

RAP LAYING OF
EMERY ST. CURBPublic Utilities Commission
Criticizes Work of City
Engineer's Department.Paving of Thoroughfare Will
Mean Near Exposure of
Water Main.

Terming it apparent "bonehead" enterprise upon somebody's part, the public utilities commission, in regular session Thursday afternoon, criticized the city engineer's department for laying a curb and gutter on Emery street in such a manner as will compel the commissioners to direct the construction of another main, at a probable cost of \$2,000 or more.

The city council has ordered that this thoroughfare be paved and seemingly the level desired by the city engineer's department will mean the near exposure of the water main.

Continued For Years.
That circumstances of this nature have been succeeding each other for years past without any apparent move to counteract them is the contention of Commissioner Philip Pocock.

"The commission's money is the people's money," the latter declared, "even as that of the city engineer's department. I have always been anxious to avoid unnecessary expenditures, but this sort of thing has been going on for years."

"Well, it is not the fault of the board," commented Commissioner Fred Mitchell. "While it was suggested that the city engineer be presented with a copy of the plan of the city water mains, it was contended by other members of the commission that this had already been done."

Commissioner James Vining, chairman, questioned whether the public utilities department had not been partly to blame by reason of failure to seek information. Commissioner Pocock expressed a desire to know why the engineering department had not given the commission the requested gradings of the various roads to be paved.

Chairman Vining pointed out that this had been impossible up to the present time as that department had not been furnished with a topographical map of the city. The fault was not to be credited, he held, to either department, but to the system. Commissioner Mitchell remarked that the construction of another water main involved quite an expenditure and Commissioner Pocock reiterated his stand that such undertakings as had occurred from time to time for years past should now be avoided.

The problem was left at the disposal of Acting Manager A. O. Hunt, who will interview City Engineer Brazier to ascertain what suggestions the latter may extend on the subject with a view toward the most feasible solution.

Purchased Deep Well Pump.
The commissioners approved of the proposed purchase of another deep well pump for use by the Ohio well diggers, now sinking the new well in the southeast section of the city. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$2,100.

While Commissioner Mitchell expressed the opinion that he would much rather see water flowing from the well before further debts were incurred, Mr. Hunt assured the members that even should the East London undertaking prove a failure, the pump could be utilized with great effect at the Beck wells.

Tenders for two transformers were considered and the contract awarded to the Canadian General Electric Company, at a cost of \$10,450 for the entire equipment. This figure proved to be below the expected purchase price. The department is now using two transformers purchased from the same company, and the manager reported that they rendered every satisfaction.

The new apparatus is being obtained to handle the increased demand for electrical current by the London and Port Stanley Railway. The commissioners adjourned for the summer holidays, and no meetings will be held until September 1 unless at a special call from the chairman.

A GARDEN FETE will be held on St. Andrew's Church grounds Friday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid.

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Town Topics.

A THOUGHT
FOR TODAYFinally, my brethren, be strong
in the Lord, and in the power of
His might—Ephesians 6:10.AND WHAT is so rare as a
day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect
days.Then Heaven tries the earth if
it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm
ear lays.

—James Russell Lowell.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

SATURDAY—Thomas Richardson,
British Labor ex-M.P., Speaks on
Local Market, 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.THE FOOTBALL MATCH be-
tween the W. O. R. and St. Andrew's
teams will be played at Springbank
Park at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.THE FINAL MEETING of the
London Presbytery before next fall
will take the form of a forenoon
business session and afternoon picnic
at Port Stanley on June 20.A CHOIR FESTIVAL by the
united choirs of the city will be held
at Dundas Center Church June 15,
and at the Askin Street Church on
June 15.THE ANNUAL RALLY of the
local B. Y. P. U. branches will be
held in the Egerton Street Baptist
Church, October 9. It is expected
that the Rev. John McNeill of Tor-
onto, will be the chief speaker.WILFRED SPEARMAN, assistant
boys' secretary of the London Y. M.
C. A., is at present in Toronto on
business in connection with the Lon-
don organization.FRED LANDON, public librarian,
has reported to the police the theft
of a bicycle on Wednesday from the
rear door of the Public Library. The
pedals had new black rubber treads,
and a new tire on the rear wheel.TWO INTER-CLUB baseball
games will be played at Queen's Park
Saturday. The first game starts at
2:30 between the Alerts and the Her-
mitage. The second game will be be-
tween the Orioles and the Forest
City.PASSING OF ACCOUNTS and
other routine business will occupy
the attention of the members of No. 1
committee of the board of educa-
tion in regular session Friday after-
noon.THE FIRE DEPARTMENT was
called to the residence of Ed. Smith,
834 York street, at 9:30 o'clock Fri-
day morning, when a blaze starting
in the attic was extinguished with a
loss of \$200.THE WESTERN FAIR BOARD
has decided to give free admission
to children under 12 years of age
on Monday, September 18, and has
announced the cooperation of the school
trustees by declaring this date a gen-
eral school holiday.WHILE NOTHING FURTHER
has been heard from the Kingston
Construction Company respecting
work yet to be completed at the
Central Collegiate Institute, the
school trustees and their officers are
still pursuing their attitude of
"watchful waiting."IN ADDITION to additional ac-
commodation in the southeastern sec-
tion of the city, Senior School In-
spector V. K. Greer urges the school
board to make provisions for the
opening of two additional classrooms
one at the Ryerson and another at the
Northwood public school.NO OFFICIAL confirmation has
reached the public concerning the
appointment of Lawrence D. Graham
to a position of supervisor of letter
carriers. At the present time there
is no position with this title accom-
panying it open. For some time back
however, the position of overseer of
letter carriers has been vacant.BRIG-GEN. W. B. M. KING,
C.M.G., D.S.O., the new commander
of the Military District, No. 1, was
the guest of the Kiwanis Club at their
weekly luncheon in the Tecumseh
House Friday. Gen. King has prom-
ised to deliver a patriotic address
to the members of the club on Fri-
day, June 23.CANDIDATES for the deputy pos-
tmaster in the London postoffice
declared themselves willing to try an-
other examination for the office.
The commissioners adjourned for the
summer holidays, and no meet-
ings will be held until September 1
unless at a special call from the
chairman.OLIVES MUST be packed tight-
ly in bottles, and the net contents
as posted on the labels on the bottles
must refer to the total weight of the
brine and the olives. They should
not be allowed to float freely, accord-
ing to a new ruling which the de-
partment of agriculture in charge of
regulations of the canning industry
will be asked to carry into effect.MEMBERS OF the county
council now fear that they will be
compelled to extend their session
into next week. It will be nec-
essary, they point out, to consult
banking authorities with respect
to the preparation of the bylaw re-
specting the Lambeth highway de-
bentures, and they fear that this will
not be ready by Saturday noon, as
they would have liked.EVERY INDUSTRIAL worker in
the city will be given an opportunity
to contribute to the United Welfare
Fund some time during next week. In
each factory the co-operation of the
executives has been secured. At a
meeting Thursday night in the cham-
ber of commerce offices, the commit-
tee for the canvassing of factories
met with a large representation of
the larger employers of the city pres-
ent. W. R. Yendall, chairman of the
committee, for the canvassing of fac-
tories, explained plans and gave out
the literature for the canvassing.IT IS EXPECTED that 500 will be
present at the annual picnic of the
Baptist young people of the city
which will take place on Wednesday,
June 21, at Springbank. With the
president of the city union, Miss
Phyllis Kennedy, as convener, the
following representatives from the

Forget "Readin, Riting and Rithmitic" Worries In Grand Frolic of Annual School Picnic



ST. MICHAEL'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S.

AMONG the happy "kiddies" in this group are: Orval McKeough, Nicholas Wilkinson, Fred Barnett, Leonard Harding, Walter Bonk, Annie Smith, Marion Harding, Ruth Kennedy, Beryl Brennan, Angela Neumann, Reta Neumann, Jean Kennedy, Joseph Benenati, Ione Clay, Catherine McGuire, Margaret Dean, Anthony Furana, Annie Polinski, Frank Polinski, Alexander Polinski, Lena Barnardo, Bobby Smith, Jimmie Smith, Patricia

Collins, George Collins, Kathleen Moir, George Morkin, Jackie Gelligan, Veronica Gelligan, Harold Allister, Alma Galarneau, Eleanor LeClair, Mary LeClair, Albert Wilson, Leona Wilson, Dorothy Haigh, Marjorie Haigh, Francis Galbraith, Helen Galbraith, Madeline Gowan, Mary Sanderson, Eddie Collins, Henrietta Albenon, Helen Capitano, Gladys Gaultner, Evelyn Collins, Marion Murphy, Billy Trudell, Mary Collins, Madeline Collins, Marjorie Carney, Madeline Dwyer, Margaret Ward, Marion Galbraith.

WATCH SLAYER TO
PREVENT SUICIDEJail Officials To Put Screen
On Gordon Dibsdale's
Cell.

Added precautions will be taken by the Middlesex county jail authorities to insure that all possibilities of an attempted suicide by Gordon Dibsdale, who shot and killed Christina Near May 31 last, will be reduced to an appreciable minimum.

Upon the request of Governor Byron Dawson, members of the jail committee and the county council have unofficially considered the advisability of placing suitable screens to the windows of cell No. 1, in which Dibsdale is now confined, and during another visit to the jail Friday morning the councillors approved of this suggestion, directing him to proceed immediately with the contemplated improvements.

A special commendation and respect will no doubt follow at one of the future meetings of the council before that body concludes its June session.

The jail authorities felt that while this matter was seemingly of a trivial nature it was a question of vast importance and worthy of prompt consideration. The danger is always prevalent, they pointed out to the councillors, that Dibsdale might, before the date of his trial, again endeavor to end his own life, and they had left, Cleda Wright had arisen, charged with acting in a disorderly manner at the Dundas street late Thursday night.

Mr. Butt was allowed to proceed on his way rejoicing after Chief Birrell had spoken a few words on his behalf.

EVANGELIST WILL
VISIT CONFERENCE

Rev. W. E. Millson, district secretary of the department of social service and evangelism of the Methodist Church, makes his official visit Saturday to the Toronto Conference. On Sunday Mr. Millson will preach at the Methodist Church of Cleburne, speaking on the work of his department, and urging support and cooperation in this vastly important phase of church work.

At the recent sessions of the London Conference in Centennial Church Mr. Millson was highly commended for his work amongst the smaller churches of the district, and was urged by all clergy present to continue.

DELAYS ACTION REGARDING
CLOSING VICTORIA PARKPublic Utilities Hesitate in Enforc-
ing Bylaw Enacted by City
Council.

Members of the Public Utilities Commission will take no further action at this moment relative to the bylaw enacted by the city councillors at their last meeting whereby Victoria Park is to be closed to motor vehicle traffic holidays, Sundays and afternoons.

A communication, the second of its kind, has been received by the commission from City Clerk Sam Baker, notifying them of this action, but the commissioners have directed that it be filed for future reference.

Questioned as to what they intended doing about the matter, if anything, Commissioner Pocock declared: "You can't get us into a tangle with the aldermen that easy. In any event, I do not see what they ordered the park closed for. No one is there anyhow, except to see the flowers."

Commissioner Jared Vining expressed the opinion also that as the city council had passed the measure it would be the city council who would see that the bylaw was enforced. "Those who pass legislation," he said, "usually see to it that the legislation is adhered to."

While the commission has already placed itself on record as being opposed to the bylaw, no move of retaliation is expected, seemingly.

various churches will form the committee in charge: Talbot Street, W. J. Clarke; Egerton Street, Charles Malone; Adelaide Street, Sydney Wager; Waverley Road, G. W. Grose; Maitland Street, Miss May Daniels. Baseball, races and other amusements will be arranged by the committee.

Youthful Vagrant Plays
"Tag" With London's
Stalwarts

A youngster, who was appar-
ently lost at the corner of
Dundas and Richmond streets
Friday morning, led a police
constable a merry chase before
he was captured.

The policeman saw him dodging motor cars and spoke to him, the youngster then raced towards the Grand Trunk ticket office; captured again by the constable, he was held until another officer hove in sight, and took charge of the youthful vagrant, who immedi-
ately darted to the opposite
side of the street; the officer
followed, and made another
capture.

This time no chances were
taken, and the constable took
the boy by the hand, and
placed him on a Ridout street
car.

SENT TO JAIL FOR
BEING DISORDERLYDorothy Culver and Cleda
Wright Go To Prison, While
Davis Pays \$10.

Ed. Davis, James Butt, Dorothy
Culver and Cleda Wright were all
charged in police court Friday morn-
ing with acting in a disorderly man-
ner at 32 Dundas street late Thurs-
day night.

Mr. Butt was allowed to proceed
on his way rejoicing after Chief Bir-
rell had spoken a few words on his
behalf.

"I wasn't doin' nothin', just sleep-
in," stated Mr. Butt. "I was only
there an hour when the police came."
"Mr. Butt is an inoffensive fel-
low," recommended the chief. "I
have known him for a long time."

Davis, the owner of the house, was
fined \$10 and costs, while the two
girls with bobbed hair, who are in
their early teens, were remanded to
remain a week in jail.

During the evidence offered by
Davis, it transpired that his wife
was away taking care of a sick sis-
ter. As far as the girls were con-
cerned, they had been merely gig-
gling, Davis said. Cleda Wright's
father had been staying at the
house, but a dispute had arisen, and
he had left. Cleda wanted to know
if she could bring a friend to the
house, and he had given permission.

Sergeant Middaugh stated that in
response to a telephone call he had
gone to the Davis house earlier in
the evening, and found that the
girls had just left for downtown
London, and he had returned, and their
language could be heard across the
street.

On entering the house shortly af-
ter 12 o'clock, Sergeant Middaugh
said the girls were together in the
front room. Davis was in another
room, and Butt was asleep on a
couch.

Constables Pope and Leitch gave
evidence of a similar nature.

Principal Institutes "Parents' Day"
At Boyle Memorial Public School

Thursday was "parents' day" at
the Boyle Memorial Public School,
and they attended in quite appre-
ciable numbers upon the invitation
of D. J. Ferguson, principal.

There was no discontinuance of
the classes during the visit, and the
parents attended the various classes
throughout the afternoon. In addi-
tion to the regular work of the
school there was an interesting dis-
play of the work accomplished by
the manual training, household
science, art and general school work,
the exhibition being conducted in
the kindergarten department.

A special demonstration of kindergar-
ten work was given by Miss
Flora Carson, which was greatly ap-
preciated, as were the light refresh-
ments served during the afternoon in
the domestic science department.

The parents appeared keenly in-
terested in every phase of the school
work, and seemed visibly impressed
with the efforts of Principal Fer-
guson and his staff.

Talbot Street Public School was
the scene also of a special event
Thursday afternoon, the occasion be-
ing the presentation to the girls
baseball team of that institution, of
the handsome cup won by the girls
who captured the pennant in the
Public School Girls' Baseball League.

ASSESSMENT OF
WARD 3 INCREASED1923 Valuation of Property
Exceeds That of 1922 by
\$1,417,955.

Returns for Ward Three as com-
piled by the assessment department
show a total increase in assessment
for 1923 of \$1,512,966, as compared
with the previous year. The in-
creased assessment on land and
buildings is \$1,417,955, while business
assessment shows a gain of \$103,160.

The only decrease noted is that of
income assessment, which is \$8,149
less than the 1922 assessment. How-
ever, it is pointed out that there is no
actual decrease, but an increase ow-
ing to the fact that income assess-
ment of several citizens employed in
the annexed district of Ward Three
was transferred to the ward in which
they reside.

That is to say, in the annexed dis-
trict a fixed rate of taxation is in
vogue, and in order to tax these citi-
zens on the general rate which is
much higher, their assessment was
transferred to the ward in which
they reside. This action was taken
by the assessment department, and
hence figures for the ward show a
decrease in income assessment, ac-
cording to Assessment Commissioner
E. Grant.

In Ward Three proper, which is
the old ward with no annexed dis-
trict included, there is an increase of
\$373,391 of land values and \$902,590
on buildings. These increases in as-
sessment are attributed to the Rich-
ter system, which was introduced for
that district south of the Grand
Trunk tracks this year. Last year
this system was initiated for that
portion, due to transferred assess-
ment as shown above.

Business assessment increased
\$101,480 for Ward Three proper,
while income assessment was in-
creased \$40,103. However, the last-
named item suffered a setback by a
decrease of \$48,252 in the annexed
district, due to transferred assess-
ment as shown above.

In the annexed district which pos-
sesses a fixed assessment in many
cases, there was an increase in land
values to the extent of \$6,896. Build-
ings were increased by an assessment
of \$135,078 in this area, while busi-
ness assessment jumped \$1,680.

The total increased assessment for
Ward Three proper is \$1,417,954, and
for the annexed district is \$95,402.
These figures are regarded as indi-
cative of the progress made in
building in Ward Three, although
these ratepayers of Ward Three
whose tax assessment was raised this
year (and there are scores), are in-
clined to take such a statement with
a grain of salt.

DIMISS AUTO CASE.

The case of James Ferguson, who
was charged with driving a motor car
without a license, was dismissed in
police court Friday. Ferguson
stated that he had just passed his
examination for a license, and was
returning to the garage when he was
stopped by a constable.

Obituaries

MRS. GEORGINA BENNETT.

The funeral of Mrs. Georgina Ben-
nett, who died at her residence, 5
Comfort place, Wednesday, was held
Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The
services were conducted by Rev.
Quintin Warner of the Cronyn Me-
morial Church. Interment was made
at Woodland Cemetery.

MRS. C. GRACE GEORGE.

The funeral will be held Saturday
afternoon of Mrs. Charlotte Grace
George, who died Monday at Shaun-
avon, Sask. The services will be
conducted at Logan's undertaking
parlors by Rev. Mr. Hutton. Inter-
ment will be made at Mount Pleas-
ant Cemetery.

Mrs. George is survived by her
husband, A. J. George, and her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunkin, 219
Wortley road, this city.

MRS. A. G. MCINTYRE.

The death took place Thursday at
the residence of her son, Peter A.
McIntyre, of Komoka, of Mrs. Annie
McIntyre, Mrs. McIntyre was 77
years old. The funeral will be held
Saturday from the residence of her
son. The services will be conducted
by Rev. Mr. Campbell.

MRS. K. CORNISH.

Death removed early Friday
morning one of London's best-known
church workers in the person of Mrs.
Katherine Cornish, of 827 Lovett
street. Mrs. Cornish, who was 65
years old, had been ill for many
months.

She taught Sunday school at the
Wyatt Avenue Methodist Church for
36 years, and was president of the
Hyatt Avenue Ladies' Aid for a num-
ber of years.

Mrs. Cornish was born at Avon,
Ontario.
Besides her husband, Albert Cor-
nish, she is survived by five sisters
—Mrs. J. W. Stevens and Mrs. Wes-
ley Cornish, of this city; and Mrs.
Bowes and Mrs. Moore, of Spring-
field, and Mrs. Swartout, of Avon,
Ontario.

The funeral will be held at Hyatt
Avenue Methodist Church Monday
afternoon. The services will be con-
ducted by Rev. R. J. McCormick,
pastor of the church.

FORMER LONDONER
DIES IN VICTORIAEdward Parnell, Mayor of
Winnipeg, Passes Follow-
ing Illness of Several Months.

Edward Parnell, mayor of Winni-
peg for the past eighteen months,
died in Victoria, B. C., early this
morning.

Mr. Parnell, who was formerly of
London, Ontario, had been critically
ill for the past few days. His con-
dition for the past month was vari-
able, one week showing slight im-
provement, the next week growing
worse again.

His health broke down early in the
year under the strain of heavy civic
and business duties, and he left for a
short trip to Jamaica.

Returning slightly improved in
health, Mayor Parnell took up his
majority duties again, abandoning
his only when threatened with a
complete collapse, which ensued
shortly after leaving for the western
coast.

He was born in Dover, England, in
1859.
Mayor Parnell started and con-
trolled one of the largest individual
baking concerns in the Dominion,
having bakeries situated in London,
Toronto and Winnipeg.

After completing his education in
London, he learned the baking busi-
ness, and in 1889 he started in busi-
ness for himself in the old St. James
Park bakery.

Mayor Parnell was formerly prom-
inent in Liberal politics in Ontario,
and took an active interest in Lon-
don's municipal affairs. He filled
every chair except that of mayor,
being defeated for that office by Sir
Adam Beck.

The funeral arrangements have
not been completed, but Fred and
Edward Parnell, of this city, are
leaving London for Winnipeg Friday
evening.

PREPARATIONS FOR
FAIR COMMENCEDExtensive Operations For Im-
provement of Grounds Now
Under Way.

Extensive operations for improve-
ment and added conveniences are
under way at the Western Fair
Grounds. Between the main building
and the grandstand, a subway is
being built which will cope with the
growing amount of pedestrian traf-
fic to and from the race track.

Of late years the one entry to the
interior of the track, where cars are
parked, has not been sufficient, and
the new subway is being built as a
means of dealing with the congestion
thus caused.

New entries are also being ar-
ranged for delivery wagons, and the
unloading of cattle for exhibition
purposes, which have been made nec-
essary by the continued expansion
of the Western Fair.

The interior of the Horticultural
Building will be rearranged this
year with a view to making it bet-
ter for both exhibitors and visitors.

The tables in the center will be
placed crossways in the building,
leaving an aisle on each side of
every table. With the present
prospects for a good fruit crop, this
building should prove one of the
most attractive on the grounds.
Special interest is being taken in
the display of flowers, and extra
editors of the prize list in this de-
partment were issued to all pros-
pective exhibitors through the Lon-
don Horticultural Society.

The amusement of the people who
attend the exhibition has been care-
fully considered. One of the best
programs ever presented will be
seen twice daily before the grand-
stand. Several speed events are ar-
ranged, between 10 and 18 years of
ages, in which the best drivers of
America will take part.

Several thousand prize lists and
much advertising material has been
sent from the office of the secre-
tary, A. M. Hunt. Several new fea-
tures may be noticed in the live-
stock department, one especially be-
ing a yearling feeding competition.
Any boy or girl who is a resident
of Canada, between 10 and 18 years
of age, may compete with their year-
lings.

G. W. V. A. TO ELECT
OFFICERS TUESDAY

At a general meeting of the Great
War Veterans Association to be
held in the clubrooms Tuesday, June
13, the officers will be elected for the
ensuing year.

The nominations took place a
month ago, and all officers will be con-
tested except that of president, as
Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles was returned
to office by acclamation.

H. Falger, secretary of the asso-
ciation, announced also that the half-
yearly statement would be read at the
meeting on Tuesday night, and he
stated that he was expecting every
member of the organization to turn
out, as other important business had
to be dealt with.

LIONS CLUB HAS
"LADIES' NIGHT"Entertains Thirty Lionesses
at Enjoyable Dinner at
Bungalow Inn.Rev. R. J. Bowen Deplores
Loss of Educated Cana-
dians to U. S.

Led by Bill Moore, the official "tail
twister," and Cub President Lieut.-
Col. C. M. R. Graham, the Lions Club
of London entertained some thirty
pretty lionesses at the Bungalow Inn
at Springbank Thursday night.