

WESTERN ONTARIO CORN SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

RAIN HAS HELPED
CORN CROP WHICH
SHOULD BE HEAVY

Growth in the Last Week Has
Been Surprising, Is Report
of Farmers.

HAY CROP FAIR

Harvesting of Wheat May Have
To Start Before Haying
Ends.

Farmers in the London district say that crop conditions have improved greatly during the last week as a result of the rains which have fallen throughout Western Ontario.

The corn crop shows the greatest improvement and if sunny weather and occasional showers continue, the crop will be a good one in spite of the tardiness with which the growth started. The growth during the last week has been surprising and if continued the corn crop will have recovered the lost ground of the early season.

The oat crop has gone too far to receive much benefit from the rains, as the heads had started to form before the rains reached this district, and as a result the straw will be very short although the rains will certainly help in the filling out of the grain itself, the farmers say.

The pastures as yet have not improved as much as was expected and it is the opinion of many farmers that the grass will not pick up to any appreciable extent until the cooler weather of early fall arrives, so parched were the pastures before the rains fell.

Haying is going on rapidly, hampered somewhat by occasional rains, but so far, the rainfall has not been sufficient to cause great anxiety among the haymakers. The sweet clover crop is all harvested and those who grow this type of hay say that the crop was a very fair one and weather conditions for the harvesting were ideal.

If the weather continues warm, farmers in this district will be faced with the problem of starting the wheat harvest with the haying still unfinished. Prospects for the crop are good, but the wheat has to be made good much of the winter damage and a fair yield is expected.

Altogether the farmers in this district speak optimistically of the prospects for this season's returns and if suitable marketing conditions prevail after the harvest there is no reason why it will prove to be a prosperous one.

RICHMOND ST. PAVING
TO BE DONE THIS YEAR

Ald. Douglass Assures Work
From Fullerton to Oxford
Streets.

A new pavement this year on Richmond street, from Fullerton to Oxford streets, is practically assured, according to Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works. The chairman reported today that in company with City Engineer Nair he conferred last night with a number of residents of the thoroughfare, who had already registered opposition.

"But everything is all right now," he said. "You must remember that we have a number of ratepayers were under the impression that we could have re-surfaced the road this summer, but after our explanation that this would not be satisfactory and that a new pavement would be cheaper in the long run, they have removed their objection."

Petitions against this important undertaking will not be received after July 27, but no further opposition is anticipated that would halt the project. Richmond street has now attained the unenviable position as the worst street in the city.

OPPOSES THE SENDING
OF TROOPS TO SYDNEY

Ald. John Colbert Says City
Should Send Protest to
Ottawa.

Ald. John Colbert, president of the London Street Railwaymen's Union, deplores the use of troops in the strike area of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

He reasons that this question should receive the attention of the members of the city council at their next session in the event that the disturbances among the miners and steel workers down east are still in progress.

A formal protest should go to the federal authorities in Ottawa from the city council, argues Ald. Colbert, who adds that "it is a shame that the militia should be sent from all parts of Canada down to Nova Scotia, empowered to shoot, if deemed expedient, workmen who have declined to work 11 and 13 hours each shift for less than \$4 a day."

Similar protest was lodged yesterday in Montreal by the machinists' union, and according to certain labor representatives in London, like procedure is expected in other parts of the country.

PREPARES FOR SWIM.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dover, Eng., July 6.—Romero Maciel, the Argentine swimmer, accompanied by his trainer in a boat, swam two miles against a heavy channel tide this morning. He was able to make good time. Maciel expects to make his first attempt to cross the channel about August 1.



GIVES MILLION TO CRIPPLES.

William Henry Eustis, 84, ex-blacksmith, ex-mayor and real estate baron of Minneapolis, has donated \$1,000,000 and 44 acres of prairie land for a hospital and convalescent home for crippled children. Eustis, crippled, says he is giving the money for that purpose because he "went through life that way when proper facilities at the right time would have saved him."

RELIEVES MATE.
SARNIA MAN DIES
IN OIL EXPLOSION

James Thompson. Meets Instant
Death at Imperial Oil
Company's Plant.

Extensive Damage
Houses in District Are Rocked
by Force of Blast.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, July 6.—But for an arrangement made to oblige a fellow-employee, James Thompson, 40, and father of five children, who was killed in the blast at Imperial Oil last night, would be alive and well today. Thompson late Wednesday agreed to take the duty turn of Francis Stewart, single, also employed as a fireman, who wanted to take the steamer trip to Tashmoo Park.

It is now established that Thompson was on one of the overhead walks near the still. His body was thrown in the air by the explosion and fell beside the still. On top of it came quantities of burning oil, and only a few charred remains were found after the fire was extinguished. For a time a number of stills containing oil, and the whole plant with that part of the city, were in danger, but the company's fire-fighting organization proved wonderfully efficient and saved the adjacent stills.

Still No. 4, partly filled with oil, was a total loss, the damage being set at \$50,000.

Houses in the extreme parts of Sarnia and in Port Huron were rocked with the force of the blast. Ornaments fell from their places and the whole city was alarmed. In the south ward dozens of home windows were blown in.

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SUZANNE LENGLEN RETAINS
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Wimbledon, Eng., July 6.—Suzanne Lenglen of France today defeated Miss Kathleen McKane of England in the finals of the women's singles in the all-England championship. The peerless Suzanne retained her place as ranking woman tennis player of the world by turning back the challenge of the little English girl in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

A large and enthusiastic gallery, hoping for a victory for Miss McKane, cheered the French champion at the finish.

CITY HALL STAFF
TO GET HOLIDAYS
TO START AT ONCE

Ald. Judd Secures Action in
Conference With the
Mayor.

NO EXTRA WORKERS

Duties of Those on Holidays
Will Be Performed by the
Regular Staff.

After weeks of suspense, it seems as though city employees will be starting directly upon their holidays as in former years.

Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, tackled Mayor Wenige on this point at the city hall at noon today, explaining that from all reports, no member of the city hall staff had yet gone on vacation, although in other years holidays had long since commenced by July 6.

The chairman insisted upon some definite action, and the mayor said this question had once claimed the attention of the council, but nothing official had been done owing to lack of unanimity among the aldermen. His worship said the Labor aldermen, as an instance, had urged that all employees of the city be given a vacation, including the men employed on outside jobs. "Where are you going to draw the line if you give holidays to some and not to others?" asked the mayor.

Same as before.

Urging that the system of other years be followed without delay, Ald. Judd pointed out that the clerks in this office in the city hall are frequently called upon at various periods of the year to labor after regular hours, for which they receive no remuneration or reward other than the annual vacation which they will inevitably lose, he warned if action is not forthcoming within a reasonable length of time.

Ald. Judd explained further in reply to a question from the mayor as to additional help during the vacation period, that it would not be necessary.

In past years the employees had undertaken, in a satisfactory manner, to divide up the work of the absentee, and they were prepared to do the same this year.

To Start at Once.

Mayor Wenige considered that this plan would be quite satisfactory to him this year if it was understood that the outside workers would be given the same opportunity. Ald. Judd affirmed, but volunteered the opinion that these employees would be asked to this arrangement to divide the work while one of their number was away.

As no regular session of the council would be held until August 29, it is more than likely that the finance committee will deal with this question, but Ald. Judd said he would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the council, next week in order that the holidays will start with as little delay as possible.

In past years the committees, during the summer months, have acted upon similar matters and final ratification would be forthcoming at their first session after the holiday season.

DR. DOWNHAM PAYS
FOR STEPPING ON GAS

City Medical Officer the Only
Official Who Buys
His Own.

Dr. Downham, city medical officer of health is the only city official who pays for his own gasoline and repairs. He stated so today.

While the city councillors argued since the first of the year about the practice of allowing cars for any officials, it was the board of health, led by Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman, which took the initiative. None others have followed.

In March last the board ordered that Dr. Downham should pay for all the gas that he steps on. At that time there was promise that before the year was well advanced there would follow the inauguration of a municipal garage.

Mayor Wenige and Ald. Douglass have both urged repeatedly for a move in this direction, but date have been largely unsuccessful in their attempt.



"HONEYMOON HUT" AT GRIMSBY TOURING CAMP.

Francis MacMillan, noted American violinist, and bride, formerly Miss Lillian Mure, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mure of New York and Paris. They were married in New York and sailed for a honeymoon in Europe.

Girl-Bride of But Few Days
Back At Home With Mother
Who Took Her from Husband

"I Have My Daughter Back and I Shall Keep Her If I Have
To Work My Fingers to the Bone," Says Mrs. Bartlett,
Speaking of 18-Year-Old Mrs. Laird.

"I have my daughter back, and I will keep her, if I have to work my fingers to the bone," declared Mrs. S. Bartlett, 108 Askin street, referring to the elopement of William Linton Laird, Sarnia, and her 18-year-old daughter, Iris, and who were found at Port Huron after the aid of the police had been enlisted.

It is who is a tall, handsome girl, met Laird at her own home, where he was welcomed as a friend. This culminated in their going away together and being married in Sarnia. The mother, distracted with grief, traced them there, and asked the police to assist in discovering their whereabouts. They were found in Port Huron, and Mrs. Bartlett was notified. She went to Sarnia, and met the couple last night, bringing her daughter back to London, and leaving the man behind. According to information received, Laird was divorced some years ago by his first wife, and was now married to a woman living in Flint, Mich.

Seen at her home this morning, Mrs. Bartlett told The Advertiser the story of the elopement as far as she had been able to ascertain the facts.

"We met Mr. Laird some months ago," she stated, "and he seemed to be a remarkably nice man. He was well-mannered and highly respectful of all who knew him. He was a prominent church worker in the Baptist church, which he attended, and he had a good position at Sarnia, where he was living. He used to come and visit us quite often, and we were always ready to welcome him as a friend."

"I have my daughter now, and I am going to keep her, if I have to work my fingers to the bone to do it. He won't get her if I can help it. Of course they are legally married, and he may demand her, I suppose. In that case I guess I would have to let her go."

"He accepted our hospitality and friendship," she sobbed, "and then robbed us of our most valuable possession. I never will let him go, if I can stop it he will never see Iris."

The story of the elopement is the sole topic of conversation among the neighbors of Mrs. Bartlett, and much sympathy is felt for the girl-wife.

SAY CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
"DEMORALIZING CONTEST"

Associated Press Despatch.
Winona Lake, Ind., July 6.—Characterizing the Jack Dempsey-Tommy Gibbons heavyweight championship prize fight at Shelby, Mont., as a "demoralizing pugilistic contest," the international Christian citizenship conference yesterday went on record as opposed to prize fighting. A resolution opposing the bout, adopted by the convention, said that boxing should be classed with "gambling, prostitution and the saloon."

FIRE AT BASEBALL FIELD
AFTER EXHIBITION GAME

Associated Press Despatch.
Pittsburg, July 6.—Ground-keepers at Forbes Field were given a lively ten minutes yesterday after the Pirate-Yankee exhibition game when fire was discovered in the right field bleachers at the point where Babe Ruth's game-winning homer in the ninth went over the fence. The fire was extinguished after it had spread over a considerable portion of the bleachers and had extended to the fence. The damage was slight.

MANY IRISH ARRESTS
FOR LIQUOR TRADING

Farmers Fined When Supplies
Found in Babies'
Cradles.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, July 6.—Many arrests have been made in Ireland for possession of illicit spirits and at Stranorlar several farmers and publicans have been fined £50 for this offence. Some of the supplies were found hidden in cradles in which babies were sleeping.

In giving the sentences at Stranorlar, Judge O'Hanrahan said the Free State would crush the illicit liquor trade and announced that future offenders would be fined £100 or given a sentence of 12 months in jail.

NEW EGG RULING
WILL WORK WELL
FOR EVERYONE

Dealers Expect Cut in Profits,
But Say Waste Will Be
Eliminated.

HELPS CONSUMER

Farmer and Householder Will
Benefit Most From New
Legislation.

The Dominion Government has announced that on and after Monday, July 9, the buying and selling of eggs must be carried out according to grades.

This means that the present practice of produce dealers and commission houses, who buy eggs at a flat rate from the producers and recandle and grade them, according to their own standards, will have to buy from the farmer according to stated government grades and will have to sell them in the same way. There is an allowance of 10 per cent for the dealer to cover depreciation in transit, but apart from that the dealer will only be able to collect a legitimate trade profit of from 15 to 20 per cent in the turnover of eggs.

Produce dealers besieged the deputy minister of agriculture, J. H. Giesdale, with letters, feeling that their profits have been unduly tampered with. In any event, the farmer and the householder will, in a measure, derive real benefit from the legislation, provided it is rigidly enforced. At present the dealer is the only one who derives much satisfaction from the egg business. On an ungraded market the producer gets a fair price for his eggs in the winter months, but low production at that time curtails the volume of his business until the price of eggs falls almost out of sight.

Relates a Transaction.

A farmer, living near London, and who has been engaged in the buying and selling of eggs, says that the largest profit in the egg business comes from the regrading of eggs after they have left the farm, and relates the following transaction as a case in point:

A dealer sends his truck to the country and buys, say 10 cases of eggs, at a flat rate of 19 cents per dozen. These cost him \$57. They are brought to his warehouse, candled and sorted and resold as follows: Specials, 2 cases, at 30 cents per dozen, \$12; new laid, 4 cases, at 28 cents, \$22.40; No. 1 storage, 2 cases, at 25 cents, \$12.50; No. 2 storage, 1 case, at 20 cents, \$5; and 1 case of cracked and dirty, commoners, at 15 cents, \$4.50; giving a total of \$77.10, or a gross profit of \$20.10 on the handling of only 10 cases of eggs.

The case quoted is not an invariable standard, but the figures are authentic and represent an actual transaction.

Will Help All Round.

G. E. Douglas, manager of the produce department of Silverwoods, Limited, says: "I have received no official notification of the act, but understand that it goes into force on Monday. If the thing is enforced, it will be a great help to every one concerned. While we will make nothing on the regrading of eggs, we will be protected from waste, and the unscrupulous buyers will be eliminated. Personally, I believe that it will give the public a greater relish for the better grades of eggs and may increase the consumption of eggs considerably."

WOUNDED OFFICER LEAVES
HOSPITAL AT NORTH BAY

Canadian Press Despatch.
North Bay, July 6.—Constable McGovern, who was wounded by Leo Rogers, was permitted to leave the hospital yesterday. He enjoyed a short automobile ride around town. When he came near Main street it was quickly surrounded by a crowd of citizens, who shook hands with the brave officer.

CHIEF WARNS DEALERS
TO GUARD THEIR FURS

Fur Robberies in Other Cities
Show Need For Extra
Protection, He Says.

Chief of Police Birrell has issued a warning to fur dealers in the city concerning the protection of their stocks.

The chief stated this morning that with the increasing amount of fur robberies happening in other cities, both in Canada and the States, dealers should be more than just careful. They should take every precaution against the possibility of thieves entering their stores. The police will co-operate as much as possible, but the dealers must render some assistance, as the officers cannot do it all.

STRANGE
VOICE ON THE
PHONE

Told Andy to Look Under the Kitchen Table—Following This Tip Andy Found 500 One Dollar Bills—The Phone Call Is Now Being Traced to Learn the Identity of the Money-Spinner Who Was Given Away \$17,500.

THE GUMPS—HE WEARS NO MAN'S COLLAR

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THE MONEY YOU ARE GETTING? I SUGGEST YOU START A RIPPING CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE SYLVESTER SKINK FROM YOUR POLITICAL HORIZON—WITH THE MONEY YOU COULD ELECT YOU EMPEROR OF CHINA.

I HAVE NO AMBITION TO BE EMPEROR OF CHINA BUT I WOULDN'T MIND HEARING SOME GOOD NEWS REGARD TO THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION.

WELL, I'VE PRESENTED YOUR CASE TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES AND A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO FIND OUT IF SKINK STUFFED THE BALLOT BOXES—SOME OF HIS HENCHMEN HAVE SQUEAKED AND I'M SURE THEIR EVIDENCE WILL CAUSE HIS DISQUALIFICATION.

THAT LISTENS GOOD—IF THEY THROW OUT ALL THE CROOKED BALLOTS THAT WERE CAST FOR SKINK I'LL HAVE TO WIRE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO RESERVE ME A SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW ON THE AISLE.

NOT SO FAST—IF SKINK IS DISQUALIFIED THE COMMITTEE MAY ORDER A NEW ELECTION AND THEN WE'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER CAMPAIGN—BUT WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF WAR CHEST I'LL BE IN A POSITION TO WIN THE COMMITTEE THAT YOU WERE RIGHTFULLY ELECTED AND SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED—I KNOW MONEY WILL DO ANYTHING.

YOU'RE MISTAKEN WHEN YOU SAY MONEY CAN DO ANYTHING—IF MONEY WERE ALL-POWERFUL EVERY RICH MAN WOULD HAVE A GOOD APPETITE AND THERE WOULD BE NO BALD-HEADED MILLIONAIRES—I'LL WORK AND FIGHT TO BE SENT TO CONGRESS AS AN HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS 100% PEOPLE—BUT I WOULDN'T BUY A SEAT IF THEY WERE SELLING THEM TWO FOR A NICKEL.

STRANGE VOICE ON THE PHONE TO-DAY TOLD ANDY TO LOOK UNDER THE KITCHEN TABLE—FOLLOWING THIS TIP ANDY FOUND 500 ONE DOLLAR BILLS—THE PHONE CALL IS NOW BEING TRACED TO LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE MONEY-SPINNER WHO WAS GIVEN AWAY \$17,500.

—SIDNEY SMITH