SQUIRES ACCEPTED LIQUOR FUNDS, IS CHARGE

GIRL SECRETARY GIVES TESTIMONY AGAINST SQUIRES

Former Prime Minister of Newfoundland Said To Have Accepted Liquor Funds.

PROBE CONTINUES

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 9.—Miss Jean Miller, who was secretary to Sir Richard Squires while he was premier of Newfoundland, testified today before the commission investigating charges in connection with the fall of Squires' administration last July, that she had been instructed by the former premier to go to the liquor controller and get accommodation whenever money was needed. Former Liquor Controller Meaney testified Monday that he had paid Miss Miller $22,800 for the premier.

Miss Miller today corroborated Meaney's testimony in full. She said she had received the money from the liquor controller in several payments, and that in many instances while Sir Richard Squires was in St. Johns she had handed the money to him. Sir Richard, she testified, would put the money in his pocket.

Got Money for Overdraft.

The former secretary said that on one occasion in 1921 when Sir Richard was about to leave on a trip to England the manager of the bank with which he transacted business, notified him of a $20,000 overdraft. Sir Richard instructed her to get money to meet this overdraft. Miss Miller testified, and she did so through her brother, who was employed by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

Miss Miller declared that all the money received by her from Meaney had been paid to Sir Richard Squires or deposited to his credit at the bank except $400, which she retained to cover incidental expenses, with the knowledge of Sir Richard.

Repeats Statements.

Under cross-examination by counsel for Sir Richard Squires, Meaney and Miss Miller repeated their statements. Morton E. Lewis of New York, will arrive tomorrow to conduct the defence for the former premier. The investigation is being conducted by Thomas Hollis Walker, King's counsel, of Derby, England, who was assigned by the British colonial office at the request of the Newfoundland government. The inquiry covers alleged diversion of public monies from several governmental departments, and alleged payment of money by large companies operating in the colony to public officials. It was ordered as a result of sudden resignation of Sir Richard Squires last July after dissensions in his cabinet.

Obituary

THOMAS McGUFFIN.

The funeral of Thomas McGuffin, who died at his residence, lot 14, townline, West Nissouri, was held this afternoon at two o'clock from his late home. Rev. Mr. Love of Siloam conducted the services and interment was made in Siloam Cemetery.

MRS. PATRICK TINAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Patrick Tinan, who died on Sunday at the residence of her son-in-law, J. T. Burns, Detroit, was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of Thomas Moylan, Victoria street, to St. Peter's Church. Requiem high mass was sung by Monsignor McKeon. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Ray Collins, Lewis Burns, M. O'Leary, James Murray, John Cox and Joseph Keenan.

MRS. JANET FRASER.

The funeral of Mrs. Janet Fraser, who died in the city on Tuesday in her 78th year, was held this morning from the funeral home of George Logan, Rev. A. A. Bice of All Saints' Church conducting the services. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

LONDONER SUCCEEDS IN TAMING NUTHATCH

According to local ornithologists, J. C. Middleton, 35 The Ridgeway, has accomplished a feat which no other bird fancier can boast of. Mr. Middleton has succeeded in taming a white breasted nut hatch, which has built its nest on his property. If Mr. Middleton holds a nut in his hand, the bird will fly from its nest toward it. Providing no attempts are made to frighten the bird it will break and eat the nut in his hand and then perk up its head as if to ask for more.

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Auxiliary Police Box Plan Urged by Financial Concerns To Offset Bandit Attacks

B. L. Baulch States Several Have Approached Him on Question.

CHIEF IS IN FAVOR

Silent Method of Summoning Assistance Gives Greater Protection.

B. L. Baulch, general manager of the Northern Electric Company of Canada here, states he has been approached by several local banking and financial institutions, who have urged the installation of private auxiliary police boxes to protect them from possible burglarizing.

Mr. Baulch said the concerns involved declared they would shoulder much of the cost and would contribute toward the maintenance of this system should the police commission see fit to bring it into operation.

"Practically every financial institution in the city favors this form of police protection," Mr. Baulch said. "Chief of Police Robert Birrell is one of its most ardent supporters. London is the only large town in Western Ontario that hasn't got it. A direct silent connection with police headquarters is the best and surest protection against criminals. If you are able to summon police assistance instantly, you are able to deal with criminals on an equal footing. If you cannot, the criminals have an advantage which may cost thousands and thousands of dollars.

"The auxiliary police system is a silent, secret method of summoning police assistance. It consists of an auxiliarized police telegraph box, suitably mounted in a shell for interior use. It is designed to be operated from one or more push buttons or floor pushes located at the most convenient places, such as the teller's cage in a bank, cashier's desk, behind counters in stores or pawnshops."

Mr. Baulch added that in Detroit a series of daring hold-ups and robberies made it imperative that the banks have some swift, quick way of summoning police assistance. The police officials suggested that the banks install the new system. As a result 175 of the leading banks and trust companies adopted the idea.

According to Chief Birrell, Mr. Baulch said, the robbery of the Bank of Montreal on Wortley road two years ago could have been prevented had the system been in operation.

Windsor, Hamilton, Toronto and other centers have a police signal system in addition to a system for protection of banking concerns, Mr. Baulch said.

"The chief would then have complete control over his force in case of emergency," he explained. "The safety of citizens' property cannot be better assured than through this scheme. It is a question the police commission might consider again with profit."

HOLY GHOST STRESSED AS PEOPLE'S HERITAGE

Mr. Koehler Addresses Congregation at Latter Day Saints Church.

"The Holy Ghost is the heritage of the people of God," declared Mr. Koehler, of the Latter Day Saints Church, last night. "The world cannot receive it. Religious organizations in the time of Christ, such as the Pharisees, Essenes, Sadducees and Herodians, did not obtain it. Upon the Day of Pentecost, only the saints of God assembled for its reception. There were 'devout men out of every nation under the sun' there, and they thought it doubtful that these Galileans were recipients of it.

"The necessity of our receiving it today arises from the fact that no one can witness Christ unless the Holy Ghost is received.

"There are many spirits gone out into this world," he declared. "We are told to try them to determine which is of God. There are the spirits of mankind, the spirit of the devil, and the spirit of God. How may we try them? I know of no better way than by the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this, they have no light in them. When men stray away from God's ordinances, they lose the Spirit of God. This is significant when we observe modernists trying to evade some of the ear-marks of Christianity.

"It is apparent that the spirit of Jesus can only function through His own body. The fact also remains with the blood of Christ. If then this is true, where is the body of Christ? His church, through which the Holy Ghost functions. Everyone deplores the divided so-called state of Christianity. The dismemberment of the body of Christ has taken place. No operation upon that body can possibly bring it back to its original position. There must be a restoration of it in its fullness."

MEASLES AND CHICKEN POX INCREASE IN LONDON

Measles and chickenpox continue to be prevalent throughout the city, Dr. Downham, civic health officer, said today. The number of cases of both diseases is daily increasing, and although scarlet fever has shown a decided abatement in the last few weeks, the number of children stricken with measles has increased. Every precaution to prevent further spread of the disease has been taken by the Institute of Public Health.

OMAR L. MACKLIN,
Canadian war veteran, who is under arrest in New York charged with larceny of $2,500. During the war he was much in the limelight in London, posing as a colonel in the Imperial army, until a cable was received from Sir William Robertson stating that his name was not in the army list.

REPORT SHOWS THE BENEFIT OF HUMANE SOCIETY

More Than 4,223 Complaints in Year, According to Inspector Tustin.

FREE OF CRUELTY

The annual report of the London Humane Society, made public this morning by Inspector G. Testin, shows that during the past year the city has been comparatively free of cases of cruelty to animals. The report demonstrates the benefit such a society is to the city. London, in comparison with other cities, according to Mr. Tustin, is the most humane city in Canada.

More than 4,223 complaints were received by the inspector during the past year, all of which were attended to promptly. Some 7,000 horses and cattle were examined by the inspector, of which only 45 had to be destroyed. Of 22 prosecutions registered, 21 were convictions. Warnings were issued to 113 citizens. More than 900 mangy dogs and cats were destroyed during the past year.

Help was afforded animals in cases where the owners were not in a position to provide for them. First aid was administered to 347 animals, and veterinary advice was given free to 683 owners of animals in doubt as to the feed, care or treatment of their cattle or horses.

The emergency calls received amounted to 846, most of them resulting from accidents to horses, dogs and cats on the streets.

MINISTER CELEBRATES HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY

Rev. Dr. W. T. McMullen, Canada's Oldest Presbyterian Minister, Enjoys Best of Health.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Woodstock, Jan. 9.—Rev. Dr. W. T. McMullen, Canada's oldest Presbyterian minister, and the senior surviving ex-moderator of the general assembly, is today celebrating his 93rd birthday. In spite of his age he still enjoys excellent health and his faculties of body and mind are unimpaired. Although he was knocked down and injured by a horse and buggy two weeks ago, he made a rapid recovery and today was able to receive many visitors who called to congratulate him on the attainment of his 93rd milestone in life.

Dr. McMullen was born in Monaghan, Ireland, on Jan. 9, 1831, and came to this country with his parents at the age of 12, settling near Fergus, Ont. He was graduated from Knox College in 1856, and became minister of Knox Church, Woodstock, in 1860. In 1888 he was elected moderator of the general assembly held at Halifax, and in the following year Knox College conferred on him the degree of doctor of divinity. He retired from the active ministry in 1907 with the status of pastor emeritus of Knox Church, Woodstock. Since then he has taken the pulpit on many occasions, and two months ago delivered a stirring message to celebrate the 67th anniversary of his induction.

Dr. McMullen is well known as one of the most ardent champions of organic union of all the evangelical denominations of the Protestant Church.

SEEKS DAMAGES.

Ivey, Elliott and Gillanders have issued a supreme court writ on behalf of Colin Leitch of West Nissouri against Robert C. McKay of Embro for damages sustained to the plaintiff when the defendant's motor car struck him on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1923.

INAUGURAL TO BE HELD ON DATE SET BY CONSTITUTION

Education Board Secretary Is Advised That Thursday Meeting Is Legal.

TO NAME COMMITTEES

The date set by the constitution of the local board of education for the inaugural meeting is the one on which that meeting will be held.

Secretary W. A. Tanner received a letter from the department in reply to an inquiry asking as to the legality of the bylaw and informing him that he was to be governed by the act.

The act states that the old board must set the date by resolution, but as the constitution, accepted by all members of the board, fixes the date as the first Thursday after the first Monday, January 10 will see the meeting held. The letter also stated that the old board had power to carry on until the new body was organized.

Therefore the meeting to be held tomorrow night will be perfectly legal.

After the appointment of the chairman and the committees, the board will be declared open to carry on the regular business. This will include the appointment of representatives to the Penny Bank directorship, Social Service, Western University senate, public library board, and the Western Fair. Communications will be dealt with, as well as accounts needing attention. Reports of officials and committees will also be received

WOMAN'S TONGUE COST JOHN $400

Boarder in Home of Mrs. Mary Burbeck Fined For O.T.A. Breach.

It was a woman's tongue that got John Turok into $400 worth of trouble in police court today. Mrs. Mary Burbeck told the court that John had sold her the bottle of whiskey that the police found on her premises when they raided her place two nights ago.

Mrs. Burbeck told her story through an interpreter, Joe Snowvisky and said she paid $7 for the bottle. The dewendant came to her house yesterday afternoon and said he would fix her up after it was all over if she did not tell where she got the whiskey.

John insisted he did not sell the woman the joy fluid. He couldn't remember having his house searched by Inspectors Bolton and Lucas.

Two Polish friends hopped into the witness box at the request of E. T. Essery, counsel for Turok, and declared Mrs. Burbeck told them last night that no other a personage than Morris Gootson, defeated aldermanic candidate, had supplied her with the whiskey.

"I see her last night 8:30," stated Frank Clavinsky. "I talk about liquor case yesterday. She say she get out pretty good. Mr. Gootson put up bail for her and she got stuff from him."

Mr. Graydon told Mr. Essery he did not belive this, and fined Turok $400 and costs for selling liquor.

HIGH POULTRY MARK SUMMARY PRESENTED

Shannon Brothers of British Columbia Have the Highest Individual Performance.

A number of prominent poultry breeders and exhibitors are mentioned in the second issue of the preliminary summaries of breeders' results in record of performance for poultry for the year 1922-1923. The names listed below by the live stock commissioner in Ottawa are of those breeders whose affidavits were received by him previous to Dec. 28. The names are given with the number of birds in the hands of each breeder, and the egg-laying record of his highest bird. The breeds of the birds and the question of light or dark methods are noted on the summary.

Shannon Bros. of Cloverdale, B. C., have the highest individual performance with a S. C. W. L. with a record of 297 eggs.

Among Ontario breeders are Miss M. Holdsworth of Port Hope, who has a B. P. R. with a record of 246 eggs; R. Meharey of R. R. No. 2, Russell, Ont., with a S. C. W. L. with a record of 224, and William Shelby of Eastwood, Ont., having a S. C. W. L. and a record of 179. Of the twenty names on the list, fifteen are from points in British Columbia.

RECOGNITION OF SOVIET WILL BE CONSIDERED

Associated Press Despatch.

Bucharest, Jan. 9.—It is understood here that the conference of the Little Entente nations, to begin in Belgrade today, is likely to be much concerned with the early probable recognition of the Russian soviet government by several European governments.

It is believed Rumania would immediately follow the lead in this direction of any of the great powers.

ISSUES WRIT FOR $548.60.

William C. McLeod has issued a county court writ through Meredith and Coleridge against Eliza Ann Williamson as maker of a promisory note for $548.60.

I.O.O.F. ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HELD

Rev. A. E. Thomson Addresses Gathering on "Brotherhood of Man."

ABOUT 250 PRESENT

Annual installation of officers of the I. O. O. F. was carried out last night in the lodge rooms above the Bank of Nova Scotia. About 250 members of the four lodges in London were present to witness the installation. The committee in charge of affairs comprised three members of each lodge with P. D. D. G. M. Warren MacRoberts as chairman.

Before the ceremony, Rev. A. E. Thomson, rector of the Centennial Methodist Church, delivered an address on "The Brotherhood of Man." He said the great aim of the I. O. O. F. was to carry the idea of fraternity and brotherhood throughout the world. E. Douglas of Ilderton spoke and congratulated the lodges on the splendid attendance.

Presentations were made to several members, among them being an address and a past grand jewel to H. A. Clements, P. D. D. G. M. The presentation was made by J. G. Martin, D. G. M.

Officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are:

Chorazin Lodge, No. 190.

Past noble grand, F. Mason; noble grand, R. H. Williams; vice-grand, R. M. Fudge; financial secretary; W. Stiles; recording secretary, A. Borland; Rt. Sup. N. G., Colin James; Lt. Sup. N. G., Fred Dixon; Rt. Sup. V. G., T. Walsh; Lt. Sup. V. G., R. Davey; warden, B. Dundas; conductor, L. Inch; chaplain, W. Scott; Rt. Scene Sup., T. Redman; Lt. Scene Sup., J. Goodwin; treasurer, A. Dundas; inside guard, L. A. Steeles; outside guard, W. Pattison.

Forest City, No. 38.

Past grand, A. Cress; noble grand, J. Sims; vice-grand, J. Woods; recording secretary, J. Coutts; financial secretary, W. Ferguson; treasurer, G. Joyce; Right Sup. N. G., W. Pierce; Lt. Sup. N. G., H. Clements; Rt. Sup. V. G., S. Spence; Lt. Sup. V. G., J. A. Smith; chaplain, T. Alger; warden, J. McIntyre; conductor, E. Carter; Lt. Scene Sup., L. Hartman; Rt. Scene Sup., A. Weller; inside guard, H. Lindeman; outside guard, G. Anderson.

Dominion Lodge, No. 48.

Past grand, W. Ball; noble grand, J. Barnard; vice-grand, George Bridge; Rt. Sup. N. G., W. Payne; Lt. Sup. N. G., C. Hamlyn; Rt. Sup. V. G., G. Liley; Lt. Sup. V.G., Dr. Wood; warden, N. Land; conductor, L. Stinson; chaplain, H. H. Powell; recording secretary, E. Evans; financial secretary, W. Evans; treasurer, Dr. Thomas; inside guard, J. Clarke; outside guard, Dr. Bryant; Rt. Scene Sup., T. Hamblyn; Lt. Scene Sup., F. Barnard.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

Jr. past grand, H. S. Crowe; noble grand, W. J. Coles; vice-grand, Art Bennett; recording secretary, George Shaw; financial secretary, John Kirkpatrick; treasurer, L. W. Crawford; Rt. S. N. G., George Haylock; L. S. N. G., George Castle; warden, W. Wood; conductor, James Morgan; chaplain, W. H. Smith; Rt. Sup. V. G., B. A. Moles; L. S. V. G., George Cook; R. S. S., L. W. Rhame; L. S. S., G. F. Peak; inside guard, L. Stanley; outside guard, W. Garfatt.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK TOLD AT SESSION

Efforts of Local Board in Year Show Enterprise Justified.

The annual report of the London Children's Work Board was submitted last night to the London Religious Educational Council at a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church.

The report shows the first full year's effort of the Children's Work Board has been amply justified by the help afforded many teachers and schools in this city. The board has purchased many children's books, books of prayer for children, and books on organization and department helps. Nine schools have been provided with "carols" and "melodies" and free literature has been given to many inquiring workers.

One of the series of meetings of the world's missionary conference was a mass meeting for children, which was preceded by a parade at which more than 750 children took part. This was the first interdenominational city-wide mass meeting and parade of children ever held in London, and the largest enterprise yet attempted by the board.

FORBIDS ANY MENTION OF DR. TIKHON'S NAME

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, Jan. 9.—The supreme revolutionary tribunal, in a circular signed by Nikolai Krylenko, president of the tribunal, forbids mentioning the name of the Most Rev. Dr. Tikhon, former patriarch of all Russia, at church services, in sermons, or in prayers, as "the mentioning of names of persons accused of crime against the state and who are under trial leads to the interpretation that it is a political demonstration against the soviet regime or that it aims at raising a commotion to discredit the authorities."

M. Stutchka, chairman of the supreme court, in a statement in connection with Dr. Tikhon, said: "Although Dr. Tikhon has been released from custody he is still under trial as his case has not yet been disposed of."

MURRELL IMPROVES.

Sidney Murrell's condition was reported at Victoria Hospital this morning to be slightly improved.

CARE IN PROTECTING LIFE IS URGED UPON CITIZENS

E. E. Reid Urges Greater Organization in Fight Against Diseases.

CARE OF FORESTS

Believes Protection of Children Should Be the First Consideration.

E. E. Reid, general manager of the London Life Insurance Company, is authority for the statement which he quotes in the course of an address delivered recently before the Toronto Insurance Institute that in the registration area of the United States in 1920, which are the latest figures available, 706,929 deaths occurred from infectious diseases, 85.2 per cent of all deaths in the registered area. He told the institute also that 62 per cent of all deaths in the American community were caused by infectious diseases.

Mr. Reid spoke of the extreme care used by the provincial government in protecting the forests in the north country and by various cities in protecting themselves from fire losses, and suggested that it might be worth while devising some large Dominion-wide scheme that would afford as ample protection for health. He said: "How vastly more important it is to eliminate the waste due to preventable sickness, with all its attendant distress due to infectious diseases. I am sure we will all admit the greater value of life than of property, and the means of preventing waste of life are more certain than those of preventing loss of property."

Mr. Reid pointed out that medical science today is in command of such knowledge as to absolutely stamp out infectious diseases if only the community could be properly aroused to take the prescribed measures.

"It is no longer a case of guesswork," he said, "or adherence to traditional methods of treatment. Measures that are now prescribed are based on absolute knowledge, and are certain in their results if the regulations are properly followed."

Organize Work.

As a means whereby the public could be education into seeing what is possible in the way of sickness prevention, he declared:

"The thing to be done manifestly is to organize units of demonstration, which could be sent into such communities as were not already being served in some effective way, to hold clinics, and organize the public health work, which could later be carried on under the direction of a resident public health nurse."

Later in his address he said: "The apathy of the public towards things that do not pertain to a more or less immediate crisis is one of the amazing things about our modern civilization." Of the help that could be rendered by life insurance companies in this respect, Mr. Reid continued: "I am convinced that the life insurance companies can come to the rescue of a very excellent cause and one that ought to have their heartiest support and sympathy. From the standpoint of direct financial support, they would be justified in appropriating considerable sums, for I am sure that from the very outset such sums would come back to them many times over in the saving or postponement of death claims.

Mortality Reduced.

He stressed the fact that in London the infant mortality has been cut in half by the work of the Child Welfare Association, and referred to the case of a nurse in Sarnia to whose indefatigable efforts were due the very small number of infectious cases among the school children during the year. He added: "Sarnia should be proud of her memory and should erect a memorial to keep her work fresh in the minds of coming generations."

Of some of his theories that might be put into practice by the life insurance companies of the Dominion, Mr. Reid explained their actual use as follows: "The question of annual re-examination of policy-holders has been adopted by many companies and has been aggressively pushed for years. That, however, is animated by a more or less selfish motive which ties down the benefits to policy-holders alone. I should like to see the life insurance companies break away from so restricted a view and undertake a work of community-wide applicability."

SHRINERS LEAVE.

About fifty members of the local Shrine patrol left for Sarnia late this afternoon to stage a special drill there tonight at the Knights' Templars dance.

City Has Electric Stove Record

Two electric stoves, per working day, were installed in homes by the public utilities last year, according to General Manager E. V. Buchanana who said that 650 stoves had been put into use.

The total number of stoves in use in London at the end of 1923 was approximately 4,500, or one to about every four homes in the city. This number is continually increasing and another record is expected next year. In proportion to the population, London too, has more electric stoves than any city in Canada and, in fact the United States, as well as being among the leaders of cities many times its size.

HAYDEN IS READY TO FIGHT MAYOR'S CITY HALL PLANS

Believes People Do Not Want New Building For Years.

HAVE TO SPEND MONEY

Ald. "Ed." Hayden says that "if Mayor Wenige wants to fight, he'll fight him all year and from the drop of the hat."

The mayor opposes Ald. Hayden's scheme to "make over" the present city hall.

"He's unreasonable," Ald. Hayden stated. "Why, just because he was trimmed on his pet scheme he need not think that we can't spend a nickel this year. If that is his game, I can fight too, and all year if he wants it."

"He says he wouldn't put soles and uppers on old shoes. What does he want us to do, go barefooted? I do not think, judging from their recent vote, that they want a new city hall for another 10 or 15 years. But we'll have to spend some money in this direction. The present hall is a disgrace. It's a fire-trap, an absolute disgrace. Why people tell me that we ought to have a fireman on duty in the corridors every council session and I am inclined to think they are right."

"Mayor Wenige opposes my proposition but he is only one. I am not going to sit back this year and let him get away with all of his inaugural address, if I think there is anything there that shouldn't be. Not much."

TECH. ROOMS DELAYED BY BRICK SHIPMENT

Addition Cannot Be Completed Until the Supplies Arrive.

The glazed brick so necessary for the completion of the six-room addition at the Technical School has not yet been received, nor does there seem to be any possibility of it arriving soon.

Manufactured in the States, the bricks are finished in a manner to permit washing and are to be used in the corridors. Two carloads were received and rejected by Architect Carrothers owing to their not being the kind specified.

The building cannot be completed until the arrival of the brick. It was hoped that the additions would have been ready at the opening of school on January 3.

NO CHANGE IS EXPECTED IN TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

From general indications the tentative appointments to the several boards by the city council recently, will go through with little or no question at the inaugural session of the city council Monday morning next at 11 a.m.

ALD. GREER WOULD AWAIT FORMER FARES ON L. S. R.

Advises Delay in Purchase Until Ontario Legislature Acts.

SERVICE MIGHT SUFFER

Ald. John Greer has been credited with the advice not to buy the street railway but to wait until the Ontario Legislature drives the 5-cent fare back to seven and nine tickets for 25 cents. Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, submits that such action would leave the door wide open for inadequate service and a probable reduction of wages for the railway employees.

"I always favor a cheaper rate of fare, naturally," Ald. Douglass stated, "but I will not favor it at the expense of the service or if there is any possibility of a reduction in the wages of the workers or a reduction in their staff.

"We do not want to have the present service curtailed. There are continual complaints from North London as it is, and we do not want to do anything that might lead to a probable reduction in the staff or wages of the workers. The company would be liable to use the reduced fare as an excuse to reduce wages or to lay men off. We would have to have a financial statement from the company, showing their assets, liabilities, etc., for them to prove that they could not give the required service or the present service with the old rate of fare, seven and nine tickets for 25 cents."

On the other hand, Ald. Douglass supports Mayor Wenige's suggestion that the city councillors, if they decide to have another vote of the electors next December, should meet with the company authorities and endeavor to come to some amicable understanding, whereby that portion of bylaw 916 pertaining to the one year's notice might be mutually ignored. The chairman would have the city solicitor's opinion in this regard, however.

"The city has presented its bills for the 1923 paving jobs," he stated, "and the company will have to come to the council at an early date to arrange about the manner of payment. Then the council will have to decide what to do about the purchase during 1924. The question will have to be settled."

ACCOUNTS TOO BULKY? NO, DECLARES TANNER

Board Secretary Does Not Believe Detail in Reports Can Be Improved.

"I don't see how we can detail the accounts more than we are doing at present," declared Secretary W. A. Tanner, of the board of education, when informed that the mayor had stated they were too bulky.

"In our accounts for the public schools we have 67 different sections covering the whole system, and these certainly are in small enough detail. The distribution is marked on all the vouchers, and the destination of the money is shown in this way.

"The collegiate accounts are also detailed in this manner, while the only one where bulking occurs is in the Technical School, which is handled by the advisory vocational committee.

"If, however, his worship feels that they are not clear enough he has only to notify Mr. Bell, who will inform us, and then we will co-operate to the best of our ability. I don't see, however, where any improvement can be made."

CITY ENGINEERING BRANCH PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the London branch, Engineering Institute of Canada, will be held here on Jan. 16. It is hoped that Walter J. Francis, Montreal, president of the institute will attend, as well as Willis Chipman, Toronto, president of the Ontario Association of Professional Engineers. Officers for 1924 will be elected.

Included in the London district are St. Thomas, Woodstock, Stratford and St. Marys, and it is expected that representatives of the profession from these municipalities will be in attendance.

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