

SMALLPOX MAY FORCE QUARANTINE ON WINDSOR

London's Tax Rate Raised Over 2 Mills By Highway Bill

FIVE VICTIMS DIE OF DREAD DISEASE IN LAST TWO DAYS

American Health Officials Ask For Quarantine Against Windsor To Cope With Threat of Smallpox Epidemic—Schools and Theatres May Be Closed.

ONTARIO AUTHORITIES URGE VACCINATION

There is no need for alarm in London, City Medical Officer of Health W. S. Downham announced this afternoon, referring to the Windsor situation.

The city officer does recommend, however, that all persons submit to vaccination, purely as a precautionary measure, but for two chief reasons. First, to avoid contagion at any future time and, second, to obviate the necessity for their quarantine at any time.

"It is always wise to be vaccinated," Dr. Downham stated, "and the undertaking is not nearly so severe as it was in former years. The vaccination is more carefully done now and while the arm will get a little sore, there should be no other unpleasant features."

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Feb. 25.—Smallpox, in what physicians declare to be its most virulent form, has taken a toll of six lives in this city and its immediate vicinity within the past 15 days. The first victim, Gordon Deneau, 54 years old, died at his home on Moy avenue here two weeks ago. The other five succumbed to the disease within the past 48 hours, and Windsor today is face to face with a real epidemic. Thirty others are seriously ill.

Here is the death list:

Gordon Deneau, 54 years old, 267 Moy avenue, Windsor; John Shaw, sr., Amherstburg; Henry Dubey, 44 years old, Detroit; Mrs. John Deneau, 58 years old, 58 Lincoln road, Walkerville; Miss Clara Shaw, 47 years old, 267 Moy avenue, Windsor; James Irvin, 23 years old, 108 Elia avenue, Windsor.

The death of Irvin, which occurred at Grace Hospital here Saturday afternoon, caused health officials to consider the smallpox situation until further notice.

So critical has the situation become that from every pulp in the city yesterday, clergymen told their congregations in unequivocal language of the danger that has beset the city, and urging all to at once submit themselves and their families to vaccination as the only method of checking the progress of the disease.

Board of education officials are as yet undecided as to the wisdom of closing all public schools, as has been done in Amherstburg, but it is announced that no pupil who cannot display proper vaccination marks or show a certificate of vaccination will be permitted to attend school.

Vaccination is Urged.

Mayor Herbert W. Wilson and Dr. Fred W. Adams, medical health officer for the border, will meet today to decide on the question of closing all places of public amusement. It seems quite probable, however, that there will be no disagreement on this point and that theatres, movie houses, dance halls and public gatherings of all kinds will be dispensed with until the crisis has been passed. Mayor Wilson in a proclamation issued Sunday urged all citizens to be vaccinated, and the chamber of commerce is seeking to it that manufacturers compel their employees to comply with the vaccination order.

Dr. R. R. McClennahan of the provincial board of health, Toronto, arrived here Sunday afternoon and conferred with Dr. Fred Adams, medical health officer, and city officials regarding what precautions are to be taken.

Detroit health officials became alarmed Sunday at the spread of the disease here and Sunday wired the United States surgeon-general at Washington asking Federal authorization for a quarantine against Windsor and Walkerville, which are the two points that maintain communication with Detroit by ferry.

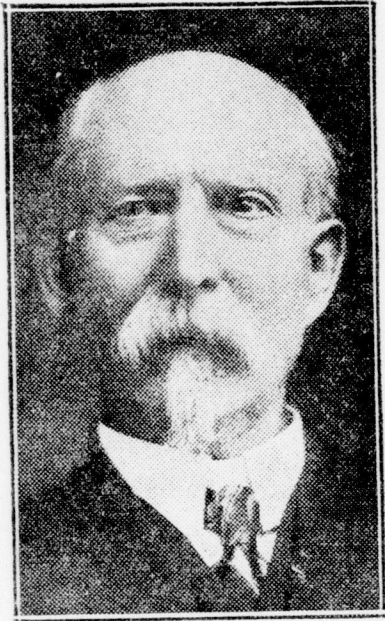
The request for the quarantine order was made on the suggestion of Dr. Henry S. Vaughan, Detroit city health commissioner. The order, if issued, probably will permit free passage between Detroit and the Canadian side by all persons who exhibit a certificate of successful vaccination or submit to vaccination against the disease, declared Dr. Vaughan. Nurses and doctors will be stationed at the ferry dock and the railroad stations to examine all persons arriving here Sunday afternoon and returning from Canada, if the quarantine is imposed. The measure has been resorted to in similar crises in previous years.

Symptoms of Disease.

Windsor physicians are a unit in declaring that the present type of Please See Page 2, Column 1.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

- Purse lost.
- Milliners wanted.
- Phonograph for sale.
- Seven-room brick house for sale.
- Married couple for farm wanted.
- Finisher wanted.



ROBERT ANGUS FLEMING, pioneer Londoner who died in his 83rd year Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Milliken, 7 St. George street.

MERCURY FALLS TO 13 BELOW ZERO

Only in Seven Previous Winters in Fifty Years Has It Been So Cold.

Despite extravagant claims of old-timers only on seven previous winters within the past 50 years has the mercury dropped as low as 13 degrees below zero, the mark cleared yesterday. Records show that one winter 26 degrees below was reached, but the six others have varied between 12 and 20.

Forecasters indicate that the extremely cold spell is at an end, temporarily at least. Milder weather today and tomorrow is predicted, and March is expected to come in like a lamb.

At noon today the temperature ascended to 20. Remarkable progress in clearing streets of snow is noted in the city, but main roads to outside points are still impassable to automobiles. Farmers of the district are piecing together their cutters, and they come in very handy under present congested conditions.

With the exception of a few trains which are regularly behind time, both railroads report schedules to be relatively normal. Over the week-end the branch lines were cleared up and no further difficulty is anticipated this year.

PROOF LINE ROAD WILL BE PAVED THIS YEAR

Two-Mile Section of Much Travelled Highway To Be Paved This Year.

The Proof Line road will be paved from the city limits to the fifth concession of London Township as soon as work can be commenced, it was definitely learned today.

The work will be undertaken by the provincial department of highways, and contracts will likely be let in March for the two miles of pavement.

Two miles of pavement will also be laid on the Sarnia gravel road this year, and with the completion of the two above-mentioned jobs the four main roads into London will be paved.

The Proof Line road, leading as it does to Lucan, Grand Bend, and other important centers, is one of the most widely-travelled roads leading into and out of London.

APPEAL OF SAM GRAY TO BE HEARD WEDNESDAY

The appeal of Sam Gray, who was fined \$200 and costs by Magistrate Graydon on February 19 on a charge of having liquor for sale, will be heard by Judge Macbeth Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the judge's chambers at the court house.

Gray was prosecuted by Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd and was defended by Howard Cluff, who has entered the appeal on behalf of his client.

ENGINEER WOULD CREDIT \$13,500 TO RELIEF BRANCH

From City Engineer Near to the members of the finance committee comes a note to include in the 1924 relief estimates the sum of \$13,500, the excess cost of the Wellington-High street sewer.

As this project was undertaken this winter as an unemployment relief measure, the engineer reasons that the excess cost should be rightfully credited to the relief department, and not to the city engineer's department, as in past years. It is understood that the members of the council view the situation similarly.

HOME BANK INQUIRY IS ORDERED BY GOVERNMENT

Federal Commission Appointed To Examine Into Affairs of Institution.

EFFECT OF AUDIT

Question of Government Aid To Have Saved Bank To Be Considered.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The government has decided to appoint a commission to investigate the Home Bank. The commission will examine among others, the following questions:

1. Whether in the years 1915, 1916 and 1918 representations were made to the department of finance respecting the condition of the Home Bank and, if so, what representations were made.

2. Whether if such representations were made, a state of affairs was revealed regarding the condition of the said bank, such as would have justified an investigation under the powers conferred upon the minister of finance by section 56A of the bank act.

3. What action, if any, was taken by the minister of finance upon such representations as may have been made.

4. What effect would an audit under section 56A of the bank act, if made in 1915, 1916 or 1918 have had upon the conditions of the affairs of the said bank and on the condition of the depositors?

5. What was the financial condition of the said Home Bank of Canada in the years 1915, 1916 and 1918 respectively, and what steps, if any, could be taken to prevent its collapse.

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TWO POLES VICTIMS OF LOCAL AUTOISTS

Utilities Property Comes Off Second Best in Two Collisions.

Casualties were heavy among the poles of the utilities commission over the week-end, two of them having been broken when struck by motors. The first happened on Saturday, belonging to a local concern tried conclusions with one emerging victor and leaving the pole vanquished in the snow.

This morning at 4 o'clock, the second death occurred when a motor car, driven by a local resident, crashed into a post at the corner of Rectory and Dundas streets, also demolishing it. The car, however, was unhurt and proceeded on its way. Mr. Buchanan stated that he knew the driver of the car, an eyewitness having seen the crash.

INSPECTOR ANNOUNCES TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

Warning Is Given That Every Individual Subject to Levy Must File Document.

Federal income tax forms for trustees, employers, including educational, charitable and religious institutions, for corporations and joint stock companies, for all individuals other than farmers, and for farmers and ranchers, are now available at all postoffices in the London district and at the local office of the department of income taxation, 125 Wellington street, announced today by George Tambling, inspector of taxation for this district.

Warning is given that returns should be filed by every unmarried person, widow or widower, without dependents as defined by the act who during the year 1923 received or earned \$1,000 or more, and all other individuals, who during the calendar years received or earned \$2,000 or more, and every corporation and joint stock company and every person carrying on business in an individual capacity or in partnership under their own or a trading name during the whole or part of the calendar year 1923.

DOGS PROHIBITED.

The importation of dogs from the European continent is prohibited, according to a ministerial order issued by the deputy minister of agriculture and received at the local department of customs and excise this morning.



KING VICTOR EMMANUEL is suffering from a serious attack of la grippe.

DOCK STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK

Men Agree to Terms and Will Go Back to Jobs Tomorrow Morning.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 25.—The conference of dock workers today called off the dockmen's strike, which has been in progress since Feb. 16, seriously interfering with commerce and industry. Work will be resumed at all ports at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The strike was primarily over the question of wages and in negotiations last week the employers and representatives of the men reached an agreement for an advance of a shilling a day, effective immediately, and an additional advance of a like amount to take effect next June, with the appointment of a committee to adjust working conditions in dispute.

This agreement had to be ratified by the men and mass meetings were held all over the British Isles yesterday at which the terms of settlement were generally approved.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR TONIGHT CANCELLED

It is not likely that a special meeting of the board of education will be held for the purpose of considering estimates as the regular meeting will be held a week from this Thursday. This week it will be impossible for the board to get together, several of the trustees being away at the trustees' convention. A meeting was scheduled for tonight, but has been called off.

The vocational advisory committee, the only one of which the estimates are not ready, will meet next Monday night although it is a special meeting of the board is called for that day, the committee will meet Saturday night. It is not likely, however, that such will be the case.

Candidates Will Soon Know Winners of First Lap in Big Race.

TWO MORE ENROLLED

Still Possible To Win One of Eleven Advertiser's Prize Cars.

Today the first lap in the race for The Advertiser's \$20,000 prize contest closes. Nobody has the remotest idea who will win the \$500 in cash prizes or who will gain progress in the offer of 300,000 extra votes for every two subscriptions. But those who go at it with extra energy this morning and keep it up all day will probably be numbered among the winners.

Tomorrow all last-minute subscriptions will have been mailed, but that shall not deter candidates from working and pushing ahead with renewed vim. From now on all contestants have as their objective the \$2,000 grand prize or one of the eleven prize automobiles.

Saturday two new candidates signed up. The substantial margin gained by those who got in on the ground floor did not worry these new workers the least bit. They know that a little harder effort will shortly put them on a level with their competitors.

As soon as all returns are in, auditors will get busy counting the subscriptions for the preliminary contest, which ends today. Read the full-page advertisement this morning and then get out determined to put

PETITION'S INFLUENCE SPREADING IN ONTARIO

Port Arthur and Brockville Also Co-operate in Alberta Coal Work.

SEVEN GIVING AID

Forms Available to Londoners at Many Points in City.

Brockville in the east—Port Arthur in the west—two more points in which Ontario newspapers are joining the campaign for Alberta coal.

The Recorder and Times in Brockville, and the Evening News-Chronicle in Port Arthur are sponsoring the plan by distribution of petition forms.

In seven cities, apart from London, Ontario newspapers are now actively co-operating with The Advertiser in the petition to the premier of Canada—Ottawa, Oshawa, Woodstock, Brantford, Peterborough, Brockville, and Port Arthur.

In other points chambers of commerce and various clubs and societies are sponsoring the campaign and every mail brings requests for more petition forms.

If you have not yet signed the petition you will find forms throughout Western Ontario at post offices, chambers of commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs. Advertiser staff correspondents and newspaper editors are also available at 50 places where the petition is available. These are listed on an inside page. The Advertiser will gladly send forms on request.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL GO TO KITCHENER

Inspection Will Also Include New Structure at Guelph.

The special committee of the board of education, appointed to inspect Margate in nearby centers will leave on their second inspection this afternoon, when they take the 4:40 train to Kitchener.

Bryden Campbell, Dr. A. J. Grant, A. C. Cairns, Principal E. A. Miller and Architect L. E. Carrothers compose the committee, which visited the Border Cities last week and which will make the trip tonight. Tomorrow morning they will look at the Kitchener buildings, then go on to Guelph where they will inspect the new collegiate in that city, returning to London tomorrow night.

GOVERNMENT ASKS LONDON FOR \$164,164



HERBERT UREN, Ontario secondary schools oratorical contest. He is a student at the Central Collegiate and stood first in this district.

JUDGE REJECTS INSANITY PLEA

Rev. Abbe Delorme Faces Trial Again on Charge of Murdering Brother.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—A motion by Gustave Monette, counsel for the curators of the Delorme estate, that the sanity of Rev. Abbe Delorme be inquired into, was rejected by Mr. Justice Martineau, when made at the opening of the trial of the priest this morning in the court of King's bench for the alleged murder of his half-brother, Raoul, in January, 1922.

The judge said the lieutenant-governor of the province had the right to order any man committed to an asylum after a crime had been committed, to stand his trial if he became sane again. This had been done in the Delorme case, and he saw no reason why Mr. Monette's motion could be granted. Most of today will be taken up with selection of a jury.

HEALTH OFFICER FINDS SKULL OF OLD SOLDIER

Dr. Downham Says It Is One of the Finest Specimens He Has Seen.

Dr. W. S. Downham, city medical officer of health has in his possession what he considers as the most perfect human skull he has ever encountered in his medical experience. It is presented to him recently by a resident who has had it in his possession for at least 50 years. The history of the skull is that it was unearthed during certain excavations about that time, the skeleton being that of a soldier wrapped in an army coat.

It is believed that the buried man was one of the regular soldiers stationed here at that time and that he was laid to rest, wrapped in his red coat only. No coffin was evidently used.

DETECTIVES ON TRAIL OF THIEF IN SCHOOLS

The youthful sneak thief who has successfully operated in several public schools of the city, including Boyle Memorial, paid a visit to the Technical School teachers' cloak room Friday afternoon, and stole a purse containing a small sum of money from a coat.

Last week the young man entered Boyle Memorial cloak room and stole money from two coats.

Detectors have a fairly good description of the individual suspected about that time, the skeleton being that of a soldier wrapped in an army coat.

Prohibited Importation. "L'en dehors" a French newspaper, published twice a month by E. Armand, Orleans, France, has been prohibited importation into Canada, according to a notice received this morning at the local customs house from the department of customs and excise.

Payment of Highways Bill This Year Would Add 2½ Mills.

COVERS THREE YEARS

Douglass Urges City Have Say If Money Paid During 1924.

The Province of Ontario has billed the municipality of London for \$164,164.83, or approximately 2½ mills on the tax rate. This is described as London's share of the highways system of the district.

The city is assessed for 20 per cent of the cost of the highways designated and to a distance of seven miles from the community.

The bill is itemized as follows:

1921	\$74,118.20
1922	63,292.62
1923	26,753.01
Total	\$164,164.83

This intelligence will be received by the city council in the ordinary course of events, probably by members of the finance committee at their special session tonight to consider tentative estimates. Whether they will decide to pay the bill in 1924 or attempt to let it go until the province feels impelled to bill them again, is an open question.

The city is responsible for 20 per cent of the cost for the highways designated and to a distance of seven miles from the community. Other communities have been receiving similar bills within recent weeks, the city council of Hamilton being the recipient of a bill for most about \$100,000 for the same purpose.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, stated this afternoon that in the event the city pays this bill, as will have to be done ultimately, the municipality should have something to say in the matter. "We should certainly have something to say about the letting of the contract for any work undertaken," he declared, "and as to the sort of work shall be done. I submit that City Engineer Near could then tender for the work with others, and with our money, and the city would be able to make a return for the city. Mr. Near did the same for the city of St. Catharines, when city engineer there."

This bill is entirely exclusive of the account from the suburban roads commission.

ASSESSMENT OFFICE NEEDS MORE MONEY

Commissioner Bennett Will Ask Increases For His Staff This Year.

While City Assessment Commissioner H. J. Bennett does not anticipate any increase in his staff of assessors during 1924, he will likely enter a plea at the proper time for increased remuneration for those now in the service.

"We have men who will be able to carry on the work as in 1923," he explained, "but it means much additional work for them, including extra nights."

The commissioner reasons that, with the possible exception of the police authorities, the assessment employees receive no general criticism from any other branch of the city's services. There are so many citizens who feel at times that they are not being fairly dealt with by the assessment authorities, regardless of whom they may be.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fair, with a little higher temperature today and Tuesday.
Pressure is high from the Western states across the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, while a shallow depression covers the Gulf of Mexico. The weather has been fair and cold from Ontario eastward and mild in the Western provinces.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	40	Cloudy
Calgary	48	19	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	16	Fair
Port Arthur	26	19	Clear
S. S. Marie	30	6	Cloudy
Cochrane	28	4	Clear
Toronto	24	4	Fair
Kingston	26	19	Clear
Ottawa	22	10	Clear
Montreal	16	12	Clear
Quebec	12	6	Fair
St. John	24	14	Cloudy
Halifax	24	10	Cloudy

(-) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 22; lowest, -13.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 11; lowest, -1.
(-) Below zero.
Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 p.m.—29.72.
Today—8 p.m.—29.63.