

COUNCIL WILL BACK 5-CENT FARE

Last of Earthquakes Thuds Through Western Ontario

MOVEMENT OF ROCKS UNDER EARTH'S CRUST STIRS LONDON HOMES

Professor Russell Believes Perpetual Quietude Has Been Reached
—Swept East From Ottawa District Where Occasional
Mild Shocks Are Felt—Are Rarely
Noticed by Scientists.

HELPLESS FEELING OVERCOMES LONDONERS

No Danger of Catastrophes of San Francisco and Japan Possible
Here—Woman, Ill, Thought Relapse Had Come—
McNamara Thought Old City Hall Doomed.

London has had its last earthquake. So far as Western Ontario is concerned, it is quite improbable that Mother Nature will cause another flurry of excitement and commotion to sweep over this part of the province.

Ontario, west of the Ottawa river, has a foundation that has remained unshaken throughout a million years, according to Prof. J. W. Russell, M.A., of the department of geology, University of Western Ontario.

The tremor which was felt in this district Saturday night had its origin along the Ottawa river or the St. Lawrence. Prof. Russell said today that there is a constant doming of the rock formation near Montreal.

The continual rock adjustment of Eastern Ontario and Quebec is due to what is technically known as a "fault plane." There are two of these. One runs along the Ottawa valley south to the Lake Champlain country. The other is through the St. Lawrence, south of the Laurentian chain.

The tremor occurred frequently in the neighborhood of Montreal, though it is rare for them to be so noticeable as on Saturday night. They are due to rock readjustments; a pushing up of the stone or, as scientists call it, a doming of the rock. When the ice came to an end it left Eastern Canada less stable than the west and the readjustments still go on.

One District.
Only one district in Canada is affected. There is practically no danger of the dominion ever seeing a repetition of the Saturday night quake, at least not for the next 30 or 100 years, is the opinion of Prof. Russell, who expects that quietude will exist from now on. London merely received the tail end of the movement to the east.

So far as catastrophes like those experienced by San Francisco in 1906 and in Japan last year, there is only the remotest possibility of Western Ontario ever seeing such a shock. If such an earthquake did shake the country to its foundations it would be at variance with present scientific law and observation.

The shock as received at the London meteorological bureau was severe. Miss Dewar, who is in charge sent word to the London provincial observatory at Toronto. There are no instruments at the London office to register the extent of the tremor.

The last one of any importance felt at the local headquarters was 12 or 15 years ago. Miss Dewar believes that it was more severe than the present one.

Hundreds of Londoners received the earth trembling with feelings of surprise and bewilderment. A professor of the university said that he was writing at the time and found himself swayed back and forth over his correspondence.

He telephoned friends who knew nothing of the quake. They had not noticed it. He felt rather foolish, he said, and resolved to tell no one of the incident. He had never felt so helpless or unstrung in his life.

Thought Relapse.
One woman who was ill in bed had a few minutes before received a call from her doctor. He had advised her that she was recovering rapidly and would soon be able to get up. She looked her bed she became dizzy and thought she had had a relapse.

The disturbance was not without its humorous side. In a Mattison street house on Saturday night a half dozen young men had opened several bottles of beer. They were busy sampling it when a bottle was flung across the room and fell on the table as one of them expressed it. Two of the men reeled as they made efforts to pick up the pieces. They threw the stuff away, "so they regret it."

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DR. S. D. CHOWN,
superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, while in London over the week-end took occasion to vigorously deny a report that he had been a party to the Ferguson government beer proposal.

ORIGIN TRACED TO SAGUENAY

Murray Bay Resident Declares
Shocks Felt Again This Morning.

Quebec, March 2.—That the origin of the seismic disturbances that shook the northeastern part of this continent on Saturday was in the vicinity of Saguenay river was proved beyond a doubt this morning as the result of a long distance telephone conversation with Agent Harvey of the Dominion Express Company at Murray Bay.

That official gave out the surprising information that shocks were yet being experienced, the latest one having occurred at 8 o'clock this morning.

They were felt at intervals all night Saturday, according to Mr. Harvey and all day yesterday, continuing through the night and this morning. This official also stated that although the shocks were felt in the countryside, were of a very severe nature, nothing out of the ordinary had happened in so far as serious accidents or property damage was concerned.

A number of chimneys were shaken down and wooden dwellings suffered some damage and there were a few narrow escapes from injury by falling chimneys. The first shocks caused more or less terror among the inhabitants of that district, and a number of women fainted. But with a recurrence of the disturbances about every hour and especially as they were growing less noticeable each time, the people became more accustomed to them.

The shocks were very light. Please See Page 11, Column 2.

being broadcasted from Chicago. The loud speaker started to move around with weird effect. The music was not interrupted. Although the house was of stone it trembled almost violently and furniture upstairs moved with no little noise.

John McNamara, sergeant-at-arms in the city hall, felt the earthquake tremors quite distinctly. He was sitting in the city hall when the shock occurred. Although the house was of stone it trembled almost violently and furniture upstairs moved with no little noise.

He noticed the pictures on the walls begin to swing slightly. Getting up to put the picture straight, he saw the picture of the king and queen was falling. He thought the picture was falling. He thought the picture was falling.

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CITY ASKS SHARE OF GAS TAX

Exemption From Suburban
Paving Accounts Will Be
Otherwise Demanded.

LONDON GETS NOTHING

Account to Province Now
Stands at \$280,000—
Claimed Exorbitant.

Exemption from payment of suburban area paving accounts, or a slice of the provincial gasoline tax, will be demanded at Toronto tomorrow when London will lead a deputation of Ontario municipalities in a meeting with the Hon. George Henry, minister of public works, and other members of the cabinet.

London, with an overdue account of some \$280,000, seeks to have this account wiped off the books without a nickel going out of the city treasury. Grounds for protest are that the division of paving costs on suburban roads makes the city's share exorbitant.

"If we have to pay 40 per cent of the cost of provincial roads for so many miles outside the city limits, the government should participate in the cost of main highways through the city," Ald. Harry Bottrell urged today.

Outside motorists use the roads through the city, and the province doesn't help out, though the government gets all the money for license fees and gasoline tax," he went on to say.

Mayor Wenzel will be one of the London delegation to Toronto tomorrow and he will propose that the government refund to each municipality one cent in tax for each gallon of gasoline sold. The new government tax is three cents per gallon, and the mayor is after a third of this tariff.

FRENCH CATHOLICS SEND
LOYAL MESSAGE TO POPE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Nantes, France, March 2.—Sixty thousand Catholics from the Loire and Vendee districts assembled here yesterday in a protest meeting at which General de Castelnau was the principal speaker against suppression of the French embassy to the Vatican and the proposed strict enforcement by the government of the law of 1905 relating to separation of church and state.

Upon motion of the bishop of Nantes, a message was sent to Pope Pius assuring him of the "devotion of all the thousands of citizens of Loire and Vendee."

Ships Subsidy Bill Will Meet Stiff Opposition

Peterson Contract and Racing Bill Amendment To Be Bitterly Opposed.

CANTEEN FUNDS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 2.—Three highly debatable subjects are likely to come before the house of commons this week. The resolution of W. C. Good, Progressive, Brant, favoring the abolition of the privilege given to racing associations to carry on public gambling, is the most likely of the private members' resolutions to get consideration. It has precedence on the order papers at the present time.

In all probability the Peterson contract will be introduced by Hon. Thomas A. Low, minister of trade and commerce. The contract provides for the subsidizing of ten freight vessels to break the North Atlantic combine, which was disclosed in the report of W. T. R. Preston, recently tabled in the house. The third matter is the resolution in the name of Hon. H. S. Bland, minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment. It is the government's notice of motion to provide for the distribution of the canteen funds.

All three issues are likely to be sharply contested, according to the best available reports. Mr. Good's resolution states:

"That, in the opinion of this house, the special privilege now given to racing associations under the criminal code of carrying on public gambling operations in connection with their race meetings, is detrimental to the best interests of Canada and should be abolished."

It is understood that keen opposition will be put up both inside and outside the house to Mr. Good's proposal.

As for the Peterson contract, Conservative opposition has already indicated its attitude of skepticism, and the entire transaction will likely be subject to the closest scrutiny from the opposition benches.

LICENSE FEES INCREASED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Vera Cruz, Mex., March 2.—A unit increase in the license fees for saloons and other places selling liquor has forced many of them to close. This is said to be the first step in a movement to restrict the consumption of liquor.



VISCOUNT HALDANE,
lord chancellor of the Ramsay MacDonald government, who is to decide whether the general knowledge questions being prepared for Lord Rothermere fall within the terms of the original challenge he accepted.

DEATH RAY IS BOUGHT IN U.S.

H. Grindell Matthews, British
Inventor, Makes Sale, But
Declines to Divulge Price.

Associated Press Despatch.
Southampton, Eng., March 2.—H. Grindell Matthews, inventor of the "death ray," asserted on his arrival here from the United States that he had disposed of his invention in the United States, but would not divulge the buyers' price. Mr. Matthews, who was a passenger on the S. S. Aquitania, said:

"England has now definitely lost the chance of obtaining my invention known as the 'death ray.' America snapped it up. I had been there only a week when I concluded negotiations for its sale."

He refused to say whether the sale was to the United States or to another country. He said he had been approached by a number of people in the United States, but that he had only accepted the offer of the American buyer.

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COUNCIL OPINION SHIFTS IN FAVOR OF RAILWAY

Opinion of Aldermen Today
Makes Five-Cent Fare
Seem Certain.

SEE FEW OBJECTING

Lower Fare For Workingmen
During Working Hours
Is Demanded.

Concessions favorable to the London Street Railway Company will be made at tonight's city council session, according to a census of opinion today. A growing sympathetic feeling towards the company's interest is shown in council circles, and tonight's vote will likely favor the continuation of the five-cent rate of fares.

In spite of the likelihood of such a vote, a motion will be made to have the bylaw and act of legislature enforced and the company be asked to quote a price for sale. Four or five aldermen, who are known as advocates of public ownership, declare that now is the right time to secure a good price for the road. In a year's time, under the five-cent rate of fares, the company will be asking a greater price, these aldermen say.

Having already passed a unanimous vote in favor of making the street railway carry out the tenets of bylaw 916 and the act of legislature, members of the council are reticent to express opinions favorable to the street railway. However, following a definite request made by the railway management for the continuance of the five-cent fares, a gradual turn in this direction is evident.

Tonight's vote may find Ald. Harry Bottrell alone on No. 2 committee in the vote for upholding the present agreement, while No. 1 committee will likely be split over the question.

Introduced by Letter.
The matter will be introduced tonight through a letter from General Manager L. Tail of the London Street Railway Company, worded as follows:

"In reference to notice received by this company from City Clerk Baker under date of Feb. 17, advising that the council proposed to alter the London Street Railway Company to revert to the rate of fares as set forth in Bylaw No. 916 of the corporation of the city of London, from and after the 23rd day of March, 1925, we beg to advise you that it is financially impossible to operate the railway upon such fares."

"We therefore make application for the continuance of the present five-cent fare for a period of not less than one year, during which time negotiations can be undertaken for such other amendments to the present franchise, including the abolition of the paving clauses, as will enable the company to carry on and provide a proper service to the public and, at the same time, give a reasonable return on the capital invested in the railway."

"This application is made for the purpose of avoiding any interruption of the service on March 9, and, if considered favorably, the company will agree to an amendment to bylaw No. 916 to provide for the taking over of the railway by the city of London at any time upon reasonable notice."

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PROVINCES OF CHILE
NOW IN STATE OF SIEGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Santiago, Chile, March 2.—A state of siege has been declared in the Chilean provinces of Santiago, Valparaiso and Aconcagua (the most thickly populated sections of the country). The measure was dictated by incidents occurring Saturday held to indicate the existence of a plot on the part of the Unionists with the object of overturning the present government. The principal Unionist leaders have been arrested.

COL. JACQUES IS NAMED
MEDICAL SERVICE CHIEF

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., March 2.—Colonel H. G. Jacques, D.S.O., ranking medical officer of M. D. No. 8, as present on leave, has been appointed director-general of army medical services, with headquarters at Ottawa. He is to be succeeded here by Colonel J. T. Clark, who will be succeeded at Quebec by Captain G. Bourhillier.

AGRIAN TROUBLES DIMINISH.
Associated Press Despatch.
Milan, Italy, March 2.—Agrarian troubles have greatly diminished under the Fascist government. Former Minister of Agriculture De Capitani told representatives of the agriculture, industry and commerce of Lombardy, at a meeting here yesterday.

GOLDIE NOT MISSING.
A report that the Hon. Lincoln Goldie had disappeared, which was circulated in London yesterday, met with denial this morning. The Advertiser, speaking over long-distance telephones to Mrs. Goldie at Guelph, learned that the provincial secretary had been at home last night and had gone to Hamilton today.

Street Car Change Fools
One Fair Commuter Today

Standing on the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets this morning a fair commuter watched a one-man car hon around the left-hand turn southward bound. Then came a second one-man car, a half dozen other varieties, and then still another one-man car.

But this lady was looking for a Normal electric wagon.

"Looks like a snappy service on the Ridout line today," she commented, "but the Normal line must have suspended."

It was not until the fourth one-man car passed, that the fair one discovered that this type had been transferred to the Normal line from the Ridout service.

"Yes, we have turned over all the one-man cars to the Normal service," General Manager Tail said this afternoon. "The Ridout line is coming soon expected for it."

TAX RATE EXCEEDS RENT BILL

Unusual Situation Brought Forward When Board Seeks New Charge.

CHANGES IN 15 YEARS

Judge Proposes Others Contribute For Use of Merchant's Lane.

A board of arbitration composed of County Judge Talbot Macbeth, J. Kent Campbell and H. E. Gage is in session at the court house today, hearing evidence which will help them to arrive at the proper rent to be charged for 135-137-139 King street (opposite the market) for the next fifteen years.

The property is owned by the church society of the diocese of Huron, and was leased by the society for 39 years to Cornelius Shannon in 1863 on the understanding that every 15 years a new basis of rental was to be agreed on by the parties interested.

Alfred J. Ferguson, the present lessee of the property was giving evidence when the court adjourned for lunch.

At the present time the rent paid for the property is \$371.88 a year, while the taxes last year amounted to \$571. These are paid by Mr. Ferguson, one of the interested parties stated to The Advertiser.

Donald McAlpine, valuator for the Huron and Erie Mortgage corporation, questioned by M. P. McDonagh, appearing for Mr. Ferguson, stated that in his opinion a fair rental for the property would be \$850 to \$1,000 a year.

"And pay the taxes, too?" asked Mr. McDonagh.

"Yes," replied Mr. McAlpine.

Mr. Ferguson stated that he had conducted business on the property from 1919 until 1921. The premises were 40 by 100, with a lane to the west.

Judge Macbeth wanted to know if it were not possible for Mr. Ferguson to collect from adjoining owners who used the lane.

They tell me that they have a perfect right to use the lane," replied Mr. Ferguson. "I have never yet collected anything from them."

COOLIDGE SIGNS MEASURE
INCREASING POSTAL PAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 2.—The postal pay and rate increase bill has been signed by President Coolidge. The bill provides for an average increase of about \$300 annually in postal emoluments, effective as of Jan. 1 this year, and increases in postal rates, effective April 15 next to raise about \$60,000,000 of the \$85,000,000 required for the pay advances.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—North-west winds; fair and cold.
Tuesday—West to south-west winds; fair with rising temperature.

A disturbance which developed over the Great Lakes Saturday night has since moved eastward to the maritime provinces, accompanied by snow and rain. Pressure is high to the west of the Massachusetts valley, but is falling rapidly over the western provinces with rising temperature.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 54 44 Cloudy
Lakes 22 22 Fair
Calgary 24 20 Clear
Winnipeg 20 12 Fair
Port Arthur 20 16 Fair
S. S. Marie 16 10 Clear
Toronto 24 23 Clear
Kingston 22 22 Fair
Ottawa 22 14 Fair
Montreal 30 20 Fair
Quebec 28 25 Fair
St. John 28 25 Cloudy
Halifax 24 20 Rain

(—) 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, 34; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 13 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 5 below.

Sun rises at 6:54 a.m. and sets at 6:07 p.m.
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Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 p.m., 28.92.
Today—8 a.m., 29.13.