

ONTARIO IS SWEEPED BY TERRIFIC SNOW STORM

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TERRIFIC BLIZZARD TIES UP PROVINCE

Trains Are Snowbound and Street Car Service in London Greatly Delayed—Roads in Country Impassable, With Many Motors Stranded—Hydro and Telephone Service Is Not Affected.

STORM IS GENERAL ALL OVER ONTARIO

Enveloped in a deep garb of snow, London today is gradually recovering from the worst blizzard Western Ontario has known for years. Street car service is still far from normal, train schedules are upside down and traffic conditions on the main streets are anything but desirable.

This city is to be congratulated, however, in the methods used to combat the storm. Efforts of the street railway to continue service in spite of big obstacles were roundly commended by citizens this morning. Almost as soon as the first snow flurries appeared plows were ordered out and cars were kept running until midnight although all were far behind schedule.

The snowfall was the largest since the season, fourteen inches having fallen. Fortunately the mercury refused to sink lower than twelve degrees, and this fact obviated suffering of an extreme nature. Casualties reported this morning included hundreds of stranded motor cars, a few frozen ears and toes, and much loss of time due to the upset train schedules.

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Calgary	18	48	Fair
Winnipeg	16	42	Snow
Port Arthur	16	4	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	16	10	Snow
Cochrane	18	10	Cloudy
Toronto	19	18	Snow
Kingston	12	6	Snow
Ottawa	8	2	Snow
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DELEGATES CONVINCED SCHOOLS NECESSARY

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PLANS ARE GATHERED

Members State They Do Not Wish To Carry Out Elaborate Scheme.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Windsor, Feb. 20.—After having inspected two of the Border Cities' high schools, the deputation of the board of education, which is seeking a solution of the collegiate problem in the Forest City of education, together with officials, is more than ever determined that London must have new colleges. Members of the delegation could not find words to express their admiration of the schools here, and while they do not contemplate anything so elaborate as the Windsor-Walkerville Technical School or the Walkerville Collegiate, they have nevertheless seen many points that could be used to advantage in the construction of high school units in London.

Starting at the Windsor Collegiate, where they were welcomed by Principal A. G. Hooper, the deputation was taken to the auditorium where some 300 students were assembled. Dr. A. J. Grant and E. A. Miller accompanied the deputation.

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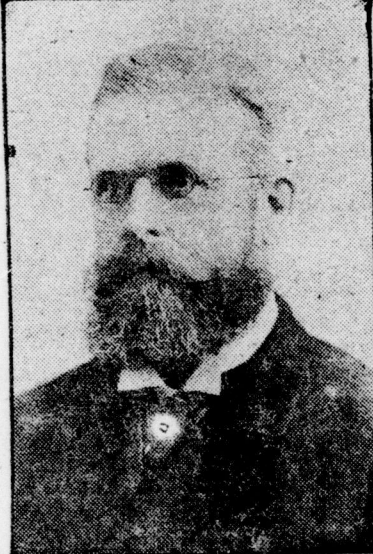
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SIR WILLIAM MULOCK, Chief Justice of Ontario, was this morning sworn in at Toronto as acting lieutenant-governor of Ontario in the council chamber by G. C. Keizer, assistant clerk of the Privy Council of Ottawa. Sir William Mulock will be lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario during the absence of Lieutenant Governor Cockshutt, who, with his family, is going abroad for a period of six months.

'GREAT WHITE WAY' MAY BE FINISHED

Estimated Initial Cost of the Work Is Placed at \$18,000.

London may complete its "Great White Way" in the downtown district, at an estimated initial cost of \$18,000, according to a special report to the city council received today.

This outlay would provide for ornamental lighting (similar to what now appears in front of the city hall) on Dundas street, from Ridout street to the city hall, and on Richmond street, from the Canadian National station to Furlong street.

About 80 poles would be used and the cost would work out at about 32 cents per foot per annum. It would be the purpose of the public utilities to utilize as far as possible the standards now in use.

It is also urged that in time the street railway company and the hydro services use the one standard.

C. N. T. AGREES TO MOVE RICHMOND ST. WIRES

Public Utilities Commission Reports Success After Twelve Years of Negotiations.

After twelve years' negotiations the public utilities department reports success in another venture. It was reported today that the C. N. T. telegraph authorities have finally agreed to remove their poles and wires on Richmond street, as a part of the city's scheme to place all wires underground in the downtown district.

The C. N. T. telegraph officials have also promised co-operation, while the utilities department must now complete arrangements with the street railway authorities for the same purpose. It is the desire of the city that the company remove its feeder wires.

HOUSING COMMISSION POST STILL VACANT

City Treasurer Points Out That Additional Help Needed To Handle Work.

The housing commissioners, at their last session, refrained from the suggested appointment of a manager and collector for that department. The mayor vouchsafed the opinion that the work could be satisfactorily handled in the city treasurer's department. The city treasurer states, however, that this added burden would necessitate added clerical assistance. He points to the fact that collections are made for about 200 of these municipal houses.

When the members of the housing commission meet again Friday this question will no doubt receive further consideration. The city treasurer is making no definite report as to his department, however, until such time as the council considers the recommendations in the Britain report dealing with his office.

ANIMAL DESTROYED.

An aged horse, desperately plodding through the heavy snow on Clarence street this morning, suffered paralysis and fell to the pavement in a heap. It was impossible for him to rise, and the animal was destroyed.

DEBENTURE ISSUE FOR UTILITIES IS SOUGHT

Sum of \$75,000 Would Complete Installation of Water Meters.

MEANS BIG SAVING

Results Would Be Increased Proportionately When All Residences Covered.

The public utilities commissioners are coming to the city council this year for authority to issue \$75,000 debentures, according to an announcement today from General Manager Buchanan.

Indications point to a move of this description, the manager stated, explaining that this sum would complete the installation of water meters in all the homes.

Several thousand homes were metered last year after the council authorized a similar debenture issue, with the result that thousands of gallons of water have been saved and is being saved each day. The saving will be proportionately greater when the remainder of the residences are metered, as proposed by the department.

The impression is general that the city council will view the contemplated request with extreme favor in view of the record to date, after the 1923 metering.

The city council will be adequately safeguarded as usual in this enterprise, as the commission must also guarantee to the provincial board of health, and the Ontario Railway Board, the feasibility of their plan.

PRINCIPAL OF TECHNICAL OFFERS LOWER ESTIMATES

A further substantial slash in the technical school estimates is in progress. Principal H. B. Beal announced today. The figures to be submitted at the next session will be considerably lower than those tentatively presented, he assures.

The principal also expects the new addition to the school will be ready for occupancy in a month's time, calculated to accommodate all students at that institution during the current year.

MANAGER TOUCHES WOOD.

General Manager Buchanan of the hydro department whistled and rapped on wood this morning when he commented that the service had continued, uninterrupted through the past storm. He remembers his famous "90-minute" pronouncement a few weeks back.

Takes Leave of Absence To Work In Prize Contest

London Man Shows Determination To Win One of Eleven Cars.

With five days to go before the close of the preliminary contest on Feb. 25, candidates are busy piling up votes for \$500 in special prizes to be given the winners of the three groups before that date. Many are using the opportunity provided by the 200,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions brought in this week, and the general average has swelled considerably.

Expressions of keen satisfaction with the manner in which the big \$20,000 prize contest is being conducted are coming into headquarters daily. Letters, telegrams and telephone calls testify to the interest the people of Western Ontario are taking in the largest competition of its kind ever held in this community.

One candidate, Mr. P. J. Murphy, 342 Adelaide street, declared yesterday that he had taken three weeks' leave of absence to work in the contest. Mr. Murphy believes winning one of the eleven splendid prizes is a man's job, requiring full time.

Letters asking for advice or requesting explanation of any details are welcomed by the contest manager. Here's a paragraph taken from a letter sent in by Mrs. Catherine Dorland, 209 Huron street. It's typical of the enthusiasm felt by several candidates.

"Say, do you know I just love the paper business. I feel as if I could sell The London Advertiser all my life and make my living that way."

Candidates are urged to read the full-page advertisement appearing daily in The Advertiser. This covers all the latest developments. The standings of all candidates will be published periodically.

Remember that 15 per cent commission goes with every dollar brought into The Advertiser. Many candidates are working with an eye on the commission alone. To some the big prizes are only incidental.

YOU MAY SIGN PETITION IN 50 STORES AND BANKS

List of Places Where Alberta Coal Petition Is Now Available.

ASK FOR BLANK FORMS

Have you signed the Alberta coal petition?

There are now over fifty places in London where you may find blank forms awaiting your signature, and these will be added to during the week. The list is given below.

Outside London you may obtain forms by going to the postmaster, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, or by asking The Advertiser's staff correspondent in your district.

If you cannot find forms, or if you wish more of them, write or telegraph The Advertiser and an additional supply will be forwarded at once. Co-operation and assistance from every quarter is invited, and The Advertiser is glad to acknowledge the work already done by the Edmonton Journal, the Ottawa Citizen, the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, the Toronto Star, the Ontario Reformer of Oshawa, and the Brantford Expositor, in addition to the support of societies and clubs.

Where You May Sign.

Here are the places in London where you may sign the petition: The Public Library, Tecumseh House, Belvedere Hotel, Grigg House, Iroquois Hotel, Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation offices at Richmond street and in Market Square; Bank of Montreal offices at Richmond street and Queen's avenue; Market Square; 270 Dundas; 608 Dundas; London and Western Trust Co., Richmond street; Bank of Nova Scotia, Richmond street; Bank of Commerce, Dundas and Richmond; Bank of Toronto offices at King and Richmond, Talbot and Dundas; 269 Dundas and 606 Dundas; Moisons Bank offices on Dundas and in Market Square; Royal Bank of Canada, on Richmond street; Dominion Bank of Canada at Richmond and Dundas; Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., on Dundas; Peoples Loan and Savings, Richmond street, and the London Loan and Savings Co., Dundas and Clarence.

Merchants Also Co-Operate.

Orth, Limited, men's clothes, Dundas street; Ontario Furniture Co., Dundas street; Flynn's Cigar Store, Dundas and Richmond streets; Standard Drug Stores at 252 Dundas, 344 Richmond, 168 Dundas and 664 Dundas; D. E. Plewes, 85 Wellington; Hathaway's, 22 Adelaide; Chesley Green, 239 Hamilton road; Layton's, 1086 Trafalgar; O'Donnell's, 503 Dundas; Travers, 553 Quebec; Slater's, 607 Maitland; Miss Gyde, William and Oxford streets; J. Williams, 302 Ridout; Mrs. Marsh, 706 Dundas; Miss Babington, 101 Stanley; Collier Bros., 234 Wharncliffe south; Murray's, Briscoe and Wharncliffe; Marsden's, 112 Adkin; Rowland & White, 570 Adelaide; T. White, 653 Richmond; Winter & West, Oxford and Wharncliffe road; Pike's, Wharncliffe road and Wm. Sumner's, Egerton and Hamilton road.

PRESIDENT OUTLINES FAIR WORK DURING '23



PETER HEENAN, member of the Ontario legislature for Kenora, is demanding recognition of the Labor "group," which at present consists of two members.

LABOR REGIME HAS REAL CLOSE CALL

Speaker Refuses To Accept the Motion For Closure After Air Force Debate.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 20.—The Labor government escaped almost certain defeat in the House of Commons last night only through refusal by the speaker to accept a motion for closure after debate on the government's air force policy, in which the teachings of the New Testament were invoked by one side and repudiated by its opponents.

Speaking to a motion by Sir Samuel Hoare, former air minister, demanding a strong air force, William Leach, under-secretary for air and noted pacifist, said the government was decided to maintain the late government's policy and not increase the air force for the present. At this time of the Laborites shouted "Shame."

Mr. Leach demurred at the doctrine that to prepare for war was the way to insure peace and said if peace was wanted, peace must be prepared for. What was needed were "few excavations to raise the lid from the sarcophagus of the New Testament," in which 2,000 years ago the Great Reformer had laid down the principles for solving the problem of national defence, but unfortunately nobody nowadays accepted those views.

While the government had accepted the responsibilities bequeathed by the late government, he continued, it would not be deterred from taking advantage of any movement in the direction of disarmament and would welcome a new Washington conference. This drew general cheers.

TUESDAY'S SNOWSTORM GIVES JOB TO 150 MEN

The Last Blizzard Cost London \$500. This One May Be More.

Approximately 150 men were set at work today by the city engineer clearing the streets. Of this are 20 additional men from the unemployed from the government office, he reports.

The cost of street cleaning has naturally exceeded the estimate, as the present snowfall was entirely unexpected. The first snowfall cost the city about \$200, a portion of which, however, was shouldered by the street railway company as per agreement.

The actual cost to the city of the second snow congestion will be estimated by the engineer. The street railway company will assume its share, of course.

SOFT COAL MINERS SIGN THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

Associated Press Despatch.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 20.—A three-year contract reaffirming the existing wage scale for the bituminous miners of the central competitive field was signed here late yesterday by representatives of the operators and miners. The signing of the contract laid the groundwork for peace in the industry and, according to spokesmen for both parties, assures an adequate supply of coal for at least the duration of the contract.

PRESIDENT OUTLINES FAIR WORK DURING '23

Members of Western Fair Association Gather For Annual Meeting.

SECRETARY ABSENT

Jackson Is Unable To Reach City Due to Snow-storm.

Despite the fact that many of the rural members of the Western Fair Association were storm-bound and could not attend the meeting, the fifty-sixth annual gathering of the association held in the Tecumseh Hotel this afternoon was well attended.

Old King Winter was responsible for the absence of R. Jackson, the newly-appointed secretary of the fair. Mr. Jackson left Toronto at 8 o'clock and expected to arrive in the city at 11:40. Shortly after 10 o'clock he phoned from Quindia stating that the train had just arrived at Sunny-side station.

The luncheon held at 12:30 was presided over by President J. H. Saunders, who extended a hearty welcome to all members and directors. After lunch the president called a recess for half an hour, in the hope that representatives from the country would arrive in the meantime.

The financial report as submitted by F. G. Jewell showed that there was \$5,198.48 in the bank on December 31 last. The new Manufacturers' Building erected last year produced a revenue of \$14,863. The total receipts on general account were \$35,182.40.

President's Address.

Following is the message of the President:

"The exhibition of 1923 was one of the most successful ever held by the Western Fair Association. Early in the year the board decided to secure additional ground, and accordingly purchased a block of land west of and adjoining Queen's Park. By Please See Page 4, Column 8.

MAINTENANCE COST OF SCHOOLS \$762,766.26

Trustees Meet on Monday To Consider Estimates Before Council Meets.

Secretary Tannier expects another special session of the board of education Monday next to finally consider their estimates. Exclusive of the estimates from the Technical School department, he today set the final maintenance estimates at \$762,766.26. To this must also be added the carrying charges for such building expenditures, if any, as may be recommended by the Collegiate Institute committee and authorized by the board and city council.

Mayor Weniger's official declarations about special sessions of the city council to consider school and other estimates have been rather confusing, the secretary explains, remarking that the department had been under the impression that either the city council or the finance committee was assembling Thursday. Ald. Douglass states he is calling no session, while City Treasurer Bell anticipates that the estimates for the finance committee will be ready early next week.

ACTION IS SOUGHT.

The "insurgent" faction of the local Tory Association seeks action and members of that group questioned today amongst themselves when the president, J. Cameron Wilson, intended to call the annual session for election of officers and other routine matters. This session is long past due, they assure.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Bill poster wanted.

Choice apartment to let.

Boston Bulldog lost.

Used furniture for sale.

Rooming-house for sale.

Housekeeper wanted.