

## SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARDS TO BE ELECTED

### SEPARATE SCHOOL FIGHT TO BE FIRST IN 20 YEARS

Dr. P. J. Sweeney Will Oppose J. C. Loughlin for Position on Board—Supporters Urge Both Candidates To Remain in the Field—All Other Members Elected by Acclamation.

#### RATEPAYERS MUST VOTE OPENLY

For the first time in 20 years or so there will be an election in this city for the separate school board. The fight centers in ward three only, where Dr. Paul Joseph Sweeney opposes Jeremiah C. Loughlin, who represents the district on the present body.

Another interesting fact is recorded in that the balloting, which is set for a week from today, will be open, the first, and probably the last, time that such an event will have transpired in London—an echo, as it were, of "days that are gone but not forgotten."

This will be unavoidable within the meaning of the act, the separate school representatives explained. To insure a secret ballot, it is always incumbent upon the school board of the day to pass a resolution to that effect before October. This detail was overlooked, no person evidently giving the matter a thought, in view of the fact that in nearly 20 years no election has been necessary, the representatives of the several wards appointing officers by acclamation.

**Deplore Circumstances.** Members of the board today deplored this circumstance and gave positive assurance that precaution would be taken in the future to insure the secret ballot, should its need arise. Polls will be opened in ward three only.

Exclusive of that section of the city, the 1923 board will comprise the following:

Ward One—Edmund V. Hession,

336 Worley road, insurance agent, nominated by Fred Pace and O. O. Orendorff.

Ward Two—Albert H. Murphy (re-elected), Hyman street, barrister, by J. Loughlin and R. M. Burns.

Ward Four—Robert Mair Burns, 504 Wellington street, publisher, by J. F. Nolan and M. F. Forristal.

The board consists of eight members, four of whom retire at the close of each year. The following were elected last year for the two-year term and are also members during 1923:

Ward One—P. H. Ranahan.

Ward Two—J. F. Nolan.

Ward Three—W. P. Regan.

Ward Four—M. F. Forristal.

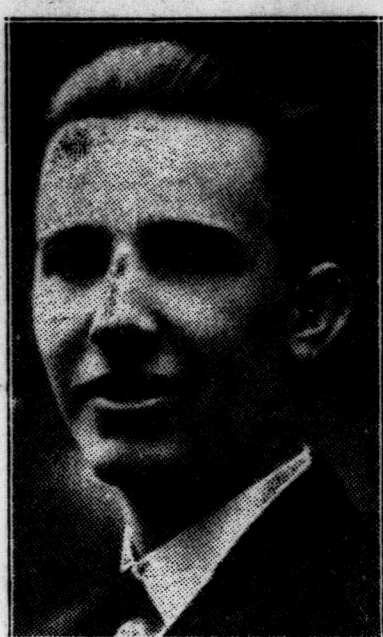
**Retired During Year.** Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, who represented Ward One during 1922, retired this year, his office being filled by Edmund Hession.

When it became apparent that a contest loomed probable in Ward Three, Trustee Loughlin announced at the nomination meeting at the Catholic Club that he would retire forthwith from the field, leaving the vacancy for Dr. Sweeney.

Mr. Loughlin was eventually re-elected from such action by his associates and friends, who proclaimed him the most active and efficient member, pointing to his continuous service in that capacity since 1882.

Arriving just before nominations closed, Dr. Sweeney also proffered his retirement, but was persuaded by his friends to remain in the field.

The forthcoming election will be watched with close interest by the separate school ratepayers, in view of the peculiar circumstances attending the contest, the open vote, etc.



MILTON A. WALKER  
Of this city, elected premier of Ontario by the Boys' Parliament, now in session in Toronto.

### SON AWAKENS AND AVERTS NEAR TRAGEDY

Mrs. J. Smith and Daughters, Grey Street, Overcome From Escaped Gas.

LIVES ENDANGERED

But Young Son Arouses Family, Preventing Three Probable Fatalities.

Gas which escaped from a coal stove in the home of Mrs. J. Smith, 317 Grey street, early this morning, overcame three occupants of the house, and but for the awakening of her son, Wendell, would undoubtedly have been responsible for a tragedy.

As a result of inhaling the noxious fumes from the stove, Mrs. Smith and her two daughters, Gladys and Hilda, are confined to bed, seriously ill.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, Hilda Smith woke suffering from a headache and attempted to reach the back part of the house. She collapsed in the kitchen, however, and fell full length, her 16-year-old son, Wendell, who was also suffering with a headache,

Smelling coal gas, and discovering his sister lying unconscious on the floor, the youth immediately opened the doors of the house, and attempted to rouse his mother and other sister, both of whom were unconscious. They rushed outside and summoned neighbors to his assistance. Artificial respiration was employed by neighbors, who succeeded in restoring the victims to consciousness. They are now recovered from the asphyxiating effects of the gas at their home. Investigation of the coal stove at the Smith home later revealed the fact that several pieces of mica were defective, thereby Mrs. Smith and her two daughters were reported out of danger this afternoon.

### DISCOVER FURNACE NOT CAUSE OF FIRE

Marshal and Architect Pay Visit to Ruins of Basilica.

**Special to The Advertiser.** Quebec, Dec. 27.—Previous to the opening of the investigation into the causes of the destruction of the Basilica by fire, Eugene Laclerc, fire marshal, and Mr. Tanguay, architect, paid a visit this morning to the ruins of the church, and made an interesting discovery, which will likely change the views of many on the subject.

It was discovered that the furnace and the motor operating the organ, which had been held as possible causes of the fire, were in perfect condition. Not only was the furnace intact, but the asbestos which covered the walls of the compartment where it was situated, had been preserved from the flames. The motor, examined by an electrician, presents no break, and, according to experts was not the igniting element.

Mrs. Laflamme, priest of the destroyed church, and Messrs. Brunet and Faillie, insurance brokers of Montreal, had a conference at which it was arranged that the insurance companies would pay the \$210,000 risks on the church within a short time. The assurance Mutuelle Des Fabriques, which is operated by 100 different parishes will pay \$50,000. As a result of recent fires in this province, the assessment on members of the latter organization has been practically doubled within a year.

### CHRISTMAS AIR RIFLE BLINDS BOY AT KENT

Grand Rapids, Dec. 27.—Duncan MacDonald, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Norman MacDonald, Tuesday lost the sight of his right eye when he was hit by a bullet from an air rifle, received by a chum as a Christmas present.

### WILL DISCUSS REPARATIONS.

**Special Cable to The Advertiser.** Paris, Dec. 26.—Germany's failure to deliver timber and nitrogen in accordance with the reparations agreement will be discussed January 2 at the premiers' conference here, it was semi-officially announced today.

At this session, it will be decided whether France shall take separate action as a result of Germany's default, or whether all the allies will join in whatever move is agreed upon.

### Always Eat Some Lemon Drops After Quarrel, Says Magistrate

New York, Dec. 27.—"A man should always give the woman 85 per cent the better of any argument. Then if she says anything disagreeable he should put on his hat, walk around the block and eat a nickel's worth of lemon drops."

Such was the advice, in part which Magistrate Dale, today gave to Adam Phoga, of Brooklyn, arraigned on a charge of having struck his eighteen-year-old wife, Anna.

"When you go in a prize fight," the magistrate instructed Phoga, "on your way home buy a loaf of bread

### CHANCELLOR TRIES FUNDING BRITISH DEBT

Stanley Baldwin Leaves For New York, Seeking To Ease Interest Burden.

#### SUPREME IMPORTANCE

United States Should Participate in Europe's Reparations Problem.

London, Dec. 27.—The British financial mission to the United States, headed by Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, sailed for New York this morning on the liner Majestic. It is expected that the mission will return about the end of January.

Besides the chancellor the party included Mrs. Baldwin and daughter; Montagu C. Norman, governor of the Bank of England; Rowe Dutton, financial adviser, and P. J. Grigg of the treasury.

In a statement to the Evening Standard today, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that under the present arrangements Great Britain's payments to the United States would amount to between £60,000,000 and £70,000,000 annually.

"We hope to fund this debt," he said, "and get the burden of interest eased. If it is successful, I hope the United States will be kind to a much more important mission which Mr. Bonar Law is shortly to undertake."

The Evening Standard says the latter remarks refers to a reparations settlement.

The chancellor added that it is of supreme importance to Europe that the United States should have her say as regards Europe's financial problem.

"My mission concerns our L. O. U's held by the United States, and is a delicate one. We are in the position of debtors. We must tread warily. Nevertheless, I hope to persuade the United States government to come to a permanent settlement on the terms of our debt to America of something like \$250,000,000.

"I present a law of congress providing that the United States should pay the debt in 25 years at 4 1/2 per cent interest. This would mean an annual payment of £10,000,000, a very heavy item in our budget. We hope to fund this debt, and get the burden of interest eased, but, of course, the last word is with America."

"If we can effect a settlement on such a matter, we shall set an example which will be an augury for the settlement of even greater problems than this one—international problems."

"If I am successful, I hope America, having seen the result of one mission, will be kind enough to the United States to take the word 'reparations' as being parenthetically inserted by the United States, and which is more difficult than mine."

"It is of supreme importance to Europe that America should have a say in the many perplexing matters now engaging the attention of statesmen."

### EXEMPLIFIES DEATH BY DRINKING ACID

Dr. Shannon, Former McGill Student, Cools Swallows Prussic Acid.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—Coolly draining a glass of prussic acid, Dr. Wm. L. Shannon, aged 35, a well-known physician in Vancouver, asked a companion if he had ever seen a man die, and almost immediately dropped dead. Shannon had just taken a dose of prussic acid, a large quantity, for the purpose of curing a chronic ailment. He was a graduate of McGill University. He served with distinction in the Canadian Army Medical Corps during the war.

### PREFERENCE SYSTEM IS BAD FOR HUGHES

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 27.—(Canadian Press Cable, via Reuters).—Second counts in the preference voting system in the recent federal election have gone badly for the Hughes government. Five of the ministers of the government are known to have been defeated, while the position of Senator Edward Davis, Miller, minister for repatriation, appears to be very insecure. These three represent half the cabinet membership.

Among the defeated ministers are Senator John Earl, vice-president of the executive council, and Senator Arthur H. Rogers, minister of trade and customs.

### FIND WHISKEY SHIPPED INSIDE NEWSPAPERS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Increased international circulation of Mexican and Canadian papers brought about the discovery that bootleggers have been shipping brandy and whiskey in tenacious tubes wrapped in the papers, federal officers said here today.

Twelve regular subscribers were arrested yesterday by Fred Gardner in charge of the treasury special agents. Search for the subscription solicitors was to be made today.

### LOSE ABOUT \$30,000,000 THROUGH AUTOMOBILES

Chicago, Dec. 27.—American farmers are losing approximately \$30,000,000 a year on their late crop and probably a like amount on their hay crops through the use of automobiles, motor trucks and tractors which have largely supplanted the use of horses in the cities, according to Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, in analyzing the effect of motorized hauling on the horse and grain market. Mr. McDougal believes, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way, pointing out that the prices on good draft horses are advancing.



R. M. BURNS  
Re-elected by acclamation as a separate school trustee for Ward Four.

### FIVE LINERS AND 28 LIVES LOST IN GALES

Toll of Furious Storm Continues to Grow as Ships Come In.

#### WORST IN THIRTY YEARS

Wireless Pick Up Three Different Distress Signals Which Finally Die Out.

**Special Cable to The Advertiser.** London, Dec. 27.—Twenty-eight lives and five ships have been lost in terrific gales and hurricanes raging in the Atlantic and along the coast of England, according to reports here today.

Toll of the storm continues to grow as additional details of its fury come in from all ports on the western English coast. The disturbances are extending far into the ocean, battering and buffeting even the strongest liners, officers of vessels arriving from the westward say.

The liner Celtic arrived from America, passengers and officers reporting the worst weather in 30 years in the Atlantic. Havoc was played by the wind and huge waves with smaller coastal shipping.

The captain of one battered steamer that limped into port reported his wireless had picked up three different distress signals, but was unable to aid because of his ship's condition, and the S. O. S. calls finally died out.

**STORM WORST IN YEARS.** **Special to The Advertiser.** New York, Dec. 27.—The storm tossing and damaging ships in mid-Atlantic is the worst for several decades, according to officers of vessels arriving here today. Practically all liners, carrying thousands of passengers, are from a day to three days late. So far, however, no major disaster has been reported. Those reported down in London dispatches are believed to be freighters.

A thrilling tale of rescue in the storm of the British schooner Gordon C. Fudge by the Atlantic transport freighter Menominee was told here today.

After the schooner's masts and sails had been ripped away, and the hold filled with water, the Fudge's crew, according to reports, fought off their course, the crew manned the pumps in a last desperate effort to keep afloat. The British flag was blown away, however, and ran up an American flag, however, and ran it up on a broken mast. It was this flag that attracted the attention of a portion of the Menominee's crew, and so forth. A certain sum was set aside for this purpose in the event that the contractors failed to act within their contract. Nothing further has evidently transpired in this connection, however, and the situation is "very much in statu quo," as Secretary Tanner puts it.

### MOVE TOWARDS FINISH OF CITY'S SCHOOL TANGLE

Settlement at Chatham Removes One of Two Legal Impediments.

#### SOME DELAY EXPECTED

Thought the Matter Will Be Turned Over to 1923 Board.

At last the Kingston Construction Company moved toward a settlement of the Central Collegiate Institute tangle.

W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board of education, was officially notified today that this concern, the creator of the structure in question, had paid such sums to the Des Moines Company of Chatham, in accordance with a recent court order.

This act removes one of the two legal impediments which for months past, have halted all efforts toward a final and complete settlement of the deal.

All board of education authorities were of the opinion today, however, that the entire problem would not be solved before the close of the term, and that it would be absolutely imperative to refer the issue to the board of 1923.

"We have one thing to wait for," the secretary explained, "We cannot make a move until the controversy is settled between the Kingston Construction Company and the Nobbs Company of this city."

"Despite the recent judgment handed down in the Middlesex County court, this case has been appealed by the latter firm, and now we are awaiting the outcome from the supreme court. Just when this will be forthcoming is somewhat problematical. We must wait, however, as we cannot attempt nothing in the way of a satisfactory arrangement."

In short, the situation is just 50 per cent less involved than it was six months ago. By its settlement with the Chatham sub-contractors the Kingston company have made possible the immediate removal of one of the two mechanics' liens that were placed on the building last summer.

In the meanwhile the board of education is well guarded, the officials saying that the contractors have been withheld from the contractors to insure that the city shall not be the loser, and if it came to the last ditch the trustees could even pay all claims, and still be the victor.

The building has never been officially accepted from the Kingston concern, however, despite the fact that it has been in constant use since the first of the year.

Certain acknowledged defects were to be remedied, such as replacement of a portion of the basement floor and so forth. A certain sum was set aside for this purpose in the event that the contractors failed to act within their contract. Nothing further has evidently transpired in this connection, however, and the situation is "very much in statu quo," as Secretary Tanner puts it.

### ABANDON HOPE FOR 7 SEAMEN OF MISSING TUG

Search Continues in Effort to Clear Up Lake Erie Mystery.

#### DISCOVER OIL CANS

Gilmore Cruises Region in an Effort to Locate Bodies or Wreckage.

**Canadian Press.** Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Although practically no hope is held out for the safety of the tug Cornell, formerly the Grace Danforth, search of Lake Erie in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the vessel was continued today.

Finding of a lifeboat containing the frozen body of Michael Payton, one of the eight members of the crew, dispelled any belief that the Cornell is safe. The yawl and its contents were picked up yesterday by the Gilmore, one of the tugs assisting in the search, as she cruised the regular Buffalo course along the Canadian coast between Port Colborne and Long Point. Ten miles west of the point where the lifeboat was found, the Gilmore had previously sighted several oil cans floating on the light waves. A slight hint of oil covered the water. The bodies of the crew and the bodies of some of the other seven men, the Gilmore cruised about the region for several hours, but without success. The boat and the body of Payton to Erie. A message received by the Great Lakes Towing Company, former owners of the Cornell, stated that the crew of the tug Charles A. Potter saw what they believed was the Cornell three miles off shore between Ashtabula and Conneaut, Ohio, Thursday night. This is the only record of the Cornell having been sighted since she left here Thursday afternoon for Buffalo, where she was to have been delivered to her new owners, a Syracuse firm.

What happened to the missing craft after that is purely speculation and conjecture.

### ONE PERISHES WHEN FIRE DESTROYS APARTMENTS

Many Injured When Blaze Wrecks Costly Building at Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 27.—The Delmar apartment, the costliest apartment dwelling in Toledo, was destroyed late last night by a fire that is presumed to have started in the boiler room located in the west wing of the structure.

W. A. Faunce, 55, of the Eastern Mortgage and Realty Company, is dead as a result of the fire. He died at a local hospital an hour after the blaze started.

More than a dozen persons were injured from inhaling smoke and were treated either at hospitals or on the scene. Lieut. Walter Collinski and Fireman John Ryan were the most seriously hurt.

There were six apartments in the structure. The fire damage to the building and the property loss of the tenants will aggregate approximately \$800,000.

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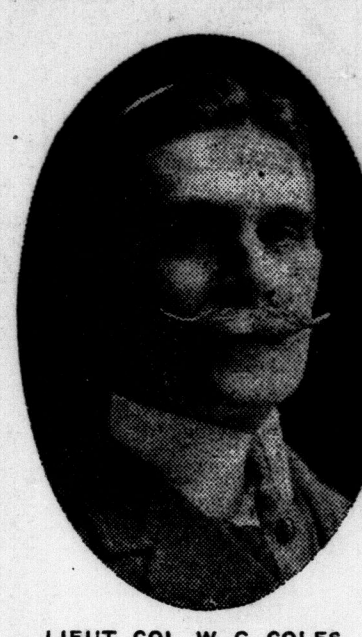
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LIEUT.-COL. W. G. COLES.  
Who retired as a separate school trustee for Ward One.

### LONDONER PAYS \$1,500 FINE FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Magistrate Imposes Heaviest O. T. A. Fine for First Offence in City.

#### OFFICERS BUY WHISKY

Conviction Follows Investigation of Inspectors F. E. Elliott and W. J. Connors.

Admission that he kept liquor for sale without the necessary license cost Morris White \$1,500 and costs in police court today. Magistrate A. E. M. Graydon decided on the fine, which is the heaviest ever levied in a local court for a first offence under the Ontario temperance act, as soon as White pleaded guilty. The defendant was given the alternative of spending three months in the common jail. He paid.

Witnesses from various parts of the province were present, and prepared to go into the box for the crown. Inspectors F. E. Elliott of Stratford, and W. J. Connors of Hamilton, provincial men, bought the liquor from White.

After an order for confiscation of the liquor had been made, the officers asked that \$75 in marked money, which they had paid White, be returned to him. John M. McEvoy, K.C., counsel for the defendant, after arguing the matter with Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott, K.C., and Magistrate Graydon, agreed upon the return of the money.

**Dismisses Charge.** Hugh White, who was also charged in connection with the same case, was dismissed on a charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, no evidence being offered by the crown, because Morris White had pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping liquor for sale.

Cecil Webb, inland revenue inspector, presented to warden Graydon a charge laid under the inland revenue act, but reserved the right to re-enter if it should obtain other orders from his superior.

In the cases of Herbert Thomas, James White and R. Smith, alleged consignees of liquor shipments seized by district officers, Magistrate Graydon refused to make an order for confiscation until proof of the service of summons had been produced.

Under sub-section 5 of section 70 of the temperance act, provision is made for the issuing of a summons to three consignees of liquor, or shipper of the liquor seized. No provision is made for the magistrate ordering the confiscation of the liquor unless a summons is served on each of the three, or with an adult in charge of the express office the court pointed out. If it is not served on or by anyone, it cannot be confiscated, if no one claims it.

**Believe Names Mythical.** It is believed that the names given are those of mythical persons. In the case of R. Smith of Tilbury, Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton explained he had sent a summons to Provincial Officer Lowe, who was to serve on Smith. Lowe was unable to find Smith and returned the summons to John McEvel, who was in charge of the express office from which the liquor was taken by the officers several weeks ago. Magistrate Graydon instructed Mr. McEvel to produce a copy of the summons. No order was made.

"This will have no bearing on the department, but the onus can be put on me," Magistrate Graydon explained. "I am willing to aid in the enforcement of the act, but I cannot act when I have no authority to do so."

### YOUNG WIFE VANISHES DOING ULTIDOTE SHOPPING

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 27.—Mrs. John Miller, 28 years old, was missing from her husband's home, late keeper of Kingsley, near here, late yesterday, and her disappearance has caused a great deal of concern.

When Miller reported his wife came to Traverse City to do her Christmas shopping last Wednesday, and never returned. Neighbors support Miller's denial that she would leave home of her own accord.

### THE WEATHER

Northeast winds, increasing to gales; snow tonight and on Thursday, or rain in some southern counties.

A pronounced area of high pressure and cold weather has come in over Northern Ontario, while an important disturbance has developed in the lower Mississippi Valley. The weather has continued comparatively mild in the Western Provinces.

**Temperatures.** The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Place	High	Low
Vancouver	48	46
Calgary	40	28
Winnipeg	12	8
Pt. Arthur	14	8
S. S. Marie	30	28
Thunder Bay	42	38
Kingston	40	16
Ottawa	42	12
Montreal	38	12
Quebec	34	10
P. Point	34	4
S. St. John	36	24
Halifax	34	32

### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 38; lowest, 31.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 32.

**Barometric Readings.** Tuesday—8 a.m., 29.57.

### Capt. Amundsen Having Trouble With Old Wound in Polar Dash

**Canadian Press.** Nome, Alaska, Dec. 27.—Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, now leader of an expedition to the north pole is having trouble with an arm which was fractured when he took the Gjøra from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean through the north-west passage from 1903 to 1905.

Captain Amundsen, who is wintering here, has had an examination made of his arm.

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