ENVIRONMENT IS VITAL IN BOY LIFE

Dr. W. Babb Tells Brother Kiwanians His Ideas on Movement.

London Kiwanians today devoted their time at the weekly luncheon to listening to some of their own speakers on the subject of the work of the club among underprivileged boys. Percy Banghart, Bill Babb, Ed. Gairns and Fred Ross were allotted this task, and acquitted themselves worthily. Rev. John Agnew, as chairman of the education committee of the club took charge of today's meeting.

Dr. Babb, in dealing with co-operation in the home, stated that environment was greater than heredity in the form of character in the adolescent boy, and urged members to do what they could by individual effort to see that the boys for whom they were responsible were placed in the best possible environment. He declared also that indifference and overindulgence of the boys by their parents were the two great difficulties which the club had to overcome in carrying on their boys' work.

Take It Seriously.

Ed. Cairns, who spoke on ideals and habits in connection with the boys' work, made a plea to members to consider the seriousness of the matter, and to make it a personal matter between them and the particular boy in whom they were interested. He invited them to study their boys in the concrete, instead of in the abstract, and to give freely of their time and thought and advice in helping these coming Canadians.

Dr. Banghart, speaking on the co-operation between club and the boys, gave the credit for the success of the movement in London to date to Fred Ross, Hugh Murray, Neil Stryker and Tom Roy. To Fred Ross in particular he gave the credit for the work done by the club for the underprivileged boy.

"I think that every member of the club who has a boy should set aside five days in each year when he will invite that boy to his office or his home and take an intimate personal interest in him," he said.

Confined to Y. M. C. A.

"Our interest today is largely confined to what the Y. M. C. A. is doing and to our summer camps. If our work with these boys is to achieve what it aims at, it will need more than this to bring success. It's the personal touch that counts."

Fred Ross said there were now 43 boys for whom the club was responsible, and that only two of these had appeared either in the juvenile court or the police court in all the time that the work had been carried on.

J. J. McHale, president of the club, in summing up these addresses, joined with the majority that it was an individual interest and effort that was needed to insure the London club maintaining its fine record for this sort of work.

Four new members were introduced today. They were W. H. Kippen, Harold Fry, Thomas Rich and John G. Embler. They were introduced by Arthur Ford. Ed. Cairns was the booster for the day and the winners were H. B. Muir and Walter Sellers.

TWO OFFICERS TO BLAME, IS WRECK PROBE FINDING

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 5.—"The court, having carefully weighed the evidence adduced, finds both the master, Anson Burke Smith, and the mate, Richard Smith, in default," states the finding of the court, presided over by Captain L. A. Demers, dominion wreck commissioner, which conducted a formal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the stranding of the Canadian government steamer Grenville on Burton Bank, near Geroux Island, Georgian Bay, on Dec. 6 last.

WHEAT DROPS SIX CENTS PER BUSHEL AT CHICAGO

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, March 6.—A break of more than six cents a bushel took place in the wheat market today before trading had been in progress an hour. Forced down by heavy selling, May fell as low as $1.86¼, compared with $1.92 1-4 to $1.92 3-8 at Thursday's finish. Unexpected liberal exports from the southern hemisphere, together with rains in India, were largely responsible.

REPORTS SEDAN STOLEN.

H. A. Warren, 474 William street, reported to the police last night that his sedan had been stolen from in front of his home between 6 and 10:30. The car carried license number 89-584. The serial number was 399-738.

Large, Hideous Necks Can Be Prevented

How many of your friends and acquaintances are affected with Goitre, the most disfiguring and difficult disease to cure?

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Dennis Preparing March On East Middlesex Riding In the Federal Election

London Manufacturer Believed To Have Dreams of Glory in Ottawa.

LEADERS ATTACKED

Meighen Expected To Step Down Before Fight Is Opened.

East Middlesex politics promises to supply a fight of unusual interest to Londoners in the next federal election as a result of the reported decision of E. R. Dennis, London manufacturer, to make a bid for the nomination at the Conservative convention for that riding, called to meet in the East End town hall on March 28.

The fact that Mr. Dennis has had his apirations divided between provincial and federal politics has not been generally known outside the innermost party circles until the past few days. But it is now stated that his gaze is turned toward the dominion capital, and that he hopes to find his way through the east riding of Middlesex, which includes the East London annex. This heavy urban vote has been assiduously cultivated by the Tory machine during the past 15 or 20 years and Mr. Dennis believes that he can harvest the crop despite the fact that the rural parts of the constituency are not enamored of a city manufacturer. However, S. Frank Glass, though a resident of London and an insurance broker, was able to carry the riding for Toryism for several years. It is this precedent which is said to have whetted the interest of Mr. Dennis.

Political circles are also greatly interested in reports from Toronto concerning the anticipated shake-up in provincial and federal Tory leaderships. It is generally conceded that Hon. Mr. Meighen will not be able to lead the Conservatives to power in the general federal election for which the Tories are now preparing. Teh fact that he has been unable to redeem himself with the people of Quebec by substituting friendly for bitterly unfriendly gestures has given rise to the forecast that Conservatism cannot look for better than 75 seats in the next Dominion parliament.

Walk the Plank.

If Mr. Meighen fails in this attempt it is also arranged by his dubious followers that he must walk the plank. This leaves the possibility of Hon. Howard Ferguson being called from the provincial premiership to the Ottawa leadership, but in any event Mr. Ferguson is generally regarded as being on his way. His failures in handling the prohibition situation and his alternating angering of both wets and drys is said to have hastened his end at Toronto.

Therein was the reason that Mr. Ferguson took a vacation a few weeks ago and left Hon. George S. Henry as acting premier. While in that capacity Mr. Henry retraced the steps Mr. Ferguson had taken toward strengthening the O. T. A. and broke the news to the public that the government had modifying laws in view. That has strengthened Mr. Henry in the opinion of the wet wing of the Conservatives and many are calling for his advancement to the premiership.

The dry in the Tory camp, however, are not so keen for Mr. Henry as for Hon. W. F. Nickle, the attorney-general, who is rgearded by many as an ardent supporter of prohibitory laws as Attorney-General Raney of the Drury regime. Mr. Nickle, however, scarcely fits in with Tory traditions. As a dry he does not belong, and as an opponent of titles he is altogether too democratic for die-hard Toryism. Mr. Nickle was the man who put through the federal house at Ottawa the bill which abolished titular distinctions in Canada, and for that reason he has never been forgiven by Tories who had ambitions to be knighted. One of these is said to be no less a personage than Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Tory and Union government premier, whose brother was in the next batch for titles when the Nickle bill was forced down.

Sure To Go.

The general belief at Toronto is that Ferguson is as sure to go as Meighen at Ottawa. If Ferguson does not get Mr. Meighen's shoes he goes anyway, for he has provided an agreeable alternative, according to gossip in circles usually very well informed.

Mr. Ferguson would like to be opposition leader and to take a fling at the national premiership, but next to that he would like to get the vacancy now existing on the hydro-electric power commission, for if Sir Adam Beck shoud retire Mr. Ferguson would then be in line for the chairmanship. Sir Adam for the first ten years drew no salary in this capacity, but he is now paid $18,000 a year. It has been openly suggested however, that when Mr. Ferguson takes over the job, if he does so, the party will fix him up with a salary of $25,000 and leave him in office as long as the party can hold the reins of power.

ICY PAVEMENTS BRING BROKEN BONES TO TWO

Icy pavements and sidewalks of yesterday are held responsible for two accidents cases admitted to Victoria hospital last night. Ernest Bullern of 153 Wharncliffe road suffered a broken leg in a fall. He was attended to by Dr. Norman Schram at Victoria hospital last night, and this morning was reported to be resting easily.

E. King of 720 Princess avenue fractured his cheekbone in a fall on the sidewalk. He was placed under the care of Dr. C. Reason. He has shown satisfactory improvement, hospital officials state.

SUPPORT SAXON STRIKERS.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cologne, Germany, March 6.—The railwaymen's unions of the Cologne and Essen districts have voted to support the Saxon strikers in every manner possible. Union officials say that only with difficulty can the workers be restrained from going out immediately.

Prince In Gold Is Considered

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 6.—The interest in South Africa over the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales, says a despatch to the Daily Express, is evidenced in a letter received by a firm of jewelers in Birmingham asking their price for building a statue of the prince in gold. The despatch does not indicate the size of the proposed statue.

CUT FARE DEMANDS CONSIDERED LEGAL

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give a definite date for the completion of an agreement on the basis proposed by the council last night.

A curt statement issued by General Manager Tait this morning stated:

"A complete report covering the situation will be prepared and submitted to the president and directors at once. As financial interests other than those of the London Street Railway Company must be consulted in reference to finances for improvements, this may entail some delay, but nothing can be gained by hasty action."

Mr. Tait said that he regretted that his action with the commitee had been interpreted by aldermen as being defiant. He says he just told the truth, the situation as it appeared to him.

"I have no apologies to make," he says. "However, it would appear that the atcion taken by the city council last night resolving to undertake a solution of the street railway problem during 1925 justifies my efforts to fully inform the special committee as to the street railway situation."

No Definite Idea.

No definite idea regarding likely time for a conference between the council's new committee and the L. S. R. directors could be obtained from any source today, though it was plainly evident that considerable delay would be caused.

While the mayor, some aldermen and the street railway apipar pleased at the situation today and believe the transportation problem is pretty well cleared up, those on the "other side" find the situation a bigger muddle than ever.

Ald. Frank McKay, a member of the special committee named to meet the railway, sees possibilities of a lengthy delay before action is finally taken to complete a new agreement. It may be a month, he thinks, before the company can be made to promise to carry out new paving work. At the same time the council may, or may not, be winking at the imposition of the five-cent fare on citizens. The lower rate of fares goes legally into effect on Monday, and should be observed, Ald. McKay thinks.

"I do not think that the present council can legally enter into a year's agreement with the street railway for an extension of the five-cent rate of fare," Ald. McKay said today. "I don't think the present council has power to make an agreement, without a vote of the people, which would extend beyond the lifetime of the 1925 council."

Last night's compromise vote came when the aldermen split on the question introduced by Ald. James McCormick, and the mayor cast the deciding vote, in favor of the street railway company.

Introduced by Ald. James McCormick, the action was a distinct compromise between the straight five-cent fare and reversal to the old fares. Fruits of the arbitrary attitude of General Manager Leonard Tait of the L. S. R. were reaped in the council's decision.

Sharp Reaction Noticed.

A week ago there appeared to be no question but that the company would be permitted temporary continuance of five-cent fares, without any concessions on the part of the road. However, a sharp reaction in council circles was noticed after the conference at Manager Tait's office on Wednesday afternoon when the transportation chief's defiant attitude and blunt refusals appeared to hurt the company's cause.

Following a half hour of discussion on the question Ald. James McCormick moved for a compromise with the railway. Ald. Kilbourne was a ready seconder. The resolution was:

"That the London Street Railway Company be granted an extension of a year's term with a five-cent fare, providing that they agree to expend on pavements and improvements the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, and that a committee be appointed to arrange for further negotiations re continuing franchise or purchase."

The vote was:

YEAS (7)—Carswell, Doig, Smith, Kilbourne, McCormick, Ashton, Wenige.

NAYS—(6) — McKay, Douglass, Clift, Bottrill, Linnell, Neely.

Mayor Gives Report.

The mayor took it upon himself to tell the council last night what happened at the conference with Mr Tait on Wednesday. No new purchase price had been named, but the railway head had suggested that if a year's extension of the 5-cent fares were offered, $95,000 worth of paving and extensions would be carried out. York street, between Richmond and Ridout; Dundas, between Lyle and Rectory; Wharncliffe road north, and Dundas street west, were the streets named.

"He also stated, Mr. Mayor, that he could not guarantee what the board of directors would do about the paving," Ald. Douglass put in.

"He said that the work would be carried out, contingent on whether the money could be borrowed from the bank or not," offered Ald. McKay.

"When will Mr. Tait give us something definite?" asked Ald. Kilbourne. "Why are they evading the issues when they have had all this time to figure out what they are ready to do?"

Cannot Answer Everything.

He looked to the mayor for an answer, but Mr. Wenige said that there were some things he hadn't answers for.

"Let's have something definite to work on," asked Ald. Linnell.

"I can't see where Mr. Tait's recommendations are of any value to us in deciding on fares," was Ald. Paul Doig's opinion.

The mayor remarked to Ald. Douglass that it was quite true that the company had stated a month would make no difference in its attitude on selling of the road.

"These promises of the company strike me as being very vague," said Ald. Thomas Clift. "We have no concrete proof that anything will be done by the company if we give them the five-cent fares."

Ald. Bottrill was angry at the thought that the street railway demanded much and promised nothing in return. The company had plainly said that $160,000 would be lost in 1925 if reversal to the seven and nine tickets for a quarter were permitted. If the company would stand to lose that much, it could afford to do much improvement work under the five-cent rate of fares.

Opposes Any Concessions.

"I don't think there should be any concessions at all to the street railway at this time," Ald. Bottrill argued.

There had been, during all this discussion, no motion before the council. Ald. Edwin Smith anxiously inquired for a motion of some sort to justify the discussion.

"I would move that the committee's report be accepted," suggested Ald. McKay. There was no objection.

"The committee's discharged then, that ends it," put in Ald. Douglass.

Ald. McCormick's motion for a compromise with the company brought comments from Ald. Douglass and Ald. McKay that the street railway had already stated that no paving would be promised.

"We have the citizens of London to consider," pointed out Ald. Kilbourne. We have security, for unless we get $75,000 worth of pavements we will not give an inch. They owe us a lot and we are asking practically half of what they would lose if we lowered the fares. We are meeting the company half way."

"But they distinctly told us last night they could give us nothing," protested Ald. Bottrill.

"Ald. Kilbourne is putting the cart before the horse," commented Ald. McKay.

STREET CAR MESS BLAMED ON TORIES

Ald. H. B. Neely Tells Council His Ideas of Transportation Problem.

Blame for London's transportation muddle is placed upon Sir Adam Beck and the present Conservative government in Ontario by Ald. Homer B. Neeley, a life-long Tory. Ald. Neeley, in the debate on the L. S. R. fares at a special meeting of the council last night, donned heavy hob nailed boots and jumped on Sir Adam and the Tories in power.

"The matter appears to me just the same as when I spoke on it the other night," Ald. Neeley explained. "I don't want to see the street railway die an agonizing death. I think that the company should be made to live up to its agreement and if purchase is desired, the price should be determined by arbitration. I think the legislature made a rotten mess of the transportation problem here.

"There was no need for the legislature to bother with special legislation for a five-cent fare here when no one in the city was against it. I do not blame the whole legislature, but I say that we are in difficulty now because of one member's action, who I regret is now seriously ill."

Ald. Neeley condemned Sir Adam Beck's dream to buy the London Street Railway and link it up with the London and Port Stanley Railway.

"I want to say frankly that the man who carries the dinner pail should not be asked to help pay off the deficit on the L. & P. S. We should allow the whole matter to stand where it is, and leave the onus on the legislature which created the muddle. If we get into a mess, through their help, it is their duty to help us out of it."

Ald. L. H. Douglass attempted to correct Ald. Neeley, and pointed out that much of London's transportation muddle had been brought about by the Farmer-Labor government which preceded Mr. Ferguson and his colleagues.

POLICE STILL IN DARK OVER FIXTURE THEFT

No New Developments in Robbery From Empty House on Governor's Road.

High Constable Wharton reports no new developments in the robbery of electric fixtures, valued at $100, from an empty house on the corner of Clarke's side road and the Governor's road on Wednesday night.

The house is owned by Mrs. Montague of Byron and the robbery was not discovered until she was showing a prespective tenant through the house.

The thieves used a screw driver in removing the back door, which they took with them, the high constable states.

CHAMBERLAIN ON HIS WAY TO ATTEND LEAGUE COUNCIL

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 6.—Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain left this morning for Geneva, where he is to attend the council of the league of nations. He plans to stop off in Paris, staying at the British embassy there tonight and meeting Premier Herriot tomorrow.

The French ambassador was among those bidding farewell to Mr. Chamberlain at the station.

MANY IN RUNNING FOR GREER'S POST

Elevation of Geoffrey A. Wheable Is Still an Uncertainty.

Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., M.A., may or may not be appointed senior inspector-administrator in succession to V. Kenneth Greer, M.A.

The situation at present is in an involved state with a number of the trustees strongly backing Mr. Whebale for the position, a number in favor of the appointment of an outside man, with a certain individual man in mind, and a number who have taken the stand that only a man of outstanding provincial reputation is entitled t othe post over the claims of Mr. Wheable to the office.

All the trustees declare themselves as anxious to secure the best and biggest possible man to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Greer's acceptance of the position as chief inspector of public and separate schools for the province, dating from May 1.

The trustees have declared also that should an outside man be appointed they wish to have him here on the ground with Mr. Greer during the month of April. Since such a man would probably have to give a month's notice in his present position, the need for action upon the part of the board becomes a pressing matter.

The Advertiser was informed this morning that any one of three or four department of education officials, among them J. P. Hoag, continuation school inspector, would be inclined to accept the position were it offered to him by the board.

Such a situation only brings the board face to face with the choice of elevating Mr. Wheable to the post or securing an outside man, which choice the executive committee decided several days ago should be made by the board acting as a whole.

Some definite action is expected in the matter at the regular meeting of the board on Thursday afternoon of next week.

Golden Jubilee of Oddfellows

Thamesville Lodge Celebrates Interesting Event.

Special to The Advertiser.

Thamesville, March 5.—The 50th anniversary of the founding of Thamesville Oddfellows' lodge was celebrated here tonight by a banquet. One hundred and twenty-five enjoyed the dinner served by the ladies' aid of the Presbyterian church. The toast-list was as follows: The King, responded to by the singing of the national anthem and "O Canada"; visitors by E. W. Hardey and John Turner of Chatham, who instituted the local lodge 50 years ago; the absent and departed, responded to by audience standing in silence; the ladies, by Dr. W. L. McIlwraith and Mesdames Angus, Graham and Fred J. Martin; grand lodge, by District Deputy Grand Master George Barker of Thamesville; presentation of veterans' jewels to Charles Hubbell Hetherington, James Duffus and Floyd Hubbell. The accompanist of the evening was Miss Causgrove.

MUCH DAMAGE CAUSED BY GALES OVER FRANCE

Early Fruit and Grain Ruined by Hail—Many Boats Are Sunk.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, March 5.—March came in like a lamb, but beneath the lamb's clothing lurked the lion. The weather has changed abruptly since Sunday and there has been a succession of gales, accompanied by snow, sleet or rain, with rare intervals of wintry sunshine. The usually favored Riviera is one of the worst sufferers.

The early fruit and grain crops have been destroyed in many places by hailstones, some of which reached the size of small eggs. Heavy seas approximating the proportions of a tidal wave destroyed or sank a large number of fishing boats at St. Tropez, Ste. Maxime and Carquelranne. A similar tale of disaster comes from the channel and Atlantic coasts.

A sausage balloon blown from its mooring at the military air service camp near Angers was whirled away at a dizzy pace and came down at Santander, Spain, in an incredibly short time.

SOUTH HIGH GLEE CLUB'S ANNUAL CONCERT TONIGHT

The annual glee club concert of the South London collegiate institute will be held tonight in the auditorium of the Victoria public school at 8 p.m. The program will include vocal solos by A. L. Christiani, instrumenal solos by Miss Elsie Currie, selecions by he L. C. S. I. mixed quaret, numbers by the L. S. C. I. glee club and the 15-piece L. S. C. I. orchestra.

The South collegiate glee club concerts have established in the past an enviable reputation which, it is maintained by Principal T. S. H. Graham, M.A., wll be fully sustained by this evening's concert.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL TILLSONBURG PIONEER

Tillsonburg, March 5.—The funeral of the late Mrs. E. S. Honsberger, aged 86 years, who died on Monday after a short illness, was held yesterday afternoon to the town cemetery for interment, and was very largely attended. She had been a resident of the town for 51 years, having lived here one year before the town's incorporation. She was an ardent member of St. Paul's Methodist church and a highly-respected citizen of town and district. Rev. A. E. Marshall conducted the funeral services. Survivors are the husband and three children, Mrs. Robbins of Tillsonburg, Edmund of Detroit and Joseph of Ingersoll.

Amazing Stories Are Told In Suit Against Dennistoun

Alleged International Friendships of Society Woman Aired in Court.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 5.—Amazing stories of alleged international friendships formed by Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun during visits to Madrid, Lisbon and Budapest were brought out in the packed courtroom today when Sir Edward Marshall Hall, counsel for Lieut.-Col. Ian Onslow Dennistoun, who is being sued by his former wife for moneys she says she loaned him, subjected her to a severe cross-examination. The small, frail-looking woman, during the ten and a half hours' ordeal on the witness stand, only once showed signs of possible collapse. At the end of the day's session of the trial she broke out into passionate sobbing when complaining that her divorced husband and "detectives" had been following her for a year.

Mrs. Dennistoun admitted that she had been the mistress of the late Sir John Steven Cowans, quartermaster-general of the British army during the world war, from April, 1916, to 1920. She said her liason with Sir John was "well known in so-called society." She further confessed intimacy in Switzerland with a Spaniard named Bolin, whom she met in Barcelona, Spain, in 1921, and who was described as being connected with the league of nations. She added that she became engaged to him before he left for South America, although Almina, Lady Carnarvon, who then was the wife of the discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamen, but now is married to Lieut.-Col. Dennistoun, advised her not to marry him owing to the disparity in their ages.

Sir Edward Marshall Hall offered to read a list containing the names of many other alleged admirers of Mrs. Dennistoun, but Justice MacCardie stopped him.

Mrs. Dennistoun denied allegations concerning herself and Prince Bela Odescalchi, who is a member of the Hungarian branch of a famous Roman family, and Oscar Senhouse, a United States officer who was killed in the world war.

CONFESSED TO MURDER BEFORE ENDING LIFE

Moose Jaw Woman Left Note Assuming Responsibility For Daugher's Death.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Moose Jaw, Sask., March 6.—Before Ellen Chambers ended her life in her bungalow here Wednesday afternoon, she penned a note in which she acknowledges she had slain her 14-year-old daughter, Joan, whose remains were later found in the cellar.

"I understand what I have done and am about to do," she wrote. "I take full responsibility."

Yesterday a coroner's jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the view taken by police and others who were at the scene shortly after the crimes, that Mrs. Chambers had committed suicide with the rope, and that Joan Chambers died as the result of having her skull crushed by an axe "in the hands of some person, believed to have been her mother."

Chief of Police Johnson and Chambers told the coroner that Mrs. Chambers was insanely jealous of "another woman," and the widowed husband further admitted his dead wife had threatened on many occasions to end her life by drowning.

RAIL CHIEFS GET RAISE, WORKERS MAY STRIKE

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, March 6.—A conference last night between the railway administration and the workers' representatives on the subject of the wage conflict which in Saxony has led to a strike, was not productive of results.

The administration adhered to its unyielding attitude, and the conference was adjourned until Saturday.

The men are dissatisfied because the administration recently voted large increases for the highest railway officials while ignoring the lower paid workers.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOW HIGHER ATTENDANCE

Average Attendance in City For Month of February 7,711.

Attendance in the public schools of the city during February showed an increase of 1.7 per cent over the same month last year.

Such an increase is viewed with satisfaction by Administrator V. K. Greer in justifying the change in policy made recently in connection with the attendance and vocational department.

Of the 8,843 pupils enrolled in the public schools last month, the average attendance was 7,711, or 87.1 per cent.

During February of last year, with an enrollment of 8,722 pupils, the average attendance was 7,453, or 85.4 per cent.

According to departments the figures for last month are as follows: Grades I to VIII, 7,726 enrolled, average attendance, 6,836; kindergarten, 991 enrolled, average attendance, 766; auxiliary classes, 126 enrolled, average attendance, 109.

CANADIAN OIL FIRM INVOLVED IN U. S. PROBE

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Attorneys representing the government in the naval oil leasing cases expect the arrival in New York today of U. J. Mengert, one of their agents sent to France with interrogatories which a French court presented to J. L. O'Neil and H. M. Blackmer, dealing with alleged transactions between a Canadian oil purchasing company, and Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome, out of which the government is seeking to show that Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, obtained a number of Liberty bonds.

TRAVELLERS' LODGE NEARING LEADERS

U. C. T. Local Will Be Third Largest in Canada After Saturday's Initiation.

There will be 50 new members of the fraternal order of the United Commercial Travellers of America, London council, No. 630, tomorrow afternoon. And with the initiation of 50 new members the London council will become the largest in the eastern section of Canada and the third largest in the dominion.

A gala event is being arranged by the London council for tomorrow afternoon's initiation. The admittance of 50 candidates into the secret fraternal organization will be the biggest event since the local concil's inception. A program made up of all varieties of ordeal has been arranged by the initiation committee in charge of E. R. Dromgole, and it is an assured fact jthat the new members "will ride the goat" to the limit before they become true fraternal brothers.

The London council has shown remarkable progress in the past four years since its inception in 1921. During that time the membership has steadily increased and with a continued gain, Grand Secretary R. A. Parish believes that No. 630 will soon become the largest council in Canada. It is now running neck and neck with Edmonton and not far behid Winnipeg, the two largest councils in the dominion.

Following Saturday afternoon's initiation, election and installation of officers for the year will take place in the evening at a special session. R. A. Parish will have charge of this section of Saturday's program.

CONGREGATIONS FAVORING UNION NOW TOTAL 1,417

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 6.—The following summary issued today by the church union bureau of information shows that 1,417 Presbyterian congregations have voted in favor of the United church and 504 against.

Province.	For.	Against.
Alberta	106	26
British Columbia	195	23
Ontario	450	357
Saskatchewan	455	12
Quebec	76	38
Nova Scotia	93	35
Prince Edward Island	42	13
Totals	1,417	504

WINDSOR AVE. MAN HAS CAR STOLEN FROM YORK ST.

A sedan owned by Austin Vickell, 59 Windsor avenue, was stolen near the York street bridge by boys shortly before noon today. The theft was reported to thepolice. The car bore license number 87-969.

Young boys are said by Mr. Vickell to have taken the car. They jumped in and drove away as he approached to start the machine.

VOTES OUT OF UNION.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Calgary, Alta., March 6.—Pleasant Heights Presbyterian church last night voted itself out of church union. The vote stood 54 against union and 41 in favor. This vote was under the provincial statute.

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