## Council Appoints W.P. Near ToSucceed Engineer Brazier

St. Catharines Man Is Chosen After Considerable Discussion-Chamber of Commerce Secretary Under Fire For Letter to Press.

ter showed poor form. It is an exhibition of poor business etiquette. I want to go on record to that effect."

"How much do we pay to the chamber of commerce?" questioned

Dislikes Criticism.

"I understand that they are there for co-operation," Ald. Judd con-tended. "I do not like that criticism

to one who is giving his time free gratis to the city."

"I hope it is not the spirit of the

"It's high time to cut out this

have always had trouble with the

grant," Ald. Drake declared. "We

"We can't get away from the fact that the chamber of commerce is an important and necessary body," Ald.

"I am criticizing the communica-tion in the press," Ald. Judd cor-

rected, "and no doubt the secretary

would be censured if the members

tested Ald. Havden, "but against one

city, and it is up to Mr. Philip-well,

I can't express my true sentiments

here. I would make the suggestion

they stop such procedure in the fu-

Asks For Committee.

Ald. Burdick felt that the chamber

of commerce should not be criticized.

but that a committee should take up the question with that body. Ald. McKay did not think that it

The council, by popular consent, re-ferred back for further consideration

collowing recommendations from No.

committee relative to the local

he taken at the next municipal elec-

or the purchase of the London Street

Railway.
(b) No. 1 committee to be in-

street north and Adelaide street.

Patronize Union Shops.

and passed, that the city hall min-

utes and voters' lists be printed in union printing houses. The estimated

As he promised, Ald. Burdick re-

quested discussion relative to the day labor scheme, and voted alone against

recommendation to that effect from

No. 2 committee. He contended that

the city could not tell definitely how

much, if anything, had been saved in past years, as there had been no com

Ald. McKay and Drake disputed his claim at considerable length.

Discovery of Infant Wrapped

To Resemble Parcel Puzzles

Detroit Police.

Special to The Advertiser.

Retroit, March 6. - Police are

searching for a woman who aban-

tendants, in the rest-room of the Em-

or merely left in the room for a

APPRECIATES WORK DONE

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taken for a bundle.

cost is, roughly, \$1,900.

ransportation problem:

(a) A vote of the ratepayers will

service to the city.

crown attorney.

ond it." Ald. Patterson asserted.

chamber of commerce me Douglass supplemented.

chamber of commerce."

took up the matter."

"Fifteen hundred dollars," replied

Ald. Patterson

The battle is over, the smoke is about the co-operation of the cham-clearing away and W. P. Near, city engineer of St. Catharines, is Lon-don's new city engineer at a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

about the co-operation of the cham-ber of commerce."

"Just because some little criticism has been offered to the chamber of commerce, we find this letter from the secretary. I don't care whether of \$5,000 per annum. his facts are right or wrong, but I

Adhering steadfastly to his claim feel that in view of the fact that the chamber of commerce is drawing that W. Veitch of the local engineering department should be given the money from the city, that it is un-warranted. This kind of thing does not do any good to the city, and is position, Ald. John Greer voted alone against Mr. Near's appointment. not displaying good tact or judgment."
"I am glad this has come up," Ald.
Douglass declared. "I think this let-

The decision came only after a long period of debate while the councillors haggled over his proposed salary, with the result that Mayor Wenige tendered definite assurance that the new engineer would not be exempt from consideration when all empt from consideration of Mayor Wenige.
municipal salaries claim attention of What for?" persisted Ald. Patter-

the council a few days hence.

A motion from Ald. Thomas Patterson that City Engineer Brazier's resignation date from March 15 in lieu of April 30, as previously agreed was lost, Ald. Patterson and his sec onder, Ald. May, voting against the remainder of their colleagues. Wants Local Man.

Ald. Greer questioned why it was considered imperative to go out of the city for an engineer when there were men in the local department whom he believed to be quite capable for the position and who could be secured for \$1,500 less than Mr. Near. He moved that Mr. Veitch be given six months' trial at \$3,500 per annum. It was his contention that Mr. Near was now receiving this sum in St. Hayden said.

Hayden said. "All we want is har-mony, if not with the secretary, with "Ald. Greer is right except that he the broad-minded members. We shouldn't criticize the members who are not behind this letter." is wrong in his facts," responded Ald.

Douglass. "Engineer Near is getting \$3,800 and a commission, bringing his alary to \$4,200."

Following a debate between Ald. Douglass and Ald. Greer, Ald. Judd questioned whether Mr. Near had asked \$5,000 or had been offered that sum. He was told that \$5,000 was the against the council as a whole," pro-

lowest figure.

Ald. Judd then questioned what position this would place the council in for 1924. Mr. Near, he pointed out, would be out to better himself and if meeting success would be liable to come to the city for increases in remuneration. While acre here to do what we can for the knowledging that he was probably city and it is up to Mr. Philing well. knowledging that he was probably a capable man, he felt that \$5,000 was large for an initial salary. Ald. Hayden voiceá the opinion that if Mr. Near proved that he was worth more than \$5,000 he was only too willing to give it to him in the

city's interest. Regrets Opposition.

Ald. Watt deplored eleventh-hour opposition, while Ald. McKay explained that local applicants had been first considered. Ald. Burdick felt that local men could not blame the council or himself, as he had ap-proached them in this connection and

Ald. Douglass felt that it was no time for the council to adopt a parsimonious attitude.

Ald. Judd wanted to know if Mr.

Ald. McKay did not think that it was fair to treat the question from one angle only. He believed that something had appeared in the Free Press that may have been detrimental to Mr. Philip. While he explained that he should be the last one to defend the secretary of the chamber of commerce, he did think that there were always two sides to a question, and that both should be heard. While he did not approve of the letter, he felt Near's salary would receive the same consideration from the salary committee as all other employees. The mayor stated in the affirmative.

Ald. Judd made it quite clear that he was not going after a reduction did not approve of the letter, he felt that Mr. Philip had given his best

he was not going after a reduction of Mr. Near's salary, as Ald. Drake warned that they could not appoint a city engineer now and cut his Ald. Colbert stated that Mr. Near should be notified definitely upon

what terms he was being employed. Ald. McKay had a similar opinion. Ald. Drake contended that it would Ald. Drake contended that it would take a year to estimate an engineer's worth, in reply to the assertions from the council that his services could be dispensed with if he did measure up to requirements. Approve University Bill.

The council after an exhaustive discussion approvel a motion, introduced by Ald. McKay, that they approve the Western University bill, now before the provincial legislaure, respecting City of London grants, when the understanding that these expectations are the understanding that the expectation are the understanding that the expectation are the understanding that the expectation are structed to secure from that corpora-tion price for which they will sell to the city.
(c) The city engineer to be directed to give regular notice to the street railway company to proceed with the paving of Stanley street, Richmond upon the understanding that these exnditures receive the sanction of the ratepayers by popular vote.

Ald. McKay explained that he was It was moved by Ald. Gordon Drake, seconded by Ald. Burdick,

not attacking the university, but expressed the belief that the latte ould view favorably the suggested changes.

Just before the session adjourned

Just before the session adjourned, Gordon Philip, secretary of the cham-ber of commerce, became the target for a veritable volley of criticism, Ald. Albert Judd leading the onslaught, with the result that a special committee will confer with the chamber of commerce in connection with the incipient controversy between Mr. Philip and Ald. John May.

"I have noticed a letter in the press from Gordon Philip" stated Ald. Judd, "and I want to draw your attention to this in view of the re-

tention to this in view of the re-peated assurance time and again

## Rheumatic People **Find Quick Relief**

By Enriching Their Blood With Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Rheumatism is a disorder of the blood. It attacks people when the blood is overcharged with impurities, thus setting up inflammation of the muscles and joints. Wet weather or doned a two-year-old baby girl, discovered yesterday afternoon by atmuscles and joints. Wet weather or cold weather may start the tortures of rheumatism, but this is not the cause. The cause is in the blood. Victims of this malady have every. pire Theatre, Weodward avenue.
The child is apparently in good health. Police are uncertain whether the baby was deliberately abandoned to fear the first dull ache in the limbs and joints, followed by sharp pains through the flesh and muscles; these are the symptoms which may shortly leave the victim pain-racked and helpless. Rubbing liniments and applying hot applications may give relief, but that is all, and the pains are soon back again. You must treat the trouble through the blood, and the value of Dr. Williams Pink Pills in cases of this kind is proved by Mr. Elias Bruce, Upper Clarence, N. S., who says: "Some years ago I had a bad attack of rheuyears ago I had a bad attack of rheu-matism which left me helpless. I had to have help to dress and undress myself, and could not even lace my boots without help. Of course, the trouble caused me much suffering, and I was in this condition for about ths. One day a friend who called to see me advised the use of Williams Pink Pills. I began takthem, and soon found some re-And a short while after all signs rheumatism were gone, and I not since had any return of the



Bill To Amend Assessment Act Meets Similar Fate On Second Reading—House Adjourns Following Death of R. A. Fowler of Lennox.

Canadian Press Despatch, Toronto, March 6.—The Ontario Legislature killed two bills yesterday afternoon on the second reading. The House divided on a bill proposed by A. C. Lewis, Northeast Toronto, to amend the assessment act. The amendments were suggestions from the Union of Ontario Municipalities. Strong opposition developed to any tinkering with the assessment act, several memoers declaring that it was several memoers declaring that it was already amended past recognition. W. F. Nickle, supported by all the members of the Conservative group, thought the bill might well go to command its clauses of merit, if any, retained and the others thrown out. The opposition, however, could see no clauses of merit. Premier Drury said that as the bill was not a government measure the House could do of St. Catharines, who was last night appointed as London's city engineer at a salary of \$5,000 per annum. The ernment measure the House could do what it saw fit. Personally he would not oppose the bill going to comcouncil was made after some weeks

on the division the premier voted with the Conservatives to have it go to committee. Hon. W. E. Raney, Hon. R. H. Grant, Edgar Watson and argument on the part of the city Hon R. H. Grant, Lagar watson and J. W. Widdifield voted with the premier and the Conservatives. All other government supporters and all Lifterals present voted against the bill going to committee. The vote was 34 to 16 against the bill getting second CITIZEN DIES HERE

The bill introduced by Karl Homuth, South Waterloo, making the use of free text books compulsory in all schools, was also defeated on secall schools, was also defeated on second reading, on a standing vote without formal division. All Labor members, including Hon. Walter Rollo and Hon. Harry Mills, voted for the bill, but it was opposed by all. U. F. O., Conservative and Liberal members. As the law stands at present free text books are optional with local boards. Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, opposed the bill, declaring that after thorough investigation he had found that rural investigation were against compulsory

that local boards were too restricted by provincial legislation. "It is said," he continued, "that the Legislature is destroying the last semblance of local autonomy in many things."

Thomas Marshall, Liberal, Lincoln, while opposed to the bill, said he thought public school readers might well be abolished. In its place he would substitute the system in use in New Zealand, where the department of education issues a monthly journal to the schools as a reader.

Premier Drury told the house nothing about government plans on redistribution and proportional repre-

redistribution and proportional repre-sentation, although he answered a

bill, declaring that found that rural investigation he had found that rural sections were against compulsory free text books, and that there was no great demand from the urban centers.

Burdened.

Tributes

Mr. Fowler were expressed on the party leaders, and by Karl Homuth. The premier said he had known Mr. Fowler for 18 years, and known Mr. Fowler were expressed on the party leaders. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson said found him the soul of hospitality, kindliness and honor. The house was hoisting too much arbitrary legislation upon the municipalities, and the family of the member.

## His Bride Waits As the Seconds Tick Till "Corie" Finds His Walking Stick

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Paris, March 6.-There's many a slip 'tween the ring and the kiss. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney of New York, and Miss Marine Norton, American heiress and society beauty, were married here Monday, but:

Just as the party was gathering in the city hall and Whitney was fumbling around for the ring, he discovered that he had lost his cane.

Out he ran in search of the stick. The parents of Miss Norton and Whitney paced up and down nervously. In an hour he returned swinging his cane.

And so they were married.

## PREPARE GREAT LAKES FLEET BY NEXT MONTH

Conservative Member For Lennox Succumbs To Lengthy Toronto, March 6.—Reginald Amherst Fowler, Conservative member of the Legislature for Lennox, died here yesterday in his 78th year. Mr. Fowier had been ill for some time

the proposed action with reference to the appeal to the government for a full-time magistrate and a full-time With no opposition and but slight Fowier had been ill for some time discussion the council approved the from heart trouble, although he was from heart trouble, although he was a visitor at the parliament buildings last week. He was elected to the Legislature first in 1914, and reelected in 1919. He was born at Amherst Island, and was educated in Kingston. Mr. Fowler was a farmer needed. All steamers of the big fleet ing. There are two jury cases and Kingston. Mr. Fowler was a farmer in Lennox interested in many local enterprises. In 1870 he served in the Pitteburg steemers of the big fleet will be ready early in April. Most the court will last until the end of tion regarding the establishment and maintenance of a motor bus system Red River Rebellion. He was elect- of the Pittsburg steamers are in the week. ed warden of the combined counties of Lennox and Addington in 1903. Winter quarters at Lake Michigan charge of the clerkship for this session. Burial will be held in Lennox.

John Price, Retired Merchant,

Called by Death At Home

in This City.

This City.

John Price, a resident of this city

for the past six years, but known for many years as "Squire" Price of Port Stanley, died last night after an ill-

ness of several weeks at his home, 240 Oxford street, in his 79th year.

Until he retired from business and

came to the city, Squire Price spent

Less than ten years ago he was a

familiar figure at the summer resor

as the owner of the pleasure boat "Glen Erie," which made hourly trips

out of the Port. He was also engaged in the store business at Port for

Squire Price leaves his widow, two daughters, Alma C., and Marion E., and one son, Morton, of New York. Miss Alma Price has lived with her parents in the city.

parents in the city, but the two lat-

with their father.
Since coming to the city the family

have been associated with the Church of St. John the Evangelist, but dur-

ing residence in Port Stanley was closely identified with Christ Church

The funeral is to be private and will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

M.L.A., DIES AT TORONTO

where interment is to be made.

The funeral is to be private

REGINALD A. FOWLER.

summoned hastily to be

all his life in Port Stanley.

many years.

Special to The Advertiser. Cleveland, Ohio, March 6.-An early start will be made in the work of terday seeking aid of the police in fitting out bulk freighters for the locating her son, Hans Benning, 14 oilers of other steamers will go to fleet meeting has not been fixed.

### ASKS WINDSOR POLICE TO AID IN LOCATING SON

Windsor, March 6 .- Mrs. R. Benning of Detroit was in Windsor yes-

Crown Attorney Dyre has taken

## **BOARD'S CURIOSITY COSTS CITY MONEY**

of Technical School Power Prices Reveals Mistake.

### ENGAGE NEW TUTOR

Miss H. Stevens Named Head of Household Arts Department by Committee.

It doesn't pay to ask too many questions. Any member of the advisory vocational committee, controlling the Technical School, will tell you that.

Members of the board sought too question, although he answered a question on the matter. He said that W. E. Hooper had prepared a bill on the single transferable vote system for the government. But to the question, "Is it the intention of the government to submit the bill to the house?" the premier replied, "the matter is under consideration."

Members of the board sought too much information, in the name of efficiency, from the public utilities commission, and now they find they must pay more this year than ever before for power to light and operate the school.

Last year Arthur White conceived

Last year, Arthur White conceived Hon. Peter Smith, when asked how the revenue of \$1,730,242 from the law enforcement branch was made up, gave details in which the main items are: Liquor dispensaries, \$1,200,000; fines, \$349,000; and confiscated liquor, \$173,000.

Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works and highways, in reply to a question said that 40 miles of provincial highway were either built or

vincial highway were either built or The public utilities commission under contract in the county of made the investigation and found that Wentworth.

J. B. Johnston (Simcoe) got second White, a saving of \$42.16 would have been made last year. But the fly in been made last year. following the scheme proposed by Mr.

Insistent In Contention, But Mr. White still insists that it vill be cheaper to transform power During 1923 the public utilities estimate that \$103.97 might be saved hrough this method, but according pal of the school, a transforme ost \$562, and the cost of installation

"Well, the saving would make nice "But the machine would be obsolete in five years," objected Mr. Gammage. It was finally decided that it might

be more practical to rent a trans-former and Mr. Beal was instructed o secure the estimated cost.
E. Smith, chairman, asked Mr. Beal if there was any possibility of turn-ing part of the Technical School over use of Collegiate students

but Mr. Beal could see no possibility "We are crowded to capacity as i s," he replied.

The attendance figures were as follows: Technical day classes, en-rollment 300, average attendance 252; commercial day classes, enrollment 278, attendance 243; adolescent 200,

attendance 38; evening, special classes, enrollment 618, attendance 146. The total enrollment in all classes was given as 1,406, while the average attendance was 679.

It was decided to designate the auto mechanics' class as a vocational class hereafter, making it much cheaper and bringing it within the reach of all. This was done despite objections from Mr. White. Draw Up Fees.

A resolution covering all other fees was adopted. It reads: Owen Sound, March 6.—The spring fee for evening classes shall be \$2.50 per term of three months for two or three evenings per week; \$3.50 for four evenings a week, and \$4.50 for five evenings, for all vocational classes. The fee for wood-carving shall be \$2.50 per term of three months for each evening per week attended,"

It was decided to engage Miss H. Stevens, who is at present on a leave of absence attending Columbia Uni-versity, as head of the household arts department at a salary of \$2,300 to begin, with a maximum of \$2,800. The appointment is to date from Septem-It was also decided to hire an in-

structor in draughting and electrical work, duties to commence September 1. This appointment was questioned A committee composed of Arthur White, E. Smith and Mr. Walton was named to secure additional equipment for the machine shop.

It was announced that an exhibition of students' work would be held on March 26, 27, and 28..

# SUSPENDS SENTENCE ON CONVICTED CITIZEN

Fred Hague Pays Family Maintenance To Sarnia Court and Is Released.

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, March 5 .- Fred T. Hague was released on suspended sentence yesterday by Magistrate H. Gorman in the Sarnia police court on a charge of failing to support his family,

Hague agreed to pay into court mmediately \$25 for maintenance and thereafter \$5 a week. He made a plea of ill-health for the lack of support given his children, and the magistrate took cognizance of this in allowing suspended sentence.

The day of futurism, cubeism and past impressionism in art is waning, declared G. W. Beatty of the Toronto College of Art in an address given here this evening under the auspices of the Sarnia Women's Conservation Committee. There was a good attendance to hear Mr. Beatty, who himself an eminent Canadian artist, and some of his pictures were on exhibition in the library this evening. The Sarnia Conservation Society, formed with the purpose of developthe arts in the young people, has much towards its objective in last two years. This has been the last-two years. This has been achieved through the loaning of Can-Gallery at Ottawa, and eight paint ings by well-known Canadian artists are hanging in the Sarnia public library for this year.

STEAMER ARRIVALS. New York, March's .- Cedric, Liver-

Suez, March 5. - Laconia, New Moville, March 5 .- Saturnia, New York, Liverpool, March 4.-Celtic, Nev

York. Madeira, March 3.-Adriatic, New

INGERSOLL CHIMNEY FIRES

Ingersoll, March 6 .- Although the damage on the whole has been very slight, fires have occurred here with egularity since the first of the year n all the firemen have responded to

nkin Seed

RSOLL CHIMNEY FIRES
UNUSUALLY NUMEROUS
fires. The fires, it is believed, have been more numerous than usual, owing to the substitutes for hard coal that have been used.

OTTAWA CONTRACTOR DIES. Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 5.—Charles Hole brook, 70, pioneer contractor of Ottain all the firemen have responded to brook, it, ploneer contractor of Otta26 calls. All of these, however, with three exceptions, were burning chimneys. Sunday and again yesterday the of some of the largest buildings in ottawa and Hull, died suddenly from firemen were called out to chimney heart disease here Sunday.













