

WARD FOUR ASSESSMENT UP \$600,000

WARD FOUR IS UP HALF MILLION IN ITS ASSESSMENT

Commissioner Bennett Submits Official Report of New Figures.

POPULATION GROWS

Increase in This Regard Is Confined to Portion of the Annexed Area.

Ward four's assessment, just completed, shows an increase of \$578,726 over 1922, as revealed in an official report submitted today by Henry Bennett, city assessment commissioner. This includes the annexed district.

The increase is accounted for in the following manner: Land, \$9,515; buildings, \$448,032; business assessment, \$20,000; and \$101,000.

The ward population, including the annexed districts, shows an increase of 200, although the ward proper showed a decrease of 14. This was to be expected, in view of the continued building in the newer areas.

Interesting Figures.
There are 2,813 children in this district, as follows: 703 between the ages of 5-6, 1,004 from 7 to 13 years of age, and 506 between 14 and 15 years. Of this number, 3,064 are attendants at the public schools and 329 at the separate schools.

There are 634 men assessed for statute labor, while there are 3,169 on the supplementary voters' list. (part two). There are 25 per cent more married persons on the roll in 1923, in view of the amendment to the act which allows both man and wife, joint property owners, to exercise the ballot, irrespective of which one owns the property.

There are 487 male dogs in ward four and but 94 of the female type. The increased assessment for the two subdivisions of the annexed district is \$2,000 with an increase in population of 214.

In his report to the committee Assessment Commissioner Bennett states that despite the reduction of the staff of outside assessors, the work has been undertaken with greater despatch and accuracy.

Assessment Commissioner Bennett's report follows:
"The number of entries on the assessment roll has increased about 25 per cent over last year on account of the names of all married persons having to be put on the roll for voting purposes, either as a freholder, or tenant in their husband's or wife's right, as the case may be."

"The recording of the children has also become a much greater task than in former years, as the children's names are now grouped according to age as shown in the report."

"Besides the natural increase in business and real estate, you will note a reduction in exemption property. This has been caused by taking several properties out of the exemption class that I am of the opinion should pay taxes. I have also assessed, for the first time, properties for business tax that I consider are lawfully entitled to pay same."

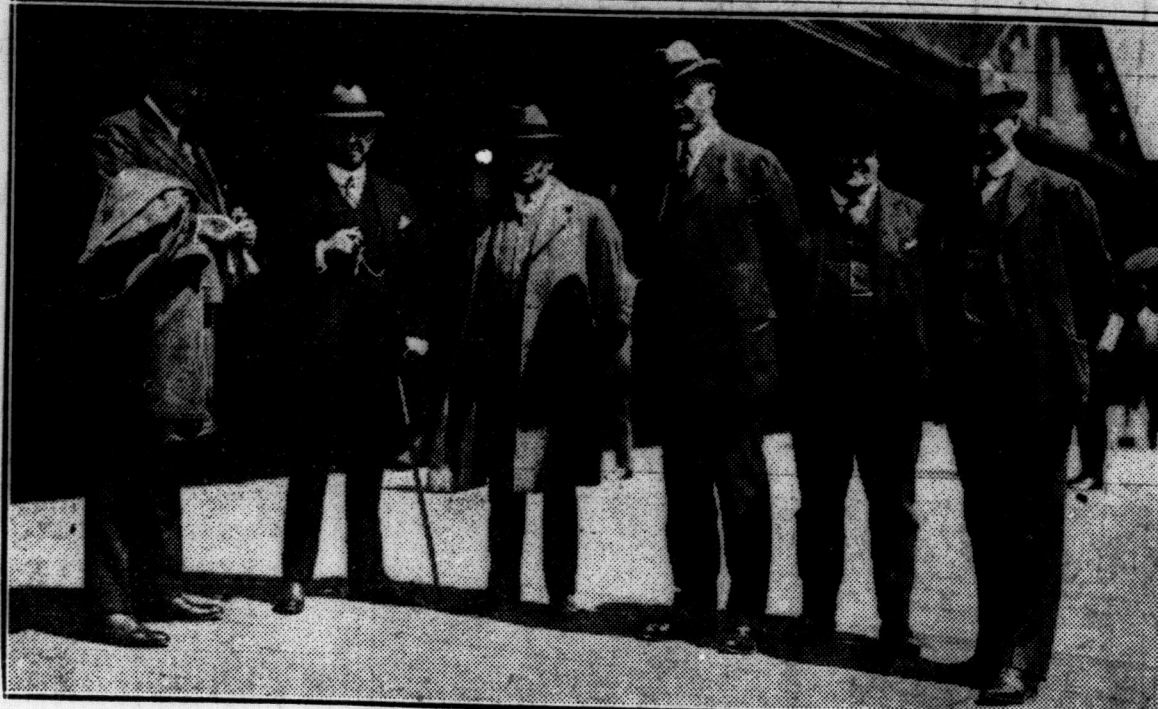
"Requests for return of income and other information were served on all persons on record."

"A bylaw was passed making compulsory filing of returns by individuals who may not have been notified."

"Incorporated companies were requisitioned for their head offices for returns of dividends paid to local residents."

"Requisitions were mailed employees for return of employees' wages. Default notices were mailed, both by ordinary mail and registered mail, to persons in the ward who neglected to make out their return. Many forms were returned to sender for verification by an affidavit or that were not properly filled out. This entailed a great deal of extra clerical work."

"Experience has demonstrated that income assessment must be dealt with



This is Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, and his party, caught by the Advertiser staff photographer, just after their arrival in London this morning at the G. T. R. depot. From left to right, Sir Henry Thornton, J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the lines, Charles Forrester, superintendent of the London division, Frank J. Watson, freight traffic manager, and T. C. Bond, chief engineer of the central region of the system.

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SIR HENRY THORNTON READY TO NEGOTIATE

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of tickets, and baggage handling. The London Railway Commission has been subjected to a thorough probe. The agreement is still enforceable. The London and Port Stanley electric lines have been operated since electrification to a temporary terminal at Richmond street that is constructed on Grand Trunk property.

Sir Adam Beck and his associates on the London and Port Stanley Board have maintained that a settlement of the Grand Trunk middle would again present London's opportunity to negotiate for a union depot, into which the London and Port Stanley electric lines would be incorporated. For that reason, Sir Adam Beck and his associates have been reluctant to accept the offer.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAKE SURE OF COAL

Members Will Leave Nothing to Chance—Set Conditions For Contracts.

Nothing is to be left to chance this year when the London school board buys the winter's supply of coal for the public and secondary schools of the city.

The board officials know what they want in the way of quality, and they are prepared to make sure that they get it. Conditions governing the awarding of contracts set forth clearly the desired constituents, and tests must prove that the fuel is of the highest grade.

Heat above all things is required. This is evinced by a clause stipulating that all coal must exceed 14,500 B. T. U. The average coal received from the mines of Pennsylvania runs in the neighborhood of 12,000 units, while Alberta coal received in the city recently averaged between 12,000 and 13,000 units.

In Pocahontas coal ash is not to exceed 4.69 per cent, while in steam coal it must not exceed 5.91 per cent. The fixed carbon in Pocahontas coal must test 77.37 per cent and in steam coal 60.03 per cent.

To make sure that full weight is received, all coal purchased must be weighed on the city scales before going into the school bins.

There is insufficient accommodation in a majority of the schools to hold the winter's supply, and so the board stipulated that the bins be filled to capacity and that the rest be delivered as accommodation is found. The bins must be filled before the summer months.

Altogether 330 tons of anthracite is to be purchased and 2,845 tons of bituminous. This is nearly 300 tons more than the amount purchased last year.

DETECTIVES NOT ALARMED BY FINDING COTTON WASTE

City detectives can find no cause for alarm by the finding of two paper bags of dry cotton waste in a frame house at the rear of the home of Sherman Carpenter, of 200 Adelaide street, last night. The waste was not oil-soaked, as a local paper stated this morning, the detectives stated.

The officers believe that the bags were left in the building by children who had been playing there. There is not even a slight suspicion that a firebug was preparing for work.

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MOUNTED POLICE PREPARE CHARGE AGAINST J. V. ISON

Expected To Submit New Evidence Against Alleged Firebug Suspect.

VISIT EMPLOYERS

Question Former Employers to Determine Actions in Past.

Upon the extent to which the Royal Northwest Mounted Police fortify their evidence this afternoon will depend whether Ison, who appears in police court tomorrow morning charged with vagrancy. Upon the evidence marshalled by morning will depend whether Ison, who appears in police court tomorrow morning charged with vagrancy, is charged with arson, or remanded another week.

Sergt. A. Birtwhistle has been conducting an exhaustive investigation into the case. Since yesterday he and Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott, K.C., have given the matter much of their time.

Conduct Probe.
Ison's past, particularly prior to his joining the R. C. R., has been subjected to a thorough probe. Former employers with whom he has served have been questioned. A young East London girl with whom Ison kept company at one time was quizzed also.

When arrested, Ison had but one cent in his possession. Authorities interested in the case say he has been, and is still, in debt.

Sergt. Birtwhistle stated this morning that it has not been definitely decided whether Ison will be tried in the military or civil courts.

Lived Near Blaze.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD HALTS WORK ON SQUARE

Awaits Decision From Council On the New City Hall.

Although the public utilities commission desires to make an early start on beautifying the Federal Square, nothing will be done until after the meeting of the city council on Monday night next.

When the city fathers gather they will decide, it is expected, whether or not a new city hall is to be erected this year. If they decide to build the hall, all plans for beautification of the square will be dropped as far as the parks commission is concerned, but if a negative vote is registered, improvements will be made immediately.

At the request of the city council, some weeks ago, the commission decided to take charge of the Federal Square and by planting grass and flowers, turn it into a miniature park. No further communication has been received from the city council, however, and so the matter will stand until the disposition of the square has been decided upon.

GIVEN THREE MONTHS FOR STEALING DRESSES

Edith Simpson Wished To Be Clothed 'Like Other People' and Stole.

Edith Simpson was sentenced to three months in the county jail for three charges of theft, the sentences to run concurrently, in police court today.

She admitted a week ago that she had stolen three dresses from the London House, where she was employed.

Her plea this morning was that she had seen the dresses in the rooms and had wished to be dressed like other people, and had taken them.

"You were not driven by need to steal," Magistrate A. H. M. Grayson remarked. "You had a good home, good clothes to wear, and food to eat. I don't feel I have the power, without the consent of the crown, to suspend sentence on you. I am not going to send you to the Andrew Mercer Reformatory. I will send you to the common jail for a couple of months. A great deal of leniency is being shown you, but if you come back again you will be sent to the reformatory."

"The sentence I impose on you is that you be confined in the common jail for a period of three months on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently."

WILL TAKE ACTION.
Henry Weston, through his solicitor, J. M. Lonohe, has issued a supreme court writ against Sarah A. Weston for an account of all money received by the defendant from the plaintiff, for the recovery of, or for a declaration that part of lot 15, on the west side of Adelaide street, and the chattels therein contained are held in trust for the plaintiff by the defendant. Both parties are residents of London.

REDUCE SUGAR TEN CENTS.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Vancouver, B. C., May 1.—A reduction of ten cents a hundred in the wholesale price of granulated sugar to \$11.39 was announced here yesterday.

ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE LONDON GOODS

Tenders Received and Opened Today, But Contracts Not Yet Awarded.

Tenders for school supplies were received and opened by members of the finance committee of the board of education this morning.

While the complete lists of contracts were not awarded, bids for some of the most important items were accepted. So far every contract let has been awarded to a local firm.

All the scribbles, exercise books, pens, erasers and art supplies will also be purchased through local firms.

An average of ten and twelve tenders, many from out-of-town firms, were received for each item. The most part the figures offered by the bidders were as low as those offered by firms elsewhere. The tender of convenience was also considered in awarding contracts.

Banking Committee Refuses to Amend the Wording of Sir John Aird's Evidence.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, May 1.—Sir John Aird's reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway as "that great octopus" was the occasion of a letter which Hon. A. K. McLean, chairman, read to the commons banking and commerce committee this morning. The letter was from Sir John Aird, who after reading his evidence wrote to explain that he had not intended to use the expression in an "insidious sense."

He asked to amend his evidence to read that but for the aid given by the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Canadian Northern, "we would not have had the Canadian National Railway and the transportation facilities of Western Canada would have been a great monopoly, in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

Sir John's letter was put into the record, but no change was ordered in his original statement.

"I would not change the record for anybody," remarked W. F. MacLean, Conservative, South York, amid general laughter. The chairman expressed a hope that unless the finance minister brought down the budget next week, the committee would then take up the discussion of the bank act. Mr. Fielding would desire to be present during those discussions, he said.

Prof. Fisher was then called to the stand and questioned.
Hon. A. K. MacLean asked if the gold basis would be continued under his proposal.

Prof. Fisher replied that gold would still underlie the system, but it would vary in price.

April 30 Customs Receipts In London Largest Ever Known In History of City

The customs report for April contains the record of the largest day's collection in the history of London, that of April 30th, when the collections amounted to \$64,250.08.

As far as the inspector of customs can find out in the past records of the city, April was also unique by the fact that as a month it totalled the largest monthly collection. The total customs increase for the month amounted to \$41,951.28. The figures of the report for the month are:

Import Duties	Sales Tax	Excise Tax	On Imports	Sundries	Customs Total	Domestic Excise	Domestic Duties	Excise Total	Total
1923	\$150,876.84	\$27,368.09	\$480.61	\$608.56	\$189,954.61	\$116,782.06	\$18,222.47	\$235,004.53	\$324,959.17
1922	126,305.88	20,539.09	1,138.35	1,138.35	149,083.33	66,875.13	17,613.32	84,488.45	233,491.78
	\$ 24,570.96	\$ 17,449.51	\$ 480.61	\$ 649.80	\$ 41,951.28	\$ 49,906.93	\$ 609.15	\$ 50,516.08	\$ 92,467.39

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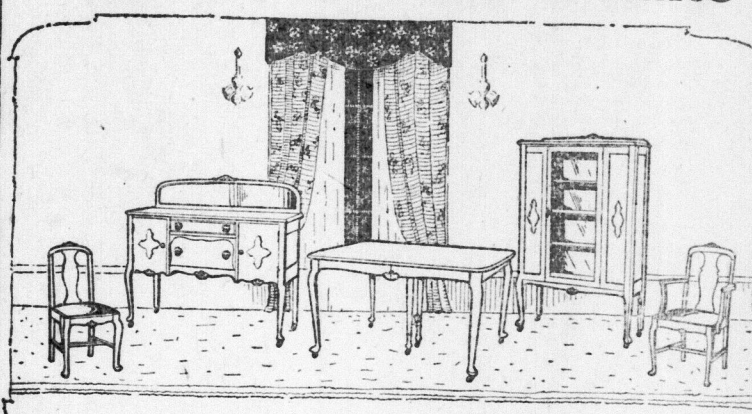
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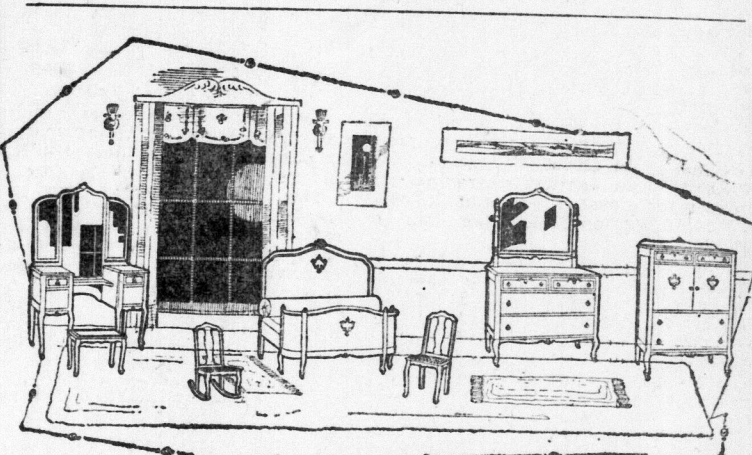
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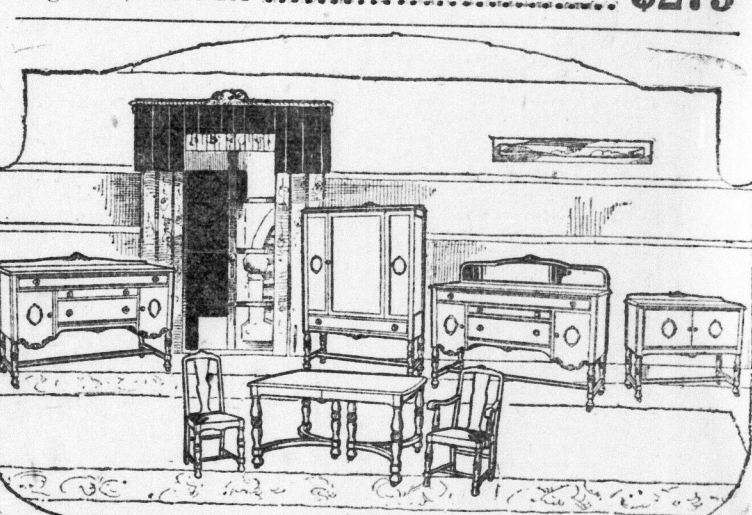
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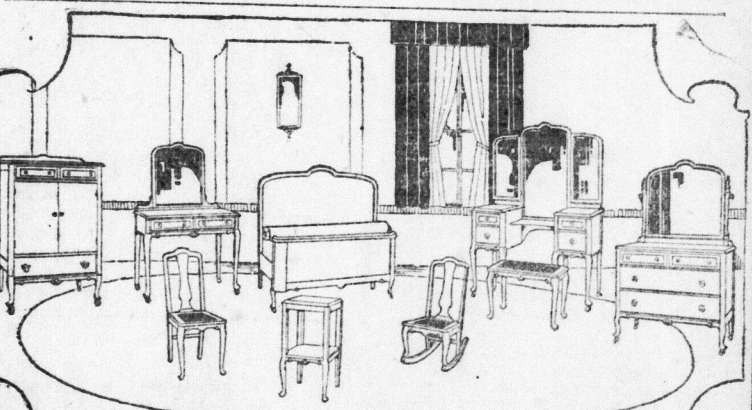
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