

WEST LONDON RATEPAYERS WILL DEMAND SETTLEMENT OF ST. RAILWAY PROBLEM

Community Association To Be Formed Following Early Rally In Empress Avenue School.

Organization of a ratepayers' association in West London will be effected within a few weeks, citizens of Ward 2 declare. A general meeting in the new Empress Avenue School will be called as soon as permission to use the auditorium can be obtained from the Board of Education.

The proposed organization plans to discuss many matters of interest to that ward, as well as the city in general. Chief of these is the street railway problem, which West Londoners feel is being slighted by the present City Council, E. A. Pocock states. The proposed organization plans to address them on the subject and to explain just what they intend doing.

Paving of West London thoroughfares, better lighting and the South London Collegiate situation will also be discussed by the ratepayers, who hope to build up a strong organization.

One object of the organization is to provide against the coming city-wide election of aldermen. It is felt that in a Council elected from the city at large, the wards would probably not get as much consideration as under the present system. That can be remedied, Mr. Pocock believes, by strong ratepayers' associations in various sections of the city.

Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

Butcher was robbed in Windsor on Saturday. In fact he was beaten at his own game.

Hamburger is the name of a new boxer. Everybody else is probably meat to him.

Crossword puzzle epidemic has hit Michigan prison. Lawyers say that few criminals are mentally sound.

There's one thing about Sundays in winter. You don't read so many motor accidents in Monday's paper.

Most soap companies use pictures of pretty girls in their ads.—and plenty of soft soap, too.

OSWALD, he's so sum'um thinks that Uncle Sam and Anti-Union are related.

Some people live in a state of perpetual fog, which is why they go around blowing their own horn.

Almost time to start figuring on where you're going to borrow the money with which to pay your income tax.

A bachelor is a man who has no one to discard his worn-out neckties for him.

Spring comes but once a year and we hope it isn't blocked by any detour signs.

OUR DAILY PUZZLE.

What small fruit is a third person who interrupts a tete a tete? Ten letters, starting "zoo."

Divorces cost about \$1,000 on the average in Canada, which should be one strong argument to look before you leap.

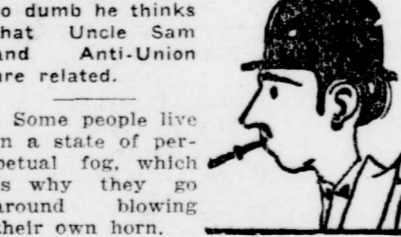
The high cost of living doesn't vary much. It usually stays around 10 per cent. more than we have.

Sometimes a man thinks women have more brains because he only knows the popular ones.

Among a man's worst enemies are the friends who flatter him.

We're getting old fashioned. Played two hours at that quaint old game, mah jongg.

In most homes the mah jongg set is keeping company with the checker board and the parchest outfit.



TOO BUSY TO GET DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Inspector Greer Unable To Complete Educational Thesis.

CAREER IS REVIEWED School Publication Extols His Achievements Here.

In the current issue of The School, a tribute is paid to V. K. Greer, inspector-administrator of London schools, who has been appointed chief inspector of the public and separate schools of the province. The article is as follows: Inspector Greer has had a long and remarkably successful experience both in public and high schools of Ontario. He has had first-hand experience as teacher of a rural public school, as principal of a graded public school, and a continuation school, and as mathematical master in one of the largest collegiate institutes of the province.

"He was for some time inspector of the public schools in the County of Dundas, and then appointed assistant master in the Stratford Normal School and four years later became an inspector of the public schools in London. On the death of C. B. Edwards, Mr. Greer was appointed to succeed him as senior inspector.

"Following the recent survey of London schools, the London Board of Education, with the sanction of special legislation, created the office of inspector-administrator of the public schools for the City of London and Inspector Greer was appointed to this office last December. In addition to this wide and very practical experience, Mr. Greer has been an earnest student of educational theory. He has completed his examinations in the graduate course in education with the University of Toronto, and on the acceptance of the dissertation, which he has now found time to prepare, will have completed the work for the doctor's degree in pedagogy.

"Mr. Greer will take up his new duties as chief inspector of public and separate schools on May 1."

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HUGE DECLINE IN CUSTOM RECEIPTS

Past Month's Total Shows \$92,090 Decrease.

FALL IN SALE TAXES Smallest Decline Noted Is In Excise Duties.

The greatest decrease in customs and excise collection for several months past is shown in the statistics here for the month of January. The decline ranges from \$47,828.12, as compared with \$91,342.88 a year ago. In sales tax collections on imports the decrease was \$8,752.50, but this is accounted for in the alteration made in sales tax collections at the beginning of the year. Decreases in this department will continue until it fades out altogether.

Sales tax excise receipts fell to the extent of \$3,303.65, the collections for the month just ended being \$9,828.50, as against \$13,132.15 for January, 1924. This department is also affected by the alteration in the system of sales tax collection, but adversely from that of imports sales tax.

The smallest decline in any one branch of importance was that of the excise duty on beer, which was \$1,658.25 as compared with \$1,658.25 a year ago, which amounted to \$2,134.22.

SHOWER BATH IN JAIL KEPT BUSY

Sunday Arrivals Break Three-Year Prison Record.

INMATES NOW TOTAL 38

Motley Crowd Fills Cells At Castle Dawson.

Jailer Byron Dawson's hotel, better known as the county jail, on Sunday housed the highest number of prisoners in three years. Not since 1922 has there been a total of 38 inmates confined in the institution at one time.

It is also the largest number of guests that Governor Dawson has had in his charge since he assumed his duties 2 years ago. According to him the turnkeys were kept busy receiving guests from late on Saturday night until Sunday night. He states that the bath's only shower was kept in continual use.

Commitment papers received by him show that Charles O. T. A. violators and persons charged with theft headed the list of visitors.

TOWN PLANNING WEEK LAUNCHED

Commission Calls Public Attention To Big Scheme.

FOUR EVENING MEETINGS

Western Ontario Conference To Be Held On Thursday.

A Town Planning Week to bring the work and aims of London's town planning association to the citizens of London, is being held by the Town Planning Commission of the City Council during this week.

Brief explanations of the plan will be given by H. L. Seymour at four evening meetings at Ryerson School on Tuesday, Empress Avenue, on Wednesday, Victoria, on Thursday, and General Street School on Friday. A general discussion of the plan will be held at these meetings at which the project will be laid before the citizens and either Mr. Seymour or the city engineer will bring the matter before the meetings of the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs.

Invitations to attend the meetings will be invited to send representatives to the conferences on town planning, which is to be held on Thursday afternoon. Special discussion of proposed legislation to give greater power to civic governing bodies in dealing with buildings, is to be taken up at this conference. One particular amendment to be considered, proposes measures to prevent the subdivision of 50-foot lots for sale, and the construction of buildings on highways outside the city limits which would hinder the development of the city.

London town plan with zones marked off in different colors has been on exhibition in the front window of a Dundas street store for several days and will be on view there all this week.

DAIRYMEN MOURN LOSS OF VETERAN TEACHER

J. H. Bell, Instructor For Many Years, Dead in Brampton.

Word was received by Frank Storns, secretary of the Western Ontario Dairy-men's Association, of the death in Brampton of James Bell Smith, the oldest dairy instructor in the employ of the Ontario Government. Mr. Smith had been in failing health for several years and although his recovery was not expected, death came suddenly.

Without a doubt one of the best known dairy instructors in Ontario, Mr. Smith leaves to mourn his death scores of friends. He was well known throughout the Dominion as an expert in his line of work, and under his supervision many Dominion competition trophies have been brought to Ontario. A short time ago he retired from active work, but until a few weeks previous to his death had been in touch with his work. He was also an instructor at the short course held in the Ontario Agricultural College each winter held from his late residence to-day at 2.30. Interment will be made to-morrow in Owen Sound upon the arrival of the 1.19 train from Brampton.

MANY ENROLL FOR PLAYPARK COURSE

Class of More Than 20 Will Start On Thursday.

EXTEND FOR 10 WEEKS

Must Pass Course To Qualify For Positions.

Twenty young men and women have enrolled for the 10-week course, which is being given by the Public Utilities Commission for the playground supervisors of the city. Since only those who have passed the course will be entitled to act on the parks this summer it is expected that the class will be doubled by the opening night, which will be next Thursday.

With a few exceptions the applicants to date have been those who had previous experience on the playgrounds. Letters were sent to all of those who served on the playgrounds last year and most of these have signified their intention of taking the course, which will qualify them for service in the same capacity this summer.

Classes will be held every Thursday night at the London Y. M. C. A. and will begin promptly at 7 p. m. Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable quarters for the instruction and training since the East End town hall was found not to have the heat or other facilities for regular work. The class will spend part of their time in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and the other part in a classroom.

Instruction will cover a wide ground of activities including first aid, discipline, aquatics, games, pageants and folk dancing. Miss Winifred Pender-gast, physical director of the University of Western Ontario has been retained as an instructor in dancing and athletics for the limit of the course. Miss Prendergast is also conversant with playground activities and will be able to give lectures on the subject.

Jerry Goodman will again be chief supervisor of city playparks and will take part in the coaching to be given to the would-be assistant supervisors.

SERMON SERIES ON THE GOSPELS

First of Special Addresses At Egerton Street Baptist Church.

The first of a series of sermons on "The New Testament," was preached by Rev. A. Burgess at Egerton Street Baptist Church last night. "The Message of Matthew" was the subject of this opening address and Mr. Burgess pointed out that the central thought in this book was John's slogan afterwards taken up by Christ: "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mr. Burgess averred that the root of the New Testament is in the Old Testament and that just as the old Scriptures would be incomplete without the new, so this life is incomplete without a hope for the future. Declaring that many of the problems of this life can only be solved in the next world, the speaker urged his congregation to think again.

"By making the will of Christ supreme over the affairs of men will come the long-expected kingdom on earth and through it a stouter hope of eternal life for all humanity," he asserted.

The subjects of the sermon series for February are: "The Ministry of Mark" on February 8; "The Love of Luke" on February 15; and "The Joy of John" on February 22. Some 412 pupils attended the Sunday school service yesterday.

BENEDICTS GIVE MOST CHEERFULLY

Collection Statistics Give Illuminating Sidelights On Generosity.

It has been definitely established that women are more cheerful givers than men. It has been established further that married men are more cheerful givers than single men, and still further, the same is true in the comparison of the giving of single women and single men. Statistics derived from church collections for special funds and certain specific offerings show this to be the case.

Taking the combined forces of those salaried of the matrimonial seas, the offerings average about three times as much as those of both sexes who best in single blessedness. By the statistics it is brought out that the married women give approximately twice as much as the single women. By the same means it is found that the married men give about three-fifths more than the single women, while the single men trail along in the rear, with exactly half the amount given by the single women.

These things were shown in the report of a special offering recently given in one of the local churches.

ALEX. CLARE BURIED.—Fallbearers at the funeral of Alexander Clare, which was held on Saturday afternoon from George E. Logan's funeral home, were: J. Garstie, W. Welch, M. Morrison, S. Miller, W. McDonald and E. Joffe. Services were held at 2 o'clock and the funeral at 2.30. Rev. A. S. H. Cree, of the Anglican Church of the Redeemer, officiating. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAGES RALLY

Splendid Addresses At Horton Street Congregational Church.

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE Christian Endeavor Society In Charge of Program.

Rally services were observed at the Horton Street Congregational Church yesterday at the meeting of the Sunday School in the afternoon. The superintendent, Bert Wherry, presided, and addresses were given by Carson Mateer, of Toronto, provincial secretary of Christian Endeavor for Ontario, and W. Saunders, who spoke interestingly on "Birds." A much appreciated vocal solo was contributed by Miss E. Bissell, accompanied by R. Bissell. This was followed by the distribution of diplomas, seals and medals by the superintendent assisted by Mr. Mateer. Immediately after the Sunday School service, Mr. Mateer addressed the members of the Horton Bell Mission Circle and the older boys of the Sunday school on "The Organization of an Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society in the Church."

The Christian Endeavor Society was in charge of the evening church service. The president, Dr. H. Taylor, presided and devotional exercises were led by Dr. Wherry, L. R. Anderson and Rev. H. B. Stacey. The Scripture reading was taken by Alfred Garwood, president of the Christian Endeavor Society, and special Christian Endeavor music by the choir constituted the service of praise.

Alfred Garwood, president of the Christian Endeavor Society, and Carson Mateer, of Toronto, were speakers and a comprehensive history of the organization since its inception by Mr. Clarke on February 2, 1887, was given. At the conclusion of the service the announcement was made of a sleighride party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Flannagan, under the direction of the Horton Bell Mission Circle this week.

ATTEMPT TO SELL \$200 WORTH OF LIQUOR COST BOOTLEGGERS \$4,500

HUSBAND IS JAILED ON SUPPORT CHARGE

Police Report Shows More Convictions For Illicit Sale Of Attempted Sale In Past Three Months Than Ever Before.

The attempted sale of liquor valued at \$200 cost bootleggers in London \$4,500 in fines in the three months ending January 31, according to figures compiled by license Inspector Walter Bolton. The total amount levied as penalties is one of the largest in any quarter-year since the inspector took over the office here.

There were 15 prosecutions instituted during the three months, six of which were dismissed. The remaining 12 resulted in the registering of convictions. The liquor taken into custody and responsible for the court actions was valued at \$200.

FENDER TORN OFF.—The fenders were neatly shorn from a car belonging to E. W. G. Moore, broker, of this city, when a passing motorist misjudged the distance on the highway yesterday. The force of the impact hurled one of the cars into the ditch. None of the occupants was injured. A broken wheel and damaged fenders was the extent of the damage to Mr. Moore's car.

Wife Alleges Husband Did Not Contribute To Home Upkeep—Will Be Tried Later.

William Willison, charged with non-support by his wife, was remanded to jail for a week to-day when he appeared before Deputy Magistrate Bradshaw at the juvenile court. Willison was taken into custody a week ago by High Constable Wharton on a description furnished by Mrs. Willison.

Ray Dobbs, another resident of the county, has been jailed to appear when called on the same charge.

INSPECT ALTERATIONS—A meeting of the grounds and building committee of the Western Park Board will convene at Queen's Park on Wednesday for the purpose of inspecting the alterations which have already been completed at the exhibition grounds this winter and to discuss other projects under consideration. Some time ago a scheme of relief for the unemployed was inaugurated through the joint efforts of the fair board and the City Council. As a result many alterations to the buildings have been completed. At the present time some interior changes in the horse barns are being considered.

ACCIDENT FAILS TO DELAY TRAIN

Broken Axle Situation Remedied By Fact That H. & B. Sports Two Locomotives.

Only five minutes' delay was caused when the pilot engine of the local Bruce was crippled by a broken axle just as the train stopped at Ingersoll this morning.

The accident, which would usually tie up a single-track line for hours, only halted the Bruce for a few minutes, as the engine broke down opposite the sidetrack siding and the second engine was able to carry the train on to the London terminal by switching through the siding.

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TOURIST PROSPECT WAS INTERESTED IN RADIO

Railway Salesman's Vision of Big Sale Vanished When "Client" Explained.

A new use for railroad booklets has come to light through the activities of an enterprising salesman for one of the steam operated companies. Some few days ago the local office of railroad Blank, who was planning to take a cruise to the West Indies.

Well supplied with tickets, change for \$100 bills, a variety of pretty pictures of the island, and a business known to him, he made his way to the office of Mr. Logan, who was planning to take a cruise to the West Indies.

Anticipating a further call for these interesting booklets, he had for more, giving all the cruises in the world, had been sent for by the local office.

FORMER LONDONER DEAD IN DETROIT

Body Brought Home For Interment At Woodland Cemetery.

William S. Marshall, a former resident of this city, died at his home in Detroit on Saturday, following an illness of two years. He was in his 48th year.

Born in Glenora, he was a son of the late Edward Marshall. For 10 years he was a resident of this city, being employed as a granite cutter by several local firms. He had made his home in Detroit for the past 18 years.

Surviving are: One son, Wilfred, at home; his mother, Mrs. Anne Marshall; three sisters, Mrs. Caleb Jones, Mrs. F. E. Scott and Mrs. William Jones, all of this city.

The funeral will be held from George E. Logan's funeral home to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Services will be conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral this morning. Following general business, short address on "The Church and Young People" was given by Rev. A. A. Bice, of All Saints' Anglican Church.

YOUNG WANDERERS REACH DORCHESTER

Eleven and 13-year-old Lads Soon Cured of Roving Tendencies.

Stories of the boy who left his home and parents, drifted along life's great highway and came out on top found fertile fields in the minds of the Mark brothers, 219 Simcoe street. Only their journey towards this objective came to a halt in the village of Dorchester on Sunday morning.

The brothers, 11 and 13 years of age, had wearied of school, the books only poured oil on their imaginative minds and together they started out to see the world on Saturday. How far they expected to go without any money remains unsolved, but they were filled with hope and this alone made up for what other essentials were lacking.

To-day they are back at cozy little home, Constable Chittick, of Dorchester, placed them on the train for London to-day after he informed High Constable Wharton they had been located. They are not bad boys, far from it, but, like all children of their age, distant fields appear brightest.

NORWICH RESIDENT DIES.—Mrs. Isabella Fairley, a resident of Norwich, Ontario, died at the home of her son, Mrs. J. C. Fairley, 374 Prince of Wales street, Norwich, on Saturday. She had been in the city to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, the late John W. Propper. She died suddenly this morning. Mrs. Fairley was the wife of William Fairley. She had been a life resident of Ontario and died in her 76th year. Surviving are: Her husband, two sons, J. C. of this city, and W. B. of Toronto; one daughter, Miss Annie, at home, and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Propper. The funeral will be held on Wednesday from her late residence there, services being in charge of Rev. J. M. Heath, of Norwich Methodist church. Interment will be made in Norwich cemetery.

CLERICUS MEETS—The regular monthly meeting of the Clericus was held in St. Paul's Cathedral this morning.

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PROMISSORY NOTE CASE CONTINUED

Four Prominent Londoners Defendants in Action in County Court.

Hearing of evidence in the Imperial Bank action against four prominent Londoners for payment on notes was continued before Justice Ross when Supreme Court opened at the courthouse at 11.30.

Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, one of the defendants, was the first witness called to-day. He told of the events leading up to the signing of the notes for which he and the other defendants were held to be liable. The power rights in the Bancroft Marbles, Limited, a mining company in Northern Ontario.

T. G. Cartwright, counsel for the Bancroft Marbles, Limited, submitted the witness to a lengthy cross-examination. J. C. Elliott, of Ivey, Elliott & Gillanders, is acting for the Imperial Bank. The case will conclude this afternoon, with arguments of counsel yet to be heard.

The next case is that of Marjorie W. Whitaker, suing James Baxter for \$1,000 damages resulting from an auto accident.

BELT RETURNING.

There is a tendency to return the belt to the spring costume, particularly in the back, where it is tied sash-fashion.

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Frank Mitchell and John Williams, who, a week ago, pleaded guilty to the theft of an old phonograph and 56 records from a storehouse in the rear of 3 Prospect avenue, were bailed for a month to-day by Magistrate Graydon.

Williams and Mitchell, who have spent a week in jail following their arrest by Detective Elmer Walsh and Sergeant Perry last week, were bailed in the sum of \$100 each to present themselves before the court one month hence.

Both phonograph and records were old. The machine itself was dilapidated and the records were cast with tunes that were popular many years ago. The booty was discovered by the officers who were summoned to the scene after the suspicions of neighbors had been aroused near the Williams home where the phonograph was stored.

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