

EDUCATION HAS \$25,000 SURPLUS

Meteorite Filled With Gems Picked Up On Lake Beach

SCHOOLS REPORT SURPLUS

Department Shows \$25,000 Available From Last Year's Work.

UNSPENT INTEREST

Board Will Have to Consent to Reduction—Tax Rate Reduced.

The public school department of the board of education shows a surplus of \$25,210.13 for last year. Since the board in its estimates placed the surplus at \$11,808, it is possible that the estimates can be cut \$13,400 for public school purposes.

The actual surplus in the collegiate institute department amounts to \$19,707.05, and in the technical high school department to \$12,795.99.

The total of the actual surpluses in the three departments shows an increase of \$14,142.64 over the respective amounts placed in the estimates.

In making the announcement, this morning Administrator V. K. Greer pointed out that the difference of \$13,400 between the estimated and the actual surplus in the public school department consisted chiefly of unspent interest and sinking fund not used for a whole year in connection with the erection of the new \$125,000 Empress public school in West London.

Mr. Greer added that since the council has no power to cut maintenance estimates, the board would have to consent to a reduction in the estimates for public schools which is made possible by the unexpectedly larger surplus than estimated.

In expressing his assurance concerning the surplus, Mr. Greer stated that the public school tax rate for 1925 would be definitely 1 mill below last year's rate, which was 9.7 mills.

Estimates already forwarded to the city council by the board call for an expenditure totaling \$394,505 for the maintenance and operation of the local educational system, and \$354,000 for debentures to cover the proposed building and land-acquiring program.

The near three-eighths of a million embraces \$117,017 for the technical high school, \$228,241 for the collegiate institute, and \$648,947 for the public schools.

The near three-eighths of a million for debenture issue consists of \$2,000 for public school land, \$75,000 for technical school addition (half of which is paid back by the provincial government), and \$267,000 for land and the erection of a new east end college.

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE WARREN VOTE CHARGED

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, March 17.—Senator Norris (Republican, Nebraska) declared in the Senate today that an effort had been made to influence his vote on Charles E. Warren's nomination for attorney general by propaganda emanating from the "Republican machine" in Nebraska.

The Weather

FORECASTS.		
Today—East and northeast winds; cloudy.		
Thursday—Thunder showers; light local snow falls.		
Area of high and low pressure of very moderate intensity are following each other with great rapidity across the continent. The weather continues quite cold in the western provinces and relatively mild from Ontario eastward.		
Temperatures.		
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. were:		
Stations.	High	Low
Victoria	50	38
Calgary	42	19
Winnipeg	26	-4
Port Arthur	8	8
S. S. Marie	35	30
Toronto	42	22
Kingston	40	22
Montreal	36	23
Quebec	40	32
St. John	36	34
Halifax	36	34
Ottawa	40	22

(—) 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, 48; lowest, 32.

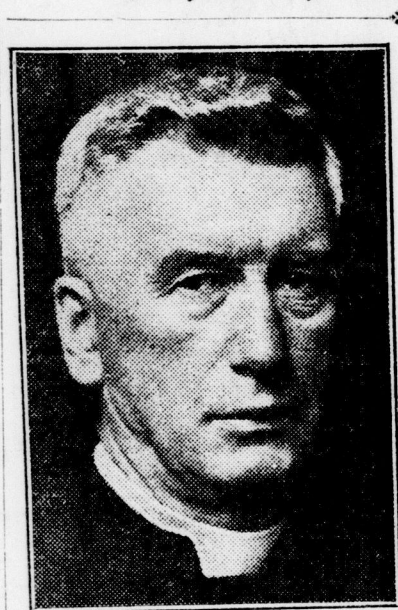
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 27.

Sun rises at 6:26 a.m. and sets at 6:27 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.28.
Today—8 a.m., 29.30.

Flames Claimed Greatest Prey For Several Years

\$1,500,000 Lost In 1925



REV. W. L. REID.
Much of the success of the parent, "One Hundred Years of Victory," a history of the missionary work of the Methodist church, passed last night at the First Methodist church, is due to the indefatigable work of Rev. W. L. Reid, chairman of the committee in charge. The parent will be given again tonight in the same church at 8 o'clock.

RADIO SEEKS LOST STUDENT

Hamilton Youth Departs From McGill, Leaving No Trace of His Whereabouts.

DRAWS BANK FUNDS

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 18.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of H. A. Morrell, McGill student in arts, who left Strathearn hall, where he resided, Feb. 27, and has not been seen since.

The student, whose home is in Hamilton, Ont., left nothing behind that would indicate his whereabouts. Looked upon as a light matter at first, expecting the return of the boy at any time, some uneasiness is now felt around the college, and at his home as to his actual whereabouts.

Morrell, who is in his second year, departed from the hall Friday, Feb. 27, taking with him all his books and drawing from the bank all his money—an amount of about \$100, it is stated. He left his trunk, removing only a few articles of clothing. No one has seen him since.

A telegram from his parents, who reside at 118 Faircliff road south, Hamilton, caused inquiries to be instituted at McGill. Radio has also been utilized in making the facts known to the public.

MANY FAMILIES LEAVE ENGLAND FOR CANADA

Expect Over 500 Groups Will Come To Dominion This Year.

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 17.—Sailings of families to Canada under the reciprocal scheme for overseas settlement between the imperial and Canadian governments have just commenced for the season. One thousand families each season for the next three years is the mark aimed at.

For the season of 1925, it is understood that about 500 families have already been secured. The immigration authorities, in view of all present circumstances, will doubtless feel fairly well off if another hundred families can be accepted for this season.

The families to sail for Canada have been selected with the greatest care and due regard is being given to the applicants' apparent psychological keenness for a settler's life. Even so, something like 20 per cent of the applicants accepted back out some way or other before the day of sailing comes around.

The parties leaving now are going in comparatively small numbers on different vessels. The Canopie this week, however, carries thirty British families for Canada, totaling 168 individuals, giving a good average of five to the family.

WARDEN VISITS CITY.

Allan McPherson, reeve of Glencoe and warden of Middlesex county, was a visitor at the county buildings this morning where he was in conference with County Clerk John Stuart and County Engineer Charles Talbot for some time.

London Averaged One Alarm a Day During the Past Year.

IMPROVEMENT SEEN

Chief Points to Present Record, Praises Work of Engineers.

More than 245 fires in London during the year 1924, caused a loss of \$1,488,504—the largest fire loss the city has suffered in the past sixteen years.

According to Fire Chief John Aitken's annual report, insurance on the buildings and contents destroyed by flame amounted to \$1,260,900, so that the actual loss occasioned property owners amounted to about \$227,604.

There was an average of one alarm a day turned into the central fire hall. Of 360 alarms, 245 were actual fires, 25 were chimney blazes, and 38 were false alarms. Nine emergency calls were also received.

Toward the latter part of the year the greatest fire loss was suffered in the burning of large buildings. The damage through fire at Hunt's mills alone amounted to about \$750,000. The burning of the Greer plant, Ward's cigar factory, I. X. L. spice mills, Orth's, Limited, and Harris, occasioned in all about a \$200,000 loss.

Insurance on the burned buildings totalled \$450,750. Insurance on the contents amounted to \$210,150, the total insurance being \$1,260,900. The nine emergency calls turned into the central fire department included three drownings and other accidents for which a pumpster was needed.

Last year's heavy loss was responsible for members of the provincial fire department to make a thorough examination of city buildings. Three hundred and thirty-two houses in the city for the past six weeks and during that time almost 2,000 inspections have been made.

Improvement Seen. Already this year, according to Chief Aitken, results from the fire prevention campaign have been felt. Citizens have been ordered to clean up their buildings where fire hazards existed, and few alarms have been received at the fire department as a consequence.

Last month's loss through fire was exceptionally low in comparison with the loss for the same month of other years. Chief Aitken attributes the sudden fire decrease to the work of the fire prevention engineers in London.

George P. Defends Canadian Senate

Minister Addresses Members of Montreal Society.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 18.—That the senate was essential to Canada's stability and that it should not be abolished, were declarations last night at the annual banquet of St. Patrick's society, by the speaker, Hon. George P. Graham, federal minister of railways and canals. Mr. Graham likewise defended the governor-general, who had represented the throne in the dominion, disagreeing with those persons who think Canada should have a Canadian governor-general.

"Personally," he said, "I would regret to see the day arrive when there would not be a connecting link between the motherland ourselves in the form of a governor-general, sent to us from that motherland." The remainder of the minister's address dealt with comparisons between Canada's system of government and that of the Irish Free State.

O. T. A. ADMINISTRATION CHANGE NOT CONFIRMED

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 18.—No confirmation was forthcoming at Queen's park today of the report carried by The Telegram to the effect that the administration of the Ontario license board and the work of O. T. A. enforcement were to be transferred from the attorney-general's department back to that of the provincial secretary.

"This is the first I have heard of," Premier Ferguson told The Advertiser. "I haven't even heard it suggested before."

WOMAN DIES DAY BEFORE HER 107TH BIRTHDAY

Sydney Mines, N. S., March 18.—Mrs. Catherine Tutter died here yesterday, death coming one day in advance of her 107th birthday.

Mrs. Tutter, who was born on St. Patrick's day, 1818, is survived by two daughters, 43 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.



W. W. DUNLOP.
Inspector of jails and public charities under the provincial secretary's department, who faces a charge of theft in connection with the sale of brick at the Mimico reformatory.

HOPE GIVEN UP FOR 34 MINERS

Rescuers Who Have Penetrated Fairmont Pits Unable to Reach Entombed Men.

HORSES FOUND DEAD

Associated Press Despatch. Fairmont, West Virginia, March 18.—A hundred or more men frantically but cautiously pushed their way through the underground recesses of mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation, three miles west of here, today in an effort to find 34 miners who were entombed last night when an explosion wrecked the shaft.

Not since a flash of flame burst up through the opening that extends 300 feet below ground has anyone on the surface heard from the imprisoned men. A low rumbling preceded the explosion, which wrecked the mine's lighting equipment and fans and caused the timbers to fall into the shaft. The blast also broke windows and shook doors from their hinges 300 feet away.

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CHAMBER OF MINES IS FORMED IN NORTH

Organization Will Gather Data Regarding Fields in Northwest Ontario.

Canadian Press Despatch. Fort William, Ont., March 18.—At a well-attended meeting of men interested in mining in this district, held here yesterday, an organization was launched to be known as the Northwest Ontario Chamber of Mines, for the object of gathering and disseminating information regarding the mining fields of the district and of furthering the development of the mining industry.

The meeting was presided over by H. Harkness, who has extensive holdings of gold mining property in the vicinity, and the proposal was warmly supported.

A central bureau will be established, where prospectors and others can be particulars of mining locations and every endeavor will be made to bring prospector and capitalist together.

SESSIONS NOT TO END AT EASTER

Prorogation of Legislature Will Be Delayed by "Toll Gate Amendment."

BEER BILL HELD BACK

Church Union Hearings Likely To Take Up Most of Next Week.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, March 18.—Prorogation of the legislature by Easter appears a remote possibility today, as a result of the prolongation of the budget debate following W. E. Ramey's "toll-gate amendment."

The debate cannot now be wound up before tomorrow night at the earliest, as fresh speakers from all three parties will probably insist on taking a hand in it.

The result is that the government's beer bill will probably go over until next week, and other progress will also be delayed. The public accounts committee will not get into action until the debate ends, and with only three weeks remaining before Easter can scarcely hope to wind up its sessions within that period.

The private bills committee has also lost practically a week, owing to postponements of the church union hearings, and may yet have to devote all of next week to that subject.

The issue may also be raised in the house after the committee passes upon it. The beer bill is also certain to take up several full days, and, according to present indications, there will be more Tory hotters when the vote is taken. This was the case in the division on the speech from the throne. The redistribution measure has also yet to make its appearance in the house, and will take up much of the time of the members appointed to the special committee which will deal with it.

All in all, three hectic weeks of day and night sittings undoubtedly lie ahead of the house, and its major committees if any hope whatever is still cherished of proroguing according to previous schedules by April 9.

GLORIA ON WAY HOME.

Paris, March 18.—Gloria Swanson, with her husband, the Marquis Henry de la Falaise, left this morning for Havre to sail for New York. Her recent illness showed no sign of her.

OLD MAJESTIC BUILDING WILL PASS AS THEATRE

Modern Bowling Academy Will Be Constructed in Its Place.

MANY ALTERATIONS

Prominent Londoners Will Conduct New Enterprise in City.

After several changes in the interior have been effected, the old Majestic theatre on Dundas street will become the Arcade Bowling academy, opening in London on Sept. 1 of this year. The theatre, which was part of the estate of the late J. C. Duffield, has been sold to a syndicate of London and Toronto men, which will reconstruct the theatre on the lines of a modern and up-to-date bowling alley.

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John A. Nash, one of the prominent Londoners in this syndicate, was in Toronto today, and could not be reached. However, William E. Whitehall, the well-known London bowler and alley manager, will be in charge of the new academy.

Twenty-four Alleys. "There will be twenty-four alleys in the building," he said, "when it is finished, and the top floor will be for ladies entirely. There are several church clubs which will play their games with us, and the whole management will be on the basis of clean sport and entertainment, and the best of service. We have lately made a tour of several large cities in the United States, and will put in all the latest devices and comforts. We expect to open about Sept. 1."

Extensive alterations will be made to the building, so as to have three floors, and each floor will be equipped with eight specially selected alleys. The ground floor will also have check room, cigar and refreshment counters.

Strike Affecting 50,000 Expected at Copenhagen. Copenhagen, March 18.—A lockout and strike affecting nearly 50,000 men in the metallurgical industries are expected to begin tomorrow.

Representatives of the employers and men have failed to reach an agreement after protracted negotiations.



ADRIAN MACDONALD.
Former London boy, whose book, Canadian Portraits has just been published. Mr. Macdonald was educated in London, and now resides in Peterboro. Two brothers, Ian and Keith G., the latter prominent in musical circles, still reside here.

CURZON'S CASE IS HOPELESS

Famous British Statesman Near Death's Door Following Operation.

COMPLICATIONS ARISE

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 18.—A bulletin issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the physicians of Marquis Curzon of Kedleston says the patient is showing early signs of a lung complication. This followed an earlier bulletin stating that Lord Curzon's condition was giving increased anxiety.

It was reported in the lobbies of the house of lords this afternoon that Lord Curzon's condition was hopeless. Viscount Cave, the lord high chancellor, made a brief reference in the upper house today to Lord Curzon's condition, which, he said, was not reassuring.

Lord Dawson, King George's physician, had been called in and shared the anxiety of his colleagues.

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JEWELLED METEORITE FOUND NEAR DOVER

Albert E. Davies, Simcoe, Makes Valuable Find Near Port Dover.

\$200 IS REFUSED.

Interior of Rock Appears To Be Studded With Precious Stones.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, March 18.—Washed up on the shores of Lake Erie after falling thousand of miles a meteorite, which is thought to be filled with precious stones, was found recently by Albert E. Davies of Simcoe. The discovery was made while he was strolling along the beach near Port Dover during his lunch hour. He had just started to return to his labor when he tripped over what he thought to be a stone. Noticing its peculiar color and formation he took it home with him. After hitting it several times with a hammer, it broke in two pieces, disclosing to his view hundreds of sparkling crystals, cemented together by a thin firm paste.

He was rather uncertain as to the value of his find and showed it to a friend, F. C. Cantelon, who is the district authority on meteorites and was advised to keep it carefully. The meteorite was displayed in several store windows. A jeweler in Boston, United States, heard of it and made a special trip to Simcoe so as to be able to inspect it thoroughly. After his examination he offered \$200 for it, but was refused.

Mr. Davies intends to bring it to the meteorological offices in Toronto and ascertain its real value. Mr. Davies is an electrician, 39 years of age. He was born in Wales, but for the last nineteen years has lived in Canada, ten of these in and around Simcoe.

He related to The Advertiser this morning how he came to find the meteorite.

"I was wiring a house in Port Dover," he stated, "and during my lunch hour I strolled along the beach, throwing stones into the water. I picked up one which I thought was unusual shape and color.

"In fact, I walked past it for almost ten yards before I began to wonder what it was—you could easily see that it was not an ordinary stone. It looked as if it had come through a great fire. It shivered up and I thought, I thought it was a meteorite as soon as I picked it up on account of its weight, which was easily over five pounds. When I took it home I had to hit it four or five times before it broke, but when I did, oh, boy, I thought I had a diamond mine, the inside shows so."

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AUTHORITIES CLAIM CASH LEFT WHEN FOUNDLING DIES

Canadian Press Despatch. Edmonton, Alta., March 18.—A foundling, left on a Prince Edward county, Ontario, doorstep in 1871, and brought up by a Pictou family, died recently at Saskatoon in the person of August Maxwell, railroadier, leaving no will for his \$3,000 estate here.

Justice Ives having ruled in the supreme court that the estate was legally adopted under the laws of Ontario, his foster brothers have no claim. Federal authorities have already claimed the cash, but the attorney-general of Alberta claims it for the University of Alberta under the devolution of estates act.

Best of French Runners Enter Relay Torch Race. Paris, March 18.—A relay torch race from the citadel at Verdun to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on the fourteenth of July, France's national holiday, is planned.

A soldier, blinded in the war, will light two torches before the Verdun citadel and hand them to runners, one representing Paris and the other the provinces, who will dash off down the highway toward the capital. At every kilometre the torch will be passed to fresh runners, and the winner will deliver his torch at the Arc de Triomphe.

BARON SHEFFIELD, AGED 85, DIES AT MANCHESTER

Associated Press Despatch. Manchester, England, March 18.—Baron Sheffield of Roscommon, Edward Lyulph Stanley, died today, aged 85. He was a former member of parliament for Oldham, and for years served on the London school board.

His heir is the Hon. Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley.

PERUVIAN CITY DESTROYED. Associated Press Despatch. Lima, Peru, March 18.—Official and private radio advices from Trujillo, the third important city of Peru, say that the city has been completely destroyed by inundations caused by torrential rains.

Reduction of \$11,000 in Printing Labor. Canadian Press. Ottawa, March 18.—The second session of the 40th general assembly of Prince Edward Island opened yesterday. It was the first function of the kind at which His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Hertz officiated, and the first session since the days of the late Hon. T. Heath Havill, at which a lieutenant-governor appeared wearing state uniform. The historic and impressive ceremony was carried out with all its spectacular and elaborate features, and the attendance of spectators was the largest known years.

Jersey Feels Earth Shocks

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 18.—Severe earth tremors were felt along the northern coast of the Isle of Jersey and other of the Channel islands between two and three o'clock this morning. Residents declare the shock was the severest felt in the locality for many years. No damage was reported.

FIRE DESTROYS PART OF TOKIO

Troops Tear Down Houses as Conflagration Rages Unchecked in City.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, March 18.—A conflagration which swept over northern Tokio this afternoon, fanned by a gale, destroyed more than 1,000 homes by 10 o'clock tonight and was spreading in all directions.

Great confusion prevails. Troops are on the scene tearing down houses in an effort to prevent a further spread of the blaze, while thousands of residents, laden with household effects are streaming toward safety. Firemen were helpless in their attempts to check the conflagration because of the drought that had exhausted the reservoirs.

The fire started in a factory at Nippori Junction, in northeastern Tokio, and tonight was sweeping in a southerly direction towards Utsuno, largest of the metropolitan parks, and site of the famous imperial museum and zoological gardens.

MUNICIPALITIES DENIED LIQUOR PROFIT SHARE

Alberta Government Will Not Divide 1925 Income of \$1,600,000.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Alta., March 18.—The government has no intention of dividing the liquor profits with municipalities of the province as promised last year, according to an announcement made in the legislature yesterday at the opening of the house by Premier Greenfield.

This was the first public announcement as to the policy of the government with respect to the disposition of the liquor profits. The reason advanced for not giving the municipalities a share of the profits were: