TRUSTEES SEEK FREE HAND IN SPEN

Battalion, in company with a prospec

party of officers who served with him

Ruhr Deadlock.

Days Gives Advantage.

BY CARL D. GROAT.

Special Cable to London Free Press.

lies with Germany.

fighting on Saturday.

strengthen this view.

Jasper's visit to Italy seemed to

of the Ruhr to remain calm in the

BERLIN, April 2.-The Socialis

newspaper Rote Fahne, referring to the

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THE WEATHER

RAIN OR SNOW.

owfalls or flurries ha

The following are the highest and

Cloudy

PROBABILITIES

The press appeals to the inhabitants

BELGIUM TIRED?

TO FORCE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN ANNEX

ermen Decide To Proceed ith School Levy Despite Legal Opinion

M HOUSEHOLDERS MUST PAY DIFFERENCE

pt Will Be Made To Secure es From Factory Owners.

1, to the effect that the cit ect the school taxes from the ded on the householders or at any rate

Be Conducted By 16 Picked

Teams.

less Indigents Look To Public

erosity of the city's women organiza

The Welfare organization has been

After much careful consideration by

the Welfare Association it was found

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thur O'Connor, former M. P., of Eastern

Donegal, and later judge of the county

terday, aged 78. He was a leading mem

ber of the old Irish Parliamentary

party in the Commons, served on var-

\$125,000 NEEDED TO

that Chairman Judd says to collect that tax from the lass legislation and as such narks and further stating could not collect the tax. class legislation all along. the underprivileged clase buildings." POSITION.

replied. "City Clerk rest of the week to canvass fellow citiasurer Bell and I vis- zens for funds to keep these institudith last week on this tions functioning for the general bene-Mr. Baker can explain fit of the community for another year. osition to this com- quariers at the Chamber of Commerce Colbert wanted to office spent the morning in forwarding

ctory owners effected, captains who will in turn apportion the believe the factory tions and will be followed by a public

householders paying by Jack Miner, the famous bird expert, in the 15-mill rate," Hill, district health officer, on ly getting a frac- baritone, will round out a splendid eve-

SAME RATE. paying the same and Friday night

ige stated, but it LAST MINUTE ADVICE. d that this applies ation in this case. and valuation. He in existence since 1920 and it has meant ich is the case. that instead of being called on to subfacturers are not scribe to 14 different campaigns, citizens Colbert submit- city has been free of tag days and other know on what charitable appeals and this has been the

give such ex- and it is confidently expected that when

uld move that zens. ion," said Ald. JUDGE O'CONNOR, EX-M. P.

courts of the Durham circuit, died yes-

y last Wed- public works loan commissioner since

Robes of Klansmen In Scrimmage After Orders Intruders Out

of the law. You will be welcome to re

hoods and flowing white robes of six of other points. I understand the the band were torn away, revealing was 18.

Popular Musician RAPS STAR CHAMBER PENSIONS **SESSIONS**

Col. Hunter Declares Handling of Some Cases Is Like "Lodge Mystery."

TESTIFIES BEFORE ROYAL COMMISSION

Easier To Enter Eye of Needle Than Ex-Soldiers' Hospital, He Says.

TORONTO, April 2 .- (By Canadian spital in Ontario is like endeavoring pass through the eye of a needle ording to Col. A. T. Hunter, Toronto olicitor, who was the first witness called before the royal commission or Annual 14-In-One Campaign Will morning. He deprecated what he described as the "contemptuous" attitude of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment and Pensions' Board doc-

tors towards the medical certificates of civilian doctors in connection with applications for pensions and treatment declaring the "war should be over in KEEP BODIES ACTIVE Col. Hunter declared that the central committee of veterans for Ontario had Dependent Children and Penni- been denied the table of disability ratings used in deciding pensions, although the Pensions' Board representa-

committee that it was available. Col. deadlock to-day, following the outbreak repairs to the premises. Hunter was still on the stand at the for noon adjournment. \$125,000 to carry on the work of 14 local PURPOSE OF INQUIRY

charitable organizations starts in dead At the opening of the royal com earnest to-morrow morning when 160 mission's sittings for Ontario, the chaircitizens will leave office desks for the man of the veterans' central committee, Capt. W. W. Parry, president of the Toronto and York County district command. Great War Veterans' Associaexplained the work necessary to with that storm center being inter of the enlistments in the Canadian 3,500 prospect envelopes to the 16 team forces were from Ontario, thus making envelopes to their 160 workers at a din- the Ontario session the most important

ner to-night at 6.30 o'clock. The dinner is being provided through the gen- PURPOSE OF INQUIRY chairman of the commission, surveyed meeting in the Masonic Hall at 8 the scope of the inquiry, pointing out This meeting will be addressed that they sought suggestions for the sirens sounded when a French patrol eration." improvement of pension and treatment approached to requisition automobiles. "We must have a probation officer of Kingsville, Ontario, and Dr. H. W. procedure, means of caring for the tubercular and other disabled ex-sol-Welfare Fund?" Solos bby Webster, diers, general re-establishment needs fire. for other veterans and the disposal of them for general ning's entertainment to which the general public is cordially invited. There the inquiry in its second phase involved will be no collection of any kind at no charges, but was of the nature of the meeting or the others on Wednesday a round-table conference and declared that they were all working towards the - the improvement of the

condition of the ex-soldier and his dewill be in charge of to-night's gathering pendents. if it is true that of workers and will give the 160 canvas- MENTIONS "ESPIONAGE"

reference to pensions, criticized the investigation methods of the Pensions Board, declaring that the "system of espionage" often unfairly "blotted a with the Ruhr show. Foreign Minister The woman's reputation.

Comparing the administration of pensions to the "star chamber method" of justice, Col. Hunter declared that the handling of pension cases was a sort of "lodge mystery."

Individual cases were cited by Capt. the 14 organizations enumerated below, W. W. Parry in support of Col. Hun-Colbert thought \$125,000 would be absolutely necessary ter's allegations of faulty procedure. Col. Hunter proposed that the system disturbance at the Krupp plant, Essen, ail the amounts are listed the sum will of multiplied medical and surgical spea resolution to have been realized from London citi- cialists handling cases should be simplified. He said that the duties of medical The first returns of the campaign will officers in the army were more disciplin not be announced till Wednesday eve- ary than professional and that for this brought back ning, when Chairman Silverwood will reason the man's documents did not al-Drake asked. report progress at a public meeting in ways contain a complete record of his we were going the Masonic Temple. This meeting will physical condition. For this reason h considered that weight should be given especially to independent evidence.

FOR E. DONEGAL, DEAD SAFELY

ious Government boards and had been Labor Interests Secondary To Those of Drury Cabinet.

M. M. MACBRIDE'S COMMENT

Hon. Walter Rollo is a Drury sup-otherwise the weather in the Dominion Graydon warned the prisoner not to orter first and a representative of abor afterward, in the opinion of M. M. MaeBride, Independent Labor men ber for South Brant. Mr. MacBride as in the city a short time while re- lowest temperat tree taken between 8 rning from Detroit to his home in p. m. and 8 a. m Brantford, and in an interview commented forcibly on the proceedings of Victoria the Independent Labor party convention Calgary held in Brantford on Good Friday. "The convention," said Mr. MacBride, "Gentlemen," he said, "I shall have to "was not at all representative of Onask you to retire. You are disturbing tario Labor. To begin with, they were the services here, which is a violation invited to Brantford by an organization that dare not hold a public labor meetmain if you remove your disguises. Oth- ing in the city. The so-called delegates, Keen and Dowering, are neither The hooded men about-faced and of them members of any Labor organsilently from the church, for ization, except it be their own little a number of men from the gathering. The convention consisted of St. John congregation. Outside the church a seven members from Toronto 12 from Halifax general scrimmage ensued and the Hamilton, and a few stragglers from Means

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. 18. side of two Drury Cabinet min- E. of Britain. Southampton New York taking up New York. Alexandria there, Jo

Winnineg

Kingston

Ottawa

TO LOCATE CITY HALL

Aldermen A ove of Quarters In Municipal Buildings For New Tribunal.

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER O'KELLY, V. C., of Winnipeg, a hero of the 52nd REFUSE \$100 MONTHLY SALARY FOR JUDGE tor, has been missing in the North since before Christmas. A search

Estimated That Probation and is being organized to go north in the Clerical Officials Will Cost \$3,790 Annually.

the juvenile court was approved by 1 committee to-day. The quesion will come up for final considera-ion before the Council to-night. In the meantime Mayor Wenige and Chairman Jud will interview Dr. James D pensions and re-establishment this Talk of Negotiations To End Wilson, from whom the Council last year leased premises for the court, to request a release from the contract for six months the remaining six months

of the lease period. A suggestion made through Chairman Judd by JJudge Rev. C. Q. Warner, of the invenile court, that provision be Believes Violence of Last Few made for paying a probation officer \$200 a month, a stnographer \$75 a month was laid over for the time being. The COULD UNDERSELL FUEL request for a remuneration of \$100 a month for the judge was flatly refused. Taking the estimates in full as presented by Mr. Warner, the court cost tives had informed a parliamentary talk of negotiations to end the Ruhr \$3,790 this year, including the necessary In his letter Mr. Warner explained

of violence in the occupied areas over that the \$100 a month suggested for The Berlin press asks if it is now the judge was not a salary time to put out more feelers to Paris thought his parishioners should not be and Brussels, suggesting the advantage asked to pay him to look after the court. area in Essen could not be definitely determined to-day, communications the court established NON'T GET SALARY.

man Burdick asserted. One of the last things known to have "Well, Mr. Chairman, I must concurred is the arrest by the French of four general managers of the Krup; right." Alderman Drake commented. day killed nine German workers and the judge," said the mayor. "It was American coal. The managers are charged with incit- distinctly understood that whoever took ing the workers by ordering factory the position would not ask any remundistrict can well be imagined after the Re-Elected Head of London ing the proposed site and plant

ported, and they were forced to open man JJudd explained. "There are lots of stenographers Eleven were killed in a train wreck on the hall we can get for this work, said ficult for many householders to mainthe canteen funds. He declared that Saturday and two others were killed in the mayor. "This job is only one day tain an adequate supply of fuel in their officer.' dshed in the Ruhr must cease be no salary for the judge, no steno- ican bituminous coal was used. If the declared Sir Adam Beck this me came indications to-day that the Cuno Government might start new peace

France if satisfactory offers were made. bert, it was decided to hold the court longer. Hints have been received here recently in the city hall. of the possibility that Belgium is fed up ATTEND TAX CONFERENCE. Treasurer Bell, Mayor Wenige and Aldermen Judd and Douglass were au-

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mes Johnston Lived With Another Man's Wife.

Fresh south and winds, the sentence handed out to James John- According to Mr. Parsons fires can enerally fair and ston, convicted jointly with Mrs. Lena be maintained throughout the night fillen a week ago of gross immorality, Partly cloudy, with by Magistrate Graydon in court this anthracite. When one becomees aclocal morning. The magistrate at first im- customed to the use of this fuel it will rain or posed a sentence of three months in jail, be found quite as satisfactory in every excends tence to two months, coupled with the advice to get a job and stay at it and not be shifting from one job to another pres- when he again gains his freedom. few light town after I get out of here," Johnston number of citizens have already exoccurred in commented. the Western provinces and Ontario, Prior to passing sentence, Magistrate

> out, you will get a long term in prison, It is pointed out that so much Ca if it comes before me." said his worof Providence and, her young child will

be looked after by the Children's Aid

ture were disclosed at the trial a week NEIGHBORS SAVE LIFE Johnston was found living with Mrs. Gillen in her three-room apart-Cloudy ment on Ridout street amid filth and squalor. Both inade the claim that Johnston came there following a request ous temperament" and afraid to stay in a fire alarm nts. For four nights prior to the door and the his permanent residence their way in. anston had stayed with the but the neighb Liverpool ... New York woman and then to avoid scandal he saved Lee's life. Southampton. New York had re in hag and baggee

Famous Crew of "Old 27"



Conductor John Ashton (right) and Motorman Arthur Rockett (left), who have run the ancient street railway equipage No. 27 to Byron since the oldest inhabitant was a boy. Conductor Ashton deserted to a Dundas car last December but rejoined his pal to-day. The Free Press camera man snapped

May Cut Freight Rates To Bring Alberta Coal Here At a Lower Cost

If Free Press Shipments Are Satisfactory Government Action Will Be Sought.

FROM UNITED STATES Many Inquirers Assured That

Western Coal Is of a Superior All London is anxiously awaiting the He did not agree with the principle result of the tests which will be made of voluntary work in such positions. On with the car of Western coal, which

the other hand he is willing to accept The Free Press is bringing to this city. It is expected to arrive the latter part of this week. If the tests prove satis "He will never get the salary," Alder coal in the Western provinces declare it will be found quite suitable for do mestic use here, steps will be taken gratulate you, you said the court would immediately to have the freight rates cost us some money and you were adjusted to permit of this coal being brought in to sell at two or three dol "Hold on, there will be no salary for lars a ton lower than the price of What this will mean to London and

experiences of the winter, which, it is A crowd menaced the troops, they re- and stenographer at any rate," Alder- at a premium price, and hard to get a week. There is no necessity for cellars at all times. There has been taking any action now on the probation but little choice of fuels. It has been It was finally agreed that there would the time of need. In many cases Amer- I can handle the job for another year, theory that Belgium, at least, is tiring tion of the lease on the Carling street supply of first-class fuel at a reason-Col. Hunter, called to the stand with of the adventure and might be split from premises. On motion of Alderman Col- able price for the next century or

MANY INQUIRIES.

Many inquiries are being received every day from citizens who are anxious to give this fuel a trial. John M. Parsons, who has had much experience with coal of all kinds, says that ing in will be found better than any that is now available here when the cost is considered. The Western coal will give more heat units dollar for that Victoria Hospital average last year the resolution (published in part about dollar than can be obtained from any was \$3.80; in fact, in answer to a query copy of which I enclose. This resolution other fuel now used in London. While this coal is not anthracite, it is not to be confused with the Ameri- lowest average daily rate in the entire can bituminous coal. It has none of the smoke or other objectionable fea-

latter fuel is used. In this respect it showed no signs of his recent illness, ing of the board and the opinion is not unlike hard coal. It can be burn- Several jocular remarks were offered trustees forwarded to Secreta ed in any furnace or stove where hard coal is used without any difficulty. with the Western coal as they can with garding the places he had worked prior used. And when the question of cost and endeavoring to help those interested to his conviction and the length of time is considered the Western coal will be at each, his worship reduced the sen- found to have considerable advantage. WILL DISTRIBUTE COAL. The coal will be distributed by Wm.

Buchanan, coal dealer, at cost to those "Believe me, I won't stay in this wishing to give the fuel a trial A large pressed a wish to get some and it is expected the car will not last long. Another great advantage the use of trouble the woman again. "If you go the Western coal will give will be an back to this woman again, under the adjustment of the exchange rate be same circumstances, when you come tween Canada and the United States. nadian money flows into the country t the south every year for coal that ou money is not accepted at par there ment that he was not guilty of any mis- But when this money is turned into Canadian coffers in the purchase of Western coal the tables will probably be turned and American money will be

OF FRIGHTENED CHINESE

BRANTFORD, April 2 .- The water pipes in the laundry of Lee Kim, West from the woman's husband, who is in Brantford, froze. Lee poured coal oil on Victoria Hospital, she being of a "nerv- them and touched it off. Neighbors sent Lee, scared, barricated

Must Pay Fine As Soon As He Accepts Office

LONDON, April 2.—(Canadian Press Cable.)-An unemployed the board of guardians for Wimbledon is liable to a fine of £20if he takes his seat because he received relief from the municipality within the last 12 months. On the other hand, if he fails to accept the office within a month following his election he is liable to a fine of a similar amount

Health Association.

CAPITA COST \$2.60

week, but I don't think my gizzard is as a case of take what was available at bad as all that and I guess probably grapher would be engaged and the Western coal proves satisfactory and when he was once more re-elected by mayor with Alderman JJudd will con- the freight rates can be adjusted Lon- acclamation to fill the position of presimaneuvers this week, based on the fer with Dr. Wilson re the cancella- don will be assured of an adequate dent of the London Health Association. Sir Adam stated that he knew of no position in the Province of Ontario as GET LOCAL SUPPORT. nonorable or as involving as important work, and he thanked his colleagues Board of Education to this propo on the board very heartily for re-legislation, of which the City Cour

Other officers and directors were also secured by mail, it is understood. re-elected and after the financial state- letter sent each trustee was signed ment and other annual reports of offi- W. A. Tanner, secretary of the Lon cers had been submitted the members Board of Education and was in unanimously agreed that Queen Alexan- as follows: dra Sanatorium is to-day in a thriving ondition. The average cost per patient day I received a letter from T. per day during the past year was \$2.60 and members in attendance pointed out

superintendent, stated that this is the mittee of the association. Sir Adam was in fine spirits when out the province and is asking the he arrived at to-day's gathering and matter be discussed at the ne by members in connection with expendi- Bride. tures for improvements at the sanasmile that the sanatorium was not as meeting would be inopportun costly as hydro development. "Why, even by stealing money from PRIVATE BALLOT,

cess of that," he remarked. T. W. Mc-Farland pointed out that Premier Drury COMMISSION NO HELP "They're not trying to help us-well

won't say any more," retorted Sir lic school act seeks to put school president stated that about 22 patients had been taken from Victoria Hospital trol over the current expenditu and placed at the sanatorium at a sav- school boards. For, while the ng to the city of \$2 per day. Extensive Council may not tax citizens me

Movement To Grant Boards of Education Greater Powers In

URBAN TRUST EES

To In

"That in t ion the public amended so that se f education would have author annual estimates s necessary for peri including the purc hereto, not to exceed

and further, where a the issuing of debentu cil and the council uch debentures, the boa such increased accomm also request the der

the total yearly school l

"Upon the issuing of such ret certificate the board may, on thirds vote of members present regular or special meeting ca

out the needs for such additional commodation, and requesting the co necessary to provide the same. presentation of this resolution council shall forthwith pass the nec sary by-law and issue debentures requested by the board.' The pledged support of the Lond

Bride, of St. Catharines, respecting by Sir Adam Beck Dr. Pratten, medical tion was referred to the executive c "This committee now wishes t

The president replied with a a discussion of the matter at

gests that each trustee writ opinion. The general vote of Trustees' Association." The proposed amendment t ing estimates on a footing sir that school maintenance estim

Furs Hid Season's New Finery In Fifth Avenue Parade, Red Hats Were Notic

Egyptian Influence Responsible occasional instances did For Strangely Ornamented Turbans.

NEW YORK, April 2 .- Attended with smaller, and the smiling sun, but far from balmy

is to be the prevailing Colors predominated hidden by winter coats of "Tut" was appa