

THE WEATHER:
EASTERLY WINDS, COLD.
TOMORROW—COLD.

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

THREE CENTS.

NO NEW PROVINCIAL TAXES WILL BE LEVIED

Quick Response To Advertiser's Alberta Coal Petition

TREASURER CLAIMS \$15,000,000 DEFICIT FROM U.F.O. REGIME

Budget Speech Promises No New Taxation Will Be Introduced, and That an Audit Will Be Made of All the Revenues of the Crown—Deficit Shown Is Largest in History of Province.

POLICY OF RIGID ECONOMY PROMISED

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, in making his budget speech this afternoon, will claim a deficit of \$15,000,000 on the last year of the Drury administration. In presenting what he calls a "clear balance sheet," he will endeavor to show a total deficiency of over \$24,000,000 for the last four years, or an average of \$6,000,000 annually. The deficit shown for this year is the largest in the history of the province.

The budget speech for the present and future promises an audit of all the revenues of the crown which is a new departure in public policy. There will be no new taxation introduced. The retirement of debt will receive careful attention. A strong policy of rigid economy is promised, and co-operation of all asked to that end.

The government states the treasurer will exercise all his energies in seeing that expenditures are cut to the bone, and only necessary expenditures maintained.

Claims Audits Justified.

Mr. Price claims that the recent audits of the amusement branches is justified by returns. Hereafter he announces the storage of government paper will be in the parliament buildings and not with the contractors. The assets of the province are to receive new treatment, and the hydro interest adjusted to date.

The treasurer will conclude his speech with an expression of hope for the future based on the policy of economy and the tremendous wealth of the province, both actual and potential.

The wealth he estimates at \$10,000,000, and says that with such great facilities there can be no room for pessimism if economy be practiced. Many new changes have been made in the system of provincial bookkeeping, of which Mr. Price will inform the House. Some changes in revenue show an increase including the motor branch, but succession duties show a decrease.

Scores Drury Financing.
The budget speech, in its review of provincial finances, is an attack on the methods used and results obtained by the late administration.

The treasurer states that in the pre-election bills issued by the late treasurer, the province failed to realize one-quarter million dollars in exchange. He declared also that the buying in by the last government of succession duty free issues of low rate interest bonds at high prices means the loss of millions to the province. He claims that the redemption of Ontario inscribed stock in England by the Drury government was an improvident and astounding deal.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN BACKS THE MAYOR

Douglass Indorses "No Schools Without a Tax Reduction" Ultimatum.

As chairman of the finance committee and another advocate of a 32-mill tax rate, Ald. L. H. Douglass lines with Mayor Wenig in his ultimatum "no high schools without a lower tax rate than in 1923."

Co-operation between all civic spending bodies is essential if the people are to be given substantial reduction in taxes, the chairman warns and this can only be done if the school trustees and others refrain from any demands upon the public exchequer in excess of last year.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Easterly winds; cold with local snow falls and flurries.
Wednesday—Strong northeast winds with snow or sleet.
Stations. High Low Weather
Port Arthur ... 10 6 Cloudy
S. S. Marie ... 18 6 Cloudy
Cochrane ... 10 -20 Clear
Toronto ... 24 8 Cloudy
Kingston ... 18 -10 Fair
Ottawa ... 22 -10 Fair
Montreal ... 14 -2 Clear
Quebec ... 16 8 Clear
St. John ... 20 -2 Clear
Halifax ... 32 4 Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 25; lowest, 16.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 18; lowest, 12.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 p.m.—29.78.
Today—8 a.m.—29.60.



GORDON INGRAM, president of the chamber of commerce, who indorses the plan to petition the government for an immediate inquiry into the Alberta coal question.

WORK NEAR END FOR UNEMPLOYED

Situation Is Expected To Be Cleared Up in Another Two Weeks.

Another two weeks should put the city through its unemployment crisis, in the opinion of Mayor Wenig, J. C. Spencer, head of the local government bureau, and City Engineer W. P. Near, who conferred today again to formulate plans for the immediate future.

As the public utilities tree-trimming activities will be concluded before the end of this week, the city authorities considered what further provision could be made.

City Engineer Near reported that it would be possible to absorb but few additional men on the Wellington-High street sewer job, as work now in progress demands the effect of the more experienced help. He will hire, however, as many more of the unemployed as possible.

In the meanwhile the city waits for milder weather, when the city engineer will be able to place gangs at work clearing snow and ice from the thoroughfares. Another couple of weeks is expected to give this needed change in the weather.

ENGINEER EXPLAINS THE DEFECTS IN TILE

Says the Trouble With Cement Sewer Tile Is Due to the Weather.

City Engineer W. P. Near states that the cause of certain defective tile for the Wellington-High street sewer job had nothing to do with the argument in the city council prior to its purchase.

Certain members of the council opposed the purchase of this concrete tile, but the engineer explains that the trouble in this instance was purely aggravated by climatic conditions, the engineer explains, and would not have occurred had the work been in progress at any other period than in the winter months.

Smith Would Reduce Council

Alderman Believes Six Would Be Sufficient.

A smaller city council would tend toward greater expediency in municipal administration, according to Ald. Smith.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY TO LIFT CATTLE EMBARGO

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 19.—It is stated here that an order for the prohibition of the importation of Canadian store cattle owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in this country was intended only as a temporary measure.

SUSPECT HELD FOR THEFT OF TOBACCO

Man Giving Name J. A. Richards Believed Leader of Robber Gang.

GOODS RECOVERED

Manager Reports Greater Proportion of Property Found in Toronto.

Toronto police state they have captured the leader of the robber gang which got away with over \$5,000 worth of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco from the London warehouse of Seales & Roberts on the night of Feb. 8.

The man gave the name of J. A. Richards to Toronto police, and a warrant is being forwarded to Toronto by local police authorities.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell had no comment to make on the arrest, merely stating that certain information had arrived from Toronto this morning and that steps were being taken. He stated, as far as he knew, Richards had no police record here, but it is pointed out that the prisoner may have given a fictitious name to Toronto detectives.

Mr. White, manager of the London branch of Seales & Roberts, believes that from information he has received, the greater portion of the stolen goods has been recovered in Toronto.

The thieves, according to Mr. White, backed their stolen motor truck against the back door of the warehouse some time between 7 and 10 o'clock a week ago Saturday night, and lost no time in making an entry of the premises. They secured 320,000 cigarettes, 7,000 cigars and 2,800 pounds of tobacco.

DEMAND TO EXTEND TIME NOT EXTENSIVE

H. J. Childs Believes Few Are Operating Autos With Old Licenses.

While Windsor has petitioned the provincial authorities to extend the time limit for those who would secure their 1924 auto licences, H. J. Childs, local issuer, does not consider that there is any real demand for an extension in London.

Mr. Childs states that there can be but few auto owners in this city who are now operating their cars with the old license plates. He does not include the hundreds of machines, however, still under cover for the winter. New licenses for these are not imperative, he explains, and he reminds, although there are numerous people who have evidently been unaware of this.

"I took special note when I was out yesterday," Mr. Childs said, "and I saw but two cars with the old markers."

CITIZEN OVERLOOKED \$9,000 OF EARNINGS

Assessment Commissioner Declares Careful Scrutiny of the Rolls Is to City's Benefit.

There is nothing like having an eye to business, Assessment Commissioner Henry Bennett stated today, as he noted particulars about nine new business tax assessments gathered practically overnight.

Income returns are receiving even increased scrutiny, he warns, relating how, only yesterday, his assessors encountered one party who had "overlooked" a \$9,000 portion of his earnings.

"We adopted the charitable outlook," the commissioner explained, "and assumed that he had really forgotten about this item."

O'GRADY WILL NOT GO TO MOSCOW AS ENVOY

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 19.—James O'Grady, the man selected by Prime Minister MacDonald to be Great Britain's first ambassador to Russia under the new regime, will not go to Moscow if the premier can find among the labor party leaders or in the regular diplomatic service another man of sufficient calibre for the post, according to authoritative information.



T. H. YULL, president of the Kiwanis Club, who strongly urges citizens to support the Alberta coal petition.

WARNER VISITS ALL PRISONERS

Rector Acts as Spiritual Advisor For Three Condemned Men.

Rev. G. Quintin Warner, rector of Cronyn Memorial Anglican Church, is now spiritual advisor of Clarence Topping, although the latter is a Baptist by faith.

Mr. Warner was at the county jail Monday afternoon visiting Murrell and Williams, the other two condemned men, and Topping asked if he could see Mr. Warner.

After spending some time with Williams and Murrell, the rector of Cronyn Memorial Church was taken to Topping's cell where he had a long chat with the young man who murdered Geraldine Durston last November.

The three prisoners who are to be hanged on April 10 apparently are not worried much over their fate. Certainly it has not affected their appetite to any extent. Monday they decided on a chicken dinner and they got it, thanks to the funds supplied the jailer by a London man.

THREE THROUGH STREETS.

At a special session of the city council traffic committee Wednesday, Ald. Tove will urge the establishment of three "through" streets for motorists, Waterloo, King and Queen's avenue. A "through" street for South London is under consideration, but not yet decided.

Girl Sells Difficult Ones By Always Keeping At It

Young Miss Finds Soliciting Subscriptions For Advertiser Is Fun.

POINTS OUT FEATURES

Convince Skeptical People by Merely Showing Copy of Paper.

"It's a lot of fun soliciting subscriptions for The Advertiser. I wouldn't call it work. It's too interesting for that."

The speaker was a winsome little girl of sixteen. She was telling of her experiences as a candidate in The Advertiser's big \$20,000 prize contest.

"I get through work at 5 o'clock, have an early dinner, and then go on my rounds," she explained enthusiastically. "I've canvassed a dozen streets already."

"Some people are almost impossible to sell, but I get even the impossible ones. I always carry a couple of copies of The Advertiser in case anybody wants to see it. Some people don't know what a splendid paper it is until I begin pointing out all the special items and big features."

"Last night I was near getting discouraged when I struck a house that took two subscriptions. You see, my friends had told them about me."

"You bet I'm going to win the prize," she added enthusiastically. "I don't see how I can help to."

"Never give up"—that's the slogan of this little lady with the iron determination. And it's the only slogan that makes winners.

With the 300,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions, work accomplished by candidates this week will bring double satisfaction. For when the votes are counted on Feb. 25 special cash prizes totaling \$500

METHODISTS UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF O. T. A.

Strong Resolutions Passed Protesting Against Any Possible Repeal.

SOUNDS WARNING

Dr. W. E. Manning Urges Harmony Amongst Various Races in the Dominion.

Strongly worded resolutions, which protest the possible repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act and advocate the present policy of enforcement, expressing the firmest belief in its ultimate success to the benefit of every man, woman and child in the province of this generation and generations to come, were unanimously passed by the Methodists of the London district, holding their annual meeting in Dundas Centre Methodist Church today.

The resolutions were passed as the first order of business of the afternoon session, culminating the morning's discussion, when propaganda to bring about a repeal of the present laws was deplored and strict warning issued that the churches and Sunday schools should not fail to enforce their program of temperance education.

Dr. W. E. Manning, secretary of home mission for the Methodist Church, sounded an equally grave warning with regard to the unassimilated immigrant population at the present time in Canada. He spoke immediately following the luncheon, at which over fifty delegates and ministers were present.

"We are confronted," Dr. Manning said, "with a situation little less than perilous."

"Some means must be devised of having Oriental, white men, red men and black live in this country in harmony and co-operation."

"It may be that we shall have to exclude altogether the Oriental. Their governments do not object to exclusion, but they protest against the treatment they get here."

"The saloons are gone, and for good, we hope, but foreigners are still sought after by dishonest bootleggers, dishonest politicians, and dishonest manufacturers. A great many mission stations in the west have had to be closed up. We have never men for their money, and we have not got the money. In the meantime we are doing what we can with the funds we have, until the church recognizes this great menace to the Anglo-Saxonism of the Dominion and gives us money and Please See Page 6, Column 3.

ALBERTA COAL WILL BE DEBATED TOMORROW

Delegates From Western Ontario Will Gather in London—Toronto Not Decided.

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PETITION FOR COAL WARMLY APPROVED



A. S. McLEAN, former manager of the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, who has been appointed general superintendent of Canadian National Railways' hotels, with headquarters at Montreal.

ALBERTA SELLS 2,000,000 TONS

Huge Quantity of Coal Is Sold Outside That Province During Past Year.

Special To The Advertiser.

Edmonton, Feb. 19.—Over two million tons of Alberta coal were sold to Canadian points outside the province and to the United States during 1923, states the annual report of the provincial mines branch.

The total production of coal for the year was 6,866,924 tons, 1,382,788 being disposed of for consumption in Alberta, 1,937,753 for other provinces, and 3,546,383 in the United States.

To the railway companies, 3,110,121 tons were sold.

Despite the increase in Alberta coal exports to the east, the report shows that United States coal came into the country from British Columbia eastward to Port William to the extent of 1,151,529 tons in excess of the 1922 importations. The total produced 69,849,410 tons of coal to the approximate value of \$121,715,815.

The domestic coal fields of the province turned out 3,161,741 tons of coal in 1923; production in the bituminous coal fields totaled 493,461 tons.

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Edmonton Journal Sponsoring The Advertiser's Alberta Coal Petition in Alberta.

OTHER PAPERS AGREE

Newspapers in Ottawa, Toronto, Woodstock and Oshawa Offer Their Support.

50 POINTS IN CITY

List Will Be Published Tomorrow of Points Where Petition May Be Signed.

The petition to the premier of Canada for action in the Alberta coal situation has met with instant approval both in Ontario and in Alberta.

The Advertiser proposes to push the distribution of petition forms energetically in order that as many people as possible may have opportunity to sign the petition.

In the city banks, financial houses, hotels, merchants, and other institutions are co-operating with The Advertiser in making the petition available to the public.

Tomorrow's edition will give a list of some fifty points in the city where the petition may be signed, and The Advertiser is ready to supply any interested bodies or individuals with additional forms.

The Advertiser has already distributed forms to over 700 postmasters, clubs, chambers of commerce and staff correspondents, and more are being sent out by every mail in response to inquiries.

Other newspapers are co-operating splendidly. In Alberta the Edmonton Journal has taken hold of the idea, and the Calgary Herald, the Regina Leader-Post, the Saskatoon Star and the Vancouver Sun have all taken up the cause.

Other Ontario Papers. In the east the Ottawa Citizen is arranging distribution, and closer home the Sentinel-Review of Woodstock and Ingersoll and the Ontario Reformer of Niagara have asked for blank forms for signatures in their districts. The Toronto Star and the Canadian Press are also carrying despatches informing the public of the plan, and there is every indication that the completed petition will represent a very substantial force of public opinion in both provinces.

The Advertiser appreciates sincerely co-operation by all organizations and invites further assistance from any direction. To be effective the petition must reach every corner of both provinces. The Advertiser's part in it is merely to introduce it and to organize its despatch to Ottawa. The success of the petition depends, of course, upon the co-operation given and upon the enthusiasm of the public.

The text of the petition is repeated below. Its wording has been carefully studied and it should perhaps be noted that one phrase reads: "Having in mind the necessity of permitting the Canadian National Railways to function according to commercial necessities, free from political influence."

The real object of the petition is to secure from the federal government definite action with authoritative information as to actual transportation costs and suggested plans regarding the movement of coal to Ontario. Nothing definite has been accomplished during nearly two years of Please See Page 6, Column 6.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ESTIMATES MONDAY

Figures All Passed On With the Exception of Vocational Advisory Committee.

A special meeting of the board of education will be held at 4:30 next Monday afternoon in order that the estimates for 1924 may be finally passed and presented to the city council, which meets at 7:30 p.m. the same day.

Chairman Brydon N. Campbell decided this afternoon received a request from the mayor that the estimates be ready for consideration at that time.

The figures have all been passed by the respective committees, with the exception of the vocational advisory committee, which will hold a special meeting Friday night to deal with the technical school estimates.

The total figure will be about \$1,000,000, although under it by a thousand or two, the estimates with the exclusion of those for the technical school being about \$800,000. The tentative figures for the technical school were about \$112,670, but this will be cut down somewhat, according to Principal H. B. Beal.