

## THE WEATHER:

MILD EAST, SOUTH WINDS, RAIN;  
FRIDAY—SHOWERS.

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## London Evening Advertiser

"SPORTING GREEN"  
ON THE STREET AT 6:00  
WITH LATE NEWS.

## MAYOR ADVOCATES ABOLITION OF TAG DAYS

## Mystery in "Corpse" Reported Lying On Dundas Street

CAN PAY INCREASES  
BY SWITCHING FUNDSNo Need of Overdraft To Pay  
Boosted Civic Salaries, Says  
Mayor Wenige.

## ECONOMY ALL SHOT

Opinion Is That Council Too  
Generous, While Many Men  
Walking Streets Out of Work.

There is sufficient money available to meet the more than \$10,000 city hall salary "boosts" made at last night's city council session without an overdraft, it was announced today.

While it is reported that \$4,700 remains of the \$5,000 set aside in the estimates for this purpose, it is explained that the proposed expenditure in excess can be cared for with money available from other sources.

The council may divert this sum to the salary column, as has been done on other occasions for other purposes, city authorities state.

Mayor Wenige was more than disgusted today with the proceedings last night, but states that "those aldermen who were directly responsible for the \$10,000 expenditure will have to justify their action to the people on the public platform."

"They will have to answer to the people," he stated. "Why, it was the way they went at it. In certain instances they even went over the heads of the officials and authorized increases for employees, who had not been recommended by the heads of their departments."

**Ill-Timed Expenditure.**

Mayor Wenige protests that the council spent as much as \$7,000 roughly, that should not have been authorized at this juncture. He reasons that an expenditure of this description was very ill-timed when scores of men without jobs are walking the streets looking for employment.

"Do we need a commission form of government with a city manager?" asked the mayor. "I say that we do now more than ever before."

Ald. John T. May also condemns the action of his colleagues. "Certain increases were necessary," he stated, "but a number of them were not, and I voted against them. There was available \$4,700 available in the estimates for wages, and I voted for increases aggregating about \$4,300."

Ald. W. A. Wilson pointed out today that none of the city officials were increased, and he questioned whether an increase for Police Magistrate Graydon would not have been advisable.

"He is not receiving any too much at \$4,000," he said. "Look at the money that comes into the city by way of the police court."

**Treated All Alike.**

Ald. George Burdick makes it clear that he went to last night's session prepared to spend no more than was available in the estimates, but when he saw others getting increases, he insisted upon all being dealt with fairly.

Ald. Leonard Douglas, chairman of the board of works, denounces last night's action as "wholesale and increases," and charges that some of the outside workers were not even considered.

"Last night's performance should not be tolerated," he declared. "Why, in certain instances the only reason given for an increase was that one person had been given a \$100 increase, why not give it to another. I do not consider that last night's session was at all businesslike, and at right at this moment we do not know whether we have effected an equalization or not."

**Boost Retroactive.**

There is certain misunderstanding among members of the city council. Turn to Page 2, Column 4.

## THE WEATHER

**FORECASTS.**

Moderate east and south winds; continued mild; showers tonight and on Friday.

The barometer remains high over both the western and eastern portions of the continent, while midway a trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior southward to the Mississippi Valley.

The Atlantic disturbance appears to have passed to the eastward of Bermuda.

**TEMPERATURES.**

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	44	Cloudy
Calgary	60	30	Clear
Winnipeg	40	20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	38	Cloudy
Parry Sound	38	30	Cloudy
Toronto	40	38	Cloudy
Kitchener	34	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	28	Cloudy
Montreal	40	30	Cloudy
Quebec	38	28	Clear
Father Point	30	20	Clear
St. John	44	30	Cloudy
Halifax	46	32	Cloudy

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 44; lowest, 26.

The office temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 31.

**Barometric Readings.**

Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.42.  
Today—8 a.m.—29.23.

Salary Boosts  
At City Hall

	Previous	As Salary Revised.
Com. Bennett	\$2,100	\$3,000
Four assessors	1,400	1,500
Assist. commissioner	1,600	2,000
First assess. clerk	900	1,200
Second assess. clerk	822	1,200
Assess. stenographer	900	900
Market clerk	1,400	1,500
Mgr. fish dept.	1,400	1,500
Weigh scales clerk	1,400	1,500
Storekeeper city yard	1,400	1,500
Garbage supt.	2,200	2,300
Police court clerk	1,900	2,000
Police court sten.	780	1,040
First clerk, treas.	1,400	1,500
Second clerk, treas.	900	1,000
Third clerk, treas.	900	1,000
Fifth clerk, treas.	810	900
Assist. tax collector	1,525	1,725
Instrument man, eng.	2,000	2,100
First assist. engineer	2,400	2,700
Second as. engineer	1,900	2,000
Sewer superintendent	1,900	2,050
First clerk, eng.	1,700	1,850
Second clerk, eng.	1,400	1,550
Third clerk, eng.	1,252	1,400
Stenographer, eng.	676	840
Second instrument	1,850	1,950
Timekeeper	1,408	1,500
Chief clerk, auditor's	675	1,200
First clerk, auditor's	1,100	1,200
Second clerk, auditor's	900	1,000
Veterinary inspector	2,000	2,500
Sanitary inspector	1,500	1,800
Assist. san. insp.	1,200	1,500
Plumbing inspector	1,700	1,900
Assist. city clerk	1,400	1,800
First clerk	1,400	1,500
Second clerk	1,400	1,500
Third clerk	900	1,000
Fourth clerk	840	900
Fifth clerk	780	840
Sixth clerk	780	840
Relief office sten.	780	840

SEES GOOD  
CHANCE TO  
GET WATEREngineer Curd Pleased With  
Results of Survey of Water  
Possibilities.

## WHAT IT COSTS

The possibilities of an increased water supply to the city of London from the survey being conducted by C. A. Curd, engineer, are excellent, according to E. V. Buchanan, who stated that the engineer was still working in the eastern end of the city.

While Mr. Curd is not yet ready to make a report on his findings, it is drilling being done was a waste of money and a lot of tommyrot, Mr. Buchanan stated that he refused to be drawn into a controversy on the matter. He did say, however, that he would like to ask Ald. Watt where he would get his water from if no wells were sunk.

London is not in a position to go to the lakes for its supply, owing to the fact that it is on a height of land between the two bodies of water. The laying of a pipe line would mean the establishment of several pumping stations and a tremendous outlay.

As far as Ald. Watt's statement that Mr. Curd was costing the city in the neighborhood of \$1,500 per week, it has been pointed out that Mr. Curd was brought here under contract at \$3,000 per month, this to include all expenses for material and assistance, and that so far he has not exceeded this amount.

AGED MEN ARE PLEASED  
TOGETHER PART OF SAVINGS

Two old men came into the Standard Bank yesterday. They had trudged all the way from the Aged People's Home to get their first Home Bank dividend.

The old men told the teller they had \$500 each in the Home Bank, which was to be absorbed for the purpose of buying tobacco and little luxuries. Since the Home Bank suspension they had been denied the customary tid-bits which their account provided. They left with \$125 each in their pockets.

The Standard Bank is continuing its recently adopted policy of paying a 25 per cent dividend to former Home Bank depositors who assign their accounts to the Standard. In a statement yesterday the interim liquidator said that the payment of these dividends was entirely a personal matter with the Standard Bank and any other financial institution that wishes to follow the example will be permitted to.

U. A. Buchner, who inspected a number of Home Bank assets, is optimistic that a fair return will ultimately be gained from them. The majority require development, and it will, therefore, be some time before final payment is made to depositors.

Only an odd depositor turned over Home Bank saving accounts to the Standard this morning. There still remain more than 1,000, however, who have not investigated their accounts.

If those investigating Home Bank affairs do not order a dividend for a few months or more the Standard Bank stands to lose interest on money advanced to local saving holders. It is anticipated that the goodwill earned will more than offset what financial loss may be involved, however.

## London, Strathroy and Clinton



## THREE MORE OF THE LOVELIEST CHILDREN.

The Advertiser is hunting for the Loveliest Child in the twelve western counties. Here are three picked at random from the scores of photographs which have already arrived. On the left is Marshall Clinger, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clinger, 346 Dundas street, London. In the center is 7-year-old Ruth Marguerite Smith, daughter of Mrs. Thomas E. Smith of Strathroy. And smiling on the right is Robert Benson Sutter, son of J. A. Sutter of Clinton. He is 4 years and 8 months old. The Loveliest Children must be between four and seven years of age, and their photographs must reach The Advertiser before December 12. They will be the guests of honor at The Advertiser's Christmas party. A portrait of the Loveliest Child will be presented to the city of London at the request of Mayor Wenige.

Will Continue His Quest  
For Diamonds In Guinea  
Despite Big ObstaclesLester MacGillivray Not  
Deterred by Hardships Party  
Encountered.

## BACK TO INTERIOR

Lester MacGillivray, son of George A. MacGillivray, Bellevue Heights, is apparently determined to continue his quest for diamonds in the wilds of British Guiana, despite tremendous obstacles. A letter and a postcard received by his father this week stated that he would return to the interior immediately in a final hunt for the precious gems.

Young MacGillivray returned to the sea coast temporarily, apparently to stock up for his second venture. The expedition, which consisted of many friends and companions, lured by the spirit of adventure in strange lands, nearly broke up when his medical officer died, and several of the weak-kneed members deserted.

The London man was evidently undisturbed by these handicaps. With a remnant of his party, he intends to seek diamonds in the giant wilderness of South America for two years or more. The part of the interior in which he is going was never before explored by a white man, so far as is known, and it is possible that the young Londoner may stumble upon interesting animal and plant discoveries.

"Lester is in good health," Mr. George MacGillivray said. "He sent us a picture postcard last week, together with a brief note which stated he was returning to the wilderness immediately with his party. It is said that the local explorer is determined to follow the trail of diamonds until his money gives out. He expects it to last, however, three years or more."

**ANOTHER OUTCAST.**

Ald. Gordon Drake is confiscating Ald. Wilson's laurels. Last night he was ordered out of the city council chamber by Mayor Wenige, but defied the chief magistrate to remove him. The charge from the chair was that Gordon spoke too often, too long, and out of turn.

KING ALFONSO WILL  
VISIT ITALIAN RULER

Associated Press Despatch.

Madrid, Nov. 14.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria and Gen. Primo Rivera, president of the military dictatorship, will leave Madrid tomorrow night for Italy, where the royal couple will visit King Victor Emmanuel, and also pay a visit to Pope Pius.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Mr. Justice Fisher, judge of the Home Bank liquidations proceedings, has ruled that the interim liquidators have no power to borrow from the banks the money necessary to pay the depositors a dividend of 25 per cent, and the depositors will not get their dividend until after the appointment of a permanent liquidator on Dec. 14.

Following the agreement of the Canadian banks to lend \$3,750,000 for the dividend, the interim liquidators made plans for the payment, and it was stated that the depositors would have their money within two weeks.

The interim liquidators sought an order at Osgoode Hall giving them the right to borrow the money. I. E. Weldon and Adam Ballantyne, K.C., appeared before Mr. Justice Fisher in his chambers. After argument in the morning and the afternoon, Mr. Justice Fisher refused the order, declaring that the payment of the dividend could only be carried out by the permanent liquidator.



**DEPOSITORS  
MUST WAIT  
FOR MONEY**

**ORDER IS DENIED**

**IMPROVING AFTER ACCIDENT  
IN UNIVERSITY BUILDING**

Harvey Ireland, an employee of the Fetherburgh Construction Company, who had four fingers of his right hand caught in a cement machine while working on the new University of Western Ontario building last Friday morning and had them amputated at St. Joseph's Hospital, was reported this morning to be doing nicely.

BRITISH GET CONTRACTS  
FROM SOVIET FIRMS

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Nov. 15.—The newspapers report the recent signature of several agreements between the Russian trade delegation in London and big British firms for machinery, electrical equipment and construction work. One of the contracts, awarded to the Vickers firm, is for rebuilding the railroad stations of Russia. It is reported that Russia obtained long credit terms in some instances.

WILL LOWER  
BARS TO ALL  
GOOD CLASS  
IMMIGRANTSHon. J. A. Robb Outlines the  
Government's New Policy  
To Get Settlers.

## ASK LOWER FARES

Steamship Companies Are Re-  
quested To Set Reduced  
Rates.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—The government's new immigration policy will mean a lowering of the bars to admit people of all nationalities able and willing to work with certain reservations as regards undesirable. Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of immigration, announced today, following a conference with provincial delegates and transportation officials who are attending the immigration conference. In conformity with his promise of Wednesday night, Hon. J. A. Robb discussed the government's future immigration program with provincial representatives at a private meeting this morning. It is understood that the provincial delegates were generally favorable to the plans enunciated by the minister.

The minister explained that everyone willing and able to work who could measure up to the standard required in Canada would be welcomed.

**Asks Reduced Fares.**

Previous to the meeting with the provincial representatives, officials of transportation companies had a conference with the minister. They were asked to consider a reduction in steamship fares upon the grounds that the present rates meant an expenditure of from \$400 to \$500 upon the part of a man who wished to move himself and a family of five from Europe to Canada.

Transportation officials were anxious to know what prospects there were for increasing business next year. The minister informed them that there would be a considerable increase in immigration, and they promised to consider seriously the suggestion of a reduction in steamship fares.

**Ticket to Canada Only.**

The minister also suggested that the practice of ticketing immigrants through to particular provinces should not be insisted upon in future. Representatives of the transportation companies replied that they were under the impression that Canadian immigration laws demanded this procedure. Mr. Robb informed them that there was nothing in the statutes to make it obligatory. All that was necessary, he explained, was to ticket them to Canada and leave them to decide upon their final destination upon arrival in the country.

**Depends on Message.**

So far as Mr. Coolidge is concerned, while he does not have the nomination within his grasp, he is assured of something like a third of the delegates already, and it is not easy to see how he can be headed off from the prize. Should his coming message to congress be a failure and not catch the public ear, his nomination would be endangered. It is recognized that Senator Hiram Johnson, Governor Pinchot, former Governor Lowden and Senator Watkins are the Indiana are candidates and that Senator Wadsworth of New York is overlooking no opportunities.

Mr. McAdoo has been in Washington for the past week, and has effected a strong organization. It is believed he will announce his candidacy within a month. It cannot be said Mr. McAdoo is yet sure of nomination. The two-thirds rule in Democratic conventions may prove his undoing. But it is evident Mr. McAdoo is today the most formidable Democratic candidate. Senator Underwood of Alabama is a candidate, and so is Senator Ralston of Indiana.

**NOT TO BE FOUND**

Police Find Injured Automobile, But No Trace of Cadaver.

Another "live corpse" mystery that bids fair to outlive the episode near Windsor a year ago, when a drunken man was taken for a corpse, has been brought to the attention of Provincial Constable T. Y. Stratton.

At 3:30 this morning Thomas Ryan of Brantford driving an "express" truck, stopped Constable Ross on Dundas street east, and reported moving a dead body on the road east of Dundas street pavement, a little farther towards the edge of the road.

Constable Ross got in touch with police headquarters, who notified Provincial Officer Stratton, who immediately motored to the scene of the accident only to find that the "corpse" had flown or otherwise been removed. The car, that Ryan described as being in the ditch, was still present with a broken steering gear.

"I don't think there was a dead body there at all," said Constable Stratton to The Advertiser this afternoon. "Ryan told the city police about the matter, and I motored right out there. The spot is four miles east of Crumlin and 200 yards east of the pavement. I failed to find any dead body, nor were there any traces that a dead body had been there."

On his way out the constable saw a motor car with lights lit, standing in the Crumlin church driveway, but did not stop to make inquiries. On



**RECEIVES DEGREE.**

Dean Sherwood Fox of the University of Western Ontario, who is to receive the degree of Doctor of Letters on Tuesday from McMaster University, of which he is a graduate.

M'MASTER  
TO HONOR  
DEAN FOXHead of University of Western  
Ontario To Receive Addition  
to His Degrees.

**DOCTOR OF LETTERS**

**Degree To Be Conferred When  
New Chancellor of Mc-  
Master Is Installed.**

The installation of Chancellor Whidden of McMaster University, Toronto, on Tuesday of next week, holds peculiar interest for Londoners by reason of the degree that will be conferred at that time on Dr. Sherwood Fox of the University of Western Ontario. He is to be the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Letters from the university from which he graduated. He will have the letters of D. Litt. added to those he already possesses, which will enable him to sign his name, W. Sherwood Fox, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., D. Litt.

Chancellor Whidden, now of McMaster, was formerly head of the Baptist College at Brandon, and contested the seat successfully for that city at the time of the union government, resigning to devote his time to college work at the time of dissolution.

**DID 'CORPSE' VAMOOSE  
WHEN POLICE CALLED?**

**"Dead Body" Reported On  
Dundas Street Pavement  
Provides Mystery.**

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**BRYDEN N. CAMPBELL.**

Who yesterday announced his intention of seeking re-election to the board of education.

his way back he noted that the car had gone.

The owner of the car in the ditch, McDonald Smith, of lot 3, concession 4, Niagara Township, told the constable his car was trucked at 11 last night by another motor car, the driver refusing to give his name. There were six people in the other car, three boys and three girls, who said they lived in Ingersoll. Mr. Smith took their license number and the accident will be investigated by the police.

"We were at the scene of the accident till 1:30 this morning," Mr. Smith stated, "and there was no body there at that time, I'm sure."

SUPPORTS  
ASSESSING  
FOR CIVIC  
CHARITIESMayor Would Abolish Annual  
Welfare Drive and All Tag  
Day Canvasses.

## TAX FOR CHARITY

Says Worthy Charities Should  
Be Supported by City Out  
of General Revenue.

Mayor George Wenige today advocates the abolition of "tag days," the annual welfare drive and similar ventures by suitable provisions in the tax rate to meet these exigencies.

His worship would have the city councils of the future, preferably the council of 1924, take definite steps in this direction, and he thinks at this moment that a two-mill levy would be suitable under prevailing circumstances.

The appointment of a permanent and carefully selected municipal investigator is urged by the mayor, who would inaugurate a special department for this purpose and place it on a business basis.

**On Business Basis.**

"We have got to get down to 'brass tacks' and consider this problem in a business manner," the mayor warned. "In the first place, it is a well established fact, to my mind at least, that the need for charity will be with us always, to a greater or lesser extent."

"It will always claim our attention. Charity work has really become a business, so why not treat it in a businesslike manner? The money upon all ratepayers in the annual tax rate would certainly go a long way toward simplifying the work. The money to be raised in that manner, say two mills under present circumstances, would be spread equitably over all the ratepayers. All would pay, and there would be no question about who paid or who didn't, or how rate one gave or could have donated and so forth."

**No Overlapping.**

As the mayor points out, this annual levy would eliminate or reduce to the minimum the need for "tag days" or the annual welfare drive. "And there would be no overlapping," the mayor said. "The city would go into the question very thoroughly. The investigator would be on the job all the time—a competent paid official—and there would be absolutely no chance that any person would be receiving assistance from two or more sources while others, equally deserving of attention, are passed unnoticed."

The mayor believes that there are always those who deserve recognition who never make appeal to the city or to any of the different organizations, although they are in just as much need as others who have been considered.

WORKERS MAY COME  
TO CANADA FOR \$15Farm Enthusiasts Must Be  
Booked by Friends  
Here.

If you have a friend in Great Britain who will guarantee to work on a Canadian farm, you can secure his passage to Canada for less than \$15. The federal and provincial governments have broadened the information that anyone who will give assurance that their particular friend or friends across the water are ambitious to enter agricultural work in Canada, they can secure his transportation for 25 per cent of the cost. The Dominion immigration policy is so active, in fact, that it will pay 75 per cent of the expense. A third-class ticket will be handed out to anyone in England desiring it, provided, of course, that he has a friend in this country who will testify to his good faith.

John Farrell, of the local immigration bureau, is circulating the word with bulletins announcing the government's decision in the matter. It is expected the new idea will do much to all Western Ontario farms with workers.

Through this new system and the regular activities of the immigration department together with the work of the Salvation Army, a record number of Englishmen and Scotchmen will come to this section of the province next year. Mr. Farrell said,