LONDON WARMLY WELCOMES PREMIER

RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN IS GIVEN ROUSING RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL AT G. T. R. DEPOT

Mass Meeting To-Night.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM EDUCATION BOARD.

Informal "How Are You, Arthur;" "Hello! George." Feature of Democratic

Greetings.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime min-ister of Canada, arrived in London by the G. T. R. at 11.45 this morning The station platform was crowded with citizens to meet the premier, included in the number being Major Hume Cronyn, M. P.; S. F. Glass, M. P. Mayor E. S. Little, Col. W. M. Gart shore, who will preside at the big mass meeting to-night in the Grand Opera House; Ald. J. Cameron Wilson, City Clerk S. Baker, J. K. H. Pope, A. E. Barbour, Ald. G. W. Wenige, A. G. Chisholm, K. C.; Thomas Coleridge, W H. Irvine, W. H. Winnett, E. R. Dennis, S. F. Lawrason, T. A. McMahen, Ald. John Bridge, Frank Forristall, T. W. McFarland, J. Granger, Judge J. C. Judd, J. W. Cunliffe, John Grier, J. W. Carson, Ald. H. J. Childs, Ald. Drake L. H. Scandrett, His Lordship Bishop Williams, Ald. W. A. Wilson, and many

The train was a few minutes late When the prime minister appeared on the platform of his car he was greeted by hearty cheers from the large crowd attendance. Before he left the car Mayor Little, Major Cronyn, Mr. Glass, Col. Gartshore and others went or board and extended the greetings of the City of London

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

He then entered a taxicab and was driven to the residence of Major Cronyn, whose guest he will be during his stay in London. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he will drive to the Technical and Arts School, where he will be tendered a reception by the women of London. This reception will be strictly informal, and from present indications will be very largely attended.

At the reception the prime minister will be officially welcomed by the Board of Education and presented with an address, to which he will briefly

All interest is focused on the big mass meeting to-night in the Grand Opera House. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the idience in the history of that theater Seats on the platform will care fo some 200, while every seat in the audiorium will, of course, be filled. Col. W. M. Gartshore will preside a

he meeting this evening and, in addi ion to the prime minister, the speakers will b. Major Hume Cronyn, M. P., and Mr. Frank Glass, M. P. It is expected that the prime minister will, however, ccupy most of the time. DEMOCRATIC GATHERING.

A noticeable feature of the welcome at the depot this morning was the spontaneity of it all. No formal proceedings had been arranged for, and as the prime minister left his train he warmly greeted a number of friends in the welcoming crowd in the most informal manner. "Hello, George," he said as he warmly shook hands with a friend who pressed forward. "How are you, Arthur?" was the equally demo-

Many others in the big crowd pressed forward to shake hands with the premier, and he greeted as many as

Beyond doubt the meetings this evening will be the biggest of the kind in the history of Western Ontario. Asked if he had any statement to make for publication the prime minister smilingly replied. "No, I don't think I shall have enough to say to- DR. WILLIAM F. ROOME, president churches of this city.

Accompanying the prime minister to London is his secretary, George R. Buskard, a well-known former London newspaper man.

FAIR-WARMER.



Moderate south southeast winds; fair and and on Friday. NOTES.

Pressure is lowest Provinces towards the Atlancoast. Fine weather prevails Maritime Provinces. TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest

8 a. m.: Stations.	Max.	Min.	
LONDON	. 73	65	Fair
Victoria	. 64	50	Clear
Calgary		40	Cloudy
Winnipeg		70	Fair
Port Arthur		60	Cloudy
Parry Sound	. 78	54	Fair
Toronto		59	Clear
Kingston	. 74	58	Clear
Ottawa	74	48	Clear
Montreal	68	54	Clear
Quebec	. 66	46	Fair
Father Point	60	46	Cloudy
Halifax		40	Fair
St. John		46	Clear

day, August 31, are Min.Max.			Min. Max.		
Dawson	38	60	White R	32	74
Vancouver	52	62	LONDON.	67	88
Kamloops.	50	68	Toronto	66	78
Calgary	44	74	Ottawa		74
Med. Hat.	50	86	Montreal		68
Regina	51	94	Quebec		
Winnipeg.		94	St. John		
Pt. Arthur		72	Halifax	58	70

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Arrived at. From. E. of Britain....Quebec Liverpool Dr. Roome was elected a member apland Antwerp. ... Rotterdam ... New York

Reserves Statement Regarding | Election In November Will Be Dictum of the

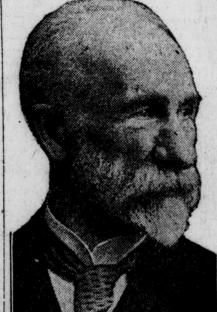
Forecast That Parliament Is To Be Dissolved At Once Is Regarded As Likely-Political Forces Wait Prime Minister's Announcem ent Here.

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—Political forces of all shades of opinion are keenly awaiting the prime minister's momentous announcement in London to-night. For weeks past the air has been filled with rumors with the pendulum of probability swinging first to one side and then the other, in favor of an early appeal to the people, or in favor of another session of Parliament first with a consequent redistribution bill and the holding of a general election next summer. But The Ottawa Journal's editorial forecast that the premier has decided to dissolve Parliament before calling another session is regarded in the capital to-day as a practical certainty. None the less, it comes as somewhat of a surprise.

When the premier left London, England, following the imperial conference, it was stated that he did so with the intention of advising dissolution of the Dominion Parliament at an early date. Canadians remaining in London, England, were fully expectant that Mr. Meighen's arrival in Canada would be followed by an early announcement of a general election. Current rumors had it that while his counsels were varied, preponderant advice was in favor of an election without another session of Parliament, either special or regular.

It is now accepted generally that Mr. Meighen has decided on an early dissolution, and already party organizations are making preparations with that end in view. When election day will fall is still a matter for conjecture. In the ordinary course of events, about two months are needed to revise registers and make other necessary election preparations. Thus, if writs are issued during the present month, election day would probably fall in

The last general election day was on December 17, 1917, when the Union Government was returned with an enormous majority.



Peoples Loan and Savings Corporathe House of Commons from West

RMER. PROBABILITIES

Was Conservative Member For West Middlesex For Years.

President of Peoples Loan and Savings Corporation.

this morning at his home, 300

times elected to the House of Commons other years. rom West Middlesex and at all times friend by many on the occasion of the rally day on October 2, it is stated. doctor would have been delighted to

in Oxford Township, Kent county, in November, 1840, son of Wilam F. Roome, he began teaching at the of 20, and in 1863 entered the medial department of the University of higan, from which he graduated in 866. In the same year he entered Vicoria College, Toronto, and passed the ollege of Physicians and Surgeons in He had begun practice in Newoury in 1867, and remained in that neighborhood until 1889, when he renoved to London. He was for 18 years chairman of the union school at Newbury and Mosa, and was appointed associate coroner for Middlesex in 1869

Premier, Ottawa Is Sure

DIED THIS MORNING.



Another Step In Program of Church Union.

GREAT RALLY

September 25 Will See Historic Event.

Organic church union, as agreed to by the Presbyterian General Assembly 000; Dominion Government properties this year, is already having its effect will total \$1,000,000; Ontario Governon the Sunday school activities of the ment institutions and offices, \$1,000,000, and general institutions which secure exemption from taxation will account merge. For the first time in history, it for the rest. is said, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists have agreed to stage their annual fall rally on the same day. Sunday, September 25, is the date set for the whole Dominion, and which will be set aside as rally day in the different

Baptists, who have not as yet come He was three times elected to into the union, have also decided to abide by the decision of the other de same Sunday. This will mean that three weeks from next Sunday mark the most important date of 1921 in some 30 Sunday schools of the city. NOW It is confidently expected that between 5,000 and 6,000 will take part in the an-

nual rally at that time. The various Sunday school boards of the different denominations, through the religious education council, have been working for some time on the program which will be used for the day. Copies of this program, which will be used in housands of churches, have been sent and relatively high BORN IN KENT COUNTY. to London and all other cities. The re- peace proposals was dispatched to-day sult will be that similar services will be to Mr. Lloyd George, who is in Scotconducted in all the Sunday schools on land. the same afternoon.

> SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Rally Day is intended as an enthusi-Dr. William F. Roome, president of astic launching of the year's Sunday the Peoples Loan & Savings Corpora-school activities. Holidays by that time on, and practicing physician in Mid- will be ended for everyone, so that the dlesex for more than a half century, died attendance is expected to be as nearly this morning at his home, 300 Wolfe perfect as possible. Classes will be organized for the year's work, and every The late doctor was a veteran in effort will be made by teachers and of- DeValera, the Irish republican leader, in Eastern and Western Canada. Sault in seven to firemen. The section conolitical activities, having been three ficials to shatter attendance records of in his other communication to the Ste. Marie is a close second to Orillia tinues in discussion of the disposition

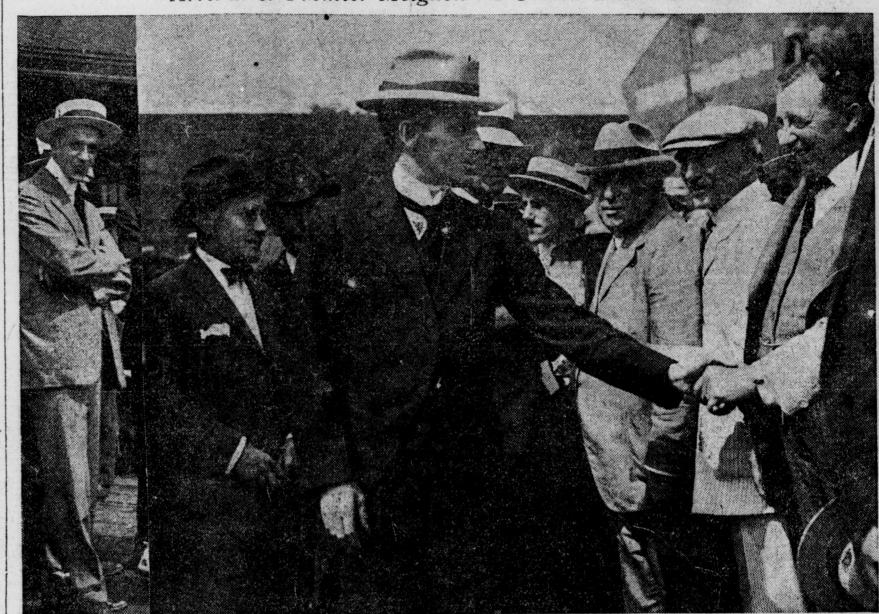
Rev. Mr. Jewett, religious education taking a keen interest in political affairs of this district. It was recalled by Church, is particularly interested in the friend to-day that on the occasion of rally day. He stated that with the exsir Robert Borden's meeting here in ception of Askin Street Church and one GOVERNMENT PAYS 1911, Dr. Roome was among the enthu- or two others, all the churches of the slasts in the parade with a flag, and his four denominations would observe Sepkindly face will be missed as that of a tember 25. Askin street will hold their

THE LIST COMPLETE.

Italians Latest to Agree to Attend Di

armament Parley. WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 .- The Italian Government has formally accepted President Harding's invitation to participate in the Washington conference for discussion of disarmament and Pacific and Far Eastern questions. The acceptance completed the list of nations invited to participate, Great Britain, France, China and Japan having favorably answered the invitation.

Arrival of Premier Meighen At Grand Trunk Station



City Tax Value Is Seventy

Assessment Will Show This Total-\$8,000,000 Exempted Property Included.

London's complete assessment, which will be announced in a few days, will total no less than \$70,000,000. Ward one, the last of city wards to be assessed under the new method of fixing values inaugurated by John G. Richter, is now practically completed, and 'the assessment commissioner, Stephen Grant, will make his report early this While the general assessment is not expected to total more than \$62. of exempted property, which will be no less than \$8,000,000, will bring the

total up to the figure indicated. Under existing assessment, City Treasurer Bell stated to-day, the total value of exempted property in the city is \$7,153,075. Allowing the general 15 per cent. increase in assessment, which is the average increase of the three wards whose assessment is completed brings the assessment value of such properties to well over \$8,000,000. Church property alone will total some \$2,000,000 in the list of exemptions; city property will account for another \$2. 000,000; public schools value is placed in the new assessment at about \$1,500,-

nominations and hold their rally on the Sinn Fein Message Said To Have Been Redrafted.

ON WAY NORTH.

Will Be Delivered To Lloyd George In Scotland.

DUBLIN, Sept. 1.—The reply of the Figures Jump from 9,947 to 14,637 in Irish republican cabinet to the latest nunication of Prime Minister Lloyd George on the British Government's

Fein will await announcement of its receipt by Mr. Lloyd George before its contents are made known or issuing a cian to-day. The population of Orillia rapid clearance of the agenda. statement concerning it.

\$500 FOR SPRACKLIN

Government paid the check of \$500, the judgment awarded O. E. Fleming, K.C., of Windsor, by the courts for the illegal search of his pleasure yacht near Detroit by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, at that time a license officer. Mr. Fleming, when asked where the money came from, refused to say, but contented himself with "I received the money and the incident is closed."

Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general of the province under whom the O. T. . is being enforced, was questioned today. "The check went through about two or three weeks ago," he said. "Perhaps it was not a legal liability for the Ontario Government, but the man was in our employ and it was his even the children will receive no food mistake."

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CANADIAN MERCHANTMAN BELIEVED LOST TURNS UP; MEMBERS OF CREW SAFE

Importer Had Drifted 60 Miles West of Her Latest Known Position In Pacific-Ship Is Uninjured. VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 1 .- (Canadia Press Dispatch) .- The

disabled steamer Canadian Importer, of the Canadian Government Mercantile Marine, located last night by the S.S. Canadian Observer after drifting helplessly at sea for nearly two weeks, was taken in tow by the Canadian Observer this morning and is now heading for Esquimalt. according to the latest message from Capt. Cooper to the agent of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine here. Search for the missing boat load of two officers and nine men which

local officials state and every effort will be made to locate the boat. VANCOUVER, Sept. 1 .- (Canadian Press Dispatch) .- News of the finding of the steamship Canadian Importer was received in a wireless message reaching C. C. Kernahan, freight agent here for the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, at an early hour this morning. The Importer had drifted 29 miles south and 60 miles west of the position last given when the steamship Cordova left the Importer.

Jeft the disabled steamer 13 days ago to search for help, will be continued

REPORT CONFIRMED. OTTAWA, Sept. 1 .- (Canadian Press Dispatch) .- The report that the Canadian Importer had been found was confirmed this morning by the department of marine and fisherles. Owing to the cargo having shifted the vessel had listed somewhat but otherwise she is uninjured. All the crew are safe.

Population of London, 60,685

London has a population of 60,-685. These are the corrected figures given out by the Do-minion statistician and therefore they are official. The city was credited with naving not more first census returns, which were published some time ago. At that time The Free Press published a story pointing out that when the annexed district population was considered, which was not done in the first returns, the city would pass the 60,000 mark. The announcement of the Dominion statistician now confirms

SARNIA INCREASES

OTTAWA: Ont., Sept. 1 .- An increase of 95.28 per cent. in the popula-The publicity department of the Sinn the preliminary announcement of popunow stands at 13,334, as compared with The reply is being taken to Mr. Lloyd 6,828 in 1911, when the last Dominion George by Robert C. Barton, member of the Irish republican "parliament," census was taken. The bulletin issued not to the two-platoon system so much who has acted as courier for Eamonn vesterday covers 15 cities and towns as to compulsory allowance of one day prime minister. It is reported here that with a percentage increase of 93.26 n of police court fines and the obligation the cabinet's reply was re-drafted since the last 10 years and a population to- upon cities to pay in part counties

Barrie. Ont., 1921, 6,992; 1911, 6,420. taneously the rural section is debeting Sarnia, Ont., 1921, 14,637; 1911, 9,947. the dog tag law and the creation of Ingersoll, Ont., 1921, 5,118; 1911, 4.763. municipal officers as issuers of mar-

TORONTO, Sept. 1. - The Ontario Food In Tartar Republic Is All Gone; Thousands of Children Must Now Starve HON. T. W. CROTHERS MAY

Reserve of Supplies Depleted; ments by the Izvestia. Twenty-five thousand children maintained by the Children Being Dismissed By the State Institutions.

state institutions will be dismissed,

tions At Toronto Con-

vention.

Also Debated.

to the municipalities were offered by

City Solicitor W. B. Doherty, of St.

Thomas, at this morning's session of

Doherty preliminarily gave a compre-

This morning the convention dis-

objection being virtually unanimous.

especially in cities and towns.

shares of high school costs.

Gunmen Of Belfast Subdued By Troops

Only Few Shots Fired In City This Morning-Six Killed Yesterday.

were fired in this district. When the ern Ontario was reduced to conform to troops arrived, however, the gunmen the lowered costs of labor and raw vanished. This was the first recurrence materials. of the street fighting since yesterday, when six persons were killed and 30 in-

became quiet.

The carters and motormen issued an ltimatum to the authorities to-day declaring they would withdraw entirely W. B. Doherty Offers Suggesfrom the streets unless afforded protect fected by the decision. Two members of the drivers' union were killed in the ricting of the past few days and seven rioting of the past few days and seven

ROAD LAWS DISCUSSED. New Marriage License Issuers TORONTO. Sept. 1 .- Various advanced suggestions as to necessary

perfection of municipal laws in justice St. Kitts Man Pinned Against Wall of Store.

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 1 .- Jacob the Ontario Municipalities Association, Offste'n, a Hebrew grocer, aged 46, was in the 23rd yearly convention. Mr. crushed to death against the outside worth of real estate changed hands in wall of his store by a street car late London, 94 transfers being recorded.

hensive analytical resume of public and last night. Offstein was preparing to close his up into the three millions, and it is exprivate municipal legislation of this store when the rear truck of a passing pected that the present total will be year, concluding with comment and street car was derailed at a switch. The car was thrown against the build-street transfers were recorded. attention to the tendency in late years ing, pinning Offstein against the brick to passage of legislation imposing addi- wall before he could escape. He leaves during the past month, one being to tional burdens of municipal taxpayers, a widow and seven children. An inquest will be held to-day.

cussed Ontario highway laws, with special reference to suburban areas, then divided to suburban areas, then divided into sections for more urban section dealt exhaustively with the two-platoon fire department system,

Be Fraud.

Art will be built. This institution is LETHBRIDGE, Alta.. Sept 1.—Capt. now affiliated with Western Univer-Janney, who is being held in Lethbridge jail without bail pending trial on a STORAGE BUILDING. charge of obtaining money under false Ed. N. Warren sold a property on pretenses, as an effort to float an air- South York street to the Fireproof Warecraft company in A'berta, is staging a housing Company, Limited, which inhunger strike. For 20 days Janney has dicates that the proposed construction refused to go to the mess table with the of a storage building, to be the largest other prisoners. Food is therefore carin Western Ontario, is well under way,
ried to him, but guards have been unso far as preliminary work is concernable to detect him availing himself of ed.

clined to believe that he is "camouflag-ing" by surreptiously taking enough and Gas Company with considerable food to keep himself alive, as his interest. If negotiations result in the physique shows no signs of malnutri- supplying of East London with natural

BE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR

OTTAWA, Sept. 1 .- (Special to The year, it is stated. while 200,000 fed under the board Free Press.)-Hon. Thomas W. Crothers, the State Institutions.

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BREADIN J. BRIDGE

Bridge Definitely Announces Reduction After September 6.

PROMISES STANDARD 24-OUNCE LOAF.

States Plant Will Deliver 2,500 Loaves Daily and Serve All Western Ontario.

Ten-cent bread will be available for the citizens of London on and after Tuesday, September 6, according to an announcement made by Ald. Bridge today. Ald. Bridge / some time ago promised the citizens that, if the bakers did not reduce their prices to conform to the present-day costs of materials and labor, he would, within 30 days, commence a factory for the purpose of supplying 10-cent bread, and his an-nouncement to-day is in fulfillment of

"Commencing Tueday, September 6, bread will be offered through the stores or direct from wagons at 10 cents for the standard 24-oz. loaf," said Ald. Bridge. "I have purchased an interest in the Ruddy bread business and will operate the Gwalchmai bakery in the east end of the city. The citizens for some time have been entitled to 10-cent bread, and in taking over this plant I am simply redeeming my word given in a recent interview, when stated that if the London bread bakers did not lower prices to conform with the present-day labor and material costs I would enter the business and deliver bread at 10 cents per loaf. ANSWERS CRITICS.

"The criticism of the bakers has been that I was the prime mover in vancing the price of bread when I was connected with the bread industry in London," continued Ald. Bridge. "That is true, but the citizens must bear in mind that from April, 1914, until my identification with the business ceased in 1919 the cost of labor and raw materials was stead:ly and continuously BELFAST, Sept. 1. - Soldiers were advancing, while to-day the conditions are exactly the re Belfast this morning, when several shots the price of bread in London and West-

PLANT ALL READY. "The present capacity of our plant To date the death roll totals 16. is 2,500 loaves a day," said Ald. Bridge Troops are patroling Springfield road in further. We have arranged to sell this the area which causes the authorities through the stores and also by delivery some concern as it is a part of the through horse-drawn wagons and two Falls division, where the flercest riots motor trucks. As soon as the demand of the past year occurred. The origin warrants it the capacity of the factory of the trouble here was an attack on and the delivery service will be accord-Mackies' Foundry workers, the police ingly increased. It is also expected driving off the assailants with rifle fire. that a chain of bakeries will be estab-One of the most serious outbreaks lished throughout Western Ontario, inof yesterday occurred in the neighbor- cluding the larger cities along the borhood of Brown square, which is close der. Mr. James Ruddy, who has been to Old Lodge road. Shortly before the identified for many years with the curfew hour a daring attempt was made bread business in the city, will be to set fire to a dwelling in Nelson street identified with the new organization as with petrol, but the police extinguished the flames. With the arrival of the current the sniping ceased and the city name of the company and the trade name under which the product will be sold will be published in the local

papers on Tuesday next."

Over Quarter Million Changes

SEVERAL BIG Dundas Street Property Is Sold

For \$12,600. During the month of August \$275,300 The total tranfers of the year now run

Several large transfers were recorded the London and Western Trusts Com-

pany for several properties belonging to Property of Alma B. Wortman, on lots 14 and 15 on Dundas street, were sold to A. D. Jordan for \$12,600. property has a Dundas street frontage But Hunger Strike is Also Believed to this lot, it is understood, the new section of the London Institute of Musical

Real estate men are watching the Dr. Murray, the jail physician, is in- progress of negotiations over securing gas entirely at a not more than 75-cent cate, it is expected that real estate development in that section will enter a period of general expansion. For low mills, is already attracting many home builders to the East End, and unimproved lot values have doubled