

COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ALBERTA COAL QUESTION

CITY WILL SOON NAME DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE

Question of Alberta Coal and Freight Rates Will Be Considered.

CLERK AWAITS REPLY

The Alberta coal question has been referred to the city council and will receive consideration at the next regular session, in view of the fact that Toronto has appointed a representative to attend a conference of Ontario municipalities to discuss lower freight rates.

The 1923 city council sought the support of Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and other centers in this endeavor. City Clerk Baker reported last night that no definite reply had been received from any of them as to their intentions. The committee decided, however, to leave the proposal open for a further consideration.

It was suggested last year that a conference be called when the various communities interested would send delegates to approach the governments. Now that Toronto has appointed its representative it is likely that London will do likewise.

STUDENTS PLAN FOR FRATERNITIES

Dean Fox Points Out Organizations Must Have Genuine Constitutions.

Fraternities and societies at the University of Western Ontario will probably be instituted when the new university buildings are opened this summer, but they will have to comply with rules and regulations laid down by the board of governors two years ago, Dean W. Sherwood Fox stated today.

A year ago a movement was on foot by many of the university students to organize a club with a view to being adopted by a chartered fraternity, whose constitution was being sponsored with that of the club. The club was formed by students who had not the required scholastic standing and as a result the members were not able to obtain permission to function from the board of governors. "Had the students complied with the rules mapped out by the board they would have been allowed to carry on," Dean Fox stated.

"All fraternities or societies formed at the University of Western Ontario must have a constitution similar to fraternities in the United States," American universities will recognize a fraternity whose constitution is composed of a scholastic record and a clean scholastic record.

Although the need for fraternities at the University of Western Ontario has not been urgent, the large amount of city students attending the college of arts and medicine, it is expected that when the new buildings are opened many more out-of-town students will be attending. This will mean that students will desire suitable lodging at a reasonable price which, at other universities, is afforded through fraternities.

Plans are now being made by the university to secure dormitories when the new buildings are completed. Dean Fox points out that any definite plans for the building of dormitories will not be made until more urgent university needs are attended to. Huron College, it is said, will change the present arts buildings on St. George street into a dormitory for Anglican students. This will temporarily relieve the need for dormitories.

Should the students desire to form a fraternity, they would have to adopt a constitution and submit it to the board of governors for approval.

The fraternity would be "on its own" and would have to exist as a club for a period before it was adopted by a recognized fraternity.

NEWSIES SAID TO HAVE STOLEN MILK BOTTLES

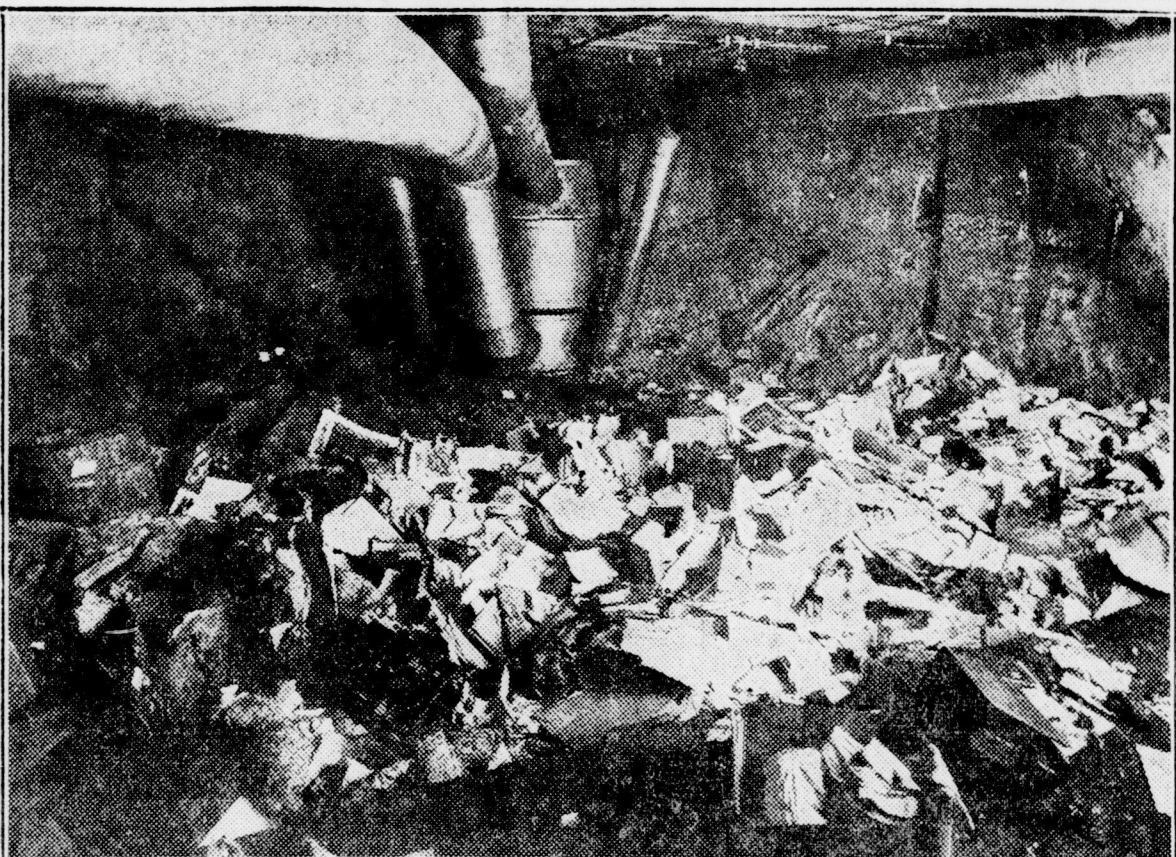
Residents of Mount Pleasant avenue, who left milk bottles on their door steps with money in them before they retired last night, awoke this morning to find both milk bottles and money gone. A search along the street revealed small pieces of glass strewn about, but the money could not be found. The theft was reported to the milk company, who investigated.

It was found that newspaper boys, during the course of their early morning rounds had "swiped" the bottles containing the money. The milk company reported the matter to the police, and so tomorrow morning a watchful policeman will be waiting for the newsies.

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Here is a picture of the cellar in a downtown store, close to Richmond and Dundas street. The furnace is surrounded by piles of waste paper, excelsior and boxes. It all makes splendid kindling at a time when the great percentage of fires in London come from overheated furnaces. Carelessness like this—a dropped cigarette—a hot furnace, and there is a fire costing thousands of dollars and perhaps loss of life. Such conditions leading to frequent fires mean high insurance rates. The only solution is strict enforcement of the law, by which the fire department may prosecute offenders who fail to keep clear cellars, so that inspections are properly made at regular intervals, and to insist that your neighbor's cellar as well as your own establishment is safe from fire. Prevention of fire is infinitely cheaper and more effective than all the engines and reels ever built.

News From City Churches

ALL SAINTS' W. A.

The W. A. of All Saints' Church met yesterday afternoon in the meeting room, Mrs. A. A. Bice presiding. Owing to the inclement weather, few members were present, and only routine matters of business were discussed. Following the meeting, afternoon tea was served, and those present spent an enjoyable half hour, informally discussing their work.

DINNER FOR PRESENTATION.

One of the downtown restaurants will shortly be the scene of a dinner for an important event in connection with the local council of the A. Y. P. A. The date has not yet been definitely set, but during the first part of February, a dinner will be held at which the trophies won in winter sports will be presented. A meeting of the executive was held last evening, and the dinner committee already formed, were authorized to continue their preparation. Miss Lillian Moss was placed in charge of the ticket sales, and W. Dunderidge made convener of the program committee.

CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING.

At the annual congregational meeting of the Church of Christ (Disciples), Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the year: Elders, A. Blackwell, P. A. MacVicar, R. J. Henderson; deacons, George B. Johnson, Fred Dealey, Frank Ball, C. B. King, A. MacVicar, W. Dunn, P. Churchill, William McKinley; chairman of the deacons, C. B. King; clerk, P. Churchill; trustees, P. Dealey, chairman, F. Ball, R. J. Henderson; recording secretary, P. Churchill; financial secretary, P. Churchill; Sunday School superintendent, Fred Churchill; assistant Sunday School superintendent, William McKinley; recording secretary, Miss Evelyn Banks; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss H. M. Versey; secretary of the C. E. Miss Evelyn Banks; corresponding secretary, Miss Ethel Stellar; treasurer, E. J. Versey; superintendent of the junior C. W. Dunn; chairman of the building committee, Rev. J. H. Versey. All reports were very encouraging, and the financial statement showed a good increase. The men's societies have done good work and also the women's organizations, including the Ladies' Aid.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

A large number of the members attended the annual meeting of the King's Daughters of Christ Church, last evening, when the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. U. Tucker; vice-president, Mrs. Finney; secretary, Miss Ida Drake; treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Ross; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. Berryhill; pianist, Mrs. G. Berryhill; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. A. Allaway; auditors, Miss Ida Drake and Mrs. Finney; visiting committees, Mrs. Chauncey Smith, Miss Ebbie French, Mrs. J. Lackey and Mrs. Finney. It was decided to start the afternoon meetings on the last Wednesday in January. It was reported that considerable relief work had been done at Christmas. One new member was taken into the society yesterday evening. The Bible lesson was given by Canon Gunne and Miss Francis Wright presided over the meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The annual congregational meeting of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church was held last evening, Rev. M. F. Cree, B.A., presiding. The reports presented by various departments show the church to be in a healthy state financially and in every other respect. Sixty-four new members have been added to the congregation during the past year, and the sum of \$2,800 has been paid off the mortgage debt, both of which were received as encouraging features. The total receipts of the church during the past year amounted to \$7,000. The W. M. contributed to missions \$143, the church missionary treasurer reported \$386, and the benevolent fund reached the sum of \$63. The new managers elected are the following: Joseph Davidson, George Lennox, Angus Munro, David Wil-

LIAMS, and Charlie Summers.

Refreshments were served following the business, and the congregation enjoyed a short time together socially.

W. M. S. SERVICE.

Next Sunday evening will be an important occasion for the W. M. S. of Wellington Street Methodist Church, since they are to have full charge of the service. There will be a special ladies' choir, and workers of the W. M. S. will act as ushers. Missionary work will be the theme of the evening. Mrs. Gordon Wright having promised to give the principal address.

CARDINAL CLASS.

Prevented by the weather from carrying out their plans for a toboggan party, the Cardinal Class of Knox Presbyterian Church, held last evening, an enjoyable theatre party in its stead. The group were chaperoned by Mrs. E. G. Nightingale, and following the theatre, they went to the home of their teacher, Mrs. Thomas Carnie, Tecumseh avenue, where, assisted by members of the class, Mrs. Carnie served supper. Later the class enjoyed an hour of dancing.

LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY.

At a general meeting of the London Choral Society held on Monday evening in St. Paul's Cathedral, the president, Rev. Professor Frank Anderson, in the chair, plans were laid for work for the balance of the season. It was decided to give a three-fold program, consisting of Gounod's "Galla," Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" and Stainer's "Madrigal" on the evening of Good Friday in the cathedral. The character of these works, it was thought, made them particularly suitable for presentation on Good Friday.

It is announced that there are vacancies for new voices in the choir, especially of men. The society has been granted by the dean and corporation of St. Paul's Cathedral its use for practices, but the president asks that this be not allowed to obscure the fact that membership is open to music lovers of all denominations. Names of those who would like to join may be sent to the president at Huron College, or to the conductor, Mr. H. T. Dickinson at the cathedral, or to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. George Swadlow, 140 Maple street. Rehearsals are held as a rule on Monday evening. The entrance fee is \$1.

EVER-READY M. B.

Mrs. Harley directed the children of the Ever-Ready Mission Band with their scrap-book work, at the regular weekly meeting held in the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon. The band held its regular exercises, with Beth Harkness presiding.

FIRST METHODIST C. G. I. T.

Mrs. George Blake and Miss Gwen Sreaton were guests of honor at the weekly meeting of the C. G. I. T. of the First Methodist Church, last evening. The supper was given by the regular meeting, and the girls went over to the Central Collegiate, where they played basketball in the gym. for an hour. They are being coached by George Young for entrance in the City League.

PRESENT "DEACON DUBBS."

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was packed to the doors last night, when the rural comedy drama, "Deacon Dubbs," was presented by the London Comedy Company, under the direction of John Elyton. The play was staged with a degree of success rarely attained by amateurs. The three acts, brimful of comedy and dramatic points, held the interest of an appreciative audience from the start, and the stage was well equipped with special scenic effects. Accompanied by the company's own orchestra, the comedy, punctuated by hearty applause, quite took the audience by storm.

WEY MAINTAINS "CAMOUFLAGE" IS TOO PREVALENT

Vice-President of Street Railway Declares Company Keeping Agreement.

ASSURES PAYMENT

There is plenty of "camouflage" in connection with the street railway paving question now occupying the attention of the council according to an announcement this afternoon from R. G. Wey, vice-president of that corporation. Questioned as to the latest development in the city council relative to the payment of Richmond street, Mr. Wey said that the council had stated that while there was no doubt but that the work was accomplished, as claimed, under the penalty clause of bylaw 916 the members of the council were quite aware that this was the only way it could be done, if the company was to enter into the bargain.

"We all agreed to that," Mr. Wey said. "The councillors said that the work would be done under the penalty clause and then after the work was done, they would give us a payment whereby we would be allowed to meet our share in ten annual installments."

The company means to live up to this agreement, it would seem, regardless of the opinion of certain members of the council who demand an immediate payment of the entire debt.

"We met our first installment promptly," Mr. Wey reminded. "In fact the very day we received the bill from the city and we are prepared to meet the remainder of the payments right on the dot."

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The engineer declared there was no particular county appropriation for keeping the roads cleared in winter time, while there are hundreds of sleighs in use every day and we have to look after this traffic first.

HOLDING CONFERENCE. Mr. Morven, Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, and City Treasurer James Bell are consulting this afternoon with City Solicitor T. G. Meredith respecting street railway affairs, including the payment for the Richmond street paving.

BANK MANAGERS NOT FAVORABLE TO BISHOP'S PLAN

Believe One Institution Should Not Be Responsible For Another.

EXPLAINS LOANS

London bank managers did not care to discuss Bishop Fallon's letter to a recent extent. They believed it was absolutely impossible the bishop's method of making the banks collectively responsible for the money they accepted as deposits.

"Supposing you were a member of a large association, would you care to be responsible for loans or deposits of another association possibly 1,000 miles away?" asked one bank manager. "You certainly would not and neither would the banks or could they work with each other."

"Banking is largely a confidential business and rightly so. The sum and substance is that depositors must have faith in the men at the head of the bank they are dealing with. When the bank is in a position to make a loan the depositors know that their interests are protected."

"I could say a whole lot about the letter," stated another bank manager. "However, I am going to leave any statements to the head office." When people have lost money they are naturally put on their guard. And it is not to some hard things. That is one way in which I view the statement.

Despatches from Toronto and other banks indicated the prevalence of similar sentiments in financial circles.

WEATHER CHANGE PROVES PUZZLE

Motions of Mercury Have Even London's Weatherman on Jump.

No possible explanation could be given by the weatherman this morning for the changeable weather London has experienced within the past week. From moderately cold weather on Tuesday to a complete thaw with rain and slush is a big jump. The 12 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer dropped 18 degrees. The lowest temperature recorded being 14 degrees below.

Weather seers contend their prognostications of the first of the year were right. "We are going to have an open winter," they said, and this morning they felt sure their prophecy would prove correct.

U.S. Tariff Did Not Hinder But Aided 1923 Dairy Trade, Official Tells Convention

H. Mannell of Woodstock was elected 1924 president of the Dairy-men's Association of Western Ontario at this morning's session of the annual convention in the Masonic Temple. New directors for the year are: F. Keyes, Elmira; F. A. Thompson, Embro; T. Ballantyne, Stratford; G. Bain, Lakeside; J. Newbigging, Listowel; A. E. Gracey, Simcoe; H. Yorke, Harrietsville; C. Donnelly, London, and Charles Barber, Seaforth. Frank Hens of London is the secretary-treasurer.

J. A. Ruddick of Ottawa, dairy and cold storage commissioner for Canada, took an optimistic view of the future of the dairying industry in the Dominion and especially in Western Ontario. There had been a very great increase in the production of all dairy products in the last ten years in the southern hemisphere, so that, while in 1914 79 per cent of the butter and 44 per cent of the world's cheese had come from the northern hemisphere, in 1923 the figures were only 60 per cent for butter and 41 per cent for cheese.

A general world increase in dairy products, however, he said, was more than offset by a greatly increased demand, largely due to the educational nutritional work undertaken in most of the big consuming countries. As evidence of the increase in the dairy trade of the Dominion there was an increase of two and a half million pounds of butter fat in the export trade in 1923. Ontario alone sold the United States 2,875,000 pounds of cheese and 3,174,130 pounds of butter in 1923. The American tariff had helped, rather than hindered the value received for these products. A new department in the dairy division of the department of agriculture has been added in the inauguration of a science research division in charge of Dr. E. J. Hood, the duty of which will be to lend the aid of science to all the problems of dairymen and the cheese-maker. It was a department, he felt, which was long overdue and should accomplish great benefits for the industry in the Dominion. The year 1923, he stated, would ever be considered a milestone in Canadian dairying as it was the year in which all dairy products had been officially graded. He upheld grading from every aspect, saying that the only man to suffer from it was the incompetent and careless maker and operator. He looked forward to a successful year for dairy farmers in Western Ontario, laying particular stress on the extreme importance of the production of butter and cheese.

John H. Scott, official butter grader on the Ontario Department of Agriculture, speaking on butter grading in 1923, said that 61 per cent of all butter in the province was graded number one in the last year, but added that at the rate of progress in vogue it would take another 25 years to reach the desired achievement in butter quality. That the worst is past in making high-grade butter was his opinion, and he said there was no valid reason why Ontario should not turn out just as fine butter in texture and flavor as any other part of the world.

A new annual competition is to be held by the department this year in which creameries will be judged on their yeast and mold count. This, he said, was of the utmost importance as it represented the sanitary condition of the creamery and the creamery. The lower the yeast and mold count the lower the flavor depreciation after months of storage.

The winners in the butter and cheese judging competitions were: CHEESE SCORING COMPETITION. Individual Scoring. Garnet Bain, Lakeside, Ont.; W. J. Pickard, Mount Elgin, Ont.; J. Edlington, Mossley, Ont.; Jos. Skelton, London. TEAM SCORING COMPETITION. Cheese. Garnet Bain, Lakeside, Ont.; Jos. Skelton, London; W. J. Murphy, Thorndale, Ont. G. B. Brodie, Glanworth, instructor. BUTTER SCORING COMPETITION. Individual Scoring. T. J. Neenan, Lorneville; W. C. Johnston, Galt; R. D. McEwan, Lindsay; T. F. Corkery, Harwood. TEAM SCORING COMPETITION. Butter. T. J. Neenan, Lorneville; R. D. McEwan, Lindsay; John Almont Smithville.

CANADIAN LAW TRIUMPHS OVER CUPID IN POLICE COURT

Young Woman Is Given Two-Month Term For Theft of Clothes.

FIANCE MAKES APPEAL

Offers To Marry Sweetheart If She Is Given Her Freedom.

Canadian law scored a triumph over Cupid in police court this morning and wedding bells will not peal for Violet Miller before two months as a result of the law's victory.

Declaring, through counsel, that he would marry her if she were released, Miss Miller's fiancé, and a strong plea for acquittal of his sweetheart charged with stealing \$325 from the Dominion Ladies' Outfitters here. Leniency was granted, but not in full measure, and she will have to spend the next two months in common jail.

William Henderson of McEvoy and Henderson, barristers, asked the court's permission to change the plea of guilty to not guilty. He said the theft was her first offence and made a rather effective plea for her dismissal on suspended sentence.

"Her fiancé, a young barber from St. Jacobs is here this morning," Mr. Henderson said, "and he will marry her if she is released. Her fiancé is aged, respectable people who have not as yet been informed of their daughter's behaviour. The shock would be great for them."

Instead of being a menace to the state, through marriage, she will become a benefit. Temptation was a way at her finger tips. She only received \$11 a week. Is it right that this young woman should be subjected to the shame and indignity of arrest and imprisonment when she can become a help to her father by settling down with husband-to-be?"

Same Opinion. Mr. Henderson added that the crown was of the same opinion and did not desire to press the charge.

"I shall not press the charge too far," Acting Crown-Attorney Gilders said, "but I would not go so far as to ask for suspended sentence."

"Why did you do this?" the court questioned the prisoner.

"I don't know why I did it," she answered. "I have considered the pleas for leniency submitted by your counsel and friends who have spoken in your behalf, and I will be lenient. But I cannot agree with your counsel when he says society would be sufficiently protected if you were let go on suspended sentence. Some sort of punishment is necessary to teach you the wisdom of leading an honest life."

"However, the representations made on your behalf will bring leniency on your behalf. I therefore sentence you to two months in the common jail instead of a term in the reformatory."

The young woman stole a number of fur coats and women's wear from the Dominion Ladies' Outfitters last week. This morning an official of the Salvation Army rescue home appeared in court and after sentence had been passed Mr. Henderson asked if the girl could not serve her time in the home. The court declined to consider the suggestion.

Miss Miller's fiancé offered to speak in the girl's interest, but the magistrate thought the plea of counsel was sufficient to lay before him the merits of the case.

Scarlet Fever Serum Found

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 17.—Discovery of a serum for scarlet fever was announced last night by Dr. A. R. Doche, associate professor of medicine at the college of physicians and surgeons, Columbia University. Addressing the annual meeting of the society for experimental biology and medicine, Cornell Medical College, Dr. Doche stated there was no grounds yet for saying the serum is a definite curative agent. He added, however, that in a limited number of cases dealt with "certain promise" was indicated.

MONEY EXPENDED TO ADVERTISE CITY GIVEN APPROVAL

Wenige States Step Should Be Encouraged To Boost London.

PROVES BENEFIT

City money expended by the Chamber of Commerce for publicity purposes is money well spent, in the opinion of Mayor Wenige.

Each year the city provides for a grant of \$2,500 to the Chamber of Commerce, and the proposal has come to the council that this money should be placed under the control of the industrial area committee, another organization interested in the fight to bring new industries to this city.

Mayor Wenige opposes this scheme, however, maintaining that greater benefit to the municipality would be derived by having this money expended by the chamber.

"This sum would be of little use to the industrial area committee," he stated, "where, on the other hand, it can be used to greater advantage for industrial purposes by the Chamber of Commerce."

It is gathered that the mayor would even encourage a more substantial grant to the chamber, the money expended in the same manner, publicity, etc., in order to bring industries into London to locate on the city's industrial area, East London, or elsewhere in the community.

"I have always claimed that the city would be well advised to spend more money for advertising purposes," he said. "And the council could specify for the Chamber of Commerce the precise manner in which the grant would be expended."

WILL ADDRESS PRINTERS. C. R. Conquergood of the Canadian Ink Company will address the printers of London at the Tecumseh House tonight on "The Story of Printing Ink." The meeting, which will take the form of a luncheon, is being held under the auspices of the Franklin Club.

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