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TUESDAY—SNOW AND SLEET.

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BELIEVES CHANGES IN L. & P.S. ECONOMICS

CITY HAS TRIPLED COST OF SCHOOLS IN LAST 10 YEARS

Figures From Nine Cities and Four Towns in Western Ontario
Show School Costs Steadily Mounting Everywhere—No
Sign of Stop—Average Cost Has Increased
From 100 to Over 300.

EXPENDITURES HAVE OUTSTRIPPED INCOMES

The cost of education—a much-used phrase—is a vague quantity, because it is used in a general way. People know their school bills are larger, but how much larger?

In nine cities and four towns from which The Advertiser secured reliable figures this week, the bill stands at 307 against 100 in 1914. That is, the average cost today is more than three times the cost in 1914.

In order to get some basis of comparison, the year 1914 has been placed at 100, and the school bills of succeeding years figured against that standard. The amount includes salaries and the yearly amount paid for debentures, including all the schools in the municipality.

The places under consideration include both towns and cities, this being done in order to find out whether the increase in school bills is a symptom common to the cities or is general in the towns as well. The cities furnishing information are: Ottawa, London, Chatham, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Galt, Kitchener and St. Catharines, and the towns, Glencoe, Port Elgin, Tillsonburg, Aylmer and Acton.

TOWNS SHOW INCREASE ALSO.

The result shows that the increase is not confined to the cities, but has been apparent in the towns as well, the average for the cities being 340 against 100 in 1914, and in the towns, 241 against 100 in 1914.

There is not a town where the school bill has not doubled in the last ten years; Glencoe has adhered to this, and so has Aylmer, while the others range above that figure.

GLENCOE—100 TO 200.

Glencoe's annual figures are as follows:

Year	Amount.	Per cent.
1914	\$2,755	100
1915	2,312	85
1916	2,708	100
1917	2,448	89
1918	2,659	97
1919	3,055	111
1920	3,831	140
1921	4,770	173
1922	5,074	184
1923	5,498	200

AYLMER—100 TO 200.

Aylmer made the steps upwards very gradually, keeping to 107 up to 1918, and 120 in 1919; since then the increase has been more marked:

Year	Amount.	Per cent.
1914	\$14,109.00	100
1915	14,201.00	100
1916	15,160.41	107
1917	15,550.80	110
1918	15,591.30	111
1919	17,496.33	124
1920	22,988.17	163
1921	25,935.49	184
1922	27,952.83	198
1923	28,395.48	201

PORT ELGIN—100 TO 218.

Port Elgin in 1916 actually came below its starting point of 100 in 1914. The figures show:

Year	Amount.	Per cent.
1914	\$4,950	100
1915	4,950	100
1916	4,650	94
1917	5,500	111
1918	6,000	122
1919	8,800	178
1920	10,700	216
1921	9,900	200
1922	10,700	216
1923	10,500	212

ACTON—100 TO 247.

Acton is a typical Ontario town, between Guelph and Toronto. The figures do not include debentures and sinking fund, which makes an extra of \$3,350.

Year	Amount.	Per cent.
1914	\$4,650	100
1915	5,500	119
1916	5,100	109
1917	5,050	108
1918	6,250	134
1919	9,600	206
1920	9,768	210
1921	10,261	221
1922	10,500	226
1923	11,454.85	247

TILLSONBURG—100 TO 317.

Tillsonburg got into the city class almost. In 1913 it spent \$12,658; in 1923, \$38,130. Its advance has been rapid in recent years. The figures:

Year	Amount.	Per cent.
1913	\$12,658	100
1914	15,483	122
1915	15,816	125
1916	16,384	129
1917	17,933	142
1918	18,654	147
1919	21,607	171
1920	28,066	222
1921	33,251	263
1922	33,251	263
1923	33,251	263

See Page 4, Columns 4 and 5.

LONDON'S SCHOOL BILL

In 1914 London paid \$285,525; today London pays \$938,146—or in other words 100 to 323; here are the details of costs:

Year.	Public S.	R. C. S. S.	Coll. Inst.	Technical.	Total.	Per Cent.
1914	\$218,187.21	\$18,607.00	\$40,977.61	\$7,753.45	\$285,525.27	100
1915	252,659.68	21,025.34	52,136.27	8,076.05	333,891.34	115
1916	281,521.16	23,979.56	54,747.76	22,969.33	383,217.81	134
1917	294,319.32	25,040.19	58,187.94	21,040.40	398,587.85	140
1918	312,129.47	25,757.11	54,828.79	31,809.35	424,524.72	149
1919	347,036.87	27,447.66	53,986.96	41,735.94	469,207.43	164
1920	438,208.87	34,147.11	100,421.92	53,343.37	627,120.68	219
1921	515,084.13	37,457.10	166,169.84	60,559.21	779,270.28	273
1922	587,019.67	41,968.55	142,391.60	94,747.13	866,126.95	303
1923	591,312.93	43,060.69	203,772.76	100,000.00	938,146.38	328



ST. THOMAS MAN MEETS HIS DEATH IN DOUGH MIXER

Thomas Furniss, Baker, Suffers
Terrible Fate at Early
Hour Today.

INQUEST UNNECESSARY

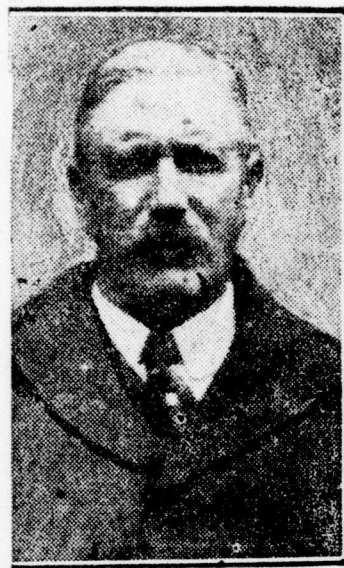
Unfortunate Man Believed To
Have Caught Hand in
Machinery.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Feb. 10.—Thomas Furniss, a baker employed by F. J. Jackson in his bakery at 767 Talbot street, met a horrible death by suffocation while mixing dough between five and six o'clock this morning. Mr. Furniss arrived at work at 4 o'clock, and had mixed the first batch of dough, starting the mixer at ten minutes to five.

At 6 o'clock, William Bowey, the helper, arrived at the bakery, and when unable to gain admittance at the door, looked through the window and saw Mr. Furniss almost totally immersed in dough. Bowey hurried to the flat above the bakery, where Mr. Jackson lived, and got assistance. It is believed that Mr. Furniss had climbed to the top of the mixer to push the dough from the sides of the machine when his hand became caught in the agitator. The weight of the body in the compound evidently stopped the machine.

Mr. Furniss had been employed in the Jackson bakery for eight years, and from 4 till 6 o'clock is alone in the shop. Corporal Dr. Ewin and Crown Attorney McCormick visited the scene and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The dead man leaves a wife. His home is at 137 Balclutha street.



ROBERT FORKE, M.P.

leader of the Progressive Party who will move the church union bill in the House. Forke is an ardent church unionist and has directed his activities for years toward this end.

RELIEF DEPT. FIGURES BOOSTED BY \$11,000

Sum Was Granted to Utilities
to Aid Winter Unemployment.

OFFICIALS EXPLAIN RECENT THEFT CASE

Pair Stole Several Dollars, Not
25 Cents, From Salvation
Hostel.

When two young men in Hamilton were sentenced to several months' imprisonment because it was alleged they had stolen 25 cents from the Salvation Army hostel, numerous inquiries about the case were received at the local offices. Several people complained it was unfair that the Salvation Army should press a charge against men who had stolen such a trivial amount of money.

Adjutant Lewis of the industrial department, wishes it to be known that the men stole the whole of the day's collections amounting to many dollars, and that when they were caught the men had disposed of all the money excepting 25 cents.

News Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Onyx ring lost.
Dining-room suite for sale.
Shoemaker wanted.

Truck business for sale.
Boston terrier lost.
Solid brick house for sale.



ARCHBISHOP MUNDELEIN
of Chicago, who, with Archbishop Hayes of New York, has been nominated as cardinal. The consistory will be held March 24.

FAIR SECRETARY ASSUMES DUTIES

W. D. Jackson Is At His Desk
Early Today—Former Gov-
ernment Official.

W. D. Jackson, recently-appointed secretary of the Western Fair in succession to A. M. Hunt, has arrived in the city and taken over his new duties. Mr. Jackson was at his desk in the Dominion Savings Building at an early hour and spent a busy morning.

He was formerly connected with the livestock branch of the department of agriculture and was assistant to R. S. Duncan who has charge of the district representatives of the department of agriculture.

Rat Falls Three Stories Unhurt

Approach of Reporter Prompts
Dangerous Leap.

A cat is not the only animal that lights on its feet without injury when it falls. In the city hall this morning a rat, started by the approach of a reporter, took a flying leap from the third floor landing to the stairs, but missing the treads, fell to the ground floor. As the reporter descended the steps to find out whether the rodent still lived, a quiver shook it, and then without any formality of farewells it streaked to the rear of the building and into one of the offices.

WINTER FAIR DISCUSSION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Notices to attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce offices on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in connection with the furthering of plans for the proposed winter fair for London, were sent out Monday morning to A. L. Macdonald, Carleton Place, R. T. Keycraft of Ridgely, and County Clerk John Stuart. The above men will represent the County of Middlesex at the meeting.

MRS. E. L. HODGINS.
Mrs. Emerson L. Hodgins, wife of Dr. E. L. Hodgins, 1000 Richmond street, prominent London surgeon, passed away early this afternoon.

Last of March To See End of \$20,000 Prize Contest

Eight Days Remain Before
\$500 in Special Prizes
Is Awarded.

EVERYONE HAS CHANCE

Leading Candidates Are Closely
Grouped in The Advertiser Campaign.

Eight more days to go before the \$500 in special prizes is won. Twenty-two more days before the end of the big \$20,000 campaign.

The contest will be over by the end of March, and the special \$500 contest, in which one \$200 and three \$100 bonus awards will be handed out, closes just a week from today. Yet everybody has a chance to win.

Candidates are now all in one large group. Very few have a substantial advantage. The man or woman who works particularly hard this week, therefore, is going to take the \$200 special prize and also boost his average for the grand \$2,000 prize.

To all intents the campaign might just as well have commenced today. The first one hundred or so in the race are so closely grouped that the contest has developed into a battle in which the candidate with the most determination is bound to win. An extra strong effort this week will give anyone a tremendous advantage.

The \$250,000 vote offer for every two subscriptions will be discontinued in a few days. Consequently big re-

HOUSE MUST SIT LONGER TO FINISH UP DEBATE

Hance Logan Will Open This
Afternoon With Hocken
To Follow.

GRAHAM IN CHARGE

Further Amendments To Ad-
dress Would Not Surprise
Government Supporters.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 10.—New interest attaches to the debate on the address this week on account of the amendment, which was moved on Friday by Donald Sutherland, chairman of the Conservative caucus. This motion has cleared the air somewhat in regard to the Conservative attitude, although it is not impossible that there may be a further amendment, either from the same party or from some other group in the House, before the debate ends.

The speaking will be opened this afternoon by Hance Logan, Liberal representative from Cumberland, and now a veteran of parliament. He is expected to be followed by H. C. Hocken, Toronto West, one of the outstanding figures on the Conservative benches, while Donald F. Keir, now of Edmonton East, will be the first heard from the Progressive party. W. F. Carroll of Cape Breton South, is second on the Liberal roster, while Dr. Anderson of Halifax is next in order among the Conservatives, and W. C. Good of Brant for the Progressives.

The House has been rising early in the evenings so far, but in view of the slowness with which the debate is moving, and the number of members who have indicated their wish to take part, notice has been given by Hon. G. P. Graham, who is leading the House in the absence of the premier, that later sittings will be necessary to bring the debate to an end, as Mr. Graham put it "within a reasonable time."

CLEVELAND SERVICE WILL START MAY 11

Fast Trips to Feature Navigation
Between Port Stanley
and U. S. Port.

Navigation service between Cleveland and Port Stanley will commence on Sunday, May 11, offering fast freight and passenger service to all points in Canada via Port Stanley. It was announced today by the Western Reserve Navigation Company.

The service will be a daily one and will have connections with the L. and P. S., and be operated in conjunction with the Pere Marquette, C. N. E. C. P. R., Wabash and Michigan Central. The new service will save from four to six days in transit.

The steamer "Colonial" will ply between the two ports, leaving daily at midnight from Cleveland and arriving at 7:30 a.m. at Port Stanley. The return trip will commence at 10:20 a.m., arriving in Cleveland at 6 o'clock.

NEW METHOD URGED IN RAILWAY REPORT



Auditor Ashplant Would Not
Place Items Against Capital
Account.

QUESTION OF FINANCE

Statement Presented For Past
Year Gives Rough Deficit
of \$30,000.

In his report to the members of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission, to be presented at their next session, City Auditor Henry B. Ashplant takes direct exception to certain phases of the financing of that department, and actually refuses to condone them.

The city auditor declares, in effect, that certain items have in past years been placed against the capital account of the road, which should not have been so placed, in his opinion, and which has tended to create, roughly, paper surpluses which do not exist in reality.

In his report Auditor Ashplant specifies from the year 1913 until the present time, and charges distinctly that surpluses aggregating about \$21,000 have been shown on their annual statements.

The London and Port Stanley Railway report, as shown by the city auditor's statement, shows a deficit for 1923, at roughly \$30,000. It is his contention involving methods of financing are upheld, this amount would have to be increased by the \$21,000 surpluses from 1921, referred to in his statement.

Question of Finance.

To the average citizen the question raised by the auditor is one which will receive consideration by the commissioners at an early date, is one of the finance, and probably not to be immediately understood at first glance. It appears to be a question as to whether certain credits and debits should be applied to one direction or another in the statement.

The annual statement for 1923 shows that the gross earnings of the road to be \$805,150.22, as follows: Passenger revenue, \$245,324.20. Please See Page 2, Column 1.

INCOME TAX APPEALS REJECTED BY BOARD

The Assessment Commissioner
Declares City Has Gained
in Majority of Cases.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board has rejected certain income tax appeals registered by Messrs. Hyman and Jarvis, City Clerk Sam Baker announced today. Information to that effect has also reached Assessment Commissioner Leahy Bennett.

The commissioner sums up the city's gains following the recent sitting of the railway board in this city when these claims were heard with others.

In all the city gained about \$200,000 in assessment but lost about \$55,000, making a net gain of roughly \$244,000. The city won the case with the Smallman and Ingram Company but lost the Kingsmill appeal.

The income tax appeals judgments were just announced today.

TAX DELINQUENTS INCREASE.

After a rough survey of his records today, City Tax Collector Turner stated that the number of individuals delinquent in 1923 with their land tax exceeded 1922 by about 100. He considers this to be a normal increase in the number, however.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fresh to strong east and northeast winds; snow sleet before night and part of Tuesday.

A disturbance from the Gulf of Mexico has moved northward and is now centered in the Ohio Valley.

The weather is mostly cloudy from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, with temperature near the freezing point, while in Manitoba it is fair and cold.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	40	Rain.
Calgary	48	39	Snow.
Winnipeg	48	4	Fair.
Port Arthur	25	24	Cloudy.
Saskatoon	34	25	Cloudy.
Cochrane	24	18	Cloudy.
Toronto	34	20	Cloudy.
Kingston	26	28	Cloudy.
Ottawa	44	30	Cloudy.
Montreal	44	32	Cloudy.
Quebec	38	25	Cloudy.
St. John	36	25	Cloudy.
Halifax	40	32	Snow.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 29; lowest, 24. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 28; lowest, 26.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday—2 p.m.—29.20.
Today—8 a.m.—29.91.