

GRAYDON ASKS \$1,500 INCREASE London Financiers Approve Royal-Union Bank Merger

LONDON SEES GOOD IN MERGER

Bankers and Other Businessmen Laud Move By Banks.

COUNTRY BENEFITS
Believe Eleven Strong Banks Better Than Twenty Weak Ones.

Better to have eleven strong banks than a score of weak institutions, was the opinion given out by prominent financial men here this morning, following the announcement from Ottawa by Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance, that the Royal Bank of Canada had been given permission to buy the Union Bank of Canada.

"It is nothing short of disaster if a bank crashes. The mergers do away with the weak and strengthen the financial position," said V. F. Cronyn, of the Royal Bank.

"It has been known for some time in banking circles that the Union bank was not as sound as it might be. It is almost inevitable that the weaker banks be taken over by the strong," said F. C. Field, manager of the Bank of Toronto, adding that, "The banks that come through depressing times in a sound position, taking over weaker institutions, leave the country better off."

Favored by Freeman.
Prof. R. E. Freeman, department of economics, University of Western Ontario, said the country would be benefited for such a merger. "I believe that the day will come when four banks will do the business. In my opinion there will be even more continued on Page 3, Column 7."

POLE AVIATORS STILL MISSING

No Word Yet Received From Amundsen and His Companions.

Associated Press Despatch.
Copenhagen, May 23.—Copenhagen still was without news of Amundsen at 5 o'clock this morning, but there were no signs of anxiety here over the safety of the intrepid explorer and his companions. It is realized that his final decision to carry an increased fuel supply instead of wireless apparatus prevented him from recording the progress of the aeroplanes to and from the pole and makes any news impossible until his return to Spitzbergen.

Authorities here did not expect direct news from the expedition until the party can return to Dane Island, where the auxiliary ships are now waiting, or until the explorers can reach some other place on Spitzbergen and get in touch with the radio station at Green Harbor.

C.S.E.T. BOYS PLAN PROGRAM FOR YEAR

Council Holds First Meeting at Y.M.C.A.—Committees Are Appointed.

The C. S. E. T. boys' council held the first meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Plans for the year were arranged and standing committees appointed. Howard Obeay, mayor-elect, was in charge of the meeting.

The following councillors were present: Templein, Scratch, Orchard, Millman, Coleridge, Glen, Russell. Councilor Scratch was elected deputy mayor. Councilor Millman was made city clerk.

The committees are as follows: Devotional, Templein and White; social, Scratch and Orchard; educational, Millman and Coleridge; physical, Glen and Russell.

W. H. Spearman, secretary of the boys' work board, congratulated the boys and pointed out their arduous duties for the coming year.

PROSPECTOR GETS \$24,000 IN DEAL MINES SUIT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Nelson, B. C., May 23.—Edward Shannon, Shonan prospector, was awarded judgment for \$24,000, unpaid balance on the purchase price of \$40,000 against the Della mines, by Mr. Justice Murphy yesterday, and \$5,333, interest arrears on the debentures.

MAGISTRATE MAY RESIGN IF INCREASE IS REFUSED

Graydon Asks City Council To Boost Salary From \$4,000 to \$5,500.

WANTS EARLY REPLY

Intimates to Alderman He Will Quit If Request Not Granted.

Police Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon will resign from his position unless he receives an increase of \$1,500. At the present time he receives \$4,000 a year with a month's holidays.

In a letter to the city council read last night, Mr. Graydon asks for an increase. Privately to members of the council, he has stated that he would resign if this were not granted. He makes no mention in his letter of doing full time work for the city, and it is presumed in the council that he would continue to act as part-time police magistrate even at the higher salary.

The requests will be dealt with on Tuesday night at a special meeting of the city council called to deal with other matters by the mayor.

For some years past, many aldermen have urged a full-time police magistrate in the city, believing that it would add to the efficiency of the department. It was generally agreed that more than \$4,000 would have to be paid to a full-time man, and the whole question will be thoroughly discussed on Tuesday night.

In the letter which was read yesterday to the finance committee, Mr. Graydon says: "I am not sending this as urging a favorable consideration of my request, but simply that I may have a definite reply. An increase was promised me three years ago and nothing has been done since."

For six years Mr. Graydon has served the city of London as police magistrate, six years of strenuous and active service in behalf of the best interests of the city. From year to year the work of the police court has been increasing. Among the grounds given by him to members of the committee for wishing to resign is the pressure of his large private practice and the ever-growing insistence of the police court work, which has greatly developed since he became magistrate.

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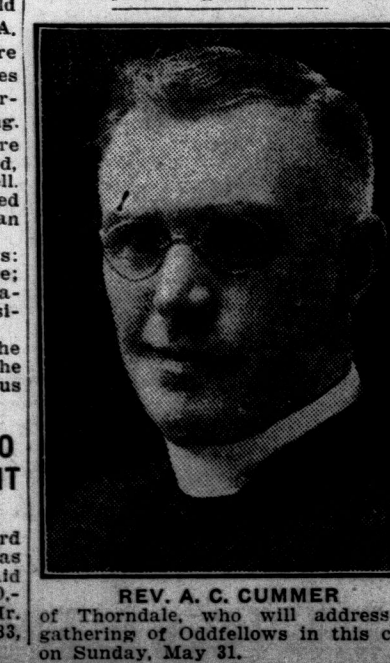
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KERWOOD STORE ROBBED OF MONEY, GOODS LEFT

The cash register in the store of A. Wood, Kerwood merchant, was rifled by thieves Thursday night and a small amount of money stolen.

The thieves gained entrance through a window. They did not disturb any of the goods in the store.



REV. A. C. CUMMER

JAPANESE TOWN HIT BY QUAKE

Two Hundred Homes Shaken Down At Toyo-Oka This Morning.

FIRES ARE RAGING

People of Stricken Area Fear Repetition of Tokio Disaster.

Associated Press Despatch.
Osaka, May 23.—Two hundred houses were reported collapsed and numerous fires were raging today in the vicinity of Toyo-Oka, a town of 7,000 population, 8 miles northwest of Osaka, as the result of an earthquake, which sent terrified residents into the streets, fearing a repetition of the Tokio disaster of 1923.

The shock was a horizontal vibration of nearly three inches, according to meteorological experts, which is a record for the last thirty years. The tremor was continuous and lasted several minutes.

Reports received here by the vernacular newspaper report postoffice collapsed and the railway station burning. Military aeroplanes have been despatched to the area affected to investigate the extent of the damage.

No detailed reports have been received here to the casualties, but it is believed there were comparatively few, as Tajima province, within which the tremor was centered, is a thickly populated area.

SEAGRAM'S ENTRY PLATE FAVORITE

Baron Byng Arrives in Toronto For Opening of Woodbine Races.

WOODBINE SCRATCHES TODAY.
1.—Hestlaps, Ensign.
2.—Casus Belli, Kink, George Ray.
3.—Pathan, Tess Ready, Setting Sun.
4.—Carleton.
Weather cloudy; track fast.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 23.—The governor-general and Lady Byng arrived in Toronto last night, and this afternoon will drive in state with bodyguard and outriders to the Woodbine for the opening of the Ontario Jockey club's spring meeting and the 66th running of the King's Plate, fourth race in a program of seven.

The weather this morning was an uncertain quantity. There was rain during the night and a brisk shower at 9 o'clock in the morning, but not sufficient to make a muddy track. There were, however, signs of clearing and fans were hoping for the best.

Rain or shine, there will be the usual king's plate crowd and many a two-dollar bill will go into the betting machines. The King's plate is considered to be fairly open, and most of the starters, numbering from 12 to 15, will receive their due share of attention. Most of the knowing ones say that a muddy track would favor Hol Pollock of the Fletchford entry. Seagram's entry is favored on a fast track.

Second only in interest to the King's Plate is the Aintree steeplechase handicap, \$5,000 added, for four-year-olds and up. There are six entries and the two-mile course will test endurance and horsemanship.

DERBY ENTRIES SCRATCHED.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 23.—H. A. Khan's entry for the derby, to be run next Wednesday, Ayaz, and Lord Zetland's derby entry, Aske, were scratched today.

First Presbyterian Church To Lead In Changing Name

Will Be First of Six City Congregations To Conform With Union.

ACTS TOMORROW

First Presbyterian church will be the first Presbyterian church in the city of London to change its name to conform with the passing of the Presbyterian church in Canada into the United Church of Canada.

Rev. (Col.) William Beattie, D.D., pastor of First church, said today that a resolution will be passed at the close of the regular service tomorrow morning changing the name from First Presbyterian church to "The United Church of Canada, First Presbyterian, London." The resolution is to be proposed by Clerk John Stuart, member of session, and Chaucery C. Jarvis, chairman of the board of managers.

None of the other five Presbyterian churches in London, which voted to enter the United church, has as yet taken any action by way of changing or adding to its present name to indicate that it has linked up with the new church.

The union list of Presbyterian churches in the city includes: First church, St. Andrew's church, Knox church, King street church, St.

Cloudy Sunday Is Predicted

Pleasure seekers holidaying over the week-end may expect to have a cool day on their hands tomorrow. According to the weather bureau the probabilities are showers tonight. Rain tomorrow would make a total of rare showery Sundays in succession.

The predictions are for a bright, fair day on Monday to compensate for promises of clouded skies on Sunday.

Paul's church and Chelsea Green. Speaking to the Advertiser this morning, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., intimated that the probable name for St. Andrew's church will be "St. Andrew's United church, London." Similarly Rev. T. A. Symington, M. A. Knox church, suggested that the likely name of the South London Presbyterian church will be "Knox United church, London."

"Since the Methodist church in Canada is going into union as a unit, without any congregational defection, in its ranks, it will be necessary for the thirteen Methodist churches in London to make at least some slight change in the name of their congregation to indicate that they too have gone into union."

INDIAN BRAWL CLOSES AS TWO ARE FINED \$70

John Hall Was Beaten Into Unconsciousness in Sunday Row.

A drunken brawl on the Muncy reserve last Sunday, in which John Hall was beaten unconscious, ended in the appearance of two men before Indian Agent McGookin on the Muncy reserve yesterday. Dan Madison was fined \$50 and costs for supplying liquor to Indians on the reserve and Joe Deleary was fined \$20 and costs for being drunk.

STRAW HATS TODAY TELL SUMMER IS UPON US

One or two straw hats worn today heralded the official opening of the straw hat season May 24. One of these was seen on the C. N. R. platform this morning. Another was reported going west on Dundas street. Sales for the morning at the local haberdasheries showed that few people were inclined to hurry in getting under the summer straws.

Methodist Pastor Seeks City Anti-Unionist Pulpit, Sets Precedent In Canada

Rev. F. S. O'Kell of Leamington Preaches Tomorrow at Chalmers Church.

SAYS TWO TO JOIN

Rev. James MacKay Declares Non-Concurring Presbyterian Ministers Attracting Methodists.

Setting a precedent for the whole of Canada in the church union controversy London will have the unique experience tomorrow of having a Methodist minister preaching for a call in a non-concurring Presbyterian church pulpit.

Rev. F. S. O'Kell, B.A., Methodist minister at Leamington, will occupy the pulpit at Chalmers Presbyterian church and preach for a call to succeed Rev. John Richardson, B.A., who, as a unionist, resigned when the church voted not to enter the United church of Canada.

Speaking at the meeting of the advisory council of the non-concurring Presbyterian congregations in London yesterday this week, Rev. James MacKay, B.D., New St. James' church, chairman of the council, and moderator of the continuing Presbyterian ministry, declared that there were two Methodist ministers in the London conference, who already have applied to enter the continuing Presbyterian ministry, because of their non-concurrence with the church union plan.

"We will have plenty of ministers for the continuing Presbyterian church," asserted Mr. MacKay. "All ready Presbyterian ministers are writing to the head office of the continuing church to see what they can do by way of penance and come back to the old Kirk."

Speaking at the London Methodist conference this week, Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., Toronto, secretary of evangelism and social service for the Methodist church in Canada, stated that he had only heard of one Methodist in Canada who was dissenting against union and who is not going into union.

Following Mr. O'Kell the pulpit of Chalmers church will be occupied on successive Sundays by Rev. Samuel Lundy, Grand Valley, and Rev. Jas. Brown, Shakespeare. Mr. Brown will be the seventh man to be heard by the congregation in an endeavor to find a suitable man.

MIDDLESEX M.P. CRITICALLY ILL

Slight Hopes For Recovery of J. D. Drummond of West Middlesex.

J. D. Drummond, Progressive member for West Middlesex in the dominion government, is critically ill at Dr. Caven's private hospital, Ottawa, and little hope is held for his recovery.

The Middlesex member, who is 65 years of age, underwent a serious operation a few days ago, and pneumonia has developed.

Two sons, Duncan and John, are on their way to Ottawa.

WIFE DESERTER GETS 3 MONTHS

Stewart Pollock, 29, Had 80 Jobs in Half Year—Real Law Starts.

Stewart Pollock, 29 years old, was sentenced to a term of from three months to one year in the Ontario reformatory by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning on a charge of failing to provide his family with necessities.

Pollock is one of the first to taste of the Ontario government's resolve to put an end to wife desertion by imposition of jail terms.

In court last week, when he was first arraigned, Pollock admitted that he had 80 jobs in the past six months, all of which he left. During that time he contributed little towards his family's upkeep, who became charges upon the city.

"This is one of the most aggravated cases that has come to my attention," the court declared on sentencing Pollock. "You have failed to show a spark of manhood, and the only place for you is jail."

GETS TWO MONTHS.
Norman J. Drummond, Westminster township wife deserter, was sentenced to two months in jail by County Magistrate Hawkshaw this morning.

"If you don't go to work and support your wife when your sentence expires, I will send you to jail for passing sentence."

Wilson has three children, aged nine years, six years, and seven months.

Marked Quarters Lead To Arrest
Charles Reid, 19, Faces Robbery Charge—Suspected by Storekeeper.

Charles Reid, 19 years old, was arrested this morning by Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle on a charge of robbery. He is said to have taken more than \$6 from the till of a store, owned by J. Underell, 75 Westmoreland avenue, last week.

Two marked coins led to his capture today. Mr. Underell, suspecting that Reid had taken the money last week, placed marked twenty-five cent pieces in his till. This morning when the money was gone, the young man was searched and the coins were found in his possession.

Reid was arrested by Provincial Officer Mennie some time ago, charged with robbery in a Lambeth store.

BISHOP FALLON WILL ADDRESS GRADUATES

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Preached at St. Peter's Cathedral Sunday Night.

Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, bishop of London, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at St. Peter's cathedral Sunday night to the three graduates of Brescia hall, Ursuline college, affiliated with the University of Western Ontario.

This year's graduates are Electra Downey, Gertrude Manley, and Florence McDonagh.

The services will begin at 7:30 and will be featured by special music from St. Peter's cathedral choir, directed by Dr. Louis Balogh. Pontifical benediction will be pronounced by his lordship.

A section of the cathedral has been reserved for members of the university faculty and for parents and friends of the graduates.

RUMOR HINTS THORNTON WILL RETURN TO STATES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 23.—A Toronto evening paper says today: "Railway men are interested in gossip circulating today that when Sir Henry Thornton's contract as president of the Canadian National Railways expires in December he will return to his 'first love,' the Pennsylvania railroad system. To succeed him, Dame Rumor is already nominating Clarence G. Bowker, general manager of the central region, with headquarters here, in which event, A. E. Warren, general manager of the western region, is picked to come to Toronto."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ELECTS AT WEST LORNE

Special to The Advertiser.
West Lorne, May 23.—The regular meeting of the Christian endeavor of the church of Christ was held in the church Friday evening. Mrs. H. C. McKillop was appointed secretary in place of Mrs. A. Smith, who has moved to Tilbury. A committee was appointed to look after forming a summer camp. Several were appointed to attend the convention at Churchville Thursday. A splendid topic was given by Miss Beora Wilton. How We Can Make the Most of Summer. Current event by Miss Isabel McKillop.

HON. E. C. DRURY, ex-premier of Ontario, who in a masterful address before the laymen's association of the London Methodist conference last night, extolled the position of the Christian church in the world today. He declared that church union is leading to bigger, better and broader things. Mr. Drury was tendered a most enthusiastic reception by the 900 persons present to hear his speech.

NEW COAL BUSINESS AIDS ROAD

L. and P. S. R. Secures Big Shipments From Century Company of Cleveland.

FIRST BOAT ARRIVES

Total of 150,000 Tons Waits Transportation—Will Boost Revenue.

A new connection of the utmost importance to the traffic and revenues of the London & Port Stanley Railway, secured after three years of negotiations by Manager J. E. Richards, was inaugurated this morning with the arrival in Port Stanley of Collier No. 1 of the Century Coal Company, operated by the Canada Steamship Lines.

The ship carried its bulk from Cleveland, 2,500 tons, or approximately 40 to 50 cars of steel coal for distribution through Western Ontario to points as far east as Toronto. The company has 150,000 tons now awaiting transfer across the lake by this new route, and if arrangements work out as now planned this will mean from 2,500 to 3,000 cars of new business to be hauled by the city line between Port Stanley and the inter-connecting line at London and St. Thomas this season.

The coal is unloaded onto the dock or directly from the boats into cars at Port Stanley. The increase in L. & P. S. revenues will be substantial.

GAME PROTECTED BY WESTMINSTER

Township Association Formed To Preserve Fish and Game.

The Westminster township fish and game protective association was launched last night at an enthusiastic meeting held at Pond Mills. Arrangements will be made for a large fish and game preserve in the township for the use of members only, and a meeting to discuss this matter will be held in the near future.

Officers elected for the year were: Honorary president, Angus Baty; president, John Beattie; and secretary-treasurer, Will Baty.

PERMITS NEEDED FOR FIREWORKS

Chief Birrell Declares Arrests Will Follow Infraction of Law.

Display of fireworks on city streets or backyards or in any part of the city will not be allowed on Monday, according to Chief of Police Robert Birrell, unless permission is first obtained from the city council.

Persons lighting firecrackers without permission will be arrested, the chief warned this morning. Constables will keep a vigilant lookout for persons attempting to celebrate Victoria day by the use of firecrackers.

Fire Chief Aitken issues a warning today against carelessness with fireworks on Monday. In other years some serious fires have been caused in the city by fireworks discharged too close to buildings, and it has meant a loss of property and work and danger for the firemen.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—East, northwest winds; cooler and showery.
Sunday—Mostly cloudy and cool. Changes in pressure are occurring with great rapidity, and the weather is much disturbed throughout the dominion. High pressure, with a pronounced cold wave, has come in directly from the north, and freezing temperatures are reported from Northern Ontario and Quebec.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	44	Clear
Calgary	72	46	Fair
Winnipeg	74	38	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	30	Cloudy
Toronto	68	49	Cloudy
Kingsport	74	34	Rain
Ottawa	62	30	Cloudy
Montreal	56	34	Cloudy
Quebec	50	30	Fair
Father Point	44	26	Cloudy
St. John	60	42	Cloudy
Halifax	60	44	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 72; lowest, 38.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 55.

Sun rise at 4:45 a.m., and sets at 7:44 p.m. (standard time).

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.86.
Today—8 a.m., 29.85.