REAPPOINT J. PHELPS HEAD OF SARNIA HYDRO

Commission At Special Session Dismisses Wainwright From Office.

GIVE SALARY BONUS

Members of Board Endeavor To Have Press Excluded From Meetings.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Feb. 12.—At a special and secret meeting, Saturday night, the Sarnia Hydro Commission proceeded about its official and somewhat cold-blooded business of discharging Berbert Wainwright, the present manager of the hydro system, and replacing him by James E. B. Phelps, former manager, dismissed by the 1922 commission. First the commissioners acted on Mr. Phelps' resignation as a commissioner, then discharged the present manager and appointed Mr. Phelps to the vacancy created. To Mr. Wainwright, by way of some small recompense, they voted full salary to the end of March.

Mr. Wainwright accepted the position philosophically, despite his contract, and the fact that he had had no part in the circumstances which caused the dismissal of Mr. Phelps, and then his reinstatement. Mr. Phelps' appointment is effective from Monday. The commissioners at their meeting Saturday went to some pains to hide the fact from the press that they were to meet.

This is a new policy in hydro administration locally, sponsored by Mayor Cook. The wish of the commissioners is to hold their meetings behind closed doors, and give to the public such information as they may see fit to. The commissioners contend that the hydro differs from other civic departments, and that if the commissioners so desire they may exclude the press from their meetings.

The official action taken Saturday night closes the controversy which has kept the hydro in the limlight for a number of months.

DR. GRANT REITERATES LIBERAL DOCTRINES

Avoids Open Declaration of War With Bishop William T. Manning.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Feb. 12. — Dr. Percy Stickney Grant in his sermon Sunday avoided the open declaration of war invited last week by the fundamentalist, Bishop William T. Manning, and indicated he would continue to preach his liberal doctrines without regard for the attitude of the church.

There is room in the Episcopal dedomination for both the old-time religionists and radicals, he said, and they should respect each other's viewpoints until one side wins a decisive victory.

Grant did not refer to Manning, or the latter's threat to bring action in case Grant openly denied Christ's divinity. But in a plea for liberalism, he told a packed audience, "Because I don't believe that Christ was born of a virgin—what has that to do with Christianity? What has the peculiarity of birth to do with the wonderful lessons that Christ taught in his sermon on the mount.

I am able to accord no kind of worship, or semi-worship, to the mother of Christ, but if there are people who can do so I am willing that they should.

Branding the old belief in religion as a transception, as unethical, unscientific and unreal, Grant declared he hoped to see "religion as free to thought as chemistry or physics, and as little bound by dogmatic creed."

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN REAR-END SMASH

Collision Occurs On Branch Line of C. N. R. Near Openshaw, Sask.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Feb. 12.—Three men are dead and one injured following a rear end collision Saturday afternoon at 2:30 on the Canadian National branch line near Openshaw, about 140 miles southeast of Regina. The dead are:

F. B. Purvis, conductor, Saskatoon.
W. G. Everett, engineer, Regina.
G. R. Mastin, conductor, Regina.

The injured:

J. Geiger, section foreman, Frobisher.

The accident occurred during a blizzard, when a snow plow which had left Regina Saturday crashed into a stalled snow plow which had left here Thursday. Purvis and Everett were killed outright. Geiger will recover.

SUFFERS PAINFUL HURTS WHEN HIT BY MOTOR TRUCK

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Feb. 12. — Mrs. David Nagle, sen., was knocked down by a motor truck driven by A. Reisner on Wellington street close to the city police station Saturday morning and suffered painful injuries.

The injured lady, it was reported, stepped out from behind a motor car into the path of the truck. The driver of the car did all that was possible to avert an accident, but could not swerve his car sufficiently to avoid hitting Mrs. Nagle. Medical examination revealed severe bruises to both lower limbs and cuts on both arms.

HAND HURT BY WINDMILL, FARMER LOSES FINGER

Special to The Advertiser.

Wabash, Feb. 12.—Daniel O'Neil of Chatham Township, met with a painful accident while regulating the machinery of a windmill on the farm of Sydney Williams.

Mr. O'Neill was up a distance of 48 feet, and his right hand became entangled in the chain and was badly injured.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital at Chatham, where it was found necessary to amputate the second finger.

REAR-ADMIRAL MARK BRISTOL, commanding the American vessels in the Near East, has strongly urged Ismet Pasha to conclude a treaty as rapidly as possible in Turkey's own interests.

SIR JOHN SIMON FLAYS OCCUPATION OF RUHR

Noted British Liberal Claims French Advance Is Real Blunder.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 12.—Sir John Simon, M.P., one of the leaders of the Liberal party, speaking at Rochdale, Lancashire Saturday, criticized the French advance into the Ruhr as a grave mistake and a great misfortune, attributable to the neglect to fix the reparations at a reasonable sum. He expressed the fear that France had more than mere reparations in view, and no one could tell to what such action would lead.

The advance, Sir John said, was the outcome of a policy to which no definite limit could be set. Each step was likely to cause a still further advance and each act of violence was almost sure to be forerunner of further acts of violence. The duty of the Liberals was to deal firmly, candidly and yet sympathetically with the question.

Sir John advocated a reference of the whole trouble to the League of Nations.

DETROIT THUGS STEAL PAYROLL OF $4,800

Daring Holdup Perpetrated On Detroit Twist Drill Company's Official.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 12.—Police are combing the underworld hangouts for the four thugs who Saturday added height to the city's crime wave by holding up officials of the Detroit Twist Drill Company at Lafayette boulevard and Twelfth street, and stealing the company's $4,800 payroll.

The thieves worked with daring and despatch. They pocketed the payroll car in such a way that John A. Dietrich, superintendent of the drill company, and Frank W. Welbon were forced to bring their car to a stop at the curb.

Two men jumped on the running board, and with drawn pistols ordered Deitrich to follow the thug's car, which proceeded into an alley. There the money was transferred.

ASK PROBE IN DEATH OF WALKERVILLE MAN

Crown To Investigate Demise of Francis Alum, Member of Religious Cult.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Feb. 12.—Investigation into the death of Francis E. Alum, prominent Walkerville resident, has been ordered by Crown Attorney Urquhart. Alum, it is said, was a member of a religious sect that denies the need of medical attention.

An hour after Alum died at his home, 137 Kildare road, last Thursday, a Walkerville physician was called.

He was asked by relatives of Alum, it is said, to make the necessary certificate of death. Instead of complying the physician notified Dr. B. Crassweller, coroner for Essex County, who immediately ordered an autopsy.

Following the post-mortem Saturday the crown attorney ruled that an inquest was necessary, and Coroner Crassweller empanelled a jury, which will sit at Walkerville Wednesday night.

"The investigation has been ordered," the crown attorney explained, "because I believe the public should know what disease, if any, caused the death of Mr. Alum. I believe physicians who made the autopsy will report to the jury that he died of natural causes."

WILL HONOR GALT YOUTH FOR SAVING LIFE OF BOY

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Feb. 12.—Clifford Bricker, 16, of Dayton street, is to be presented with the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing a boy from drowning in the Grand River last summer. The local humane society took up the matter of Bricker's bravery with the result that he has been awarded the medal and the presentation is to be made publicly.

MEXICAN MINERS DIE WHEN PIT TAKES FIRE

Special to The Advertiser.

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—Fire in the Pinguco silver mine, in the state of Guanajuato, Sunday, caused the death of an undetermined number of miners.

Two bodies have been recovered.

The Pinguco mine is one of the largest in Mexico.

DAWSON BURIES DEAD AS SEARCH CONTINUES

Victims of Mine Disaster Laid To Rest in Canyon Cemetery.

WORK IS RETARDED

Rescue Crews Abandon Hope of Finding Others Alive.

Special to The Advertiser.

Dawson, N. M., Feb. 12.—Dawson buried the greater portion of her dead Sunday, while rescue workers continued to search in the recesses of Dawson Mine, No. 1, for bodies still unrecovered following the terrific explosion of Thursday.

Funeral services were held for 65 men, while their wives, children and sweethearts stood by weeping. Fifty-five men remain in the mine, believed to be dead. Two escaped and made their way to safety.

The miners were buried in the cemetery under the hills of Rail Canyon, alongside hundreds of other men who have lost their lives in mine disasters here.

If any of the remaining 55 miners are found alive, it will be considered a miracle. All hope has been abandoned, even by the surviving families of the missing men. All believe now that the others must have since perished even if they were not killed instantly by the great blast. Rescue crews have now searched more than half the area of the mine, but it may be several days, according to mine officials, before the remote recesses are penetrated. Many tunnels affected by the explosion are still blocked by refuse, and ventilation facilities have been disrupted.

Accord Veteran Military Honors

Wallaceburg G.W.V.A. Pay Tribute To Sgt.-Major Barnes.

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Feb. 12.—The funeral took place Friday of ex-Sergt.-Maj. Walter Barnes, who died at the Victoria Hospital, London, on Monday. Full military honors were accorded the deceased by the Wallaceburg G. W. V. A.

The coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack, on which reposed deceased's medals, rested on a gun carriage which was drawn to St. James' Anglican Church by the town fire brigade team, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Calder of Chatham.

Pipers and a drummer headed the cortege to the cemetery, where interment was made in the G. W. V. A. plot. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler L. Down, after which three volleys were fired over the grave.

FINE HOCKEY COACH $220 FOR O.T.A. BREACH

D. McDonald, Port Dover, Mulcted For Having Liquor in Woodstock Arena.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Feb. 12.—Duncan McDonald of Port Dover was fined $220.50 in court on Saturday for having liquor in other than his own private residence.

The offence was committed in the Woodstock Arena on January 30, when a constable in plain clothes walked into the dressing-room of the Port Dover Club and caught McDonald, who is coach of the team, in the act of pouring liquor from a six-ounce government vendor's bottle. He said at the time that it was for the players, so as to put a little "pep" into the game. The prescription for the liquor was furnished by a Port Dover doctor, and as it was not made out on a proper form, Crown Attorney Ball at yesterday's trial intimated that they intended to "check up on the doctor."

SELLS RUSSIAN RUBLES TO FACTORY WORKERS

Detroit Police Allege Foreigner Guilty of Larceny in Transactions.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Feb. 12.—With two suitcases full of Russian rubles, which he is said to have been selling to foreigners at automobile factories and making extravagant claims on their future value, Alexander Weiss, 28 years old, a Russian, is being held here under a charge of larceny by trick.

Detectives assert he bears strong resemblance to a confidence man who has swindled several foreigners out of their savings through the hoary money box fraud. Victims will go to police headquarters for purposes of identification.

According to police, Weiss unloaded "bushels" of rubles on Gullible factory workers, promising that in a few weeks the value of the ruble would rise and yield tremendous returns to its owners.

STEEL PLANT TO RESUME ON NEW WORKING BASIS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, Feb. 12. — Sir Richard Squires, premier of Newfoundland, told the Canadian Press Saturday that the agreement between the Newfoundland government and the British Empire Steel Corporation respecting the iron ore development at Wabana provided for 8,400 days' work per week during February and March, and 9,000 days' work per week during April and May. This, he said, would occupy the full time of 1,400 men during the next two months, and the full time of 1,500 men in April and May. In all, 2,000 men were thrown out of employment when the corporation closed the mines upon the French occupying the Ruhr.

LAUNDRYMEN CALL STRIKE.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Feb. 12.—Every apartment house will become its own laundry Monday, when 5,000 wet-wash workers, who walked out Saturday, will be joined by 6,000 others, making the strike in 125 laundries complete. The strikers are demanding a 44-hour week. They now work from 60 to 84 hours weekly.

REAL GOLD BRICKS.

Some of the wealth behind the Canadian dollar. A half a million dollars in gold bricks on a very ordinary truck in the Royal Mint at Ottawa.

Gets Free Lodging, Repays Kindness By Stealing Friend's Best Shoes

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Feb. 12.—David Brand, 35 years old, of no fixed abode, found a friend in need, when he asked William Wanless, in charge of the county jail at Sandwich, to provide him with shelter for the night. He repaid the jail official by stealing his best pair of shoes.

Before Wanless made his rounds of the jail Saturday, Brand had gone, taking with him the $15 pair of brogues.

Appearing before Magistrate Gundy in Windsor police court yesterday, Brand attempted to cover up the theft by pleading that he mistook Wanless's shoes for his own. The court refused to believe him, and sent him down for 30 days.

Claim John Dodge Refused To Pay $10,000 He Lost When Playing Dice

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Feb. 12.—Asserting that they have been unable to serve a notice on John Duval Dodge, young Detroit millionaire, and son of the late John Dodge, in a suit for $10,000, in which Dodge and Albert A. Day are named as defendants, representatives of the Frank Products Company yesterday were granted an alias summons in justice court here.

The suit, which was filed last May by Frank, arose as the result of a check for $10,000 given by Dodge to Day in payment for losses in a dice game. After he had issued the check, Dodge, it is alleged, stopped payment on it at the bank before Day could present it. Later Day gave the check to Frank in payment of a debt.

COUNCIL ENDS SEASON WITH $22,863 SURPLUS

Dufferin County Expends $126,699 On Highways in 1922.

Special to The Advertiser.

Orangeville, Feb. 12.—At the session of Dufferin County Council just closed County Treasurer C. R. Wheelock presented his annual report, which showed a surplus of $22,683.54 in current assets for the year 1922.

Of this sum, $11,163.54 is credited to the county good roads account and the balance to the general account.

Good Roads Superintendent U. R. Christie submitted his report, which showed the amount expended on the county highway system to be $126,699.

Archie Vance, reeve of Melanethon Township, was elected warden for 1923.

Warden Vance, with Councillors Bowers, Platt, Dean, Simpson and Henderson, were appointed a committee to accompany a deputation to wait upon Hon. F. C. Biggs to ask that the Mono-Mulmur and Amaranth-Melanethon and Luther townline be designated as a provincial highway.

WINGHAM CHURCH SOCIETY ELECTS 1923 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser.

Wingham, Feb. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. president, Mrs. D. Perri; president, Mrs. Peter Gowan; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. T. Henderson; 2nd vice-president, Miss Lewis; secretary, Mrs. William Williamson; treasurer, Mrs. Norman L. Fry; Home Helpers' secretary, Mrs. Robt. McGee strangers' secretary, Mrs. Geo. H. McGee; press secretary, Mrs. Geo. H. Ross; Messenger secretary, Mrs. McGavin; pianist, Mrs. Robertson.

An instructive address was delivered by Miss Lockhart on "The exploring pioneers and the colonizing pioneers of Canada."

The treasurer's report showed total receipts of $481.83, while the reports of the other officers indicated a high degree of success in each branch of the society.

JOHN MURRAY LANGSIDE DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Special to The Advertiser.

Lucknow, Feb. 11.—The death occurred at his home in Langside, after a brief illness, of John Murray, who for several years conducted a general store in the village.

Deceased was widely known throughout the district, having been for many years township treasurer. He was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, and a liberal in politics.

Surviving members of the family are his widow, an adopted daughter and two brothers.

QUASHES CONVICTION.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Feb. 12.—Judge A. D. Hardy has quashed the conviction rendered by Magistrate Blake in the case of Donnelly vs. Farrell, in October, 1922.

Mr. Farrell was prosecuted under the liquor transportation act and was fined $500 and costs. The fine has been ordered returned.

WILL SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Feb. 12.—Application for a new trial for Mrs. Irene Christensen, who is under a sentence of death for the murder of her husband at Dapp, Alberta, Sept. 29, will be made before the appellate division of the supreme court here Feb. 19. She was found guilty Jan. 17, and sentenced to be hanged April 4.

U. S. IMPORTS INCREASE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Imports from foreign countries into this country in 1922 increased almost 10,000,000 tons over 1921. Exports decreased 5,500,000 tons. In making these figures public the United States Shipping Board points out that of American overseas commerce in general cargo the United States carried less than one-third under its own flag.

WINGHAM TO GOVERN CLOSING OF CAFES

Council Passes Bylaw Stipulating Fine For Breach of Time Ordinance.

Special to The Advertiser.

Wingham, Feb. 12.—The chief item of business dealt with at the regular monthly meeting of the council this week was the selection of a committee to make the preliminary arrangements for the erection of a war memorial, and the passing of a by-law regulating the conduct of restaurants in this locality. The committee chosen consists of the mayor, reeve, councillor, and the following citizens: Abner Cosens, Dr. A. J. Irwin, Charles R. Wilkinson and D. McDonald.

The new bylaw provides for the closing of all victualing houses by 12:30 Sunday morning, and on Sunday evenings not later than 7:45, and all persons served during regular hours on Sunday must be bonafide guests. Violations of the law are punishable by fine of not less than $20 and not more than $50 and costs.

The regulation becomes operative on March 1, by which time all victualers must have procured a license at a cost of $1.

High tribute was paid to the efficiency of the town clerk, W. A. Galbraith, by the auditors of the annual statement, Messrs A. H. Musgrove and T. R. Bennett.

The sum o $25 was granted to the Huron County Breeders' Association for their annual fair at Wingham.

WALLACEBURG RESIDENT, MRS. SARAH SUDDS, DIES

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Feb. 12.—The death took place Friday of Mrs. Sarah Ann Sudds, relict of William Sudds, at her home in Chatham Gore at the advanced age of 80 years.

Deceased was born on Wolfe Island near Kingston. Moving to Raleigh Township with her husband 50 years ago, they resided there for a short time, after which they moved to South Wallaceburg and resided here until 19 years ago, when they removed to the home where deceased passed away.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, William and Wilfred, three daughters, Mrs. S. L. Mann, Mrs. Jerome Thompson and Mrs. William Sutherland, all of Wallaceburg, 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Alex. Grant, died three years ago, and one son was killed while drilling for oil 21 years ago.

Deceased had been a very active worker for the Baptist Church up until the time when she had a stroke nine months ago. The funeral was held Sunday from her late home, lot 3, concession 2, Chatham Gore. Interment took place in the Wallaceburg Cemetery.

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO KINGSVILLE PARK

Special to The Advertiser.

Kingsville, Feb. 11.—The town park commissioners at a recent meeting decided to make several improvements to the park grounds this spring. They will erect a building 50 by 30 with solid oak floors which will be used as a pavilion and rest room. Many other improvements are now being contemplated.

RUTHVEN

Special to The Advertiser.

Ruthven, Feb. 11.—Jason Malott, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is recuperating.

T. H. Wigle, who has been seriously ill, is reported progressing favorably.

Miss Erma Neville met with a painful accident at her home Monday, when she slipped and fell, breaking her wrist.

Several of the boys went to the lake Tuesday and chopped a hole in the ice, and using meat rinds for bait, in less than one hour landed 20 fine perch.

ASKED TO REMAIN.

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Feb. 12.—Rev. Mr. Buell, pastor of the Hespeler Methodist Church, has received a unanimous invitation to remain for a third term and has accepted. During the past year 61 new members were received into the church.

COMPARES LIVING COST THROUGHOUT DOMINION

Labor Gazette Publishes an Interesting Statement on Average Expense.

LONDON EXPENSIVE?

Many Commodities in Forest City Found To Be High.

How does the cost of living in London compare with the average figures for the Dominion and the province

Are our fuel prices high? Is meat expensive or cheap? Is the housewife paying too much for groceries, farm products and various other necessities, and is the landlord in the Forest City collecting stiff rents or possessed of a philanthropic nature?

The last copy of the Labor Gazette issued by the department of labor in Ottawa has some interesting statistics, and some very pertinent comparisons of relative prices and values as between the various cities and provinces in the country.

Concerning fuel the Gazette gives figures for all the important cities of the Dominion. A comparison of the Dominion average, the Ontario average, and the price for the city of London follows:

Coal—Anthracite (per ton):	
Dominion average	$18.28
Provincial average	$17.27
London	$18.00
Bituminous (per ton):	
Dominion average	$12.05
Provincial average	$13.50
London	$17.00
Hard Wood—Stove lengths (per cord):	
Dominion average	$14.78
Provincial average	$16.23
London	$20.00
Soft Wood—Stove lengths (per cord):	
Dominion average	$11.57
Provincial average	$16.23
London	$16.00
Coal Oil (per gallon)—	
Dominion average	31.1c
Provincial average	27.3c
London	25.0c

Tea and Coffee.

Now for the things we eat and drink. Let's start with tea and coffee:

Tea (per pound)—	
Dominion average	59.3c
Provincial average	60.5c
London	63.1c
Coffee (per pound)—	
Dominion average	54.0c
Provincial average	53.3c
London	56.4c
Cocoa (per pound)—	
Dominion average	28.0c
Provincial average	26.7c
London	26.1c

Then there are the prices of the things we eat as follows. Meat is one of our favorites, so we'll begin with that.

Beef—Sirloin steak (per pound):	
Dominion average	26.4c
Provincial average	27.5c
London	29.2c
Boiled Ham (per pound)—	
Dominion average	61.5c
Provincial average	60.0c
London	61.7c
Mutton (per pound)—	
Dominion average	26.5c
Provincial average	27.2c
London	28.9c
Fresh Whitefish (per pound)—	
Dominion average	18.5c
Provincial average	20.1c
London	18.0c
Canned Salmon (per 1-pound tin)—	
Dominion average	36.8c
Provincial average	40.3c
London	41.5c
Lard (per pound)—	
Dominion average	28.0c
Provincial average	22.4c
London	21.8c

Butter and Eggs.

Here is an item that should give some food for thought in a city that is surrounded by farms and hens:

Fresh Eggs (dozen)—	
Dominion average	60.3c
Provincial average	62.7c
London	62.1c
Cooking eggs (dozen)—	
Dominion average	46.1c
Provincial average	46.9c
London	50.4c
Milk (per quart)—	
Dominion average	11.9c
Provincial average	11.6c
London	10.0c
Butter—Dairy (per pound):	
Dominion average	38.2c
Provincial average	36.2c
London	40.3c
Butter—Creamery (per pound):	
Dominion average	44.4c
Provincial average	43.3c
London	42.4c
Cheese (per pound)—	
Dominion average	30.6c
Provincial average	30.7c
London	31.9c
White Bread—	
Dominion average	6.7c
Provincial average	6.3c
London	6.0c
Rolled Oats—	
Dominion average	5.5c
Provincial average	5.3c
London	5.0c

Cost of Vegetables.

This is a province with any amount of vegetables, and there is some advantage from living in Ontario as far as canned vegetables are concerned.

Canned Tomatoes (per can)—	
Dominion average	17.5c
Provincial average	16.2c
London	15.9c
Canned Peas (per tin)—	
Dominion average	18.1c
Provincial average	16.3c
London	16.1c
Canned Corn (per tin)—	
Dominion average	16.2c
Provincial average	14.6c
London	14.8c
Potatoes (per bag)—	
Dominion average	$1.13
Provincial average	$1.09
London	$1.19
Apples—Cooking (per gallon):	
Dominion average	24c
Provincial average	23.0c
London	24.5c
Currants—	
Dominion average	24.1c
Provincial average	23.6c
London	22.0c
Canned Peaches—	
Dominion average	33.7c
Provincial average	32.5c
London	29.3c
Sugar (in dollar lots, per pound)—	
Dominion average	9.3c
Provincial average	9.1c
London	9.2c

Comparison of Rents.

No tale of this kind could be complete without some reference to rents. So here are a few figures from the same authority that are interesting, though like all the others, not to be considered without remembering that there are two sides to every question. These figures refer to a six-roomed house with all modern conveniences.

Dominion average	$27.815
Provincial average	$29.40
London	$30 to $45

Six-roomed house without modern conveniences or with very incomplete systems:

Dominion average	$19.36
Provincial average	$20.1
London	$17 to $30

Here are a few more figures, showing that although London is much above the average in this respect that there are in the Dominion other cities with even higher rent averages:

The first class of house (modern conveniences):

Winnipeg and Regina	$35 to $50
Windsor	$30 to $50
London and Moncton, N. B.	$30 to $40

(All other cities are lower).

The second class of house (incomplete conveniences):

Winnipeg and Halifax	$25 to $35
Regina	$30
Windsor	$20 to $35
London	$17 to $30

(All other cities are lower).

STATES MAN FLOWER OF EFFORTS OF CHRIST

Dr. Hanley Delivers Interesting Address at Dundas Centre Methodist Church.

HAVE DIVINE SPARK

Speaker Declares No One Individual Is Totally Degraded.

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels." Surely this is the grandest text in all the Bible, declared Dr. Hanley, preaching at the morning service in the Dundas Center Methodist Church yesterday, taking as his subject "The Exaltation of Man."

"I have no quarrel with science," he continued, "and whether we are the result of evolution from countless aeons of time, as they declared, or whether we accept the outline of human history as we find it in Genesis; it is still certain that we are the very flower of his effort and the finest of all things he has made.

"There is no man so degraded that there is not some spark of the divine fire in him, latent, perhaps, but nevertheless present, and capable of lifting him to the great life that God has prepared for him in this world.

"Not only are we exalted in the fashion of our minds and bodies, but also in the fact that we are given the greatest work to do in all the world, and that is to wage the fight for the coming of his kingdom on earth.

"We are living in too easy an age. Time was when Christianity was the subject of mirth and derision, when the Christian had to suffer for the belief that he held. Today this is all changed. Christianity is respectable, everyone went to church. Probably" he said, "if the devil came to London he would become a church member within a week or so.

Churches Have Riches.

"The churches have riches such as the early church never dreamed of, and there is always the danger that we might overlook this state of affairs and drift along on the smooth current of degeneration, as so many churches have done in the past," stated the speaker.

"Love, and hope, and suffering, are the greatest of all his gifts to men. Without love there could be no real life, without suffering there could be no full realization of the meaning of life, and of the beauty of forgiveness.

"Buddha and Confucius and Mahomet were all either intellectuals or sensual dreamers. They failed to have the great appeal of Christ because they lived on a different plane from the average man. Christ trod the long weary road of ordinary everyday life. His great humanity brought him the love of the common people, as witness the incidents of the lepers who were cleansed and of the woman in the temple whom he forgave.

"Some day," Dr. Hanley declared, "I hope that we shall call great, not those men who have destroyed life, not the great generals, but the great scientists who have given us freedom from disease and who have, by their heroic sacrifices made the world a safer and a better place for men and women to live in.

Hope for Forgiveness.

"Hope is the last and most buoyant of all these gifts. We hope for heaven, we hope for his forgiveness, and as we hope, and as we try to do as he wishes, so shall we at the end enter into the glory of our Lord."

At the evening service, opening in an enthusiastic and typical revival burst of singing led by Mr. Fisher, with the full assistance of the large choir, and before a crowded church, Dr. Hanley again preached a sermon that touched the hearts of his hearers and that brought back the memory of Moody and Sankey when those stalwart evangelists were in the heyday of their mission.

"Pilate before Christ." Was there ever, he asked, any subject so rich in the food of imagination? We all knew of the trial of Christ before Pilate. What could we think of the great day when this Roman governor would stand before the Christ?

Pilate himself Dr. Hanley characterized as one of those unfortunate men who had to bear the sins of unworthy parents, the son of a wicked father and an immoral mother. What chance had he to acquit himself favorably when the greatest moment in his life came?

"There had never been in all his life any restraining influence, never had he been taught to realize any greater power than physical force, and all this degenerating environment of his early years overwhelmed any character that he might have had when he had to decide between Barabbas and Chirst, stated the speaker.

Sins of Past Appear.

"So with all of us, in the hour of our greatest spiritual need the sins of our past would rise up to influence our action, therefore it was well to remember the future, not only because of its effect on us, but also because of its effect on our children.

"In America today," he continued, "there are a dozen men who might have risen to any height in the state who are now forgotten and dishonored by reason of some moment of weakness, just as David, the great king, had fallen short of the perfect fulfillment of his kingship.

"God loves the cripples. And the church, which is so often criticized as containing too many hypocrites, was in reality a great spiritual hospital. There were many very sick patients, and it was not the place of non-churchgoers to make this particular criticism."

His most prized possession, declared Dr. Hanley, was a letter written by the members of his former church to his bishop, requesting that he be removed from the church to some other district," as he is filling the church with riffraff, and there is no room for the regular members.

HUGE CAKE WITH CANDLES MARKS EDISON'S BIRTHDAY

Associated Press Despatch.

West Orange, N. J., Feb. 12.—Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 76th birthday yesterday, the event being marked with little ceremony. Mr. Edison dined with guests at noon. A large birthday cake with 76 candles occupied the center of the table.

Dr. and Mrs. Hazen Celebrate Jubilee

Blenheim Congregation Honors Couple On Anniversary.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blenheim, Feb. 12.—Rev. Dr. G. N. Hazen and wife, formerly of London, now in charge of Blenheim Methodist Church work, were honored by their congregation Friday night, when a large gathering of members and adherents gathered at the church with them and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Mayor George F. Reycraft was chosen to preside at the meeting, and introduced an interesting program of speeches and music.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by Mrs. Robert Moore, president of the Ladies' Aid, reading a well-worded address to Dr. and Mrs. Hazen, and little Jack Ford and Miss Audinall made a presentation of a silver flower dish to Mr. and Mrs. Hazen.

Dr. Hazen thanked the congregation for their gift. The ladies provided luncheon.

POPULAR TILBURY GIRL EXPIRES IN 19TH YEAR

Special to The Advertiser.

Tilbury, Feb. 12.—The funeral of Miss Madeline Giroux, who died yesterday at the home of her uncle and foster father, Hermidas Giroux, Middle road wast, was held Saturday morning.

Requiem high mass was celebrated in St. Francis' Church by Monsignor Parent, and interment was in St. Francis' Cemetery.

Deceased was an estimable young lady, and her loss will not only be deeply regretted by her immediate relatives, but by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was 19 years of age, and had been ill for some time.

She leaves two sisters, Miss Eliza of the postoffice staff, and Miss Laura, who has taken her first vow in St. Joseph's Convent, Montreal.

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March 10, April 20 ..... Assyria
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April 7, May 5 ..... Tuscania

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