

County Prisoners Now Eating 91-2c of Food Daily.

Estimates Will Not Provide Enough Cash for Expenses.

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Farmers Respond to Appeal for Summer Vacation of City Children—Plentiful Raspberry Crop Promised as Compensation for Strawberry Famine
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SUGGESTION MADE THAT BOARD CLOSE ITSELF UP

Dire Threatenings of Health Officials Gains Them Publicity, But Little Else—Need of Moderate Priced "Homey" House in London Is Emphasized.

Some citizens think that the board of health would do well to emulate its own doctrine once in a while—namely, "to close up." The worthy and active chairman of the board and his equally active and worthy medical officer of health count that day lost beneath whose setting sun finds neither one of them on the front page.

Let's see. They have threatened the butchers about once a month for years. Hog cholera, abattoirs, shop inspection, have been the pegs upon which they have hung their thundering tirades. Then there was Dr. Hill. The board of health no doubt thinks it drove the dear doctor from London—and perhaps it did, though not in the way the board thinks. He possibly couldn't stand it any longer, or he was afraid that if he laughed any longer people would think it unseemly for a professional man.

Last week the board "threatened" to close Teumessah Park, the fair grounds and the police station. Now anyone who "threatens" hard enough is good "copy," and the chairman or M. O. H. is always there with dark foreboding for some poor soul. So no one can blame the city hall reporter. He expects that there will be a denunciation of insanitary peanuts this week, the demand being expected for the wrapping of each peanut in sanitary waxed paper.

Is there something underground about the movement for subways? The city has the opportunity to secure \$5,000 for each of three subways from the railway board, and that opportunity will expire at the end of this year. If the city thinks it advisable to wait for elevated tracks, it will wait many years. In subways there is permanent relief whether tracks are elevated or not for some sections of the city. And \$5,000 is not to be sniffed at. While there is a demand in the city for moderation in spending, the city objects to expenditures for necessities. For instance, the present work on storm sewers is brought about through the votes of the people. It was agitated for many years and is one of the most necessary. Schools must be built, and there will be no justice in carping criticism. The city is faced with many heavy outlays, neither to the credit or the discredit of the present administration. Garbage collection is now regarded as a fixture, although many have never become reconciled to the manner in which the incinerator was installed, as they have never

become reconciled to the lavish expenditures on the courthouse. The only criticism of the Federal Square scheme is that the Government has not kept exact faith with the citizens, and there is still some doubt as to what will be forthcoming in cash from Ottawa. The city has the maintenance of the present city hall, the old McCormick property, and several other properties. Major Coles would do well to get the citizens some action on this question. He was elected as controller because London thought he could make the thing move. The scheme is now on its second year and it is still just about stationary.

If many of these things have been looked upon by citizens as necessities, how much more a necessity is the transportation problem. There should be some team-work for subways, or some active movement toward a solution of the blocked tracks problem and the danger to citizens.

One of these days the city of London will have to seriously consider the problem of the modern businessman's home. If an executive officer, earning from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year, came to the city at the present time, he would have a difficult time in securing a house under \$35 a month in a desirable locality. And some of the houses that are being offered at that price simply make the thing highway robbery. The writer has in mind several houses of six rooms that were built at a cost of not more than \$2,000 a piece that are being rented for more than \$35 a month. No one will blame the man who built them for getting all he can, but at the same time it does the city no good to have high rents for poor houses. The man who will build modern houses that will rent for \$25 a month—and it can be done—will be hailed as a benefactor. The present type has a living-room, dining-room, kitchen (7x14), two bedrooms and bathroom. They are finished in pine and plastered. The fixtures are cheap, and there is nothing of a homelike atmosphere about them. Better houses rent for less money in larger cities, and it is this that is a new line of building bylaws for the protection of the tenant, and perhaps a graded scale of rents, were put in force. "Put 'em up cheap and rent 'em high," seems to be the motto of the speculators. And the worst of it is that the man from outside has to take this sort of house and keep a step ahead of the butcher and the baker.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES



JAIL GOVERNOR MOURNS INCREASING H. C. OF L.

No Longer Can He Feed His Prisoners for Five Cents Per Day.

DAILY MENU COSTS 91-2C.

Governor Carter, of the county jail, is beginning to realize what the high cost of living means. He used to be able to feed his guests for seven cents a day and now it costs nine and a quarter cents without delicacies. However, with the luxuries ordered by Jail Physician Dr. McArthur for his patients the cost has been boosted one-quarter of a cent more.

"It's not like it used to be," said Governor Carter. "Why, when Robert Boston was governor of the jail he fed the prisoners for five cents a day. I attribute the high cost to the high price of meat, oatmeal and syrup."

"We don't feed the prisoners blackstrap any more," said the governor with a smile, as he invited the reporter to stay for dinner. He smiled some more when the latter politely declined with thanks.

Battery Officers Yet Unrelieved

Resignations Have Not Yet Been Accepted by Minister of Militia.

Major Wood Leonard and his brother officers of the Sixth (London) Field Battery are still without word from Col. Hughes, the minister of militia, concerning the acceptance of their resignations. As a result the officers find themselves in an equivocal position. They still are officially responsible for a regiment, which to all intents and purposes has ceased to exist.

ALMOST LAST WORD IN STRAWBERRIES SAID

Quoted at 15 Cents Wholesale on Market This Morning.

LOTS OF RASPBERRIES

Almost the last word in strawberries was said today at the market square, when they were quoted by the two or three gardeners who had them, at 14 and 15 cents a box, wholesale.

Strawberries this year are almost a complete failure. Ripened too early by the hot sun and dry weather of the first part of June, they dried up, and thousands of dollars' worth were destroyed.

No time this year has the price of berries been lower than 10 and 12 cents a box, and it has often soared to 16 and 17 cents a box.

Raspberries will be much more plentiful, farmers say. The rains, which came too late to save the strawberries, have done the raspberries much good. None have been on the market yet, but are expected to appear in large quantities in a couple of weeks.

Strawberry season is practically over, and although later pickings will be offered on the markets, the supply will be scarce. The last of the crop will peter out about the end of this week.

TO PRESENT ESTIMATES OF CIVIC COLLECTION

Mayor Will Show Cost of Municipal Garbage Work in Other Cities.

HAMILTON DOES OWN WORK

When the board of control meets tomorrow morning it is probable that Mayor Graham will submit several letters he has received pertaining to garbage collection in other cities.

As the council's agitation on the cost of collecting garbage here, it is probable that the city will do all its own work in this connection.

Buffalo Expects Reduction. Letters received by the mayor from Buffalo say that city is doing its own garbage collecting for the first time this year at a cost of \$215,000. This was the price that a contractor had the work for a year ago, and he lost \$65,000 on the contract. Buffalo hopes to keep within this estimate of \$215,000, although the city is compelled to pay 97 cents per ton to destroy garbage. This item alone costs the city \$25,000.

Hamilton Does Its Own Work. The city of Hamilton does its own garbage collecting. It had previously been done by contract, but on account of friction and the necessity of constant supervision over the contractors, it was found more satisfactory to have the city collect its own garbage.

WEST KENT LIKELY TO HAVE A RECOUNT. [Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, July 2.—Sheriff Gehmelt, returning officer for West Kent, made his official count this morning, declaring George W. Sulman elected over R. L. Brackin in the recent provincial election by a majority of 18 votes.

The Liberal Association has not yet decided whether a recount will be needed or not. It is likely one will be demanded. There were 32 rejected ballots.

ARRESTS EXPECTED IN SMUGGLING PLOT

Bankrupt Firms Said To Be Connected in Extensive Operations.

SMUGGLER IS ORIGINAL

Uses Bandages on Leg, Pretending to Have Long-Standing Injury.

[Canadian Press.] New York, July 2.—Arrests are due shortly in a big diamond smuggling plot, involving the bringing into this city of gems worth \$700,000. Assistant U. S. Attorney Roger B. Wood has just returned from Montreal, where he spent several days investigating the plot. Mr. Wood refused to discuss the matter, but it is known that the smuggling operations of the ring were disclosed in the investigation. In a recent bankruptcy case, involving the investigation of the ring, it was brought out that Joseph Samuels & Co., bankrupt braid manufacturers, several members of which are under indictment, had extensive note transactions with Herman J. Diehl, a diamond importer of this city, who is also in bankruptcy. Diehl's dealings with the bankrupt firm of Aaronson & Ruttenberg, diamond dealers of Montreal. Many of the diamonds said to have been smuggled in from Montreal were pawned here.

Two Failures. The firm of Aaronson & Ruttenberg failed several years ago. It is said it got back on a good basis, but the failure of the United States firm dragged it down again. It owed the Montreal house nearly \$200,000.

Original Idea. The man who has done the smuggling employed original methods to conceal the diamonds. It was his custom to travel backward and forward across the border with the diamonds wrapped in a small parcel, which, by means of bandages, he concealed around his legs. He appeared to have met with a long-standing accident, and had his leg bandaged. He limped, and did not excite any suspicion. Beneath the bandages were diamonds to the value of from \$10,000 to \$75,000.

The reason why he came to Montreal was because diamonds can be bought here more cheaply than in the United States. The difference in the duty alone amounts to nearly twenty per cent.

PIER COLLAPSES; HUNDRED IN RIVER

Accident Reported From Stag Island—No One Drowned, But Women Faint in Terror.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, July 2.—It is reported here that a small section of a pier running out into the St. Clair River at Stag Island collapsed last night, while a large number of people were standing on it. About one hundred of the crowd were thrown into the river, but as the water was but a few feet deep, no one was drowned. The fall of several women added to the excitement.

HOT IN FRANCE

PARIS, July 1.—A heat wave of exceptional intensity is spreading over a large part of France. The highest temperature registered today was 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Rochefort. In Paris the temperature reached 93 degrees.

PRINCESS AVENUE SCHOOL MAY COST OVER \$100,000

Board of Education Will Not Rush Work Until Money Is Forthcoming.

The Board of Education will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday afternoon to receive the report of No. 2 committee recommending the purchase of the Macbeth property on Princess Avenue for \$30,000. The property is wanted as the site for the new Princess Avenue school.

Whether plans will be prepared immediately for this new school will depend largely upon how the board comes out in the request for money to the Board of Control. An estimate of the cost of the new building has been put down at \$75,000, and with the site it may run to \$115,000.

LITTLE MONEY FOR FIRE APPARATUS

Lack of Funds Will Prevent Necessary Purchases This Year.

POLICY OF RETRENCHMENT

Expenses Must Be Sliced to "Get By"—Deficit Inevitable.

Because there are no funds available and retrenchment must be practiced to prevent a deficit at the end of the year, the board of control will not purchase a motor tractor to take the place of the three-horse hitch of the hook and ladder truck at the central fire hall. It is even doubtful if the board will recommend the purchase of a motor truck for the central fire station, an apparatus which is a dire necessity.

Controller Rose and Fire Chief Aitken went to Columbus, Ohio, several days ago to inspect motor-driven vehicles, but as yet their report has not been read at the board of control. It is understood that the members of the board who are in touch with the financial condition of the city are against spending any more money out of the general rate. They want to keep the rate down for next year. To reduce it from 27 to 25 mills this year it was necessary to appropriate several items passed by bylaw last year, and issue debentures for them.

Deficit Inevitable. That the city will face a large deficit at the end of the year now seems inevitable. Wherever it has been possible, money needed this year has been put into a debenture issue to keep the rate from mounting higher, but there are many items that must be cared for, including a request from the board of education for money to build a new school.

STEAMER ASHORE IN GEORGIAN BAY

C. P. R. Assiniboia, With 100 Passengers, May Be Able to Back Off—Is In No Danger.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, July 2.—The C. P. R. steamer Assiniboia went ashore at 2 a.m. today at Bad Neighbor Shoal, Cove Island, Georgian Bay. Her forepeak is leaking a little. News of the grounding of the steamer reached the offices of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company here from the radio station at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Communicating the ship's plight, the wireless operator on the boat said it was thought the Assiniboia could back off, as she was swinging, and there were eleven fathoms of water under her stern. The weather this morning was calm and (Continued on Page Eleven.)

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night: Highest, 67; lowest, 58. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER. Toronto, July 2—8 a.m. Forecast. Moderate winds, mostly northwest to southwest; fair and warmer today and on Friday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 62. 52. Clear. Calgary. 56. 44. Clear. Winnipeg. 52. 58. Clear. Port Arthur. 64. 48. Clear. Sarnia. 60. 54. Cloudy. Toronto. 68. 58. Cloudy. Ottawa. 70. 54. Cloudy. Montreal. 70. 56. Rain. Quebec. 68. 64. Rain. Father Point. 62. 42. Cloudy.

Shallow depressions exist over the New England States and in the Western Provinces. Showers have occurred over the greater portion of Ontario and in Western Quebec, but in nearly all instances they have been light. Light showers are also reported from Northern Alberta.

USED A DICTAPHONE TO HEAR HUSBAND'S TALKS WITH WOMEN

Doctor's Wife, During Investigation of a Murder, Says Its Record Comforted Her.

[Canadian Press.] Freeport, N. Y., July 2.—In searching for a motive for the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey in the office of Dr. Edwin Carman, the police today are working on two theories. One of them is that a lunatic killed Mrs. Bailey when shooting at Dr. Carman. The other theory is that a woman fired the shot. Dr. Carman has served upon many lunacy commissions in Freeport, and the police believe some person who was committed to an asylum through his instrumentality sought revenge, and missed his aim.

There is a mystery surrounding Mrs. Bailey's reason for calling upon Dr. Carman for medical advice, when she might have sought a physician nearer her home in Hempstead, five miles from Freeport. The investigation also developed that Dr. Carman's wife had for weeks listened to his conversations with women patients by means of a dictaphone. Mrs. Carman readily admitted having had the instrument installed, because, she said, she felt she had a right to know what her husband was talking about with women visitors.

"And everything I heard over the dictaphone comforted me," she said. "I became convinced of the doctor's fidelity to me."

District Attorney Lewis J. Smith stated that he was convinced that the shot had been fired by someone outside the house.

JULY STARTS IN WITH BRISK BUILDING BOOM

New building activities in London so far this year involve an expenditure of \$1,128,715. The month of July has started in with a record of nine permits amounting to \$79,250. The indications point to a healthy boom for the city in the building trade, as there does not seem to be any let up in new work.

Permits issued today went to R. G. Kilpatrick for a brick veneer dwelling on Maitland street to cost \$2,000; a permit for repairs to the Collegiate Institute to cost \$42,000; permits to Hyatt Brothers for seven two-story brick dwellings on Windsor avenue to cost \$3,000 each.

Fresh Air Fund Is Opened To Give City Kiddies An Opportunity To Enjoy "Fresh Air and Farm Fare" They Would Otherwise Be Denied



The slogan "Fresh air and farm fare for city kiddies" appears to have gone straight to the hearts of the kind-hearted farm readers of The Advertiser. Each mail brings additional offers to Miss Gray's desk, and it is expected that within a very short time a number of London's boys and girls will be trekking for the "real country" buoyant in the anticipation of a fortnight's visit among the cows and the clover. The Advertiser is making a selection with great care, endeavoring to send only those

children who would not otherwise have a summer's outing, or those who have never been in the country for any length of time.

The ready sympathy of The Advertiser farm readers is very evident in some of the communications received. One lady writes: "I want one of those little poor little creatures, my heart goes out to them when I think of the great blessings God has given us to enjoy. I don't care how ragged or homely he may be, if he will only be truthful and honest."

We will do our best to take good care of him." Another writes: "And so you would like to send little Johnny Street or 'Sairy Mary' to the country for some fresh air. Now we do not live on a farm, but we have quite an 'estate' nevertheless—a barn, an orchard, some chickens and, yet, an unlimited quantity of fresh air. I wonder if 'Sairy Mary' or some other little girls would care to visit with us for a couple of weeks. If so, can you arrange to send her to us, and we will try to make her happy."