

## CAIRNCROSS SEES \$300,000 LIMIT

Maintains School Building Program Should Not Exceed This Figure.

Trustee A. Roy Cairncross, vice-chairman of the board of education, believes that the board's building program for this year can be carried out at a cost of \$300,000.

Mr. Cairncross figures the classroom addition to the technical high school at \$35,000, the purchase of the Rectory school site from the public school department at \$50,000 and the erection of a 25-room collegiate institute at not more than \$215,000.

In addition to 14 classrooms, a "complete" new collegiate will include a principal's office, two teachers' rooms, library, household science and manual training rooms, physical, chemical and biological laboratories, gymnasium and auditorium, or 25 rooms in all.

Mr. Cairncross bases his estimate of \$215,000 on a comparison of the cost of the new Empress public school in London, in which, for \$155,000, the accommodation provided embraces, in addition to 17 classrooms: principal's office, teachers' room, dental office, nurses' room, household science and manual training, and a combined auditorium and gymnasium, or 24 rooms in all.

Principal E. A. Miller, M.A., of the collegiate institute, has examined the new Empress school, and has expressed the opinion that with a gymnasium under the auditorium a building practically the duplicate of the Empress school would serve splendidly for collegiate purposes.

Mr. Cairncross' estimate of \$300,000 coincides with that made last week by Trustee S. Fred Lawson, chairman of the board, except that Mr. Lawson expressed the opinion that the new collegiate could be built for \$200,000, which estimate made the entire program to cost approximately \$255,000.

It is Mr. Cairncross' suggestion that the board ask the city council for \$300,000 for one new complete collegiate this year, and that, having been granted, the board, through its committees, proceed immediately to the erection of the building just where and how the board deems it best to do so.

## HOWARD HARTRY HEADS PEONY, IRIS SOCIETY

New National Organization Gives Signal Honor to Londoner.

For the further promotion of peony and iris culture a society has been formed. The organization is the Canadian peony and iris society. It came into being at the convention of the members of the Ontario horticultural societies held in Toronto last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The forming of the society is of special interest to Londoners for the peony is the civic flower of the Forest City, and a Londoner, Howard Hartry, has been chosen as the first president.

The Canadian peony and iris society will be national in scope. The members will promote a greater interest in these flowers which are perhaps the most popular of perennial blooms.

The membership will be formed of flower lovers and growers throughout the dominion. There will be a decided effort to help in a wider cultivation of the plants. Bulletins will be issued from time to time on new varieties.

## WOMAN COMMUNIST TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

For the first time in history, London labor men will have an opportunity of listening to a woman member of the Canadian Communist party on Sunday next, Mrs. Annie Buller of Toronto is known as an excellent speaker and has plenty of experience in the progressive social movement in Canada. She will speak in the St. George's hall at 2:45 in the afternoon.

The London branch of the individual Labor party has agreed to cancel its own regular Sunday afternoon meeting and the discussion on the subject of the Communist party as a body. This branch of the labor movement which was reorganized at the beginning of the year in London, now has a new membership basis now boasts of some 40 members and the last two Sunday meetings have been well attended and the discussion on the subject brought up have been subject to rigid criticism and explanation.

## ABSENT-MINDED YOUTH COMES TO COURT TODAY

A young Londoner, who in an absent-minded moment turned out the lights of his automobile while parked on the Glendale sidewalk, will appear before County Magistrate Hawshaw this afternoon. The young man was quite anxious to settle the case out of court, but his pretty companion, Miss Magistrate Hawshaw declared that he must hear the evidence of Constable Philip Lawson before he could decide on the penalty.

**INSPECTOR ON RUN.** Twenty-six calls were answered by Inspector George Tustin of the Humane society yesterday. Mr. Tustin states he was routed out of bed at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and was kept busy until 3 o'clock this morning. Three cats had to be destroyed, two slipping on icy streets and breaking a leg.

**CHARGE OF COURSE.** J. F. Andrews, a Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture is in charge of the short course in agriculture this week at Newbury. Mr. Andrews is lecturing on all branches of agriculture, paying special attention to live stock.

**BOARD MEETING.** A board meeting of the Bible society takes place in the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock tonight.

## STREET RAILWAY INFORMED OLD RATES MUST BE APPLIED



H. G. ORES.

A likely choice as one of the eight new members of the board of governors of the University of Toronto.

## TORY LEFT CONSIDERS GETTING OWN ROOMS

Will Not Accept New Club Quarters To Be Opened by Rights.

Early next week the London Conservative club will move into its new rooms at 432 Richmond street. The club has been homeless for some time and has been busy looking for headquarters in the city for months. The new rooms are central, and when the decorations and improvements are finished will be one of the smartest rooms in the city.

Whether the opening of these rooms with an official ceremony and possibly a concert will unite the left and right wings of the party is, however, another matter. When the "rights" are the principle movers behind the club rooms, the "lefts" are strictly outside the camp, and state openly that they will not offer quarters in a better place in the near future.

They have been busy nosilystriving in the last few weeks, and claim that they now hold the majority of power in the party in the city. But the "lefts" have no element of purple in their traditional blue. They are prepared to stand by their guns, and sit tight in their new rooms.

## \$1,000 PETTING COP GLENDALE'S PRIVILEGE

Statutes Do Not Prevent Any District From Buying Special Protection.

If Glendale residents are really anxious to have Constable Philip Lawson keep their sidewalks free from netting parties at a cost of \$1,000 a year there is nothing in the statutes to prevent them, one Westminster township official pointed out today.

"The Ontario statutes, chapter 72, section 365, state that 'The council of a township may appoint one or more constables, and in the case of a township the remuneration of such constable may, if the council deems proper, be paid by a general rate levied on any defined section or area of the township,'" declared the official.

This means that any area such as Glendale could have Mr. Lawson, anyone else appointed as township constable, providing that district pays for his salary. It would not be fair to ask residents of other portions of Westminster to pay Lawson's salary when they do not desire his services as constable.

"I hope that the question of a township constable will be definitely settled at the next meeting of the township council," he concluded.

## Obituary WILLIAM BALL

The funeral of William Ball, well-known C. N. R. conductor, who died last Friday at Victoria hospital, following a short illness, was held yesterday afternoon from his home at 65 York street.

Services were conducted at the home by Rev. R. J. McCormick, and interment was made at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

The pallbearers were James Austin, Frank Hayman, W. Thompson, R. Trevelian, W. Crosby and F. Marshall.

**JOHN A. MACGREGOR.** John A. MacGregor, who died on Saturday morning at his home, 652 York street, following a short illness, was buried this morning in St. Peter's cemetery. The funeral was held from his home at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's church, where a requiem high mass was sung by Monsignor Brady with Father Chisholm acting as deacon and Father Powell as sub-deacon.

Mr. MacGregor had been a cattle dealer in this district for the past forty years and during that time had become intimately associated with residents in all parts of the country. He was extremely popular. The pallbearers at today's funeral included James Murray, Joseph McDougall, John Moore, William Ardie, John Anderson and William Johnston. Mr. MacGregor was born at Newbury, in Brantford. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mrs. T. S. Coleman of Detroit, Miss Leah MacGregor of Brantford, one sister, Miss Mary of Detroit, one sister, Rev. M. Demetia of St. Joseph's convent, Toronto.

**VISITS HOSPITAL.** W. F. Sherwin, hospital secretary of the Y. M. C. A., visited Westminster hospital today. He called on the soldier patients and left magazines and candies.

## City Council Seeks Authority To Borrow Money To Operate Line.

**PASS RESOLUTIONS**

Legal authority is being sought by the city council to secure power to borrow money to operate the street railway. In the event of the company suspending service on March 8, following a two-hour conference with the company management last night, aldermen voted to notify the L. S. R. that the seven and nine tickets for a quarter must go into effect next month, notwithstanding the plea of the company that operations are impossible with such restricted revenue.

During the conference of the council no definite action was taken, but during the regular council session later in the evening a vote of 12 to 1 was passed to order the company to put into effect the rate of low fares on March 8.

General Manager Leonard R. Tait, representing the company, presented the views of the management, stating that profitable operation would be impossible with lower fares in vogue. He indirectly made a plea for the continuance of the five-cent fares and suggested that a new five-year agreement would permit the company to make road extensions of perhaps \$600,000 value this year, at the same time cure the financial ills of the bonded indebtedness of the company.

**Would Lose \$160,000.** Following the conference, Ald. Douglas and McKay moved at the regular meeting of the council that "the opinion of the city solicitor be obtained regarding the advisability of a council applying to the provincial legislature for legislation granting the city of London power to borrow money for the purpose of operation of the street railway in case of the default of operation by the London Street Railway Company."

The motion was carried unanimously. Leonard Tait spoke quite frankly, stating that the company would lose \$160,000 in revenue during the present year if the council demanded that the old rate of low fares be reverted to. Mr. Tait pointed out that the company's liability to bondholders had been increased by the failure to pay off as much of the bonded issue as had first been promised. With \$175,000 liability represented in bonds that are still outstanding, the company has not been able to raise the annual rate of interest from 5 to 6 per cent, at an additional cost of \$100 a month.

**Improvements Planned.** The company would like to improve its right-of-way and provide extensions, particularly in West London. If conditions were right, \$60,000 of such work would be done this year. However, such improvement would be impossible under the old rate of fares. In fact, Mr. Tait intimated that the company would likely suspend operations if the 5-cent fare could not be retained.

It was stated that the company was ready to sell the road to the city at the company's price, accept a new five-year agreement, or complete the present year under a temporary agreement with the five-cent fare in vogue.

**Nothing to Hide.** "We are emphasizing the need for the five-cent fare," Mr. Tait pointed out. "We are not trying to hide anything we have kept from the public in this matter. If the council could devise some way where the five-cent fare could be carried on for even a year, it would help us to go ahead with improvements. To tell you quite frankly, the company would not attempt to operate at seven and nine cents in the quarter."

Belief was expressed that public ownership in London would be killed if the five-cent fares were sustained. Aldermen, discussing the matter after Mr. Tait and Superintendent Harry Humston had left the committee room, seemed to think that continuation of the present fares would boost the selling price of the road and make it increasingly difficult for the chances of the city buying the road.

There was much variety in opinions held by members of the council, and suggestion was made that a definite stand, other than notifying the company of the orders for lower fares, be taken at present. The motion was taken as a safeguard in event of the council refusing to compromise with the railway and the company in turn suspending operations on March 8.

**Not Protected.** "The oil and gasoline industry is not protected by tariff regulations," Stanley Baby, manager for the Imperial Oil Company, stated today. "The tariff is much cheaper than the same oil over Ontario and all over the continent for that matter. Local conditions sometimes necessitate a slight difference in price."

"Prices in London are well in line with those in other parts of the province and in the United States," Mr. Baby said. "We have no complaint against the same equipment and the same staff in the winter as the summer had yet the demand drops off greatly in the colder months."

**GAMES OF HEARTS.** Games of hearts were a feature of the Valentine party staged by the members of the Y-Knot club held at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The program was given in room 5, which was appropriately decorated with Valentine streamers.

A contest known as the "varieties of the misuses" was greatly enjoyed. It was won by Miss Mae Wells and James Glover.

**K. K. HOMUTH'S MOTHER DIES.** Toronto, Feb. 17.—K. K. Homuth, M. A., South African, received a telegram at the parliament buildings this morning informing him of the death of his mother from sudden illness. Mr. Homuth immediately left for Preston and will be absent from the house for a period.

**ADDRESS ADANAC CLUB.** "Car Distributing and Train Despatching" was the subject of an interesting and instructive talk given to the members of the Adanac club at the Y. M. C. A. last night by Charles Forrester, superintendent of the Canadian National Railways London division.

**FORKE TO VISIT WESTERN.** Robert Forke, leader of the Progressive party at Ottawa, will make a visit to the university of Western Ontario within the next month. He is present plans go through Mr. Forke will address the members of the faculties and the students.

## SHORTAGE FOUND IN DIVISION COURT

Col. Graham, However, Makes Good \$3,000 Discovered Missing by Inspector.

A shortage of \$3,000 in the accounts of Col. C. M. R. Graham, clerk of the first division court London, has been reported by W. W. Ellis, Ontario government inspector of division courts. The shortage has, however, been made good and the money forwarded to the provincial government. Col. Graham stated last night.

Col. Graham admitted that Inspector W. W. Ellis of Toronto had been in London for three days last week going over the accounts.

**Settlement Expected.** A despatch from Toronto states that a settlement in the matter is expected and that an announcement would be shortly forthcoming from Attorney-General Nettle. Col. Graham stated last night.

"It's the first I have heard about it," stated Mr. Nettle, in telephone conversation with The Advertiser last night. "I have just arrived in the city and have not been at the parliament buildings."

"Will there be an investigation into the affair?" the attorney-general was asked. "I cannot say. I know nothing about it officially. If there is no shortage in the account now everything must be all right, and why would there be an investigation? However, I will probably get round to the matter in a day or two. You know I am pretty busy just now."

"It was all fixed up today and the money forwarded to Toronto," Col. Graham stated to The Advertiser last night. "What was the shortage?" asked The Advertiser.

"Three thousand dollars," he replied. "Was it made up of free or division court money that had been paid into you?"

"No," he replied. "How did the shortage come about?" "I have nothing further to say about it," declared Col. Graham.

**Inspector Returns.** Inspector Ellis, who returned to Toronto Saturday morning, informed The Advertiser that he was in London last week on ordinary inspection business.

Yesterday morning the inspector of the first division court on his return from overseas. He organized and commanded the 12nd Battalion (London) local militia, and was major in order to get to the battle line. Col. Graham was attached to the 18th Battalion, with which regiment he had been serving at the Drocourt-Queant line, one of the strongest portions of the famous and formidable Hindenburg line. He was decorated the D.S.O. for gallantry in action.

## CITY COUNCIL URGES NICKLE TO MAKE PROBE

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The council drive automobiles, the motion was given undivided support, though Ald. Frank McKay, Labor representative, suggested that there might be some investigation into the matter. However, it would be important for the sustenance of life.

**Costs 28 Cents.** Gasoline today is costing 28 cents a gallon. A year ago the price was 31 cents a gallon in London.

"I haven't any complaint among motorists," declared Ed. Bernard, secretary of the London Motor club, today. "Of course, all motor owners would like a lower price acceptable. However, it would be summer before any recommendation could be made by a government committee, and prices would come down by then because of natural causes."

Mr. Bernard, asked if he thought the price of gas unreasonable, pointed to the fact that it is much lower than it was last winter, and that winter expenses of the oil men are heavier, in proportion to sales, than in the summer. An increase in justifiable in winter, according to Mr. Bernard.

Owners of filling stations declare that they are being unfairly treated. Gasoline is much cheaper than it was a year ago and overhead expenses are just as great. A reduction will come, naturally, at the end of the winter, when the greater demand for the commodity will cut the proportionate overhead costs.

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## SUBURBAN HEIGHTS—HOW TO READ THE THERMOMETER.



## POLISH YOUTH STRANGLED, CLAIM

Inquest Will Be Held Into the Death of Walter Fala, Toronto Schoolboy.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Feb. 17.—Walter Fala, the 11-year-old Polish lad found dead in bed at his uncle's home, 152 Bathurst street, yesterday morning, was strangled to death in the startling announcement made after the post-mortem examination held yesterday at the morgue.

It is stated there is distinct evidence of foul play, and the child had met death by strangulation, with strong evidence of finger marks on the throat. In view of the medical finding, Coroner Dr. G. W. Cleland decided to hold an inquest at the morgue on Friday night.

Examination of the bed showed several blood stains, and there were several marks of discoloration on the throat, and when the child was found he was huddled on his side and his face was partially purple.

Yesterday morning the boy's aunt, Mrs. M. Adanczyk, went to his bedroom to call him to go to school, and found him dead. Two weeks ago the father died in the hospital from a surgical operation.

The people at the house state Fala was out playing on Sunday. He appeared in good health, and retired about 10 on Sunday night, after talking with his cousins.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER CHARGED IN 12 THEFTS

Police Hold Mrs. Mary Nord and 10-Year-Old Girl as Shoplifters.

Mrs. Mary Nord, an Italian living at 85 York street, and her 10-year-old daughter were arrested today by local police on a charge of theft.

The warrant, sworn out today by local merchants, charges Mrs. Nord and her daughter with shoplifting. She is alleged to have stolen more than \$100 worth of goods recently from two London stores.

The arrest followed a search by police of Mrs. Nord's house. Inspector Lucas visited the home a few days ago and found a number of articles of clothing which included ties, handkerchiefs, underwear, ribbons, shirt waists and other wearing apparel. The goods were brought to police station where the majority were identified by officials of the twelve London stores.

Mrs. Nord and her daughter were placed under arrest shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon by Sergeant of Detectives Harry Down and Detective George E. Walsh.

## SEVERAL WIN PRIZES AT VALENTINE SOCIAL

Special to The Advertiser. Avon, Feb. 16.—A Valentine social was enjoyed by a crowd numbering 70 on Friday evening in the basement of the church. Four policemen arrested several persons on various charges. One very stout person for blocking the traffic. A very tall person was arrested for meddling with telephones wires. Violin solos were rendered by Miss Grace Appleford of Crossly-Hunter, accompanied by Miss Amanda Cade. A paper on "Valentine Day" was given by Miss Fola. Mrs. L. R. Clifford and Amanda Cade played a piano duet. Other numbers on the program were: "Cross word puzzle," Valentine contest and essays on "Ideal Man or Woman."

The children were employed making Valentine cards, for which a prize was given. Those receiving prizes during the evening were: Wilfred Dafeo, Ruby Chambers, E. Parson, R. Rickens, M. Andrew, C. McIntyre, B. Scollin, Amanda Cade, Rev. Ball, Charlie Eukley, L. L. Ball, and others.

## City Churches

**SOUTHERN M. B.**

The members of the mission band of the Southern Methodist church enjoyed a social hour at their regular meeting yesterday afternoon, when a Valentine box was a feature of much interest and delight. Following this a short business meeting was held, when arrangements were made for a meeting next Monday afternoon, when Miss Edna Pellum will take the story of Jesus' birth. The afternoon was concluded with light refreshments, served by Mrs. Rodda and Mrs. Wm. Poynter.

**BIBLE BASEBALL CONTEST.** A joint meeting of the Christian endeavor societies of the Southern Methodist church and the Church of Christ Disciples was held last night in the latter church. The meeting was in charge of A. Garwood, and the topic was "The Friendliness of Christ." Mrs. Fred Manning contributed a delightful solo, and sentence prayers were offered for one of the old members of the church, who is critically ill. Following the devotional period and closing exercises a baseball contest was greatly enjoyed. Dr. H. Taylor, of the Southern Methodist church, acted as captain of his team, while Miss Grace H. Verbeke acted as captain for her church. There were nine innings and the score was 15-15. Towards the end of the game there was much excitement, adding interest to the game. A social time was also enjoyed, when light refreshments were served by the social committee of the Church of Christ.

**ADELAIDE STREET B. Y. P. U.** The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Adelaide Street Baptist church entertained the members of the Maitland Street B. Y. P. U. last night, and the latter group was in charge of the program. The Maitland street group sang and a solo was contributed by Mr. Gilmore. Mr. Tuford spoke on "The Democracy of the Church," and two splendid papers, pertaining to the subject, were given. A social hour was also enjoyed, when light refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. J. W. McNaughton.

**MARION KEITH CLUB.** The girls of the Marion Keith club of St. Andrew's church met last night for their regular meeting, with supper served under the direction of Mrs. Quigley and Miss Alice Darch. The Scripture lesson was read by Miss Florence Holsworth, followed by a prayer by Miss Jean Fair. The discussion period on "Can I Save?" was taken by Mrs. Arthur James. There was also a shower for the Salvation Army rescue home. Splendid speeches were given by Miss Darch and Miss Madeline Roddick. "India" was a letter from Miss Grace Patterson in India, was read by one of the members. Following the meeting a special session of the executive was held, when the ways and means of making money were discussed. It was decided to have 600 bonds printed, each worth 10c, and each girl will be responsible for twelve. In this way many will be raised for the supporting of a girl in India. The girls are also providing the supper for the religious educational council, which meets in St. Andrew's church next Monday night.

**LARGE EXETER AUDIENCE HEARS "U" TALK ON ATHENS**

At the university the residents of Exeter have a reputation for being greatly interested in the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. W. Sherwood Fox dean of the college of arts, returned from his place today. Last night he lectured on "Athens" before a splendid audience. During the three years that he has lectured on Athens at Exeter there has always been a splendid reception given to the men who have gone from "Western," said the dean today. "The points are quickly taking advantage of the course offered. There are a few places in Western Ontario not reached by the extension department at the present time."

**COMMUNIST EUCHERE.** On Thursday evening next, the London branch of the Canadian Communist party will hold a eucHERE in St. George's hall at 8 o'clock. Prizes have been secured and there will be an interesting program of music and songs.

## BUCKAU HAS ONLY 50 MILES TO GO

Windswept North Sea Proves No Hindrance to New Rotorship.

**ENGLAND VISIBLE**

By JAMES B. WHARTON, Special Correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

Aboard Rotor ship Buckau, the Coast of England, Feb. 16.—We are running so close to land at 7 o'clock this evening that lights along the east coast of England are plainly visible, yet there has been little abatement in the rough seas that have been battering us, since morning. Our northward course gives the rotors a bit in the due northward, and we are plunging ahead about six or seven knots an hour on combination power.

Late this afternoon water taken along the lee rail, seeped down through the deck cargo wood, and got into the cabin, where it flung from one side to another with each great roll we make. The rotors are behaving nobly in the teeth of the wind, and despite the ceaseless swell of the sea. All day they have revolved regularly, and given us two additional knots speed. The captain states that the rotors have a stabilizing influence. I gathered that the gyroscopic principle was involved.

Of some men aboard say they are absolutely satisfied with the action of the rotor under present conditions. All day our undue assurance, attracted attention. A good-sized freighter out of London, hiding behind, came up on one side, crossed our bows in an unseemly manner, then lingered on the other side, slowly to stare. Later a pilot boat from Newcastle or some point farther south steamed up curiously, had a look and turned away.

We are still fifty miles from our destination at Leth, Scotland, and weather reports are disquieting. These waters of the North sea are listed with the sea, and had been a resident of the windward passage of the Caribbean, as among the most treacherous in the world.

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**PROMINENT INGERSOLL MAN PASSES AWAY IN 81ST YEAR**

Special to The Advertiser. Ingersoll, Feb. 16.—Following an illness of short duration, the death of R. F. Uren, a widely-known resident, occurred today at the family residence, Carroll street. He was in his 81st year, and had been a resident of Ingersoll for thirty years. He previously resided in St. Catharines. Three daughters, Misses Estella, Mamie and Berdis at home, and a brother, Elton Uren, this town, survive.

**CALL FOR SCHOOL TENDERS.** Special to The Advertiser. Petrolia, Feb. 16.—Final plans for the erection of the new high school here are now under way, and it is likely that construction will begin in the spring. Tenders have been advertised for, and an effort will be made to have the building ready for the fall term.

Owing to the high price of the proposed site, the board of education is appealing to Toronto to allow the new school to be built on the old site. The government had opposed this selection owing to the fact that the railroad is nearby.

**KILLS WIFE, THEN SUICIDES.** Associated Press Despatch. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—Thomas L. Wann, senior, retired capitalist, prominent socially, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide in their apartment here early today.



## Made To Measure Clothing

It isn't a bit too early to order clothing for spring. Fashion has decreed — and the easy-fitting, smart, comfortable English styles will be supreme.

However, style alone is not sufficient. Fit is the greatest essential, and before any garment leaves a Dowler store it must be perfect in this respect.

When made-to-measure garments are preferred, we enlist the services of Canada's most noted craftsmen. Backing their reputations with our 22 years' experience and unconditional guarantee.

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