

THE WEATHER:
EASTERLY WINDS, SNOW.
FRIDAY—COLDER.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 5:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

LONDON STREET RAILWAY MAINTAINS SCHEDULE

Oxford County "Bad Man" Taken After Terrific Struggle

CHECK OF SERVICE SHOWS ALL LINES OPERATE ON TIME

Advertiser Representatives Time City Street Cars During Rush
Hour Last Night and Find Service Better Than Order Calls
For—Problem Up To City Officials To Settle.

MANY TRIPS RUN UNDER SCHEDULE TIME

Last night The Advertiser made a check of the service actually given by the Street Railway Company.

One year ago, The Advertiser made a similar survey. The figures obtained in both cases were compared with the service which the company is required to give the city according to its agreement, bylaw 916.

POINT TO ONE CONCLUSION.

And in both cases the comparisons point to one conclusion. If this city is not receiving proper transportation service from the London Street Railway Company, the fault is chiefly the city's.

More specifically, it is the fault of city councillors of bygone years, who have neglected to insist that a better schedule of service be accepted by the company.

No Demand for Five Years.

No official demand has emanated from the city hall during the past five years for a shorter "head-way"—the time between each car on any respective line.

Time and again mayors and aldermen have threatened to do this and do that, even until the present day, but not since 1918 have the members of the city council, by bylaw, as is customary, prescribed what shall be the precise service on any line.

And today, as this report indicates, the street railway company is adhering to a better schedule than demanded by the agreement now in force.

The company has its own schedule. If this does not suit the people, they have but one recourse—appeal to the city council to set a different one. A check of all lines during a real busy period yesterday, from 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m., shows conclusively that this schedule is generally maintained.

There are many handicaps, chief among them being the level railroad crossings and the frequent blocking of the main thoroughfares of the city, particularly by the C. N. R. interferences seriously with all north and southbound street cars journeying to all sections of the community.

Other Minor Delays.
And in numerous instances passengers themselves contribute to the general delay throughout the day. Many of them do not enter or alight from cars with reasonable alacrity. Many valuable minutes could be saved if the conductors demanded just a little more snap and vim from the patrons without unnecessarily rushing them.

A little more speed at the main intersection of the city—Dundas and Richmond street—would net another big saving. It would only seem logical that street cars should take precedence over all other traffic, excluding ambulances and fire trucks. This precedence is not regarded at the present time.

In spite of this the street railway's own schedule is fairly well maintained and the frequency of cars, while probably not adequate for a city of this size, exceeds the last formal requirements from the city council.

Schedule Now in Force.

The schedule set by the street railway, as submitted to The Advertiser today by Superintendent Harry Please See Page 2, Column 4.

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FORECASTS.
Today—Easterly winds; snow to night.
Friday—Snow or rain, followed before night by strong northwest winds and a change to colder.

Pressure is highest over the St. Lawrence Valley and the Western Provinces, while a deep depression is developing in the Mississippi Valley.

The weather is very cold in the Western Provinces and the Ottawa Valley. Elsewhere it is moderate.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	40	Cloudy
Calgary	34	19	Cloudy
Winnipeg	4	15	Clear
Port Arthur	8	4	Snow
S. S. Marie	16	0	Fair
Toronto	28	4	Fair
Kingston	29	12	Fair
Ottawa	28	4	Fair
Montreal	24	4	Clear
Quebec	20	4	Clear
St. John	22	6	Clear
Halifax	36	14	Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 31; lowest, 18. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 13.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.51.
Today—8 a.m., 29.44.



PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE, who has recommended to congress that federal loans be made to U. S. farmers to tide them over critical periods when crop conditions are bad.

MISS M. E. BRYAN LEAVES \$29,873

Twenty-One Hundred Dollars Goes to Church Institutions and Charity.

Requests for charitable and church institutions totalling \$2,100, are contained in the last will and testament of Miss Mabel Elizabeth Bryan, who died in this city Dec. 23 last. The value of the estate given in the will and filed for probate by the Canada Trusts Company is \$29,873.

Miss Bryan left \$500 to the Presbyterian Missions; \$500 to the W. M. S. of the First Presbyterian Church; \$200 to the Y. W. C. A.; \$250 to the Salvation Army; Victoria and Aged People's Home, \$250; War Memorial Hospital, \$200; Protestant Orphans' Home, \$100; Children's Aid Society, \$50, and the Day Nursery, \$50.

Two cousins of the deceased, Jean Louise Steele of Oakville and Jennie Steele of 61 St. George street, city, each receive \$1,000, while Florence Embury, who nursed Miss Bryan, is left \$150.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan, mother of Miss Bryan, receives \$500 and a life interest in \$20,123. Thomas Arthur Bryan, brother, is willed a legacy of \$5,000, and receives \$20,123 at the death of his mother. Should Mr. Bryan die before his mother, the residue of the estate, consisting of the above-mentioned \$20,123 will be equally divided among his children.

The four non-jury cases to be tried at the winter assizes before Mr. Justice Riddell will open for trial at the court house today.

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W. G. R. Bartram is appearing for the plaintiff.

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Certain repairs to the old city hall will be imperative during 1924. Building Inspector A. M. Piper reports. He will make provision in his estimates for about \$2,500 for this purpose.

DECISION OF JUDGE APPEALED BY STORES

Ontario Municipal Board Will Hold Hearing in London.

OTHERS TO BE HEARD

Finance Committee Will Consider Question of C.N.R. Decision.

Smallman and Ingram and the firm of T. F. Kingsmill and Company have appealed to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board against the recent judgment handed down by his honor, Judge Talbot Macbeth in support of the assessment levied by City Commissioner Harry Bennett.

Receiving notification today to this effect, the city authorities understand that the members of the Ontario Municipal Board will hold their hearing in London, although the date has not been set.

It is expected that the Hyman and Jarvis appeals against certain income taxation will be heard at the same time.

Whether the city should appeal against the decision recently handed down by Judge Macbeth, allowing the C. N. R. express department business tax exemption, must be considered by members of the finance committee at an early session, city officials state.

LONDON LOAN CO. CLAIMS \$2,838.32

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HON. LINCOLN GOLDIE who declares the Ontario government can in no way be held responsible for the death by suicide of Charles Bulphitt of Goderich. The provincial minister maintains though that the system must be changed.

GOLDIE SAYS PROVINCE IS NOT TO BLAME

Provincial Secretary Disclaims Official Responsibility in Bulphitt Suicide.

WOULD ALTER SYSTEM

Question Will Be Taken Up by Legislature, Declares the Minister.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—"This is not a case in which the Ontario government can be held in any way responsible," declared Hon. Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary, today.

When asked concerning the province's responsibility in connection with the suicide of Charles Bulphitt, at Goderich following alleged maltreatment by his former employer.

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Telephone Wires Burning As Interest Rapidly Grows In \$20,000 Prize Contest

Many Calls Coming From Every Part of Western Ontario.

AUTOMOBILES ATTRACT

Losers in Former Contests Have Hope Renewed by Better Conditions.

Telephone 7352 was in constant use from early morning until late last night with long-distance calls. It seemed as if everyone everywhere was seeking information about the 11 automobiles which The London Advertiser is giving away.

The fact that there exists no competition between the city of London and two country districts for the grand prize has been an irresistible attraction to many.

Two thousand dollars in cash or a Hudson coach is the grand prize for the two country districts, while \$2,000 in cash or a McLaughlin double service sedan is the grand prize in the city of London.

The lists of prizes in the two districts are identical. Automobiles will be awarded as first, second and third prizes in each of the three districts. Among the many nominations received yesterday were three who competed in the last contest conducted by The Advertiser and who were unsuccessful in that contest. They realize the division of the territory, and especially the fact that grand prizes are offered for both city and country affords them a better opportunity of winning at least one of the 11 automobiles.

There will be no last time in The London Advertiser contest. Each and every one that takes part will be compensated for his or her efforts. Those unsuccessful in winning a car will be given a 15 per cent commission on money turned in.

The Advertiser contest office is open every night until 10 o'clock for the convenience of candidates and their friends. If it is not convenient to come to the office just call 7352 and a representative of The Advertiser will call upon you and explain everything in connection with the contest.

"Schools before police stations," This is the final ultimatum from the mayor's office today although he is not promising either for 1924. If the council manages to strike a 22-mill rate, he says—but then, that's too far to look ahead.

"I didn't say that we were going to have a new police station this year," explained the mayor, "I said that we were nearer to having one this year than last. So we are. We would be nearer to it next year than we are today."

The mayor has stated repeatedly that there shall be no capital expenditures, in view of the defeat of the city hall bylaw, but he voices the opinion that if there is to be any capital expenditure, an East London Collegiate should take precedence over a new police station.

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GEORGE GONTHIER, L.L.A., whose appointment has just been made by the government to the position of auditor-general of Canada.

TEACHERS' WAGES RAISED \$14,000

Automatic Increases Approved by Salary Committee of Education Board.

Salary increases totalling \$14,000 were granted to public school teachers of the city at a meeting of the salary committee of the board of education last night.

The increases granted don't require recommendation of Chief Inspector V. K. Greer, take care of the automatic adjustments of salaries that are due to teachers at the end of the financial year, and in the majority of cases are for \$100 per annum.

It is understood, however, that although it was stated that only teachers' salaries were to be considered, stenographers in the employ of the board officials were also granted increases.

S. F. Lavrason was appointed chairman of the committee and after a short discussion, it was decided that the increases should take effect immediately, rather than at the end of March as in past years. This does not mean that the teachers are benefitting two months earlier, but that their increase will show on their January and February checks, instead of being paid for the three months in March.

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CONSTABLES SMASH DOWN DOOR TO GET HUNTED MAN

Pete Robinson, Bad Man of Oxford, and Wife Put Up Terrific Battle.

OFFICER INJURED

Woman Appears With Axe, But Is Overpowered Before She Can Use It.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Woodstock, Jan. 24.—Peter Robinson the "bad man" of Blandford Township, was landed in the county jail here at noon today, but only after a terrific struggle with six or seven provincial police was the arrest effected. At an early hour this morning Provincial Superintendent Ayres and a squad of police gathered from all parts of Ontario, left here for Robinson's home, 18 miles from the city.

On arrival at the Robinson farm they were met by the much wanted man who, when he sized up the situation, he was to deal with, retreated to his house and bolted the door. The police arrived with axes, and immediately battered down the door and the officer who entered was met by Robinson armed with a big club, which he brought down on the officer's arm, breaking it at the wrist. The second officer felled Robinson and he was soon handcuffed.

Meantime Mrs. Robinson appeared armed with an axe but before she was able to use it the officers overpowered her. Robinson was then taken to the barn, and after his injuries were dressed was brought to Woodstock. Mrs. Robinson and the children were brought in also.

Robinson has been giving the police trouble for some time and only recently drove a bailiff and two officers from the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will appear in county police court charged with assaulting police officials in the execution of duty and for neglecting their eight children.

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