Tax Rate Below 35 Mills Assured :: Western Floods Cause Heavy Damage

RATE BYLAW NOW BEING PREPARED

Council Will Meet in Special Session Tomorrow Night To Settle Levy.

City officials were today preparing a bylaw to provide for the striking of the tax rate and fixing of the estimates for 1925. The estimates will be settled tomorrow night at a special meeting of the city council, and the tax rate will be struck then.

A rate of less than 35 mills, possibly 34.5, is almost definitely assured now that the board of education's appropriaiton has been cut.

Further reductions in the estimates will be necessary, according to economy advocates, but they are quite optimistic of a low rate. The council will meet at 7:30 o'clock, and No. 1 will hold its regular meeting just after the council.

PACIFIC COAST PROVES BIG DRAW THIS YEAR

Special R. R. Rates Bring Floods of Inquiries From Ontario Travellers.

Vancouver and Victoria will attract the London and Western Ontario traveller this summer, if all the inquiries made at local railway agents become facts.

Last year with Wembley in full swing, and with the probability that it would not be open in 1925, there was an influx of Canadians into England. This year it would seem to be the Pacific coast.

Special rates to the coast are in vogue on both lines after the middle of May, and both C. P. R. and C. N. R. agents have been showered with inquiries as to these special rates.

"Why wouldn't people go to the coast?" asked an agent today, "it has been so well advertised in the last two years, and the climate and scenery are so fine that with a special rate, the trip is possible to almost everyone. When you get there, you have boat trips, the finest coasting trips in the world all the way from Alaska to San Francisco. You see the Prairie as you go and you see the Rockies as well. Then it acts as a sort of interprovincial get-together, and should help in a mutual understanding. There is everything to recommend a trip to the coast this year."

CAR OWNER SEEKS SUM FOR DAMAGES

Lent Machine For Trip to St. Thomas—Seeks $214 For Repairs.

Wm. J. Worthington, London automobile salesman, will possibly think twice before he again lends his car to friends.

According to Mr. Worthington, he loaned his car on June 17 last to Harold (Hack) Webb for a trip to St. Thomas. Two days later a friend of Webb's called him up and told him that the car was parked near the Park hotel, St. Thomas and that he better go and get it.

Worthington, who is suing Webb for the amount of the repair bill, $214, went to St. Thomas and had his car towed to London, but Webb refused to foot the bill.

At the present time "Hack" is a guest in the county jail and will stay there for some five months yet. A court order will be necessary before Webb can be brought from jail to the courtroom to give evidence in his own defence.

Webb denies any liability and states that arrangements for the car were made through an unnamed third party.

The case will be heard in county court which opens before Judge Macbeth on April 7. Spencer and Braund are acting for the plaintiff and Menzies and Cluff for the defendant.

LITTLE WOODEN CROSS ARRIVES FROM FRANCE

Formerly Marked Grave of Private Gordon Small at Amiens.

Private J. Gordon Small, a London boy who went to France with the Royal Canadian regiment, died of wounds on Aug. 18, 1916. He was buried in the great cemetery at Amiens, and a little wooden cross was set at the head of his grave.

Today the cross stands in the place of honor in the home of his mother, Mrs. Amelia Small, 315 Egerton street, London. The cross arrived in the city this morning from the army authorities in France, with a note saying that a stone had taken the place of the wooden cross on the grave in Amiens.

It is only two feet high, just a plain, unpainted crosspiece of wood, with the shading of the brown earth at its pointed end. On it is written the condensed story of a supreme sacrifice — Pte. J. Gordon Small, Royal Canadian regiment, No. 400,-647. Died of wounds, Aug. 18, 1916.

WILLIAM RIDDLE BURIED.

The funeral of William Riddle, who died Saturday at St. Joseph's hospital, was held this morning from the E. C. Killingsworth funeral home. Solemn requiem high mass was sung at 8:30 o'clock by Father Faulks at St. Peter's cathedral. Interment was made at St. Peter's cemetery.

Son Must Follow Father and Cannot Walk on Roads Because of Caste in India

Not Allowed To Kiss Feet of Mayor—Kiss Those of Subordinate.

STAY AT ONE TRADE

Curse of India Is "Untouchables," Ghandi Goes to Their Aid.

"If Mahatma Ghandi is able to better the conditions of the 'untouchable' of India, as indicated by today's despatches from there, he will have performed an outstanding service for his country." That is the opinion of J. D. Omond, of the London Life head office, who spent some years in Jubbulpore, Central India, in Y. M. C. A. work there.

"The story of the 'untouchables' goes back a long way," Mr. Omond stated, "and it is a development not clearly understood by a great many people in this country. Over 5,000 years ago when the Aryans came down from the north, and conquered the country, they set up a social order that has developed through years into the present caste system of India. They found that there were those who had the gift of song, and these were set aside to sing the praises of the king, and they developed into the high caste, the Brahmans. Those who were able-bodied and fitted for purposes of war were made to fight, and those not so strong were turned to the work of providing the food for the fighters and upper classes, and they became the great farming classes of India. As time went on these classes separated into others, such as tradesmen, etc., but always there was the great class who were allowed to do nothing but the most menial occupations. Originally the servant classes, they have become what we know today as the 'untouchables.'

Helpless Millions.

"It is this system," continued Mr. Omond, "that has made these millions of people helpless. They can do nothing to better their own condition, and it was this that led Ghandi, a clever lawyer in Bombay, educated in the best schools of England, to give up his practice and lead a movement for the betterment of the outcasts. He is not a strong man physically, far from it, but he has a wonderful influence over the people of India, and is a power for good. He does not aim at breaking away from Britain, but rather on building up the people in a system of self-government such as we have here in Canada."

Asked as to the dealings of one class with another, Mr. Omond said: "There is practically none. It seems to run largely on the lines of trades and occupations, and there is no intermarriage between them. For instance, the children of a silversmith's family will marry into the family of another silversmith; the family of a farmer will marry into the families of farmers, and so on. If the son of a farmer shows that he has ability that would make him a good carpenter, he cannot work at that business; he remains a farmer. In some ways it works out very well, and has made some of the tradesmen of India remarkably skillful. A silversmith takes his son as soon as he is old enough, and starts to teach him the business, and he has the advantage of all his father's knowledge. That is why India has developed some of the finest native silversmiths in the world.

Called Out to Store.

"But the curse of the whole business is the 'untouchables.' It is evident everywhere you go. I remember quite well seeing a low caste woman in Jubbulpore, going to a grain store one morning to make a purchase. She was not permitted to enter the store because it was against the law. She stood on the road outside and called out what she wanted to purchase, after which she placed her money on the ground and retired some distance from the store entrance. A servant of her own caste came out of the store with the grain, picked up the money and deposited the parcel on the road, after which she could come up and take it away.

"On another occasion I happened to be in the office of the commissioner, who is an official somewhat the same as a mayor in this land, but with a wider territory. A low caste man had a grievance, and had stated his case and been fixed up. He wanted to make his salutation to the commissioner, but could not. The real meaning of a salutation in India is 'I pick the dust off your feet and put it on my head.' So he had to make his salutation by touching the feet of an officer in the office, and that officer in turn touched the feet of the commissioner on behalf of the low caste man."

"What is the meaning of roads being open to the 'untouchables' now that were previously closed?" Mr. Omond was asked.

Cannot Walk on Roads.

"Those would be the roads that lead to the temples where the high caste people worship," was his answer. The low caste people cannot walk on them. If a Brahman were going to his temple and saw one of the outcasts on the road, he would send for his servants and the chances are the low caste man would be badly beaten up before he got a chance to remove himself from the roadway. The Brahman, according to his belief, would have been contaminated, and it would be necessary for him to bathe himself and go through other ceremonial performances in order to take away the curse that had come upon him.

"In the railways of India you see the lines drawn tight again, for there they have four classes. In the first officials and military men travel, and any European or a high caste man; of course, it costs more to travel in that class. Then comes the second grade, which takes in the average man as it would in this country; below that is the intermediate, which is a small compartment attached to the second-grade coaches; it is a step between the second and third classes. In the third-class car they have benches for the outcasts and any others who want to travel that way, and they pack them in there like sardines. Most of them have to stand, and if it is a long trip there is no room for any of them to lie down to sleep at night. On some of the pilgrimages which the 'untouchables' take to their holy places, the railway companies make far more money out of packing them in at a cent a mile than they do out of the first-class coaches even at a higher rate."

Mr. Omond cited the case of several of these outcasts, who had become Christians and showed themselves capable of very great development in medicine and other lines. "Ghandi has made a great move for a greater India if he has succeeded in breaking down the caste system even in part," Mr. Omond concluded.

DEAN C. D. HOWE,

of the faculty of forestry, University of Toronto, who in an address before the Royal Canadian institute said that although Canada's annual forest wealth totals $300,000,000, each year 2,000,000 acres of valuable timber are consumed by fire.

BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT LOOMS

Naming of Piper's Successor Is Expected Tonight—Twenty Apply For Job.

A city building inspector will be appointed tonight by No. 2 committee, according to information secured this afternoon. The city has been without a permanent appointee to this position for nearly six months.

E. K. O'Connor, member of the city engineer's department and assistant inspector under A. M. Piper, has carried on as acting inspector for a half-year. It is understood, however, that he has not put an application in for the position.

Some twenty applicants are being considered for the position and Ald. Harry Bottrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, Mayor Wenige and City Engineer W. P. Near conferred on the matter this afternoon.

MONSTER CARD PARTY IS PLANNED BY LIONS

London Club Affair on April 30 To Aid Bandstand Fund.

On April 30 a monster bridge and euchre party will be held in the Winter Gardens under the auspices of the London Lions club. There will be a dance at the conclusion of the cards. It is expected that there will be four hundred tables arranged on the floor for the night.

This entertainment is being put on by the club as one of the ways in which to raise funds for the building of a bandstand in Victoria park, which the club has pledged itself to do this year.

A meeting with the P. U. C. will be held tomorrow afternoon, at which the various plans for a stand will be submitted, and a plan chosen which will meet the wishes of the commissioners. The meeting has been arranged previous to the departure of E. V. Buchanan, general manager, for Europe this week.

TWO WRITS ISSUED AGAINST LONDONERS

The Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Limited, of Montreal, are suing the Dominion Storage Company of London for $231.34, claiming that the company is short 29 bags of sugar stored in the defendant's warehouse.

The defense submits that the plaintiff received all goods that were placed in storage.

The case will be tried at the county court sittings opening at the courthouse before Judge Macbeth on April 7. Jarvis and Vining for plaintiff, and Winnett, Morehead and Neely for defence.

The London Silver Company is suing Julius Siskind at the same court for $582.55, alleged to be due a promissory note.

Mr. Siskind has entered a counter claim for $476.52.

Jarvis and Vining for the plaintiff, and Menzies and Cluff for defendant.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Rev. George Watts of the Wellington street Methodist church, underwent an operation at Victoria hospital this morning. His condition was reported to be satisfactory this afternoon.

NOT MIKE'S CLASS. SO HE TAKES TERM

Two-Hundred-Dollar Fine Takes Breath, and Alibi Floating Away.

Michael Tagney, to whom the inside of the prisoners' box is as familiar as his own overcoat, met his periodical Waterloo in court this morning when the magistrate assessed the pensive Irishman from Crumlin $200 or three months, for being caught with a bottle of rubbing alcohol. Fines of more than $10 have known no part in the life of Michael so he took the time.

Remembering a jail term threat of two weeks ago, Michael was naturally apprehensive when he heard his name called, but a flicker of the old fighting spirit was still left, and he waged into his losing battle by taking undue pains to understand just what he was charged with.

Neuritis is a legitimate ailment, but the bench has never associated it with Michael's idiosyncrasies, and it was quite ignored this morning.

"I plead guilty to having a few drinks, but not to drinking the alcohol," told the prisoner's views.

"Where did you get the drinks?" wearly.

"Oh, I met a fellow drown the street," was the guileless answer. "I believe he was from Windsor." This just to help the court all he could.

Mr. Tagney rapidly began to lose faith in his persuasive powers, and vaguer and vaguer answers terminated in "Two hundred dollars or three months."

Youths Remanded.

Norman Cushman, 18, and another youth of 15, from Nissouri, pleaded guilty to stealing $24 in goods from the barber shop of J. A. Bowman, 24 Oxford street west, and were remanded a week for sentence.

The shop was entered on March 18 and 27, and the loot consisted of a pair of clippers, cigarettes, tobacco and matches. The youths admitted their guilt on both occasions. Crown Attorney Albert Judd told the court that detectives had traced the stolen goods to Nissouri, where the boys were apprehended. The 15-year-old boy has appeared in court before, he said.

Butcher Fined.

Sanitary Inspector Richard Sanders declared that a wagonload of beef belonging to Zalman Lapawitch, butcher, of 299 South street, was the worst thing he had ever smelt in his life when the load was being transferred through the city last week. Lapawitch was charged with delivering meat under unsanitary conditions.

Dr. C. S. Tamlin, veterinary inspector, agreed that public health was endangered by the filth of the wagon and covering. In fining Lapawitch $10 and costs the court warned him that he would have to pay $50 if he appeared again on the same charge.

Home Again.

The marital troubles of an East London couple took up a goodly part of the morning's proceedings, but the court could not see any serious rift in the family, and after the public session a private attempt at conciliation was made.

The husband vigorously denied the charge of non-support laid by his wife, and declared that he was only too willing that she should come back to him if she would promise to try and keep peace with his father and mother who are living in the same house. Her mother-in-law has been the cause of most of the trouble, the woman declared, while the husband claimed that her own excitability was to blame for everything.

DOG SHOW TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15 TO 18

Usual Three Days of Western Fair Allotted Without Protest.

The Western Fair dog show will be held from Sept. 15 to 18, despite the strenuous efforts made by the Peterboro club to obtain the same dates. Last year dog exhibitors were anxious to get their dogs away from the London fair in order to show them at Peterboro, and efforts were then made by Peterboro to annex the dates for this year.

Vincent Perry, a director of the Canadian Kennel club, promised to take the matter up at the annual meeting of the club, with the result that the usual London dates were alloted without a protest.

A meeting of the dog show committee will be held under the chairmanship of Richard Oke, J.P., tomorrow morning, in the Western Fair offices.

In the afternoon there will be a meeting of the Western Fair executive to consider recommendations made by the various committees.

NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH WILL SEE FIRST CONFIRMATION

The first confirmation service at the Church of the Resurrection, recently erected in Knollwood Park, is taking place this evening. The class is made up of thirty-seven and the service is to be conducted by the Rt. Rev. David Williams, lord bishop of Huron.

Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D., the rector, will also participate in the service, and the visiting clergyman will be Rev. T. J. Charlton, rector of St. Matthew's church. The recently organized choir will supply music.

On Sunday, Bishop Williams will confirm a class of twenty at St. George's church, West London.

NEW LOCKERS.

County authorities will shortly install new lockers in the barristers' rooms at the court house and will also provide more shelves for use in the law library, it was stated at the court house this morning.

PUBLIC UTILITIES HAS ACTIVE TIME

New Street Lighting System Is Being Installed at All Possible Speed.

Activities in the different departments controlled by the public utilities commission are varied and lively these days.

In view of the fact that Manager E. V. Buchanan leaves on Thursday on a two months' trip to Scotland and Europe, the commission will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon instead of on Thursday.

Only one water consumer in Highland and Manor Park district has as yet refused to pay the new service charge. This man, according to Mr. Buchanan, has sent a check for the old rate, which included a service charge of 35 cents, in the form of meter rent. Action in connection with the shutting off of the water in the districts named will not advance, as far as the commission is concerned, until the middle of May, and then only if the consumers have refused to pay the rates, which are double those charged within the city limits.

The electrical equipment for the new Carling street sub-station, No. 4, purchased from the Canadian Westinghouse Company at a cost of approximately $33,000, has arrived, and is now being installed. The four new regulators ordered by the commission from the Canadian Electric Company at a cost of about $23,000, have not as yet arrived. It is expected that the sub-station will be in readiness for operation the latter part of July.

Use Pontoon Again.

The commission has decided finally to again make use of the identical pontoon bridge which last year provided a means of access to the Thames Valley municipal golf course from the pumphouse at Springbank. The commission finds itself compelled to do so by reason of lack of funds, not through choice, since last year the "fresh" Thames caused considerable inconvenience, not to say expense, in frequently causing the bridge to become released from its moorings.

Progress is reported with the installation of the new street lighting system on Dundas street, east from Waterloo street. Already the commission has installed about 75 lights of the prismatic directional globe type. Some 30 more are expected shortly, which number will make about half the total number to be put up this year. The lights yet to be received will be put up on Wharncliffe road, and Richmond street. The lights are being put up as fast as they are shipped by the company manufacturing them at Toronto at the order of the commission here. London is the first Canadian city to have adopted the prismatic directional globe system for street lighting.

Approvals Sought.

The necessary steps have been taken by the commission for the seeking of the approval of the authorities concerned for its waterworks and electrical department estimates and debentures for the current year. For the waterworks it is necessary to secure the approval of the provincial board of health, the railway board and the city council, while for the electrical department it is necessary to secure the approval of the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario, the railway board and the city council. Mr. Buchanan stated this morning that no action would be taken in this connection, pending the approval of the proper authorities, until his return early in June.

The playgrounds commission has requested the board of education for the privelege of making use of the grounds of Riverview, Simcoe, Tecumseh, Aberdeen and Lord Roberts' schools. Formerly Alexandra and St. George's school grounds have been included in the list, but these are excluded this year.

Since the date for the receiving of tenders for amusement park rights in Springbank park, was set for April 15, it is not expected that there will be any discussion on that subject at tomorrow's meeting.

The commission will appoint Assistant Manager A. O. Hunt as acting manager during Mr. Buchanan's absence.

BOTTLES NEED ATTENTION WHEN SHIPPED BY MAIL

According to advices received by P[illegible]ster Duncan, mail matter is being frequently damaged by liquids resulting from broken bottles in which they are packed. These bottles are not properly packed, and the regulations dealing with the mailing of liquids will be strictly carried out.

Unless all packages are properly packed in accordance with regulations they will not be accepted. Each bottle must be placed in a separate box of wood or corrugated cardboard with sawdust, cotton, or shavings as packing material. Such parcels must be marked "Fragile—with care," also the bottles must be carefully sealed.

LEAD IN FRENCH PLAY.

Above are shown the four leading characters in the French play, "La Victoire par les Couleurs" (Victory Through the Colors), given this afternoon by the students of the East End collegiate institute in the auditorium of the Central collegiate. They are, from left to right: Aubrey Kidd, negro attendant; Lillian Adams, the queen; Dorothy Williams, maid of honor, and Tom Devine, magician.

JOHN S. GILLEAN WITHDRAWS AFTER 53 YEARS OF SERVICE

Veteran C.N.R. Stationmaster Has Held Same Office For Twenty Years.

BEGAN AS BRAKEMAN

Has Second Longest Record of Any Man on the Division.

John S. Gillean, station master of the Canadian National Railways here, completed 53 years continuous service today when he retired. Still hale, hearty and active, he carries his 73 years lightly. It was with regret that his fellow officials and railroaders saw the rules of the road compel him to say good-bye to the platform throngs who knew him so well.

Mr. Gillean has had a long and varied career. He entered the service of the old Great Western Railway in February 1872 as a brakeman. In 1881 he occupied the position of conductor on freight trains running between Sarnia and Toronto, and Hamilton to Niagara Falls. Later he took over the passenger runs on the London division of the G. T. R. until he was promoted to station master in 1905.

With one exception Mr. Gillean has the longest record of any man on the division. C. F. Forrester, superintendent, said today he regretted that it was the rule of the railway that the veteran official would have to step out. His record had been a splendid one. He was favorably known to the thousands of people who come and go around the station.

Although Mr. Gillean spent several years on the road when safety first was not perfected to the extent that it is today, he never met with a serious accident, nor was he ever in any but minor wrecks.

Fingers Endangered.

The most dangerous days, he says, were the old "link and pin" days," when a man took a chance on losing his fingers every time he coupled a car. That was when wood burners rambled into the present station and air brakes had never been given a thought.

Mr. Gillean wa sin charge of work trains which carried materials for the construction of the St. Clair tunnel at Sarnia. Previous to its building, the cars were ferried across the river at Sarnia and Point Edward.

On one occasion when Mr. Gillean's train was within three miles of Sarnia a car of oil in the middle of the train caught fire. The blaze was a hot one. The car had to be cut out to save the rest of the train. The link and pin couplings were in vogue then. With the aid of a section of rail fence the links were forced and the train was divided while the single car burned to the trucks.

Near Watford one night many years ago a mail car in Mr. Gillean's train caught fire. It was three miles from the nearest water tank and the crew decided to make a run for it. With a burst of speed they rushed the flaming car down the line and brought it up under the water spout. The valve was opened and the car deluged with a thousand gallons of water. The mail was not greatly damaged.

20 Years Together.

Mr. Gillean has worked, as he puts it, "shoulder to shoulder" with Bob Logan, captain of the C. N. R. police for 20 years around the old station. Their friendship goes back as far as their records with three railways.

Joseph Smith, assistant station master, has been promoted to the position of station master. He goes on duty tomorrow morning. He began railroading seven years ago as a brakeman on the G. T. R.. He was taken off the road four years ago to assist Mr. Gillean. He worked the early night shift.

At present John W. Crooks is working the late night shift.

It is not yet known who will succeed Mr. Smith as assistant master. The position has been bulletined by Superintendent Forrester. All those in the transportation department may apply for the office. The name of the successful applicant will be known tomorrow.

Prince To Join King and Queen

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 31.—Prince George, fourth son of King George and Queen Mary, left today for Italy to join his parents aboard the royal yacht, in which they are cruising the Mediterranean during the king's convalescence.

MAJESTIC WILL CLOSE AT END OF THIS WEEK

John A. Nash States Plans For Bowling Academy Will Be Carried Out.

This is the last week that the Majestic players will play in London in the Majestic theatre. Announcement was made last night by E. L. Delaney, manager for the Majestic players, and confirmed to The Advertiser this morning.

"We are going to close for Holy Week in any case," said Mr. Delaney "but we shall not reopen in the Majestic. It is possible, if we have enough requests, that we shall open in another theatre in London after Holy Week. Our lease in the theatre does not run out until July 1, but we have decided not to continue to play in this theatre after this week."

Meanwhile the plans for the alteration of the theatre into a bowling academy are completed and work will start immediately after the new owners are free to do so, which is July 1, when the lease to the present players runs out.

John A. Nash set at rest current rumors that the expense of the alterations was too great and that the theatre would be left intact as a theare.

"Certainly we are going ahead with our project," he said today. "We shall begin structural changes in the theatre immediately after July 1, and will open for business on September 1. There was never any question about not going ahead."

Associated with Mr. Nash in the purchase of the Majestic are William Whitehall, who will be the manager, Frank Wilson, Charles H. Foster, and Bernard Allen of Toronto.

MONEY NOT TO BE SENT TO 2 COMPANIES NAMED

Fictitious advertisements appearing from time to time come under the inspection of the postal authorities. Two more are added to the list this week. They are: United States Spectacle Company, Morrison Spectacle Company and the Ritholz Spectacle Company, 1528 W. Adams street, Winnipeg, Man.

According to the postal authorities, all these are fictitious advertisements. They advise anybody answering any of them to write to the General Superintendent of Postal Service (for Inspection Division, Ottawa. Money orders are not to be sent to these companies at the addresses given.

Defying Death In Traffic Rush Pigeon Loses In Game of Life

A fatality occurred yesterday in London's market colony of pigeons. It was an accident, of course, that one of the finest specimens of the market family met his death. He had become too reckless probably, too confident in his own agility to evade the thousands of motorists who pass along the square daily. He is the first pigeon in years to be killed under the wheels of a motor car.

Maybe he was old, and with his age had come a slowing up. His hundred or so brothers and sisters know how to skim by the motor cars, fly from the streets in the knick of time, flaunt their finery at a speeding auto and then flap their wings to budge a step or two to allow a motorist freedom of the way. He had probably practiced his daredevil stunts for years, but yesterday he was caught in the apparent trap which he himself had so often laid and then defied.

One car passed quickly. He hopped a step or two out of its way. Another sped along and the pigeon nonchalantly turned and struck out directly under the wheels of a heavy motor truck. His wings were caught and broken. He struggled to fly and while his wings were fluttering wildly another auto approached to run him down and kill him outright.

Then followed a screaming of brakes as motorists came to a dead halt following closely behind the cars which had brought death to a little market pigeon. Traffic was tied up for some time. The bird was picked up from the street. A small boy volunteered to look after its body. He would find for it a grave, he said. He would bury the pigeon in a corner of the market square a few feet beneath the surface of the ground.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, March 31. — George Hayes, 12, climbing a fence near his home at Smithville, while out hunting yesterday, tripped and exploded a rifle he was carrying. He was found dead a couple of hours later by his older brother, who says the boy had no permission to take the rifle. The lad was a son of George Hayes, a part-time patient at the Mountain sanatorium here.

FLOODS CREATING ALARM IN WEST

People Along Q'Appelle, in Saskatchewan, Ready to Take to Boats.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sask., March 31.—Damage from flooded rivers and creeks were reported from several points in Southern Saskatchewan last night. Water, which has been pouring through Lumsden, a few miles north of Regina, has swollen the Qu'Appelle river to a point one foot from flood level. All the residents in the flood areas have prepared for any emergency. Boats and rafts are in waiting should the waters overflow into the flats.

Other places where danger is imminent are Hazelcliffe and Eastend, where ice jams are feared.

A number of bridges have been washed away at Vanguard and Woodrow. Telephone lines have been put out of commission and people driven from their homes Friday and Saturday at Vanguard and Hodgeville have returned. Railway traffic has been stopped at Mazeno, and washouts are reported from Kipling, Arcola and Corning.

At Tantallon, the main street is six inches under water, but a break-up of ice in the Qu'Appelle river has eliminated danger to property.

PRIZES NOT AWARDED FOR JOY WEEK SHOW

Great War Veterans Turn Question Over to Local Lawyer.

While prizes won in the drawing at the armories in Joy Week have not yet been delivered, it is considered probable that delivery will take place by the end of this week.

These prizes have not yet been paid for by the International Amusement people who arranged the week's program and also the drawing for the prizes, and are still waiting in the shops from which they were bought.

The local command of the G. W. V. A. has turned the matter over to J. M. Donahue, asking him to take such action as is necessary to protect the prize winners.

Mr. Donahue said this morning that no writ had been issued against the International Amusement Company, and that he believed the prizes would be paid for and a settlement reached within a few days.

The manager for the amusement company, Mr. Granger, left the city yesterday for Brantford. He was ill and had to be carried to the train. His physician would not allow any person to see or interview him.

The prize winners are Arthur Bowling, 548 Ontario street, who won the Essex coach; C. H. Pearson, 815 Princess avenue, who won the bedroom suite; H. A. Potter, 356 Rectory street, who won the electric washer, and someone with ticket number 9193 who won the radio set.

LONDON MADE CENTER OF CAR DISTRIBUTION

D. McHarg Will Have 22 New Stations in His Territory.

London has been made the central point for car distribution on this division of the Canadian National Railways, according to an announcement made by C. F. Forrester, divisional superintendent, this morning.

Beginning tomorrow, D. McHarg, car distributor here, will have 22 new stations on his territory. They are in the neighborhood of Oakville, Grimsby, Port Dalhousie, Humberstone and Hagersville.

Up to the present time the car distribution for Mr. Forrester's division has been split in two parts. Mr. McHarg had charge of the western territory and that of the south and west of Toronto was handled in Hamilton and Toronto.

The two districts of the division have now been merged and Mr. McHarg will distribute the cars from a central office here.

MAN HAS ANKLE BROKEN WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Edward Grace, of 9 Elmwood avenue, was struck by a motor car driven by William A. Hall, of 616 Dufferin avenue, according to a report turned into the police station last night. The accident happened on Wharncliffe road, near Emery street. Grace is said to have suffered a broken ankle.

DIVIDEND IS DECLARED BY LONDON MASONIC HALL

A successful year during 1924 for the Masonic hall, London, Limited, is reflected in the company's annual financial statement. A dividend of 4 per cent on preferred stock was declared.

John Graham was again elected president of the company, with C. A. Whitman, vice-president, and Jared Vining, secretary.

FRANK GLASS LOW.

Frank Glass, former member of parliament for East Middlesex, who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's hospital for several months, was reported to be very low yesterday. His condition today, however, shows a slight improvement, although little hope is held for his recovery.