

Towns Protest Gas Tax :: C.P.R. Train Crash Kills Three

TOWNS JOIN FIGHT IN GAS TAX FIGHT,

Board of Trade and Motor Club Protest to Premier.

OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Special to The Advertiser By Staff Correspondent.

Tillsonburg, Feb. 27.—Tillsonburg has enlisted in the ranks of municipalities rallying to fight the three-cent gasoline tax proposed by the provincial government.

At a joint meeting of the board of trade and the Tillsonburg Motor Club, held this evening, with A. S. Rennie in the chair, after hearing reports by delegates, Mayor Hollier and C. H. Denton, who attended the meeting of the O. M. L. in Toronto, it was decided to send the following telegram to Toronto:

"To the honorable the prime minister of the province of Ontario, at a representative-attended meeting of the board of trade and Tillsonburg motor club held this evening, the following resolution was carried: Moved by W. C. Brown, seconded by W. C. Colloff, that we strongly disapprove of the proposed tax of 3 cents per gallon on gasoline as proposed by the Ontario government, and which they will be wisely advised to drop said tax for the present or until some reasonable time when the fees for motor licenses will be considerably reduced."

"C. H. DENTON." It is believed here many other towns will join Tillsonburg in the fight.

GRAND CHAPTER POSTS FILLED

Most Ex-Comp. W. H. Davis Announces Appointments For Year.

The grand first principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, of Hamilton, at the conclusion of the annual convention, held in Windsor Wednesday and Thursday, has made the following appointments:

Executive committee, appointed: R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Grant, Ottawa; R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Mills, Kingston; R. Ex. Comp. J. McP. Potts, Stirling; R. Ex. Comp. J. C. W. Macneil, Halesbury; V. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, Ayr.

Assistant officers: R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Nixon, Toronto, grand lecturer; V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Towers, Hamilton, grand senior sojourner; V. Ex. Comp. James Stewart, Walkerville, grand junior sojourner; Samuel R. Sampson, London, grand sword bearer; V. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Montgomery, Woodstock, grand master 1st veil; V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Halford, Kitchener, grand master 2nd veil; V. Ex. Comp. Harry Oswald Sturdy, Goderich, grand master 3rd veil; V. Ex. Comp. Arthur J. Wood, Niagara-on-the-Lake, grand master 4th veil; V. Ex. Comp. John A. Atcheson, London, grand standard bearer; V. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Hamilton, grand director of cereimonies; V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Edward Trogenza, Windsor, grand organist; V. Ex. Comp. George G. Elliott, Toronto, grand pursuivant; V. Ex. Comp. John A. Thompson, Thornhill, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. James D. Cameron, Peterboro, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. James H. Trenton, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. William Kyle Farlinger, Morrisburg, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. William H. Wilson, Smiths Falls, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. Sam L. Katz, Kenora, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. George H. Davidson, Sudbury, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. T. H. Graham, Toronto, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. William G. Bright, Meaford, grand steward; V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Norman, Toronto, grand steward.

CITY HUMANE SOCIETY FINISHES PEAK YEAR

Report Shows Balance of \$725—Finances Best in History.

With a balance on hand of \$725.43, the Humane Society of London brings its work to a close for 1924 with the most favorable financial statement it has yet had. Total expenditures amounted to \$2,434.82.

The society was in a position last year to purchase a car for Inspector Tustin, which has been a great aid and time saver in carrying on the work of the society. Its cost and upkeep for a year amounted only to \$831.54.

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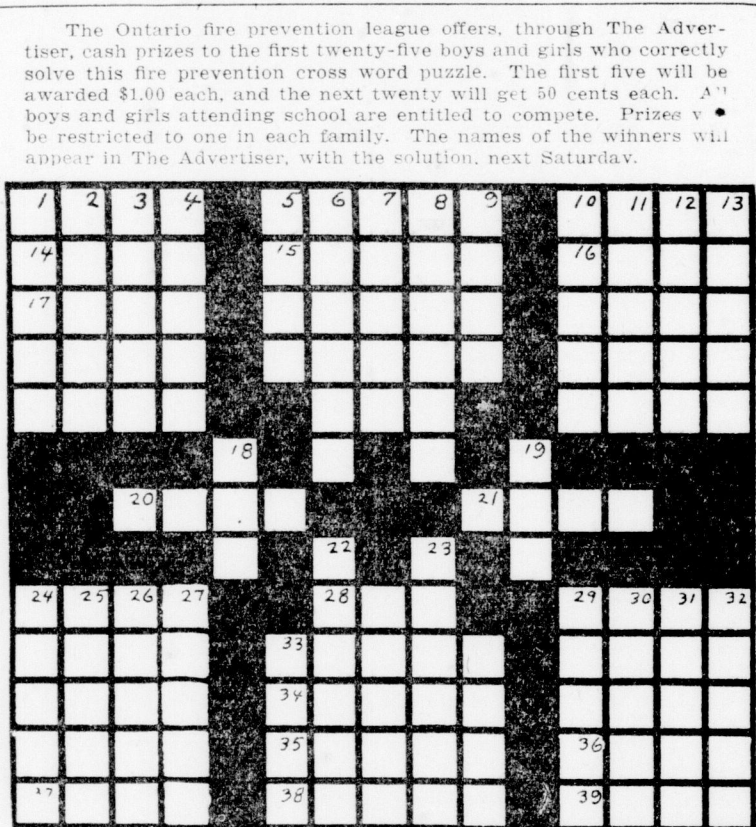
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SNAPSHOTS OF A FATHER SPANKING HIS SON.



Fire Prevention League Gives Crossword Puzzle

Fifteen dollars in cash prizes for the first twenty-five correct solutions from boys and girls—solution next Saturday.



HORIZONTAL.
1. The result of combustion of bodies.
2. To have a taste for (pl).
3. Foul substance—that promotes fire.
4. An image. In the Greek church a holy picture.
5. A bulbous-rooted plant, used in cooking.
6. A title of dignity given to a Mohammedan prince.
7. To sneer at—as might be done to those who don't keep their premises clean.
8. An object of watchful attention and regard. That which prevents fire.
9. To be victorious (pl).
10. To give notice of possible danger—especially from fire.

VERTICAL.
1. To war against—especially that which causes fire.
2. Coldly—the manner of some people toward fire prevention.
3. A friendly feathered harbinger of spring.
4. An antagonist—such as the fire demon.
5. Injury —the preventable fire waste of the country.
6. To hurt—such as being burnt at a fire.
7. To deprive of life (pl)—act of the fire demon.
8. One who believes in the eternal duration of the world.
9. Frozen particles of white feathery flakes of vapor—which tend to protect the dangerous wooden shingle roof in winter time.
10. To censure—those who are careless.
11. To tincture or penetrate deeply, as the minds with the principles of fire prevention.
12. To try and equal or excel another—in the work of safeguarding life and property from fire.

POWERFUL RADIO STATION AT PORT HURON TO OPEN

Western Ontario radio fans will have another source of entertainment from the ether when radio station WAEB, Port Huron, opens on gram.

METHODISM WILL MARK 100 YEARS

London Churches Arrange a Spectacular Pageant To Honor Anniversary.

Methodism will celebrate its centenary in London by staging a spectacular, historical pageant in First Methodist church on Wednesday, March 18.

More than 225 local Methodist young people will participate in the pageant, which is entitled, "One Hundred Years of Victorious Methodism."

The arrangements for the pageant are being made locally by a committee of which Rev. J. McCormick, Hyatt avenue Methodist church, is chairman and Rev. L. W. Reid, Hale street Methodist church, is secretary.

Denzil G. Ridout, missionary organizer, Toronto, will superintend the final rehearsals for the pageant, the scenery, costumes and stage equipment for which will be brought to the city from Methodist headquarters at Toronto.

The pageant has already been presented with great success at Toronto and several cities in Western Canada. It will be put on later at Ottawa and Windsor.

REV. JEWITT ACCEPTS CALL TO HALE STREET

Transfer of First Methodist Assistant Awaits Sanction of Board.

Rev. E. W. Jewitt, assistant pastor of First Methodist church, has received and accepted an invitation to become pastor of Hale street and Gore Methodist churches at the beginning of the next conference year.

The invitation to Mr. Jewitt was extended last night at the regular meeting of the quarterly board of Hale street church, and has been accepted, duties to commence June 1 next, subject, of course, to the approval of the London conference stationing committee.

Mr. Jewitt, should the transfer be confirmed by conference, would succeed as minister at Hale street Rev. L. W. Reid, who has labored with great success in the charge through out the past five years.

ROTHERMERE PLAN SCORED BY GREER

Meddling in School Work Is Called Second Childhood Whim.

Lord Rothermere, of the London Daily Mail, is basing his criticism of the English elementary schools upon his opinion of what "the pupil should know in order that he might commercialize that knowledge."

Such was the opinion expressed to The Advertiser by Administrator V. K. Greer, M.A., this morning, in commenting upon the incident whereby Lord Rothermere recently became involved in an examination contest as compared with the 14-year-old boy turned out by the English schools.

"It is a pure sign of second childhood," remarked Mr. Greer, "for the person begins to feel that things in the present day school, and other phases of life are more poorly done than in the 'good old days' of past generations."

venture to say," continued the head of London educational system, "that if Lord Rothermere, with all his ability and wealth of experience, were set down to teach a woman's class in the English schools, a woman class who perhaps are more poorly done than by more than 55 Londoners would put it all over him."

It is all a question of adaptability," pursued Mr. Greer, "for there is no doubt that a young boy or girl who is serious and anxious, with school training plus ambition, will do as well as life wherever his or her lot may be cast."

Mr. Greer stated that he would not be very interested in seeing the list of questions finally prepared for Lord Rothermere's examination.

"Who would set the examination?" asked the administrator. "The questions set should not depend on tracing at all but for the purpose of seeing that his mentality is all right. 'The English schools are excellent,' concluded Mr. Greer. 'In fact the British, Canadian and American schools are all doing equally good work and yet their methods differ widely.'"

Criticisms offered by Mr. Greer were voiced at an urban trustees association convention which concluded here Thursday.

Inspector Neil McDougall, M.A., department of education, referred to the experience of life being more complex than the experiences of the schoolroom and that therefore it naturally took some time for the boy to adjust himself to the school and their mental attitude toward those more complex experiences.

Prof. B. K. Sandwell, M.A., of Queen's University, was rather caustic in his comment that the idea of the schools should be to turn out successful businessmen. Prof. Sandwell considered it of much greater importance that the schools should teach the boys and girls to live successful lives.

MARCH THREATENS TO BEAR OUT ADAGE

Mercury Drops to Zero, Hinting at Intense Cold When New Month Comes.

With the mercury this morning at zero, and with the lusty winds of last night, March seems about to make its entry into the calendar of 1925 like the proverbial lion. If it does, and if it has the decency to live up to the old adage, then Londoners will at least have the pleasure of a few enjoyable days, perhaps even weeks, at the end of the month.

On Feb. 3 the official figure was 4 below, which was considered decidedly cold, but the chill of yesterday and last night was, in the opinion of a great many Londoners, the coldest spell in the month. While fall wheat has not yet been injured to any serious extent, farmers are now beginning to worry as to the effects of the cold weather on the growing crops. They say that the ground is now practically bare, and that with these dry winds the wheat is going to be a mighty hard time of it. However, the wheat had a fine "braird" or growth, as one old Scottish farmer said, and got a good grip of the soil before winter came. At least the old adage should be carried away by hopes of mild weather in March, or should fall a victim to a belief in clemency on the part of the weatherman in March, as it looks at these figures for March days in London: March 3, 1916, 3 below zero, and March 6, 1917, 10 below zero. March is a fickle month, not to be trusted to live up to any honorable code of ethics. It may be that 1925 will constitute a record, and reach 11 below in March, or it is possible that coming in roaring lion it may tame down, give us three weeks of comfortable weather, and depart like a stock salesman with a carload of applications.

STRUCK BY CAR.

Miss Aiva Flannigan of 1150 Richmond street was struck and knocked down by a motor car driven by Miss McAllister of 22 Wellington street last night. The accident happened while Miss Flannigan was crossing the intersection of Dundas and Richmond streets.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIED.
BRYAN—At her late residence, 640 Waterloo St., on Friday, Feb. 27, 1925, Helen Bryson, wife of the late T. Bridmore George Bryan, in her 77th year.

Funeral notice later.

KEARNS—On Feb. 27, in Detroit, Mich., J. W. Kearns, very dear husband of Helen, beloved mother of Katherine, Mary Ellen and Madeline.

Funeral from the residence, 2888 Carter avenue, Monday morning, March 2.

LOST—Collie dog, light yellow, white on face, answers to name "Lulu." Please notify John Campbell, R. R. 9, London.

THREE LOSE LIVES IN QUEBEC WRECK

Calumet - to - Montreal Local Takes Wrong Switch at Lachute.

3 WRECKS IN 3 DAYS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Alphonse St. Jean was instantly killed and Joseph Franc and Leopold Desjardins succumbed later to injuries received when the Canadian Pacific Railway local No. 426, from Calumet to Montreal, crashed into a snowplow about one-half mile from Lachute, Quebec. All the dead men were members of the crew of the snowplow.

The snowplow had switched into a siding to permit the Calumet train to pass, but the local swung into the same switch and, travelling at full speed, crashed into the standing plow. The engine of the passenger train mounted the cab and crushed St. Jean among the debris, also plowing down both Desjardins and Franc.

When assistance arrived, St. Jean was dead. Desjardins and Franc were hurriedly conveyed by train to a hospital in Montreal, but Desjardins died en route and Franc succumbed shortly after admission to the Royal Victoria hospital.

Investigation today failed to reveal the cause of the accident. The snowplow had switched into the siding after having cleared the track at Lachute Mills and it was headed west. The statement issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters here tonight indicates the accumulation of snow and ice as a probable cause of derailment of the locomotive.

The wreck is the second experienced by the C. P. R. in as many days. Yesterday, Feb. 26, Montreal-Chicago express crashed into a freight train on a siding at Glen Tay station, near Perth. Four were seriously injured, but there were no fatalities.

COLLISION NEAR MATHESON.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Traffic on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway was impeded for some time yesterday, says a report issued by the Canadian National Railway headquarters here this evening, due to a rear-end collision between the north-bound train No. 1, of the Canadian National, running on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario lines from North Bay to Cochrane, and train No. 47, at Mileage 162, near Matheson, New Ontario.

The collision occurred in the midst of a blinding snowstorm. Train No. 47 was standing on the main track. The statement issued by the Canadian National Limited, from Montreal to Vancouver.

The report states that no passengers, members of the train crew or equipment of the Canadian National train were injured, and declares that at the time the Continental Limited was manned by a personnel of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario system. Due to impaired communications, details of the accident are meagre.

GAS STATION HALTS MAD DASH OF HORSE

Hauling Bread Wagon, Animal Takes Opportunity To Warm Up.

A bolting horse dragging a rocking bread wagon offered some thrills to the people who were on their way to work this morning in the Hamilton road district.

The horse, evidently suffering from the intense cold, ran west from Pine Lawn along Hamilton road. By dexterous dodgings he was able to avoid several collisions with motor trucks, street cars and a horse-drawn wagon. Near Pegler street he showed signs of wanting to vault a passing motor truck, but swerved, and ran to Graham's garage service station, where he rushed headlong into the gas tank and threw himself.

The employees of the service station and the driver of the truck there for filling narrowly escaped injury when the frenzied animal crashed into the tank.

The horse suffered a cut leg and bruises. The wagon shafts were damaged.

The driver arrived on the scene in a car a few minutes afterward.

DUTTON HEARS LECTURE ON THE CORN-BORER

At a meeting of those interested in corn growing recently at Dutton, when the corn borer was discussed, Prof. L. Caesar, provincial entomologist, Guelph, a communique was appointed to co-operate in the respective localities in the destruction of the borer. The committee is composed of P. D. McKellar, J. H. McAllister, Daniel Turner, John Straggatt, Alex. Jamieson, Fred Brown, H. J. Hales, E. Sutton, M. N. McNeil, W. H. Ford, Ernest Ford, Dr. Paton, Grant Cameron, J. C. Cameron, Daniel McKillop, Ira Robinson, Stewart Pearce, A. McWilliam, Gordon Ford, Fred Lettichfield, T. Lynch, H. Bobler, W. Lunn, J. A. Page, Ezra Bedford, D. M. Littlejohn, A. A. Gow and J. D. McNeil. Prof. Caesar also lectured in Aylmer last week on the corn borer.

ARVA MISSION CIRCLE.

The regular meeting of the Arva mission circle met Feb. 20 at the home of Mrs. Alfred Burr, Mrs. (Rev.) Robb gave a very instructive talk on Christian giving; Miss M. Amos rendered a solo; Miss R. Hatch an instrumental; and Miss A. Wohl an instrumental. Mrs. (Dr.) Jones, on behalf of the mission circle, was presented by Miss A. McClary, with a cut glass pitcher, the address being read by Miss A. Robb. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Facts About Optometry

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