

## MICHIGAN CENTRAL NOT PARTY TO P. M. OFFER

Definite Information Again Received That Road Will Not Use L. and P. S. R. as Electrified Line.

## TENANTS OF PERE MARQUETTE ONLY TO END OF PRESENT YEAR

Definite information has been received by The Advertiser from persons who were in communication with the head officials of the M. C. R. Friday, to the effect that the road was not a party to the offer of the Pere Marquette to use the London and Port Stanley Railway, and that the company has made no change whatever in its determination to refuse to use the road in case of electrification.

### TENANCY EXPIRES THIS YEAR.

The Michigan Central is a tenant of the Pere Marquette only to the end of the present year, and as the Pere Marquette lease expires at the end of the year, it would have nothing whatever to do with the Michigan Central. This, in effect, is what Londoners were told by the officials of the Michigan Central in Detroit Friday when the matter was discussed.

### MAINTAINS SAME ATTITUDE.

Mr. Ledyard, chairman of the board of directors of the Michigan Central, has given a definite statement in writing that his company would not use the L. and P. S. R. if electrified, and that this position has not been receded from in the slightest degree is known as a fact.

### HAD NOT CONSULTED M. C. R.

Mr. Alfred, of the Pere Marquette, who wrote the letter which has been construed into an admission that the Michigan Central has changed its attitude, admitted that he did not know what the latter road's opinion of the matter would be. He could say that the Michigan Central was the tenant of the Pere Marquette up to the end of the present year.

### MAY BE A SURPRISE.

Mr. Alfred is also said to have stated that the Pere Marquette is eager to secure the road for steam operation, and to rehabilitate it. Something entirely different from what was expected may be discovered when the bid is opened at a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board to be held Monday.

### M. C. R. HAS NOT RECEDED.

The Michigan Central at any rate, as has been definitely stated on several occasions, will have nothing to do with the line if electrified, and the officials say no one has the right to make a contrary statement.

## Handsome New Structure for Financial Institution on Richmond Street



The accompanying illustration is a reproduction of the plan for the front elevation of the building to be erected by the Canada Trust Company on Richmond street, between the Huron and Erie Building and the Bank of British North America Building. Work is to be commenced as quickly as possible, owing to the fact that the increased business of the Huron and Erie and Canada Trust, now occupying the same building, has compelled a separation of the staffs.

The building will have one of the most handsome fronts in London, with a terra cotta finish. The entire lower floor will be occupied by the staff of the Canada Trust. On the second floor will be used as a recreation room for the staff of the Huron and Erie and Canada Trust. A piano will be purchased, and there will be reading and rest rooms. The employees of the two companies number in the neighborhood of forty, and the social side of their associations is not to be neglected.

A contract will be awarded for the erection of the building in a short time.

## STORM OF MIDSUMMER COMES IN MIDWINTER

Thunder, Lightning and Downpour Months Ahead of Its Schedule Rioted Above London This Morning—Some Phone Lines Out of Order.

Thunderstorms and cloudbursts in midwinter and, moreover, on George Washington's birthday, constituted a bit of unusual playfulness on the part of the weatherman this morning. It is rarely that Jupiter Pluvius, or whatever the weeping ogre of the skies is called, favors the Forest City with such attentions at this time of the year, and for a few minutes this forenoon, had one been living in the United States, and a loyal Republican, he might, in deed, have feared that as a sequel to the recent Democratic deluge, the very elements were trying to wash out the memory of the immortal George, whose youthful stupidity the school books try to excuse, on the ground of his unusual voracity, thunder and lightning. Translated into German, the exclamation would be a heinous offence, but really one did observe a few feeble flashes of scintillating fire darting from the cloud-veiled face of heaven, as if the Pleiades and the nine planets (more or less) were ashamed and chagrined by the superior successes of hidrow. And the rain, (or to poetize, the tears from Nature's eyes!) Nature must have mistaken cayenne pepper for her snuff box. A West London lady invited over the telephone The Advertiser local staff to go gondola-riding on the Wharncliffe road, and fears were entertained for a regular spring freshet in February.

Throughout the surrounding district quite a few telephone lines were out of working order, and linemen were sent out in all directions, but only a few complaints of telephone or electric light troubles were reported in the city.

## DEDICATE TEMPLE APRIL 16

Leading Masons of Dominion To Be Present for the Opening Ceremony.

The new Masonic Temple will be formally dedicated April 16. Mr. W. M. Line has received a letter from Grand Master Aubrey White, of Toronto, stating that it would be convenient for him to attend on that day, and as the hall had not been engaged for any conflicting assemblies, that date was definitely decided upon for the dedication.

The occasion will be marked by elaborate and impressive ceremonies, and the majority of the leading Masons in Canada will be present. A committee has been appointed and has many of the arrangements already in hand.

## ULGAR AIRMAN TAKEN BY TURK

Aeroplane Fell Inside the Lines of Adrianople Fortress.

[Canadian Press.] Constantinople, Feb. 22.—A Bulgarian military aeroplane, while reconnoitering over the fortress of Adrianople today was hit by a Turkish shell and fell inside the line. It was piloted by a Russian officer, Lieut. Nikolaos, who was made a prisoner by the Turks. The report from the Turkish commander does not state whether the airman was injured or not.

## FOUND IN THE ROAD

Inebriated Man Fell From His Buggy Near Exeter.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Exeter, Feb. 22.—As Mr. A. J. Ford was driving to Exeter last evening from Hensall, he found a man lying full length in the middle of the road. A horse and buggy were found in the ditch close by. Investigation showed that the man was in a badly intoxicated condition, and had fallen from the rig. He was wrapped up in the robes found in the buggy, and when Mr. Ford reached Exeter he notified a local liveryman.

## YOUNG CANADIANS SUCCEED IN NEW YORK

Dr. F. W. Troy Pays Tribute to the Ability They Show in Business.

Dr. F. W. Troy has returned to this city from his home in New York, whither he was obliged to go about two weeks ago on account of a breakdown in health. He is much improved and will again take up his evangelistic work in this city, speaking on Sunday in the afternoon and in the evening in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church. "There are many young Canadians making their mark in New York City," said Dr. Troy. "I have heard it said that there are 500,000 of them there in business, and there is a great demand for them."

Dr. Troy spoke of his acquaintance with Bud Fisher, the originator of the Mutt and Jeff cartoons. He knew him when a boy of 17 attending high school, and has always taken a great interest in him.

## GRAND JURIES ARE EXCELLENT THINGS; GOOD EDUCATORS

Sheriff Cameron Points Out the Advantage of Attending Court.

## Procedure Followed in Matter of Presentments to Govt.—Selection of Juries.

The discussion in the Ontario Legislature on Wednesday as to what comes of the presentments of the different grand juries has caused considerable discussion as to the value of the work assigned to the grand jury. A number of officials have given statements both in favor and against the continuance of the jury.

Mr. W. E. N. Sinclair, of South Ontario, asked the Provincial Secretary what was done with the presentments of the grand jury, and a heated discussion followed. Several judicial officials have placed themselves on record as saying that the presentments might as well be done away with for all the good that is done.

## Has Educational Value.

Sheriff D. M. Cameron stated to The Advertiser today that he was in favor of the continuance of the grand jury, if only on the basis of its being of an educational value.

"The presence of the grand and petit jurors in the court room gives these men the privilege of witnessing the proceedings and listening to the evidence, and they would otherwise know nothing of the procedure of a court of justice unless interested in an action. Of course, there is less need for a grand jury today than there was some hundred years or more ago, when the private citizen depended upon the jury to give him fair play when charged with a crime. Today the grand jury system is worth more than its costs, and I am in favor of its continuance."

As to the statement that little attention is given by the Government to the presentments the sheriff would make no statement, but said that all the presentments of the grand and petit jurors in this city were forwarded to the proper authorities by the clerk of the court. The grand jury, which consists of thirteen jurors, hears the evidence of all criminal cases, and if the evidence is sufficient to convict, in the opinion of the jury, it is returned by the jury returns a true bill against the accused person. The reason why no witnesses are heard for the defence is that the hearing would resemble a star chamber court, and this would be strictly against the principles of British justice.

The Procedure. At each sitting of the court at which a grand jury is empanelled, the jurors visit, in a body, all buildings that they wish to, and report as to the conditions. The presentment is presented to the judge and his direction as to the disposal of it is given to the clerk of the court. Sometimes it is sent to the county council, and sometimes to the Provincial Government. Of late years the presentments sent to the county council have been read, and then filed by that body and no action taken as to the suggestions embodied in the document.

The jurors, both grand and petit, are selected from a number of names submitted by the clerks of the different municipalities in a county by the county judges, sheriff, city and county treasurers, mayor of the city and warden of the county on Sept. 15 of each year. These selectors determine the number of names to be selected for all the courts to be held in the succeeding years, and three times the number of names as are required for the courts are sent in to the clerk of the court.

When the first selection is made the qualifications of each man are inspected, but the final selection in December is done entirely by ballot. There is no distinction between the qualifications of grand and petit jurors.

## FATAL STRIKE RIOT

One Man Will Die as Result of Injuries in Rochester Clash.

[Canadian Press.] Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Striking garment workers to the number of twenty attacked two employees of one of the clothing factories last night with sticks and stones, and so seriously injured them that one will die. Neither of the men attacked was a garment worker, but one was stockkeeper and the other an assistant to a travelling salesman. Both were removed to a hospital.

Strike leaders today say that the factory owners are planning to reopen the shops Monday and openly declare that they will prevent this. The strikers have not given up hope that the state board of mediation will interfere, but there is no indication of such a procedure.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—CLEAR, COLDER.

Forecast for Toronto, Feb. 22—8 a.m. Today—Occasional rain and sleet. Sunday—Heavily windy; clearing and turning colder.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
London	22.5	26	Clear
Calgary	24	4	Cloudy
Winnipeg	24	4	Cloudy
Port Arthur	24	4	Clear
Parry Sound	20	14	Snow
Toronto	20	14	Snow
Ottawa	24	14	Snow
Montreal	25	10	Snow
Quebec	28	12	Cloudy
Father Point	23	8	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes. The disturbance from Texas has moved directly to the Great Lakes, and has caused a freezing rain in Southern Ontario and snow in the more northern and eastern districts.

## LEADERS OF SUFFRAGETTES FACE PENAL SERVITUDE

British Cabinet Has Decided to Make the Punishment Extreme, But Hesitates at Making Martyrs of Mrs. Pankhurst and Others.

[Special to The Advertiser.] London, Eng., Feb. 22.—Although Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and several militant followers are clamoring for arrest in connection with recent suffragette outrages, the Government seems loath to take that action, and severe criticisms is being made by prominent people and influential newspapers of both politics in regard to this official lethargy.

The fact is, according to a statement by the Home Secretary this morning the Government has decided that the arrest of suffragette leaders would be pandering to their desire for martyrdom. Once arrests are made, however, it is likely penal servitude for life will be imposed, with positively no opportunity of pardon in any circumstances. This was decided by the cabinet this morning. It is quite probable that arrests will be made before night. The matter is left to Scotland Yard.

## TWO OFFERS FOR BOARD TO CONSIDER

C. N. R. and Pere Marquette Only Lines Asking For Lease.

A meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway board has been called for Monday afternoon at 4:30 to consider tenders for lease and for running rights over the London and Port Stanley Railway.

So far, no tenders have been received from the Grand Trunk for the lease or purchase of the road, and the two offers to be considered are those from the Canadian Northern and the Pere Marquette.

## 40 WOODSTOCK BOYS GUESTS AT Y. M. C. A.

Program of Sports Will Be Conducted During the Afternoon.

London Y. M. C. A. entertained a dinner today 40 junior schoolboys from the Woodstock Y. M. C. A.

A program of athletics, arranged by the local boys' secretary, J. G. Chadwick, is being contested this afternoon by the visitors, and over one hundred of the London junior schoolboys, and local noon-day boys, who are all rural students attending the Collegiate Institute or local business colleges during the day but living outside of the city.

One hundred and fifty boys in all had dinner at the local Y. M. C. A. today, and a luncheon will be held this afternoon. The visiting boys are accompanied by Boys' Secretary W. H. Pierce, of Woodstock.

## BROUGHT TO LONDON.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Clonaboye, Feb. 22.—Mr. Harry Hanson, 62 years of age, an old soldier and well-known resident of Clonaboye, was today advised by his physician to go to St. Joseph's Hospital, London, for treatment of sciatic rheumatism. Mr. Hanson has recently been ill with pneumonia.

## LOCAL OPTION MAY WIN BY FRACTION OF VOTE

Temperance Forces, After One Ballot Is Rejected, Have Majority of Two and Three-Fifths Votes—Three in Doubt.

Judge Talbot Macbeth presided at the official recount of the London Township local option vote at St. Johns on Friday, and he threw out one ballot in favor of the bylaw, thus reducing the majority.

He also reserved his decision in connection with three other votes until this morning, and this morning reserved his final judgment until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Two in Favor. Of these three votes two were cast in favor of the bylaw and one against it. The judgment in connection with the qualification of a number of the voters was also reserved until Monday morning.

## ANNEXATION ACCOUNTS FOR \$83,000 DEBENTURE ISSUE

Waterworks and Hydro Figures Cleared Up—Letter From Mr. Glaubitz.

General Manager Glaubitz of the board of water commissioners writes: I wish to appeal to your sense of justice and fairness to correct several mis-statements which occurred in your issue of Friday. While any unprejudiced person with the most rudimentary knowledge of the conditions which make for efficiency must be aware that the separation of the electrical and waterworks departments is not at all in the best interests of the citizens, I did not make the statement at Thursday's meeting that I "did not think such (separation) would be the case," nor did I imply in any way that this was my opinion.

Moreover, you state that there is an increase of nearly \$200,000 in my estimate over previous year in the two departments, while, according to the figures, there is an increase of \$54,000, and this is only apparent. Of the debenture issue, \$36,000 is for water-works extensions and \$23,000 for electric-line extensions in the annexed districts, making a total of \$59,000 of extraordinary expenditure, as compared with former years, so that the estimate this year are actually less by \$29,000.

You state that the transfer of the Springbank equipment is \$44,803.56, while it is only \$6,000; the expenditure at the Springbank station of \$20,000 for road correction in the electrical department you repeat as an expenditure in the waterworks department. I expect that the above statements occurred inadvertently, and that you will give due publicity to their being erroneous. Yours respectfully, H. J. GLAUBITZ, General Manager, Board of Water Commissioners.

The Debenture Issues. The mistakes in the tables of figures were made inadvertently, and were partly due to typographical errors. Here is a plain statement of the amounts to be raised by debentures for waterworks and hydro-electric purposes in the present year:

Waterworks	\$36,000
Hydro-electric	\$23,000
Total	\$59,000

Of this sum, \$53,000 is accounted for by extensions in the new annexed district. This leaves \$6,000 to be spent within the former city limits, compared with \$128,000 last year in the same area.

The figures above refer only to debenture issues, and do not include operating expenses.



Photo by Edgar Sanders. MR. E. VICTOR SMITH, president of the Hermitage Club, which enjoyed its annual banquet last night.

## ENGINEER SIFTON ASKS \$5,000 AS SALARY AT HAMILTON

Former Londoner Finds Some Opposition to Appointment as Business Manager of Hydro Affairs at Mountain City.

The Hamilton Times of Friday says: The members of this year's board of control do not intend to adopt a trust-to-luck policy in connection with the affairs of the hydro department. Next Wednesday morning it is the intention of the controllers to go thoroughly into the hydro management, and not only decide on a business head, but also take up the small details of the department for their own information. The question was considered this morning by the board, and opposition was raised to Engineer Sifton being asked to be present when the controllers take up the hydro applications for salary increases next week.

## MR. O'LEARY BECOMES YARDMASTER OF G. T. R.

Yard Foreman Ogilvie Succeeds to the Post of Night Yardmaster.

Night Yardmaster Michael O'Leary has been appointed yardmaster of the Grand Trunk, succeeding Mr. John Cloghesy. Yard Foreman W. Ogilvie will be the new night yardmaster. The changes go into effect immediately.

## EGGS ARE PLAYING AT HUMPTY-DUMPTY

Dealers Who Bought in Scarce Season Hard Hit by Drop.

Eggs are due for a steady drop in price as a result of the mild weather that is prevailing.

Last year this time they were selling at sky-high prices, but for the last few weeks they have been coming in plentifully, and according to dealers prices will weaken from now on.

It is stated that a number of firms who bought largely in the fall and early part of the winter, expecting that last year's prices would be duplicated, have been rather hard hit.

One man stated to The Advertiser today that this district is producing more eggs now than it ever did, and that each succeeding year sees the production increase.

The produce firms have agents all through the district, and thousands of dozens are sent all over the country from Middlesex.