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TODAY—FAIR AND COLD.
TOMORROW—MILDER.

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FERGUSON EVADES LIBERAL CHALLENGE ON O.T.A.

Fire Chief Presents Annual Report Urging More Men

TORIES WILL NOT OPPOSE NEGOTIATION WITH FRANCE

Former Prime Minister Gives Assurance to MacDonald and Cabinet.

FRANCE IMPRESSED

Millerand Is Confident That the Present Situation Will Soon Be Clarified.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 13.—John R. Clynes, chancellor of the exchequer, stated that the government could not approach any such question as capital levy under conditions where no national approval had been given to a device of this kind.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 13.—Former Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin indicated today that the Conservative opposition was unlikely to take any action that would hamper the MacDonald cabinet in negotiations with France.

Mr. Baldwin as leader of the opposition opening the debate in the House of Commons today upon pronouncement of policy which Prime Minister MacDonald made yesterday said he gathered from the premier's statement that Great Britain was in process of either negotiating or entering into fresh negotiations with France.

"And at a time like this," he added, "no opposition will willingly raise any question that might make the duty of the government more difficult."

Former Premier Asquith, following Mr. Baldwin, referred to the latitude the government had given the guardians of the Poplar district

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CITY OF KITCHENER HOLDS CONVENTION

Town Planning Experts To Gather There On Friday.

Edwin Smith of the Town Planning Commission, and Gordon Philip, managing secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, will attend the town planning convention in Kitchener on Friday of this week. Mayor Breipthaupt of Kitchener will welcome the delegates at a civic luncheon in the city hall at 12:30. This meeting has been called by the city of Kitchener to demonstrate the pressing need in Ontario of greater powers under the municipal act for the cities in the way of town planning. Toronto, which has a very ambitious plan in view, will send several delegates. It is hoped that the united efforts of the various cities will be able to carry some weight with the government.

APPEAL BOARD TO MEET.

The federal appeal board, in connection with military pensions, will hold a session in the county council chambers on February 27 and 28, County Clerk John Stuart stated today.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair and cold.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy and milder with light snow.

Pressure is high over Northern Ontario, the Rocky Mountain states and the far northwest, and relatively low off the Atlantic Coast and to the west of the Great Lakes. The weather has been fair and cold from Ontario eastward and mild in the Western Provinces.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	42	Cloudy
Calgary	56	20	Fair
Winnipeg	32	16	Clear
Port Arthur	14	8	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	24	— 4	Clear
Cochrane	4	—24	Clear
Toronto	20	..	Fair
Kingston	10	— 2	Clear
Ottawa	14	— 4	Clear
Montreal	6	2	Fair
Quebec	8	— 8	Fair
St. John	20	8	Fair
Halifax	30	16	Cloudy

(—) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

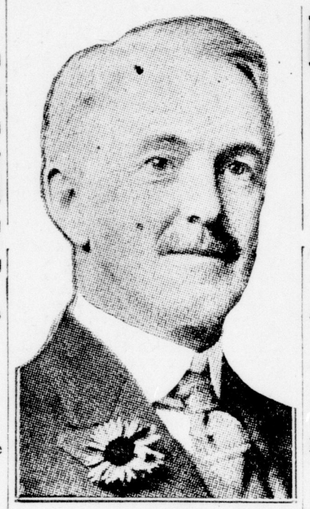
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 29; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 1.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.08.

Today—8 a.m.—29.08.



JUSTICE R. G. FISHER,
yesterday at the supreme court assizes at Kitchener, sentenced Joseph Krawchynski to a prison term of two years for careless driving of a motor car that caused the deaths of two children.

COST OF TRIALS PLACED AT $5,000

Estimate of Expense Made in Three Murder Cases.

What did the Murrell, Williams and Topping murder trials last week cost the country?

Although it is impossible to arrive at the exact figures, The Advertiser has been able to make a fair estimate of the cost, which is in the neghborhood of $5,000. This is also the estimate of competent authorities.

A double petit jury of 96 was summoned. Each juror was paid $5 a day and all received six days' pay. This would mean an expenditure of $2,880 for the petit jury and $330 more for the grand jury.

All jurors are entitled to mileage, and this has been estimated at $200. County constables who guarded the courtroom doors were paid $2.50 per day, and their services were worth about $75.

Witness fees in the Murrell and Williams trials were about $400, with Topping's case costing a trifle more.

Other expenses included the fees of Crown Prosecutor T. J. Rigney, K. C., and meals for the jurors who were impanelled in the murder trials.

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON REPAIRS ESTIMATE

Special Meeting Called To Discuss Cost of Repairing Schools.

A special meeting of number two committee of the board of education will be held next Monday night to complete business left unfinished at yesterday's meeting.

Among the matters to be taken up is that of Superintendent Robinson's estimate of the cost of repairs and renewals for the coming year. This amount, $17,400 was discussed yesterday but it was laid over until members of the committee could give it more attention. Last year the amount asked was cut considerably and the contemplated work could not be carried out. The chief items in the account are interior and exterior and redecorating, electric wiring, Lorne avenue and St. George's schools are two in need of the latter.

The question of the coal supply for next season will also be taken up and it is likely that authority will be given to call for tenders for the fuel.

NEW CADET FORMATIONS ARRANGED FOR LONDON

The department of militia and defence has approved the formation of the following cadet corps, according to an announcement in orders of this military district today. They are: "B" company, number 852, De La Salle Academy, London, with effect from November, 1923; and "A", "B" and "C" companies, Windsor-Walkerville technical school, Windsor, from the same date.

PLAN COMMUNITY PARTY.

It looks like a big time in Lambeth tonight. According to John Farrell, who will preside at the gathering, some 20 quarts of oysters will be consumed at a community party. There will be an entertainment in connection with the oyster supper, Mr. Farrell stated.

FIRE CHIEF ASKS CITY TO PROVIDE MORE MEN

Annual Report Shows Fire Loss Ten Per Cent of Buildings' Value.

DAMAGE OF $493,502

Responded to 399 Calls and Trucks Travelled 2,529 Miles.

Fire Chief John Aitken in his annual report to the city council has recommended that more men be employed by the department.

The recommendation does not state how many he considers necessary to increase the efficiency of the department, Chief Aitken preferring to leave it indefinite until sanction is received and then go into the matter thoroughly. Speaking to The Advertiser, the chief declared that more men were needed and that he sincerely hoped the council would grant the recommendation.

Fire loss to buildings and contents in London during 1923 amounted to 10 per cent of the estimated value of the buildings and contents where the fires occurred, according to the report of the chief.

The loss by fire in 399 alarms received amounted to $493,502, while the estimated value of the premises is $4,376,718.

During the year, in answer to the 399 calls, the department trucks travelled 2,529 miles, while 86,050 feet of hydrant hose was laid and used and 8,600 feet of chemical hose.

The chief, in his report, has no comment to make other than attaching an itemized detail of every fire attended.

LONDON HAS NOT FILED ANY REQUEST FOR AID

Department of Agriculture Is Prepared To Consider Any Application Made.

Special to The Advertiser
By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—No request for provincial assistance toward the establishment of a Winter Fair in London has ever been received by Hon. J. S. Martin, minister of agriculture. The department is ready, however, to give this question earnest consideration the very moment that such request is submitted.

W. K. ROGERS,
popular C. N. R. employee here, who has been appointed chief despatcher at Hamilton.

TUT'S TOMB TO BE CLOSED SAYS CARTER

Discourtesy on Part of Egyptian Officials Brings Sudden Action.

NOTICE IS POSTED

Associated Press Despatch.

Luxor, Egypt, Feb. 13.—Owing to what he characterized as the "discourtesy" of the Egyptian public works department, Howard Carter, head of the excavation work, closed Tut-Ankhamen's tomb today and abandoned operations. It is understood the crisis was precipitated by the refusal of the Egyptian government to permit the wives of the excavators to visit the tomb this morning.

The following notice was posted in the hall of the Winter Palace Hotel this afternoon:

'Luxor, Feb. 13.—Owing to the impossible restrictions and discourtesies on the part of the public works department and its antiquity section, all my collaborators, in protest, have refused to work any further upon the scientific investigation of the discovery of the tomb of Tut-Ankhamen. I am therefore obliged to make known to the public that immediately after the press view the tomb between 10 o'clock and noon, the tomb will be closed, and no further work will be carried out.

"(Signed) HOWARD CARTER."

Co-Operation of Family Will Win Contest Prize

C. G. JORDON,
Mitchell's candidate in The Advertiser's $20,000 prize contest, who is receiving splendid support from the whole community.

Everybody Working Together Will Mean Enjoyable Vacation For All.

READ ADVERTISEMENT

Spend your summer vacation in one of the prize automobiles given away in the London Advertiser's big contest.

Right on the heels of the first mention of this suggestion a candidate signed up yesterday.

Every member of the family plans to work hard for him and if he wins one of the big automobiles it will belong to the whole family. It is this sort of co-operation which brings results.

Everybody working together, pulling in harmony for one man—that's the thing which makes prize winning inevitable.

Everywhere the idea is taking fire. Candidates are realizing that one of the most effective steps is to get friends and relatives pulling for them.

One contestant said yesterday that he didn't know of the big 300,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions handed in before February 25. He was told to read the full page advertisements. Every candidate is urged to do that. Close attention to the details of the contest will keep them informed on latest developments and substantially add to their chances of coming out victorious.

There is $20,000 in automobiles or their equivalent in cash waiting for hard-working candidates. And for those who only bring in a few subscriptions there is 15 per cent commission for every dollar collected. No one can possibly lose. No matter how you look at it The Advertiser contest offers bigger money-making opportunities than anything of its kind offered in Western Ontario.

OFFICER MEETS DEATH IN GAMBLING RAID

Associated Press Despatch.

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 13.—One officer was killed and two others were wounded in a raid on an alleged negro gambling house at Continental No. 3, a coal mining village, four miles from here, late last night. Eight negroes were arrested in connection with the shooting and taken to the Fayette County jail.

WESTERN FAIR POST OFFERED JACKSON

J. H. Saunders Expects To Receive Reply From Official This Evening.

CONFER IN TORONTO

Prospective Official Has Held Government Position For Fourteen Years.

Special to The Advertiser
By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—J. H. Saunders stated early this afternoon that he had offered the secretaryship of the Western Fair to D. W. Jackson, assistant director of agricultural representatives in the provincial department of agriculture.

Mr. Jackson stated that he would consider the offer and give his definite answer, if not before Mr. Saunders left for home at 6 p.m., by mail tomorrow.

The prospective secretary has been an employee of the government for about 14 years, coming to the central department from Carleton County, his first post as representative.

GOOD FARM WORKERS COMING EVERY DAY

John Farrell Says Newcomers Are of Superior Type.

Eighty-three farm immigrants have been placed on district farms since the first of January, John Farrell of Forest stated today. Mr. Farrell was formerly immigration agent for Western Ontario, and will likely receive the appointment again from the Ontario government.

"A party of eleven passed through the city last night en route to Sarnia," Mr. Farrell said. "All were experienced farmers."

"I am expecting parties from day to day," he said. "The men have all had farm experience and are of a superior type. We could place twice the number of men if we could only get them.

PRINCIPAL DECLARES NO $14,000 DEFICIT

Committee of Board of Education Will Consider Estimates Again Tomorrow.

For the third time this week a committee of the board of education will consider estimates when number three committee convenes tomorrow afternoon to go into the details of the collegiate expenditures for 1924.

Principal E. A. Miller of the Central Collegiate would divulge no details concerning the estimates other than to say that he was working on them. Asked whether there would be a deficit, he stated that there would not be any deficit of $14,000, as rumored. If there was one it might be one or two thousand, but no more.

The tentative figures for the collegiate committee submitted last November totaled $228,097.76, but it is likely that a considerable reduction will be apparent when the final figures are announced.

SEVENTEEN PERSONS KILLED IN PALATINATE BATTLE

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Fighting between Separatists and inhabitants of Pirmasens in the Bavarian palatinate last night resulted in the killing of 17 persons and the wounding of 20, according to despatches received from Pirmasens this morning. The casualties occurred during fighting for the possession of the government building which was eventually set on fire. Of those killed, 14 were Separatists.

WILL INSPECT SCHOOLS.

Arrangements are being made for the visit of 40 Hamilton public school teachers, who will journey to London on Nov. 29. The visitors will inspect Riverview, Lord Roberts, Ryerson, St. George's and Victoria schools.

Prince and Bride Try In Vain To Dodge Reporters' Squad On Arrival In New York

Princess Begs To Be Left Alone When Bombarded With Questions.

PRINCE IS PUZZLED

Newly-Wedded Pair Hesitate When Interrogated as to Intentions.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Feb. 13.—A prince and his princess are finding New York a difficult place in which to spend their honeymoon with any degree of privacy.

Prince Erik of Denmark and his bride, the former Miss Lois Booth, Canadian heiress, arrived here last night and attempted to steal quietly to a hotel. The princess, looking very small in a great fur coat, had to take two steps to the prince's one as they strode through the grand central terminal, intent upon a taxicab and a hotel.

Just as they approached an exit, and the princess was smilingly urging speed upon a lagging porter who carried the luggage, something happened.

"Bang!" It was a flashlight, the first of a half-score.

The newspapermen had discovered the royal pair. A crowd gathered. The porter got lost. The princess laughed nervously and begged the prince to run. He refused. He did increase his stride, however, and the princess fairly flew to keep up with him.

It was a hurried interview, given and taken on the run.

"Oh, dear, isn't it dreadful?" laughed the princess, hanging on to the prince with desperation.

"No, I don't know where I'm going. (This is aside to reporters.) I don't know where I'm going tonight, and I don't know where I'm going tomorrow. Yes, we're sailing some time. Yes, to Liverpool, I think. Oh, I don't know. Yes, to London, perhaps. No, I don't know where we'll live. What does it matter? There's nothing to say; nothing to say, I tell you. What's all the fuss about? We only want to be left alone."

The princess laughed and plainly thought it fun. The prince looked puzzled and distrait. His tones were more formal, and a slight frown lingered about his clear Norse blue eyes.

"I do not really know when we are sailing," he remarked in slightly broken English. "We do not quite know what we are going to do while here."

At the hotel the prince registered, "Prince and Princess Erik of Denmark" in a neat script, while the princess dived into the elevator with hat boxes and bags. The prince followed sedately.

NEARLY 9,000 PERSONS AT CLEVELAND OPERA

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Feb. 13.—What is said to be a record of indoor grand opera attendance was established here last night when 8,689 persons attended the Chicago Civic Opera Company performance at Public Hall. Indications point to another capacity house for Mary Garden's performance of Salome tonight.

WILL ATTEND MEETING.

Chief Inspector V. K. Greer of the public schools will attend a meeting of a special committee of the department of education in Toronto tomorrow. Mr. Greer, who is a member of the committee, would not state what matters would be taken up.

STEPHEN WALSH,
secretary of state for war in the British cabinet. He was parliamentary secretary to the ministry of national service when Mr. Asquith was premier.

SIR CHARLES ROSS,
inventor of the Ross rifle, who is being sued for divorce by his second wife, formerly Miss Patricia Ellison of Louisville, Kentucky.

G.W.V.A. CANNOT AID MURRELL

Local Branch of Organization Decides Against Action After Hearing Father's Appeal.

The local branch of the G. W. V. A. will not aid William Murrell in a financial way towards securing a new trial for his son Sidney, who was last week convicted of murder.

At a meeting of the executive of the G. W. V. A. last night, Mr. Murrell appealed on behalf of his son and the matter was referred to the investigation committee.

D. Akiens, third vice-president of the War Veterans, told The Advertiser this afternoon that he had interviewed J. M. Donahue, acting for Murrell, this morning.

"I told him we had no funds for such an appeal," said Mr. Akiens, "but that there was a possibility of the G. W. V. A. petitioning the minister of justice for clemency. However, this will be a matter for the association as a whole to decide later on.

"Mr. Donahue told me the appeal would cost $500 and would have to be made within 30 days. We can't put up the money even if the members agreed to it."

BOYS AND DADS DINE IN POTTERSBURG CLUB

Father-and-Son Banquet Has Eighty Guests.

Eighty fathers and sons held a banquet in the Hale Street Methodist Church, Pottersburg, last night under the auspices of the Community Club of the district. Robert Beatty, president of the club, presided. The banquet marked the conclusion of the Pottersburg Father and Son Week. Thomas Bedggood proposed the toast of "Our Boys." The president proposed the King, and Everett MacKenzie "Our Fathers." Sons were given by Charles Hoskins and his son Tom, by Mr. McCulloch and by Mr. Shepherd. E. T. Essery gave a stirring address to the boys on patriotism, and Bruce Wells offered a fine violin solo, accompanied by Dorothy Cahill.

MEXICAN REBEL CHIEF WILL SOON SURRENDER

General Sanchez Reported To Have Been Surrounded by Federal Forces.

Associated Press Despatch.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 13.—After five days of fighting the forces of the rebel General Guadalupe Sanchez, attacking Santa Lucrecia, have been finally and decisively repulsed by the commands of Generals Juan Dominguez and Donato Bravo Izquierdo, according to an announcement made by Secretary of War Serrano. This latest defeat of Sanchez, the war secretary says, foils his plan of entering the Tehuantepec region. It also leaves Sanchez's army between two fires, since the troops of General Topete are moving forward against him from the vicinity of Tierra Blanca.

AMUSEMENT TAX POLICY UNDER FIRE OF LIBERALS

E. P. Tellier of North Essex Asks Information From the Provincial Treasurer.

DOHERTY READY AGAIN

Progressive Chieftain Will Renew His Attempt To Present Petition to House.

By WILLIAM SHARMAN.
Special to The Advertiser
By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 13. — The Liberal drive upon the Ferguson administration continues unabated and before the week ends the Liberal member for North Essex, E. P. Tellier, will challenge the government's amusement tax policies. The border member will inquire from the provincial treasurer the precise amount of money derived in this manner during the last year, and what is even more important, he stresses, how much it cost the amdinistration to insure its collection.

The charge is levelled that the government has expended thousands of dollars sending "spies" to distant places in order that the country folk will have to donate to the provincial treasury if they even stage a barn dance or an amateur ball game. Members of the opposition charge that the smaller communities and the rural districts are being discriminated against in favor of the city of Toronto.

Ferguson Again Sidesteps.

Once again Premier Ferguson "sidesteps" the O. T. A. question, declining today to answer the challenge flung yesterday from the Liberal chieftain, who told the prime minister and his following that the time had come for straight answers to straight questions; did he intend to have a liquor referendum? The premier again today evaded a direct reply, preferring to treat the issue lightly.

The Tories are again in caucus and as the "Wets" are in attendance, there is little doubt but that the O. T. A. will be discussed, far from

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LOST CHILDREN FOUND BY OFFICER GLIDDEN

Eibert and Rita Redman Strayed From Home, But Are Returned.

The two small children of Mr. and Mrs. George Redmond, King street, who wandered away from the court house side lawn at 10:45 this morning were found wandering along Richmond street shortly after 1 o'clock by Constable Glidden.

Little Elbert, who is 4 years old, was seen walking along with his sister, Rita, aged 3, at 11 o'clock. The youngsters were making their way up Dundas street, and seemed to drop out of the world entirely as far as their mother and father were concerned.

Mr. Redmond, who lives on King street, just behind the jail, is employed at the court house as fireman. The children were playing on the lawn with their sleigh, but decided to look the business section over even if it wasn't dollar day.

As soon as their absence was discovered, the police were notified by County Clerk John Stuart, and all constables told to be on the lookout for them.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Fountain pen lost.

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Elgin watch, valued as keepsake, lost.

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Experienced presser wanted.

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Experienced housekeeper wanted in city.

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Young lady desires position in grocery store.

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Plain sewing done in your own home.

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Modern six-room home offered for sale.

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Three good pianos for sale.

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