

LONDON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1923.

STEP ON SCHOOL BOARD, DECLARES MAYOR

SCHOOL BOARD FINDS
A FORGOTTEN SURPLUSFinal Checking of Books and Accounts Reveals Board of Education Has Almost \$30,000 More Than It Expected—
Sum Was Overlooked in Figuring Year's Needs.

MONEY WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ESTIMATES

Yesterday the board of education discovered that it had a surplus from last year of almost \$30,000, about which hitherto they had known nothing.

Those who have experienced the joy of finding a forgotten 25-cent piece hidden in discarded clothing might imagine the members of the board as overcome by the discovery. But such was hardly the case. The pleasure of finding the fortune was mitigated by several complications.

In the first place, the amount had not been noted in the general estimates of the year. It would take a lot of explanations to show the city council why this had not been done, and then after this was accomplished they must surrender the money for the general revenue of the city.

Acting under instructions from the trustees, the secretary of the board has written the council asking that the surplus, less 10,000 still due on

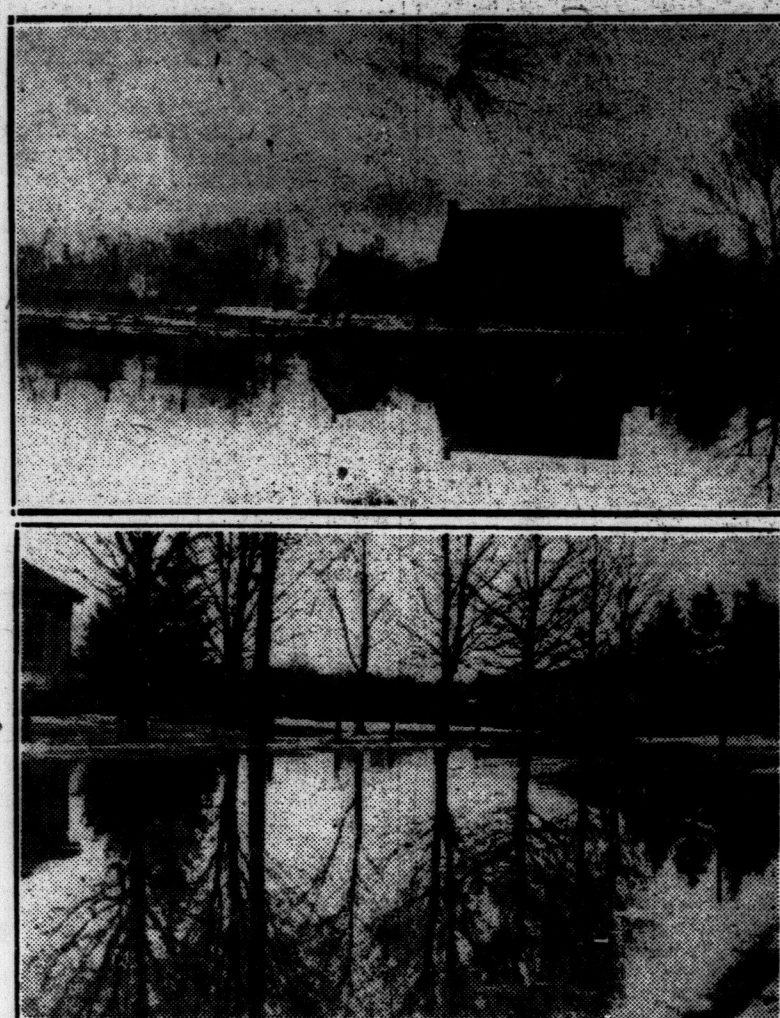
coal, be deducted from the general estimates.

The existence of the surplus, explained Secretary W. A. Tanner this morning, was unknown when the board struck its estimates a few weeks ago. At that time, the city treasurer had not made up the books, and the trustees did not know whether they would be faced by an overdraft or surplus.

The surplus is made up of money still due on coal ordered last year, but which was not delivered until 1922; rental for the old Victoria School, savings on the purchase of equipment, and interest on \$70,000 in credits of the Victoria School.

It was discovered when Inspector Greer went over the public school accounts with City Treasurer Bell, who is also treasurer of the board.

The exact amount is not known as yet, but it will be something more than \$27,000.



SCENES IN SOUTHWEST FLOODED DISTRICT.

The Advertiser staff photographer visited the area bounded by Wortley road and Emery street, where a sewer backed up until it became a river and flooded much property. The pictures above were taken while the flood was at its height, and show the inundated lands.

Strikers In 1922
Outnumber 1921

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 14.—While the number of strikes and lockouts in Canada during the year 1922 was only 85 as compared with 145 during 1921, the number of workers involved in 1922 was 11,050 as compared with 12,932, and the number of working days lost amounted to 1,375,276 as compared with 958,461 during the previous year. Approximately 50 per cent of the time lost on this account last year was in connection with strikes of coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia, which lasted from April until the end of August.

PROMINENT RESIDENT
OF ST. THOMAS IS DEAD

Harry Bruce Jennings Succumbs After Ten Days' Illness.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Thomas, March 14.—Harry Bruce Jennings, member of the firm of W. B. Jennings Company, Limited, died at his home here late last night after ten days' illness with pneumonia. He was 28 years old, and had an enviable record overseas.

Prior to his enlistment, he was city editor of the St. Thomas Journal.

Britain To Honor
U.S. Ambassador

Will Place Memorial Tablet in Westminster Abbey.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 14.—The Times says the dean and chapter of Westminster Abbey have decided to comply with the request made in January by the signature of Premier Bonar Law, the Earl of Balfour, Herbert H. Asquith, David Lloyd George and Lord Grey to erect a tablet in the abbey in the memory of Walter Hines Paine, once United States ambassador to the court of St. James.

The tablet will be placed near the monument to James Russell Lowell, at one time United States minister to Great Britain.

WILL USE BLOODHOUNDS
IN EFFORT TO FIND PRIEST

Associated Press Despatch.
Virden, Ill., March 14.—Three searching parties, composed of hundreds of citizens and led by bloodhounds, will scour the countryside between this city and St. Louis, Mo., a distance of 8 miles, tomorrow in an effort to find a trace of the Rev. John A. Mahoney, priest, who disappeared mysteriously more than a week ago while on a visit to St. Louis.

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Special Cable To The Advertiser.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ACCEPTS LABOR LAWS

Proposed at International Conference in Washington in 1919.

By EDGAR ANSEL MOWLER.
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Rome, March 14.—The Italian government announces its intention of accepting by royal decree four of the labor laws proposed by the International Labor Conference in Washington in 1919. The other two of the six proposed have already been adopted by Italy.

Similar decrees confirm and generalize the eight-hour labor day, limits the amount of overtime laborers can be expected to do, and regulates the pay for overtime. Sailors are excepted from the general provisions.

LARGEST GASOLINE WELL
LOCATED IN ALBERTA

Gives Between Forty and Eighty-Five Barrels Daily, According to Engineer.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, March 14.—Quantities of gasoline, amounting to between 40 and 85 barrels daily, and natural gas, amounting to between 1,500,000 and 3,000,000 cubic feet daily, can be obtained from the Illinois-Alberta oil well west of Calgary, according to the report of S. E. Slipper, Dominion government petroleum engineer, given out here.

Mr. Slipper in his report states, "the test shows that the well is an independent producer of gasoline gas from which gasoline may be extracted."

H. W. Kolb, managing director, states the well will be the largest producer of gasoline in Canada, and that in comparison with a crude oil well from a gasoline standpoint, the Illinois-Alberta well equals a crude oil output of from 200 to 500 barrels a day.

LORD ROBERT CECIL
TO SPEAK IN TORONTO

Will Be Present at Important Educational Conference, Easter Week.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 14.—Word has been received at Toronto University that Lord Robert Cecil, British representative of the League of Nations, and S. K. Radcliffe, of the editorial staff of the Manchester Guardian, will come to Toronto for the big national conference on education and citizenship to be held here Easter week. Lord Robert Cecil and Sir Robert Baden-Powell will speak at the conference mass meeting in Massey Hall on Saturday, April 7.

There will be a special convocation of Toronto University during the conference, to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Henry Newbolt, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Sir Henry Newbolt, Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Lord Robert Cecil.

URGES NO REDUCTIONS
IN MARITIME MEMBERS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., March 14.—That the spirit of the bargain made by the fathers of confederation should govern in the matter of Nova Scotia's federal representation, and that accordingly there should be no reduction in it, was put forward in the House of Assembly here yesterday by R. H. Graham, Liberal, Pictou, who moved a resolution urging co-operation of the maritime and federal governments, to the effect that there might not be any further reduction of maritime representation, and that the British North America Act might be amended to this purpose.

The resolution passed without division.

TOO MANY FREIGHTERS
FOR CARGO OFFERING

British Ship Owner Says Ocean Lanes Are Over-Served With Cargo Liners.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 14.—Lord Kylsant (formerly Sir Owen Phillips), prominent in shipping circles, referred at a meeting yesterday of a shipping company over which he presided to what he called the superfluous number of cargo liners in the carrying trade at present. A number of these vessels had been broken up in the past twelve months.

Lord Kylsant mentioned that one-third of the ships laid up by the United States shipping board were of faulty construction, and of not practical economic value.

SOUTH AMERICA GETS
FIGHT NEWS BY RADIO

News of Firpo's Victory Reaches Argentine as Quickly as Cable.

By CLAUDE O. PIKE.
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Buenos Aires, March 14.—A new epoch in the history of radio telegraphy in Argentina was reached Monday night, when a report of the Firpo-Brennan fight by rounds was transmitted directly from a New York City broadcasting station, and picked up at Saavedra, which is little more than a stone's throw from Buenos Aires, and was relayed by the telephone to the newspapers in the city.

It is claimed that this was the first time that radio communication between the United States and Argentina was established successfully. Though conditions were unfavorable throughout the evening, the high-power transmission and the special receiving apparatus overcame everything, and the story of the fight by rounds was received by the newspapers as speedily as by cable messages.

VILNA BELONGS TO POLAND
BY THE ALLIES' DECISION

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 14.—By decision of the allied council of ambassadors, rendered today, fixing finally the frontier between Poland and Russia, the Vilna district is attached to Poland.

This decision comes as the culmination of the long dispute between Poland and Lithuania, with dramatic incidents, beginning with the raid on Vilna by the Polish general, Zeligowski, in 1920.

Residents of Emery Street
Threaten Suit Against City

Yards and Cellars Are Flooded From Drain—Claim Something Should Have Been Done Long Ago To Stop Water.

With all the worries of an elective police commission, tax rates and other urgent municipal questions on their minds, it appears that another "impossible" situation has cropped up to harass city fathers.

A drain off Emery street, which is allowed to flood backyards and cellars along Wortley road just north of the city limits, and Emery street, the condition of properties along that territory reminds one of the Lake of Shadows. The drain has gushed into this section of the city, and water for blocks around has been several feet deep within the past week.

Now residents of the vicinity are threatening suit against the city. They claim something should have been done long ago to quell the onrush of waters during the late winter. A few days ago the square just inside the city limits was worse than a swamp; it was a miniature lake, and taxpayers are indignant over the alleged negligence of the city in allowing the condition to exist.

Becomes a River.
For two years the county sewer has drained into city property, but this season, owing to sudden thaws, the stream developed by the drain has become a regular river, overflowing its unstable banks and spreading in all directions.

The drain was laid by the county on the edge of the line separating county from city. From there on the waters pour forth with downhill momentum. Previous appeals have been made to the county without success. Now residents have approached the council, but the only satisfaction they could get was assurance that the sewer would be diverted to some other course in about two years' time, when civic expenses will have been reduced.

Approve Bracken's Plan For Marketing Of Wheat.
Winnipeg, March 14.—The farmers' organization of the three prairie provinces have approved Premier Bracken's plan for co-operative wheat marketing.

The idea of a purely non-compulsory and co-operative scheme or pool is endorsed by the farmer organizations to follow the wheat board experiment.

Pittsburg Fire Results In A Loss Of \$200,000.
Pittsburg, Pa., March 14.—Fire early this morning destroyed two brick buildings in Market Square in the downtown section, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Five firemen were injured when a balcony in the shoe factory building upon which they were standing, collapsed, throwing them to the first floor.

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WILL BE THERE AT THE TRIAL. I'LL PROVE TO SKINK AND THE GANG OF POLITICAL PRIESTS THEY CAN'T CHEAT THE PEOPLE OF MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OUT OF A GOOD CONGRESSMAN.

INSTEAD OF HOLLERING FOR JUSTICE HE SHOULD BE LEADING FOR MERCY—SKINK SING ME FOR LIBEL IS LIKE A FELLOW IN A ROW-BOAT TRYING TO RAM A BATTLE-SHIP.

WILL LET PEOPLE WAIT.

"No, we will not. We will continue to operate the bus and are willing to leave people at the corners in order to comply with the law," Mr. Ivey answered.

Magistrate Graydon pointed out that it was not as a result of any information laid by the police commission that the constable violated the law and found the bus overcrowded. As far as he knew, Chief Birrell, acting in good faith, laid the information, he said.

Mr. Ivey informed the court that instructions have already been given to the bus driver in the future no more than 15 passengers are to be carried.

Residents of Knollwood Park district, served by the motor bus, this afternoon protested to the Advertiser that the constable violated the law would create nothing less than a hardship upon them.

The vast majority of them are workmen and women they explained, and if the buses are limited to 15 passengers it will mean that all the others will be compelled to walk to Dundas street or to Oxford street or a mile distant, unless the Street Railway Company chooses to add extra conveyance.

FEDERAL SQUARE
TO BE MADE INTO
MINIATURE PARK

E. V. Buchanan States Steps Will Be Taken to Beautify Spot.

HAS BEEN EYESORE

Property To Be Improved at Request of the City Council.

The federal square is to be beautified.

E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, stated this morning that it would be taken over by the commission and turned into a miniature park.

The square is to be plowed (brick-applied and seeded. Shrubberies and applied, and seeded. Shrubberies and flower beds will add to its beauties.

Some weeks ago the city council requested the commission to improve the property, which for years has been an eyesore. The park commissioners withheld their decision, however, pending the fate of this year's estimates.

The estimates successfully withstood the acid test applied by the city fathers, and so the commissioners feel they will be able to spare the small sum which will be required to improve the square.

An early start will be made, as city officials are anxious that the spot be beautified before Old Boys' Week in August.

The greatest problem that confronts the commission is how the billboards that bring up the rear, but which they hide hideous scrap heaps and bring in a small revenue, are to be hidden. Mr. Buchanan thinks that fast-growing evergreens might be a solution.

MRS. M. A. ROSS THOMAS, elected secretary of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. F., at the annual meeting held in Cronyn Hall this afternoon, succeeding Mrs. James Black McKillop, who tendered her resignation, owing to removal from the city to Toronto. Mrs. Ross Thomas has been assistant secretary during the past year, and is representative of the Isabel Hampton Chapter.

TEACHER AT WINDSOR
HAS SERVED 40 YEARS

Board of Education Aid Staff Member Hurt in Fall.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, March 14.—In June, Miss Mary Robertson, a teacher in the Windsor public schools, will have completed 40 years in the teaching profession, 30 of which have been spent in this city.

Miss Robertson is not now in active service, due to an accident suffered a short time ago. While going to call at the home of a pupil which had recently been visited by death she slipped on the ice and broke her hip, and since that time has been confined to her bed, and it is doubtful if she will ever again teach.

Regulations provide that teachers so incapacitated are to receive their salaries for one month, and this time has almost expired in Miss Robertson's case. The Windsor board of education, however, at a meeting last evening, unanimously decided to pay her salary until June, when, by virtue of her 40 years' service, she will be entitled to the maximum pension from the Ontario department of education.

Hundreds Attend
Delorme Auction

Disappointed Because "Pistol" Is Not Offered For Sale.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 14.—A crowd estimated at nearly one thousand people besieged the home of Rev. Adelard Delorme, asylum inmate and alleged murderer of his half-brother, when the household effects of the family were put on public auction here yesterday. The auctioneer and his assistants had considerable difficulty in controlling the crowd of bargainers.

The crowd was disappointed when the auctioneer failed to put up Delorme's pistol or other articles alleged to have been connected with the murder of the priest's half brother, Rosa Delorme, sister of the murdered Raoul Delorme and half-sister of the Abbe Delorme, was at home during the sale.

CATTLE EMBARGO LIFTED.
WILL TRY OUT MARKETS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, March 14.—Immediately after the British embargo is removed on Canadian live cattle on April 1, this year, the provincial department of agriculture will send a trainload of specially fed steers across the Atlantic to ascertain what conditions will have to be met in such shipments and what can be realized in the way of profits in exportations of this nature to the British market.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, House of Commons, March 14.—Wednesday is private members' day, and the first order of the day is expected to be the resolution of J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre Winnipeg, that the mounted police should be confined to unorganized territories.

The Senate will meet at 3 p.m.

