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TOMORROW—Milder.

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## LAWRASON HAS NEW CANDIDATE

L. & P. S. Deficit Is \$102,307 :: Prisoner Asks Longer Term

### INGENUITY SHOWN IN 4,000 EXHIBITS

Third Annual Rotary Hobby Fair Opened at 2 o'clock in Arena  
—Wide Variety of Hobbies Range From Pigeons to Pushmobiles.

PAGEANT WILL DEPICT ROTARY'S STRENGTH

### Hobby Fair Tomorrow

Friday's program for the Rotary Hobby Fair includes an exhibition of aerobatics by the boys of the De La Salle school at 8 o'clock, and the Askin Street Methodist orchestra, under Dr. James Smith, in the afternoon and evening. The doors will open at 2 o'clock and the fair will remain open to the public until 11.

### PRINCE IS GIVEN ELEPHANT TUSK

Gold Coast Natives Yell Welcome as British Heir Arrives.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, April 13.—After a busy Sunday the Prince of Wales started another day of ceremonies by receiving an address from the legislative council, which was read by the senior African member of the body.

This member later presented to the prince a huge elephant tusk. Having received the gold coast legislators the prince went to the polo grounds, where crowds had gathered since dawn for the royal reception of native chiefs from the central province of the colony. The road was packed with masses of natives yelling welcome to the royal visitor, while the polo ground itself presented a rare picture of tropical color with forty chiefs and their retinues grouped in a great semicircle under gorgeous canopies with a background of trees and the sea.

### THEATRE SAFE ROBBED.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Yonkers, N. Y., April 13.—A safe in the Strand theatre was pried open and robbed of \$2,000 last night by burglars, who police believe secreted themselves in the building during the Sunday night show.

The theatre is owned by former mayor M. J. Walsh.

### The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Moderate southeasterly winds, fair, becoming milder.  
Tuesday — Fresh southeasterly to westerly winds, mostly fair and mild; scattered showers.  
Pressure is high from the great lakes eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and low off the middle Atlantic coast and over Manitoba. The weather has been cool over the greater part of the dominion, with scattered showers in most provinces.

Temperatures.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	58	40	Fair
Edmonton	62	28	Cloudy
Winnipeg	62	40	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	32	Fair
Port Sound	40	22	Clear
Toronto	40	31	Clear
Kingston	40	30	Clear
St. John's	46	28	Clear
Montreal	46	30	Clear
Quebec	38	26	Clear
Halifax	34	20	Clear
St. John's	34	20	Cloudy
Halifax	40	32	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 60; lowest, 30.  
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 29.  
Sun rises at 5:40 a.m., and sets at 5:58 p.m.  
Barometric Readings.  
Sunday—8 p.m., 29.17.  
Today—8 a.m., 29.35.



OPENED BIG FAIR.  
Above is Roy Cunningham, father of the Hobby Fair, who dedicated it open at 2 o'clock today for its third year.

### WOMAN AGAIN SEEKS GRAVES

Mrs. Emily Smith Escapes From St. Joseph's Hospital Early Today.

BROUGHT TO JAIL

Mrs. Emily Smith, 50 years old, who was brought to St. Joseph's hospital yesterday after being found lying unconscious across a grave-stone at Pond Mills cemetery, where she had gone to decorate a grave with an Easter lily, took "French leave" of the hospital at an early hour this morning, wearing only a coat over her night clothes.

She suffered from a religious mania, physicians say, and was being held at the hospital for examination. Slipping out the front door of the building at 5 o'clock this morning today and remanded by Magistrate Hawkshaw to undergo mental examination.

She walked almost five miles along railway ties of the L. & P. S. railway tracks in her bare feet. Residents of Pond Mills notified High Constable Wharton of her presence in the vicinity. She was brought to the hospital shortly before noon today and remanded by Magistrate Hawkshaw to undergo mental examination.

Taken to Hospital.

Mrs. Smith left her home at 133 Clarence street at about 6 o'clock Sunday morning, having purchased an Easter lily the night before for the grave.

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### DRUG STORE THIEVES GET \$50 FROM TILL

Sunday Sales Money Taken From Standard Drug, 180 Dundas Street.

The Standard Drug Company at 180 Dundas street was entered by thieves at an early hour this morning and more than \$50 in small change was taken from the cash register.

Police were notified of the robbery when the store was opened for business this morning. Entrance was gained through a rear door. The window was smashed and a bar across the door was lifted from the inside. The theft is believed to have been committed between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock.

The till which contained the money was not locked. Ordinarily no money is kept in the store during the night.

The stolen \$50, however, constituted Sunday sales, which was to have been banked this morning.

COURT HOUSE CLOSED

All court house offices were closed today, Easter Monday being a holiday in all government legal offices.

### Mrs. Bell Returns Home As Love For Hubby Rules

Mrs. George Bell who, with her two small children "marathoned" her way to London on Good Friday pushing her youngest child in a baby carriage is once more on good terms with her husband. An Easter reconciliation was effected at the St. Thomas children's shelter last Saturday night and the Easter bells tolled an extra joy for the Bells yesterday.

Mrs. Bell started from Union on Friday morning for London with

### STILLWELL BEGS FOR 6 MONTHS

Tearful Plea For Longer Term Made by Attempter Car Theft Accomplish.

GETS TWO MONTHS

Higher-Ups Blamed by Crown Attorney Judd in Suggesting Leniency.

Sentenced to two months in the county jail for his participation in an attempt to remove a car from the garage of J. W. Wilkinson, London townships, Alex. Stillwell of London begged County Magistrate Hawkshaw with tears in his eyes to "make it six months" when he appeared for sentence today.

Haggard and pale, with dark circles under his eyes Stillwell asked the court for a heavier term.

"Why do you ask that?" questioned the court in surprised tones.

"I'm sick now and I know I won't be here then," said Stillwell in choked and hopeless accents. "What is the use of it all?"

"You don't think you should go free do you?" queried the magistrate.

"No, sir, I don't."

"You will get considerable outdoor work, and I hope you will consider it a sentence a light one," replied the court.

Recovers Composure.

Stillwell wiped the tears from his eyes, clicked his heels together in soldier fashion, and, with an effort, stood erect as he turned to accompany High Constable Wharton to the jail cells.

The prisoner, who was found guilty on Saturday of assaulting and attempting to rob Verna Wilkinson early on the morning of April 2, was remanded for sentence till this morning.

His pal, Gordon Hardy, who also appeared in court last week, was committed for trial at the June session on a similar charge.

Crown attorney Albert M. Judd intimated in his address to the court today that he would be satisfied with the sentence.

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### E. K. O'CONNOR FAVORED AS BUILDING INSPECTOR

Strongly Backed For Election to Vacant Post Tomorrow.

E. K. O'Connor, assistant building inspector, is a strong favorite for the vacant post of inspector, according to opinion today.

"That's the way I'm going to vote tomorrow," declared Ald. Harry Botttrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, in discussing the matter briefly today.

Support for such a recommendation is expected from No. 1 committee. The matter, which came up in council last week, was referred back to committee for a definite recommendation. The appointment is expected to provide an interesting high light in tomorrow's meeting of No. 2 committee.

### ANTS AND UNIONISTS WILL ASSEMBLE ON JUNE 10

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 12.—June 10 will be an eventful day in church history in Canada. On that day the first general assembly of the congregations forming the continuing Presbyterian church will meet and on that day the general council of the new United Church in Canada will assemble here.

The first meeting of the council of the United church is composed of 150 delegates from the Presbyterian church, 150 delegates from the Methodist church, and 40 delegates from the Congregational church.

### NEW LONG DISTANCE TYPE OF PLANES BEING TESTED

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, April 13.—Naval seaplanes of a newly developed long distance scouting type will be tested by the navy department this summer in a non-stop flight from California to Hawaii. Naval surface craft probably will be stationed over the more than 2,000-mile space of water between the two islands.

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Arrangements for the flight are now being worked out, with indication that it will be undertaken late in June or early in July.

### L. & P. S. DEFICIT \$102,307

Annual Statement For 1924 Shows an Increased Deficit of \$70,000 Since 1923, in Spite of Lower Operating Costs—Revenue Drops Heavily.

The following statement from Manager Richards' annual report of the London & Port Stanley Railway shows the comparative conditions of the road in 1924 and in 1923. The deficit last year is given as \$102,307. In 1923, it was \$32,274. The deficit has increased by \$70,000 during the past year.

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT.			
	1924.	1923.	Inc.
Gross Earnings:			
Passenger	\$229,487.03	\$245,834.20	\$16,347.17
Freight	210,665.90	287,288.87	76,622.97
Miscellaneous:			
General	8,115.91	9,435.59	1,319.68
P. S. Park	41,334.71	62,591.56	21,256.85
	\$489,603.55	\$605,150.22	\$115,546.67
Operating Expenses:			
General	411,996.41	\$448,021.56	\$36,025.15
P. S. Park	30,207.40	49,034.23	18,826.83
	\$442,203.81	\$497,055.79	\$54,851.98
Gross Income	47,399.74	108,094.43	\$60,694.69
Deductions from Income:			
Interest	\$2,650.28	79,681.81	\$2,968.47
Rental	25,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
Taxes	9,915.92	9,724.50	191.42
	\$17,566.20	\$109,406.31	\$8,159.89
Net Deficit	\$29,833.54	\$1,111.83	\$28,721.71
S. Fund	32,140.91	30,962.39	1,178.52
Deficit	\$102,307.37	\$32,274.27	\$70,033.10

### MOTORS COMPETITION CUTS L. P. S. REVENUES

Deficit of \$102,307 on Operations During 1924 Reported in Annual Statement.

MANAGER CONFIDENT

Return to Normal Conditions Will Put Road on Profitable Basis.

The London & Port Stanley Railway lost \$102,307.37 on operations during 1924, according to the annual statement of the road, which was made public today.

This loss is an increase of \$70,000 over the net deficit for 1923, and blame for this is laid to industrial depression and the increasing popularity of motor transportation to the Port.

General Manager J. E. Richards, in his report, points out that the hundred thousand dollar deficit will not affect the taxpayers' purse, as accumulated surpluses can be drawn upon to take care of the losses. The manager is confident of profitable operations with the return of normal conditions.

Operating Costs Down.

Last year the gross receipts came down to \$489,603.55. Operating expenses were \$442,203.81, a decrease of \$54,000. Fixed charges, comprising taxes, interest on debentures and rental paid to the city of London, made up a bill of \$17,566.20, and sinking fund demanded a contribution of \$2,650.28.

The railway commission a year ago asked that operating expenses be brought down to the bone," declared Mr. Richards, in explanation today.

That was done, and \$54,000 was cut from operating expenses. However, there were conditions which we could not govern.

The accumulated surpluses of the road now total only \$54,943.79, because of deficits in operations during the past few years.

City Gets \$60,215.

The city of London receives \$60,215.96 from the road for 1924, this amount covering the annual rental of \$25,000, over \$9,000 taxes, besides interest and sinking fund.

Passenger traffic fell off 11 per cent, a numerical decrease of 110,687. During the year 81,421 passengers were carried. Freight tonnage fell off 32 per cent, a big loss of 175,823 tons, which would ordinarily have netted \$76,622.97 in business.

A profit of \$11,127.31 for operations at the Port Stanley park is shown. The income came down \$21,000, but reduced expenses made it possible for the park to help support the railway.

Falling off in passenger traffic was caused by decrease in normal travel, rather than excursions.

### SPECIAL MEETING CALLED.

At the April meeting of the London railway commission today, no action was taken regarding the annual report, except to adopt Commissioner Donald Wright's motion to call a special meeting within the next fortnight. The report will be gone into in detail at that meeting.

At today's meeting decision was made to continue direct operation of the Port Stanley cafeteria and hotel, in spite of a move by Commissioner George Burdick to secure tenders for the lease of these properties.

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DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, former governor-general of Canada, who suffered a slight seizure of illness yesterday while staying at Lismore Castle, his Irish estate. His condition is not considered serious.

### DUKE SUFFERS SLIGHT SEIZURE

Former Governor-General of Canada Taken Ill While at His Irish Estate.

CONDITION NOT SERIOUS

Associated Press Despatch.

Waterford, Ireland, April 13.—The Duke of Devonshire, former governor-general of Canada, ex-secretary of state for the colonies, and one of England's largest landed proprietors, had a slight seizure of illness yesterday while staying at Lismore Castle, his Irish estate, near here. The duke spent a good night, however, and his condition today was declared to be satisfactory.

The Marquis of Hartington, eldest son and heir of the duke, is on his way here from Chatsworth, Derbyshire, one of the principal seats of the dukedom.

The duke is in his fifty-seventh year.

Should the Ferguson government decide that it is going to be able to sell beer there, declared Commissioner George Burdick at today's meeting of the London railway commission.

"Those Americans will be coming in by the boatload to Port Stanley, and they'll want to drink beer."

One bid of \$500 for a season's rental was unsuccessfully submitted.

### DISCOURAGED STUDENT ENDS HIS LIFE IN LAKE

Son of Wealthy Chicago Family Is Found Weighted Down With Iron.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, April 13.—Robert Preston, 21-year-old Northwestern university student, and son of a wealthy Oak Park family, ended what he considered "a life of failures" with a strange death in Lake Michigan yesterday.

A bullet wound in the head, and a brief case of diaries, strapped to him and weighted down with three heavy pieces of iron, were found when the body was recovered.

Coroner's physicians described the diaries as amazingly frank revelations of the phantasies of the modern youth. The doctors found a tragic story in the lad's confessions of his struggle against an incurable diabetes condition existing in his constitution and indulgence in things which a rigorous diet forbade him.

### N. S. MINERS CONFIDENT AS CONFERENCE NEARS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, N. S., April 13.—The stage was being set here today for the conference tomorrow called by Premier E. H. Armstrong in another effort to bring about a settlement of the wage dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its Empire Steel Corporation and its 12,000 miners, now in its sixth week.

At Sydney, John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, was holding further conference with his executive, preparatory to issuing a statement defining the attitude of the international executive towards the Nova Scotia district. While no hint was given out as to what would be the likely conclusions it was to be noted that the men exhibited every confidence that their position in the dispute would be upheld.

### GREAT LAKES NAVIGATION NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN

Associated Press Despatch.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 13.—The steamer Harvey, which reached here Sunday afternoon, left the canal at 3 o'clock this morning for Lake Superior. She passed Whitefish at 6:30 a.m., practically on schedule time. The ice gave no opposition. Navigation is now officially open on the great lakes.

### PAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS REQUESTED IN AUSTRALIA

Associated Press Despatch.

Melbourne, Australia, April 13.—Resolutions were passed at a conference of the Labor party of Victoria yesterday requesting the executive of the federal Labor party to initiate plans for a pan-Pacific congress without delay. Representatives of the workers and peace societies are to be invited.

### OUTSIDER INVITED FOR POST

Chairman Lawason Brings Hamilton Man To Discuss Greer's Position.

CAIRNCROSS OPPOSED

Vice-Chairman Stands by Wheable—Lawason Says Not Enough Experience.

F. E. Perney, B.A., B.Paed., Hamilton, is in town today at the solicitation of Chairman S. Fred Lawason with regard to the position of administrator-inspector of London schools.

Mr. Lawason is active in securing the name of an outsider man to place before the board at its special meeting next Friday, and it would occasion little surprise if Mr. Perney is the man submitted, although he is not an applicant, and is here only by invitation.

Speaking to The Advertiser this morning, the chairman stated quite plainly his opinion that the board should get the biggest man possible.

"The man we want is not combed" at the time of the appointment of J. P. Hoag, B.A., Toronto, and that therefore Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., must have experience, most public school inspectors in Hamilton, that he was formerly principal of one of the Ottawa public schools, and is also an ex-normal schoolmaster.

"He is a man who has as fine qualifications as Mr. Hoag," remarked Mr. Lawason, enthusiastically, "and he is one of the brightest men I have met."

Must Have Experience.

The chairman urges the necessity that the appointee to the administration of the board, including the school inspectors, must have experience. In his judgment the board should be extra careful in selecting a man in order that the success of the board's new administration plan may be assured at the conclusion of the two-year trial period recently granted by Premier G. Howard Ferguson as minister of education for Ontario.

Mr. Perney conferred during the day with Mr. Lawason and different members of the board, including Trustee George F. Copeland, chairman of the advisory-vocational committee. Whether Mr. Perney is willing to come to London or not could not be learned, but it is expected to the city would indicate that he is interested to some extent at least in the position.

### STICKS BEHIND WHEABLE.

Trustee Roy Cairncross, vice-chairman of the board, this morning reaffirmed to The Advertiser his stand in favor of Mr. Wheable for the post since Mr. Hoag dropped out on account of ill-health.

Mr. Cairncross made it clear at the board meeting last Thursday that as far as he was concerned the board should not officially look elsewhere for a man.

"I am not bringing in any outside man," said Mr. Cairncross today, "and I don't approve of an outside man being brought in now, at an absolutely behind Mr. Wheable for the position."

Trustee Rev. Roy D. Mess, D.D., who also has indicated to The Advertiser that he is behind Mr. Wheable for the position since Mr. Hoag's withdrawal, said this morning that he could not change his stand, although aware of the fact that the chairman was conferring with Mr. Perney on the matter today.

### STRIKE OF 5,100 MINERS TO BE CALLED IN VIRGINIA

Associated Press Despatch.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 13.—A call for a general strike of coal miners employed in four counties in the West Virginia panhandle will be issued this week, Frank Devalenka, of the eastern Ohio miners' organization, announced last night. He predicted the call would affect more than 5,000 men and that operations in Ohio and Marshall counties at least would be greatly curtailed.