

THE WEATHER:
FAIR, DECIDEDLY COLD.
SUNDAY—MILDER.

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LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1924. —THIRTY-TWO PAGES.

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

THREE CENTS.

CITY URGED TO REDUCE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

Thirty-Seven Perish In Gas Explosion In Illinois Mine

ST. THOMAS CLERK ASKS TAX SCHEME BE PROBED

Plan of Municipalities to Relieve
the Smaller Wage
Earners.

MAYOR FAVORABLE

Would Increase \$2,000 Exem-
ption to \$3,000—Goes to the
Finance Committee.

London has been asked to join with
St. Thomas and other municipalities
in a fight for a lower municipal in-
come tax.

The Ontario Legislature will be
petitioned to relieve the smaller
wage-earners with increased exemp-
tions, and Mayor Wenige favors the
move. He stated today, following re-
ceipt of a communication from City
Clerk Doherty of St. Thomas.

On behalf of the city council of that
corporation, Mr. Doherty seeks the
aid of the London City Council in an
appeal to the Ontario government to
"grant further relief to the wage-
earning households, who under
present-day conditions find that a
\$2,000 income exemption is not suf-
ficient to enable them to live decently
and bring up and educate their chil-
dren properly."

In his communication to Mayor
Wenige, the clerk of St. Thomas
states that the city councilors of
that city favor a move to increase the
\$2,000 exemption on city income tax-
ation to \$3,000, and to also increase
the allowance of \$200 for each de-
pendent to \$300.

"It is felt that the tax upon income,
both federal and municipal, is exces-
sive," writes City Clerk Doherty.
"and we feel that the wage-earners
are due some further relief."

The St. Thomas authorities also
forwarded a petition for the London
councilors to approve and send on
to the government at Toronto.

"This should be done," concurs
Mayor Wenige. "I say reduce the rate
for the fellows at the \$2,000 point,
but increase it for those above the
\$5,000 mark, the \$7,000 and \$8,000 fel-
lows. They are better able to stand
the tax."

The St. Thomas proposal, now be-
ing considered by municipalities
throughout the province, will come
before the members of the finance
committee for preliminary discussion
at their next meeting.

NEW ADMIRALTY LORD IS KNOWN IN LONDON

John Colbert Met Frank Hodges
at Trades Congress in
Vancouver.

Frank Hodges, secretary of the
British Miners' Federation and newly-
appointed eldrie lord of the ad-
miralty in the British cabinet is per-
sonally known to numerous Canadian
labor men.

Ex-Ald. John Colbert, president of
the local street railwaymen's union,
relates that he encountered him last
summer in Vancouver during the an-
nual session of the Dominion Trades
Congress, at which he attended as a
delegate from the local organization,
while the present lord of the admir-
alty attended as the federal dele-
gate from the British miners.

Following the convention Mr. Col-
bert journeyed from Vancouver to
Seattle on his way to the carmen's
convention in Oakland with the
miners' secretary.

Mr. Colbert states that Hodges is
about 35 years of age, and com-
menced to work in the mines at the
age of fourteen.

DAMAGE SMALL AT FIRE IN CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Two calls were answered last night
by the fire department, both being
chimney fires.

The first run was made to the
home of Mr. Alfred, Oxford street, at
6:29. The blaze was extinguished by
the use of chemicals and no damage
suffered. At 6:30 the Children's Shel-
ter on Wharfedale road was the
scene of a small fire. Little damage
was suffered.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 31; lowest, 8.
The official temperatures for the
24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today
were: Highest, 9; lowest, 3.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 a.m.—29.99.
Today—8 a.m.—29.24.



A. J. WHARTON,
head turnkey at the county jail, who
has been appointed high constable
for the County of Middlesex.

CITY'S LOAN SHARE NOW ABSORBED

Londoners Eager To Invest in
C. N. R. Issue—Obligation
on Government.

Local bond and banking houses an-
nounced today that London's share of
the Canadian National Railway loan
had been completely absorbed. Al-
though no large slices of the issue were
taken up by local financial companies,
individual subscriptions were so nume-
rous that the loan was disposed of in
record time.

"The issue has been distributed satis-
factorily," an official of Wood, Gundy
& Co. said this morning. "All lots are
in want of the dealers' hands. The
investing public apparently appreciated
the exceptional merit of the loan, and
the fact that it is a direct obligation
of the Dominion impelled them to accept
it readily."

REST ROOM ADDITION WILL COST \$10,000

Unofficial Report Presented to
Douglass by Building
Inspector.

The proposed rest-room addition to
the Comfort Station on the market
square, for the convenience of rural
visitors, will cost in the neighborhood
of \$10,000, according to an unofficial
report from the city building inspec-
tor to Chairman Douglass of the finance
committee.

While this work was roughly es-
timated at \$7,000, certain alterations
were made in the tentative plans,
which, if adopted, would elevate the
cost as indicated.

"The question of financial co-opera-
tion is still under the advisement of
the county council."

SEWER WILL BE LAID, WENIGE DECLARES

Mayor Gives Ultimatum to the
Proposed Brydges Street
Work.

The Brydges street sewer, an im-
provement scheme, will be laid in 1924, with the author-
ity of the city council and the rate-
payers involved, despite the negative
opinion registered by Ald. Allan Towe
and other members of the industrial
area committee.

This is the ultimatum from Mayor
Wenige today, who incidentally
scores what he characterizes as "too
many personalities" between members
of the committee and other organiza-
tions.

"The council can go ahead and put
down this sewer," the mayor stated.
"The people in the Brydges street
area to be affected, were cheated of
that improvement by last year's coun-
cil. We'll have to have them send in
a petition for this year, and then
the council will have to do the work."

In conclusion the mayor urged mem-
bers of the industrial area committee
to be "big enough" to refrain from
"personalities."

LORD MAYOR RESIGNS.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cork, Ireland, Jan. 26.—Lord Mayor
Donald O'Callaghan has resigned.
He is an ardent republican but has
been absent from his official duties
for a year, so the Cork city council
recently decided to withhold his
salary. O'Callaghan, in resigning,
explained his absence by saying he
had been occupied with work for the
republican movement on which tie-
tick he was elected.

BROTHERS MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN LIVES

Both Have Been Living in
London For Several
Years.

CAME FROM ENGLAND

Benjamin Bray Left Home
Before His Brother Was
Born.

Fate decreed that Benjamin R.
Bray, 841 Love street, this city,
should come to Canada 30 years ago
and settle in London. Fate also de-
creed that a brother born two years
after Benjamin's departure from
England—a brother he had never
seen and only remotely heard of—
should also come to London and live
here for three years with neither
knowing the whereabouts of the other.

Monday last destiny threw the two
brothers together. And therein
hangs a tale of chance almost beyond
belief.

George Bray, a veteran of the 73rd
Battalion, while in England during
the war, learned that two brothers,
Benjamin and Jack, whom he had
never seen, were once Barnardo
Home boys. At an early age they
had left for unknown parts of the
world. Shortly after being released
by the Barnardo authorities, the
third brother, George, was born. He,
too, was taken care of by the Bar-
nardo Home, and when a young lad
was sent to Canada. In 1915 he en-
listed at Woodstock with the 73rd
Battalion.

After the war, George was sent to
London for treatment in Byron
Sanatorium. He never thought of
his two elder brothers. He only knew
they had been sent from England
as boys, but whether to Canada,
Australia, New Zealand or any other
part of the world he could not tell.

Monday last he was glancing over
a telephone directory and saw the
name of Benjamin Bray. More out
of curiosity than anything else, he
inquired at Benjamin's home whether
the latter had a brother named
George. Over the wire Benjamin
said he had, but added that George
had been born two years after he
left England. Without further de-
lay the younger brother went to 841
Love street, and there the two
brothers met for the first time.

Efforts Futile.
George Bray, who is 28 years old,
came to Canada in early youth. He
is in London for three or four
years. Please See Page 2, Column 6.

CLAIMS AGAINST L. R. STEEL COMPANY TOTAL \$1,600,000

Plan To Liquidate All Live
Assets Deferred For
Three Months.

PROTECTS HOLDERS

Trustees Decline To Advise on
Question of Selling Out
Stocks.

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, Jan. 25.—Claims against
the bankrupt L. R. Steel Corporation
and the Steel Realty Development
Company aggregate \$1,600,000, says a
statement issued by the federal re-
ceivers last night.

The plan to liquidate all live assets
of the \$26,000,000 corporation, the
statement says, has been deferred
three months to give the stockhold-
ers' protective trust an opportunity
to raise the funds to take the cor-
porations out of bankruptcy. This
plan, the statement adds, will bring
the best results to creditors.

Because of the complexity of the
situation in the L. R. Steel organ-
ization and the equity receiverships
in many subsidiary companies and
the legal questions involved, the re-
ceivers state that they cannot answer
the inquiry made by creditors on the
advisability of selling their stocks.

GEORGE CLARK WILL TELL ADVERTISING CLUB OF TRIP

George Clark will tell the members
of the London Advertising and Sales
Club of his trip to the Antipodes at
a dinner to be held in the Teemuch
Hotel next Thursday at 6:30. Mr.
Clark has prepared a number of
slides illustrating the different cities
he visited and these will be shown
at the same time.

LT.-COL. BROWN IMPROVES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Lieut.-Col. Walter Brown, execu-
tive secretary of the University of
Western Ontario, who has been seri-
ously ill at his home for several
weeks, was reported this morning to
be greatly improved.

Although his condition is not now
regarded as serious by his physi-
cian, he will not be able to resume
his duties for some time yet.

FINDS WIFE DEAD.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The crying of a
child into the mouthpiece of an open
telephone yesterday brought F. A.
Williams to his home, where he
found his wife dead in a pool of
blood. Death was due to a hemor-
rhage. No request will be made.



H. W. MASSINGHAM,
former editor of The Nation, is likely
to be appointed British ambassador
to Berlin.

PREMIER TO SELECT BISHOPS

Interesting Duties Await Mac-
Donald, Who Is a
Presbyterian.

GUARDIAN COMMENTS

Associated Press Despatch.
London, England, Jan. 26.—One of
the interesting duties of the new
premier is the recommending of fresh
appointments of bishops in the Es-
tablished Church of England. Premier
MacDonald himself is a Presbyterian.

Arthur Henderson, secretary for
home affairs, is a Methodist, and
George Lansbury, one of the tur-
bulent Socialist members of the
House of Commons, is a high church
man.

The leading Anglican weekly, the
Guardian, recalls that Ramsay Mac-
Donald 30 years ago declared that
the mere machinery of government
could not give moral results, and that
the antagonism of socialism to those
lopes and ideas which were grouped
under the general name of religion
was only apparent and not real. The
Guardian expressed the belief that
such convictions as these are held
by a large number of the able and
intelligent men whom the premier
has brought into his cabinet, and that
any church appointments that are
made will be made with the single
object of promoting the best interests
of the church.

BOY BITTEN FOR FIFTH TIME BY TIGER SNAKES

Sydney, N. S., Physicians Are
Puzzled Because of Lad's
Susceptibility to Attack.

Special To The Advertiser.
Sydney, N. S., Jan. 25.—Clifford
Scholz, a 12-year-old boy, was bitten
by a tiger snake, which makes the fifth time
in two months. The boy is recovering,
but his susceptibility to snake bites is
puzzling doctors. After the fourth bite
his parents brought every hole in the
house, and the boy was continually
clad in legginis. The last bite was re-
ceived in his arm while handling chaff.
Scholz was first bitten while har-
vesting on Nov. 26. After a week in
hospital he returned home, and on Dec.
3 stepped out of doors and was again
bitten. Returning from the hospital he
was again assisting harvesting, while
getting a drink from the water bag
he was again bitten.

The youth remained in the hospital
at Albury for some time and then
returned home. At 9:15 o'clock one
night he was walking in his pyjamas on
the veranda, when he was bitten in
the right leg.

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MERCURY SLUMPS TO 3 DEGREES BELOW ZERO

Cutting Wind and Snow Add to
Discomfort of the
Pedestrians.

ROADS ARE BLOCKED

Railways and Street Car Service
Suffer Little Delay.

Londoners this morning battled
one of the most severe periods of
cold, blustery weather this particu-
lar district has known for several
years. Although the temperature
was not so low as the mark regis-
tered four days ago when nine de-
grees under zero was reached, the
cutting wind, accompanied a stinging
frost in the air which made
thousands uncomfortable and caused
actual suffering in isolated instances.
A blizzard of substantial propor-
tions enveloped the city at 5:30 yes-
terday and the aftermath of the
storm was six inches of snow added
to the already deep surfaces. This
morning frozen cars, cracked radia-
tors and benumbed toes testified to
the intensity of the cold. The mer-
cury declined to three degrees under
zero, beginning to creep up a little
as the morning progressed. The
highest point registered was nine
above.

Although train schedules have been
cancelled in some parts of the Uni-
ted States the Western Ontario dis-
trict was not affected in this way to
any serious extent. A few trains
were 20 to 30 minutes late, but prac-
tically all had regained time by noon
today.

The grip of the Yukon which sud-
denly descended on the city during
the night was not unexpected by
London Street Railway which order-
ed sweepers out as soon as the first
snowflakes swirled through the air.
As a result the roads were com-
paratively clear for the downtown
traffic which begins to grow large
about 7:30 in the evening.

Seven local plumbers telephoned
today for assistance by one citizen.
Please See Page 2, Column 4.

Subscribers Given Chance of Winning Car In Contest By Guessing Highest Vote

Readers As Well As Contest-
ants Now Have Prize
in Reach.

DISTRICT PLAN PLEASES

Several Complimentary Letters
Are Received From Can-
didates in Country.

Are you good at guessing?
How many votes will the candidate
with the highest score in The London
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Here is a snappy little prize! A Ford
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explain everything in connection with
the campaign.

Be sure and see page 15 of today's
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James B. McLachlan

Deposited secretary-treasurer of Nova
Scotia miners, whose case is again
before the mine workers at their
convention in Indianapolis. Canadian
miners are striving to vindicate him
of all charges. McLachlan is now
serving a term in prison.

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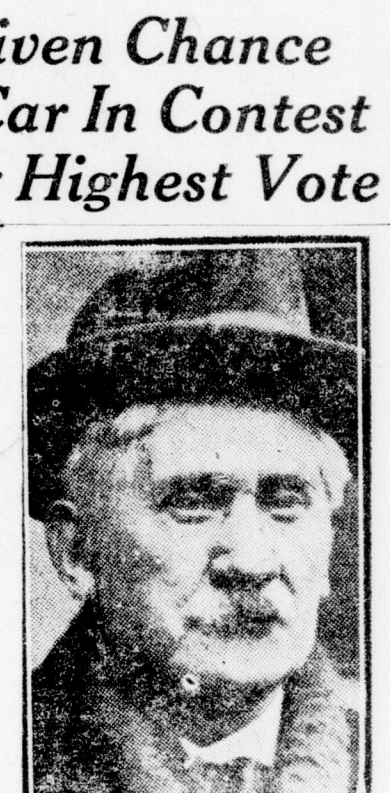
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HARRY GOSLING,
president of the Transport Workers'
Union, has been appointed minister
of transport in the British cabinet.

FIRE CHIEF WARNS AGAINST DANGER

States Majority of Fires Are
Result of Neglect.

With the commencement of an-
other cold snap and every indica-
tion the thermometer will go lower,
Fire Chief John Aitken again warns
Londoners against overheating stoves
and furnaces thawing out frozen
pipes with flame, and placing electric
heaters adjacent to inflammable
material.

Last Monday when the tempera-
ture was bordering below the zero
mark the fire department responded
to seven calls in 12 hours, and more
than 14 calls over the week-end. The
majority of these fires, according to
Chief Aitken, were caused through
negligence.

"Ninety-five per cent of the fires
in London during the past year have
been caused by neglect or thought-
lessness on the part of citizens,"
Chief Aitken declared.

SEVERAL TECHNICAL PAPERS ARE PRESENTED

Utilities Manager Tells of Elec-
trical Engineers' Session
in Toronto.

E. V. Buchanan, general manager
of the public utilities commission,
returned to the city this morning
after attending the annual convention
of the Municipal Electrical En-
gineers' Association of Ontario in
Toronto.

Mr. Buchanan stated that the ses-
sions were devoted to purely techni-
cal matters, several papers of inter-
est to engineers being presented.
C. W. Peart and W. Blay also at-
tended. Mr. Peart is one of the local
engineers of the city of London, while
Mr. Blay is manager of the Hydro
Shop.

SNOW SHOULD BE THROWN CLEAR OF STREET GUTTERS

Downtown merchants are requested
by the city engineering department
to have snow from the sidewalks in
front of their premises thrown clear
of the gutters as much as possible.
The city engineer has several men
clearing snow from the streets today;
men who could be spared through a
temporary halt on a section of the
Wellington-High street sewer.

PAY PATIENTS' PAY OWN WAY, STATES DR. CLEGG

Superintendent of Victoria
Shows Charges of Tax-
Burdening Untrue.

The statement has been made a
good many times in London that
part of the charge of pay-patients at
Victoria comes out of the taxes.

According to Dr. Clegg, superin-
tendent of Victoria Hospital, the pay-
patients in private rooms more than
pay their way. Accounts kept since
the first of July up to the end of the
year show that these patients have
actually paid \$1,000 more than it has
cost to keep them. That is not a
matter of estimate, but of actual col-
lection, and the amount will be in-
creased when some of the outstand-
ing charges have been collected.