

The London Evening Free Press

WESTERN ONTARIO'S FOREMOST NEWSPAPER.

THE WEATHER: Probabilities—Fair.

LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1924. —22 PAGES.

THREE CENTS.

ASK \$1,400,000 FOR STREET RAILWAY

Salary Increase To Replace Bonus To Postal Workers In Canada

POSTIES TO GET 15 PER CENT. INCREASE

Civil Service Commission Recommends This Figure In Report To Government.

REPLACES THE BONUS RECENTLY WITHDRAWN

Equivalent To Modified Bonus of This Year, But Lower Than Last Year.

Special to The Free Press.

OTTAWA, May 1.—A 15 per cent. increase in the basic salaries of postal workers is recommended by the Civil Service Commission in a report which it has made to the Government. By "basic" salaries is meant the salary or wage paid without calculating the bonus. The wages of the postal workers were established by the act of 1908. In 1918 they were increased 25 per cent. owing to the increased cost of living. The civil service bonus was later added to meet the "abnormal" cost of living.

The 15 per cent. increase which now is recommended by the commission is held to take care of any increase in living costs since 1918, when the 25 per cent. increase was made.

The permanent increase, it is said, is practically the same as the bonus which, on modified lines, is granted this year, but not quite up to the bonus of last year.

BECK TO DISCUSS GREGORY REPORT

Will Address Public Meeting at Kitchener To-Night.

ELECTRIC ASSN. MEETS Two Hundred Delegates Expected From All Over Province.

KITCHENER, Ont., May 1.—The annual convention of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association opens here today at the Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate auditorium, when Mayor Fitzhugh, at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon, is scheduled to extend the welcome of the city to approximately 200 delegates.

The feature of the first session will be the address of C. A. Magee, former mayor of Toronto, on the Chicago bridge canal. This will be followed by resolutions, and, after adjournment, the delegates will inspect the new vocational school.

Sir Adam Beck will arrive by motor about 9 o'clock this afternoon. He will address a public meeting at the Capitol Theater here this evening, when, it is expected, he will make his first public pronouncement on the report of the Gregory commission.

THE WEATHER

FAIR.

Forecasts: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong; north-west winds; fair and cool. Friday—F r a h westerly winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair, with much the same temperature.

NOTES. The disturbance which was centered in Kentucky yesterday has moved to the upper Lawrence valley and New England. Rain fell yesterday in Southern Ontario and is now falling in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The weather is fair from Ontario westward.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Highest	Lowest	During
Prince Rupert	54	54	46	Yest.
Victoria	44	60	42	Night
Kamloops	44	60	42	
Calgary	46	70	40	
Edmonton	42	68	40	
Prince Albert	54	68	32	
Winnipeg	54	58	38	
S. S. Marie	34	44	20	
LONDON	40	49	33	
Toronto	42	51	38	
Kingston	48	54	48	
Ottawa	44	66	42	
Montreal	46	62	45	
Quebec	42	56	40	
St. John, N. B.	40	52	36	
St. John's, Nfld.	40	44	28	
Detroit	54	54	32	
New York	54	60	45	

Rural Deanery In Session



By The Free Press Camera Man. Anglican clergy of London and vicinity, with Deanery Women's Auxiliary delegates, photographed on the steps of St. Matthew's Church, East London. Rev. T. J. Christian, the rector of St. Matthew's, is shown just above Venerable Archdeacon G. B. Sage.

MAY DAY RIOTS NEAR THE FORMER KAISER'S PALACE

Police Seize Red Flag and Clash With Communist Demonstrators Follows.

DAY GENERALLY QUIET THROUGHOUT EUROPE

Bomb Squad Busy At New York, But Iron Workers' Strike Is Only Trouble.

BERLIN, May 1.—Police broke up an extensive gathering of Communist May Day demonstrators here today.

Heavily armed mounted and foot detachments swarmed through the Lustgarten, near the former Kaiser's palace, chasing the Reds before them, when an outbreak seemed imminent.

The demonstration followed threats by Communists that "Red May Day" would be observed by widespread activities despite the police ban on all agitation.

Trouble in the Lustgarten started when the commander of a detachment of green police seized a red flag, which the demonstrators were carrying. This action was the signal for a general advance by detachments of green police from all sides of the park. The police were armed with carbines and daggers.

Mid clashes were reported in a suburb of Copenhagen, when demonstrators ignored police orders to disperse.

Many persons were arrested, some of them carrying concealed weapons, as demonstrators kept regathering throughout the day. Shots were exchanged in some instances, but there were no reports of serious casualties.

MANY IDLE AT PARIS. Special cable to London Free Press. Paris, May 1.—Europe's Labor Day. May 1—was recognized by an extensive cessation of work here today.

Several hundred thousands of employees of factories and shops obeyed the orders of the General Confederation of Labor for a May Day strike, to demonstrate the solidarity and power of their organizations.

Real usage planned a reprisal strike to-morrow and agreed to refuse tips to cabmen.

PEACEFUL IN MOSCOW. MOSCOW, May 1.—Bolshevik Russia today departed from its usual custom. (Continued On Page Seventeen)

1,000 BOTTLES LIQUOR SEIZED

License Inspector Also Has \$7,000 Fines In Quarter.

Three convictions, one dismissal and 1,000 bottles of liquor seized, bringing in a total in fines of over \$7,000, is the record of License Inspector Walter Bolton for the first quarter of the fiscal year ending April 30.

The liquor seized makes up by far the greater amount, and is valued at more than \$6,000. The four packing cases of "hootch" seized in a railroad freight shed here a couple of weeks ago form a part of the total.

MILLER SENTENCED FOR SHEDDEN ROBBERY

ST. THOMAS, May 1.—Edward Miller, who recently appeared in court charged with robbery of the Pere Marquette depot at Shedden, was this morning sentenced by Judge Ross to an indeterminate period of from three months to two years. On his previous appearance Miller was remanded. He was brought up again today for Judge Ross to pronounce sentence on him.

U.S. FLYER LOST IN ALASKAN BLIZZARD

Fears Expressed For Safety of Major Martin, Leader of World Flight.

LEFT CHIGNIK FOR UNALASKA ON WEDNESDAY

Residents All Believed It Mistake To Attempt 400-Mile Journey.

FAIRBANKS, Unalakleet Island, May 1.—(By wireless from Edmonton, Wash.) Fears are expressed here for the safety of Major Frederick L. Martin, commanding a United States Army squadron encircling the globe, who left Chignik, Alaska, at 11:10 for Dutch Harbor, Unalakleet Island, and who was not reported passing any points up to 6 o'clock to-night (Wednesday).

Residents at the small camery station here, located on the southeastern point of Unalakleet Island, near Ikaton Bay, have just passed through the worst five days ever known in this period of the year. The North Pacific Ocean has been lashed by terrific gales, the winds frequently reaching a velocity of 100 miles an hour. The air at the wireless station has been filled all day with snow, blown from the mountainsides and neighboring peaks.

The residents all believed that a mistake was made attempting the 400-mile trip from Chignik to Dutch Harbor during the gale.

FISHING BOATS SEARCH. SEATTLE, May 1.—Radio advice received from the Alaska Railroad on Sunday May 1, stated that the Unalakleet Island. Fishing boats are searching for the missing plane.

SEWARD, Alaska, May 1.—Snow-slides struck the Alaska Railroad on Sunday May 1, and the Alaska Railroad is now closed.

Two bridges were carried away.

Special to The London Free Press. Ottawa, May 1.—Nine men were elected members of an executive committee by 800 delegates of church union supporters in Ontario and Quebec at a meeting in the parliamentary gallery yesterday, upon whom the responsibility of withdrawing the Church Union Bill would devolve, should the House of Commons' private bills committee introduce amendments, as was the case at Toronto, changing the force and proposed authority of the measure, David Ross, of London, was chosen to represent Western Ontario. That of the nine members elected, four bore the name of Ross was a notable coincidence.

David Ross, of Ross' Limited, who returned to London from Ottawa today, brought an official report of the church union supporters' meeting in the gallery of the House of Commons.

He pointed out that it was impossible for them to get into the rooms occupied by the private bills committee and they were a time forced to stand in corridors.

"Mr. White, the London member, saw us," Mr. Ross stated, "and quickly saw to it that the gallery of the empty House of Commons was placed at our disposal. We owe a real debt of gratitude to Mr. White for his thoughtful courtesy."

OPPOSE ANY CHANGES. "The gallery was packed and the three co-operating churches at Parliament Buildings this morning. It was found impossible to get into the committee rooms, where the private bills committee were sitting. Eight hundred delegates were present."

"At the gathering of the delegates of the three co-operating churches at Parliament Buildings this morning, it was found impossible to get into the committee rooms, where the private bills committee were sitting. Eight hundred delegates were present."

At 1:15 o'clock a telephone message from the constable at Benheim announced the theft of the automobile and officers leaving the police station to perform duty on their respective beats were given a description of the car and the license number.

Less than one hour after the car was sighted by Police Constable Shaw going east on Dundas street. The officer gave chase on foot until his wind gave out, when the automobile turned north on Wellington street, he hailed Constable Earl Knight, who continued the chase. Meanwhile Constable Shaw endeavored to communicate with headquarters to summon assistance, but failed due to the lateness of the hour.

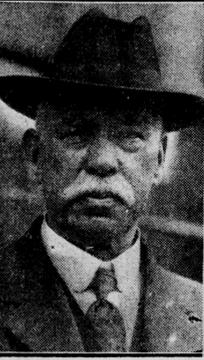
At Queen's avenue the purloined vehicle turned west. It was apparent that the occupants were preparing to abandon it. Just then another car drove in view and the driver was hailed by Constable Knight. With the new help the constable was able to overtake the stolen car and was over the car at 2:15, one hour after the report of the theft reached here.

Hillman and Stringer were taken to Benheim to-day to face trial.

BRITAIN WANTS TO DEAL DIRECT WITH GERMANY

LONDON, May 1.—When Prime Minister MacDonald meets Premier Thomas and Paul Hymans of Belgium, at Chequers Court to-morrow, the Belgian emissaries will be told that Great Britain desires to put the experts' plan into effect by taking it out of the hands of the reparations commission and dealing directly with Germany in a new international conference.

James Dean



Popular weigh scales clerk of the city, who has just completed 27 years' service and obligation on the Market Square.

IMPERIAL CRISIS SEEN AS RESULT OF LABOR BUDGET

Daily Express Believes This Possible Following Abolition of McKenna Duties.

FEARS CANADA MAY WITHDRAW PREFERENCE

Colonial Secretary Deplores the Raising of False Hopes By Imperial Conferences.

BY H. N. MOORE. Special Cable to London Free Press.

LONDON, May 1.—The Conservatives are rallying for a combined attack on the budget with growing strength. The Daily Express this morning claims that the abolition of the McKenna duties will "bring about an imperial crisis."

"The Socialist Government," it continues, "will find the patience of the dominions very near the breaking point."

Failure to grasp their great estate overseas has puzzled and hurt public opinion throughout the dominions. When that failure takes active form, as it has done in the present case, a realisation is bound to come. Will Canada withdraw the preference granted to British wool?

The Express further points out that the abolition of the McKenna duties throws the Canadian motor industry into open competition with American mass production concerns.

The decisions reached at the Liberal meeting yesterday probably means the postponement for many months of a general election. The Easter recess gave many Liberal members an opportunity to canvass the opinions of their own constituencies throughout the country and it is the general opinion of those who have taken advantage of this opportunity that many months of intensive organization are necessary before the position of the constituencies is improved.

AGREEMENT RUMORED. The enthusiastic reception of Labor's first budget was an important factor in changing the trend of Liberal opinion back again towards Labor. It is freely rumored that Labor has made an agreement with the Conservatives by which more opportunities will be given to the Liberals to introduce certain Liberal measures, especially that of proportional representation, which will probably be introduced by the end of the year. (Continued On Page Seventeen)

GET COMMUTATION RATES SATURDAY

L. & P. S. R. Offers Books To Travelers Then.

SUMMER RATES SOON

Reduced Price On Tickets As Soon As Weather Favorable.

The commutation books will be placed on sale by the London and Port Stanley Railway on Saturday, May 3, and the officials expect heavy travel to-day. Cottagers at Port Stanley may receive the benefit of the summer rates by using the books.

Reduced summer fares to Port Stanley will be made effective on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays as soon as the weather is favorable and the train service increased.

The recent summer equipment is being repaired at the London and Port Stanley car department, Philip street, and the officials expect heavy travel to Port Stanley this coming summer.

A daily boat service from Cleveland to Port Stanley is expected to increase the travel to Port Stanley to a large extent.

EAST END SITE FOR SCHOOL IS PROBABLE

Trustees Will Have Recommendation Ready For Council By End of Next Week.

RELATIVE POPULATION TO DECIDE LOCATION

Need For New Building Said To Be More Urgent Than In South London.

In order that there shall be no delay, so far as the school board is concerned, Trustee Dr. Grant, chairman of the Collegiate committee, announced to-day that the matter of location for the proposed new high school building will be considered at a special meeting of the committee early next week.

In view of the fact that the regular board meeting will be held on Thursday next, it will be possible to have a definite recommendation ready for submission to the City Council before the end of the week.

Discussing the matter to-day, Trustee Grant stated that he was quite satisfied to give the City Council all necessary information. Location of the new school would be decided at some time, he said, and it made little difference when it was done. And so long as the City Council would grant the necessary funds, once the trustees had decided where the school should be located, he as chairman of the Collegiate committee would not object to disclosing this location.

ON POPULATION. Whether the school should be located in East or South London, however, would be decided entirely on population of the districts and the number of high school students available from each school section.

On this basis it is understood that East London will be given a school this year. Not only does the larger number of pupils come from this district, but East London is at the present time virtually without a school at all. The old Princess avenue building, that is now being used as temporary quarters for what is known as "East London" in South London, on the other hand, there is a building available, and it is in far better condition than the old building.

WON'T ENLARGE C. C. I. There will be no consideration of Aid Edith Smith's proposal to enlarge the Central Collegiate, however. This was definitely announced to-day by several members of the board. Trustee Dr. Grant stated that the finance committee had last night asked where the new school would be located. In order to settle this matter, he is arranging to have a special meeting next week, so that a recommendation may be approved by the entire board and sent along to the Council.

And in view of the fact that the need for a new building is more urgent in East London than the south it is likely that the recommendation will suggest that the money be voted for that district.

"We still feel, however, that the need exists for two new Collegiates, one year and by erecting one now we are only delaying things," Trustee Grant stated.

"JUST SPLENDID" THAT SO MUCH BAD WHISKY IS MADE, SAYS MRS. WRIGHT

WALLACEBERG, May 1.—"The O. T. A.," said Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London, Dominion president of the W. C. T. U., addressing a public meeting here, "is not in any way responsible for the drinking amongst our young people."

It was said how deplorable a fact it was that so much bad whisky was being made nowadays. "I do not think it in any way deplorable," said Mrs. Wright, "I think it just splendid."

"It is said that there is more drinking amongst our young people since the O. T. A. has been in force in Ontario. Statistics, which cannot lie, are telling awful stories of the conditions in Quebec and British Columbia. In comparison with these two provinces, which are under Government control, the amount of drinking amongst the young people in Ontario shrinks into insignificance."

"The whole Dominion," said the speaker, "is looking to Ontario in this big crisis. As Ontario goes so will the other provinces go in all probability."

"If Ontario fails—then it was simply for the reason that we have failed our Lord in the crucial hour." It was the indifference and apathy of the church members, she said, that had been the cause of the fall of Alberta.

"Every pulpit," said Mrs. Wright, "should be sounding the warning against the Government control system. If we have Government control, life will not be safe on our highways. If there was ever a call to the church it had come now. Every denomination should join hand in hand against the outlary of the liquor traffic."

Port Stanley Chief



JACK CAMPBELL, who has been appointed constable at Port Stanley.

5,000 FAILED TO MAKE RETURNS ON INCOME FOR 1923

Figures Prepared By Federal Tax Officials By Comparison With Previous Year.

BELIEVE MAJORITY HAD NO ASSESSABLE INCOME

Receipts On Last Day Reach a Large Total, But Exact Amount Is Unknown.

It is indicated in reports compiled to-day regarding federal income tax returns filed by residents of London and district of South London, however, 5,000 persons who failed to make a return on wages, salaries or other taxable emoluments received during 1923. The figures were arrived at in a comparison with the number of taxable returns filed a year ago. Notwithstanding this fact, there were just as many receipts issued this year as last, or in other words, there were just as many persons paid income taxes.

The discrepancy is accounted for in the possibility that there were many who were taxable for 1922 that found their earnings for 1923 below the taxable amount and therefore did not make a return, and also in the possibility that many married persons took for granted that \$500 is the amount of exemption for each child instead of \$300. Some confusion in this respect has been noted during the rush days immediately preceding April 30, the date set by law by which all returns must be made.

The confusion began with the announcement from Ottawa more than a week ago that the amount of exemption for children had been raised on an adopted resolution.

Because the number of returns made this year were 5,000 short of the number filed a year ago, does not necessarily indicate a greater financial depression even if the shortage is accounted for in reduced earnings or otherwise.

GENERAL OPTIMISM. Returns come by mail, and the factors are said to point to greater stability of trade and business, a general air of optimism for the future. In many (Continued On Page Seventeen)

WILL AFFECT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUPERANNUATION AND DIOCESE FUNDS.

67TH SESSION ON MAY 12

Two notices of motion to amend canons of the church appear in the convening circular just issued for the sixty-seventh session of the Synod of Huron, which opens in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday, May 12. Ven. Archdeacon Roberts moves to substitute a new Canon 35, providing that all sums of money to be raised from the congregations of the diocese for extra personal objects shall be included in the diocesan budget for the year, and the total amount thereof shall be apportioned among all the congregations. A basis of apportionment is set forth in the motion, which divides congregations into three classes, and provides for a clerical and five lay members of the executive committee, to be appointed annually by the bishop. If approved, the canon is to take effect on June 1 of this year.

The other proposed change is in Canon 22, affecting superannuation. Rev. R. J. Stetson-Adams, of Paris, moves to bring down the age of superannuation for clergy from 70 to 65 years; also that every superannuated clergyman residing within the diocese shall be compensated for \$10,000 on a house in the city, the principal to remain unpaid for a term of 15 years. He also received a three-year promissory note, it is stated, for the balance of the \$20,000.

PROPOSE 3 PLANS TO SECURE STREET RY.

Mayor Wenige and President Currie Discuss Taking Over of Transportation System.

ARBITRATION COSTS WOULD BE SMALL, IS STATEMENT

Willing To Sell For Set Price Or On Basis of Independent Valuation.

President Charles Currie, of the London Street Railway Company, and Mayor Wenige are conferring this afternoon to discuss the purchase of the road and other questions in connection with the transportation system. Paying will come in for its share of discussion. Mr. Currie admitted to-day that he is now prepared to talk price with the mayor, but he politely and firmly declined to intimate what price he is prepared to recommend to his directorate. However, from general conversation it is quite safe to assume that the price that will be mentioned this afternoon will be in the neighborhood of \$1,400,000. It will be remembered that during the negotiations between the company officials and Sir Adam Beck last fall the sum of \$1,400,000 was mentioned. It has been denied that this was set as a definite price, but it is also known that Sir Adam was asked if he was prepared to recommend the purchase of the road at this figure, which he declined to do.

THREE PROPOSITIONS. Three propositions will be dealt with at the conference this afternoon. The purchase of the road by the city, by agreement, purchase by arbitration or the making of a new operating agreement will be discussed from all angles. Mr. Currie stated his company is willing to sell by agreement, and he further declared it is prepared to sell at a fair valuation of the road. And he intimated that it is willing to accept such valuation based on the franchise clause in the taking over of the road only such equipment as would be of use in an up-to-date electric railway will be considered.

Discussing the situation in general Mr. Currie revealed that a valuation of 1919 totalled \$1,355,000, whereas the company's own valuation at that time was \$1,700,000. This company submitted a price of approximately \$1,300,000 at the time of the franchise agreement, which states that in the taking over of the road only such equipment as would be of use in an up-to-date electric railway will be considered.

Touching on the question of arbitration, Mr. Currie asserted that the cost of such would be a mere bagatelle as compared with the cost of a purchase. (Continued on Page Five.)

SEEK RETURN OF \$20,000 LOAN

Trust Corporation Acting For Patient At Asylum.

Consolidated Trusts Corporation, acting as the committee of the person and estate of John Sanford Laughton, who is at present a patient at the Ontario Hospital for Insane, has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.

Mr. Laughton has begun action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the recovery of an amount alleged to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 from Albert E. Reason and the London Metal Products, Limited, of this city, and Daniel McDonald, of Exeter Township.