

## CIVIC EMPLOYEES' SALARIES ARE REVISED

### Scientists Fear Clouds Too Hinder View of Sun's Eclipse

## SCHEDULE OF SALARIES DRAWN UP

Civic Officials Review Centralizing Departments at City Hall.

### HAVE THREE CLASSES

Clerks Chiefly Affected by the New System of Pay.

Proposals to further centralize supervision of the city hall employees and departments are being brought up at a meeting this afternoon of city officials. A meeting was called today for 4 o'clock, and the plan, which has been working for some years in municipal circles, will be brought into the limelight.

During the terms of office of E. S. Little as mayor of London, work was started towards centralizing the departmental control. Salaries were not cut but tribute was given to Mr. Little as one of the most thorough of London's chief magistrates in helping to mould together departments in a united functioning body.

Since that time officials have kept their identity and salaries have not decreased. But one by one departments are being linked together and present indications would point to an ultimate appointment of one of the older department heads as senior city official.

#### Salary Revision.

Revision of the salary schedule will also be brought up this afternoon. Employees have been defined as three classes, beginners who have no special training and are required to undergo a year's probation, intermediate class, clerks of three years' experience and duties demanding considerable ability, good education and technical skill, and a third class, expert and technical ability is required with preference to those holding university degrees. There are no third class married men employed.

Proposed salary revisions will make a total increase in city hall overhead of about \$5,000, many employees having graduated from one class to another since the last schedule was introduced.

#### Women's Salary.

The clerk's scale proposed for women salaries is given as follows:

Third class, commencing at \$750 per annum with an annual increase of \$40 until a maximum of \$900 is reached.

Second class, commencing at \$800 per annum with an annual increase of \$50 until a maximum of \$1,200 is reached.

First class, commencing at \$1,200 per annum with an annual increase of \$100 until a maximum of \$1,500 is reached.

Salaries for men officials will be as follows:

Unmarried.

Third class—Commencing at \$750 per annum with an annual increase of \$40 until a maximum of \$920 is reached.

Second class—Commencing at \$850 per annum with an annual increase of \$50 until a maximum of \$1,200 is reached.

First class—Commencing at \$1,200 per annum with an annual increase of \$100 until a maximum of \$1,500 is reached.

Married.

Second class—Commencing at \$1,400 per annum with an annual increase of \$50 until a maximum of \$1,700 is reached.

First class—Commencing at \$1,700 per annum with an annual increase of \$100 until a maximum of \$2,000 is reached.

## The Weather

### FORECASTS.

Today—Fair and decidedly cold.

Saturday—Southeast winds; milder with light snowfalls.

The disturbance which was in the St. Lawrence valley yesterday has passed to New Brunswick as a severe storm, while the high pressure with cold wave which was then north of Manitoba has moved to the Great Lakes. Another pronounced cold wave is coming from the western provinces from the north.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	38	Cloudy
Calgary	46	24	Fair
Winnipeg	48	24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	20	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	42	8	Cloudy
Toronto	36	2	Fair
Kingston	32	10	Fair
Ottawa	30	10	Clear
Montreal	34	12	Clear
Quebec	38	14	Clear
St. John	38	4	Fair
Halifax	38	12	Fair

(—) 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, 32; lowest, 17.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 18; lowest, 7.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.44.

Friday—8 a.m., 29.80.



LITTLE MISS AILEEN REASON.

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Reason, who is playing the important role of "Twinkle" in "The King of the Carnival" which is being presented under the auspices of the Lord Roberts mothers' club on Friday next. Mrs. Reason, president of the club, is directing the carnival.—Photo by Sanders Studio.

## NEAR RIOT PRECIPITATED IN FRENCH PARLIAMENT

### Rome Pays Honor To Late Pope

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The third anniversary of the death of Pope Benedict XV. was celebrated with a solemn ceremony in the Sistine Chapel yesterday. Pope Pius and numerous high prelates attended. The celebrant of the mass was Cardinal Mistrangelo, archbishop of Florence, who was the first cardinal created by Pope Benedict. In addition to numerous bishops, archbishops, bishops, and members of the diplomatic corps to the holy see, large numbers of the members of the Roman nobility were present.

## CITY ELECTION BALLOTS CONSIGNED TO FLAMES

Destruction Is Carried Out With All Due Ceremony at Public Incinerator.

Nearly a quarter million election ballots went up in smoke at the city incinerator today. Mingled with ex-ministerial and cabinet, cabinets and cans, the previous bits of paper that a few months ago were sought so eagerly in the municipal campaign became little crumpled ash.

"We were afraid the fire marshal would be after us for having all this scrap paper around," declared Janitor MacNamara, as he helped heap up the first truckload of ballots to be cremated.

Destruction of the ballot papers was quite a ceremony, as papers had to be signed afterwards that all had been completely destroyed.

## PENNY POSTAGE HERALDED IN SOUTH AFRICAN STATES

Associated Press Despatch.

Pretoria, Jan. 23.—South African states, telegraphs and public works, addressing the chamber of commerce of the Herat government for an early reversion to penny postage, but he refused to indicate when the restoration of penny postage would likely take place.

Minister Boydell pointed out that to revert to penny postage in South Africa at the present time would result in a loss of \$2,000,000 a year in revenue. However, it is known that among other progressive measures "the postal system of South Africa contemplated at an early date is a return to penny postage."

### CROWN PRINCE ON TOUR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, travelling incognito, arrived here last evening. He leaves for London at noon today.

## COAL STRIKE IN BRITAIN UNLIKELY

Miners Seeking More Pay, But No Drastic Action Is Expected.

### OWNERS' ATTITUDE.

Producers Claim Hours of Work Must Be Lengthened to Meet Conditions.

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London, Jan. 23.—There is widespread public fear of a national coal strike in Great Britain when existing wages agreement expires in the summer. This fear is based on speeches by various leaders of the miners, especially A. Cook, secretary of the miners' federation.

The miners' wages, measured by purchasing power, have never been so low for generations. Nevertheless, the best opinion is that there will be no strike.

Secretary Cook is not typical of the miners' leaders generally. These men are not disposed to enter upon a strike which might bankrupt the miners' federation and which they could have little hope of winning. It is a well-established principle of trade union strategy that strikes cannot succeed when the trade is bad, and the coal trade at present is very bad, especially in the export branches.

There will no doubt be plenty of strike talk and some hard trading, but in the end the miners will make the best terms they can get without resorting to a strike.

The coal owners say the conditions of the industry are so bad that no wages can be expected without reversion to the eight-hour day, and there will be a meeting of owners and miners next week to discuss this question, though there is little prospect of the miners ever agreeing to a longer working day than they have at present.

## WHEABLE FAVORED TO GET GREER'S POST

London's Intimate Knowledge of Schools Here Likely to Win Him Position.

Opinion in educational circles this morning concerning a successor to Mr. K. Greer, M.A., inspector-admiral, is about evenly divided as to the appointment of a local or an outside man.

Authoritative information believes the appointment of Inspector J. E. Benbow, M.A., of Windsor, as indicated in a press despatch from Toronto, on the ground that it is not the policy of the department of education to "suggest" any appointments.

Strong opinion is expressed locally favoring the appointment of Inspector G. A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., to the post. It is pointed out that he has had three years' experience as an inspector, which, together with eight years' teaching experience, has all been spent in the London school system. As Mr. Greer's right-hand man, Mr. Wheable is declared to be the best man to follow in his footsteps as head of the local system.

Wheable has been the administrative head, under Mr. Greer, of 15 of the city public schools, not including Aldershot, Chislehurst, and St. Simon's, Teddington, Trafalgar, Wort, and Victoria schools, in all of which his work has given splendid satisfaction to the board.

## BROTHER AND SISTER HELD IN DEATH OF INFANT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hull, Que., Jan. 23.—A murder charge against Aureole Despatie, an unmarried girl of 17 years, of St. Pierre de Wakefield, Hull county, Que., and a charge of committing a grave moral crime preferred against her brother, Aldre Despatie, 24, of the same place, came as a sensational climax last night to investigations into the death of a young child, the last two weeks by Provincial Detective Wilfrid Germain of Montreal, in connection with the mysterious death of a two-day old infant on or about Jan. 7. Both the girl and her brother are now lodged in the cells of the Hull district jail.

The charges against them were sworn out last night by Detective Germain before Judge Roland Miller.

## BETTER DEFENCE SYSTEM NOW SOUGHT BY EGYPT

Associated Press Despatch.

Cairo, Jan. 23.—A royal decree issued yesterday says that, with a view to assuring greater efficiency in the army and in the country's defense system, a new army council will be created, with the minister of war its president. The council will include the chief of the Egyptian army, the inspector-general of troops and the director-general of frontiers administration.

## INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS RAGING IN GREATER TOKIO

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Jan. 23.—Forty-seven hundred persons are reported dead as the result of an influenza epidemic in Greater Tokyo, which started about twenty days ago.



LIEUT.-COL. BART ROBSON.

former officer commanding the 135th Middlesex battalion, and better known in war time as the "farmer colonel" died today at noon.

The late Col. Robson had been ill for some days at the old home, 10, 32, concession 10, in London town, and the illness suddenly became critical a day or so ago. Both as commander of the Middlesex battalion and as a man the late Colonel Robson was known by a host of friends, and his death will be sincerely mourned.—Photograph by George A. Henry.

## CO-OPERATION IS GIVEN IN CLEANUP

Deputy Fire Marshal Reports Progress in Local Campaign.

Deputy Fire Marshal George Lewis of Toronto and his associates, who have been in London for the past few days conducting a "clean-up" campaign that the city's tremendous fire loss of 1924 might be considerably reduced during the forthcoming year, reports that they have met with co-operation among merchants and owners of stores which they have inspected.

The deputy fire marshal has issued more than 50 orders to local merchants to clean up their premises. Mr. Lewis has full authority to order the removal of buildings or the making of structural repairs or alterations in the interests of fire prevention.

The inspection will continue until the whole city, including the residential districts, is surveyed. Combustible or explosive material in buildings or anything that may constitute a fire menace will be ordered removed.

## YOUTH HAS CONFESSED TO KILLING EMPLOYER

Associated Press Despatch.

Berwick, Me., Jan. 23.—Pay Tibbets, a prosperous farmer and milk dealer of this town, was shot from ambush and fatally wounded yesterday while driving a load of milk from his farm to Somersworth, N. H. Willard Gupitt, a youth, who was formerly an employee of Tibbets, was arrested, charged with the murder. Tibbets died an hour after the shooting at the home of his father, Mr. Wneable is declared to be the best man to follow in his footsteps as head of the local system.

The police say that he had killed his employer. The youth wanted to Tibbets' farm for several months, but was released late last summer when Tibbets accused him of forcing his attentions on his wife.

## NEARLY 1,500 DOORS LEFT OPEN BY LONDONERS DURING YEAR

Police Report Shows Twenty-Three Children Found During Year.

### THIRTEEN KILLED

Motors Responsible for Largest Number of Accidents—Street Cars Second.

Londoners were more neglectful of the safety of their homes during 1924 than in other years. Although the city experienced few robberies, it was not the fault of some 1,272 citizens who negligently left doors and windows fronting travelled thoroughfares open.

Police on their rounds found 1,108 doors left open in stores and houses of the city during the past year. Some of the doors were opened so wide in fact, that they appeared as invitations for robbers to come and help themselves. Windows found open numbered 184. This is an increase of almost 100 over the preceding year.

Police statistics reveal that 164 houses were inspected nightly by the city policemen and returned while the owners were on vacation. In not one of these houses did a robbery take place.

Fewer Children Lost.

Fewer lost children were reported to the department of public safety during the past year. Twenty-three little boys and girls who had wandered away from home were picked up by the city policemen and returned safely to their parents. In 1923 as many as 35 children were lost in London.

Motor vehicles are the most perilous means of transportation according to the year's police report. Automobiles were the cause of 273 accidents in the city, while street cars figured in only 53 mishaps. Accidents on the streets through slippery sidewalks amounted to twenty. Thirteen Londoners were killed through accidents during the year.

### Went 30,000 Miles.

Chief Birrell's motorcycle men, operating each day and night for about eight months, traversed some 30,000 miles in pursuit of speeding motorists.

All vehicles belonging to the department of public safety travelled a distance of 4,181 miles during the past year, and it took 2,100 gallons of gasoline to propel the machines for that distance.

## BIG DISPLAY TO MARK FASCIST ANNIVERSARY

Grand Council Will Celebrate Sixth Year of Militant Fascism.

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The Fascist grand council has decided to celebrate the sixth anniversary of militant fascism by a great display of party forces, particularly younger members. The council at its meeting yesterday also passed a resolution describing the speedy adoption of the electoral reform as convincing proof of the loyalty of the majority to the government, as well as the strict Fascist parliamentary discipline and its determination to assure the most favorable conditions for the further political development of the country, without regard to selfish considerations.

The Fascist party was called upon by the council to lay aside its essential tasks for the purpose of engaging in electoral activities, which were not required at the moment, and which would delay the consideration of questions of prime importance.

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Watch for your Evening Advertiser tomorrow and see the good things in store for you.

## LONDONERS PREPARED FOR ECLIPSE

Clouds Feared in London and District During the Period.

### VANTAGE POINTS

Totality Starts at Four Minutes and Twenty-Eight Seconds After Nine.

London will be plunged into darkness tomorrow morning at four minutes and 28 seconds after 9 o'clock. For the first time in generations the phenomenon will be apparent in an arc on the world's surface, stretching from Minnesota, through Western Ontario to New York and coming to a stop at a point in the Atlantic Ocean off the Shetland Islands.

The moon will pass between the earth and the sun, obscuring the sun. The time here will be 7:58 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. The totality will last from four minutes, 28 seconds after nine. The time varies only a few minutes in other sections of the eclipse area.

A huge blunt pencil of shadow will mark a black smudge in a curve shaped like a sickle on the earth's surface.

No matter what the weather is like the eclipse will happen. If the weather is showy with big clouds, a weird darkness will set in, but the effect of the eclipse will be visible.

The latest weather reports say that prospects generally for milder weather tomorrow, with southeast winds and snowfalls, promising a possible disruption of the complete eclipse.

If the weather is fair London may expect to see the sun rise above the horizon with the moon close by, lost in solar brightness. At 7:58 the moon will make the first nibble on the western rim of the sun, and a black nick will appear on the sun's edge. This will grow as the moon moves between earth and sun.

Partially Obscured.

At 8:30 the sun's surface will be partially obscured. At nine the sun will be a thin crescent, with day-light falling rapidly as the clouds are approaching storm. Shadow bands will then start racing up the sides of white buildings and across the snow.

At 9:05 the crescent of the sun will then break up into glittering points of light. These are known as Bailey's beads.

Those who turn their eyes quickly from this sight and look west will see the shadow rushing from the horizon, passing from west to east at the rate of 2,000 miles an hour. At 9:05 the sun will be in the midst of the eclipse. Day will be dark as the appearance of a moonlight night. The stars will be visible. Encircling corona will be seen the sun's light like a halo. This will last 67 seconds, and the moon will pass gradually from the sun's face.

From daylight tomorrow morning London will be "on its feet" for a view of the heavenly show. Elaborate preparations are being made to see the sight that comes but once in many lifetimes. The tallest buildings and towers in town will present a crowd of people with upturned faces.

## BRITISH WOMEN IN WAR SET EXAMPLE FOR U.S.

War Department Making Study of Emergency Army Plan, Hines Tells Boston.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Jan. 23.—The war department is making a study of the organized activity of British women with their arms in the war as a basis for probable military organization of women in this country in time of emergency, Major-General John L. Hines, chief of staff of the United States army, said in an address before the Women's Republican club of Massachusetts yesterday.

"Our late experience has convinced us that it will be necessary to ask the women to serve, to release men for duties for which the latter are better fitted," General Hines said. "It will be necessary to efficiency by the use of women in positions in which they excel, and also to allow women that share of the burden which they will naturally desire and have a right to demand."

## LIBERAL ORGANIZER WILL ADDRESS MEETING TONIGHT

James Malcolm of Kincardine, and Duncan Marshall of Toronto, Liberal organizer for Ontario are the speakers for tonight's meeting in Hyman hall. At this meeting will also take place the annual election of officers of the London Liberal association. Mr. Malcolm is a well known Western Ontario business man and manufacturer, being the founder of the Malcolm Furniture Company, and Duncan Marshall is in touch with Liberal activities throughout the province. Both will speak on the subject of organization and on the need for Liberal watchfulness in the coming year. The meeting begins at 8 o'clock.

## SENTENCE OF DEATH IS PASSED BY BELGIANS

Associated Press Despatch.

Namur, Belgium, Jan. 23.—A Belgian court-martial has condemned to death a German sergeant, Muller, who on Aug. 20, 1914, is alleged to have killed a Belgian workman. Muller was condemned by default, not being in the hands of the authorities. Sentences of 20 years at hard labor were returned against Colonel Hulsen and Captain Lepoig, convicted of arson.

A court-martial at Bruges similarly sentenced Major Freischlager to hard labor for life for firing on civilians.