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Tomorrow's Weather—Fair and Mild.

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Big Deal for New West London Ball Park Put Through---Burglars Enter Dundas Street Stores---Court House Repairs Already Showing Flaws---City Engineer Would Force Street Railway to Install Air Brakes---U.S. Senate Likely to Pass Repeal of Exemption Bill by 16 Majority

## ATHLETIC PARK DEAL CONSUMMATED

London Baseball Club To Have One of Finest Plants in Dominion As a Result of Closing of West London Realty Deal.

By next summer the London Baseball Club will have one of the finest ball parks in the Dominion of Canada, situated on the Wharncliffe road, facing Paul street, and comprising 17 acres. Paul A. Pocock, real estate dealer, announced this morning the consummation of the deal whereby the ball club will acquire the property. In addition to the acres already secured, there are 18 acres more under agreement, which will be secured before the first of May.

According to Mr. Pocock, grandstands constructed of steel and cement are to be erected by the baseball club, and there is a proposal to construct an arena on an artificial lake. One of the advantages of the field will be that ample parking will be provided for any number of cars. The baseball club now has a one year lease on Tecumseh Park with an option for another year. The proposal to take the grounds for five years, although almost brought to a conclusion was never realized. The directors propose to utilize much of the 35 acres for building purposes, the grand stand and bleachers being capable of seating many thousands. The proposal is to finance a large part of the scheme by selling some of the property for building purposes. Four or five acres will be ample for the park itself, but the whole will be laid out on a general plan.

An option has been held for some time, and this morning Mr. Pocock who has acted in the matter announced that the agreement for half the property had been signed. The property is one of the most desirable sites in West London for an athletic field. It has a hill at one side which forms a fine site for stands. It is within fifteen minutes walk of the business section.

## SENATE MAY GIVE A MAJORITY OF 16 TO REPEAL BILL

According to Estimate of Members Who Conducted Canvass Among Colleagues.

WEEK FOR COMMITTEE

Dilatory Tactics Will Be Followed—Committee To Be Against President.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, D.C., April 1.—Gratified over success of the Panama tolls exemption repeal in the House, President Wilson and his supporters turned their attention today to the Senate.

The latest poll, brought to the White House by an administration senator, who canvassed his colleagues and excluded his count those he considered doubtful, indicated that the president's count would have a majority of at least 16—Republicans as well as Democrats.

Senator Owen, the administration member in the canal committee, where the sure now is pending, was at the White House early conferring with Secretary of War. Asked about the proceedings in the Senate and length of time for action, the Oklahoma senator said: "Promptness Demanded."

It is natural to assume that if the committee does not report promptly, a motion will be made to discharge the committee from consideration of the bill. There is to be no effort at force, unnecessarily, but we want no dilatory tactics. The committee stands, I would say, against the president, and I think among the committee was organized those who were in favor of the tolls exemption were in the majority.

One Week Reasonable.

A week in the committee would be a reasonable time for the discussion."

The president had no comment to make on the result in the House, but let it be known that he cherished no ill feelings towards those who, expressing their objections, opposed the repeal. There was no comment made on the speech of Mr. Clark.

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## STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

| Line     | Time           | Lost   |
|----------|----------------|--------|
| Richmond | 2:28-2:32 p.m. | 4 min. |
| Richmond | 5:27-5:31 p.m. | 4 min. |
| Rectory  | 4:00-4:04 p.m. | 4 min. |
| Rectory  | 4:57-5:01 p.m. | 4 min. |
| Rectory  | 4:10-4:17 p.m. | 7 min. |
| Richmond | 5:28-5:32 p.m. | 4 min. |
| Richmond | 8:58-9:03 p.m. | 5 min. |
| Rectory  | 8:38-8:41 p.m. | 3 min. |
| Richmond | 8:34-8:41 p.m. | 7 min. |
| Richmond | 4:50-4:54 p.m. | 4 min. |

## LAWYERS ALREADY IN COURT HOUSE REPAIRS

Alleged Faulty Installation Is Expected to Cause Flurry When County Council Meets Again.

It is likely to be a flurry at the meeting of the county council over the repairs to the court house, in which some of the interior of the court house have been damaged. The seats are beginning to show what is claimed to be a lack of painting in the wood, and the backs of some of them are displaying small, irregular, brownish spots, which are also evidences of some of the decay.

The flaws are not particularly serious, but it is feared that if the decay continues some of the furnishing will have to be replaced. They were put in at a cost of \$5,135.

Considerable fault is being found with a new composition flooring which was laid in some of the offices on the lower floor. The floor in the petit court room displays a number of bad cracks, and as the flooring has been laid only a few weeks, there is a possibility that it may prove altogether unsatisfactory. The discovery of flaws in the long-delayed repair work at the court house is causing a lot of comment in and around the building.

## "FAKE" STREET CAR TICKETS



## BUSHEL'S "FAKES" IN TICKET BOXES

Street Railway Company Decides To Adopt Counterfeit-Proof Ride Providers After Garnering Cream, Bread and Show Tickets From Boxes.

Street railway customers will commence dropping a new style of ticket in the P. A. Y. E. boxes and the old-time coffee-pots next week. After picking out, during the past few years, bushels of green bread tickets, theatre coupons, mutilated raffle and pawn tickets, and other pieces of Emerald green cardboard, the company has approved of a new ticket devised by Secretary-Treasurer George G. Holding, and will place them on sale next week.

**Taken From Boxes.** The fake tickets shown in today's Advertiser were actually taken from the company's fare-boxes, and serve to illustrate what the street railway management is up against in collecting fares. The imitations, it will be noticed, are all of practically the same size as the real tickets, and with one exception are of the same color, green.

Especially with the P. A. Y. E. cars it is easy for a passenger to slip one of the bogus ride-providers into the box before the conductor has a chance to look at it. The passenger climbs on the car with the ticket under cover of his hand, and drops them in the box.

After the ticket has been so deposited, the conductor cannot dispute with the passenger, as the latter could argue that even if a bogus ticket was deposited in the box he had not been guilty of the fraud. With a couple of dozen tickets in the receptacle, it is a mighty task for a conductor to say who is responsible for the bad one. Particularly after sundown is it easy for dishonest persons to work off bogus tickets on the company, as even the color of the pasteboard is not noticeable then.

**Will Prevent Fraud.** The new ticket, being green and pink, and having a very decided pictorial outline, will, it is anticipated, practically eliminate the bogus tickets from the company's boxes. No other ticket will look exactly like it, and the person who succeeds in passing imitation cardsboards following the introduction of the new tickets, will of necessity, be very, very smooth, indeed.

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## SAYS CITY SHOULD FORCE AIR BRAKES

"Insist on Them," Says City Engineer, Commenting on Jury's Verdict.

MANAGER SAYS NOTHING

Installation Will Be Taken Up With Much Improved Service.

The verdict of a coroner's jury last night to the effect that the use of air-brakes on a street car might have saved the life of Mrs. Mary King, who was fatally injured on Horton street a few weeks ago, has reopened the agitation for the installation of this safety on the cars of the London Street Railway Company.

The city should insist upon the street railway company operating a modern system, one abreast of the times," said City Engineer W. N. Asquith this morning. "As London develops and progresses, so should the street railway and all public utilities be developed and modernized. A modern system and modern equipment naturally includes airbrakes."

Manager C. R. King made no comment upon the verdict brought in by the jury. Some time ago he stated that the company did not consider that the airbrakes were necessary to a safe and satisfactory operation of the line.

When the question of improved equipment is taken up by the city, it is likely that this matter will be considered and he railway board asked to furnish an order, compelling the company to adopt the Westinghouse device.

## DUNDAS STREET STORES ENTERED BY BURGLARS

Electrical Apparatus Stolen From Benson & Wilcox While Store Was Being Altered.

Detectives Robert Egleton and Harry Down were today notified that burglars had entered the store occupied by the Benson and Wilcox electrical company 264 Dundas street and stolen a quantity of valuable electrical appliances. Improvements were being made in the back part of the building and it is thought that while this part of the store was being reconstructed that the burglars gained an entrance.

Mr. Benson told the Advertiser that his store had been entered, and some appliances stolen but would divulge little information regarding the affair.

The detectives are working on the case and are looking for two young men who were seen in the lane behind the store a few minutes before the burglary was discovered.

Mrs. A. L. Anthistle's fancy goods store 264 Dundas street was also entered one night this week but nothing of value taken.

The detectives have also been notified of this case.

## REPORTED WITHDRAWAL OF P. M. FROM LONDON

Current Rumor Neither Confirmed or Denied by Local Officials.

A report in circulation this morning to the effect that the Pere Marquette Railway intended to withdraw from the city at the end of the year was neither confirmed nor denied by officials of the company.

They had heard nothing of the company's intentions, and said it was hard to say what would be done. She impression was that the company would remain in the city.

## THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday: Highest, 54 above; lowest, 33 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 54 above; lowest, 35 above.

Forecast.

Today—Cool, with occasional rain. Thursday—Northerly winds; mostly fair and cool.

Temperatures.

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

| Stations     | High | Low | Weather |
|--------------|------|-----|---------|
| Victoria     | 52   | 36  | Cloudy  |
| Calgary      | 50   | 35  | Cloudy  |
| Winnipeg     | 48   | 34  | Cloudy  |
| Port Arthur  | 42   | 28  | Cloudy  |
| Parry Sound  | 44   | 32  | Cloudy  |
| Toronto      | 42   | 30  | Cloudy  |
| Ottawa       | 42   | 26  | Cloudy  |
| Montreal     | 38   | 28  | Cloudy  |
| Quebec       | 38   | 18  | Cloudy  |
| Father Point | 32   | 22  | Cloudy  |

Weather Notes.

A disturbance which was in the Southwest States yesterday is now moving rapidly towards the Great Lakes, and rain is falling in Western Ontario.

The weather is cold and unsettled throughout the Dominion, and there are indications of still colder weather in the Western Provinces.

## ASQUITH CLEARS UP MYSTERY OF GEN. PAGET'S INSTRUCTIONS

Commanding Officers Simply Asked If They Were Ready To Put Duty First—Those With Homes in Ulster Had Special Offer.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 1.—The first act of Premier Asquith in his new capacity as Secretary of State for War was to clear up the mystery surrounding the instructions given by the war office to General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland.

Sir Arthur was summoned to London to give his chief a personal account of the orders he had received, and issued and as a result of the conference Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, who is acting as leader of the House, was able to inform the Commons today that:

"The only question General Paget put or intended to put to the commanding officers in Ireland was whether they were ready to put their duty before any other considerations. It was not his intention that this or any such question should be put by the general officers to their subordinates."

"General Paget informed the general officers of the promise given by the Secretary for War to officers whose homes were in Ulster, to permit them to withdraw temporarily from their regiments in the event of operations becoming necessary in Ulster, and he requested the general officers to find out immediately the number of officers who would withdraw on this account."

"The Irish commander-in-chief was asked if any officer who could not claim this exemption would be allowed to resign, and replied that the result of any refusal to do their duty could only mean their dismissal from the army."

[Canadian Press.]

New York, April 1.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Sir Edward Grey, appearing in the House of Commons yesterday as spokesman for the Government, on the second reading of the home rule bill, showed that the cabinet was in a consensus of opinion. He made two proposals to the Unionist party. The first offer was the promise of an early general election if the Opposition would allow the plural voting bill as well as the home rule and Welsh disestablishment bills to go through before the end of the present session. This is regarded by the Unionists as preposterous, as the enactment of the plural voting bill is just the very thing the Liberals want to insure their continued ascendancy in power.

**The Second Offer.**

Sir Edward Grey's other offer was far more interesting, and in the opinion of the Unionists, much more satisfactory. He said: "If the certainty of a federal solution within the six years of exclusion of Ulster from the operation of the home rule bill would ease the situation, I see no reason why that should not be arranged by discussion."

This means that Ulster could secure her own separate government, and most of the speakers from either side of the House supported the possibility of a federal scheme being worked out in the six years, during which the option to the Ulster counties would be operative.

**Is Very Significant.**

Sir Edward Grey's suggestion, if there does exist a real desire to come to a common basis on which private conversations could be resumed, was very significant, while Lord Hugh Cecil also gave expression to the great desire which now exists to lower the political temperature, though the precise basis of the understanding has yet to be established.

**Unionists in Favor.**

The result of the day's debate was to confirm the impression that an understanding will eventually be arrived at. A large meeting of Unionist members in favor of a settlement on the federal plan was held in a committee-room of the House of Commons yesterday. The proceedings were private, but it is understood that an amendment to the home rule bill carrying out the views of the meeting was approved and will be placed on paper after the bill has been read a second time for discussion in the committee stage.

Thus home rule is consent is nearer to actual realization than it has ever been, for, as a parliamentary writer observed a few days ago: "This amazing government seems to thrive upon its blunders."

## APRIL MAKES GREAT BUILDING RECORD START

Fifteen Permits Issued This Morning Despite Handicap of Day and Weather.

In spite of cloudy weather and All Fools' Day, building operations for the month of April got away to a great start. Between 9 o'clock and 12 (noon) today, Building Inspector A. M. Piper issued permits for fifteen houses totalling \$26,590, which, to quote the inspector, is going some.

The permits were as follows: R. H. Smith, five houses on Gerrard street, costing \$13,500 each; Clarence Boss, four frame houses on Partridge avenue, costing \$1,100 each; D. McAlpine, a brick-veneer house on Grovenor street, \$3,500; Charles Caughtry, brick house on Carleton avenue, \$1,500; W. B. Pope, brick-veneer house, Ridout street, \$4,000; William Horton, brick-veneer house, Egerton street, \$1,500; and W. J. Wilkie, two brick-veneer houses on Lorne avenue, costing \$1,500 each.

Permits issued yesterday afternoon, bringing the total figure for March up to \$139,590. They include G. Bedgood, a brick house on Terrace street, Chelsea Green, \$12,000; W. Robert, brick-veneer house, Briscoe street, \$1,600; Ald. J. A. Tancock, addition, King street, \$800.

## NOTED PICTURES FOR NATIONAL GALLERY

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, April 1.—Several notable art purchases are announced today for the National Gallery here. They include: "Oedipus," by Jean Francois Millet; "A Governor of Cadix," by Goya; the last of the great masters of the Spanish renaissance; "Waterloo Bridge on a Foggy Day," by the father of the modern French impressionists, Claude Monet; and a Spanish picture of the seventeenth century attributed to Herrera, the younger.

As soon as Inspector Piper's estimate are complete, the board of control will ask for authority from the council to ask for competitive plans for the new building. The cost is to be kept within the \$250,000 mark.

## DELEGATES URGE EXTENSION OF HYDRO ELECTRIC SERVICE

Representatives From London, Guelph, Windsor and Other Cities and Municipalities Outline Plans to Minis- ters—Want Radial Roads.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 1.—A large delegation, representing the Hydro-Electric Radial Union, presented to the Ontario Government this morning a memorial, urging the immediate extension of the hydro-electric service.

The memorial first sets forth the advisability of authorizing the hydro-electric power commission to proceed immediately with the development of power on the spillway of the Welland Canal. A model agreement was embodied in the memorial, outlining the basis of a contract between the municipalities and the hydro-electric power commission to implement the radial scheme. The memorial urges the immediate

arranging of legislation authorizing the issue of 50-year bonds for the construction of the line, but that such bonds be not subject to any sinking fund for the first ten years. So that a railway will start under the most advantageous conditions.

It is also urged for this purpose that the province be divided into electrical zones, so that one recalcitrant municipality may not impede the general movement.

The deputation was seen by Hon. R. A. Pyne, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. W. H. Hearst, Hon. J. O. Reame, Hon. James S. Duff, Hon. B. Lucas, Hon. J. S. Reid, Hon. H. A. Adam, Mayor Carr.

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## Don't Swat the Fly

Inspector Joseph Sanders does not agree with the motto, "Swat the fly." Inspector Sanders thinks fly-swatting is a very dirty business, and in its place he suggests the good old English method of catching flies with the hand. Inspector Sanders said today that he learned this art when a boy and was so proficient that he could quickly exterminate all the flies in a room with a few swoops of his hand.

## WOMAN RESCUED NEARLY SUFFOCATED

Lived over Kingston Store which Caught Fire.

[Canadian Press.] Kingston, April 1.—Fire starting in a pile of matches gutted the grocery store of J. R. R. Gags, with damage to stock of \$2,000, and to building \$1,000.

Winthrop Corkey and his wife, occupied apartments over the store. Mrs. Corkey was almost suffocated with smoke, but two men who discovered the fire succeeded in getting her out to safety.