

## Some of the Charming Candidates in The Advertiser's Great Trip-To-Europe Contest In Whose Interest Many Friends in the City and Throughout Western Ontario Are Working



MISS E. BALL  
664 TALBOT ST.  
DIST. No 1 - LONDON



MISS MAY MOUNTJOY  
126 MOUNT PLEASANT AVE.  
DIST. No 1 LONDON



MISS CLARA HOLDEN  
ST. MARYS, ONT.  
DIST. No 8



MISS AGGIE SINCLAIR  
BRIDGEN, ONT.  
DIST. No 6



MISS VERA B. HEWER  
8 Inglewood St.  
DIST. No 4 LONDON



MISS EDITH GLANVILLE  
153 WHARNCLIFF ROAD  
DIST. No 4 LONDON



MISS ETHEL EARL  
EDGERTON ST.  
DIST. No 5 LONDON



MISS MAUDE WHEATCROFT  
254 HILL ST  
DIST. No 4 LONDON



MISS LOUISA BABBAGE  
253 GREY ST.  
DIST. No 4 LONDON



MISS EDNA CALHOUN  
318 GREY ST.  
DIST. No 3 LONDON

### MR. FIELDING PRESENTS BUDGET MILLION AND HALF SURPLUS

The National Transcontinental Expenditure Big But Justified

CANADA'S CREDIT IS EXCELLENT

Minister of Finance Points Out Necessity of Curtailment and Cuts Off All Public Works For Present Time.

Ottawa, April 20.—A surplus of one and a half million dollars for a year in which, in common with practically every other country, Canada has been confronted with falling revenues and prospects of a deficit, was the gratifying announcement made by Hon. Mr. Fielding in his thirteenth budget speech in the House of Commons. The story which the Minister of Finance had to tell no doubt suffered in comparison with previous chapters of the uninterrupted tale of expansion of trade, of growing revenues and of business developments, which has been the history of the Dominion for the past twelve years, but in circumstances created by the recent worldwide financial stringency, and in view of the experience of other countries, where a remedy has been sought in an increase of taxation, the result of the past year's operations in Canada was received in a crowded House with undisguised satisfaction. If lacking the buoyancy of previous financial statements, Mr. Fielding's speech, as all his budget pronouncements have been, was compactly framed, lucid and interesting, and it gripped the attention. Continued on Page Six.

### WILLIAM RICHARDS UNCONSCIOUS SIX DAYS

Blind Man Who Suffered Paralytic Stroke Is Slowly Sinking in Hospital.

The condition of William Richards remains unchanged at Victoria Hospital, and he has been in an unconscious condition for six days. He is being fed by means of a tube, but is somewhat weaker than he was, and the hospital authorities fear that he will gradually sink until death occurs.

### THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.  
FORECASTS.  
Toronto, April 21—8 a.m.  
Today—Strong easterly and southeasterly winds, with rain.  
Thursday—Westerly winds; mostly fair and continued cold.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	31	32
Calgary	28	18
Winnipeg	18	24
Port Arthur	24	28
Perry Sound	28	26
Toronto	32	40
Ottawa	26	20
Montreal	26	20
Quebec	22	20
Father Point	26	20
Dayton	26	20
Atlin	14	44
Victoria	42	56
Vancouver	38	58
Kamloops	40	58
Edmonton	18	34
Battleford	16	30
Moosejaw	16	31
Regina	16	30
St. John	16	30
Halifax	38	46

WEATHER NOTES.  
The area of high pressure which was centred in Northern Ontario yesterday has passed to the Maritime Provinces, and an important low area is now moving quickly to the Great Lakes from the southwest.  
The weather continues cold throughout the Dominion, especially in the Western Provinces, where it is almost wintry.

### LONDON LADY IS TEACHER IN TURKEY

Some Apprehension Is Now Felt by Friends for Her Safety.

### WEBSTER WELL-KNOWN

Comes From St. Marys, and Is a Personal Acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Stuart, and Other Londoners.

A good deal of apprehension is being felt over the possible fate of Rev. Dr. Webster, who is stationed in Beyruth, Turkey, where there has been a good deal of disturbance lately.  
Dr. Webster's home was in St. Marys, Ont., and he is very well known in London.

He was a teacher in St. Mark's Church Sunday School, Toronto, when Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, London, was pastor there, and Mr. Stuart knew him very well.

Dr. Webster is a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, but went to Turkey under the American Presbyterian mission board. His wife, who is with him, is also a Canadian, and a native of Hamilton, Ont.

### A London Lady.

Miss Grace Clarke, whose father, Mr. T. S. Clarke, was accountant in the Bank of Montreal here some three years ago, and who is at present retired and living in Toronto, is also very well known here.

Miss Clarke went to Turkey some years ago under the American Presbyterian mission board, to teach in one of the colleges in Central Turkey.  
So far no distressing news have been heard from the part of Turkey in which she is working, but her many friends in London are very anxious for her safety.

### WOMAN WAS TERRIBLY BURNED BY A GASOLINE EXPLOSION

Mrs. James Gardiner, of 651 Richmond Street, the Victim of an Accident the Result of Which Cannot Yet Be Stated—Three-Year-Old Child Who Was With Her Escaped.

With her husband and two little sons looking on, Mrs. James Gardiner, of 651 Richmond street, was terribly burned by an explosion of gasoline yesterday, and is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Gardiner was helping her husband, who keeps a clothes-cleaning establishment at the above address, and was just preparing to clean a coat in a cleaning machine.

Attached to the machine was a can which holds gasoline, and in some way a few drops were allowed to fall on the hot iron.  
In an instant there was a blaze, which set fire to the coat and to Mrs. Gardiner's dress, and a second later the can, with four quarts of gasoline in it, exploded, and the flames shot into the air and set fire to the shelving and a quantity of clothes in the room.

Hair Was on Fire.

"It all happened so quickly that we could do nothing," said Russell Gardiner, who was standing in the room at the time. "I saw the flames, and heard mother scream, and her dress and hair were on fire right away. Father rushed upstairs and got a heavy quilt, and threw it over mother. Then we beat the flames out of the shelves and clothes with other clothes that we grabbed."

Terribly Burned.  
As soon as possible Dr. Tillmann was called, and found that Mrs. Gardiner's hair, arms and body above the waist were terribly burned.

She was removed at once to St. Joseph's Hospital. It is impossible to say whether or not she will recover, as for several days complications may develop.

Mrs. Gardiner, however, spent a comparatively good night, although she is in great pain.

Child Escaped.  
Her little 3-year-old son, Charlie, was standing, holding on to his mother's dress, but owing to the fact that he was so short the flames shot over his head, and he was uninjured.

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### SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEET LONDON ELECTRIC COMPANY

### JAKY OBERNESSER MUST SELL OUT HOTEL

Former London Hotelmen Was Practically Cut Off in Hamilton—Axe Wielded Freely.

Hamilton, April 21.—The license commissioners yesterday afternoon cut off two hotels and two liquor store licenses absolutely, giving the proprietors three months to sell out, and ordered five other hotelmen to sell out their stocks within the next three months. The licenses for these five places will be renewed if the new applicants are considered desirable.

### STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 20.—At New York—Oceania, from Naples; Furber, from Glasgow; United States, from Copenhagen; Patria, from Smyrna; Ryndam, from Rotterdam; after Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen. At St. Johns, Nfld.—Carthagenian, from Glasgow. At Queenstown—Friesland, from Philadelphia. At Liverpool—Mauretania, from New York. At Hamburg—America, from New York. At Antwerp—Zeland, from New York. At Gibraltar—Genign Luise, from New York. At Naples—Lombardia, from New York. At Genoa—Indiana, from New York; Liguria, from New York; Cretic, from New York. At Trieste—Argentina, from New York. At Sydney—Basuta, from Glasgow.

Session in Board of Trade Rooms to Consider Arbitration.

COMPANY WILL DICTATE TERMS

Will Not Consider Any Proposition Unless Plant Is a Going Concern.

The first definite step towards the taking over of the London Electric Company's plant will be made this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when the special committee appointed on Saturday, composed of Ald. Beattie, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Stewart and Mayor Stevely, will meet Mr. C. B. Hunt, manager of the London Electric, and Mr. J. C. Judd, solicitor for the company, to discuss the terms of arbitration.

This information was being kept religiously away from the reporters and others, as it was intended that the conference was to be in secret.  
As a Going Concern.  
One thing is certain, and that is that the company will insist that in the arbitration the London Electric Company be judged as a going, dividend-paying concern, and not so much wire and poles and machinery, most of which will be of little or no use, it is alleged, for a civic distribution plant.  
There will be some debate on that score, as some of the aldermen think the plant should be valued on the basis of its worth to the city, not on its present value to the owners, with no (Continued on Page Eleven.)

### BRUTAL ASSAULT ON ATHENS LADY

Wife of a Well-Known Doctor Attacked and Gagged by Unknown Persons.

Athens, Ont., April 21.—As Mrs. Lillie, wife of Dr. C. B. Lillie, of Athens, was leaving for her mother's home at 9 o'clock last night she was brutally assaulted and left gagged by the roadside in front of her home on Elgin street. Fortunately Dr. Hart was passing to see a patient and heard Mrs. Lillie moaning as she lay semi-conscious, and at once did all he could for the unfortunate woman. Mrs. Lillie has been the recipient of anonymous letters recently. The police are investigating the case.

### DID RUBY SMITH ROB ETHEL FLYNN?

London Girl Was Loaded With Jewelry and Funds When Captured at Windsor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Detroit, April 21.—Sergeant Reid and Officer Livingstone met a C. P. R. train in Windsor yesterday afternoon and placed Ruby Smith, a passenger, under arrest. She is accused of stealing a gold watch, set with diamonds, and \$45 in money from Ethel Flynn, of London. The timepiece, worth, about \$65, and \$40 were found on her person. Miss Smith is 17 years old. She says she went to visit her friend and yielded to temptation to obtain funds to defray cost of her transportation to St. Louis. She was taken back to face trial.

### DEATH OF C. B. FROST

Vice-President of Big Smith's Falls Concern Dies Suddenly.

Smith's Falls, April 20.—Mr. C. B. Frost, vice-president of the Frost & Wood Company, of this town, died suddenly at his home here this afternoon from heart failure. He was in his 68th year. Three brothers, Senator F. T. Frost, Mr. W. H. Frost, president of the Smith's Falls Malleable Castings Company, and Mr. Geo. H. Frost, proprietor of the Engineering News, New York, survive him.