

THE WEATHER:
SOUTHEAST WINDS, RAIN.
TOMORROW—RAIN OR SNOW.

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EDUCATION SURPLUSES NOW TOTAL \$56,813.75

Figures For Three Branches of
Schools Are Presented
by Treasurer.

LARGER THAN EXPECTED

Collegiate Has Slight Deficit
Due to Repairs and
Renewals.

With the striking of the balances of the Board of Education for 1923, a total surplus of \$56,813.75 is apparent in the three branches, made up as follows: Public schools, \$32,862.36; technical school, \$24,089.08; collegiate, deficit, \$138.19.

These figures were made public this morning by City Treasurer James Bell, who, with his staff, has been working overtime in an effort to have them completed.

Surpluses were forecasted for both the public schools and technical but the actual figures far exceed estimates of the amount likely to be on hand. At one time also it was thought that the collegiate deficit might run into the thousands of dollars, a report circulated some time ago placing it at \$14,000. This figure was denied by Principal Miller, however, who stated that if there was a deficit, it would be very small.

Inspector V. K. Greer of the public schools announced some time ago that there would be a surplus of a few thousand dollars and at the time said it might amount to \$24,000. The actual figure of \$24,089.08, however, is more than was actually expected. Of this amount about \$14,000 is capital account set aside for the Empress avenue school which was not started last year and the remainder, however, is due to actual economy in all branches of the public schools, Inspector Greer and Wheeler having done their utmost to cut down expenses wherever possible.

Last year's estimates for public schools called for \$642,240.27, of which the city of London contributed \$391,312.93, the remainder being estimated receipts. Including the city's appropriation, the actual receipts of the board totalled \$645,077.84 while expenditures were \$618,214.98.

The collegiate deficit is due to expenditures on account of repairs and renewals, not including in last year's estimates and which were necessitated by the overhauling and putting into condition of the Princess avenue school heating system, in order that it might be suitable for a collegiate unit. The deficit, \$138.19, however, is much below that which was expected.

In the technical school the exact surplus is \$24,089.08, this amount being saved by the careful expenditures of Principal Bell and careful financing of City Treasurer Bell.

TURNER SUGGESTS LEAVING GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING

If you contemplate leaving town at any time, it would be an admirable venture to leave a good impression about in financial circles, advises Tax Collector Chas. Turner.

"Those who go away should come in and pay their taxes, even if the tax rate hasn't been struck," he suggests. "If they pay too much they can always have the rebate sent to them. It leaves a good impression behind and one who goes away never knows when he may come back again. He will then find himself in excellent standing."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Southeast winds, with rain before tonight.

Wednesday—Cloudy, with occasional light rain or snow.

The disturbance which was west of the Mississippi Valley yesterday is now approaching the Great Lakes, while the barometer is rising over the Western Provinces and northwestern states. The weather is fairly mild in Southern Ontario; elsewhere rather cold.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	26	Clear
Calgary	32	8	Clear
Winnipeg	24	20	Fair
Port Arthur	38	26	Cloudy
Toronto	42	32	Cloudy
Kingston	38	22	Fair
Ottawa	35	20	Cloudy
Montreal	34	26	Cloudy
Quebec	30	20	Cloudy
St. John	29	16	Clear
Halifax	32	22	Fair
Cochrane	32	20	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 42; lowest, 25. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 33.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—59.8 mm.—29.22.
Today—8 a.m.—29.00.



AWAITING THE GONG.

Above are Steve Mabec (left) and Fred Trebilcock, snapped by an Advertiser photographer, about to launch forth on their thrilling dash at the arena yesterday. Trebilcock is the champ, but Mabec's skid at an important turn was the deciding factor in the battle.

HEARTH LEAGUE CHAMP COMES GALLOPIN' HOME



SENATOR S. W. BROOKHART, of Iowa, one of the Republican insurgents, has been chosen chairman of the committee to investigate the official record of Attorney-General Daugherty.

FIRE TRUCK HITS AUTO RETURNING FROM CALL

Slight Damage Caused by Collision—Chimney Fire Proves False.

Becoming excited when he noticed flames issuing from the chimney of the Crawford Piano Company on Dundas street at 8:48 this morning, a passerby hurriedly summoned the fire department. Firemen found that a fire had just been started in the furnace and nothing was amiss.

While returning from the call the truck of No. 4 Company struck the car of Moffat Bros., painter, causing slight damage. The accident happened on Waterloo street, near Central avenue.

EIGHTY MORE JOBLESS GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

Officials at Bureau Declare the Seekers for Work Are Still Numerous.

Some eighty unemployed men were given relief work this morning on the Wellington-High street sewer now under construction. Officials at the employment bureau stated that the number seeking employment shows no signs of slackening and again this morning there was a large number on hand.

With the exception of the work given this morning all occupations except farming having no vacancies. A great many applied today for work as chauffeurs and truck drivers and when offered farm work walked gloomily out of the office.

Fred Trebilcock Lunges Across Tape Ahead of Skidding Opponent, Sam Mabec.

THE RUSE THAT FAILED

Timekeeper Tillman Awards Decision After Hot Contest at the Arena.

Armed with an alarm clock of real domestic proportions, Anthony Tillman glided forth on the arena at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

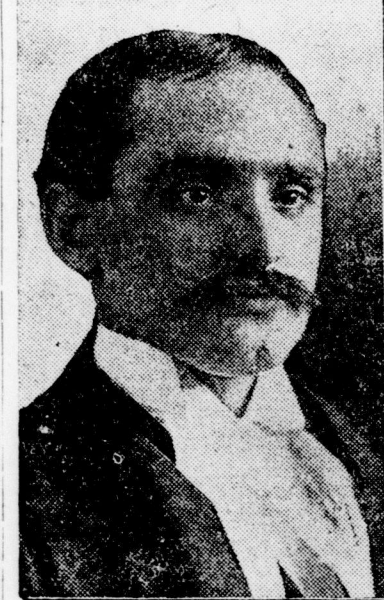
It was no usual afternoon skating party, for the championship of the hearth league was at stake. Utmost secrecy prevailed as to the nature of the contest; it was to be one of those "at dawn in a secluded spot in the forest" affairs, but, of course, some person had to go and spit the news. Ever since the visit of the Gladys Robinson speed skaters to London there has been a discussion about speed—speed as it used to be did when there was a bonfire in the midst of the brickyard pond, and when grapevines and figure eights used to be cut as though they were carved out with a mallet and a chisel.

This box stove discussion has even reached high financial circles, and laid its firm grip on Steve Mabec of the Aemilus Jarvis Company, Fred Trebilcock, manager of the Canada Smelting and Refining Company allowed that he used to be some pumpkins himself when it came to eating up distance, and then the fight began.

In love and war, there is only one way to settle a matter of this sort, and that is to settle it. In the former, go and ask the girl, and in the latter fight it out, and may the best man win, and the least possible injury to the rink.

Some people, who always figure the value of anything in dollars and cents, say there was a side bet of \$150 on.

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HON. P. J. A. CARDIN, the most recent acquisition to the King cabinet was introduced in the Commons yesterday by the prime minister. Cardin comes from Quebec and is regarded as a politician of high ability.

CADET SAYS SENIORS USE HARSH WAYS TO GAIN END

Major F. G. Arnold Demands Probe Into Kingston Military College.

SETS TIME LIMIT

Westerner Declares He Believes Commandant Does Not Know Real Situation.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kingston, March 4.—That lying at the Royal Military College is encouraged and compelled by the seniors; that seniors hold special meetings to discipline recruits, make the recruits stand at rigid attention for hours, that at such a meeting seventeen recruits fainted, and that young Arnold, just out of hospital, was stood at attention for two hours and a half until he fainted, these are among the allegations of the former cadet, F. G. Arnold, of Regina, who has now returned from New York with his father, Major F. G. Arnold.

On behalf of Cadet Arnold, who left the R. M. C. on Feb. 5, Major Arnold demands an open investigation into conditions there, and today stated his son's cases to General A. C. Macdonnell, commandant of the college.

Major Arnold and his son reached this city yesterday. The lad told him his experiences in the college. In a letter that he delivered to General Macdonnell today the father tells part of his son's story, describing conditions at the college, and giving a denial to certain statements made about young Arnold by the commandant.

Major Arnold issues an ultimatum in his letter, and gives General Macdonnell until Wednesday evening to authorize an open inquiry or he will have his son give his story in full to the public.

Major Arnold quotes his boy as telling him the reason he left the college was: "That there is simply no chance to get any education here. A recruit is simply not allowed to study. He has charges against the senior class, but he points out that he does not think General Macdonnell knows of the conditions in the college, but that it is high time that he did."

TAXPAYERS TRACED IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Detroit, However, Has \$60,000 in Checks With Owners Not Identified.

While 100,000 income taxpayers remain unidentified in the city of Detroit, only six have failed to be identified in the London district, although its total population approximates that of the American city.

In Detroit there is \$60,000 in checks made out by income taxpayers who cannot be identified owing to the neglect of the payees to give their addresses. No such situation exists in this district, however, Inspector George Tambling declared today. There is probably \$100 in checks, the owners of which cannot be identified, he stated.

The comparison of the conditions in Detroit and London district shows the efficiency of the federal income tax department, which seldom fails to trace an individual for his unpaid taxes.

WINDSOR EPIDEMIC HAS PASSED THE PEAK

Border Officials Declare Newest Cases Reported Are of the Milder Type.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, March 4.—Local health officials declared today that the smallpox epidemic had passed its peak and that it is to settle in the former, go and ask the girl, and in the latter fight it out, and may the best man win, and the least possible injury to the rink.

Five new cases were reported last Monday and today, but all are of a mild type. Dr. Fred Adams, M. O. H., has confidence that no more cases of the virulent type will develop unless unforeseen circumstances arise.

It will be a week or more, however, before officials can be positive that the epidemic has fully abated.

ASKS PERFORMANCE.

T. C. Scarecrow has issued a supreme court writ on behalf of W. H. Thornton and A. E. Small against Joseph Lawrence, asking specific performance of an agreement in connection with a real estate transaction in Manitoba.



DR. ROY KINGSWOOD, chief of staff at Victoria Hospital, who, together with A. J. McGuffin and others prevented fire at the nurses' home of the hospital yesterday from gaining serious headway and kept the flames in check until the fire department arrived.

FORGER OF CHECKS GETS TWO YEARS

Stewart Harrison's Previous Good Record Counts in His Favor.

Two years in the Ontario Reformatory was the sentence imposed on Stewart Harrison, late of Detroit, who pleaded guilty in police court today to forging two checks. But for the plea of J. G. Gillanders, counsel for the accused, the sentence would have been a much larger one.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon said he would consider the appeal of Mr. Gillanders and he extremely lenient. Harrison, it appears, forged the checks to get money for the purpose of paying up outstanding grocery accounts.

A prisoner has no criminal record, and committed the offence under, what he thought, to be pressure of necessity. Mr. Gillanders said, "He has a wife to support. He came here from Detroit recently, intending to get a job in a shoe company, but failed to find work."

Harrison made out two checks, one for \$25 and the other for \$45, forging the signature of G. A. Nichol on both occasions. One of the checks was in favor of George E. Stevens, and the other for E. H. Stewart. Both were drawn on the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation.

Harrison is a swarthy-faced young man, fairly well-dressed. In pleading guilty he elected summary trial by the magistrate.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETS TO TALK TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

No. 2 Committee of the board of education met this afternoon to discuss the question of asking the council for more money for the Trafalgar School.

According to a report, it was stated that the meeting was being called for the purpose of taking steps to exact the \$100-a-week penalty for failure to complete the school within the contract date. Information received from an official source this morning was to the effect that this matter would not be taken up.

Winners of Extra Prizes Announced Wednesday

Candidates Should Watch For List of First Cash Prizes Awarded.

REVISED STANDING

Special Votes Have Not Been Included in Figures Already Published.

"Be sure you get the big fishes, but don't overlook the little ones."

This classic advice of the ancient fisherman to his son is most appropriate for candidates in The Advertiser \$20,000 prize contest. The big subscriptions, those extending over two or three years, are very desirable, but the little ones should never be overlooked.

Just now, however, long-term subscriptions count extra votes. The special 250,000 bonus vote offer should give added zest to the efforts of candidates in securing big subscriptions. Although this offer is not quite as great as the one arranged to start the campaign off with, it is substantially larger than any other that shall be made.

Winners of the special prizes amounting to \$500, which were offered the last two weeks, will be made tomorrow. Right now candidates are concentrating on securing the extra second special prize award of another \$500.

A revised vote standing of all candidates will be found on page 13 of today's Advertiser. None of the extra votes have as yet been counted, and it will be some days yet before a complete vote standing can be published.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Suspension of J. W. McCallum Will Be Taken Up at Special Meeting.

MORE ACTION PROMISED

Drastic Measure Follows the Attempted Censure by Ald. John Greer.

The unnatural quietness pervading the city hall was disrupted at 11 a.m. today, when Mayor George Wenige suspended City Relief Inspector J. W. McCallum.

This drastic measure follows the unsuccessful attempt at last night's council session to censure the mayor, instigated by Ald. John Greer, chairman of the finance committee, gave assurance this afternoon that an investigation will be held at a special session, already called for tomorrow.

In the meanwhile he is asking the relief inspector to carry on with his duties in order that the relief of the city will receive attention, and investigations can be made in accordance with the provisions of the procedure bylaw. Mayor Wenige charged Inspector McCallum with "neglect of duty."

"And this is not half of what is going to happen at the city hall this year," was the ultimatum from Mayor Wenige. "Things are going to move from now on."

"I stress my point that, as in 1923, I am going to use my own head in forming my opinions, not Ald. Greer's head. The relief inspector is suspended from now. It now remains for the members of the finance committee to either uphold me or renege on their promise."

Entered Service 1901.

Inspector McCallum entered the city's service in his present capacity in the year 1901, succeeding the late William Eddy, father of City Treasurer James Bell, who died at that time. Mr. McCallum represented old Ward Six in the city council (South London) for six years, resigning from office in 1910.

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REV. L. H. CURRIE ASKED TO SUPERVISE COURSE

Synod Members Feel Toronto Minister Logical Head For Summer School.

Although he is no longer a member of the Synod of London and Hamilton, Rev. L. H. Currie, now of Toronto, has been specially requested to look after the Presbyterian summer school in St. Thomas, which will be held from July 4 to July 21.

For many years a member of the synod, Mr. Currie has been general chairman of the summer school committee for several years, and has acted most efficiently in this connection. Synod members who are interested in the summer school, meeting in the city yesterday with Rev. W. M. Kannawin of Hamilton as convener, decided that a special invitation should be extended Mr. Currie in order that he might continue this work. A similar program to that carried out last year is being arranged.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS FOR VARSITY SENATE

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OXFORD COUNTY AIDS.

Oxford County is solidly behind the big gathering of Western Ontario fruit growers, who will convene in the city on March 29 and 31. Oxford has a number of prominent agriculturists engaged in the raising of small fruits and apples, and the majority of growers have signified their intention of being present, according to Mr. Greene of the department of agriculture.



ALD. JOHN GREER, chairman of the board of works, who last night took up the cudgels in the defense of City Relief Inspector McCallum, but subsequently failed in his endeavor to censure Mayor Wenige for his public attacks upon that official.

Mr. Justice Lennox Dismisses All Three Suits Heard at Assizes.

HOSPITAL BLAZE WILL BE PROBED

House Committee Will Meet This Afternoon For Preliminary Investigation.

The house committee of Victoria Hospital will meet this afternoon to investigate the fire which damaged a portion of the story of the nurses' home at that institution yesterday, according to Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent.

Preliminary investigation shows the damage to be considerably greater than first estimated by Dr. Clegg and Fire Chief John Aitken. The roof of the building is badly burned, and it is expected it will have to be replaced.

It is Chief Aitken's opinion that the fire started when a burning cigarette was negligently thrown into the laundry chute on the ground floor. The chute, running from the basement to the top story, is badly burned throughout, and it is thought the fire crept up the chute to the roof in this manner.

Fifty-one nurses were removed from the third and fourth stories of the building to the Children's Hospital, where they will be lodged until the burned building is repaired. Thirty-six nurses will remain in the home on the ground floor, where no damage was caused.

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SODA WATER FIRM LOSES ACTIONS FOR FIRE DAMAGE

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DOUBTS TESTIMONY

Premises Was Visited by Judge at Time of Trial in November.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 4.—"I find that the statutory declaration of the president of the plaintiff company in proof of loss was fraudulent and knowingly false within meaning of statutory condition 20, and the three actions will be dismissed with costs," says Mr. Justice Lennox in the Dominion Soda Water Company of London, Limited, against the Economical Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, and the Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

The three actions were tried without a jury at London on February 12 and 13 of this year. Each of three policies for \$1,000. According to the statutory declaration of Meyer Gootson, president of the plaintiff company, the insured property was worth \$8,000. At the time of the fire there was a loss of \$700 and the fire damage amounted to \$4,720.75.

Doubts Estimated Loss.

Of the objections set out in the statements of defence, the judge finds it sufficient to deal with one, "that the said proofs of loss were false and fraudulent, and that any loss suffered by the plaintiff, which the defendant does not admit, but denies, was trivial," etc.

"In arriving at the conclusion I am about to declare," his lordship goes on, "I take into account, in some degree, the contracts of sale deposited to at the trial and the serious doubt I entertain as to the insured property being, at the time the insurance was placed, of the value of \$3,000 or anything approximating that sum."

"I regard Mr. Eckart and Mr. Carson as thoroughly competent and honest witnesses, and they are the only witnesses who gave specific evidence in detail of the amount of the loss. They made the total loss \$520. I add the items that were not to be found at Mr. Gootson's own valuation—and the total loss is then \$580.50, as against \$4,720.75 sworn to by Mr. Gootson."

Judge Visited Premises.

Accompanied by counsel, the trial judge visited the fire premises, the basement of a building on the south side of Dundas street, London.

"The fire in the northwest corner of the basement was accidental," says Mr. Justice Lennox, with the remark of his 20-page judgment, "but the alleged resultant loss is a fraud, and the practically nominal loss was not caused, but suggested, by the accidental fire."

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE PERSONNEL INCREASED

"Ernie" Ruse Appointed as Representative Member For Pedestrians.

Upon motion of Ald. L. H. Douglass, another member was added to the city council traffic committee last night in the person of "Ernie" Ruse.

The chairman insisted that the majority of the council agreed that a pedestrian should be given a seat on this committee aside from representatives of civic departments. All members of the present committee drive automobiles or else represent the police department. Ald. Douglass submitted that this was unfair.

A mild objection came from Ald. Drake, who vouchsafed the remark that "you will soon have half the city of London on there."

"WHITE WAY" DISTURBED.

When the ornamental lighting went out in front of the city hall last night, the aldermen wondered if their hydro bill had been paid. The Great White Way was certainly not functioning.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Truck driver wanted.
Baby carriage for sale.
Used Sedan for sale.
Housekeeper wanted.
Cottage for sale.
Four-room flat to let.