# EXPENSE LOOMS FOR SWIM POOL

## Question Arises as to Whether Thames Comes Under New Order-in-Council.

## RULINGS STRICT

If open-air swimming pools come within the scope of an order-in-council recently issued by the provincial board of health then a considerable amount of money will have to be expended on Thames Park swimming pool before it can be opened to the public next year.

Such was the opinion expressed to The Advertiser this morning by the manager of the public utilities, who stated further that free swimming pools could not be conducted in the city under the new regulations unless the appropriation for playgrounds was largely increased by the council.

Since Thames Park is "a pool inviting public patronage" the order, without doubt, will apply in its entirety.

Section 3 requires that "provision shall be made for the effective cleansing of the person of all bathers before entering the pool and the use of such provision shall be compulsory."

Section 4 refers to "clean water" in the pool as being "new, clean water used to refill the pool, new clean water used to replace lost by splashing or during cleaning, or water taken from the pool and returned after effective filtration."

Section 5 requires what actually necessitates filtration of the water: "The water shall be reasonably free from algae growths and sufficiently clear to permit a black disk, six inches in diameter, on a white field, when placed at the bottom of the pool at the deepest point, to be clearly visible from the sidewalks of the pool at all distances up to ten yards measured from a line across the pool through the disk."

Section 8 requires that "there shall be maintained in connection with every swimming pool sanitary conveniences, located adjacent and opening into the dressing or shower bath rooms."

Section 9 requires that "the connection for re-circulation of water in pools shall be made at a point which will permit of the effective drainage of the floor of the pool, and every pool shall be provided with a scum gutter to preclude the re-entry of drainage.

While agreeing that all the requirements were good, Manager Buchanan pointed out that they would necessitate the expenditure of considerable money at Thames Park pool, particularly with regard to the filtering of the water and the construction of shower baths, lavatories and scum gutter.

# CONSTABLE ON TRAIL OF CREAMERY THIEVES

## Officer Wharton Reports Chain of Evidence Growing Stronger.

High Constable Wharton is on the trail of the thieves who robbed the creamery at Kerwood last week of 600 pounds of butter.

Interviewed this morning as to developments in the case, the high constable stated that a chain of evidence was being assembled rapidly, and that it would not be long until arrests were made. The nature of the developments was not for publication at the present time, Mr. Wharton stated.

Thieves broke into the creamery late Tuesday night or early Monday morning and removed the butter in a motor car. They also broke into the C. N. R. station and turned things upside down, stealing some makinaw socks, which they threw away in an old churchyard.

# FATHER IS MISSING, CHILDREN STARVING

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money soon after her husband's disappearance, she will soon be without finances to supply her 5-year-old boy and little baby with the necessities of life.

It is Mrs. Power's opinion that her husband has met with an accident. She cannot account for his peculiar disappearance, and stated to The Advertiser that he strayed away from his home without suitable clothing to guard against the present cold weather. She declared he had no money when he left his home at Manor Park.

According to Mrs. Power her husband was dressed in a brown coat with gray trousers and brown cap. He was wearing a red sweater when he disappeared a week ago Saturday morning. He is more than six feet tall.

Only $1 separates Mrs. Power from poverty, and yesterday she spent almost her last cent on enough wood to warm the household for a period.

## 250 APPEALS EXPECTED FROM LONDON TOWNSHIP

Over 160 residents of London Township have already ascertained that their names are not on the voters' list for the coming plebiscite, and have handed in appeals to Miss Mary Grant, clerk of London Township, at her office, 110 Dundas street.

Miss Grant states that she expects at least 250 appeals before the time for appeal closes. All persons who have the right to vote in London Township, and whose names are not on the voters' list should make their appeal to Miss Grant at her office.

### SOCIAL SERVICE CLUB.

Ways and means of raising money the orphans, were discussed last to help poor families and look after evening at a meeting of the Girls' Social Service Club held at the home of Miss Hilda Keene in Dufferin avenue. The report of the work carried on during the summer months was presented, and the meeting was in charge of Miss Vola MacDonald, the president. At the close, refreshments were served by the hostess.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

Lorne Bowman of Elmira, Ontario, who must stand trial on the charge of having murdered his wife on June 30 last. Bowman was found of sound mind by a jury at the Kitchener assizes, now in progress, and his trial will proceed immediately.

# BOWMAN DECLARED SANE, MUST STAND HIS TRIAL

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him willing to converse. The governor claimed that in conversation touching upon the crime the prisoner always objected to the plea of insanity. The governor stated that from the conversations with the man he was forced to believe him to be sane.

Describing Bowman's condition when brought to the jail, Governor Cook stated he was weak physically and shortly after admission to jail fell into a deep state of remorse and expressed sorrow for what he had done. The governor was of the opinion the man improved both mentally and physically during his stay in the jail.

Dr. English, superintendent of the Ontario Hospital at Hamilton, gave evidence in which he declared that from his examinations of the prisoner he would conclude him to be insane.

C. L. Plant, a brother-in-law of the accused, stated that Bowman had always been a little odd from school days on, and more particularly since his father's death in 1917. At Bramshott camp in England Bowman had been heard to say that he had a good notion to end it all. After that he was examined in the hospital, but was later allowed out. Witness did not see him again until they were both back in Canada, and then he appeared to be worse than in the old country, often having crying spells.

"One night he seemed worse than usual," said Plant, "and his mother asked us to stay with him, and he told me that he had taken paris green, and I said 'No, you haven't.' But he said 'Look under the bed.' I did and I saw the glass. We phoned for the doctor and later he was taken to the Guelph Sanatorium. Later still he was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital in London."

### Prisoner Breaks Down.

Witness said that Bowman had often broken down, occasionally run away, and often said that he wished he were dead.

"Did he ever show any tendency to do away with anyone else besides himself?" asked H. J. Sims, for the crown.

"No none except himself."

In answer to the judge, witness stated that when Bowman was visited at the jail he knew what he was in jail for, and the penalty for the crime charged against him.

"Could he tell you the events of that day?" witness was asked. The reply was: "We did not discuss them."

"Could he tell what lawyer was defending him?"

"Yes."

"Did he know when the trial was to be held?"

"He did not know for sure."

Dr. Watson, who was called when Bowman swallowed paris green, stated that after his recovery he had urged that accused be sent to Guelph for treatment as he was afraid that he might do something violent, and some day possibly do away with himself."

Herbert Bowan, brother of the accused man, stated that his brother, referring to the trial said: "I want to die! I want to die! and I don't wantn you to do anything. I won't assist you in any way."

"As to doing anything in his defence, what did he do?" asked Mr. Hattin.

"He did everything possible to hold up the defence, and stated that if possible he would try and keep up the appearance of sanity. He feared he would be sent to an asylum."

### "I Want To Die."

Witness stated that in reply to requests for information that would help Bowman, he said: "I want to die. I don't care."

"Has he been able to give you any reason for doing the act?"

"None."

"Do you think that this man did this expecting an easy way to end his own life?" asked H. J. Sims for the prosecution.

"That has never occurred to me," replied the accused's brother.

Mr. Justice Wright: "He knows what he was waiting for in jail and the penalty?"

"Yes."

**Dr. Fisher of London, a mental specialist, was then called and stated that he saw Bowman on May 23, and considered that he was abnormal, and had sent him to St. Joseph's Hospital for observation.**

"What did you find?" asked Mr. Hattin.

"That he was distinctly abnormal, and I recommended that they would be well advised to have him committed to one of the Ontario hospitals for the insane.

"You think that he was—" But the judge ruled that out.

### Mentally Diseased.

"The doctor then described the mental attitude of the accused, stating that his trouble was known as "dementia precox," which is a mental disease that shows a steady tendency to progress.

In answer to further questioning he stated that he had examined Bowman today, and when he had asked what he was in jail for the prisoner had looked down to the ground and made no answer.

"What are you thinking about? I asked him next, and he burst out crying. I then asked him what he had been thinking of this past year, and he said: 'I have been thinking that I wanted to do away with myself.' I asked him if that in any way applied to his wife, and he answered: 'Well, in a way, yes.'

"Why did you do it? I asked him, and his answer was: 'I saw myself doing it, I had the desire to do it, and I could not stop. I had the same kind of a desire to kill myself, and would have had I had the chance.'

"Then," continued the doctor, "he became impulsive, sat up and was all smiles."

"How is his condition today compared with that when he was in London?" asked Mr. Hattin.

### Finds No Change.

"There was practically no material change," replied Dr. Fisher. "If anything he was more apathetic."

"Is there any possible chance that he was foxing today?" asked H. J. Sims for the crown.

"No."

Bowman throughout the hearing paid practically no attention to the court until Dr. Fisher gave his evidence, and then on two or three occasions he appeared to listen for about a minute only.

He sat in the box with head hanging, apparently hearing nothing. Occasionally he would lean back and run his hand through his hair, while at other times he appeared to be playing with his hands in the box, and occasionally a smile flitted across his face. Of all those in the courtroom he was apparently the least concerned in the trial.

True bills were brought in by the grand jury in the cases of Harby Bricknell, charged with attempted wife-murder, Nelson Boardman, charged with manslaughter, and George Trafford, charged with rape.

### PREPARES PLANS.

W. Raywood Smith, civil engineer, is drafting plans for the drainage of property on the east side of the Proof Line road in London Township.

This comes as a result of a petition presented to the London Township Council at its last session.

### CHALMERS W. M. S.

Mrs. F. W. K. Harris was the speaker at the morning service at Chalmers Presbyterian Church Sunday, which was W. M. S. Sunday. There was a large attendance present and Mrs. Harris gave a graphic outline of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church. She also spoke of the missionary situation at the present time, both at home and in the foreign fields.

### PREPARE GAMES.

The boys and girls of Ealing school have organized themselves for playing basketball and football.

There are five teams of girls for basketball and six teams of boys for football, the teams being arranged, as far as possible, representing the different forms.

On account of the number of teams entered in the two different competitions, games will be played on the school grounds practically every night of the week after 4 o'clock.

# ACTION FOLLOWS SMASH OF AUTOS

## New York Man Defendant in Case Being Tried by Judge Ross.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Sept. 22.—As a result of a serious auto collision last May, in which Mrs. William Stevenson of Fingal was seriously injured, Michael McNearney of New York was placed on trial at the court house today, before Judge Ross, charged with driving a motor car while under the influence of liquor.

The evidence showed that Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, with their three daughters and James Lethbridge, were driving from St. Thomas on a Saturday evening between 9 and 10 o'clock, when a large car met them near Middlemarch on the Fingal road, striking the Stevenson car on the inside wheel, causing it to turn over on the road. The occupants were thrown to the road, Mrs. Stevenson sustaining a broken collar-bone and bruises on the chest and arms and about the body. She has not sufficiently recovered from the accident to leave her bed, and fears are entertained that she may not walk again, as she sems to have lost the use of her lower limbs.

McNearney was visiting relatives at Fingal, and in company with his brother John was driving toward the city. Neither of the McNearneys was injured.

# SCHOOLS SANITARY, INSPECTOR REPORTS

## R. H. Sanders Nears Completion of Tour of City Buildings.

Clean and sanitary conditions appear almost generally in public schools of the city, according to Sanitary Inspector R. H. Sanders. Mr. Sanders has just completed an inspection of nineteen of the public schools and says that good conditions are general, though he has a few recommendations to make. Pottersburg School alone remains to be investigated.

The inspector will go to the separate schools, of which there are six, and also inspect Pottersburg School. The secondary schools are not inspected by the sanitary inspector here, as the provincial department sends a special representative each year for this purpose.

# RAILS ARE SHIFTED TO PERMIT PAVING

## Street Car Jumps Track at Intersection, But Mishap Is Minor One.

The London Street Railway at an early hour this morning started to work at shifting the rails at the corner of Wellington and Horton street, and the job was finished by the time the first cars came along at 6 o'clock. The moving of the rails was necessitated by progress on the Wellington street pavement, and the intersection was completed this morning.

At noon a Richmond car jumped the tracks at the Horton and Wellington corner, but the mishap was not serious and little delay was occasioned. Paving of Wellington street is going on quickly and the base will be ready to take on the asphaltic coating early in October.

## PUP SEEKS MEAL, UPSETS ASH CAN AND BRINGS POLICE

A homeless pup foraging for an early breakfast at 1 o'clock this morning got into a garbage can in the rear of 307 Dufferin avenue, upset the can with a crash which gave the residents of the district the idea that there was mischief afoot.

A hurry call was sent to the police department and the stragglers who were on their way home along Dundas street saw a quick-moving police car slow up at the public utilities building, pick up the policeman on the beat and speed away to the corner of Dufferin avenue and Picton streets.

A survey of the premises was made. Flashlights revealed only a bewildered pup, an upset ashcan and some broken glass that had been spilled.

## YOUTH TO BE RETURNED TO MIMICO REFORMATORY

High Constable Wharton, accompanied by Major Bradshaw of the juvenile court, journeyed to Clandeboye last night to bring back a London youth who recently escaped from Mimico.

The boy was sentenced to the reformatory some ten months ago on a charge of stealing coal. He is at present in the county jail, waiting for an officer from Mimico to take him back to the reformatory.

## WM. EDGECOMBE IS HURT IN FALL FROM LADDER

William Edgecomb, 768 Hellmuth avenue, an employee of the James Cowan Hardware Company, escaped serious injury when he fell from a high rung of a ladder at the Cowan Company's building yesterday afternoon.

It was at first thought that he had broken his nose, and medical aid was sought. It was found, however, that the bone was not broken and that the man was only slightly injured.

### ACTING MAYOR.

Ald. J. Greer, chairman of No. 2 committee of the city council, will likely be London's acting mayor on Thursday of this week. Mayor Wenige has accepted an invitation to speak on 'Salesmanship" at the annual convention of the Canadian Bicycle Dealers' Association in Hamilton on that day. **The convention is a two-day affair, commencing tomorrow.**

# BISHOP "WHO ATE HIS BOOTS" ATTENDS SYNOD GATHERING

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dred and twenty pounds of bone and muscle, his clear boyish skin, and bright blue eyes, are evidence of a constitution perfectly fitted to cope with every hardship of the north country, and in no way diminished in power from the days in the early nineties when he first "went inside."

All the things that one reads of in the stories of the Yukon as happening to the heroes of Jack London's tales, and those of Robert Service, have happened to this big framed, strong faced, padre. He has been threatened with murder by Eskimos in the very earliest days of his mission. He has faced starvation along the Rat River in 1909, when for twenty-eight days he staggered along the trail by the river to Fort McPherson with practically no food, finally at the end living on strips of his rawhide boots boiled in water, and he has been nearly drowned in whale hunts in skin boats with the Eskimo hunters.

Like all men who have lived among the fundamentals of life, who have seen and done more than most men, he is reticent. To talk about these adventures, except with some old member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, who have all been in the country since 1900, is not at all palatable.

"When for instance, he was asked about the attempts made to kill him by the Eskimos, he dismissed it with:

### All Right Now.

"Oh, yes, they did say something of that sort, but it was all right, and everything is fine now. They were just savages then. Now they are Christians, and we get along very well."

The story of the whale hunt is different, however. He explained that the Eskimos go out and hunt whale, which they use for food. They go out fearlessly in their skin boats or comiaks, harpoon the big animals and kill them in the same way as the white whalers.

"That's a time when I was really frightened," he said, with a flash of the blue eyes. "We were out in one of those skin boats, some Eskimos and I, and we got fastened to a big whale. It wasn't badly wounded, but the harpoon stuck in. He went right off at a tremendous rate, which was bad enough, but every now and then he would turn out at right angles, and then we had to look smart to prevent being capsized.

"On the top of that, there was always the chance of the whale coming back and taking a smash at the comiak with his tail and that added considerably to the interest. We got him in the end though." The face of the man from the north lighted with the joy of the chase in the Arctic waters. Even the little hotel room seemed to grow and expand under the genial influence of his story and personality. "My, that's a real sport. That's a man's sport," he murmured, as recollection brought back the vision of the hunt.

"How did you earn the title of the bishop who ate his boots?" asked the reporter.

### Turned Back.

"Oh, that's an old story," he replied. It's true though. It was away back in 1909. I and another chap were going from Fort McKenzie along the Rat River to another mission. After we had gone some distance we found there were no ganme, and no friendly Indians. Our food ran out and so we decided to turn back and make Fort McPherson.

"We hadn't much grub to begin with, and as we went along, of course, it grew scarcer. There was nothing we could shoot and we finally got down to the boot-top stage you've heard about."

"Was there any real nourishment in bot tops?" asked The Advertiser.

"Oh yes, there is in the raw-hide variety. You couldn't do it with tanned boots. We cut the tops into strips and boiled them. If you chew that well you can get some nourishment out of it. That's what we did anyway, and we got back to Fort McPherson, but we nearly starved. That was the closest call I ever had in the Yukon."

He reminds one of the fact, and with legitimate pride, that he is the third member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, in the matter of time he has lived in that country. To belong to such an order is the greatest distinction any man or woman can attain to, and needless to say, both the bishop and his wife are 'sourdoughs.' That is to say they belong to that wonderful group of epic toilers and adventurers who made their bread simply from flour and water, without anything to make it rise, and thereby gained the most honorable title of 'sourdough' as separating them from the 'Cheechako' or newcomer who knew not the hardships of the earlier days.

### Real Digestion.

His Lordship is obviously gifted with a stomach of the infinite possibilities as far as digestion is concerned. He has eaten so many things, not usually considered to belong to a white man's diet, that his present well-being and fitness is a miracle only to be accounted for in this way.

"When I first went up to live amongst the Eskimos," he remarked, "I took some supplies with me, as I had a natural hankering for white man's food. However, I found that they were always pestering me for one thing or another, and I never got any peace until all my own supplies were used up.

"After that I lived on whatever they had. It was fish and seals, the hair seal, you know, not the fur seal, and whale and caribou. I got used to all that and in fact thrived on it. But the worst food I had to exist on was boiled muskrats. There is a two-weeks' period in the spring up there when boiled muskrat is about the only thing we could get, and it was horrible. It didn't matter how they cooked it, you got the musky taste. I was always glad when that two-weeks period was over."

### Joined in Hunts.

On one occasion when he had been married about five years, he and Mrs. Stringer sailed from Herschell Island down to San Francisco in a whaler, and the bishop used to go out in the whaler's boat and take part in the whale hunts. He knows the story of the white whaler as well as of the Eskimos in his skin boat, and all the excitement that follows the "Thar she blows" from the man at the masthead. They had a pretty good trip that time, and it only took them 81 days to run from the blue cold of the little Arctic island to the sunny warmth of the Golden Gate.

His diocese is a mere matter of 200,000 square miles, and when the bishop goes out to visit some of his Indian and Eskimo flock, he does it in a sleigh with a dog team in the winter and by horse and canoe in the summer. Thirty miles a day with a dog team in the winter is quite common, and forty is nearer the mark. There is no riding on these sleighs, which are used to carry the grub. One man goes in front and the other takes the handles of the sleigh to guide it. But both of them walk, or "mush" as they call it.

Jack London called it a man's country, and said that everyone who made a success of life was a man among men. He referred to the physical more than the mental. But to live up there, to fight the country and teach Christianity surely needs the epitome of manhood in both senses. His lordship is a square man. Square of shoulder, square of jaw, direct in his glance, and equally direct in his speech.

One understands how the people of the Yukon have come to love him and place implicit trust in all his actions and advice.

Mrs. Stringer, his companion of a lifetime, in the above the Arctic circle, has a host of stories of the Eskimos, and one that particularly shows the habit of thinking in terms of the conditions of the country.

In the Cathedral of St. Paul's in Dawson City, there is a window showing Christ in the figure of the Good Shepherd, with the lamb in his arms.

### Came Into Cathedral.

A small Eskimo child came into the cathedral once and spent a long time looking at the window. Finally she turned to Mrs. Stringer, who was with her, and whispered: "Why doesn't Christ get tired packing that lamb around all the time?"

"Now," says Bishop Stringer, "'packing' is the usual term for carrying anything up there, and it was funny to see how it was used by the child in thinking of the figure on the window."

The Stringers from whom the bishop comes lived in Kincardine, and were always a family of unusual energy and physical strength. At the present time there is a son in Ridley College who is the champion athlete of the school, and there is a boy at home who is not yet 16 and weighs 180 pounds, so the old tradition is still true to form, and the Stringers are men of size and might.

Rev. W. A. Geddes, a young clergyman from Nova Scotia, and the curate of the furthest north church in the Yukon, is a delegate to the synod, and arrived in the city this morning. Mrs. Stringer, who with the bishop once stayed for two weeks in his bachelor shack, says he makes wonderful bread, and that he is a fine housekeeper, an accusation that he denied when he arrived. He has been up there for four years, and says he enjoys the work, and will be glad to get back. Probably Bishop Stringer had the same thoughts more than thirty years ago—the reason of his life work, and the spirit that has brought a blessing of practical success to his mission in the farthest north.

## BRIGHTLY-PAINTED SLEIGH GIVES BREATH OF WINTER

Comes the fifirst breath of Autumn and then, right on its heels are the 'hard-winter' pessimists and the disciples of preparedness ready to peddle their wares. Two splendid examples gained the spotlight today, after two days of autumn had seen slight progress in lowering temperatures or turning leaves.

On Dundas street, in front of the city hall, the season's first sleigh bells loomed at noon today. An express company's brightly painted sleigh was being hauled along the bare, hard pavement. It carried no freight, and wa attached to one of the summer-wheeled vehicles of the company. Along the walks, a straw hat or two, relics of the late summer, provided distinct contrasts.

And in no other section was preparedness shouting to the housetops. In the civic workse department sheds workmen were engaged in overhauling a snowplow which may be used ere long in brushing the flakes from the highways and byways in many parts of the city.

## DAM IS URGED FIRST AND SEWAGE LATER

In the matter of sequence of first cleaning up the river and then of building a dam at Springbank, Mayor Wenige disagrees with Sir Adam Beck. The mayor would have the procedure reversed.

"Get the dam built at Springbank and then the sewage problem will look after itself. The Springbank dam will force the issue to clean up the river. Now the river isn't of any use to any one, just a place to dump sewage and rubbish. Once the people see a decent river, they'll respect it and want to prevent mills and factories having direct outlets of their waste water into the Thames."

So declares Mr. Wenige and he is confident that present work going on at the sewage disposal plant will eliminate much of the pollution, which is alleged.

## "THE WATCH ON THE RHINE" IS NOW BANNED IN SAXONY

Associated Press Despatch.

Dresden, Germany, Sept. 22.—"Silent Night, Holy Night," and all other religious songs, as well as "The Watch on the Rhine" and numerous other patriotic airs, have been eliminated from the school song books of Saxony. This action is a result of the pressure brought to bear on the authorities by the Communists.

### HOLD EXHIBIT.

The pupils of Boyle Memorial school are exhibiting this afternoon the products of their school gardens during the past summer. There will be on exhibit flowers, fruit and vegetables.

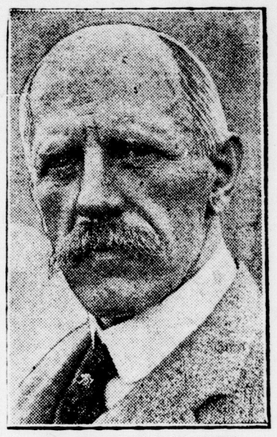
The exhibit, to which all the parents and friends are invited, will be held in the kindergarten room.

### HAS LEG BROKEN.

Falling from his bicycle when he struck the curb in front of his home at 422 Piccadilly street last evening at 7:30, W. P. Burns, veteran member of the postoffice staff, suffered a broken leg. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is progressing favorably.

### ISSUE WRIT.

J. Harris & Sons have issued a county court writ through Spencer & Braund against the Windsor Wiping Cloth Company for $531.32, the price of goods alleged sold and delivered.



DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN,

explorer and Norwegian representative at the league of nations, who has left for Berlin to try to persuade Marx and Stresemann to request admission to the league on behalf of the Vaterland.

# EMPTY WAGON RUSE BRINGS ROW

## Mayor Threatens Police Action Following Gardener Protest.

Police action is threatened on London's market should fake reservations of choice market positions continue. District gardeners and farmers are up in arms regarding conditions which they allege exist on the market, and which prevent them from securing good market stands from Saturday to Saturday.

One fruit grower and gardener points out a case in point, which it says represents the trolbie of many other bona fide gardeners. One of his men came in last Friday night with a load of produce to be sold on the Saturday market. Finding his usual stand occupied by an empty wagon, without shafts, the gardener pulled it away, and left his load of produce there in order to reserve the place for the morning market.

But when the gardener drove in at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning he found that his own wagon had been yanked out and a motor truck had put up fortifications of garden greens and fruits. He was helpless to take any action.

'If this thing keeps going on," the mayor threatened today, "we'll have to get police supervision. A gardener has every right to pull out an empty wagon and install a load of vegetables or fruits. If we find any more empty wagons on the market I think we'll have to take them over to the police station and auction them off."

Last night a dozen gardeners were present at the city council session. No notice had been given that the market bylaw was to be discussed, but the farmers appeared anyway, but passed unnoticed until the council had adjourned. One man had come fifteen miles to discuss his rights. They were promised consideration when the council was next ready to discuss the bylaw.

# LA FOLLETTE STRETCHED C. N. SUCCESS, IS CLAIM

## Republican Campaign Managers Flay Alleged Misleading Statements.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—A double attack on the opposition was made today by Republican national campaign managers. National Chairman William N. Butler asserted that a recent speech by Robert M. La Follette, Jun., on the success of the Canadian National Railways contained many misleading statements. Congressman Will R. Wood of Indiana, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, flayed the tariff stand of John W. Davis.

In his statement, Chairman Butler quoted the younger La Follette as saying: "Canada has found a cure. Between 1921 and 1924 she reduced agricultural freight rates to pre-war levels. And yet paying substantially the same wage scales to members of the same railway unions. The Canadian National Railways, owned by the Canadian government, has changed a debit of $37,000,000 in 1921, when the system was taken over under Sir Henry Thornton's management, to a surplus of more than $20,000,000 in 1923."

The statement declares that: "There are half a dozen misstatements in this single paragraph. In 1921 the deficit of the Canadian National Railways was $56,989,000 instead of $37,000,000. Sir Henry Thornton did not assume management until October, 1922. In 1923 the total deficit as shown by Sir Henry's annual report to the Canadian government was $51,697,000."

## CHILDREN AT SHELTER SHOWING DECREASE

At the end of August there were 22 children in the Children's Shelter, Wharncliffe road, or just eight less than on the last day of June.

During the past three months the number of children receiving care at the shelter was as follows: June, 61; July, 58; August, 39. Dispositions were made during each of the three months mentioned above as follows: 31, 32 and 17.

In the Roman Catholic wards at St. Joseph's Hospital there were three children on August 31, as compared with six children on June 1.

### CONDITIONS GOOD.

Another case of scarlet fever and another case of diphtheria have been reported to the city health authorities. However, Dr. Downham, medical officer of health, reports that conditions are good, with only three cases of each of the communicable diseases reported in the city at the present time.

# GIRL NOW ADMITS STORY WAS FALSE

## Leyda Smith May Face Charge of Theft at Tourists' Camp.

## FEARED PARENTS

Leyda Smith of Newbury, the young girl of 16 who told High Constable Wharton and others an "air-tight" story of a battle with white slavers from Detroit, now admits that her story was a fake from start to finish and that it was told to cover up the fact that she had spent the night at Nathaniel Currie's tourist camp near Newbury.

In fact it is yet an open question as to whether Leyda will be charged with the theft of two dresses, a pair of glasses and the famous false teeth which she claimed had been lost by the woman member of the "white slave gang" in the terrific struggles that had ensued (but only in Leyda's mind).

High Constable Wharton stated today that the dresses had been recovered and that the repentant girl had confessed everything to her father and Reeve Holman of Newbury. Any charge of theft will have to be laid by Mr. Currie, the high constable stated.

"I have not seen the girl myself and do not know just what was said," declared Mr. Wharton, "but I was told that she had confessed that the story was untrue.

"She did have bruises on her arms and she had walked a long distance in her stocking feet, as both her feet were badly swollen."

Reeve Holman of Newbury in conversation with The Advertiser, said that Mr. Currie called him by 'phone to tell him that the girl had spent the night in his house and hal left early in the morning. Two dresses missing from the Currie home had been recovered from Miss Smith and were now in the possession of the reeve.

"The whole substance of the affair is that Miss Smith wanted to work at the Currie home, and her parents did not want her to leave them," stated Mr. Holman. "She left home and went to Mr. Currie's, but when she found they did not need her, she got up early and hurried home. In order to account for being away all night she folishly made up the kidnapping story instead of telling the truth."

# MELON CONNOISSEURS ANGER GARDENERS

## Suburban Resident Demands Police Protection For His Garden.

Market gardeners in the vicinity of the Gore and Hamilton road have complained to High Constable Wharton regarding wholesale thefts of cauliflowers, cabbages, melons, etc.

One market gardener in telephonic communication with the high constable this morning, stated that he had lost dozens of valuable cauliflowers during the night, and demanded police protection.

As it is impossible for the high constable to guard every cabbage patch in the vicinity of London vegetable growers will have to unchain the family dogs or hire someone to sit up all night and guard the melon patches, one county official stated today.

# GIRL IS TOO POPULAR, NEIGHBOR COMPLAINS

## Declares Cars Are "Honking" Around House at All Hours.

Because the girl across the street became too popular, because young men continually called at her house at all hours of the day and night and pestered the neighborhood with repeated blasts of an automobile horn, a resident of London West complained to the police today.

The young girl had altogether too many callers, the man told the desk sergeant at police station. The honk-honk of automobiles was upsetting the otherwise peaceful quiet of the neighborhood.

The man stated that he had a girl, but that bothersome motorists with shrill-sounding klaxons never tormented her.

Something must be done, he declared. The nerve-wracking sounds of motor horns at night must stop.

The police listened to the man's tale, but what action will be taken remains unknown.

### GO OVER BYLAW.

Further work on the revision of the city plumbing bylaw will be gone into at a special meeting of the city council next week, Mayor Wenige intimated today that the bylaw would be finally redrafted at an early date and put into effect as soon as possible. When the council held a special three-hour session last week, much detail was discussed and a number of changes advised. The meeting finally broke up when there was no longer a quorum present.

### WILL VISIT FIELD.

Representatives of the football, rugby, baseball, lacrosse, cricket and playgrounds interests are expected to visit Queen's Park this afternoon with a view to discussing possible arrangement for handling supervision of the new athletic field authorized there. The mayor and members of the Fair Board will also be present, and a working agreement will be informally discussed.

### THANKS CITY.

Grover C. Good, governor of the 18th Rotary District, has written Mayor Wenige thanking various city officials and Rotarians, for the invitation to hold the district convention here.