

THE WEATHER:
AIR, CONTINUED COLD.
NDAY—COLD, SNOWFALLS.

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

THREE CENTS.

BRITISH TRADE MENACED AS DOCK MEN STRIKE

Public Utilities Revenue For 1923 Shows Big Increase

100,000 MEN AT BRITISH DOCKS ARE ON STRIKE

Walkout Ordered Today Likely
To Have Detrimental Effect
On All Lines of Trade.

RAISE FOOD PRICES

Strikers Believed To Be Well
Supplied With Funds To Hold
Out For Some Time.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 16.—The strike of
dock workers, affecting 120,000 men,
became effective at noon today in all
the ports of the United Kingdom.

The steamship operators, upon
whose business the effect of the
strike was at first immediately ap-
parent, said this morning they ex-
pected to be able to maintain their
schedules with the ocean-going pas-
senger ships, but feared that the vast
water-borne freight traffic to and
from ports in the United Kingdom
would be greatly slackened, if not
altogether stopped, entailing incal-
culable losses to themselves and ship-
pers in general.

The dockers immediately involved
in the strike order number about
120,000, but the transport and general
workers union, to which they belong,
is affiliated with a half-dozen other
unions, which may make common
cause and thus involve sailors, water-
men, warehousemen, ship stewards,
ship firemen, stevedores, carmen and
others.

Among the first results predicted
is a rise in food prices which will
hit the strikers themselves as hard
as anybody. It is believed they are
well supplied with funds, however,
and are able to hold out long enough
to cause great damage. The trade
press up to the present has not taken
any strong line regarding the ap-
portionment of responsibility for the
dispute, the present tendency being
to hold both sides to some extent re-
sponsible.

The negotiations between employ-
ees and men collapsed upon the re-
fusal of the former to make any
advance over the terms offered last
Monday, giving the dockers an in-
crease of one shilling a day in wages
and promising an inquiry into the
question of casual labor.

The dockers insist upon an advance
of two shillings and the abolition
of casual labor so as to guarantee
all the dock workers a certain weekly
wage.

ORTH'S GET CONTRACT FOR FIREMEN'S COATS

Orth's, Limited have been given a
contract to manufacture new over-
coats for city firemen. It is expected
about 40 overcoats will be needed by
the fire department.

WILL VISIT COLLEGIATES.
Tuesday afternoon the representa-
tives of the various city organizations
will tour the collegiate units of the
city at the request of the collegiate
committee of the board of education.
In order that they may become closer
acquainted with existing conditions.
(The tour of inspection was decided
on at the last meeting of the com-
mittee.)

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fine and cold.
Sunday—Easterly winds; continued
cold; light local snowfalls.

The Atlantic storm has moved north-
ward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while
the western high pressure has spread
over the Great Lakes and Middle
States.

The weather is decidedly cold through-
out the Dominion.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	36	Fair
Calgary	10	-15	Clear
Winnipeg	6	-2	Cloudy
Port Arthur	6	-2	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	12	-14	Clear
Cochrane	6	-14	Clear
Toronto	28	-2	Clear
Kitchener	22	-4	Clear
Ottawa	26	-2	Clear
Montreal	22	-2	Clear
Quebec	20	0	Fair
St. John's	24	8	Clear
Halifax	24	14	Cloudy

Minus—1 nearly below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 29; lowest, 11.

The official temperatures for the
12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today
were: Highest, 13; lowest, 4.

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m.—29.93.
Today—8 a.m.—29.74.

Twilight Is Increasing On the Great Northland And Many Changes Noted



REV. (CAPT.) JOHN GARBUTT
of the Dundas Centre Methodist
Church, who has been asked to re-
main there for a fourth term.

FLOOD OF THAMES IN 1918 RECALLED

Huge Chunks of Ice Swept Over
Thames Park and
Threatened Flats.

Recurrent cold weather such as has
featured this winter characterized
the winter of 1918, when London
was threatened with a serious flood,
and citizens are wondering if there
is any chance of a similar situation
cropping up this year when the thaw
begins. The coat of ice on the river
is two feet deep in places, and it is
a foregone conclusion that moderate
ice jams will be seen before the
Thames resumes its normal course.

Citizens recall that just six years
ago today emergency measures were
resorted to by H. A. Brazier, then
city engineer, to break up the severe
ice jams in the river. Ridout street
bridge, which is usually placed in a
position of danger, was then nearly
touching the surface of the ice flow. Only a drop
in the thermometer saved the flats
and nearby residential district in that
vicinity from being inundated.

Huge cakes of ice washed up on
Thames Park in February, 1918. One
woman living on the bank was re-
scued after her home had been
swamped, and taken to Wonderland
by firemen.

REV. JOHN GARBUTT WILL REMAIN IN CITY

Unanimous Invitation Extended
to Popular Pastor For
Fourth Term.

Rev. (Capt.) John Garbutt, pastor
of Dundas Centre Methodist Church,
has received a unanimous invitation
to remain there for a fourth term.
This was tendered at the meeting of
the quarterly board last evening, and
accompanied with expressions of
sincere appreciation of Mr. Garbutt's
work.

Among other important matters of
business, the appointment of dele-
gates for the annual meeting of the
London Methodist District, which
takes place next Thursday, was made
as follows: H. H. Bowman, Robert
W. H. Winnett, W. Heaman, James Fitz-
gerald, Mrs. C. E. German, J. A.
Jones, H. St. Hardy, Mrs. May R.
Thornley, Mrs. Raymond Hound, and
Mrs. John Jones.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY OPENS AGAINST BRITISH COMPANY

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Feb. 16.—Judicial inquiry
was opened today against the British
firm of Brice & Co., of which Major
Theobald Langton is the principal
Paris representative, as to whether
the practice of importing foreign
securities, selling them in France and
remitting the cash to England is not
contrary to the public interest and
in violation of the French laws pro-
tecting the public credit.

TWO DRUNKS FINED.
Two drunks were fined \$10 and
costs in police court this morning.
They both pleaded guilty and offered
no explanation of their conduct, as
is customary.

Arctic Explorers Find Astound- ing Changes in Their Surroundings.

HEAR WEIRD SOUND

Eskimos Believe It Lamentation
of Souls Lost at
Sea.

Following a lapse of nearly a
month, radio contact with the Mac-
Millan Arctic expedition, Greenland,
was re-established today by receipt
of Port Angeles, Washington, of a
signed message from Captain Donald
B. MacMillan.

By CAPT. D. C. MacMILLAN.
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On Board the ss. Bowdoin, Ftah,
North Greenland, Feb. 15.—The days
are passing so rapidly that it hardly
seems possible that we have been
frozen in the ice for one hundred
and thirty days. Yet what has gone
on during the darkness is the most
monotonous period for Arctic men.
The duration of twilight on the
southern horizon is rapidly in-
creasing, enabling us to see many
of the remarkable changes about our north-
ern home.

The box house of our native assist-
ants is almost completely buried by
huge drifts and is really in danger of
being crushed before spring. Fearful
of such an event, our Eskimo friend,
Tookashoo, has pitched a tent
on top of his house to counteract
the wind currents and, if possible,
divert the drifting snow which is
constantly sweeping down into refuge
harbor from the high hills to the
north, but it is along the ice foot
"the most interesting phenomenon of
the Arctic," where one may witness
the most astounding changes. Here,
too, one is impressively reminded of
the tremendous crushing power of the
ice, against which no ship, however
strong, can hope to battle success-
fully for here nature is exerting a
gigantic force of millions of tons
pressure. As the tide rises and falls
twice each day, the tidal crack, a
veritable ice trap thousands of miles
long, opens and closes with attend-
ant weird sounds of protest, so wild,
in fact, as to establish the tradition
among the Eskimos that we are lis-
tening to the lamentations of souls
lost at sea. It might indeed be so,
for the interruption by such doleful
sounds of the deathlike stillness of
the ice, the moonlight night is un-
canny in the extreme.

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PREMIER TASCHEREAU

of Quebec, who has introduced "blue
sky" legislation in his province.
Heavy penalties are provided for any
person or company who sells bonds or
shares without furnishing all
available information first to the pro-
vincial authorities.

TASCHEREAU LAUNCHES BLUE SKY LEGISLATION

Quebec Premier Sponsors Two
Measures Covering Sale of
Bonds in That Province.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Feb. 16.—The contents of
two bills sponsored by Hon. L. A.
Taschereau, provincial premier, and
known as "blue sky" legislation, are
made public.

Under this legislation it is proposed
that no company may issue or sell
any bond or share in this province
until it has furnished all possible in-
formation as to the affairs of such
company, whether Canadian or for-
eign, under penalty of a \$1,000 fine
or three months in jail.

THREE CITY HOMES ARE ENTERED BY THIEVES

Robbers Believed in Search of
Money, As Nothing Is
Taken.

EPIDEMIC OF THEFT

Detectives Unable To Find Clue
—No One Is Seen
Entering.

Three houses, in East and North
London were entered by thieves last
night between the hours of 8 and
midnight. Apparently they were look-
ing for money only, as the owners
found nothing missing.

In each case, entry was made
through the front door by skeleton
keys. A trail of burnt matches
around all the residences proved
beyond all reasonable doubt that the
entries were all made by the same
person or gang.

Those who reported their homes
as having been broken into were:
H. B. Elford, 694 Maitland street;
Andrew Simpson, 402 Salisbury
street; and Mrs. Dockstader, 775
Quebec street.

Detectives are working on the
cases, but have nothing to report as
yet. As far as is known, the rob-
bers were not seen entering or leav-
ing any of the houses.

530,000 GALLONS LESS WATER USED

Meters Are Installed in City and
Water Consumption Is
Reduced.

Water consumption in London for the
first fifteen days of February this
year was less by 530,000 gallons per
day than for the same period in 1923.
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set into operation the imperial
conference resolutions. As has been
indicated already, these resolutions are
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dead food; but even that old cry is less
effective than it was in the heyday of
Liberalism, for the simple reason that
wages in a great many cases are now
regulated by the price index."

CIVIC MANAGEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED

Professor R. Freeman To
Address Round Table Club
Next Friday.

Professor R. Freeman of the Uni-
versity of Western Ontario, will in-
troduce the subject, "Civic Manage-
ment of the City," to members of the
Round Table Club, meeting at the
Blue Dragon Tea Rooms next Friday
night. An open discussion will en-
sue on the subject.

The Round Table Club, a recently
organized branch association of the
Chamber of Commerce, has in its few
months of life developed into one of
the largest young men's clubs in the
city. The membership is steadily in-
creasing, there being now a member-
ship of 70. It is expected that by
the end of the year the membership
will be well over 150.

ENGLISH RY. MAGNATES JOURNEY TO AUSTRALIA

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 16.—Sir Sam Fay,
general manager of the Great Central
Railway Company, and Sir Vincent
Leven, another English railway mag-
nate, intend to go to New South
Wales, Australia, next month, on the
invitation of the government of that
state, to report on the working of the
railways. They will be away nearly
a year.

ALL MOUNTED UNITS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT FAIR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Lt.-Col. Cort-
landt Starnes, commissioner of the
R.C.M.P., has announced that all
units of the force will be represented
at the imperial exhibition at Wem-
bley, England, this year.



THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T BE
KING.

Natives of Albania insist that Harry
F. Sinclair, American oil magnate and
sportsman, become their monarch.
Harry, shown above, doesn't see it
that way. Royalty isn't a hereditary
vocation in Albania.

FISCAL ISSUE IS PUZZLING MACDONALD

London Quok Declares Pre-
mier Getti Into Difficulties
Over Resolutions.

REASONS O HESITATE

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Just Ten More Days Remain For Winning Special Votes

Candidates Are Urged To Make
Good Use of Short
Time.

FOUR MORE ENROLL

Still Lots of Room in Adver-
tiser's \$20,000 Prize
Contest.

Eleven splendid automobiles.
Special cash prizes of from \$100
to \$200.

Fifteen per cent commission on
every dollar brought in.

These are some of the attractions
in the big \$20,000 prize contest con-
ducted by The Advertiser. This week
the campaign struck its stride. Of
300 candidates a fairly good propor-
tion are devoting real hard work to
the task of getting subscriptions.

All are making use of the oppor-
tunity offered by the \$20,000 extra
votes for every two yearly subscrip-
tions sent in by Feb. 25. Special
advantages, amounting to \$500, are to be
distributed as soon as the auditors
determine the leaders of the three
groups by that date.

The value in votes of subscriptions
received between now and that date
is just three times what it will be at
the concluding days of the contest.
That is why every candidate is well
advised to make his big effort right
now.

The element of fairness that sur-
rounds The Advertiser Contest has
induced many to enter that otherwise
would not have done so. They know
that The Advertiser will not break
faith with them and that each candi-
date will receive a square deal.

Four new candidates enrolled yes-

COLD WAVE VISITS CITY, MERCURY AT 4 BELOW

Balmy Weather of Last Two
Days Disappears and Jack
Frost Supreme.

CHANGE IS MARKED

Difference of 36 Degrees in
Temperature in 24
Hours.

A cold wave from the northwest
swooped down on London with mer-
ciless tenacity last evening and in-
cidentally established a record for
varying temperatures. Within 24
hours a change of 36 degrees was
registered by the thermometer. Early
this morning the mercury was 4 be-
low zero, while early yesterday it
was as high as 32 above.

The recurrent cold snap is the
most severe experienced in years for
this particular time of season. The
last two valentine days were balmy
and spring-like, but no such weather
was to be observed the past three
days.

This morning trains were hours
behind schedule, and in several places
a condition of the rails prevented
trains from making anything but
very slow headway. In the city the
at any time as bad as they have been
before. This winter has been a hard
one, which makes fast driving a hazardous
occupation, everywhere. When
the under surface thaws out, it is
expected this condition will be even
worse.

CITY MINISTERS WILL CONSIDER O.T.A. ISSUE

Vital Problems Will Be Debated
Monday at Meeting of Alli-
ance Members.

The vexed question of the O. T.
A. will be given consideration at next
Monday's meeting of the local Min-
isterial Alliance. It will be intro-
duced in the address of James Hales,
chairman of the license commission
of Ontario, who will be the chief
speaker. A particularly large at-
tendance of clergy is expected.

FORMER L. P. S. AUDITOR EXPIRES IN CHATHAM

David Lore Welsh, Well
Known in This City, Suc-
cumbs After Operation.

London friends learned with regret
today of the death in Chatham Hos-
pital last evening of David Lore
Welsh, a former resident of this city,
who served for many years as auditor
of the London and Port Stanley Rail-
way. Mr. Welsh was agent of the
Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie
Railway at Chatham before accepting
the London position, and at the time
of his death was agent for the C. P.
R. and Dominion Express Company
at Wallaceburg. He was stricken
with appendicitis some days ago and
peritonitis ensued before an opera-
tion could be undertaken at Chatham
General Hospital. His widow, for-
merly Miss Winifred Colville, a
daughter of Mrs. Colville and sister
of Mrs. J. E. Richards of Beigraville
avenue, this city, and one little
daughter Margaret survive him. The
funeral is to be held Monday after-
noon from his late residence in Wal-
laceburg and burial will be made in
Dresden Cemetery.

ENGINEERING INSTITUTE WILL DISCUSS ASPHALT

"Asphalt" will be the subject of dis-
cussion at the next meeting of the
Engineering Institute of Canada, to be
held in the Utilities Commission build-
ing next Wednesday evening.

Germain P. Graham, formerly of the
engineering department of the city of
Albany, New York, and now connected
with the Asphalt Association, New York,
will be the speaker. His address will
be illustrated, and will deal with the
most satisfactory, economical and ser-
viceable forms of paving, etc.

N. S. MINING TOWN BLOCK

IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney Mines, N.S., Feb. 16.—Fire
of unknown origin breaking out at
11 o'clock last night completely
destroyed the two-story wooden
Powness Block on Main street near
the postoffice, causing damage esti-
mated at \$200,000. The tenants in
the building suffered complete loss.

Hobby Fair Week

is only three months away
and now is the time to
think about your exhibit.

All next week store win-
dows downtown will
show boys and girls how
to prepare their entries.

Read about it and see the
entry form on Page 17.



E. M. RUSSELL,

general chairman of the social even-
ing to be held February 22 by the
commercial travellers of London in
the Masonic Temple.

UNITED WELFARE ASSC. TO MEET

Activities For Year Will Be
Outlined at Gathering
This Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the United
Welfare Fund Association of the city
of London is to be held this after-
noon in the Tecumseh House. Deci-
sion will be made as to this year's
activities of the association. The
treasurer's report will also be re-
presented.

Representatives of the various
benefit organizations of the city will
be present. The benefit organiza-
tions consist of the Aged People's
Home, Child Welfare Association,
Women's Sanatorium Aid, Salvation
Army, Byron Sanatorium, Day Nur-
sery, Children's Aid Society, Protes-
tant Orphanage, Mount Hope Home,
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Y. W. C. A.,
N.Y. M. C. A., Victorian Order of
Brigades and St. John Ambulance
Repride.

Representatives of affiliated as-
sociations will also be present.

BLUE CAPS LOOK FOR YELLOW TAGS

Boys Conduct a Still
Hunt For New License
Plates.

Numerous
who have no owners of automobiles
licenses for that yet purchased their
shoes this morning, shivered in their
stables looking over as police com-
pares. Friday was their 1923 license
by law for the plus the last day given
and a whole lot of purchase of licenses,
complished with the citizens have not
tions.

"Are you pinching me, then today,
of Police Robert Birrell, licenses?" Chief
yet," laughed the chief, was asked.
"Have you got one for today or two
car?" queried the reporter.
"I'm not going to tell you," he own
chief, "but if I catch you driving
your contraption without a license,
you'll land in court sure."

SUDAN OFFICIALS BUY

BRITISH COLUMBIA TIES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 16.—The Sudan gov-
ernment, through Capt. E. C. Midwin-
ton, general manager of railways and
steamers, Sudan, Africa, has accepted
a tender from a British Columbia firm
for 150,000 railway ties of Douglas fir.
The contract expressly stipulates
that the railway ties shall be of Can-
adian origin.

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