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CENTRAL CONTROL OF CITY'S AFFAIRS SOUGHT

Progressives Will Fight For Better Freight Rates Law

CITY HALL OFFICIALS GROUPED

Three Head Departments at City Hall Seen in Future.

CIVIC MANAGER

Move Being Made to Eliminate Number in Charge of Branches.

London's city hall departmental staffs may be handled in future by a central, three-man administration. Of the major department officials, one man may be chosen as the head of such an administration. Matters of administration will be passed down to this central body by the city council and in turn will be sent on to special divisions of city hall affairs.

Several officials are now working on reports of their departments which will be taken up shortly by council committees and sent to a form of civic management being put into operation.

Efforts during the past ten years have been successful in linking up a number of the city hall departments. The city engineer's department now includes the building inspection and will likely include plumbing inspection as well this year. The city treasurer's office now includes the tax collection office. Plans are now under way to include the relief department with the health administration totally and put the assessment office under the city clerk.

Point to Three.

At the present time, with indications pointing to an ultimate central control of city hall matters, it would appear possible that the treasurer, engineer and clerk would be named officials of major departments, with other departments working in conjunction with one or other of these officials.

With a three-man administration there could be no "the vote" in matters of government, supporters of the plan declare. Each department would bring up its more important problems at a staff conference and through the clerk recommendations would be sent on to the council.

Favored By Mayors.

Occupants of the mayor's chair for a number of years have been advocates of this gradual fusion of administrative offices. There have been no drastic cuts in salary as a result and under-officials do not lose their identity as department heads. The tax collector is still the tax collector, drawing much the same salary as before the tax office was under the city treasurer.

There will be no cuts in city hall salaries this year, from what can be learned in municipal circles. The move for centralization is given as a means of cutting down errors and overlapping of offices, getting more efficiency and greater co-operation between department heads.

12,000 BOYS AND GIRLS JOIN JUNIOR RED CROSS

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 21.—Additions to the membership of the Ontario Red Cross society by 12,000 boys and girls in public and high schools, in the junior society, were reported at the annual meeting this afternoon. The reports indicated a successful campaign, details of the work undertaken showed an extension of operations among crippled children and a busy year among the "outpost" branches of the society.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Strong northwest winds; fair, becoming much colder.
Friday—Fair and decidedly cold.

The depression, which was in Manitoba yesterday, has passed to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while high pressure with a cold wave has come into Manitoba from the north.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in 24 hours during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 6.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 28.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.24.
Thursday—8 a.m., 29.12.



FAIRIES OF LORNE AVENUE SCHOOL.

Here are the fairies who will take part in the great pageant being presented by the Lorne Avenue school pupils at the Central Collegiate auditorium tonight. They are, from left to right: Upper—Violet Ship, Nina Ashton, Florence Bartlett, June Chapman, Ruth Rider, Jean Boyce, Kathleen Garrow, Evelyn Wilson, Lower, left to right—Vera Milliken.

Eclipse Will Darken Falls For First Time In History

Special Instruments to Measure Effects of Varying Light Shadings.

WILL USE DATA

Associated Press Despatch. Buffalo, Jan. 22.—Niagara Falls, with its magnificent cataract banked with great pillars of crystal ice, never darkened by a total eclipse in the memory of the white man, and thence, with its concentration of scientific experiments in Cornell university, are vying for this section of New York state's chief interest in the total eclipse of the sun which will take place next Saturday morning.

The observations to be made at Niagara Falls will be distinctly unique. It is expected that the eclipse will afford an unprecedented opportunity for study of the effects of varying light and shade over the cataract with the illumination controlled by the hand of man alone cannot control it.

What will be the effect of the gradual changing of the character and intensity of illumination during the eclipse and the pale light of the sun's corona on the dancing prisms of snow and water in the cataract is a matter for conjecture. There is no record of a previous occurrence.

The Cleveland Astronomical society will take observations from the roof of the new Niagara hotel and a corps of scientists under the direction of W. Darcy Ryan, head of the General Electric illuminating laboratory at Schenectady, will be stationed at the falls to measure and photograph the effect of the eclipse on the water and ice of the cataract. The photometric measurements are expected to be of great scientific value. Data gathered by the expedition will be used as a basis for planning artificial illumination of the falls, in which several nearby cities are interested.

JUSSERAND QUILTS U. S. SERVED FOR 22 YEARS

French Ambassador Given Great Ovation When Leaving Washington.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Ambassador Jusserand of France left Washington yesterday after twenty-two years of diplomatic service with a warm spontaneous ovation welling toward him in an unusually large crowd of the capital's residents who had come, through the decades, to know him as a friend.

Conscious of the part he had played for so long in keeping intact the traditional friendship between the two republics, and remembering the dignified and enlightened manner in which he headed numerous foreign missions here, official, diplomatic and private Washington gathered at the station in an effort to express their regret and sense of loss his retirement has caused.

WEEHAWKEN RUM TRIAL JURY STILL IN SESSION

Associated Press Despatch. Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of ten Weehawken police officers and two civilians for conspiracy to violate the state prohibition act was locked up last night after reporting inability to reach an agreement.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL GET \$25,000,000 FROM U.S.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Jan. 22.—The senate yesterday ratified treaties with the Dominican republic, confirming the evacuation of United States military forces and describing the method for the refunding of the Dominican debt totaling \$25,000,000.

Fortune Will Not Stop Him

Associated Press Despatch. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 22.—Lorenz Koenig, 72, inherited \$115,000 worth of negotiable securities from his son, Dr. Albert H. Koenig who killed himself last Sunday, but will continue to stock shingles in an Omaha lumber yard for \$28 a week.

"If I quit, I'd die," said the aged man, who has been a laborer all his life. He said he would share his estate with his three remaining children.

HYDRO DELAYS IN '24 TOTAL 46 MINUTES

Local Service Record Considered Very Satisfactory by Manager Buchanan.

General interruptions in the London hydro system during 1924 totalled only 46 minutes. Since two of the interruptions were of nine and four minutes' duration, respectively, the majority of the interruptions were of one and two minutes' duration.

In giving out the above information this morning, Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities commission declared it to be a record of which the commission is proud.

Interruptions in the local system totalled 238 minutes, which also is a satisfactory record. The general interruptions, of course, were due to causes outside the local system.

"That is pretty reliable service," asserted Mr. Buchanan. "Gone is the day when people can say they are not able to use electric cook stoves because of unreliable power service. I don't believe that anybody missed a meal during the past year on account of lack of electricity."

"This year's record of interruptions is good," concluded Mr. Buchanan, in stating that the total interruptions had been consistently decreasing, but we'll beat that next year."

FIRST BRITISH-CANADIAN TRADE PARLEY IN PROGRESS

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Jan. 22.—A number of British trade commissioners in Canada gathered here yesterday for the first general conference on matters affecting trade between Great Britain and Canada ever held here. The meetings will be held privately, after which a report will be made to the imperial authorities.

F. W. Field, senior British trade commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, who is presiding over the meeting, said that the object of the conference was to discuss means for the betterment of British trade in Canada, the work being done under the British department of overseas trade.

BRITISH ARE PLEASED WITH SENATE'S DECISION

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 22.—The Daily Telegraph commenting editorially on the decision of the United States senate to reject the proposal to elevate the guns on United States warships, said that the editorial adds, the senate possibly averted an acute crisis that might have heralded a general movement for a costly policy of reconstruction.

STEWARDS' STRIKE ENDS

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 21.—Following the action of the management committee of the seamen's union, in recommending to the various state branches of the organization to man the ships affected by the strike of waterside workers, the Melbourne and Newcastle branches have accepted the award of the court of arbitration.

ALBERTA TO PASS INDUSTRIAL ACT

May Take Steps at Next Session as Result of Lemieux Act Upset.

Canadian Press Despatch. Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 22.—A provincial act to take the place of the disallowed industrial disputes investigation act, will likely be passed at the coming session of the legislature, it was stated by Attorney-General Brownlee, by way of comment upon the action of the privy council in London. At various times in the past an act of such character has been discussed, but in view of the fact that dominion-wide legislation was already in effect there did not seem to be need or reason for adding a provincial measure.

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Jan. 22.—That the privy council judgment with respect to the constitutionality of the Lemieux act, will have a far-reaching effect in respect to federal jurisdiction generally, is the opinion of members of the government here, who have perused the text.

So far as the department of labor is concerned it is admitted that the findings of the learned judges entirely upset the entire machinery by which for the past eighteen years the industrial disputes have been arbitrated, and settled. There still remains on the statute book a conciliation act, but the opinion here is that the very objections raised by the privy council against the Lemieux act will render the conciliation act unworkable and ineffective. The only alternative now would appear to be the creation of provincial acts, and in that connection complete uniformity is regarded as impossible. Such acts, moreover, could not easily be applied to interprovincial corporations and their workers.

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All London Must Fight City's Growing Fire Loss

Here is the Per Capita Loss.

LONDON 1916 - '18	\$2.35
LONDON 1919 - '21	\$4.50
LONDON 1922 - '24	\$9.81
LONDON FOR YEAR 1924	\$12.52
OTTAWA 1922 - '24	\$5.21
HAMILTON 1922 - '24	\$5.11
TORONTO 1922 - '24	\$5.05
26 CITIES IN ONT. 1923	\$5.33
DOMINION 1923	\$5.20
BURNABLE VALUES INCREASED IN TEN YEARS 120%	

COSTA RICA STEPS OUT OF LEAGUE

Resigns From World Organization and Remits Back.

REASONS APPARENT

First Nation to Withdraw May Be Induced to Reconsider Decision.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Jan. 22.—Costa Rica filed her formal resignation from the league of nations today, transmitting with her message a check for her back dues. No reason was given for the withdrawal, but league officials asserted it was assumed the resignation was due to the criticisms of the country for failure to pay her assessments, voiced during the sessions of the budget committee at the last assembly.

Costa Rica fixed Jan. 1 as the date of resignation, but as the covenant requires two years' notice of withdrawal she would not cease to be a member until Jan. 1, 1927.

Officials of the league said, however, that they hoped in the meantime to induce her to rescind her decision and resume membership. The letter containing notice of resignation included a check for \$18,677 in payment of back dues for the years 1921-1924, inclusive. Costa Rica's annual assessment was about \$5,000, her dues, like those of some of the other Central American states, being reduced considerably during the war years.

During the budget hearings, the failure of Costa Rica and some other countries to meet their financial obligations to the league were unfavorably commented on. The rates of assessments were based on the system of the universal postal union, and the league authorities found these excessive for certain of the smaller countries.

This is the first case of a resignation from the league.

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LITTLE MISS MARGARET GRAYDON.

daughter of Magistrate Graydon and Mrs. Marshall Graydon, who will appear as the Queen of the Fairies in the spectacular production, "The King's Winter Carnival," which is to be given on Friday, Jan. 30, under the auspices of the Lord Roberts mothers' club. Photo by Sanders studio.

WINDMILLS NOT FAVORED TO SUPPLY ELECTRIC POWER

Trouble With Storage Batteries Declared To Be Only Obstacle.

FARMER USES ONE

Unreliability and short life of most storage batteries, the high cost of the indestructible kind, and the high cost of installation will prevent wind power being used to any considerable extent in the provision of electric power, says Harris P. Elliott, consulting engineer. It has been suggested in some quarters since Sir Adam Beck announced his intention of curtailing all hydro extensions, giving as a reason a probable shortage of hydro power, that windmills might be enlisted to support water in supplying power in rural districts.

In answer to this Mr. Elliott states that while in some parts of the United States this principle has been adopted, it has only been to the extent of emergency plants, and that windmills are not used to provide electric power plants on any large or municipal scale. The reasons given above have eliminated windmills as producers of electric power. Nevertheless some farmers have introduced this means of getting power, and they have found it cheap and efficient. A farmer up north has installed a windmill and storage batteries at a total cost of \$950, which he says gives him light in his house and barn, and power to operate his fruit elevators in the barn. As long as he gets 12 hours of wind a week he is supplied with the necessary power. As the meteorological records in his part of the province show that the average wind pressure has never been less than 60 hours a week, he feels fairly comfortable and is not worrying on the score of wind.

Mr. Elliott says that while certain manufacturers in the States have lately produced what is practically an indestructible battery, its price is prohibitive, and a large manufacturing concern in London having investigated its merits decided it was cheaper to use hydro.

FIRE IN RADIO STORE CAUSES DAMAGE OF \$500

Fire of undetermined origin in the Radio Electric Company this morning caused damage of \$500 when a considerable amount of stock was destroyed.

The blaze was reported at the central fire hall shortly before 10 o'clock. The Radio Electric Company's offices are on the second floor of a building at 77 Dundas street. Slight damage was caused in the Robert's engraving plant on the third floor and the Meakins Brush Company on the ground floor through smoke.

The blaze was extinguished with chemicals.

"OLD CURIOSITY SHOP" ENDANGERED BY FLAMES

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 22.—The quaint little house in central London known to thousands of Canadian visitors as the "old curiosity shop" of Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop" was endangered by fire last evening.

Radio Is Used For Cribbing

Associated Press Despatch. Strasbourg, France, Jan. 22.—The use of wireless as a means of "cribbing" by a young Strasbourg medical student has horrified the whole faculty of the university here. It appears that the aspiring Alsatian installed a wireless telephone receiving set under the table at which he was due to undergo a crucial written test, and that a friend coached him from the outside.

The dean of the medical school is investigating the affair, which is likely to be aired before the minister of public instruction.

QUEBEC OPPOSITION PUTS IN AMENDMENT

Taschereau Government Scored For Failure to Carry Out Promises.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Jan. 22.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was brought to a close after a long day's speaking by the moving of an amendment on the part of the opposition.

The amendment was moved by Dr. A. J. Lortie, M.L.A. for Soulanges, and declares that the government has not seen fit to take the various steps which the opposition contends are necessary for the prosperity of the province. The amendment will be debated today and promises to end in the evening.

The speeches were made yesterday by Adolphe L'Archeveque, Conservative member for Mercier, Montreal; E. Thériault, Liberal of Pléret; Alfred Durand, Conservative, of Lauroville; and Hon. Athanasius David, provincial secretary.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE IS GIVEN YOUTHFUL FORGER

Ambrose J. Clark, 21 years old, arrested a week ago on a forgery charge, was given suspended sentence when he appeared before Magistrate Graydon in court this morning. The young man had attempted to cash a check for \$800 that he might secure money to buy transportation to Florida. He was allowed out of jail today in his father's custody, to report to Magistrate Graydon in a week's time for sentence.

ROADS ARE OPEN.

County roads as far as Wardsville and Newbury are O.K. for motor traffic. R. A. Finn, of the department of agriculture, states Mr. Finn made a trip to both villages yesterday in the interests of live stock improvement work and says that the roads are quite passable.

WEST WILL BATTLE FOR NEW RATES

Robert Forke, M. P., Tells Electors of Progressive Party's Intentions.

DISREGARDS DECISION

Bracken Not in Favor of Building Hudson's Bay Railway.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Virden, Man., Jan. 22.—Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives in the Canadian parliament, addressing a meeting of his electors of Virden and vicinity, here, yesterday, announced that in the coming session the great fight of the Progressives will be for statutory enactment on the question of freight rates as a result of the Crows Nest Pass affair, no matter what the decision of the supreme court may be on the railway commission order.

FAVORS MARKET POOL.

Canadian Press Despatch. Navan, Ont., Jan. 22.—Declaring that the pooling system of marketing farm produce was fundamentally sound, W. A. Amos, of Palmerston, Ont., president of the United Farmers of Ontario, in an address here yesterday said that grain growers of the west must get together and develop an organization that must eventually control the wheat markets of the world.

"Farmers have to co-operate not only amongst themselves but with other classes," Mr. Amos said. "The farmers of Ontario are giving a lead in this direction and our urban citizens may well follow their lead. By so doing, a more intimate relationship of prices will be established."

Mrs. J. S. Amos, of Woodstock, Ont., president of the United Farm Women of Ontario, advocated the appointment of a woman trustee on every rural school board. For the general health of the rural child she was emphatic in stating the necessity for hot lunch equipment in rural schools. Mental and dental inspections she also considered essential.

The president of the farm women also emphasized the importance of proper supervision during the noon hour, also a system of supervised play for physical development and to foster good sportsmanship.

OPPOSES BUILDING.

Windsor, Jan. 22.—The construction of the Hudson Bay railway by the provincial governments of the western provinces is not favored by premier John Bracken of Manitoba, according to a statement he made in the Legislature here yesterday during the debate on the address from the throne. He declared it was not the duty of the provincial governments.

"When Nova Scotia builds its own harbors, Ontario the Welland canal, and British Columbia carries out its own harbor improvements, then will I advocate the western provinces building the Hudson bay line," said Premier Bracken.

CABINET RESIGNS.

Associated Press Despatch. Luxembourg, Jan. 21.—The Luxembourg cabinet resigned today.

The Money Mirror

Every day The Advertiser reports the rise and fall of stocks and bonds in the markets of the world.

But something more than a daily record is required to give a true perspective of the general trend of money. This is accomplished in the chart which The Advertiser publishes each Saturday showing what has happened during the previous thirty days. It is a money mirror—picturing stocks, mining production, grains and cotton.

Watch for it on Saturday.