

CITY HAS NEVER TAKEN ACTION TO CHANGE "NO. 916"

L. S. R. Giving Better Service Now Than Last Bylaw Stipulates.

MAYOR IS READY

Better street railway service in 1924 has been repeatedly urged by members of the city council. Ald. John Greer, chairman of the board of works, drew the mayor's attention to this phase of the situation last night, while not long since, Chairman Doherty, of the finance committee, delivered a plea for improved service throughout the city generally, and on the Richmond north line in particular.

Ald. Greer asked the mayor direct last night what he intended to do about the question, irrespective of what the Ontario legislature might do with that portion of the city of London Bill, relating to street railway costs.

The mayor replied that he was ready, that the question be taken up by the council just as speedily as circumstances would permit, after the government hands down its decision on the company's share of the paving bill.

When urged by Ald. Greer to outline his plans for approach to the company for better service, the mayor stated that it would be impossible to submit them at this moment. Again today, he impressed the impossibility of what Ald. Greer warned, that the question of better street railway service was an important issue, and asked if the mayor would guarantee to take it up in the council within two weeks after the city of London bill. The mayor assured that it would be sooner than that.

It has already been shown that the street railway company is giving a better service than demanded by the city council in its last service by-law, passed several years ago, when the headway on the various lines was stipulated.

While much has been said from time to time about what the company ought to do to adhere closely to bylaw 916, the mayors and aldermen have never moved to revise this service enactment.

DAUGHERTY DABBLED IN THE OIL STOCKS

Brokers' Records Show That Attorney-General Was Investor.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, March 18.—The oil committee resumed its hearings with a double-barrelled surprise today in the form of fresh evidence of oil stock speculation by government officials, and further testimony about the famous \$100,000 loan to Albert B. Fall.

Brokers' records submitted by an expert accountant showed that Attorney-General Daugherty had dealt in both Sinclair and Doheny stocks since he entered the cabinet, that C. Bascom Sienk, now secretary to President Coolidge, also bought some Doheny stock before he retired from congress in 1923, and that there were records of dealings also by Senators Curtis of Kansas; Elkins of West Virginia, and a number of representatives.

Price McKinney of Cleveland then testified that former Secretary Fall had sought late last year, when the committee was inquiring into Fall's financial affairs, to have McKinney say that he had sold the oil stock to the former secretary. That was before Fall made the same proposal to E. B. McLean.

STEADMAN IS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL IN TORONTO

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 18.—William A. Steadman, a committee for trial this morning on a charge of murder laid following the shooting of Hubert McClure on March 8. Proceedings were brief. Detective Heston swore to a statement made in his presence by the prisoner. Steadman shot McClure as he stepped from a street car on one of the main thoroughfares of the city.

FUNERAL OF ROY SCHULER

The funeral of Roy Schuler, who died at Westminster Hospital Monday, will be held at the funeral home of A. L. Oatman tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

If you have lost something of value advertise in Advertiser "Want" Ads.

R. A. HOEY DENIES HOLDING OUTLIVE BRANCH TO GOVT.

Progressive Member Explains Willingness To Support Liberals.

GOSSIP IS RIFE

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 18.—There is considerable gossip in parliamentary circles regarding the meaning of R. A. Hoey's declaration of independence of party during the debate on the address last night. The Progressive member for Springfield is completely detached as free and untrammelled from any party. In a particular sense are the breezes that sweep the prairies in the district from which I come.

This utterance has been interpreted in some quarters especially when coupled with Mr. Hoey's later declaration that he was prepared to support the government "if the government is prepared to go ahead with its program" as implying that the Progressive member was holding out an olive branch to the Liberal party, if not to the Progressive group, at least on behalf of himself. Mr. Hoey, however, asserted during his speech that he had not been approached, directly or indirectly, by a member of the government or of the Liberal party as to his attitude. As to his willingness to support the government, it is prepared to go ahead with its program, he added that he was prepared to support it, "not only on the tariff question and without qualifications, but on any and every issue that is in harmony with the program on which it was elected."

Church News

MAITLAND ST. B. Y. P. U. Miss Rita Edwards and Miss Lillian Johnston arranged the very delightful St. Patrick's social, which took the place of the regular meeting of Maitland Street Baptist Church last night. Irish games and contests were enjoyed during the greater part of the evening, and among the prize-winners were Miss Thelma Matz, Miss F. H. Yull, and Miss Goud. Reading by Miss Mantle, and an instrumental duet by Miss Bergman and Mr. Yull were delightful numbers. The proceeds of this affair are being devoted to the calendar fund.

PLAY AT KNOX CHURCH. All available space in Knox Church auditorium was in use last evening for the play given under the auspices of the Young Women's Society. It was a repetition of the successful play, "The Minister's Honeymoon," given by the Federation of Young People of the First Presbyterian Church, and was as delightfully amusing last night as at the initial performance. The audience, numbered between four and five hundred people. At the conclusion of the performance, the cast were entertained by the young ladies of the society at supper, with the president, Miss Helen Davidson, acting as general entertainer. Guest speakers were C. A. Symington and Mrs. Symington. The proceeds go to the support of a young medical student in India, who is being educated and given a post-graduate course by the Y. W. S.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. Mr. Homer Frazell led last night's meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of Christ, Disciples, giving a talk on the topic of the evening, "How the Present Churches Came into Possession of the Bible." The discussion followed, with several members took part followed. During their business session, the members decided to give a play in the near future, in aid of the new church building fund.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Y. P. S. Miss Gladys Grey, the convener of the social committee, arranged a very delightful program for the St. Patrick's social, held last evening under the auspices of the young people of First Congregational Church. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

ST. JAMES' A. Y. P. A. Members of the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Church formed themselves into a mock parliament for last night's meeting. Everything was carried out with parliamentary procedure, and opened by the governor-general, who made the speech from the throne. Norman Campbell very capably acted as the prime minister, and Mr. Allison as the opposition leader proved very witty and energetic in his role. The house was kept in a roar of laughter at times by the humorous passages between the two and among members speaking in support of the various bills. Mr. Robert Liddle of the St. James' Church was elected speaker. Bills were presented by Miss Lillian Kingsley, Miss Evelyn Woods, Miss Jean Cadwallader, Miss Margery Ringett, and Miss Merryfield and Myers. Miss Myers acted as the recording clerk.

There was a splendid attendance. Miss Myrtle Richmond's team secured the victory in the tennis tournament. The A. Y. P. A. are expecting to publish the second edition of their paper this week.

BROTHERHOOD MASS MEETING. Under the auspices of the local Brotherhood Federation, of which Mr. David Ross is the president, a mass meeting will be held in the Central Collegiate Institute auditorium next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to promote the interests of world peace. The move, originating with the Brotherhood Federation, has been endorsed by the city council, the Ministerial Alliance and the local Brotherhood organizations. Representatives of many city organizations will be present to give addresses. The city council is to be represented by Mayor Wenige, and the London Ministerial Alliance by its president, Rev. A. E. M. Thompson. The Brotherhood are to be represented by large delegations of their members.

WILL HOLD EUCHRE. The Woodmen of the World will hold a progressive euchre in the hall of the G. W. V. A. Thursday night.



Left to right: Abdul Majid, deposed caliph; Mustafa Kemal, president of Turkey, who deposed the caliph; and King Hussein of Hejaz, who, it is understood, has the back of Britain in his ambition to become caliph.

PERSIAN DYNASTY IN SERIOUS DANGER

Republican Movement May Mean Early Overthrow of the Shah's Regime.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 18.—Official confirmation has been received by the French foreign office through diplomatic channels of the reports that the republican movement in Persia was assuming a serious aspect for the dynasty. Thirty-six former ministers of the crown, in the course of a meeting pledged themselves to demand the abolition of the present regime and the creation of a republic.

SCARIFIER IN USE ON COUNTY ROADS

Breaks Up Ice and Levels the Ruts and Pitch Holes.

Special to The Advertiser. Brantford, March 17.—Experiments are being successfully made by County Engineer Major A. M. Jackson on county roads just outside the city with a tractor drawing a scarifier, which is cutting into the frozen snow to a depth of six or eight inches and loosens up the surface and levels out pitch holes.

George L. Hodson. The death of George L. Hodson occurred today at his residence, 1000 St. Joseph Street. He was 67 years old and was born in England, coming to Brantford 12 years ago. His husband, three sons and one daughter survive.

Mulligan-Gedney. A quiet wedding solemnized here by Rev. J. F. Reynolds, when Miss Mary Barbara Gedney was united in marriage to Frank L. Mulligan. They were attended by John Mulligan and Miss Hazel Gedney. Both bride and groom are of Brantford township.

COUNTY WATCHES FOR OVERLOADED TRUCKS

Engineer Talbot Instructs Road Foremen of the Road Regulations.

County road foremen are being asked by the county engineer to keep an eye open for overloaded motor trucks. The following is an explanatory letter being sent out to all foremen by Engineer Talbot: Dear Sir: Will you kindly report to me anyone who overloads his vehicle on your road during the months of March and April, after you have warned him to discontinue so doing. Upon receipt of your notice I will refer the matter to the high constable, and he will look after the offender.

Anyone with a vehicle equipped with a 14-inch tire can carry 1,500 pounds, a 12-inch tire can carry 2,500 pounds, and a 3-inch tire can carry 3,000 pounds. A half-ton truck can be loaded to its full capacity; all other trucks must be loaded to one-half the loading capacity, as indicated by their license. If the capacity is not marked on the side of the truck the owner can be prosecuted for neglect of this. You should, therefore, have no difficulty in determining the capacity. Give the people using your road a fair chance to obey the law. As soon as they are reported to the high constable, he will prosecute if he has sufficient proof.

THOMAS FOTHERINGHAM DIES IN HIS 67TH YEAR

Thomas Fotheringham, a resident of this city for the past twenty years, died at his home, 321 Lorne avenue, yesterday in his sixty-seventh year. Mr. Fotheringham was employed as a car builder on the C. N. R. and was an active member of the I. O. O. F. and Grant Lodge, A. F. and M. S. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Jack of St. Louis, William of Nelson, B.C., and Rufus E. of this city; two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Gifford of St. John, N.B., and Mrs. W. R. Lethbridge of Detroit.

BELGIAN COAL OUTPUT. Associated Press Despatch. Brussels, March 18.—The output of the Belgian coal mines for January was the greatest since the armistice, exceeding 2,000,000 tons.

Around The Schools

MEETING OFF.

The weekly meeting of the students' legislature in the London East Collegiate, which was to have been held this afternoon, has been postponed. The Glee Club and orchestra practiced last night and this morning.

BASKETBALL. A basketball game will be played on Wednesday evening at Victoria School between the boys of the public school and the members of the boys' continuation classes.

MOTHERS' CLUB. The Mothers' Club of Chesley Avenue School will meet in the school tonight. The new lantern just purchased by the club will be demonstrated and several interesting slides will be shown.

ORATORICAL CONTEST. The final junior oratorical contest will be held in the London Central Collegiate on Friday at 2:30. Medals will be presented to the winning boy and girl. The girls competing are Jean Tremblay, Olive Saunders and Jean Campbell, and the boys are Campbell Calder, Brangwyn Taylor and Samuel Munro.

TEMPORARY JANITOR. A temporary janitor has been appointed at Ealing School.

RECEIVE BIG BILL HIGHWAY EXPENSE

Provincial Account Gives City Council Some Shock.

Special to The Advertiser. Galt, March 17.—The city council was somewhat shocked tonight when it received a bill for \$63,099.57 from the provincial highways department, which represents 20 per cent. of the cost of the highways built in local suburban areas in the last three years.

Ask Resignation. By a vote of six to five the council decided to ask J. H. Hancock, a member of the council of revision on assessments for several years, to resign.

Favor Lower Freight. A London motion advocating lower freight rates on Alberta coal for Ontario Union of Municipalities was endorsed.

Oppose Tariff Change. In reply to a communication from Brantford, Mayor Willard was appointed to represent the Galt council on a deputation going to Brantford to register a protest against any tariff reduction, while Ald. A. W. Hilborn was appointed to attend the town planning convention in Toronto this week.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD FOR POPULAR PASTOR

Rev. and Mrs. H. Bowen Leave Sparta Pastorate For Hamilton Charge.

Special to The Advertiser. Sparta, March 17.—The Rev. H. Bowen closed his four years' pastorate of the Baptist Church yesterday, and today has gone to Hamilton, where he will take charge of the Baptist Church in the Bay district. Mrs. Bowen and daughter will leave tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have greatly endeared themselves to their people here. On Friday evening a large number of their people gathered in the basement of the church, where a farewell service was held. Mr. John Laidlaw occupied the chair. The following program was presented: Piano solo by Miss Rogers, solo by Miss Prior, readings by Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. (Dr.) A. J. Kilgour, vocal duet by Mrs. Weir and Mrs. L. Moulding, addresses by several of the church officials and Rev. Dr. Huser of the Methodist Church. The most interesting feature of the program was an address, accompanied by a purse of money presented to Mrs. Bowen by Mrs. John Laidlaw and Miss Moore on behalf of the Bible class, of which she has been teacher. Many regrets were expressed at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, but best wishes for their success and happiness in their new charge were tendered them.

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURES. Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 18.—The Senate late this afternoon adopted the whole of the government's fiscal measures by a vote of 151 to 23. The members of the Left abstained from voting.

DEBATE WILL END TONIGHT

Progressives Are Expected To Vote With The Government.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 18.—The debate on the address is expected to close tonight with a division on the Conservative amendment. The general anticipation is that the Progressives will vote with the Government on the amendment, go indications of support for the Conservative viewpoint on that subject having been given from the Farmers' group during the discussion. The debate was adjourned last night by Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, but beyond that no program of speakers has been prepared by the whips. There is a considerable list of members still anxious to take part, however, and this division is not likely to be reached till late. Midnight has been mentioned as the latest for the vote, but it is quite possible that it will come much later.

OPPOSE INCREASE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Claimed Change in Income Tax Would Favor the Rich.

Special to The Advertiser. Kitchener, March 17.—The proposal to increase the maximum amount of exempted incomes of married men from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and to raise the allowance for each child from \$200 to \$300 will be opposed before the municipal committee by the president of the Ontario Municipal Association and representative of the city council, Assessment Commissioner M. Huehnergard. The local council informed the proposal several weeks ago, but it was understood that the bill provided for raising the exemptions on all incomes over \$2,000, including interest derived from bonds and mortgages.

As president of the Ontario Municipal Association I have received many letters of protest from other municipalities asking me to oppose the bill," declared Mr. Huehnergard. "In the case of Kitchener if the bill goes through it will mean a decrease in the assessment of \$600,000. It would have to be made up in another way and the rate would have to be increased. The rich would pay less taxes and the poor more. If the rate is raised as the result of the bill there will be a general protest in the city."

Oppose Coal Plan. The Kitchener council does not believe in the proposal to ask the Ontario government to pay \$1 on every ton of Alberta coal brought into the province. A motion to indorse the memorial by the London Chamber of Commerce was supported only by the mover and seconder. Those opposed to the proposal thought the matter should be left to take its own course, and that the government should not spend money to help some people pay their coal bills at the expense of others.

ST. CATHARINES WORKMEN OPPOSE CHANGE IN ACT

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Catharines, March 18.—A strong protest against any change in the administration of the workmen's compensation act, as at present constituted, was voiced at the regular meeting of the St. Catharines Trades and Labor Council, held in the Labor Temple last night. The council declared itself as opposed to any amendments, which would allow any semblance of a contest to creep into this beneficial legislation for the workers in the province of Ontario, or which might prolong the settling of compensation to dependents or workmen coming under the act.

COMMUNISTS POLL 100,000 OF 250,000 ELECTION VOTES

Associated Press Despatch. Prague, Czechoslovakia, March 18.—The communists polled 100,000 out of the 250,000 votes cast in the election in sub-Carpathian Russia for the Czech-Slovakian chamber, in which they were represented by five deputies. The social Democrats, agrarians, Trudova party and Hungarian parties elected one deputy each.

For the senate the communists won two seats and the Hungarian parties one.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Estonia, Danzig, March 11. New York. Bochambeau, New York, March 18. Havre. Ausonia, New York, March 18. Liverpool, via Halifax.

ASK CONTINUANCE OF KINDERGARTEN

Strong Deputation Attends Board of Education Meeting. DECISION DELAYED

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, March 17.—A deputation of nearly 100 men and women appeared before the board of education this evening to protest the action of the board in eliminating the kindergarten and raising the school age to six years.

The Motion. Mr. Walley's motion reads: "That on and after May 1, 1924, the kindergarten in the public school be discontinued, and that no pupil be admitted to the public schools under six years of age."

Communications were read from the various home and school associations, strongly protesting against the motion. Inspector Taylor said the board of education had the power to raise the school age. Instances were cited where boards of education have successfully brought to task in Western Ontario cities and made to pay for tuition of children not admitted into the public schools.

Change Motion. Trustee Bains suggested that the motion be struck from the agenda, leaving it to read "the abolition of kindergarten and kindergarten-primary. Brantford had successfully raised the age limit, and in view of contention he favored the same steps here. He cited the separate and county school pupils as examples of pupils who had not received this work, and were among the cleverest of pupils. He referred to the testimony of leading thinkers of the day, and stressed necessity of being practical and not sentimental in dealing with the situation.

Cost to City. Trustee Walley stated that it was costing the city nearly a mill on the tax rate to keep up the kindergarten. He felt sure that the majority of the women and a large majority of the men in the city would support him in his motion.

Right Question. Trustee Mrs. McCully, as chief supporter for the maintaining of the kindergarten, pointed out the benefits of having the child mind under capable supervision at the impressionable age, and teaching them the work by play. She questioned Herbert Spencer's right, as a bachelor, to discuss child life.

The matter was laid over for a month.

Boost Reunion. President Walter Paterson of the Trades and Labor party, on behalf of the Old Boys' Reunion, asked permission to issue forms through the pupils in the public school to secure names and addresses of all old boys and girls not at present living in the city. The request was granted.

Boost Playgrounds. The Kiwanis Club will publish a paper entitled "The Kiwanis Playground Clarion" on Easter Monday, in aid of the playgrounds work for the summer of 1924. The committee in charge of the publication are: Management, Thomas Keith, Alf. McIntyre, Stanley Oliver and Clarence Trull; publicity, Clarence Trull and Pete Birdsall; circulation, Alf. McIntyre, Alf. Ball and Gill Ramsay; editorial, Stanley Oliver, Walter Edwards and H. Colledge.

DIED ON HER WAY TO FUNERAL OF SISTER

Mrs. James Thompson Collapsed On Entering House and Expired Soon After.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Marys, March 17.—On her way to attend the funeral of her sister, Miss Martha Jameson, who died here on Friday, Mrs. James Thompson, Toronto, collapsed as she entered the house from which the funeral was to be held. Her medical help could be summoned she died.

Within the past eight months four sisters of the Jameson family have died suddenly. The death of her sister, Mrs. Thompson commented on the fact that her three sisters had all passed away within a few months.

AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH TO BE BROADCASTED TONIGHT

Associated Press Despatch. New York, March 18.—Sir Esme Howard, new British ambassador, will make his first speech since his arrival in the United States tonight at the dinner of the Pilgrims' Society of New York in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Arrangements have been made to broadcast his address by radio through station WGY of Schenectady, and the Pilgrims' Society of London will listen in. London broadcasting stations hope to receive the address and relay it through the air there.

MERRITON MANUFACTURER AND PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Singapore Plan Is Abandoned

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 18.—Definite announcement was made in the House of Commons today of the government's decision not to proceed further with the Singapore naval base scheme. Charles G. Ammon, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, made the announcement.

ASKS \$250,000 FOR HEART BALM

Mrs. C. L. Kinnear Sues Husband's Cousin After First Action.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 18.—Following the alimony action of Mrs. Clara Lewis Kinnear against her husband, Russell Kinnear, the latter has entered suit against his cousin, Thomas Kinnear, claiming \$250,000 heart balm on the contention that he, the cousin, has been responsible for the alienation of Mrs. Kinnear's affections. During the trial of the alimony action, testimony was adduced to the effect that Thomas Kinnear had gone out on a number of occasions with Mrs. Kinnear, and the court of Russell Kinnear was that his cousin was largely responsible for the friction between himself and his wife.

MARK B. DULMAGE JOINS NEW STAFF

Well-Known Newspaperman and Sportsman Leaves Guelph For Owen Sound.

Special to The Advertiser. Guelph, March 17.—Mark B. Dulmage, who prior to the amalgamation of the two local newspapers, was chief editor of the Guelph Herald for sixteen years, fourteen of which he served as city editor with that publication, leaves tomorrow for Owen Sound, where he will assume the position of city editor on the Owen Sound Sun-Times. Ever since taking up his residence in Guelph, Mark took a keen interest in sport, more especially in baseball and bowling. He was considered one of the best lawn bowlers in the city, and is at present secretary of the O. B. A. He took a keen interest in civic affairs and last year was worshipful master of Waverley Lodge, A.F. and A.M.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME IN DEREHAM TOWNSHIP

Family of Benjamin West Were Driven From Home At Meal Time.

Special to The Advertiser. Ingersoll, March 17.—Fire of some what uncertain origin completely destroyed a frame house in Dereham Township, occupied by Ben West and family, and owned by Earl Jenvey. The family was at dinner when the fire was discovered, and barely had time to get out a few of their belongings before the building was a mass of flames. Nothing from the cellar or the upper part of the house was saved.

It is thought that a spark from a rear chimney blew into the shingles of the main part of the house. Sparks were carried across the road to the dwelling of Benjamin West, which was ignited two or three times, and great difficulty was experienced in saving the building.

There was no insurance on the contents of the house, and the building was only partially covered.

OFFICER SAYS KNUTSON TRIED TO BRIBE HIM

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, D.C., March 18.—John Wise, police officer who assisted in the arrest of Representative Knutson of Minnesota, and Leroy M. Hull, a 29-year-old government employee, on March 9, testified in court today that Knutson offered him a blank check and told him to "name the amount" to settle the case out of court.

Representative Knutson and Hull had a preliminary hearing today at Arlington, Va. They were arrested when found in a parked automobile about 150 feet from the Virginia road outside of Washington and are held on serious charges.

MANY U. S. OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED IN SCANDAL

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, March 18.—Attorney-General Daugherty, Senator Curtis of Kansas and Elihu Root, secretary of the War Department, are among the public officials who had transactions in Sinclair or Doheny oil stocks around the time of the leases of the naval oil reserves.

ATWOOD LODGE MEETS. Special to The Advertiser. Atwood, March 17.—The annual "At Home" of the Atwood Lodge, I. O. O. F., was held in the Music Hall on Friday evening. A splendid program was given, consisting of addresses, violin solos, songs and duets. Lunch was served, and an dancing followed.

MISS JESSIE MUNRO. Miss Jessie Munro, aged 78, and a resident of this city for the past four years, died in Victoria Hospital today. She formerly lived at Guelph. The remains will be forwarded from the funeral home of A. L. Oatman tomorrow at one o'clock to Embury via the C. P. R., where interment will take place.

Y.M.C.A. SWIMMERS ARE CONFIDENT OF OVERCOMING LEAD

Local Water Fiends All Set For St. Thomas Team's Invasion.

STRONG ON DIVING

Although the junior Y. M. C. A. boys' swimming team of this city were defeated at St. Thomas in a competition held in the Y there two weeks ago, the local water fiends are planning a sweet revenge when the two teams compete again on Saturday at four o'clock in the "Y" tank here.

The best swimmers have been called for the event and with their team up to full strength the boys expect to put over a decisive win in all classes. The team boasts such swimmers as Vic Wong, and Ken Smith. Gordon Butler, who has charge of the team is confident that his lads can overcome the margin of seven points gained by the St. Thomas team.

The events are, 25 yards, any style, 50 yards, any style, 25 yards back stroke, plunge for distance, time one minute.

In the relay class which consists of two voluntary and two compulsory dips, standing neat and running neat dives the local boys are exceptionally strong and hope to run up a good total of points.

The feature event of the competition will be a relay race each team to have four and all to swim for distance of 25 yards.

Officials who will handle the affair are: Referee, Gordon Butler; scorer, W. H. Spearman; timers and judges, A. Kanner, Dr. J. Schram, James Isaac and Clive Stevens, will act as judges for the diving.

The event is open to any one who wishes to take part. The following boys represent the Y. M. C. A.: Jack Martin, Vic Wong, W. Farquharson, J. Maunuel, Bud Poole, J. Rankin, Ken Smith, L. Fitzgerald, C. Walker and Marvin Noble.

TAX-RATES CUT MILL AND HALF

Drastic Slashing Results in Saving To The Rate-payers.

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, March 17.—The city council tonight struck a tax rate of 34 1/2 mills, a decrease of 1 1/2 mills from the rate of 1923. Drastic reductions were made in the estimates of several departments. The Finance Committee, presented the report. Police department's estimates were cut so far as to probably necessitate reduction of the force by 25 men. Reductions were: Police, \$26,650 to \$20,000; waterworks, \$52,500 to \$47,000; education, unchanged; board of works, \$25,000 to \$22,000; garbage, \$18,500 to \$12,000; hospital, \$5,000 to \$4,000.

Doubly Bereaved. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rawlings, Bonanquet Township, lost their second child 18, died Sunday night from measles. Orvidus, Jr., brother Charles, who died from blood-poisoning, after measles had affected an injury to the knee received in a recent hockey game at Sarnia, was buried. Four other children are ill, suffering from measles at present.

Health Report. Measles continues to blot the city health report. The official statistics for the week ending March 15, made public, show 64 cases were recorded during the period.

Tells of St. Patrick. The chamber of commerce luncheon today took the form of a St. Patrick's dinner, at which Rev. Canon D. W. Collins spoke on the origin of Ireland's patron saint.

"Y" Officers. At the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. this afternoon officers elected were: President, Mrs. James Norwood; first vice, Mrs. J. McGibbon; second vice, Mrs. J. G. Taylor; recording secretary, Miss M. R. MacKenzie; corresponding secretary, Miss J. D. Park; treasurer, Mrs. Melville Hunt.

DELEGATION OPPOSES CHI. DIVERSION SCHEME

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, March 18.—A delegation consisting of Mayor C. W. Hiltz and former Mayor C. A. Maguire of Toronto, A. B. White, chief engineer of the Ontario government hydro-electric commission, and Frank H. Keefe, representing the Ontario government, is appearing before the house rivers and harbors committee against the Madden bill, to allow the Chicago sanitary district to divert 10,000 cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan.

BONDS TO PROVIDE NEW SCHOOL FUNDS ARE SOLD

C. A. Hodgkins, reeve of London Township, has just sold bonds to the value of \$12,000, which will be used to build two additional rooms to the London Junction School. The bonds are for a period of 20 years, bearing 6 per cent interest, and the price was 104. W. A. MacKenzie and Co. of Toronto were the buyers.

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