners are being "bumped" equally as hard by the assessment. But he points out that so long as the general assessment is based on the value of the property, there can be no reason to complain. In any event he is positive that the small house owner is not hit any harder, if as hard, as the large owners are.

FOURTH OPENING OF NEW SCHOOLS

Collegiate Institute and Victoria Officially Start Careers

TWO INSPIRING ADDRESSES

Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody and Rev. Dr. Beattie Speak Appropriately

Speaking at the formal opening of the Collegiate Institute yesterday afternoon, Dr. H. J. Cody, former minister of education, impressed upon the pupils that there are five marks of a real education by which every boy or girl, man or woman, may be known unmistakably.

Horoscope For April Is Full of Rare Optimism

1.—(All Fools' Day).—Weather man displays a misjudged sense of humor when he revives King Winter as climatology returns from another month.

2.—Popularity of gooshes and Russian buns is extended for another month. Fashion note from Paris states that this footwear will be scrapped next fall in favor of beaded moccasins.

3.—Invested tax office on Richmond street boarded by persons eager to pay the residue of their earnings to the Government. Extra staff needed to stem the rush of applicants. Two Scotchmen got killed in the jam.

4.—Hydro comes on once more. Candles and coal oil lamps are stowed alongmaking pretense to be in the cellar for future reference. Street cars are frozen to the tracks on Richmond street and have to be pried loose with crow-bars.

5.—A. J. Small mystery assumes a "new angle" for the fiftieth time. Public firmly believes that it should have been called the "big mystery."

6.—City teachers at their next session decide that they are receiving too much money and vote that 20 per cent. of their salaries be paid to the relief of starving insurance men and bond brokers.

7.—Seventeen bake shops in London also close for Easter. Hens of city go on strike for higher prices for their product in view of the demand for eggs in week's time.

8.—Prominent official of the Allied Soldiers of Canada predicts a speedy amalgamation of all veteran organizations in Canada. Ex-servicemen are urged to form new soldier body for Dominion.

9.—Humored that preachers will be affected by Mayor Wilson's 10 per cent. cut in salaries. Many pastors begin in their sermons of this date to go into the auctioneering business.

10.—Street that they might fall to pieces will be serviced by the city. The street railway superannuates five buses from city lines. Statisticians predict that service is decreased by 50 per cent.

11.—First straw that makes its appearance on masculine ivory. Women forsake their summer hats in favor of veils and fur creations.

12.—Fatty Arbuckle enters on his fourth trial. Betting is 10 to 1 that he will be hanged.

RAMBLING AROUND WITH OLD DOC PEP

April 1.—Rose and find that this day is peculiarly my own, it being set aside to all those whom the killer of fools has not yet operated on.

These in particular being the ones who enter the state of matrimony with no other passport than a guileless smile and a trusting disposition. Entering it with guile and high-mindedness, and thereafter to find the sort of contract they have made. To all those who sin their neighbors without taking thought and prayer, who they have to sell their mighty hairlocks of silver for to pay off some strange note which they have endorsed. And, above all, this day is set aside to those who have devoted their energy for this brain work to legitimate efforts, they would amass much more with greater ease than their conscience. And of all fools who make merry to-day, methinks heaven smiles most on them who openly confess it. For therein only is the beginning of wisdom.

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AFFECTED BY NEGOTIATIONS

and Employees To Re-open Discussion.

CHANGE CONDITIONS FIND MANY CHAMPIONS

Joint Conference Asked In Near Future.

More than 600 employees of the London division of the Grand Trunk Railway, including 300 locomotives, will be affected by the reopening of negotiations between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, which may lead to a change in the working conditions.

C. G. Bowker, Toronto, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway, has forwarded to the members of the grievance committee of the C. E. R. E. officials notification of the railway's desire to have a joint conference in the near future, when it is predicted important proposed changes will be submitted by the company to the representatives of the employees.

Edward J. Chick, member of the general grievance committee of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and chairman of the local grievance committee, has received notification of the proposed meeting from the company, as well as all other members of the committee. The company does not suggest a date on which to hold the joint conference, but it is expected it will take place during the next week or two.

SOCCER MEN WERE ALL SERVICE MEN

Discharged Utilities Employees Also Had Wound Stripes.

Unorganized Veterans Plan To Take Up the Case.

Unorganized veterans in the city, whose opinions have considerable weight in various organizations, to which they do belong, are preparing to take up the case of the 16 men discharged from the Utilities Commission on complaints that they were hired merely to staff the Utilities Commission crack football team. The facts ascertained in making a quiet investigation are that every man who was discharged, except one, had over three years' service in France during the late war, and the exception had two years' service to his credit. Also that every man of the discharged team is entitled to from two to five medals, and that each man has at least one gold wound stripe to his credit.

While the men themselves were brought from outside points, they fully intended to become citizens of London, members of the party state.

DISPATCHING IS DIFFICULT ITEM

Grand Trunk Doing Best With Solitary Phone Line.

WORST GALE ON RECORD

Two Gangs of Linemen Are Working In District.

In spite of the fact that two large gangs of linemen are working in this district, attempting to repair broken wires, the telegraph service of the Grand Trunk Railway is still suspended and that they have no idea when normal service will be resumed.

The dispatching telephone system at Sarnia to Hamilton has been linked up and the railroads are managing to send a few communications by means of the one wire but are greatly handicapped.

Railway officials consider the storm of the past two days the most severe in the history of railroading and the damage done by the storm to the railway is unestimable.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is also handicapped in a similar way and three trainloads of men are now employed in patching up the broken wires.

The London & Port Stanley is running a three-hour steam locomotive service to St. Thomas and the Grand Trunk is loaning the L. & P. S. R. another steam engine for yard work today.

STREET LIGHTING BILL INCREASED \$2,881 YEAR

Dollars Per Annum More for Street Lamps.

London's Street Lighting Bill Has Been Raised \$2,881.

London's street lighting bill has been raised \$2,881. The new rate goes into effect at once for 1922. This increase does not provide for additional lighting, but is added to the cost of street lighting for the existing system.

One hundred series lamps are raised in price from \$10 to \$12 yearly for service. Some 236 440-watt series lamps are increased \$2 a year, and 22 ornamental watt series lights are increased from \$20 to \$22 the year.

UTILITIES AFTER MEN TO REPAIR DAMAGE

Fifty skilled linemen will be brought from Toronto to-day by the Public Utilities Commission in order that London's disorganized hydro service may be repaired as quickly as possible.

announcement was made by Manager Buchanan to-day.

The commission is paying 70 cents the hour and double time for Sunday and overtime.

REFORMING THE LAW SCHOOL.

Twenty years ago a campaign was begun for the elimination of profit-making medical schools which played a stream of incompetents to the city and drakes with human lives. Protests from students where the quality of the profession was the poor boy, a "quack" of primary education, who acts in time should be able to become a general college.

RADIO AERIAL DOWN, BED SPRINGS DOWN

W. J. Stallard Able to Keep in Touch With World by Unique Plan.

When a budding wireless telephone operator promises his friends that he will "let them in" on a concert in Pittsburgh or Detroit, or possibly a conversation being carried on as far west as Chicago, he feels certain that such a promise is not going to be carried out. He has heard from these centers several times by proper adjustments on his equipment.

His efforts were rewarded, for through the walls of the house, and regardless of the clothing on the bed, the wires of the bed springs caught the notes and music and transmitted them in clear, loud tones to his ears.

The K. D. K. concert at Pittsburgh was heard and in addition selections by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra were appreciated. During the course of the evening a wireless telephone station at Chicago was picked up.

EXPECT NEW RAILS WILL ARRIVE TO-DAY

Will Be Laid on London-Sarnia Division of G. T. R.

The first shipment of new 100-pound steel rails to be laid by the Grand Trunk Railway between London and Sarnia is expected to arrive in London to-day. Division officials have been advised that the first cars of rails are being turned out and should reach this city soon.

It is expected that the new rail will be continued to be forwarded to London and laying of new rail will likely be started about April 15.

At least 60 miles of new track is to be laid in this division of the Grand Trunk this year, replacing the 85-pound rail now being used by the company west of London.

ST. ANDREW'S MUSICALS WILL BE FINE EVENT

New Harp and Chimes Steps in Church Organ To Be Heard First Time.

The evening musicale to be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Monday evening next, April 3, will be one of the best of the season.

of the season, the occasion being the opening of the new harp and chimes lately installed in the organ to the memory of Mrs. J. James Ross by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

Mr. Charles E. Wheeler will demonstrate the beautiful tonal qualities of these organs in his group of organ selections. An additional attraction to the program will be the first appearance in London of Lois Johnston, the American soprano, who has just lately toured with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under Ysaie. Lois Johnston is a young singer whose circle of admirers is rapidly spreading towards either coast.

Her successful appearances at the Ann Arbor festival and her recent tour with the American audiences. An opportunity will also be given to hear Louis Gesensway, the young Russian violinist, who has just returned from a successful international interest and enthusiasm in recent Women's Music Club artist concert.

Choir and soloists of the church will also contribute some specially-chosen selections.

PARKS NEED LASSO ARTIST.

It is evident that Tom Mix or anyone else with the same qualities for which the movie gentleman is noted would get a permanent position on the staff of the public utilities if he happened to be in this district just now. Members of the P. U. are not very good at experts with a rope and this was evidenced more than a score of times yesterday, when various employees of this company were trying to get a cable over the ends of broken limbs which were strung over cables and wires high in the air. As slingers of the rope, the staff of the P. U. are simply not "in it."

STREET CARMEN CITIZENS

Hot Coffee and Lunch Supplied By Thoughtful.

ON CARS AT ALL TIMES

Auto Owners Generously Give People Rides.

London Street Railway employees who have been staying with their cars now for 48 hours as a result of the tieup of the lines with, through The Free Press to Bank and the hundreds of citizens who voluntarily supplied them with refreshments.

People have brought us hot coffee, sugar and cream, and even some very late at night," said one of the car men to-day, "and we wish to publicly thank them for their generosity. Press our thorough appreciation of their kindness and thoughtfulness. Many citizens and their wives have proven themselves to be real heroes and have done everything they could to make our enforced stay in the cars as pleasant as possible. The many little kindnesses that were shown are greatly appreciated."

Aprons of the above there is another group of citizens to whom credit is due. These are the scores of auto owners who did not make a single trip either downtown or homeward without leaving all their passengers in the car. These are the days when the men with cars either prove themselves "good fellows" or otherwise, and it is the latter group that we are praising. The good majority have proven that they have large hearts and were willing to help pedestrians in every way they could.

NEW CLOTHES FOR CARS ARE MADE IN LONDON

Splendid Bodies, in Any Shape, Built by the Corston Company, Fullerton Street.

New clothes for automobiles are made in London and they are made in any style the owner desires. This work is one of the big specialties of The Corston Company, 74 Fullerton street, and the jobs the company has turned out have aroused considerable comment regarding the designs and quality of workmanship.

W. Corston, who is in charge of The Corston Company, is a sheet metal worker of 28 years experience, says that the company is in a position to do sheet metal work of all kinds. "If a thing can be made of sheet metal," he says, "we can make it."

The automobile bodies which are turned out are especially attractive and lend themselves to motor cars that could not otherwise be obtained. Work under construction at the plant now includes a variety of designs and also brings out the fact that the workmen are skilled. Fenders, too, are made to order, in any shape, and in addition to the car bodies, the company manufactures galvanized tanks and hoppers, heavy gas pipes and elbows. Attention is also paid to ventilating blower and exhaust systems, cornice work, skylights, metal ceilings and all kinds of repair work.

GREAT NIGHT FOR SPOONERS.

Members of the "hand-holding" brigade did a wonderful business last night in the parlors and sitting-rooms of their best girl's father's house and claimed they didn't care if the power ever came on so long there as the candles set their way out after the three hundred "good - night" had been said. These not guilty, raise their hands.

FUGO! FUGO! FUGO!

Richmond street who started out from his home into last night with a large box of matches, one pocket and five large candles in the other. Proceeding carefully up Richmond street at a rate of three blocks per hour, he kept lighted the matches until they were all gone, forgetting all about the candles in his other pocket. He arrived home with wet feet, a very dampened spirit and some energy, but he has his candles safe and his wife claimed that she never heard a man talk so much to himself in all her life.

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NEW STATION BUG

It is a disgrace to our city—

But remember that it is better to go down in the game rather than in your own esteem. I met a man in England who has transacted millions of dollars in business reeling horse car lines into electric lines and he told me that never in his whole career had he been approached by anyone who had said to him: "How much do I get out of this?" We do not know so much of this spirit in this country either in business or sports, and it is to be regretted.

While in the city Dr. Cody also officiated at the opening of the new Victoria School. Here he also gave a patriotic address along patriotic lines and emphasizing the splendid work London is doing in this country either in business or sports, and it is to be regretted.

Edwin Smith, chairman of the Board of Education, presided at both the meeting in Victoria School and at the Collegiate. Both were largely attended, and at Victoria School best addresses were given by Alex. MacQueen, for many years principal of the old school, Inspector Greer, Trustee Rev. A. A. Bice, Rev. W. L. Armitage and Principal E. J. Chick.

During the afternoon Trustee Mrs. J. L. A. Hunt presented the school with a handsome flag.

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