

THE WEATHER:
CLOUDY; SHOWERS TONIGHT.
SATURDAY—COLDER.

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HOUSE OR FLAT?
WANT ADS FIND THEM,
ON PAGE 16.

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THREE CENTS.

FIREBUG BURNS HOME BUT FAMILY ESCAPES Bank Director Found Guilty Is Liable To Three-Year Term

FOUR FIRES BLAMED ON FIREBUG

Farmer Sees Light and Family
Escapes From the
House.

GASOLINE FOUND

Two Barns and Manor Park
Home Are Mysteriously
Destroyed Recently.

The fourth fire of an incendiary
origin in the county of Middlesex
this week was traced in the end by
a farmer in Delaware township at 3
o'clock this morning.

High Constable Wharton, after
making an investigation at 3 o'clock
this morning, is convinced that a
dangerous firebug is at large in the
county, and is devoting every effort
towards the apprehension of the
man.

The high constable refused to dis-
miss the name of the farmer whose
house was fired this morning, stating
that he preferred to investigate the
affair more fully before giving out
any more information.

The farmer was awakened shortly
after 2 o'clock by the reflection of
flames on some trees outside his bed-
room window.

Jumping out of bed, he dashed
outside the house to find flames lick-
ing up the side of the house.

Find Gasoline.

Other members of the household
joined him quickly and aided in
quenching the flames which in a few
minutes would have been beyond
control.

Investigation showed that the
home foundation at the corner of the
house had been torn away and a can
of gasoline and a quantity of dry
canebrake had been inserted in the
opening and deliberately lighted.

The farmer got in touch with the
high constable as soon as possible
and the investigation is proceeding.

It is stated that the owner has sus-
picion in the house and every pos-
sible effort will be made by Mr.
Wharton and the county police force
to land the individual responsible.

It is pointed out that had the fire-
bug not been a light sleeper, that the
entire household might easily have
been burned in their beds as the fire,
fanned by a howling wind, would
have enveloped the house in the space
of a very few minutes.

Barns Destroyed.

At almost the same hour yesterday
the barns of Homer Knapton, con-
cession five, between the highway and
the railway, were destroyed with a
loss of \$15,000, while two nights ago
Austin Norton on the second concession of
Westminster township went up in
flames at the midnight hour. Town-
ship constable, Philip Lawson, who
resides in the house on the Norton
property, happened in bed but a short
time when neighbors awoke him to
tell him of the fire.

On Monday night last a home in
Manor Park was burned to the
ground by a firebug.

Farmers throughout the county
are thoroughly aroused by the actions
of the firebug whom they believe is
of the same type as John Vincent
Ison, now serving a term in King's-
ton penitentiary for a number of
years started in London over a year
ago.

Ison, in his confession made to
Sergeant Birtwhistle of the R. C. M.
P., stated that he set fire to build-
ings because he liked the excitement
of seeing the flames and the hurrying
crowds of people and fire fighters.

HAMILTON OFFICIALS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE

Treasurer and Auditor Blamed
for Loose Methods That
Led to Thefts.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Nov. 7.—The final report
of C. S. Scott & Co., auditors who
examined the city's books following
the discovery of defalcations in the
tax office and treasurer's office, was
presented to the board of control to-
day. It was released for publica-
tion, but the meeting at which it
was discussed was closed to the
press. The report fixes responsibility
for the losses in the two de-
partments, through which large sums
were stolen, equally upon City Treas-
urer Davis and City Auditor Dem-
pster. Regarding the theft of \$50,000
by Harold Forbes, the missing cash-
ier, Mr. Scott says:

"The present situation is almost
wholly the result of insufficient
supervision by the treasury depart-
ment, and the failure of the auditor
adequately to check the department.
The loss to the city occasioned by
Forbes, was wholly caused by omis-
sions of importance, so that he was
perfectly free to omit, falsify or mis-
handle as he pleased."

NEW ONE-MAN CARS.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 7.—A one-man
street car, in which the passengers
will operate the exit door by stepping
on a treadle device, is to be tried
out by the Toronto transportation
commission shortly.



EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE FOUR DEPARTMENTS IN LONDON'S NEW EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

The changes approved by the board
of education at yesterday's meeting
mean a division of administration
into four departments—public
schools, collegiate institutes, tech-
nical school and finance or treasury.

Here are the four men who will head
these departments and who will con-
stitute the new advisory executive
committee, an important feature of
the proposed system described below.
From left to right they are: Senior

Inspector Greer, who will become
senior inspector-administrator in
charge of all public school affairs and
fulfilling the duties of secretary of
the board; Principal E. A. Miller of
the Central collegiate, who will be

responsible for all collegiate adminis-
tration; Principal H. B. Bell of the
Technical school, who will be in
charge of all technical and voca-
tional education; and City Treasurer
James Bell, who will be chief finan-
cial executive.

NEW SYSTEM OF CITY EDUCATION TO FOLLOW YESTERDAY'S ACTION

Sweeping Changes Approved
by Board Without
Dispute.

ONLY FIVE TRUSTEES

Board Will Be Reduced and
Executive Methods
Simplified.

Yesterday afternoon's meeting of
the board of education marks a mile-
stone in the history of school affairs
in London and is of direct importance
to every home in the city.

Within a short space of time and
with a remarkable absence of dis-
cussion the members of the board
accepted and approved five changes
which mean an entirely new system
of conducting the education of Lon-
don's children.

The changes are listed in detail in
the next column. Their effect as a
whole is to sweep away a great deal
of cumbersome machinery to abo-
lish the complicated and overlapping
committees, to define and simplify
the forming of plans by a smaller
and more practical board and the
execution of such plans by perma-
nent paid executives.

It is to some extent application of
the system now practiced by the
public utilities commission, and
planned in the proposed city council
changes on which vote will be taken
next month.

Credit To A. R. Cairncross.
The board has conducted its in-
quiries with both energy and effi-
ciency and much of the credit belongs
to A. R. Cairncross. Mr. Cairncross
has acted as chairman of the special
survey committee, the other members
being B. N. Campbell, Dr. Alfred
Grant, and George F. Copeland, with
the task of studying and reporting on
the recent survey made for the board.
Please See Page 4, Columns 2 and 3.

The Proposed Changes And What They Will Do

Five important changes in the handling of London's school affairs
were approved last night by the board of education. These changes
were recommended by the special survey committee under the chair-
manship of A. R. Cairncross, based on the report submitted by Dr.
Horace L. Brittain, director of the Citizens' Research Institute of
Canada.

The changes will require sanction of the provincial department of
education, and the following men have been given the task of executing
the changes: A. R. Cairncross, B. N. Campbell, George F. Copeland, Dr.
Alfred Grant and S. F. Lawrason.

1 Reduction of the board of education from 14 (12 trustees and 2
separate school representatives) to 6 (5 trustees and 1 separate school
representative).

2 Establishment of an executive committee with power to act between
board meetings, to handle matters referred by the board, to initiate
new business.

3 Establishment of an advisory executive committee to revise budget
estimates and to advise on general policy, consisting of the heads of
the four departments, public school, collegiate institute, technical school
and treasury.

4 Creation of new official known as senior inspector-administrator, who
would combine duties of secretary of the board and public school
inspector, thus co-ordinating both business and educational adminis-
tration for public schools.

5 Revision of the board's regulations to implement the changes con-
tained in the above four recommendations.

The general purpose of these changes is to simplify, economize and
make more efficient the operations of the board. The new plan is
designed to leave the deciding of policy in the hands of the board and to
give the execution of such policies to permanent paid executives.

The elimination of cumbersome and overlapping committees is
perhaps the most important single feature in accomplishing this object.

Buy a Poppy For Your Soldiers

Today and Tomorrow Are Poppy Days—They Are to Help
Soldiers of Canada Left Disabled by the War—
Buy a Poppy and Wear It!

Association Forwards Letter to
Pastor in Regard to
Sermon.

The following letter commending
Rev. Dr. Bowley Green's sermon,
preached at the Talbot street Baptist
church last Sunday before members
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District No. 1, has been forwarded
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alluded to certain opponents of the
O. T. A. as being "beer-soaked Eng-
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of the G. W. V. A., Sons of St.
George and C. N. R. shopmen have
strongly objected.

The letter follows:
London, Oct. 3, 1924
Rev. Bowley Green, D.D.
124 Albert street,
London, Ont.
Reverend Sir:—
I am directed by resolution un-
animously passed by the brotherhood
of the L. O. Association of District
No. 1, London, Ont., to convey to
you our sincere appreciation and
sincere thanks for the appropri-
ate and very able address which
you were favored with on the occa-
sion of our attending Divine service
in Talbot street Baptist church on
the evening of Nov. 2.

"We wish you every success in
the noble work in which you are en-
gaged, and trust that you may be
long spared to continue to propagate
Protestantism and the true Christian
religion."

Yours respectfully,
(Sgd) W. J. Hodgins, Co. Mas.
Joseph Murray, P.C.M.
J. W. Carson, P.C.M.
Signed on behalf of the committee.

HELP WITH POPPY DAY.
Here an Advertiser photographer shows Miss E. Eccleston (right) and
Miss V. Stevens (left), two of the many London girls who are helping to
make Poppy day a success. Tomorrow the downtown section will be
visited by dozens of pretty workers asking the help of Londoners for this
cause.

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MINISTERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Baldwin Cabinet Members
Follow Out Ancient Cus-
tom at King's Palace.

LABOR PASSES OUT

MacDonald and Colleagues
Hand Over Seals of Former
Offices to King George.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 7.—King George to-
day received the ministers of the
retiring Labor government, who
handed over their seals of office at a
brief ceremony which attracted little
public attention. The crowd, which
is usually present in the vicinity of
Buckingham Palace, displayed more
interest in the changing of the bright
uniformed guards than the arrival
and departure of the fallen cabinet
ministers.

Later the King held a council with
Premier Stanley Baldwin and the
members of his cabinet, at which the
custom of kissing the sovereign's
hand was carried out.

The new cabinet gets on the whole
a very favorable reception from the
London morning papers, even the op-
position organs finding grounds for
approval of many of the appoint-
ments. It is universally remarked
that the ministry is much stronger
than Mr. Baldwin's last adminis-
tration, although the Times, while ad-
mitting this, regrets the inclusion of
so many former office-holders, and
says: "The public is looking with
most pathetic anxiety for the emer-
gence of new leaders."

The appointment of Winston
Churchill to such a dominant post as
that of chancellor of the exchequer
naturally attracts the main attention
of the commentators, who remark
upon the courage and independence
shown by the premier in disregarding
the inevitable hostility which the
selection will provoke among a cop-
ious number of the Conservative
ranks. The choice itself is nowhere
condemned, and by several papers is
variously described as "welcome,"
"sound" or "excellent."

Two Are Found
Dead After Duel

Frenchmen Settle Affair in a
Vacant Pittsburg House.

Associated Press Despatch.
Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—A vacant room
in a Forbes street house here was
used as a "field of honor" by two
French gentlemen today, and when
the smoke of battle cleared the men
lay dead on the floor, each with a
bullet in his head. Pierre Biagioli,
of French-Italian extraction, was
called upon by J. N. Fournaire, a
French baker, to explain attitudes al-
leged to have been paid to Fournaire's
wife, Georgette, the mother
of two children. Fournaire spent the
last two months in jail on a charge
lodged by a 14-year-old girl. He was
released on bail yesterday, and re-
turning home he is said to have
heard whispering between his wife
and his friend.

Fournaire summoned Biagioli,
seeking an explanation, and they
met this morning, going to the vacant
room in the baker's building to settle
the argument. Police reports were
that Fournaire, after killing Biagioli
shot himself.

COMMANDER PROMOTED.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 7.—Commander B.
M. Eyres Monsell, former civil lord
of the admiralty, has been ap-
pointed parliamentary secretary of the treas-
ury. Commander Eyres Monsell is
Conservative member of the house of
commons for the Evesham division
of Worcestershire. His appointment
to office was officially announced to-
day.

BREAD PRICE REDUCED.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 7.—The price of the
26-ounce loaf of bread was reduced
to 10c yesterday. It has been 11c for
two weeks.

HALIFAX MINISTER ACCEPTS
BRANTFORD CHURCH CALL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 7.—Rev. John
V. MacKinnon, pastor of St. John's
Presbyterian church, has decided to
accept the call which he recently re-
ceived from Zion church, Brantford,
Ont. It was announced at a meeting
of the Halifax presbytery yesterday.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—South-
west winds;
cloudy, showers
tonight.

Saturday—
Strong northwest
winds; colder.

The trough of
low pressure
across the Great
Lakes has moved
but little since
yesterday, but a change is now prob-
able. A snowfall has occurred in
northern Ontario and rain in the middle
St. Lawrence valley. The weather con-
tinues cold throughout the west.

The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations—High Low Weather

Victoria 48 42 Cloudy

Calgary 14 6 Cloudy

Winnipeg 21 6 Cloudy

Port Arthur 26 18 Cloudy

Perry Sound 58 44 Cloudy

Toronto 66 54 Fair

Kingston 58 54 Cloudy

Ottawa 64 42 Cloudy

Montreal 60 42 Rain

Quebec 46 40 Cloudy

Father Point 49 28 Cloudy

St. John 52 46 Cloudy

Halifax 54 46 Cloudy



A. R. CAIRNCROSS,

who as chairman of the special sur-
vey committee is chiefly responsible
for the clear and energetic prepara-
tion of the new system adopted yes-
terday by the board of education.

HEAT YESTERDAY 12-YEAR RECORD

Thermometer Crept Up to 68
Degrees During the
Afternoon.

Yesterday the thermometer at 2
o'clock registered 68 in the shade,
the highest it has been in the past
twelve years in November.

The unusual heat was a self-
evident proposition. Those unfor-
tunate ones who had taken an overcoat to
the office in the morning carried it
home in the evening as limp on their
arms as they felt themselves.

Elderly businessmen, accustomed to
the quiet and seclusion of their of-
fices, paid tribute to the might of old
Sol with perspiring hats and
wondered why this burst of gen-
erosity had not come in June, when
they were prepared for it.

Today it passed 60, and they are
still perspiring.

Kitchen windows were conspicu-
ously open yesterday and fires con-
spicuously low. The cooking main-
tained their own in the great day-
by-day struggle and finished the day
with a high level of performance. In
one or two cases hammocks made a
brief appearance on verandas, ac-
companied by their graceful owners,
or rather the graceful wives and
daughters of their owners, and the
household cat consented to dream
for a few hours on the front window
ledge.

Youth passed judgment upon the
day and the providence that sent it,
and found a dozen ways to turn it
to account. Probably, take it all
round, the day did London a good
turn and achieved its share in set-
tling them out of whatever rut they
happened to be in at the time.

High temperatures in other years
are: Nov. 8, 1916, 67; Nov. 8, 1915, 64;
Nov. 9, 1920, 60.

GERMAN EDITORS DEBATE
GREATER RIGHTS TO WOMEN

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HOME BANK DIRECTOR CONVICTED

Col. Clarence F. Smith of
Montreal Found Guilty on
One Charge Only.

SENTENCE DEC. 1

Judge Coatsworth, in Lengthy
Judgment, Gives Reasons
For Entering Conviction.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 7.—Colonel Clarence
F. Smith, of Montreal, Que., was
today found guilty by County Judge
Coatsworth on the charge that he
"negligently did sign or approve of
a false return" to the government in
connection with the Home Bank, now
in the hands of the receiver.

This is the first conviction against
a director of the bank, although offi-
cials are awaiting sentence.

Judge Coatsworth intimated that
he would sentence Colonel Smith on
Dec. 1.