

TARIFF ON COAL MEANS \$22.85 A TON IN LONDON

P.U.C. Enjoys Huge Surplus:: Prince of Wales Home Again

PREMIER AT ARENA TONIGHT

London To Send Thousands To Greet Prime Minister of Canada.

STRATHROY, AFTERNOON

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King Addresses West Middlesex Electors in Elliott Interests.

London meets at the arena tonight, where the city will greet the prime minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. The premier will speak in the interests of Canada and of Liberalism before a crowd anticipated to task the largest hall in the city. E. S. Little, Liberal candidate in London, will also speak.

The prime minister passed through London this morning. Together with his campaign party he was en route for Strathroy. He will return to London tonight, and the first words of a message from the premier of Canada will be uttered at 8 o'clock.

Five thousand can be seated at the arena. Preparations are already complete with additional seats lining the playing area and a large platform at the south end.

Here a few minutes. Mr. King had only a few moments in London this morning. He found time, however, to leave his car at the C. N. R. station as it was shunted between Clarence and Richmond streets, and speak with Mr. Little.

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CHICKEN THIEVERY RAMPANT AGAIN

New Series of Robberies Now Taking Up Time of the County Police.

FIFTY IN LATEST RAID

Culminating in a raid on a coop near Strathroy Tuesday night, more than 50 stolen chickens were recovered. Another series of chicken robberies is taking up the time of the county police. From many parts of the county reports have come of thefts during the past two weeks, but for certain reasons police have not made them public.

For a few weeks after the Hariton case and the arrest of two local men on a charge of receiving stolen chickens the thefts were checked, but they have broken out anew.

The police believe they know who is head of the gang at work now. His methods, however, make it difficult to prove any specific charge against him. It is alleged that he visits the farmers during the day, posing as a buyer for a distant firm. In this manner he persuades their flocks. To avoid buying he offers a price which he knows no farmer will accept.

Unusually within a few days after the visit of this individual to any neighborhood, chicken thefts are reported from it. Police have no doubt that the buyer is merely the advance agent of the thieves and that he selects these coops which will be most profitable for raiding.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; fair.
Saturday—High low weather with rain.
High pressure has come into the western provinces from the north with cold weather and there are strong indications that a storm, now developing over the southwestern states, will move to the great lakes. From Ontario eastward the weather is fair and moderately warm.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations High Low Weather
Toronto 54 40 Clear
Kingston 54 44 Fair
Ottawa 56 38 Fair
Montreal 56 42 Clear
Quebec 54 26 Cloudy
Halifax 52 38 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 58; lowest, 38.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 38.
Sun rises at 6:33 a.m. and sets at 5:54 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.01.
Today—8 a.m., 29.12.

DRUG AND SHOE TRADES MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY

London Firms Report Business Conditions Are Highly Gratifying and Predictions Are Made of Further Rapid Progress in Near Future—Public Has Greater Spending Power.

TURNOVER IN 1925 SET NEW MARK FOR RECENT YEARS

Drugs and druggists' supplies are keeping pace with the rapid advancement in general trade in Canada during the past year. The prosperous state of this business at the present time is well voiced by E. C. Mitchell, manager of the London branch of the National Drug and Chemical Company of Canada, who told The Advertiser this morning that he fully expects this year's trade to pass the record peak.

Mr. Mitchell was enthusiastic over prospects for the coming winter. In the thirty years he has been engaged in the wholesale drug business he has rarely seen an outlook as bright as the present one, he declared.

Optimism Supreme.
"The mental attitude of the people of Canada today is also outstanding," he remarked. "Everybody is beginning to talk good times, and this has been most encouraging to manufacturers who have persevered in the depressions of 1921, 1922 and 1923 and who are now well on the way to a period of prosperous stability."

"In our own business in London we have just finished the best summer I can remember in my 17 years here. So brisk is trade at the present that I haven't the slightest doubt that we will pass the mark the firm made in 1920."

"In July and August the business increase was 25 per cent, which is a accurate indication, I think, of the present progress in druggists' supplies."

Spending Power Increases.
"An increase in the spending power of the consumer is also noticeable and reports from retailers show a healthy condition of trade in every instance."

The city branch of the National Drug and Chemical Company employs thirty persons and during the past few months the entire staff has been engaged every minute in handling the large volume of orders, according to Mr. Mitchell.

In each of the 17 branches of the Canadian National Drug and Chemical Company, scattered from coast to coast, a period of rapid progress is apparent. Mr. Mitchell states, and the officials of the firm, which has its headquarters in Montreal, are confident that 1925 will prove to be a banner year.

Shoe Business Good.
A 25 per cent increase in business

NET OPERATING REVENUE OF RAILWAYS DECREASES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Oct. 16.—A decrease of \$1,025,259.42 in the net operating revenue on all Canadian steam railways is shown for the year 1924, as compared with 1923, according to a report just issued by the dominion bureau of statistics.

The gross earnings from operation last year totalled \$445,923,877.46, while operating expenses were \$339,483,927.27, leaving a net operating revenue of \$64,439,950.19, as against a net operating revenue in 1923 of \$64,475,228.61.

Gross earnings were high for the first seven months last year, particularly for February and March; but from August on they were considerably below the 1923 and 1922 revenues.

REDUCE COST OF TEACHING IRISH LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS

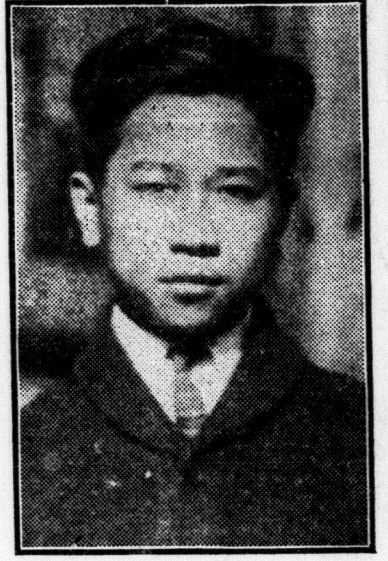
Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Oct. 16.—The technical committee of County Mayo has reduced from 670 to 400 pounds the money provided for the teaching of the Irish language, and forecasts a further reduction next year.

Monsieur D'Alton, who introduced the motion, said that he knows mothers who threaten to withdraw their children from school if the teaching of Irish is not dropped. He declared that the spoken language is losing ground, even in districts where it was generally spoken till comparatively recently.

HEAD OF WHEAT POOLS SAYS POLICY UNCHANGED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Oct. 1.—At the close of the meeting of the central selling agency of the western wheat pools last night, A. J. McPhail, president, stated that there would be no change in the policies of the pools.

Mr. McPhail stated that he viewed the marketing situation in a very serious light. He said that three weeks' fine weather was necessary to complete satisfactorily the harvesting of the western crop, but that the outlook for a stretch of weather of that sort was not bright this late in the year.



LEE CHOW, a newcomer to Canada and a pupil at Rectory street school, who has shown after one year in this country his remarkable progress in learning the English language through an essay, written recently, on "Fire Prevention."

CHINESE YOUTH SETS HIGH MARK

Lee Chow Has Original Ideas On the Subject of Fire Prevention.

A Chinese lad, out from the Orient but a little over a year, has already shown a remarkable ability along literary lines. Lee Chow during fire prevention week wrote an excellent essay on fire prevention.

The lad, who is a pupil at the Rectory street school, has just been promoted from Grade V, and is making rapid progress. Though Lee's English is not quite perfect, his ideas were splendid, and through the kindness of his teacher, Miss R. Dunston, the essay has been forwarded to The Advertiser for publication. Both Miss Dunston and the principal of the school, G. S. Edwards, are to be commended for their successful efforts in bringing the lad into such a rapid acquaintance with the English language, and particularly one who has so recently come to Canada.

The essay follows:
"Fires sometimes are useful, but sometimes cause great damage, such as burning houses, buildings and factories, and many lives may be lost. This is very terrible for the people and our country.
"Most of the fires are started by careless people, from matches and cigars. They do not squeeze them out before they throw them down. Matches, coal oil, gasoline, and ashes can very easily cause fires, which may destroy our house and furniture."

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PRINCE IS WELCOMED ON RETURN

British Heir-Apparent Gets an Affectionate Greeting as His 25,000-Mile Trip Ends.

KISSES FOR HIS MOTHER

Battle Cruiser Repulse Met Off Spithead by Destroyers and Planes.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 16.—London gave the Prince of Wales the most affectionate welcome of all his home-comings this morning, when he returned from his 25,000-mile voyage to South Africa and South America. He was greeted at the Victoria station by the King and Queen, other members of the royal family and thousands of spectators.

The prince stepped from the train which brought him from Portsmouth wearing the uniform of the Welsh Guards.

After shaking hands with the King, the young heir-apparent bent low over the Queen's hand. Then, dropping all formal salutations, he placed an arm about his mother and kissed her affectionately on both cheeks.

His sister, Princess Mary, and his nee-in-law, the Duchess of York, were the next to greet the home-comer.

CRUISER REPULSE ARRIVES.
Associated Press Despatch.
Portsmouth, England, Oct. 16.—The Prince of Wales, heir-apparent to the British throne, came home today on the "Princess Alice" journey, which took him through a large part of British South Africa and to the capitals of South America.

The prince, who carried him on the 25,000-mile voyage, came in from the sea this morning to find a daisy, grizzling autumn day.

Shortly before noon, she steamed into the dockyard here and the royal traveller set foot on his home soil amid the cheers of a welcoming crowd.

The prince was greeted by the Duke of York and Prince Henry, who came here on a special train to meet their brother.

LONDON PROSPEROUS, SAYS TAX COLLECTOR

Over Ninety Per Cent of Taxes Paid Yesterday, Last Official Day.

That the average citizen of London is quite prosperous is convincingly demonstrated in the report of City Tax Collector E. S. Houghton, who announced this morning that over 90 per cent of the city taxes, some \$2,500,000 have been collected.

Mr. Houghton expressed himself as being more than pleased with the manner in which the citizens had paid their taxes.

"It is a splendid record, and I am greatly pleased," said Mr. Houghton, "and shows that the city is in a prosperous condition. We are still busy opening mail that came in last night, and the total I have given you will be greatly augmented by the time this check is totalled. Yesterday, the last official day for payment, we took in over \$100,000."

Prisoners Use Mothers' Way

Prisoners Haven't Enough To Do Now, Says Dawson.

"The way their mothers used to do it is good enough for these birds," said Governor Byron Dawson of the county jail this morning, when asked if they had a washing machine, as venerable as that at the Perth jail, which has seen forty years' service.

"It keeps us busy to find things for the prisoners to do. We haven't time to think about installing labor-saving devices for them. I am sure Sheriff Graham also denied the rumor that any extensive installation of housewives' aids was contemplated at the county jail."

BODIES OF SLAIN BANDITS EXHIBITED AS WARNINGS

Associated Press Despatch.
Beirut, Syria, Oct. 16.—The bodies of 24 bandits killed by French troops in the course of a "cleaning up" operation in the vicinity of Damascus, have been taken into that city and exposed in the public square as a warning to others. One hundred bandits were killed in this operation.

London Welcomes Premier



PREMIER KING AND HIS FRIEND, E. S. LITTLE. Premier King was met at the station this morning by many Londoners, including his friend, E. S. Little, Liberal candidate in London. The premier was in the best of health and showed no signs of his strenuous campaign waged across Canada. His trip has left him highly optimistic. Premier King will speak in London tonight at the arena. He spoke this afternoon at Strathroy.

Public Utilities Reports

Total Surplus of \$41,000 For First Eight Months

Splendid Increases Are Shown in Both Water and Hydro-Electric Departments.

SERVICES EXTENDED

Surplus Compared With Period of 1924 Shows Increase of Fifty Per Cent.

More than \$41,000 is the net surplus of the public utilities commission for the first eight months of 1925, according to a report prepared by General Manager Buchanan. This surplus represents an increase of more than 50 per cent over the surplus for the corresponding figure of 1924. The waterworks department accounts for \$17,000 of the total surplus, and the electrical for \$24,078.

In spite of the fact that there has been less horsepower purchased, revenue in the electrical department boomed. This was due largely to extension of services to residences. Such installation did not increase the peak load basis of cost. A slight decline is shown in the revenue from hydro used for industrial purposes.

The gradual extension of the meter system of paying for water has sent the revenue from residential users up from \$69,751 to \$96,450.

Unmetered residential rates have decreased proportionately. The installation of meters has absorbed a large part of what would have otherwise been a substantial surplus in this department.

SPECTACLE FRAMES WILL MATCH WOMEN'S DRESSES

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Oct. 16.—Dame Fashion's last vagary in this, Europe's city of fashions, has been to set all the women to wearing spectacles. The pretty eyes of the 1925 Parisienne are no weaker than those of 1924, but the celluloid frames of the eyeglasses, made in many varieties of colors, are novel and "chic" when they match her dress.

A Paris oculist displays in his window a large tray filled with celluloid frames in mauve, blue, rose, and, in fact, almost every conceivable hue that might be required to harmonize with mademoiselle's suit or frock.

"I sell about 100 pairs of spectacles with plain glasses, through which anyone can see, every day," said the oculist. "The correct thing is to have the frames made in colors to match the dress."

LABOR DENOUNCES COMMUNISTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 16.—After having re-elected President Green and his associate officers, denounced the Communist movement, and voted against formation of a labor party, the convention of the American Federation of Labor still had 23 resolutions left to vote on at its concluding session today.

BERLIN THINKS CONFERENCE NOT FULL SUCCESS YET

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Oct. 16.—Berlin heard the news of the adoption of the security pact at Locarno without surprise. The newspaper quickly pointed out that these yet remains much to be done before the conference can be considered a success or Germany's signature put to the pact.

THRESHING DELAY INJURES GRADE OF WESTERN WHEAT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Oct. 15.—Serious damage to the grade of the western wheat crop because of delay in threshing operations occasioned by continued bad weather is indicated in a special report of threshing conditions published by the Manitoba Free Press today. The report is compiled from answers to queries sent to over 100 points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

LAST FRENCH DETACHMENT LEAVES OCCUPIED DISTRICT

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Oct. 16.—The last French detachment which had remained at Ruhrort for the protection of the inter-allied Rhine shipping commission has left. The Ruhr region now is completely evacuated.

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TORY PLAN WOULD HIT CONSUMER

Tariff Wall Proposed by Meighen Would Create Prohibitive Fuel Prices in Ontario.

INCREASE OF SIX DOLLARS

Opinion on Prices Expressed by London Coal Dealers—Reasons Are Given.

The householder in London and throughout Western Ontario would be obliged to pay \$22.85 a ton for anthracite furnace coal which now costs \$16.50 a ton if the policy of high tariff on American coal promised by Hon. Arthur Meighen at Edmonton were made effective.

This is the opinion expressed by Charles Martin, well known wholesale coal dealer of London. Mr. Martin's figures are substantiated by the Chantler Coal Company.

The purpose of a high protective tariff on coal as outlined by Mr. Meighen at Edmonton would be to shut out American coal and thus force the use of domestic coal from Alberta and Nova Scotia. In achieving this purpose, however, the individual householder in Ontario would pay \$6 a ton more than he is now paying, according to local merchants. The results of high tariff against coal, from these figures may be summarized as follows:

CONSUMER NOW PAYS:
For American anthracite \$16.50 a ton
For Alberta bituminous \$15.00 a ton

CONSUMER WOULD PAY:
For American anthracite \$22.85 a ton
For Alberta bituminous \$17.50 a ton

These figures are calculated by local merchants in the following way. The present cost of Alberta bituminous coal in Ontario is \$15 a ton, and American anthracite or hard coal, commonly used in house furnaces, is \$16.50. The consumer is willing to pay \$16.50 for the latter because it is far better than the coal in his furnace.

If American hard coal were barred out by prohibitive high tariff and Alberta was called on to supply all Ontario, local coal dealers agree that it would be necessary for the railroads to raise the freight rate from \$7.50 to \$8.50 a ton in order to haul large quantities with present equipment at any profit. The minimum price of Alberta coal would thus become \$15 plus \$2.50 extra freight, or \$17.50.

Would Need 38 per cent Tariff.
To shut out American hard coal so that the consumer would be forced to buy Alberta coal, local dealers believe that a tariff of \$6.35 a ton, or 38 per cent on imports, or a resultant price of \$22.85.

Premier King has pointed out this effect of Mr. Meighen's high protection on coal as a striking example of how protection operates against the consumer and thus in the end against the producer as well. The prosperity of the manufacturer must depend on the purchasing power of prosperity of the consumer and the Liberal policy of moderate protection has the prosperity of the consumer as the first motive in order to help all.

COMMITTEE SELECTING TWO SETS OF JURORS TODAY

A committee composed of Squire Chittick, Crown Attorney Judge, Sheriff Donald Graham and County Treasurer Capt. Thomas Robson is picking both grand and petit jurors for the county of Middlesex at the court house today. Selections are made from lists submitted by the townships.

INGERSOLL LIBERALS COMING TO MEETING

Special to The Advertiser.
Ingersoll, Oct. 16.—The indications are that a representative number of local Liberal workers will attend the Mackenzie King meeting in London tonight.

The following will be among those who will attend: Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McCarty, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Robinson, W. B. McKay, T. C. Hamilton, Fenton Manager, John Fairbairn, Mayor M. E. Scott, M. J. Comiskey, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skinner.

PROSPECTS OF DISCOVERING OIL APPEARS UNFAVORABLE

Associated Press Despatch.
Melbourne, Oct. 16.—While the prospects of the discovery of oil in commercial quantities in Australia are generally unfavorable, indications in the Roma district of Queensland and the Kimberley district of western Australia justify the recommendation that further detailed geological mapping should be undertaken and trial boring conducted, says a report of the federal joint committee of public accounts on oil exploration in Australia and Papua.