

UNIONS OF LONDON MEMORIALIZE BECK TO SUPPORT ACT

Labor Men Ask Hon. Adam Beck to See That No Changes Are Made.

EACH SENDING LETTER

Personal Request Being Made to Secure Passage of Workmen's Compensation Act.

Members of the local Trades and Labor Council are opposed to any change being made at the manufacturing request in the new workmen's compensation act, which Sir William Meredith has prepared, and which will be presented at the next session of the Ontario Legislature. While the new act is not exactly what labor wants, the members feel that it is the best measure advanced so far, and they are opposed to having any changes made in the recommendations made. Each of the members of the local council is sending the following letter to Hon. Adam Beck, stating the wishes of the labor men of the city:

To the Hon. Adam Beck:
Dear Sir,—The Trades and Labor Council of London, representing organized labor in London, ask most emphatically that the recommendations of Sir William Meredith for a new workmen's compensation act in Ontario be passed without fail at the next session of the Ontario Legislature; that you give the measure your undivided support.

We are entirely opposed to any change which would rob the workers of Ontario of the minimum justice proposed by the commissioner.

The workers of Ontario have suffered too long already under the grave injustice of the present liability laws in Ontario.

The workers of London expect the Legislature to carry this measure without fail. Yours, truly,

PREMIER WHITNEY DECIDEDLY BETTER

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 24.—A bulletin issued at 12 o'clock says Sir James Whitney is decidedly better. He is much less delirious, and took a good breakfast.

LONDON RESIDENTS WORK IN COAL YARDS

All Conditions of Men Handled Their Own Fuel Because of Strike.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 24.—The fact that 10,000 coal carriers are on strike in London today was brought home to the citizens by a severe cold wave.

Many residents decided to follow the recent example of the citizens of Leeds, and carry on the work until the strike was broken.

Private motor cars, taxicabs, wagons, carts, wheelbarrows and even perambulators, were drawn up in dozens at the various coal yards, where their owners themselves loaded them with coal with which to replenish their cellars. About 100 medical students loaded and unloaded many tons of coal to the various hospitals, while hotel employees in gold-braided uniforms, chauffeurs, fatigue parties from several of the guards' regiments, tradesmen, and even women were among those working in the coal yards.

The strike is not expected to be prolonged, as some of the employers have already settled.

ARMORIES WERE THREATENED.
Windsor, Jan. 24.—Fire, believed to have originated from an overheated furnace, threatened Windsor armories at an early hour this morning. Good work on the part of the fire department saved the building. Damage was \$500.

THE WEATHER.

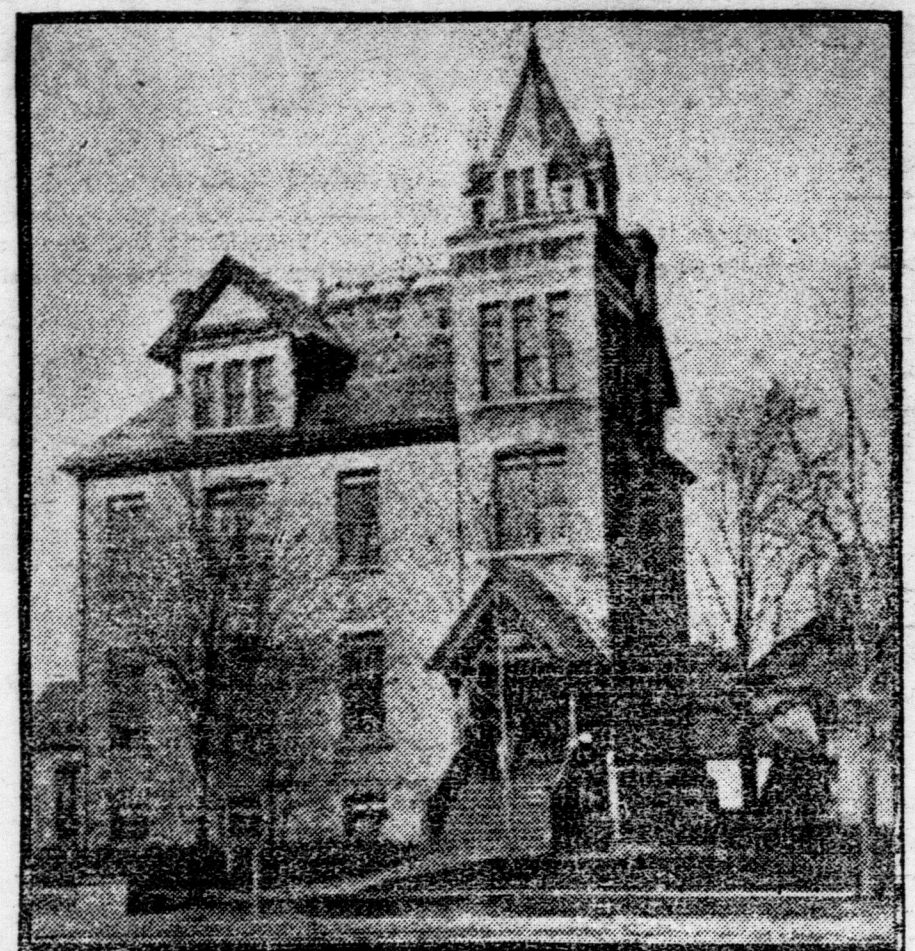
LOCAL TEMPERATURES
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a. m. today:
Highest, 8; lowest, 32.
The official temperature for today:
Highest, 42; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—COLDER.
Toronto, Jan. 24th, 8 a.m.
Forecast: Local snow falls today, followed during tonight and Sunday by strong north-west winds and a change to much colder.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 38 24 Cloudy
Calgary 28 14 Clear
Winnipeg 2 -22 Clear
Port Arthur 22 -10 Cloudy
Ferry Sound 24 30 Cloudy
Toronto 42 36 Rain
Ottawa 16 16 Rain
Montreal 28 28 Rain
Quebec 18 10 Snow
Father Point 14 12 Cloudy

The disturbance which was in the Missouri Valley yesterday is now passing across Ontario and the Middle States, while the Western high pressure with low temperature is spreading towards the Great Lakes. A severe storm is likely to develop near the Atlantic Coast.

Old Medical College to Be Displaced by a New Building in Ottawa Avenue



McCormick Residence and Property Which is Proposed for University Site



GRAND TRUNK DECIDES ON SPUR TO TRACK

Extension Will Be Laid To the Harris Property, East of City.

The Grand Trunk Railway has agreed to build a two-mile extension to the Harris farm, on which the new running track is to be located.

Work on the new track is to be undertaken within a short time, according to authoritative information which reached The Advertiser last night. Funds sufficient to equip the property as one of the finest mile tracks in the country will be available, it being stated that practically all the necessary capital has been subscribed.

London will be on the "big time" of the racing game. The same horses that appear at the big Canadian and American tracks will be brought to the city, and some are sanguine that a summer meet will be undertaken.

The Grand Trunk authorities have had the extension under consideration for some time at Montreal.

NO ELECTION TRIAL WHILE HOUSE SITS

South Bruce Protests Cannot Be Held Until After the Prorogation.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 24.—Until the House at Ottawa is prorogued, there will be nothing doing in the South Bruce election protests. In the meantime, R. E. Trux was to remain in his seat at Ottawa representing the Liberal interests. W. H. Price, counsel for W. B. McGill, the Conservative candidate, explained this morning that under the election act there could be no trial of the charges while the House is in session. The sitting of the House on the 15th came too soon for charges to be properly prepared and disposed of, and now the House is in session the member attacked could plead privilege.

CLIMBED LADDER DOWN SIDE OF LINER MAJESTIC

President Wilson's Daughter Thus Reached New York Earlier.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, daughter of President Wilson, with a rope around her waist, climbed a ladder down the side of the White Star liner Majestic at quarantine today, and boarded the revenue cutter Manhattan, which brought Mr. and Mrs. Sayre up the harbor to the city. The Majestic reached quarantine last night, but did not dock until this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre were returning from a honeymoon trip to Europe.

CAMPBELL PAID MURDER PENALTY IN BORDEAUX JAIL

Negro Kept His Composure and Slept Well Before Execution.

HE WANTED TO SPEAK
Sheriff Refused His Request—Jealousy the Cause of the Crime Committed.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 24.—William Campbell, colored, was hanged this morning in Bordeaux jail for the murder of George Muir, on Aug. 14. Jealousy was the cause of the crime. Appeals against his sentence were made but failed.

The execution, which was the first to be held in this jail, which was only recently built, went off without a hitch. Arthur Ellis was the hangman. Campbell was wanted in Cincinnati for the murder of two women settlement workers there.

SLEPT WELL.
Campbell, who slept well during the night, spent some time after awakening with Father Garceau, the prison chaplain.

WANTED TO ADDRESS CROWD.
When at 7:45 the doomed man was notified that his time had come, he showed no nervousness, but took his place in the procession leading to the gallows with head erect. While his arms and legs were being pinned he seemed to sway, but recovering his composure in a moment, asked the executioner if he might address those around him. Ellis referred the request to Sheriff Lemoine, who refused it.

ISSUED CRUCIFIX.
After the black cap had been affixed Father Garceau pressed a crucifix to Campbell's lips. When the rope had been arranged, Ellis stepped smartly back, and waving the priest aside, kicked the lever releasing the trap upon which Campbell had stood.

Campbell was pronounced dead five minutes after the drop.

GUARD FAINTED.
Some excitement was caused when Campbell shot from sight by a guard fainting.

In a signed statement, Campbell protested his innocence, claimed that he had been the victim of a "frame-up" by detectives, and solemnly warned colored men to keep away from white women.

ANOTHER OFFICER IMPLICATED IN THE CANTEEN SCANDAL

Lieut.-Col. Whittaker's Name Is Added To List of Defendants.

Prosecuting Attorney Says Accused Was Paid by Lipton Firm—Corruption Extensive.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 24.—The bribery and corruption in connection with British army canteen supplies has on investigation by the authorities proved even more extensive than was at first believed. When the case was resumed at Bow street police court today, after an adjournment of a week, Lieut.-Col. Whittaker, who recently retired from command of the Second Battalion, Yorkshire Light Infantry, at Malta, was added by R. D. Muir, the prosecuting attorney to the list of eight army men and eight civilians employed by Lipton's, Ltd., who were called to answer summonses.

Another summons was issued against James Hess, formerly Lipton's manager at Malta.

Col. Whittaker was an active soldier. The prosecuting attorney today said a letter had been discovered, which showed that James Hess, on behalf of the Lipton firm, had paid Lieut.-Col. Whittaker \$750 for his six monthly allowance under the contract. Mr. Muir added that Lieut.-Col. Whittaker on his return to England had entered into a new contract with Lipton's, which was abnormally favorable to that firm. The prosecutor placed the responsibility for the introduction of the system of bribery and corruption on Archibald Minto, one of the civilian defendants, who although not a director of the firm, took a very prominent part in its business. Minto, who is said to be in Paris, has not appeared before the court on either occasion.

The action of Mr. Somerville in determining to secure options on the Ottawa avenue land at once would make it necessary for the locating of the university buildings within a reasonable distance. The Grand avenue site is a stone's throw from the hospital and the Institute of Public Health. The new site for the medical college would include the half of the south block between Wellington and Waterloo streets, and would have a frontage of about 400 feet, and a depth of about 250 feet.

The Grand avenue property for the university would mean that the grounds could be extended in the future as the city goes into farm lands a short distance from Grand avenue.

There is fairly definite assurance that the Government will make a yearly grant of \$20,000 to the university, and that other funds will be available.

The purchase of the Ottawa avenue property will be the first definite step toward the building of the new Western University that has been taken in some years. While one or two of the governors favor other sites, it is said that the majority is agreed upon the Grand avenue site, and that the action toward locating the medical college in the same locality will have the effect of clinching the deal.

Village of Lambeth Must Extend Limits

The village of Lambeth has flourished to such a remarkable extent of recent years that the owners of property have found it necessary to extend the limits of the corporation.

A petition is now in circulation among the taxpayers, asking that a large area be taken into the limits and that the boundaries be considerably enlarged.

One of the petitions is being circulated by Dr. Roy Routledge, and there have been no refusals to sign.

RINGING NOTE OF OPTIMISM FOR THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY SOUNDED BY CHANCELLOR MEREDITH

In Notable Message to Board of Governors He Declares That Means of Financing Are In Sight—Time to Choose Sight

HARMONY REIGNS AND WORK ON BUILDING NOT FAR DISTANT

A notable contribution to the Western University situation came to the board of governors recently in the form of a letter from Chancellor R. M. Meredith. In resigning the chairmanship of the board of directors, the chancellor submitted his views on the exact position of affairs, and as he says himself, "took stock." His conclusions are regarded by the governors as stimulus to the work of reconstruction.



MAJOR BEATTIE, M.P., whose appointment was requested of Premier Borden by 50 fellow-members.

GUELPH AND PARIS BOARDS OF TRADE FOR MORE ZONES

Mayor of Royal City Stands Shoulder to Shoulder With London.

CARRY FIGHT FURTHER

Paris Delegates Will Agitate for Change Before Associated Boards.

At a meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade on Wednesday, the communication from the executive of the London board regarding the proposed Western Ontario zone for the parcel-post system, was considered and favorably commented upon. President Thorpe strongly urged that it be supported, London having royally supported Guelph in winter fair matters. The matter was referred to a special committee.

Secretary Gordon Philip, of the London Board of Trade, had received a letter from the secretary of the Brantford board stating that the matter will be considered there.

The discrimination in favor of Toronto under the proposals of the post-office department has been keenly resented in London and throughout Western Ontario, and the whole question will be very thoroughly gone into at the meeting of the associated boards of trade in Toronto next month. The executive of the London board has sent out copies of the strong resolution passed here along with a map showing The Advertiser's proposed Western Ontario zone, and the agitation for the proper recognition of this great district seems bound to produce results.

Publicity Commissioner Philip is in receipt of a communication from the board of trade of Paris, Ontario, stating that at the last meeting of that board, a resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a Western Ontario zone in connection with the parcel-post system about to be inaugurated. Their representatives on the associated boards of trade will be instructed to support such a resolution when the matter is brought up there, and they ask London delegates to do likewise.

MAGAZINE FAKIRS MAY BE BROUGHT HERE

Still Receiving Letters From Those Who Were Victimized.

William Ferguson and Charles Fair, two fake subscription men, who flim-flamed about 2,000 Londoners, and were recently deported from Saranac to Port Huron, may be brought back to London.

Chief of Police Williams in communication with the Sarnia chief of police told the latter of the great number of people who had been "buncoed" by the fakirs in this vicinity.

He said that the Sarnia chief will attempt to have the men extradited back to this side of the border.

The local police are still receiving letters from citizens who fell for the subscription men.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

Steamer. Arrived at from
Majestic. New York. Southampton
Oscar II. New York. Copenhagen
Graf Waldersee. New York. Hamburg
Andania. Boston. Liverpool
Eulie. Queenstown. New York
Sant. Plymouth. New York
Gona. Lisbon. New York
Calabria. Genoa. New York
Athina. Palermo. New York
Tyrolia. Trieste. St. John, N.B.

The result of that stock-taking was that we found we had, in truth, little more than a university in name.

Anxious and careful consideration has convinced us of the existence of that real need; and I am satisfied that no matter what opposition there may be, and no matter what mistakes may be made, that need, in time, will bring to London a large efficient university.

There are doubtless those who expected the Western University, when it became a public institution, to grow like Jack's beanstalk, in a night; forgetting that such a growth would be likely to die in a day.

It must be remembered that a university is not a thing of a day or a year; it is a thing to be built with a view to a life rather of centuries, increasing in quality and quantity to meet the needs of a higher education of the years to come. The momentous character of the undertaking must be grasped, the great labor and difficulties involved in it must not be overestimated, but they must be met, and if met unprepared for, may be disastrous.

Earnings were out of the question. Even a million dollars would provide for, at most, but \$50,000 a year, and the University of Toronto has an annual grant from the province of nearly ten times that sum, and that is only part way towards paying its current expenses. And even if \$50,000 a year would have been enough, where would \$1,000,000 be had for the purpose.

Private subscription from year to year, that hand-to-mouth method which had been in force before he university became a public institution, would be as inefficient as, and more precarious than, the earnings from students; besides being unjust to those who might be inclined to subscribe. Being a public institution, why should one person, more than another, voluntarily pay for its support?

But we have, I hope, almost succeeded; and dare, I trust, within measurable distance of maintenance, to a considerable extent out of the public funds. Once we are assured of our daily bread as it were, we shall be out of the woods; there ought to be then nothing to hinder us in running the course that is set before us. Without it our doors would be closed.

Once assured of long life, we can fairly and confidently ask the inhabitants, and some of the municipalities of Western Ontario, and especially those of the city of London, voluntarily to provide a home for the university fitting for all time to come; and enough to create an endowment fund large enough to bring the university within the Carnegie foundation group, so that it may be on a par with the best of the other universities.

My scheme, as you know, would be to seek a very substantial grant for these purposes from the province, the city of London, and the county of Middlesex, as well as from those who have the means and inclination to aid in building up such institutions, and the public generally, every one of whom, in this district, should have a real interest in the welfare of the institution; and very many of them a direct benefit from it. There may be municipalities, and individuals, who would contribute to the cost of a separate building of the many that may be needed; and to be named in their names.

Sites are by no means wanting, one then better than any other I know in Canada, another almost as good; and the university has power to "expropriate."

With the prospects which we now have of provincial, as well as civic, grants for maintenance, there seems to be no reason why the site should not be secured, if we are not quite out of the woods in these respects, we are so near the edge that the way out can be lost only through some folly, a thing which ought to be carefully guarded against, for too often in all things human there have been slips betwixt cup and lip.

Success a Certainty.
Anxious and careful consideration has convinced us of the existence of that real need; and I am satisfied that no matter what opposition there may be, and no matter what mistakes may be made, that need, in time, will bring to London a large and efficient university.

There has been but one lowering cloud upon our horizon in this respect; but that unfortunately has been, and worse, still continues to be, a threatening, and to me, an unacceptable one.

The best proof of the need of a university here would have been a stream (Continued on Page Ten.)