

RAILWAY CANNOT CARRY ON, IVEY ASSERTS

Police Arrest Alleged Hold-Up Man, Wanted in Detroit

Police Claim Baker Aided Bandit Gang

Detroit Jewelry Store Hold-Up Leads to Arrest of London Man.

TWO OTHERS TAKEN

Detectives Find Former Bank Clerk After Five-Hour Hunt in City.

Lawrence Baker, 23-year-old Londoner and former bank clerk here, was arrested last night at his home, 11 Briscoe street, for Detroit police on a charge of robbery armed. He is wanted with two other men for holding up employees of the Matheson-Turbin jewelry company, 7411 Kitchener avenue, Detroit, last month and stealing more than \$5,000 in cash and diamonds.

Baker was taken to police station last night by Sergeant of Detectives Harry Down, Detective George E. Walsh, and a Pinkerton detective after notification had been received from Detroit police that a warrant was held for his arrest.

May Admit Theft.

He will not fight extradition, according to police, and he has made a partial confession of the part he played in the robbery.

Detectives Down and Walsh waited for five hours in front of Baker's home yesterday. It was not until 11:20 o'clock that he approached his house in an automobile. He submitted to arrest without offering any resistance, although he threw the key to his car away.

According to Detroit police, Baker and two other men, Norman Mesjire and William Chesman, entered the Matheson-Turbin jewelry store on Nov. 22. They held up the clerks at revolver point and bound and gagged several with heavy rope and picture wire. They made away with all the cash in the store and quantities of valuable jewelry.

Two Others Nabbed.

McGuire and Chesman have since been arrested in Denver, Colorado, and are now being taken to Detroit. The three men will probably stand trial together.

Lawrence Baker is known to the police as "Jill" Baker, using the name as an alias. He is well known in London, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker. He is not held in the Detroit police department until officers of the Detroit police department arrive to take him into the United States.

DANCER'S DIVORCE DROVE POET HUSBAND TO DEATH

By JUNIUS B. WOOD.
Special Cable to The Advertiser and The Chicago Daily News.

Moscow, Dec. 30.—The body of Serge Yessenin, the poet and former husband of Isadora Duncan, the American dancer, was brought to Moscow from Leningrad, and lies in state today at the House of Writers. Burial services will be held tomorrow under the aegis of the organization of Poets and Writers.

It was understood that Yessenin's suicide was due largely to the efforts of his latest wife to secure a divorce. Recently all of his works have shown extreme melancholy, particularly his novel *New World*, and his poem *Black Man*.

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The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fresh west and southwest winds, fair today and on Friday, stationery or a little higher temperature.

Pressure remains highest over the middle states and relatively low over northern and eastern Canada, with no indication of any important change. The weather is fair throughout the dominion with quite moderate temperature except in the maritime provinces, where it is fairly low.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 48 28 Fair
Calgary 48 28 Fair
Winnipeg 29 9 Cloudy
Port Arthur 15 12 Cloudy
Toronto 29 15 Cloudy
Montreal 12 10 Snow
Quebec 4 2 Snow
Halifax 24 -2 Hazy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 18; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 21; lowest, 13.

L.S.R. ENDS OPERATIONS UNLESS CITY INTERVENES

L.S.R., Bus Work Of New Council

Here is a short resume of what the 1926 city council has done towards solving the transportation problem.

Gave the London Street Railway Company provisional right to run cars until midnight tonight at a 5-cent fare.

Asked the L. S. R. and bus companies to submit proposals as to what they would be prepared to do in the way of service and routes.

Took no action at yesterday's meeting on ultimatum of L. S. R. to put cars in the barns if buses allowed to continue to operate.

Will pass bylaw this afternoon extending L. S. R. agreement for 30 days at a 5-cent fare, pending new permanent agreement.

RAILWAY HAS NOT REFUSED TO PAY

Investigation Being Made Into Damages Done to Water Mains.

In recent letters to the public utilities commission the London Street Railway company states that it has not refused to pay the commission's bill of approximately \$200 for electrolysis damages to the water mains on Horton street.

It is true that for weeks the street railway company ignored the communication from the commission, but now the company writes that an investigation is being made into the matter, and that it will be taken up later.

Electricity leaking away from the company's rails, aided by moist ground, enters the water mains, and at the point where it leaves electrolytic action causes the pipe to be eaten away, with consequent water leakages.

OTTAWA DISCREDITS REPORT ON GARDINER

No Credence Placed in Rumor Alberta Man Going Into Cabinet.

Special to The Advertiser.
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The rumor that Robert Gardiner, U. P. O. member for Acadia, will enter the King cabinet is treated lightly in political circles at the capital. The premier is not divulging his plans of cabinet reconstruction at the present time, and official confirmation or denial of the rumor of Mr. Gardiner's entry is not secureable. It may, however, be stated authoritatively that the government at present time had no intention of summoning to its councils Mr. Gardiner, or any other independent member.

The member for Acadia is probably one of the most radical of the radical group, which defected from the Progressives last session, and were called "Gingerites." He was elected on Oct. 29 as a U. P. A. candidate, and by a fairly narrow majority.

LORD AND LADY BYNG WILL ENTERTAIN AS HOUSE OPENS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Their excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy will hold a drawing-room in the senate chamber on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 9, following the day of the formal opening of parliament, it was officially announced today.

Impossible to Continue Without Monopoly, Vice-President Ivey Declares.

MAY CURTAIL BUSES

Police Commission May Follow Council Plea To Alter Bus Routes.

London will be without street railway service tomorrow unless the city council, at a special meeting at 4:30 this afternoon, takes steps to put buses off the streets.

"Putting the cars in the barns is not optional with us," declared R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company, this afternoon. "We have no other alternative. Our financial resources have been exhausted and we simply can't carry on. We are forced to place the cars in the barns."

Mr. Ivey placed a letter in the hands of City Clerk Baker at noon today, asking the council to request the police commission not to issue licenses to the buses for 1926. The letter states that the street railway would indemnify the city against loss as a result of that action.

The letter will be considered this afternoon by the aldermen, when they meet to pass a bylaw authorizing the street railway to continue service for 60 days at a 5-cent fare.

Want Buses Cut Off.

The street railway would possibly be willing to do this if the buses were taken from the streets. Otherwise the cars will go to the barns at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The L. S. R. will operate from midnight till 2 a.m. at a 10-cent fare, and as one official smilingly pointed out, "it was a good way to start the year."

The only possible way to avoid a tie-up of transportation would be for the council to recommend the police commission not to grant the buses licenses on London streets.

According to the city solicitor, the police commission cannot refuse to grant bus licenses, but has power to designate bus routes. If the Metropolitan Bus Company knew that it could not operate on downtown streets it would soon cease to operate in London, and bring about the state of affairs desired by the street railway company.

Buses will continue to operate tomorrow.

Manager Kamm of the bus company visited the city hall this morning and was told by City Treasurer Jas. Bell that his insurance policies on buses were still good in order.

Mr. Kamm applied for licenses for 1926 at the police station, and was informed that they could not be granted till the old licenses had expired. The buses will be allowed to operate tomorrow, and will be granted new licenses on Saturday. These licenses bring the city a total revenue of about \$600.

Will Abide by Council.

It is believed, however, by those in close touch with transportation affairs, that the police commission will be guided solely by the wishes of the city council. This puts the question squarely to the aldermen. If they want to allow the street railway company sole transportation privileges on London streets, all they have to do is make their recommendation to the council.

REV. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL DIES IN OTTAWA, AGED 84

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Archibald A. Cameron, aged 84, prominent in Baptist activities in Canada and the United States, died here today. Besides having charge of the pastorate of Ottawa, Winnipeg, Denver, and the superintendence of the evening of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua and was for four years chairman of law enforcement in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Radio May Cure Girl's Deafness

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Miss Elsie Hayes, 25, who had been deaf and dumb for the last 22 years, was persuaded to put on the headphones of a radio set last night. She showed evidence that she was able to distinguish between the different sounds in use at the broadcasting station, and when her mother spoke to her later, responded with a word which listeners took to be "mother."

It is hoped that further experimentation may result in partial return at least of her hearing and vocal powers.

SALVATION ARMY MAKES TRANSFERS

Commandants Hurd and Ursaki Will Leave London on January 17.

The local divisional headquarters of the Salvation army has received a number of farewell or transfer orders from Commissioner Sowton of Toronto, officer in command of the Eastern Canada division of the army. The orders include direction to farewell to a number of local army officers, as well as others of this district.

Among the officers of London who have received orders to transfer are: Commandant Mrs. H. A. Hurd, financial representatives of the London division, who will go to Toronto Jan. 17, to join the subscribers' department of that division. His successor will be Adjutant Noah Pitcher, who will be transferred here from the subscribers' department of Montreal. Commandant and Mrs. L. Ursaki, officers in charge of No. 1, Clarence street citadel, also will leave on Jan. 17. Their appointments and successors have not yet been determined.

Field Major Hildon of St. Thomas will be transferred on the same date, as will Adjutant Woolcott of Woodstock and Captain and Mrs. J. Rowland of Exeter.

It is expected that their appointments and successors will be announced next week.

TOUCHES WIRE, BURNED.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 30.—When he came in contact with a feed wire carrying 12,200 volts at the hydro sub-station, Strachan avenue, this afternoon, Harry Lovell, aged 35, was badly burned about the body, hands and face. He is also suffering from shock. He was removed to the general hospital, where his condition is reported as serious.

TOURIST BUSINESS BRINGS MANITOBA \$250,000,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Increased tourist business in Manitoba has brought to the province an additional income of about \$250,000,000 in the last year, according to Mayor Ralph H. Webb.

BRITAIN MAY LOOK TO ITALY IF TURKEY DECLARES WAR

Joint Action May Be Result of Conference Between Chamberlain and Mussolini—Turks May Be Awed by Spectacle of United Western Europe.

By HENRY SOMMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 31.—The meeting between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Premier Mussolini at Rapallo is regarded as very important. Italy is now relatively stronger in Europe than she has ever been before. No other European belligerent country has made so much economic progress since the war, and she can count on a debt settlement with Britain as favorable as that with the United States.

The Chamberlain and Mussolini were talking to each other about Turkey. There has been many threats of trouble arising from the league of nations settlement of the Mosul dispute and Turkey and Russia have come to an agreement.

A newspaper, as free from jingoism as the Manchester Guardian, urges that Britain must seek assurances from other members of the league that they will not share in keeping Turkey in order. Italy is in a position to strike at Turkey in Anatolia if the league of nations decides that military sanctions are to be employed against Turkey.

The chances of Turkey challenging the league are negligible as long as Turkey knows that the western powers are in agreement.

TALKED WAR PLANS.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 30.—The meeting of Premier Mussolini and Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, at Rapallo yesterday furnished occasion for the fascist press to renew today its previous strong expressions of skepticism regarding the league's proposed disarmament meetings.

In addition to the extremist Ilmpiro and Il Tevere, which continued to fulminate against Germany, even the Corriere d'Italia, which usually is comparatively mild, emphasizes the assumption that the Italian premier and Sir Austen talked about the new Russo-Turkish treaty rather than the plans for giving effect to the pacific principles laid down by the treaties of Locarno.

The Corriere d'Italia says clouds of trouble appear everywhere on the horizon. "In the Orient the Chinese anarchy is overshadowed by another free, which again places the United States and Japan face to face."

L'Impero under the title of "The Topia of Disarmament" says that Europe is more than ever a powder mine. This paper enumerates various questions which might touch the match at any time, and devotes more than a column to trying to prove that Germany, in spite of her professions of helplessness, is really the best armed nation in Europe, principally because of her united spirit of revenge.

Il Tevere declares that the "spirit of Locarno appears more and more as a colossal deception, which is damaging to sincere, honest and chivalrous peoples." This journal says that Locarno is a benefit to France, but only because it represented an internal victory for the government in power, but that in reality Germany has profited most because Locarno enabled Germany "to chloroform the rest of Europe."

Big Merger Of Stores Completed

Twenty-Five Stores in Western Ontario Join New Federation.

LONDON UNAFFECTED

Stores in Stratford, St. Thomas and Other Cities Are Included.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 31.—Formation of the Federated Distributors, Limited, a buying group of over 25 department stores in various parts of the province, was announced today by J. P. Whelan of the Arcade, Limited, Hamilton, president of the new organization.

The object of the federation is to effect economies in purchasing by buying goods in bulk. The members will, however, continue to conduct their separate stores.

Mr. Whelan estimated that the group had an annual turnover of \$10,000,000. Department stores interested are located in Hamilton, Chatham, Brockville, Stratford, St. Thomas, St. Catharines, Fort William, Belleville, and other points. The head office will be in Toronto.

As far as it could be learned, no London stores have joined or are contemplating joining the Federated Distributors, Limited.

THREE OF FORD'S PLANES WRECKED ON WAY FLORIDA

Associated Press Despatch.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Three of the four Ford-Stout all metal passenger planes, en route to Florida, were badly damaged here in an accident today. No one was hurt.

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Canadian Press Despatch.
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Fortune of Many Million Left By Kincardine Native

Stephen Tomlinson, Who Left Home as Youth and Who Was Never Heard From Afterward, Believed To Have Amassed Much Wealth—Nephew Still Lives in Kincardine.

Special to The Advertiser.
Kincardine, Dec. 31.—With the publication of the news that Mrs. Ethel Vernon of Hollywood, Cal., has been informed that she has fallen heir to a considerable amount of the many millions left by the late Stephen Tomlinson, jun., formerly of this town, much interest has been aroused locally because W. J. McCullough of this town, is believed to be a nephew of the deceased millionaire.

Mr. McCullough, when interviewed today did not express more than passing interest in the news, but appeared rather to be content to await developments.

Stephen Tomlinson, mentioned in the despatch, is believed to be the son of Stephen Tomlinson, sen., one of the earliest settlers in this district, and who passed away some thirty years ago. The younger Tomlinson, along with his brother, William H., spent his early years on the family farm here, and at the age of eighteen left for the United States. Nothing was heard from him since he did not communicate with his home even at the time of his father's death. It is not known what business he had followed or in what way he could have amassed such a large fortune.

It is not known where William is living at present, but if alive he also will share in the estate. He left Kincardine soon after his brother, and he, too, has remained silent.

Ethel Tomlinson, the chief of police in Duluth, Minn., is a cousin of Stephen, jun.

Two sisters of Stephen, jun., Eliza and Jane, married and lived in this locality until their deaths some years ago.

The Tomlinson homestead was located on the North line, near the present town site of Kincardine, and it was here that the younger Tomlinsons spent their early years before going into the world to seek their fortune.

There is more or less uncertainty locally as to the exact relation of Mrs. Ethel Vernon, who has been declared one of the heirs, but it is thought that she may be a daughter of William H. Tomlinson, Stephen's brother.

TRACED BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Ethel Vernon of Hollywood, was notified today she is one of a few heirs to the estate of Stephen and Barbara Tomlinson, of Kincardine, Ont., reputed to be worth many millions. John Tomlinson of Detroit, uncle of Mrs. Vernon, after reading a newspaper advertisement asking the heirs, advised Mrs. Vernon of her good fortune.

Mrs. Vernon has been employed for some time in a Hollywood hospital. She is living in Canada at the age of fourteen, she said today.

LONDON'S POSTMASTER ENDS LONG YEARS OF SERVICE HERE

Thomas C. Duncan To Be Superannuated After Leave of Absence.

GIVEN HIGH TRIBUTE

Announcement From Ottawa Is Accompanied by Commendation From Officials.

Thomas C. Duncan, for 23 years assistant postmaster and postmaster for London, tonight concludes a half a century of service with the postal department, when he will be granted six months' leave of absence, dating from the first of the year, to be superannuated on June 30.

Mr. Duncan has taken advantage of an optional retirement for members of the civil service at the age of 55 years. He made application for superannuation several weeks ago, and today received word, together with a tribute to his years of service, that it had been granted.

Lieut.-Col. Kenneth A. Murray, inspector for the London postal division, will be Mr. Duncan's temporary successor, acting as assistant postmaster until an official appointment is made.

During Mr. Duncan's term of office in London his work has received the commendation of members of the department at Ottawa, and he has been the popular "boss" of some 165 men in this division. The expansion of the local postal department under his regime is reflected in an increasing annual revenue, and so, too, is the growth of the city of London. In 1902, when Mr. Duncan came to London as assistant postmaster, the year's revenue totalled \$85,000, and now the revenue for the past year amounts to \$500,000.

Mr. Duncan entered the postal service in 1877, at a time when the commission basis of employment was used. Belleville office was placed on a staff basis in 1882 and five years later Mr. Duncan was appointed postmaster. He remained there until 1900 when he was moved to Ottawa in the office of the superintendent of the railway mail service. Two years later he took charge of the Windsor office, and on July 14, 1902, came to London as assistant postmaster. He succeeded Dr. Peter Macdonald as postmaster on July 1, 1921.

Although ex-Mayor George Wenigo was appointed for last year, it does not follow that the chief magistrate of the city should hold the position, and this morning's special meeting was called in order that the votes of members could be received and the police department's business carried on without delay over the new year.

HAMILTON'S HOPE FOR CUT IN TAXES RECEIVES JOLT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 30.—Hamilton's hope for retention of the 32½-mill tax rate for the coming year received a severe blow today when Chief Collector Hopson announced that tax arrears were \$200,000 below the estimate. This sum is the approximate equivalent of two mills.

In addition to this, the street railway company owes over \$60,000 to the city in mileage and percentage, and it is unlikely that in 1926 there will be any revenue to collect from this source.

Numerous other expenditures must be paid for in the coming year. Forecasts of the tax rate are as high as 35 mills.

INVITATIONS AGAIN ISSUED FOR GUILDHALL BANQUET

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—The lord mayor has renewed his invitation to the Prince of Wales to be his guest at a Guildhall banquet in honor of the prince's return from South America. The banquet, in which the prince was originally invited, was cancelled because of the death of Dowager-Queen Alexandra.

Coal Famine In 6 Weeks Threatened

Government Survey Shows the Stock in London Is Nearly Depleted.

NEEDS ARE DOUBLED

Near-Zero Weather Aggravates Shortage of Fuel—Mines Are Millions of Tons Behind.

Scarcity of hard coal in London will reach an acute condition by the early part of February or the latter part of January, according to a report of the dominion fuel board, received at the city hall.

From a survey made in the city, representative of 31 local retail dealers, it was found that in view of the present miners' strike in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania, the scarcity of hard coal in London will be as badly felt as in all other centers dependent for a supply from the Pennsylvania fields, east of Buffalo.

In London, unless the strike is soon discontinued, the condition will be one of virtual fuel famine by Feb. 15, due principally to a disregard of warnings of the strike and the resultant scarcity of hard coal. The people of the city have been almost reluctant to stock up with a plentiful supply, and in many cases an unwillingness to purchase substitutes or soft coal has been shown here, the report states.

Only a meagre and practically unavailable supply of anthracite is on hand at the present time. This is being kept for regular customers of each coal concern, and will be depleted before the end of next month, particularly if cold weather continues.

Needs Are Doubled.

Near-zero weather of the past few weeks has made the coal condition in Western Ontario more alarming, dealers say. Many homes were stocked with a sufficient quantity of coal to last through the colder winter months, providing the weather throughout was not too severe. Now, however, double quantities of hard coal have been burned, and the once loaded bins are fast being diminished.

Great quantities of anthracite were sold in the city during the months of October and November. The sale fell off last month, the lessening of a supply from Pennsylvania being the cause. Substitutes of by-product coke, gas coke and high-grade low volatile soft coal jumped in price with an increased demand. There will be a scarcity of the substitutes, too, dealers declare, notably of low volatile soft coal.

The pinch of the coal strike, no matter what the outcome of present negotiations for the miners to commence work, will be acutely felt in London, according to William A. Martin of the Martin Anthracite Coal Company.

Millions of Tons Behind.

The mines are already millions of tons behind in production, and once work is resumed the nearly exhausted mining centers of New York and Philadelphia will be the first to receive shipments. Transportation facilities will play an important part in the quick distribution of coal to needy centers, but cities east of Buffalo will be the last to again offer the sale of anthracite.

The report of the dominion fuel board constitutes a minute survey of 31 of the 32 retail coal dealers in the city. From each opinion has been sought, and each has been positive in his prediction of a coal scarcity by the end of the month. The report was read to No. 1 committee of the council last night.

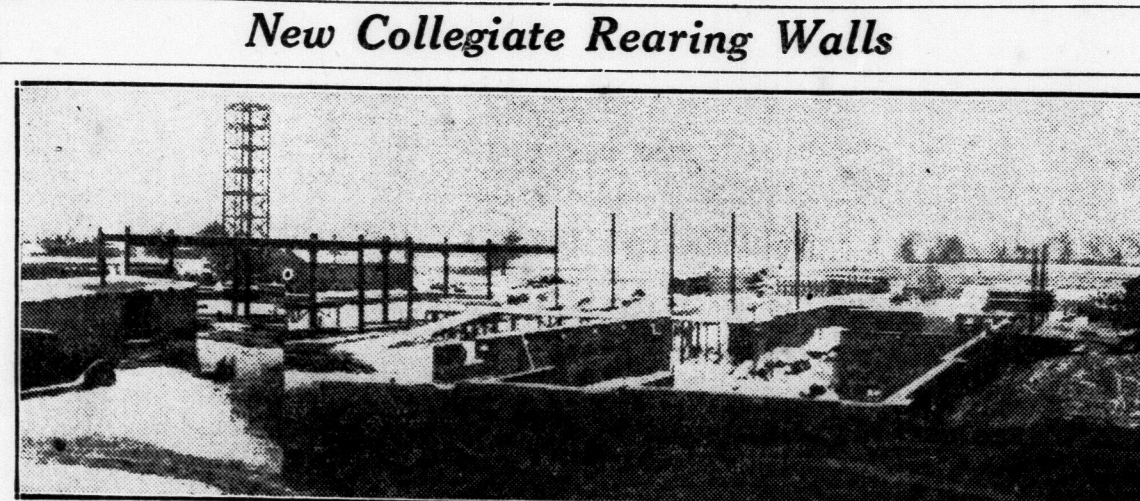
CURE FOR PARALYSIS PROMISED BY DOCTOR

Dr. Gerard of Chicago University Believes Experiments Will Be Successful.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—Probability that a cure for paralysis may be found was seen today in experiments described by Dr. J. W. Gerard, University of Chicago, at the closing session of the convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

Dr. Gerard explained how cords severed in operations on embryo rats in gestation had mended, the rats born normal, and were healthy through long lives.

Incurable paralysis invariably develops in humans after the spinal cord has been severed. Dr. Gerard said. He has hoped that a human spinal column possibly might be cured by patches.



New Collegiate Rearing Walls

Above is shown the Sir Adam Beck collegiate institute, which is rapidly rearing its walls on a particularly fine site at the corner of Dundas street and Highways avenue. John Paterbough, London, is the contractor for the building, which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and which is to be used to house the students of the present east end collegiate unit on Princess avenue and the pupils of Pottersburg public school on Hale street. The school has been named after Sir Adam Beck because of the fact that securing the