

PRESENT COLD SNAP WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME SAYS LOCAL "WEATHERMAN"

Londoners Shivering With the Thermometer Around Six Above Zero This Morning.

Human nature is peculiar. And so are the queer actions of the weather man, which emphasizes the sentiment expressed in the first sentence. A little more than a week ago citizens, that is, a certain section, were growing impatient of the open winter which was almost like spring weather. And now to-day with the mercury hovering only a few degrees above zero, another will be going up. "It's cold, very cold," was the comment of everyone this morning. Those who claimed, when the weather was hot, that it was unreasonable, unhealthful and affected business, are now volunteering the opinion that the present cold snap is a great deal worse than the previous unnatural warm spell. Whether it's warm or whether it's hot we have got to have weather. Whether we like it or not, so, despite all the protests, old King Winter has come to stay.

QUESTION EXTRA SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Ratepayers Doubt Advisability of Latitude.

COSTS \$3,000 FOR A DAY Schools Do Not Resume Work Until Thursday.

Why so many lost days in the school year? That, perhaps, is the question more particularly in the minds of ratepayers to-day. It is especially interesting to those ratepayers who are parents of children in the schools, because of the fact that although other industries in Ontario resumed pre-holiday operation to-day, the city's most important secondary schools must postpone resumption of activities until Thursday.

"Why the extra day?" This was the question on the lips of scores of London citizens to-day. And the answer was hard to find. Inquiry at the office of the school inspectors elicited the information that the Christmas-New Year holiday, like the majority of other school vacations, is set by the department of education at Toronto.

However, no reason has been advanced as to why the schools should be closed for the day after New Year's Day, and there are a good many citizens in London who are called upon to contribute something like \$3,000 per day in taxes for the operation of the city and the schools who would like some good and valid reason.

"There are altogether too many days picked in the calendar during the year and I think it's high time we made a little investigation into the matter," declared one ratepayer to-day.

On more than one occasion school officials and trustees have objected to closing the schools for a day owing to the heavy expense involved in salaries and general upkeep. Yet to-day London's school buildings were closed; its teachers were just beginning to return on vacation and from the coffers of the city treasury the sum of \$3,000 or more was paid out for one day's school upkeep.

ANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS CHANGE OF TIME JANUARY 27th. Train No. 15, now due to leave London at 7:00 p. m. for Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, will commence on the new date, leaving London 7:30 p. m., arriving Toronto at 10:20 instead of 9:59, Montreal at 11:00, and Ottawa at 11:30 minutes, reducing the time between London, Montreal and Ottawa by 20 minutes. Information, tickets and reservations, P.O. Corner, R. E. Ruse, C. P. and C. A. Phone 80. Adv-w. lth.

WESTERN "U" TO REOPEN THURSDAY

Students Returning To City From Out of Town

Lectures will be resumed through the offices of the University of Western Ontario to-morrow morning and hundreds of out-of-town students are returning to-day by every incoming train. Faculties of the arts college welcome a beginning of the final term in Huron College, as well as the new arts and science buildings will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the 1924-25 term.

Lectures are being resumed on regular schedule to-morrow at the Medical Institute of Public Health and Hygiene College, as well as the University College of Arts and at Brescia Hall.

"7" For Grip, Influenza

Best results, take "Seventy-seven" at the Cold.

Book mailed free. Humphrey, 156 William Street, New York.

Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

Old Man 1923 has been given the gate and Young 1924 will soon strike his gait.

The new year has dawned with Pat Norton atop a number of book agents still at large.

"This is leap year and the extra day, known as Feb. 24, which is considered unlucky for bachelors.

Winter comes later this year, probably to make room for a long, cold winter.

They say the moon regulates the tides, but we refuse to say that moonlight controls Christmas.

IT IS THE TRUTH. The best way for a girl to propose to a man is to sit on his knee until he proposes.

Toronto the Good is fast losing its reputation. It is turned down Church for mayor.

Willard was elected mayor of Galt after a big battle. He's no relation of Jess, but he put up a winning fight.

A DUMBELL is a woman who suggests that, though it is what the Mexican soldiers are doing.

O. Glin was elected in Goderich Township on New Year's Day, but we haven't found out yet whether he was really elected on the wet ticket.

Our punter observes that even girls are governed by prohibition in leap year. He says they have to "pop" the question.

HAPPY HINTS. Styles for 1924 show many changes. These changes were badly needed to keep old clothes from being in style.

Most of those hair tonic ads. are all right, but a few of them are rather hair-raising.

Quebec has a surplus of a million and a half. Made up, we presume, of liquid assets.

Auto markers for 1924 will be black and yellow. And some of the speed violators may don costumes of the same color stripes.

Thief got about \$50 at the new arena, but will get a cool reception if he makes a second visit.

They call the fracas down in Mexico a civil war, but we can't see where they get the civil part of it.

OUR DAILY STORY. First flapper—Isn't Margot's beau a burglar?

Second ditto—Yes, but he don't steal nothing but kisses.

We hope they never change their mind and run New Year's Eve without a holiday to follow.

A couple recently married on the S. S. Leviathan should weather the matrimonial storm.

Bad news from Munich to-day. They must be getting hungry. A man bit off a woman's nose.

The latest portrait of Federzewski, the pianist, shows that he is still mad at all barbers.

New York man begged to be arrested. Cops refused. Such treatment indicates he was a bootlegger.

GIVEN GOLD WATCH BY STAFF OF C. N. R.

J. Ross Kirkwood Honored on Eve of his Departure For Chicago.

On the eve of his departure for Chicago, where he will take up the duties of a naturopathic and chiropractic, J. Ross Kirkwood, formerly employed as clerk to the chief dispatcher in the Canadian National Railway's office, was presented with a gold watch and chain by members of the office staff.

The presentation was made by W. Doherty, chief dispatcher, on Monday afternoon in the presence of all the office staff, who had gathered to take part in the event.

Mr. Kirkwood was visibly impressed with the esteem in which he was held by his fellow employees. He replied to the address tendered by Mr. Doherty in a suitable manner, and Ottawa, where Mr. Kirkwood had been employed in the C. N. R. office for the past three years.

EXPECT 250 GUESTS AT ENGINEERS' BALL Annual Event Promises To Be Gala Affair For Railroad Men.

Plans for the annual ball and banquet of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to be held in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday evening, February 20, are well on towards completion and the event promises to be one of the noisiest affairs of the season.

APPROVE MILDITY INTO TECH. SCHOOL

Rumors of Possible Move Finds Much Favor.

SET RUMORS AT REST Criticism of Institution Has Aroused Much Interest.

Rumors of a possible enquiry into conditions at the Technical High School have caused a great deal of interest among members of the Board of Education in this important branch of London's educational system. And to-day it was learned that more than one member of the board would welcome any sort of investigation that might tend to set at rest the current of criticism that has been going the rounds of late.

Individual members of the school board were somewhat loathe to make any public statement in the matter, but the majority of the trustees declared with emphasis that they believed generally that there may be room for improvement of the conditions at the school and possible recommendations for the improvement of the curriculum, would accomplish a great deal of good.

"The best thing that I have heard in a long time," declared one member of the board in discussing the project to-day, "is that I am not in a position to state whether there is anything wrong with the present system, but I firmly believe that there may be room for improvement, and any move toward making a careful investigation would receive my most hearty support."

Other trustees were equally outspoken. One or two went so far as to state that they believed perhaps there was room for improvement at the school. The majority, however, merely expressed support of the proposal to hold an investigation and promised their unanimous approval when the matter is brought to the attention of the Board of Education soon after the inaugural meeting a week hence.

The recent criticism of the school aroused considerable interest among ratepayers, especially in school board circles. It is one of the sole topics of discussion at the city hall and there appears to be little doubt but that these citizens who are behind the proposal will receive a great deal of support when the question is brought to the attention of the board.

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TECH. PRINCIPAL WELCOMES PROBE

Mr. Beal In Accord With Any Move To Raise Efficiency.

OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS Says There Is Big Demand For Graduates From School.

Any investigation that would tend to increase efficiency and improve present facilities at the Technical High School would be welcomed with open arms.

In this substance is the answer of Principal H. B. Beal to recent criticism of the general operation of the school and rumors that have been going the rounds concerning possible investigations. Mr. Beal arrived home from his annual Christmas vacation on Monday night and on learning of the reports in circulation, he declared that he was always open for suggestions or anything that would be for the improvement of conditions.

"Any educational institution ceases to make progress it must be taking a backward step," declared the principal to-day. "This is especially true of vocational education or any establishment where industrial training is given. In the Technical School we are always open for suggestions or anything that could be looked on as constructive criticism."

SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL. Mr. Beal pointed out that an institution such as the Technical School is called upon to supply the needs of local industrial conditions. His work therefore is perhaps more difficult than that of an ordinary school. He believes, however, that there is ample evidence at the present time that London's Technical School is successful.

"The demand for graduates from our establishment has gradually increased until it is far in excess of the available supply," he said. "More than that, we are constantly receiving communications from former students in various parts of the country, and in every case they attribute it to the training received in the London Technical School."

"Another thing that speaks well for the success of the school is the fact that the school is able to pay the tuition fee of its employees at our night classes. The number of students taking evening classes under such conditions is gradually increasing each term and the firms contributing toward this special training for their employees each speak very highly of the valuable training given."

Mr. Beal states that the school is open at all times to any citizen and full information on any subject is available at any time. The principal states that he personally, or any member of the staff, are prepared to discuss the school and its working conditions at any time. Criticism or suggestions are always welcomed, he said.

"What we do deplore, however, is the efforts to criticize on the part of those who do not know anything about the school or its workings," Mr. Beal declared. "This was quite evident in the recent criticism of our plumbing department. We could not possibly be expected to open a second year class in plumbing for at the present time we only have three students who are preparing to advance from their first year. It is quite evident that economical conditions would not permit the employing of a second year teacher to provide a tuition for just three pupils."

DEATH OF MRS. WALTERS—The death of Mrs. Marion Alice Walters occurred yesterday, in her 54th year, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Deceased was born in Ireland and was the oldest daughter of George and Alice Harvey. She is survived, besides her husband, William Walters, by two sons, Charles George, Vernon, N. S., and Jonathan Goodie, Vernon, B. C., and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Oliver and Miss Lily May Walters, both of Thorndale. The funeral will be held on Thursday, at 1:30 p. m., from her late residence, lot 22, concession 4, West Nisour, to Brown's Hill cemetery. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Cummer.

DEBATE ON CADET TRAINING London and St. Thomas Collegiates In Forcible Duel.

Within a few weeks champion debaters of the London and St. Thomas Collegiate Institutes will join battle in the forlorn arena on the question of compulsory military training for Canadian schools. Lt.-Col. G. H. Gillespie, inspector of cadets in M. D. No. 1, is impartially supplying ammunition to both sides of the question, believing that the cause of cadet training cannot be harmed by discussion, but rather that the more the system is explained to citizens, the greater chance it has of being dissociated in the public's mind from militarism.

Debaters of the London Collegiate are preparing to decry compulsory military training in schools, while the St. Thomas team will be ardently supporting the central hope of a citizen army.

ICE AT THISTLE RINK—There is a fine sheet of ice at the Thistle rink which will be available for curlers to-night. This will be the first of the season at the north end rink.

Beech Park Benedict Wants Ottawa To End "Peril" of Leap Year

BEECH PARK, Jan. 2.—Leap year comes only once in four years, but that is too often. This is the opinion of one of the most prominent residents of this town, who has written to Hughie Stephenson, M.P. for this municipality, asking that a federal law be passed to abolish it. The letter in part follows:

"Dear Sir: Twelve years ago I was a single man, happy and free. I did not want to get married. Then one night in leap year I was invited to the home of a woman friend for supper. She was a good cook and after I had eaten she got me alone in the parlor. She told me I seemed lonesome and that I needed somebody to take care of me. She also informed me that she was going to do this herself. "I have always been bashful and timid and at this time had not the courage of my convictions. I was afraid to say no. So she carried me away to a person and we were married. She has taken care of me ever since. She has also taken good care that I do not go out at nights. She is my boss and she knows that I know it. "This could never have happened if it had not been leap year. I think leap year should be done away with so that many another young man may not be harassed in this manner. I'll likely get a tongue-lashing if this letter is published, but if it saves any timid young man then it will have served its purpose. If the present Government is not capable of handling the situation, then let's put one in power than can."

"Yours abjectly, "PETER SWICK."

MILITARY H. Q. MOVES JAN. 15

Staff Occupies Chapter House Offices At Early Date.

SCRAP WOOD BARRACKS R. C. R. Takes Over Wolsley Barracks Beginning January 10.

Headquarters of military district No. 1 are being moved into the remodelled Chapter House, on Piccadilly street, on January 15, and members of "C" company, band and drums, of the Royal Canadian Regiment are being transferred to Wolsley Barracks on January 10, official announcement was made to-day.

The R. C. R. sergeants' mess and quarter-master staff will remain at Tecumseh Barracks until the removal of the headquarters offices.

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ANNEX TAX ROLLS BEING PREPARED

In Event of City Being Given Authority To Collect.

DECIDE ON TEST CASE Expect That Firms In District Will Be Asked To Contribute.

Tax rolls for the current year are being prepared for the levying of the school taxes in the annex as regards the school taxes in the annex as regards to-day. Considerable work has already been done on them and a large portion of the annex rolls will be ready for the city clerk's office by the end of the month.

Mr. Baker pointed out that it is necessary to proceed with the preparation of the rolls in order to allow the school taxes to be levied as soon as possible. Considerable work has been done on the rolls and every effort is being made to complete them in record time. But if the court order that the school taxes cannot be levied in the annex in accordance with the resolution passed by the City Council in 1922, some delay will be caused by the extra work in changing the rolls.

It is confidently expected the judge will give a decision on the case within a short time now. There were so many other matters in connection with it that a hasty decision was not anticipated, but it is believed that something will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime the preparation of the rolls is proceeding as if the school taxes are to be collected.

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PALMER MAY GET PLACE ON BOARD

Ex-Alderman Possibility For Technical Advisory.

WRIGHT MAY BE CHAIRMAN Plenty of Material To Select From.

Who will be named to fill the two vacant seats on the Technical School committee of the Board of Education? Here is a question that is causing some conjecture in school board circles to-day. At the end of the present year W. W. Gammage and W. A. Reid will retire from this board, and at the inaugural meeting of the new Board of Education, whenever it may be held, two appointments must be made.

There is a strong possibility that either or both of the retiring commissioners may be reappointed. There are persistent rumors, however, that a change is contemplated by the new school board and a number of names are mentioned as possibilities.

Among these ex-Alderman, an unsuccessful candidate in the recent school board election, is looked on as a likely appointee. It is also a possibility that Ex-Trustee Silverwood and Thos. Rowe, another retiring trustee, who through his long years of service has become an important part of the city's educational administrative bodies, are also mentioned.

The commission is made up of a half dozen members of the school board and an equal number of appointees. The Board of Education makes the appointments and each outside nominee is appointed for a two-year period. It is understood that Trustee Mrs. Hunt will be given a place on the commission as a representative of the school board.

Trustee S. F. Lawrance, who was named chairman temporarily, following the resignation of Trustee Smith, who entered the Council, is also assured of a place on the commission as a representative of the school board.

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W. H. TODD MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT

Dundas Street Clothier Has Many Creditors.

FASHION-CRAFT CUSTODIANS London Firms Interested In Two Other Bankruptcies.

Wilfred Hamilton Todd, Dundas street clothier, has assigned. In the statement of affairs he acknowledges an indebtedness of \$5,500.88. The value of the stock is estimated at \$3,827. The firm of Fashion-Craft, Limited, one of the interested creditors, has been appointed custodian, having filed the necessary papers with the court. The papers acknowledging bankruptcy have been filed at the office of Edmund Weld, official receiver, county buildings, Dundas street.

Among the London creditors are the firms of Towe & Towe, Green-Swift Company, Public Utilities, Service Sign Shops, Hammond & Son, James Henry, Robinson Little Company, Somerville Paper Box Company, McMahen, Granger Company, The Fashion-Craft Manufacturing Company, Limited, Oscar Hudson Company and the A. A. Talbot Company.

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Official Figures Show Less Unemployment Here Than In Any Other City

London Ranks Ahead of All Other Canadian Centers Considered In Proportion to the Population.

According to authoritative figures there is less unemployment in London than any other Canadian city in proportion to population. There are few men in the city to-day who do not get at least three days' work in two weeks, which is a great deal more than the half-starving hordes of unemployed in Hamilton and Toronto are receiving. And many of the men who frequent the local office of the employment bureau receive a full week's work every two weeks. But the 12th month's residence clause is being strictly enforced. London is no place at present for those who are unemployed in other cities. The very few who are out of work here are men who have not resided here for 12 months prior to applying at the employment bureau. These men have to do with the branch body Trustee Wright may possibly be offered the chairmanship, while there is also a possibility that Trustee Wilnot, who has been a member of the committee for the past year, might be given the chairmanship. At all events, there will be no dearth of material to select from.

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Special boon to several hundred local men who were thrown out of work when the factories closed. It is believed, however, that in the spring London will be one of the first cities to emerge from the industrial lethargy that has engulfed the province. The situation is not nearly so serious throughout the province this year because many men who were out of work last year have learned their lesson. They know now that it's worse than useless to move from city to city in search of work. Men flocking from one city to another caused the employment officials a great deal of worry last year, but this condition has been eradicated this year. According to J. C. Spencer, local employment superintendent, the lumber camps are all filled up, navigation has