BAKER PRESENTS CITY ASSESSMENT TOTAL FOR YEAR

QUIT FIRE UNION

Chief Ought To Follow Officers If Council Acts, Says Alderman.

ADVISED BY BRITTAIN

Why shouldn't Fire Chief John Aitken be asked to resign from the the Chamber of Commerce in connec-Canadian Fire Chiefs' Association? | tion with the suggestion made at the This is the query from Ald. Frank recent co-operation dinner held be-McKay, who senses a country-wide tween the chamber and the city

and in that are the recommendations calculated to precipitate a local "showdown" in this municipality; that is, if the city councillors do not shelve the report, bag and baggage. Dr. Brittain and his advisers recommended that no officers of the fire or police departments should bembers of their respective come members of their respective unions. This question is at this mo-ment, and has been for several weeks,

es of Montreal and other centers and Ald. McKay points out that the supporters in one community will be held up as a precedent and the signal for similar action in other cities. The lisintegration of the garbagemen's ow, he says. Ald. McKay states that by the same ne of reasoning if the officers of the re department are to be asked by

he 1924 city council to resign from he union, their chief should be asked

resign from the chiefs' associa-

Magistrate Graydon Will Pass Sentence on Local Rail-

the "Dodgers" the tracks just east of Clarence street on the north side, with Constable Gow. They saw the tracks just east of clarence street on the north side, with Constable Gow. They saw the tracks just east of Commerce would benefit to any extent either." with Constable Gow. They saw the two switchmen walking up and down. Shortly before 9 p.m. they saw one approach from the east, walk over towards the car and come back with parcel under his arm which he took

ington street crossing. He came back later and made an other trip with a parcel the consta-ble said. The third time he came back the other switchman was with him and took a parcel from under the platform at the McClary siding. Constable Hughes stated the men were not arrested till midnight as rethen. "If we had taken them earlier it would have tied up the whole system in London," said Constable

Canon Gunn of Christ Church testified as to the good character of one of the men, stating he had been an usher in his church at one time.

BOYS OF THREE TRAIL RANGER GROUPS MEET

The Gordon, Pointer and Seneca Trail Ranger groups opened the new year with a splendid meeting last night at the Y. M. C. A. Grand Chief Ranger Doug. Mazwell was in charge. After a fine supper and sing-song, rank Adams, who has just returned from the boys' parliament, gave the boys a talk on the proceedings of parliament. Mr. Adams has been elected leader of the Advance party, and is in line for the premiership

A. Kay presented 25 badges to the sful contestants. The results of the bird life test, given by W. E. Saunders two weeks ago, were also announced, and Ben Higgins and Fred Jones of the Gordons were the two highest, with 93 and 90, re-

ADANAC CLUB OPENS WINTER SEASON AT Y

The Adanac Club of the Y. M. C. A. got off to a good start last night for the New Year. President Speiran was in the chair, and the following members were present: Messrs. Ramer, Barr, Pritchett, Hynd, Gra-ham, Finlayson, Noble and Spear-

E. J. Jenkins, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave a very interesting talk on the association and told some stories of how some men and boys had been helped to find themselves through the influence of the

Next Wednesday night the Adanac Club will meet for supper at 6:30, and J. E. Magee will speak on "Bank-

PEOPLE WILL BE WARNED

NO ACTION TAKEN

Opinion Divided on Advisability of Proposal Made at Recent Dinner.

COLBERT IS OPPOSED

Nothing has been done so far by effort to smash fire and police unions and similar organizations.

The Brittain report comes from the members of the finance committee at the inaugural session of that body, and in that are the recommendations are the recommendations.

Only in the character which the character which is could be done before the next meeting of directors, and that it would probably come up then for discussion. He had no comment to make on that are the recommendations.

Opinion is apparently divided on resented on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, as was proposed at the co-operation dinner held recently between the city counof this invitation by the chamber to labor to appoint representatives to the chamber board goes back five years to the inception of the present Chamber of Commerce. At that time a suggestion was made to the Trades and Labor Council that it should be represented on the chamber. council, however, could not see that any benefit would accrue from this course of action, and nothing came

With the revival of the issue at the last meeting the question is again to the fore. It is understood that no official invitation has been made as it was only in an informal meet ing that the subject was broached.

Ald Frank McKay is in sympathy with the idea and believes that it with the idea and believes that it would be a decided benefit to both bodies.

He said: "If labor men were to DR. SEABORN

said: "If labor men were to sit on that board they would get to see the point of view of the directors, and be able to understand it better than is possible at present. It would not mean that the Labor party would ose itself in the chamber or that the onus of any resolutions passed by the board would rest on the shoulders of labor, as has been suggested. Labor would know quite well how its representatives voted and stood Two youthful switchmen in the employee of the C. N. R. were found guilty of stealing parcels from the Canadian National Express Company valued at

Canadian National Express Company valued at over \$20. They will be sentenced by Magistrate Graydon on January 15.

Strong pleas for leniency were made by counsel, Albert Judd and Howard Cluff.

Contact by Hurbon of the C. N. P. stable Hughes of the C. N. R. that labor would do better by itself

Amicable Arrangement Reached Between City and L. S. R.

An amicable arrangement has been effected between the city and the street railway company for the removal of snow during the present season, City Engineer W. P. Near reports.

accordance with the provisions of bylaw 916, the company is reand the curbs.

nent has been made suitable to both parties, whereby each will assist the and at the same time in maintaining the best possible street railway ser-

Obituary

GEORGE MONK.

The death occurred in this city yesterday of George Edward Monk, aged 54 years. Mr. Monk was a resident of Chatham, and a machin-ist by trade. He had been ill two He leaves a wife and family.

The body will be forwarded today

to Chatham from the Funeral Home of A. L. Oatman. Interment will be nade in Maple Leaf Cemetery, Chat-

RAWLEY HISLOP. The funeral of the late Rawley Hislop was held on Wednesday afternoon from the residence at 499 Queen's avenue to Woodland Cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives from the city and outside points were in attendance. The floral ributes were numerous, showing the esteem in which Mr. Hislop was held. The service at the house was con ducted by Dr. Bowley Green of Tal-bot Street Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. McKay of Sarnia.

ADDITION AT TECH WILL

Ruggles' shareholders who meet tonight in the city hall chambers will be directed to keep off the stairs, city authorities cautioned. These are not considered in any condition to uphold any large gathering and from what the mayor says, a huge crowd will relieve the present congestion at the school, although it is what the mayor says, a huge crowd will attend, eager for developments, whatever they may be.

Addition to the Technical Toboganning may not be a recognized winter sport in London, but last night several youngsters, taking advantage of the cool weather and the fall of snow, spent several hours sliding down the river bank just north of Stanley street. They did not go as far as the river itself, which is now frozen over, but went whatever they may be. Although it was expected that the



Kiwanis Club To Hear Interesting Talk From Local Physician.

"Impressions of Europe" will be Dr. Edwin Seaborn's subject when he speaks to the local Kiwanis Club his home here recently, after spend-ing a year on the continent, during which time he gathered a wealth of information regarding the trouble-some conditions there. Dr. Seaborn's subject will cover his impressions of England, France. Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Portugal and Austria.

Arthur Keene will be the booster.

Incomplete reports of th committe report is as follows: Membership, Albert Murphy; attendance, Cy Edy; objective, Fred Ross; sick, Joe Hickey; house, Neil Stryker; speakers, Fred Lawrason; reception, Jack Tennant; entertainment, Bill Wort man; financial, Bill Turville; booster Roy Williams; education, Bill Ben son; public affairs, Oscar Cunning ham; sports, Arthur Keene. Eric Reid will be introduced as a

WOMAN FINDS LIBRARY DOOR A NOISE MAKER

How long will the main door of the public library continue slamming with every fresh entry, to the great annoyance both of visiting booklovers proposed by one London lady who uses the library a great deal. She explained that though there is a of bylaw 916, the company is required to keep a certain amount of snow cleared between their tracks been working for many moons, and The engineer reports that he has slams, and it slams with tremendous taken up this question with the street gusto, that it gives her a headache, railway authorities, and an arrange-and that she hates to go into the library more than she can help for

that reason.

Members of the staff agreed with the lady who complained, and added that it was really more of a trial to them than to her, as they had to listen to it all the time. When Thomas Gillean, who was an active member of the public library board, was alive he advocated for a long time swing doors in the main en-trance. He said his reason for this was to stop the draft which is con-tinually blowing right onto the counter where books and cards are exchanged, and which in his opinion imposed an unfair condition on mem-bers of the staff who had to look after this part of the library work.

LOCAL HEALTH INSTITUTE LEADS WESTERN ONTARIO

The Institute of Public Health here conducted more examinations than any other laboratory in Western Ontario during the past year, and the number of cases attended to was one-third as many as those looked after by the city of Toronto. The local institute, in fact, received more than 5,000 more specimens to examine than the Toronto laboratory. The record of 1923 represents a functional increase ten times over that of 1913, when the institute was founded, Dr. H. W. Hill, the dean,

BE READY IN TWO WEEKS CHILDREN USE TOBOGGANS ON SOUTH RIVER BANK

LONDON'S ASSESSMENT

PAGE THREE - LONDON'S ASSESSMENT London's assessment for 1924 stands at \$68,891,891, according to the revised assessment figures available in a report just issued by City Clerk

This amount, including an addition of \$245,638 by the court of revision shows an increased assessment for "general rates" over 1923 of \$2,397,888 and an increase for "school rates" of \$2,469,049.

Deductions in Conman City I imite

The clerk's report follows in detail:—
STATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR 1924. Assessment for former city limits, 1924................\$66,688,293 tomorrow. Dr. Seaborn returned to Additions by court of revision. 245,638

5	Reductions in Former City Limits.		
f	By court of revision		
I	Y. M. C. A 42,700		
5	Y. M. C. A. 42,700 Y. W. C. A. 17,000		
	City property 41,085		
			382,0
e	Total assessment former city limits	\$	66.551.8
3	Annex Assessment.		
e	Chelsea Green, Ealing, Pottersburg and Knoll-		
	wood Park\$2,347,433		1
ė	Additions by court of revision 5,936		
	Error in assessment roll 729		
k		2 354 098	
-	Reductions in Annex,	2,001,000	
r,	By court of revision\$ 13,880		
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a	Motel comment for Annual 15 mill note		9 940
-	Total assessment for Annex, 15-mill rate		2,340,

Total assessment for city (including annexed district 15-mill rate) .\$68.891.891 Additions for School Rates Only. Total assessment for school rates......\$69.905,171 Total assessment for Annex 2,340,099 Difference between Mr. Bennett's valuation and assessment 1,822,028 Total amount liable for assessment in Annex. \$4,162,037

Former city limits, general rate. \$66,551,882
Annex assessment . \$4,162,037

Total assessment liable for patriotic tax. \$70,713,919
Separate school assessment . \$4,560,409
Public school assessment . \$65,344,762
Increase in taxable assessment of former city limits over 1923 for Increase in taxable assessment of former city limits over 1923 for general rates rease in taxable assessment—annexed district over 1923 for gen-

MOTORIST PAYS \$5 | 'DEMON RUM' GETS FOR PASSING CAR

Speeding in a Train at the Time.

F. Leonard paid \$5 and costs this December 14.

Constable Williams and E. Brady told of the occurrence and gave the number of the car.

Leonard declared he was speeding in a C. N. R. coach to Toronto at the

time and his car was in the garage being repaired, and stated he had evidence to prove it.

The garage employee, however, was not the witness the defendant should have secured as he could only prove the car had been left there that day. He would not swear that it had been "I've adjourned this case several times now," stated Mr. Graydon, "and I can't do it again. "I'll make it one offence and assess you \$5 and costs for passing a standing street car."

F. Leonard Claims He Was Both Imbibers Are Assessed "Ten and-" in Court Today.

Apparently the demon, Rum, doesn morning in police court for passing care who he picks on, as youth and age were both represented in police for cutting the corner of York and Ridout streets on the afternoon of orderly as implied by Chief Birrell.
"I suppose you were so drunk you didn't know," declared the magis-

trate.
"I got my liquor on a doctor's per for rheumatism," declared the pris-

swerable reply of the court.
"How do you get it?" the court asked Youth.
"Same as anybody else," was the

Same as anybody else," was the flippant answer. "I got it off a friend. I don't know his name."
"What did he do: walk up to you and ask you to have a drink?" queried Mr. Graydon. "He wasn't a good friend to you. Ten dollars and costs."

Officials To Explain Pavement Idea to Edward Street Residents.

Arrangements are under way for a mass meeting of Edward street ratepayers who would be affected by the construction of a pavement on that thoroughfare early in 1924.

A meeting in the Wortley Road School for Tuesday night next is proposed and the engineer is arranging the details. The idea of the city authorities is as was the case in other sections of the city, to meet with the people and outline contem-plated improvements before any definite action is taken.

Similar community meetings will be held throughout the city during the year when the people will be the report closes with the statethe year when the people will be asked to submit their views upon proposed improvements. "Sell those ance in the part-time adolescent propositions," is the city's watchword classes is good. for 1924, and there seems to be an apparent lack of desire to force any ratepayer to have something he or she feel they could best do without or could not afford at the moment.

City Churches

FIRST CHURCH, W. A.
The January meeting of the Wonen's Association of the First Presbyterian Church was held following the prayer service last evening, Mrs of association should provide the supper for the meeting of the W.M.S. supper for the meeting of the W.M.S. Presbyterian which is being held in the Sunday School of the First Church on January 30 and 31.

W. M. S. PRESBYTERIAL.

The executive of the W. M. S. of London Presbyterial will meet next

byterian Church to discuss important arrangements in connection with the annual meeting. This is to be held in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday school rooms on January 30 and 31. The president, Mrs. J. M. McEvoy, will preside. KNOX W. A.

The Women's Association of Knox Presbyterian Church held its first meeting yesterday, the yearly reports showing excellent progress in 1923. It was announced that the society had raised in the neighborhood of \$2,000 over and above their special "one cent a day" fund, which is devoted solely to paying off the church debt. The \$2,000 was raised by means of the bazaar, sales, teas and ST. DAVID'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Sunday school Christ-mas entertainment was held last evening at St. David's Church. The successful affair was engineered by Miss U. Metcalfe, and each department of the school had a place in the delightful program. The outstanding item of this latter was a playlet in which the twelve months. of the year were represented. To-ward the conclusion of the evening, Father Christmas arrived and the children were given their presents from the Christmas tree. The yearly presentation of prizes for efficiency and regularity in Sunoay school work also took place. The chairman was Mr. Arthur James.

can't do it again. "I'll make it one fence and assess you \$5 and costs or passing a standing street car."

BANK CLEARINGS LOWER.

Bank clearings for this week show slight decrease from last week, the light decrease from last week show light decrease from last w

INSPECTORS LAUD CHALMERS SUNDAY WORK BEING DONE SCHOOL TO AT LONDON TECH. 30TH ANNIVERSAR

Find Everything Running Smoothly—Commence Course Suggested.

INVESTIGATION DENIED

London's Technical School is in excellent condition in every particular, according to the report of the provincial inspectors, received by Secretary W. A. Tanner this morning.

Rumor of the need for an investigation of the institution met with a prompt denial with the receipt of the report, although Principal H. B. Beal this morning told The Advertiser that if there was anything to investigate he did not know what it

was.
"Let them investigate if they want equipment to the qualifications of the teachers, and in every respect is the report satisfactory and a credit to the board of education, the vocational advisory committee, the staff and the students.

Only one suggestion of a further enlargement of activities is made, while the inspectors did not seem to find one part of the work that needed

mproving.
The suggestion was that the principal and the committee get together and consider the possibility of offersigned to meet the needs of persons the committee.

According to the report, the ratio

of pupils to teachers is satisfactory, as is the division of time between academic and vocational subjects. The staff is well qualified and the discipline in the school is excellent. The attendance throughout the year as been well maintained and is considered very good.
The inspectors found that only

authorized or approved text books were being used, and that the registers and equipment records were kept in a neat and satisfactory man-

er.
"The teaching throughout the school is good," continues the report.
"The principal has inspired the staff with a spirit of enthusiastic cooperation, which has much to do with the maintenance of the high stand

ard of efficiency.
"The commercial work is of an excellent character, and the results in worthy.

"The work in the girl's department, in both household science and household arts, maintains its high standard. "The shop courses as arranged for industrial boys in first and second years, gives good general training

FOR CIVIC LABOR

Members of Trades and Labor Council Protest Cut in C.N.R. Wage Scale.

Two important resolutions dealing respectively with the reduction in the vages of the laborers on the C. N. R. ing civic work were passed by the Trades and Labor Council last night The first resolution, copies of which are being sent to Sir Henry Thornton states that the council is strongly op-posed to the reduction of 13 cents an hour in the case of the common wage in future will only be 25 cents an hour.

The other resolution congratulated the city on the day system of hiring labor for city work and also that the contract system has been departed Lombardo Orchestra Will Give from in civic management.

G.W.V.A. TO HOLD

Brig.-Gen. King Will Be Chief Speaker—All Veterans Invited.

In the Ulster Hall on Friday night at eight o'clock the local G. W. V. A. will hold their annual festive gather-

ing and musical evening. Brig.-Gen.
W. B. M. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., will be the speaker of the evening.

Harry Wray, president of the London branch, extends a cordial welcome to all ex-service men and to all ex-officers. This includes also all men who fought in any of the allied armies. An excellent musical program has been arranged, and the president hopes to have the room full. It is the first social meeting of the branch that has been held since Mr. Wray was elected to the presidency.

SHOULD BE UNIFORMITY. Mayor Wenige thinks that the "daylight saving" scheme would be an excellent proposition for London and elsewhere, but he points out, however, that there should be uniformity. It should be effected in all communities throughout the country to prevent unavoidable confusion.

Special Services Will Be Held To Celebrate Important Event.

GREAT PROGRESS MADE

The Sunday school of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Chelsea Green, celebrates an existence of over thirty years with special services, morning, afternoon and evening, next Sunday. Founded in 1892, the school was known as the Waterloo Street South

stands today, under the pastorate of Rev. John Richardson, it is one of the most successful and progressive to," he said, "although I do not know what they would investigate."

The report of the inspectors, Miss McKim, M. A. Sorsoleil and F. S. Rutherford, covers every detail of the working of the school, from equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the qualifications of the school was awarded the pennant equipment to the school was awarded the pennant equipmen in the city. Only last Tuesday, at and Presbyterian Church, Chalmers Sunfor having the largest representative

Presbyterian Sabbath School. As it

attendance at the gathering.
A special effort has been made to give unusual interest to the anni-versary services. In the afternoon William Beattie, D.D., of speak, and in the evening the sermon will be given by Rev. F. W. K. Harris, the director of religious education at St. Andrew's Church. The morning services will be conducted by Mr. Richardson.

In connection with the anniversary, an interesting document has been who have had two or more years in received by the minister from H. who have had two or more years in academic work, but who wish to obtain commercial training. This recommendation will probably be dealt with at an early meeting of the comments of sunday school was first opened in

1892. It reads as follows: "The superintendent and the teachers wish to: inform you that this school was opened on the 3rd instant. Pleasant and comfortable quarters have been secured in the old Waterloo Street School for the carrying on of the work. Although the session of the supervision of the school and has appointed the teaching staff, all the Presbyterian ministers of the city are in hearty accord with the movement and wish it every success."

District Home Bank Customers Have Received \$95,500 From Local Institution.

Only \$35,000 remains to be paid out by the market branch of the Bank of Montreal to Home Bank denositors. Gerald Pearson, manager, distributed \$95,500 to saving holders

of the defunct institution. The depositors who received their 25 per cent dividend from the Bank of Montreal were those with accounts in the London East branch, the main and the Komoka branch of the Home Bank. Mr. Pearson has reduced his staff to normal now, and no rush such as that which characterized the first days the payments were made

will be experienced again.

A special booth was maintained in the Bank of Montreal, where a representative of the local Home Bank Depositors' Association was stationed to receive the signatures of depositors on the white slips making one-half of one per cent of their holdings. The money secured in this way will be used for promotion pur-poses in the way of petitioning the government and paying incidental

LONDON MUSICIANS TO PLAY FOR RADIO

Special Concert at Cleveland Tonight.

The Lombardo Orchestra who left the city a month ago to spend the winter travelling with the Shea vaudeville circuit, has arranged to play over radio, via the Union Trust Building from Cleveland this evening. Several weeks ago a special concert for Western Ontario people was broadcasted by the popular former London orchestra, and demands for another concert have been so great that Guy Lombardo, leader, friends in London yesterday that he had made arrangements to play an-

other concert. The Union Trust radio station is one of the most powerful broadcast-ing stations in North America. The concert will commence this evening

REPORT OVER 4,000 TREES TRIMMED BY WORKMEN

Since the start of the tree-trimming work by the utilities commis-sion as a means of affording unemployment relief more than 4,000 trees have been trimmed and slightly more than 100 cut down, according to a report of Park Superinten-dent E. E. Graham.

The work is proceeding rapidly and

it is hoped that by spring a con-siderably amount of the necessary work may have been completed, thus providing the city with better and healthier trees.