

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND MODERATE.
TOMORROW—NO CHANGE.

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TECUMSEH HOUSE PLANS 4.4 BAR

Barry Denies He Was Aware of Any Bonds Profit "Splits"

AITKEN TO FIGHT COUNCIL

Will Not Resign as Fire Chief
and Will Fight Dis-
missal.

"TOO OLD," SAYS MAYOR

Wenige Says He Is Afraid of
Accidents in an Emer-
gency.

Fire Chief John Aitken may be
dismissed from office by the city
council, but he will not resign.

This was the gist of reliable in-
formation secured today. The chief
himself was not willing to commit
himself on the matter, but there is
much evidence to show that he will
not quietly step from office. If the
council on Monday backs up the ac-
tion already taken by No. 1 commit-
tee, it will be a fight to the finish.

Definite statement of reasons for
demanding the chief's resignation
were given today by the mayor, who
states that the chief is not only too
old for the office but is also incom-
petent and has broken bylaws him-
self. The chief in turn has from
time to time complained that his
hands were tied by the council com-
mittee and that he was not given
power to carry out the tenets of the
bylaw.

"No, I don't want to talk about
that until Monday," the chief told a
reporter when asked if he would re-
sign from office if the council de-
manded such action. "There is a lot
to be said yet, but I'm not talking
about it just now."

Assistant Chief Charles Scott was
asked if he or any of the men had
any complaints regarding the ad-
ministration of the department.

"The bylaw prevents that," the as-
sistant chief pointed out. "We are
liable to immediate suspension if we
bring complaints."

Wenige's Three Reasons.
The mayor in outlining his demand
for the fire chief's resignation, states
he has three definite reasons for his
action.

"In the first place," the mayor
states, "Chief Aitken is too old. It is
all right to say that he looks like
a young man, but the chief is get-
ting on in years. He is liable to
meet with an accident, at some crit-
ical moment, because of his age, and
the city would regret it. There is
no use in arguing. An old man has
not the command of his faculties like
a young man."

"Secondly, the chief has not been
on the job. The provincial govern-
ment sent in two engineers recently.
In two months they have ordered
nine hundred places to be cleaned up.
Why didn't the chief do this? He
has the authority of a fire marshal
I have taken the matter up with him
several times in the last three years.
But what was the result?"

Violated Bylaws.
"In the third, the chief has been
violating some of the bylaws. I claim
that his actions have caused dissen-
sion in the department, and lost for
him the loyal support of the men.
Lack of co-ordination in a fire de-
partment brings the same result as it
would on a ship. It is fatal."

The mayor claims that the chief
men who are supporting the chief
lack the proper facts, and insists
that they are neglecting their duty to
the people by not securing them.

The Weather
FORECASTS.

Moderate wind;
fair today and on
Saturday; not
much change in
temperature.
Pressure con-
tinues low off
the Atlantic
coast, and the
southwestern
depression has mov-
ed slowly east-
ward with diminishing intensity, while
the high over Canada pressure
is quite high.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Windsor. 48. 31. Cloudy.
Burlington. 46. 29. Clear.
London. 46. 29. Clear.
Kitchener. 46. 29. Clear.
Guelph. 46. 29. Clear.
St. John. 46. 29. Clear.
Halifax. 46. 29. Clear.



LONDON'S TWO NEW BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The growing demand for library ser-
vice here has brought about the
purchase of two properties for
branches at a cost of \$19,050. On
the left is pictured the new home of
the south-east branch at 550 Hamil-
ton road. The price paid was \$4,250.
The building on the right was bought
for \$5,800 to house a permanent south
branch. The south-east branch will
be opened about July 1, while the
south addition is already in opera-

Rakeoff From Bond Deals Never Taken Into U.F.O. Funds Declares E. C. Drury

Former Premier of Ontario
Submits to Questioning Be-
fore Committee.

TELLS OF BOND DEALS

Peter Smith Tells Him Sus-
picions Regarding McGarry.
Loan Unfounded.

BULLETIN.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Cal., April 3.—
Andrew Papahl, formerly of the
provincial government of Ontario,
today was held for removal by
the United States commissioner
to stand trial at Toronto on
charges of embezzlement alleged
to involve approximately \$600,000.

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, April 3.—Efforts of Con-
servative members to link profits of
\$90,000 made by Douglas K. Ridout
on deals with the Ontario treasury
in 1923, with a U. F. O. campaign
in 1923, featured the examination of E.
C. Drury, former prime minister of
the province, before the public ac-
counts committee today.

F. G. McBrien, Conservative mem-
ber for Southwest Toronto, sought to
establish that there had been an un-
derstanding whereby half of Ridout's
profits were to go into the party fund,
but that W. E. Roney had refused to
allow the money to be paid in, be-
cause of a "fuke" of which Ridout
had been guilty in depositing the
money in his own bank, where it
could easily be traced.

To these suggestions, Mr. Drury
gave an emphatic denial, stating that
he had investigated the matter after
former "suspicions" had been drawn
to his attention and had found that
there was no connection between the
party fund and the Ridout transac-
tions. Private to obtain the name of
Mr. Drury's informant, but Provin-
cial Treasurer Price agreed with the
former "time minister" that it was not
in the public interest that it should
be made known.

TO SHOW SIGNALS.
A demonstration of police signals
will be held in the rooms of the
chamber of commerce on the evening
of Tuesday next. The chief of police
sent an invitation today to members
of the Kwanis club to attend. Simi-
lar invitations have been sent to the
other service clubs in the city.

GUEST OF HONOR.
V. K. Greer, retiring inspector-
administrative of the London public
schools, was the guest of honor at
a dinner given last night in the Blue
Dragon tearooms. Mr. Greer was
brought to the city by the members of
the Kwanis club to attend the de-
parture from the city were expressed.

SOWTON VISITS LONDON.
Commissioner Sowton of the Sal-
vation army headquarters, Toronto,
will be in town to attend the Easter
services of the local Salvationists
corps. He will be accompanied by
Mrs. Sowton and Col. Aaby. The
party will be in London for Easter
Sunday only.

BERLIN TO REFUND LOAN.
Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, April 3.—The newspapers to-
day report that the Reichsbank intends
to refund at the end of April the loan
of \$5,000,000 the Bank of England
granted it some time ago.



ERNEST C. DRURY,
former premier of Ontario, in giving
evidence today before the public ac-
counts committee, declared Peter
Smith had confided certain suspicions
to him regarding the McGarry loan,
floating during the Hearst regime.

ALBERT E. VINCENT LEAVES
AN ESTATE OF \$29,519

Albert Edward Vincent, London
manufacturer, who died on March 3,
left an estate of \$29,519.59, according
to the will filed for probate at the
court house today.

Life insurance of \$3,855, house-
hold effects plus the income from the
residue of the estate were left to his
widow and a motor car to his daugh-
ter, Verda Taylor Vincent.

Bank and other stocks are valued
at \$24,079.

GRASS FIRE EXTINGUISHED.
A grass fire on Harley street gave
the fire department a run shortly be-
fore noon today. The blaze was ex-
tinguished with no serious damage.

THREE GO TO GUELPH.
Joseph Rogers, Myer Harris and
Harold (Hack) Webb, who recently
received Ontario reformatory sen-
tences for infractions of the O. T. A.,
were removed from the county jail
to the Ontario reformatory at Guelph
at 6 o'clock this morning.

FARM BOYS EXPECTED.
Two boys from the Nova Scotia
training school at Windsor, N. S.,
will arrive in London shortly to be
placed on Middlesex farms. J. Far-
rell, immigration agent, stated this
morning.

SHORT LINE RY. SOCIETY
TO INTERVENE IN MERGER

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, April 3.—The Ameri-
can Short Line Railroad association
and J. S. Stanton as an individual,
were given permission today by the
Inter-state commerce commission to
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proceedings before the commission on
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NEW PRUSSIAN PREMIER

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was Socialist candidate for president
of the republic in last Sunday's
election, was today elected premier
of Prussia.

JURY VERDICT IS CANCELLED

English Judge Finds Mrs. Den-
niston Not Entitled to
Damages.

CANNOT ENFORCE CLAIM

Associated Press Despatch.
London, April 3.—Justice Sir Henry
McCardie delivered his reserved
judgment in the Dennistoun case this
morning. He held that the alleged
agreement for Mrs. Dorothy Muriel
Dennistoun's support by her former
husband after their divorce, was void
and could not be enforced in law.
Therefore, he ruled that Mrs. Den-
niston's claim for damages for
breach of contract had failed.
The judgment sets aside the ver-
dict of the jury late last month
awarding Mrs. Dennistoun \$5,000, or
nearly \$25,000, for the alleged breach
of contract.

JUDGE MUST DECIDE ON BIRD WARBLINGS

Evidence in Case of Giles vs.
Dundas Promises To Be
of Interesting Nature.

Judge Judd has had some peculiar
cases to decide in his career on the
county court bench and to cap the
climax he must give judgment on the
singing efforts of a flock of canaries.
Be it known to the uninitiated that
it is the male and not the female
canaries that do the warbling for the
house.

W. Giles purchased 30 canaries
from Earl Dundas and declared in
division court this morning that 15
were to be males. Later, when the
birds failed to come through with a
little music, he discovered that he
was short seven singers and refused
to pay for the lady bosses of the
creaks.

His honor now has to decide the
case and is filled to the brim with
canary lore as a result of the wise
remarks of G. N. Weekes and G.
Morehead opposing counsel.

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BRITAIN TO HOLD FARMERS

Emigration Advocated, But Not
the Class That Canada
Desires.

HURD IS SNUBBED

Labor Members Enthusiastic
Providing Own Ranks Not
Too Much Affected.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
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London, April 3.—The house of
commons devoted the best part of
yesterday to speeches on emigration.
Sir Victor Warrender, who initi-
ated the debate, pointed out that emi-
grants last year were less than half
the number in 1913. The greatest
decline was in emigration to Canada.
All the speakers favored emigra-
tion, especially those who had been
emigrants themselves, but who have
returned to this country. The Labor
speakers were particularly enthu-
siastic.

Dr. Guest, another Labor member,
said he would like to see the same
ability which was used for the orga-
nization of armies in war used in the
organization of emigration. For the
emigration problem would be solved
if the emigrants were able to march
out in their battalions, brigades and
divisions with real organizations to
support them.

Despite the enthusiasm of the
speakers, the debate was rather un-
settling. The only member who faced
the real problem was Percy Hurd,
who formerly lived in Canada. He
said he hoped none of the emigrants
whom the government subsidized
would be taken from the agricultural
districts, which were already depopu-
lated.

Although Hurd was snubbed for his
statement, everyone knows he put
his finger on the sore spot. His
country and this government do not
want to lose the agriculturalist. The
dominions do not want to receive
any other class of male workers. It
is well known in London that the
Ontario government, for instance,
does not encourage any emigrants
unless they are prepared to work on
farms.

The real problem is that this
country is suffering from an excess
of town people and a scarcity of agri-
culturalists. It is therefore not a
good position to send the dominions
the kind of emigrants wanted.

Green Lights Not Favored

Secretary of London Motor
Club Considers Idea Would
Create Confusion.

Red lights on the rear of automo-
biles in Ontario, in the opinion of C.
E. Bernard, secretary-treasurer of
the London motor league, are here to
stay.

Mr. Bernard discounts the proposal
of the Hamilton motor club that green
lights should in future replace the
red lights.
Because of the fact that a red light
is almost universal as a danger sign,
and certainly so in America, Mr.
Bernard assumes the attitude that any
change, if confined to Ontario only,
would prove very confusing and
practically impossible of enforcement.

In this connection Mr. Bernard
pointed to the number of United
States tourists driving through Onta-
rio every summer, and cited the dif-
ficulty of enforcing the carrying of
a green light upon their cars.

The idea the Hamilton club had in
mind, it appears, was to differentiate
the red danger light on a stationary
object as compared with the red dan-
ger light on a moving object, as
compared with the red danger light
on an automobile or other moving
vehicle.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MUST MOVE.

Here is the staid and dignified interior of the chamber of commerce
offices in the old bar of the Tecumseh house, which will give way to the
rattle of beer mugs holding Ferguson's four-point-four if present plans
materialize. Chamber of commerce and Motor club officials have been
ordered to vacate, and the hotel proprietors are awaiting the government's
final action.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FLOODED OUT BY BEER

Earth Drops
Foot a Day

Associated Press Despatch.
Brookhaven, Miss., April 3.
—The earth is dropping at an
estimated rate of a foot a day
near the village of Union
Church, just west of here, ac-
cording to scientists on the
spot.

Reports that within an area
one-quarter of a mile long and
forty feet wide, the earth is
cracking and sinking, leaving
deep chasms behind it, have
attracted thousands of persons
to the vicinity.

Underground chambers dug
by aborigines are blamed for
the cave-in.

ACTION AGAINST L.S.R. MONDAY, SAYS M'KAY

Finance Chairman Says Two
Satisfactory Courses Are
Being Considered.

Definite action will be taken by
Monday in the street railway tangle,
according to Ald. Frank McKay,
chairman of No. 1 committee. Ald.
McKay is not ready to say just what
this action will be, as several pro-
posals are now under consideration.

"There are two propositions, one
that could definitely be acted upon
and another, which would be more
satisfactory all round, if it could be
put into operation," was all that the
chairman would say today.

Reports today were that no nego-
tiation had been started in any way,
official or otherwise, to secure a new
agreement with the company.

RUG MERCHANT PLEASSED
WITH LONDON BUSINESS

S. G. Thompson, who is conduct-
ing a sale of Oriental rugs at 372
Richmond street for the remainder of
this week says business is much bet-
ter in London than he anticipated.
He is enthusiastic about the recep-
tion given his showing of rare weaves
and patterns in rugs, and expressed
pleasure and satisfaction at the in-
timate knowledge displayed by Lon-
doners in the qualities of the various
rugs displayed for the approval of the
people of this district.

FAIR DIRECTORS TO MEET
TO APPROVE PRIZE LISTS

The Western Fair directors are
meeting in the fair offices this af-
ternoon to consider the recommenda-
tions made by the various commit-
tees regarding the prize list for 1925.
"There is no other business of
importance that I know of," declared
Secretary W. D. Jackson this morn-
ing. "We want the prize lists ap-
proved so that we can put them in
the hands of the printer."
President J. H. Saunders will pre-
side at the meeting.

NEW BILL PLEASES NOBODY

Both the Unionists and Anti-
Unionists Are Dissatisfied
With Committee's Action.

IS "ULTRA VIRES"

Rev. James McKay Expresses
Strong Disapproval — Dr.
Beattie Says "Compromise."

Neither unionist nor anti-unionist
leaders in London are satisfied with
the church union bill as it has been
passed upon by the private bills
committee.

Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D. D., who
sat in on a number of the conferences
with the committee as a member of
the general assembly's church union
committee, is inclined to adopt a tol-
erant attitude toward the bill.

Rev. James McKay, R. D. declares
that the proposed bill is "ultra vires,"
because of the fact that the assembly
had not the right to proceed into
union.

Rev. William Beattie, D. D., C. M.
G., chairman of the London presby-
tery committee on union, views it as
a compromise bill. He is pleased,
however, that the decisions of the
judicial committee in the appeal are
to be final, thus eliminating the
possibility of action in the civil courts.

"The private bills committee has
arrived at a settlement," observed
Dr. MacGregor, "which, while both
sides may take exception to it, at
least makes an honest attempt to
reach a fair solution as between the
two parties."

"To surrender Knox college to those
who opposed the church policy
when 80 per cent of those now in at-
tendance at the college, in addition
to the whole staff, are unionists, is
not pleasant. While we regret the
up Knox college, the vote polled by
the anti-unionists in Ontario gives
them a right to consideration and
Knox college is the consideration
that the committee has granted them
after long deliberation."

"In the interests of peace and
tranquility in the church," stated Dr.
MacGregor, "I am prepared to accept
the committee's ruling, not so much
on the ground that the ruling is just,
but because of the fact that in the
interests of religion a settlement is
desirable."

"Ultra Vires," Says McKay.
"The legislature is accepting as a
fact," said Mr. McKay, "what is
only a theory, that the Presbyterian
church has gone into union. The
assembly had no right to go into
union, and the matter is clearly show-
ing that the principle is all wrong,
and therefore the bill is ultra vires."

The Presbyterians have been
literally "killed" by the "politi-
cians have treated us just as fairly
as our church leaders have, though
that is not saying much."

"Well, you get Knox college don't
you?"

"Oh, pshaw! Yes, but with a lot
of strings to it."

Mr. McKay averred that the bill
was as yet "only in the making" and
expressed agreement with Rev.
Stuart Parker, D.D., Toronto, in
stating that the whole question may
yet be taken to the privy council by
those Presbyterians opposed to
union.

Dr. Beattie pointed out that the
powers of the judiciary committee
to be appointed were limited to apply
in towns where there were two Pres-
byterian churches and under 59,999
in population.

In Dr. Beattie's opinion the pro-
posed bill is "not entirely satisfac-
tory."

SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER
BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Toronto, April 3.—The question of
payment for indigent patients in hos-
pitals came before the municipal
committee this morning in the form
of a bill by F. G. McBrien, Southeast
Toronto, which proposed that where
a person has been residing in a mun-
icipality for six months immedi-
ately prior to admission to the in-
stitution that municipality shall be
liable to the governing body of the
hospital.

The feeling of the committee was
to fix the period of residence at three
months, and that the collection shall
be made from an outside municipality
by the municipality where the patient
resides and not by the hospital. It
was urged that the hospitals had not
the machinery to collect that the
municipalities had. The proposal of
fixing three-months' residence, with
right of one municipality to collect
from another, was approved.