

LONDON'S POPULATION, 47,769; INCREASE OF 3,065 FOR THE YEAR

Assessment Is Now \$24,663,715, an Increase on Last Year of \$1,867,760—Commissioner Grant Issues Interesting Statement.

The assessment department has finished the assessment of Ward 4, and now has the returns from the city complete.

The increase in assessment for Ward 4 is \$504,140, and the increase in population, 759.

The total assessment for the city for 1908 is \$24,663,715, an increase of \$1,867,760.

The population is given as 47,769, an increase of 3,065—the largest increase the City of London ever had in one year.

INCREASE BY WARDS.

The figures by wards are as follows:

Ward No.	Population	Assessment
Ward No. 1.....	467	\$646,912
Ward No. 2.....	635	432,217
Ward No. 3.....	1,204	284,491
Ward No. 4.....	759	504,140

COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT.

In connection with the figures, Assessment Commissioner Grant has issued the following statement:

As was expected, No. 3 ward gave the largest increase in population and No. 1 the largest in assessment. The following table will show the increase of land, buildings, business assessment and income.

It might as well be admitted that the value of buildings here set forth as the increase is nothing like the actual value of buildings erected this year, for in estimating the value of property we set the land down at a reasonable value and throw the building in at what we consider an easy valuation for the entire property; neither can we consider isolated sales of property as in some instances property valued on a basis of recent sales would very much interrupt the whole neighborhood, as everyone can't sell at a good figure.

"Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the city when the exercise of good judgment was more needed, for while the city's assessment on real estate might easily be increased seven millions to come any way near

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DIDN'T KNOW ROCKET WAS LOADED; GOES OFF AND SHOTS UP TROUSER

As a result of an accident of the "didn't know it was loaded" type, which occurred on Egerton street last evening about half-past five, 10-year-old Chester Roulston is now lying on a sick bed at his home at 360 Egerton street, suffering severely from powder burns about the face, hands and body.

Young Roulston, who is the son of Mr. John Roulston, was visiting the Fair yesterday afternoon along with several other youngsters of about his own age. Near the stand erected for the fireworks display, across the track from the grandstand, the boys found what they thought were a lot of empty skyrockets, which they picked up and carried home.

Some of the burnt rockets were found to contain a few grains of powder and the youngsters had great sport for a while igniting it.

Finally the Roulston boy picked up a rocket which appeared to be quite "dead." Just for fun, however, he touched a match to it and stepped back to await development. A second

later the rocket began to sputter and emit sparks. At the same moment a lady wheeling a baby carriage approached the scene, and young Roulston, becoming alarmed lest the passerby be injured if the thing did go off, ran over and attempted to put it out. Just then the rocket went off and shot up the boy's trousers' leg, setting his clothes afire and burning his limbs terribly. A gust of wind fanned the flames, which flared up into the lady's face, causing what may prove to be serious injuries to his eyes, and blistering the skin. Passersby extinguished the flames, and the unfortunate boy was taken to his home nearby.

Dr. John Lindsay, of Dundas street, who attended the injured youngster, stated today that while young Roulston's injuries were very painful, he feared nothing serious unless blood poison set in. One leg had been badly torn and burned by the rocket, which the doctor thought must have contained dynamite, and the eyes were painfully inflamed.

The boy's hands, too, were badly burned, as in fact was practically his entire body.

No Freight Sorted in London Yards

The Lord's Day Alliance is prosecuting the Grant Trunk in Toronto for moving and sorting freight in Sunday. A test case is at present being fought out in East Toronto. The Grand Trunk claim that it is impossible to move the freight unless it is sorted in the York yard and the perishable freight sent on. To do this it is necessary to have a large force of men employed. The work could not be done

during the week, as it would seriously handicap the shippers.

There is no application in the Toronto case to London. The freight is sent through from the Sarnia Tunnel to Toronto, Niagara Falls, Bridgeburg and other points, and is not delayed here. The engines are changed at London but that is all. No freight is sorted or handled in the London yards, and consequently the Lord's Day act in this particular has no application to local conditions.



THE VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

View of a Portion of Fulham Palace, the Bishop's Home, Which Has Been in the Hands of the Diocese for Over 1,200 years.

Against Taxing Autos in London

Chief Engineer Rust of Toronto, has recommended that autos be taxed and that the proceeds resulting from this tax be applied to the improvement of roads. He points out that with the advent of the auto, better roads are more easily perceived than formerly.

"I do not think that autos should be taxed any more than any other vehicle," said City Engineer Graydon this morning. "Of course they are somewhat hard on roads but no more so than a heavily loaded wagon, especially the narrow tired kind.

There is a decided improvement in road making of late, and if the automobilists have helped to improve conditions, they should be given credit for it. The auto does not cause so much damage that it should pay extra for running."

Engineer Rust differs somewhat and he declares that autoists should pay. "It appears to me says Mr. Rust, that it is unfair for a large majority of the citizens, who do not use the self-propelled vehicles, to be called on to pay an increased rate of taxation for the benefit of a few, and it might be worth while for the city council to consider the advisability of putting a special tax on automobilists."



THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT TO THIS CITY.

Fulham Palace, From the Lawn, the Home of His Lordship, Showing the Bishop's Study by the Sun-Dial, and the Ancient Cork tree at the left.

Big Fair of 1907 Brought to a Close; Directors Say That It Was a Success

Large Crowd Filled the Grounds and Buildings on Friday—Live Stock Gossip.

The closing of the dog show yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock practically marked the windup of the Western Fair of 1907.

Seemingly, simultaneously with the removal of the rare canines began the carting away of other exhibits from all sections of the grounds and last night there was little or nothing to view but the park and the show before the grandstand.

The Ferris wheel and many of the other privileges closed business before dark.

Considering that it was Friday, a very fair crowd turned out to witness the windup of the big exhibition, and both the dog show and the grandstand performance drew well, although business at the booths slumped considerably.

Airship a Disappointment.

The airship, which proved such a disappointment to the visitors all week made a flight of about thirty feet at half past three in the afternoon, but

was forced to descend on account of a strong wind.

The contract of Mr. Hess, who is running the big machine in the absence of Knabenshue, the owner, called for five flights of from eight to twenty minutes duration. The contract was not filled and as a consequence no money will be paid out on that score, although the extensive advertising done in reference to the airship no doubt served to draw a large number of people to the Fair who would otherwise not have been there.

Outside of the dog show, which by the way was the only innovation afforded this year, interest centered in the horse races which were pulled off. The races yesterday were especially good, and the bulk of the prize money went to Mr. James McCartney of this city, who took second place in the gentlemen's trot, to wagon, with William P. and first money in the team race, with Florita W and Dumont W.

The General, owned by Sheppard & Burns, of Toronto, proved too fast for his field in the first event and had no trouble in landing first honors, although William P. took the first heat of the race in clever fashion.

The team race was a walkover for the London horses, and was won in straight heats.

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YOUNG LIBERALS, ATTENTION!

Next Friday evening Hyman Hall will be thrown open to the young Liberals for the winter season. The committee in charge have arranged a splendid programme and the opening promises to be the most auspicious of any event yet held. One of the best speakers in Ontario has been secured and he will deliver an address. The musical features will be above the average. Young Liberals, keep Friday evening next open.

More Street Railway Track Wanted; North End Is Out With a Demand

One Story Is to the Effect That the Company "Is Willin'."

The greatly increased population of the City of London gives rise to the question of an increase in trackage of the street railway.

Complaint is made by the citizens of the north end and of the north-east end that they should have street railway connections. They feel that they are entitled to it from the present population of London. A movement will be made shortly towards the securing of the desired trackage.

"We have all the trackage allowed us under the last agreement with the company," said Mayor Judd this morning, "and we can not have any more until the new census is taken. Of

course if the street railway in willing to give us more it will be alright, but we cannot compel the company to do so. More trackage is needed."

It is said the company is willing to lay more track. One of the directors was quoted by an alderman as saying that the company was perfectly willing to lay more track in the north end. The Ridout street line, the last laid, is now paying its way, although for a time it was not paying for itself, according to Manager King's figures. Now it is a good line, and prosperous. A line in the north end would also pay well.

Suggestions for the new lines are many. One that the Oxford line be turned down Adelaide street to come west on Dundas street. Then the Central avenue belt could be pushed east to Lorne avenue to Dundas street. Other plans for the relief of the northern portion would have to be taken.

Italians Battle Over a Groundhog; People Thought Murder Committed

Residents of the Gore Road Got a Bad Scare Last Night.

People living in the neighborhood of the new culvert or overhead bridge being constructed over Hale street along the G. T. R. crossing in the Gore Road, London Township, received a bad scare last night from what they did not recover until this morning.

About ten o'clock last night a number of men carrying lights were seen passing through a nearby field. Within a short distance the party stopped and appeared to be looking for something or another.

A few minutes later the men with

the lanterns could be seen engaged in a fence battle in which it is said that knives took some part. Suddenly the fighting stopped and the spectators were horrified to see what appeared like the body of a man thrown into a hole. The erstwhile combatants began

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NEW PEACE CONFERENCE.

heim; Rev. T. R. Newell, St. James, Mexico City, Sept. 14.—At a secret meeting yesterday of the ministers of Central American Republics to Mexico, Washington was decided upon as the place to hold the conference, by which it is hoped to bring peace to Central America. The time of the meeting has not been announced.

Bishop Ingram

[From London Punch.]
From morning till evening, from evening till night,
I preach and I organize, lecture and write;
And all over London my gaitered legs fly—
Was ever a Bishop so busy as I?

When writing my sermons, the best of my work'll
Be done in the trains in the underground circle;
I can write one complete, with a fine peroration,
Between Charing Cross and the Mansion House station.

For luncheon I swallow a sandwich of ham,
As I rush up the steps of a White-chapel tram;
Or with excellent appetite I will discuss
A halfpenny bun on a Waterloo 'bus.
No table is strewed with damask for me;
My cloth is my apron that covers my knee.
No man-servants serve and no kitchen-maid helps me;
The fragrant repasts of this Suffragan Bishop.

COMMITTEE SAYS

NO MORE WEDDINGS

Jewish Application for the Use of the City Hall Was Refused.

No. 1 committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon, but only routine business was transacted. Mr. P. Pollock applied for the use of the City Hall for the wedding of his daughter, but it was refused according to the minutes of the council which forbids the use of the hall for such purposes.

Mr. C. W. Wonnacott applied for the remission of a fine, imposed on him by P. M. Love for driving an auto without a rear light. The matter was left in abeyance until the opinion of the magistrate could be obtained on the matter.

The usual number of accounts were passed. Those present were Ald. Beattie, Ald. Scarlett, Ald. Stevenson, Mayor Judd and Secretary Pope.

WILL LECTURE IN THE UNIVERSITY

Mr. W. C. Ferguson Accepts Position in New Faculty of Education at Toronto.

Mr. W. C. Ferguson, late of the local collegiate institute staff, has been invited by Dr. Pakenham, dean of the new faculty of education of Toronto University, to lecture on Methods in French in the university. Mr. Ferguson has accepted.

This is a fitting testimonial to the ability of a gentleman who made an enviable reputation for himself in the London Collegiate, but who, owing to partisanship and nepotism, saw no chance of advancement here, and resigned his position to accept another in the Riverdale High School in Toronto.

Mr. Ferguson's acceptance of the Toronto University position, will not interfere with his duties in the Riverdale School.

HIS MILK ADULTERATED BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT

"Not guilty," said George Budden, a North Dorchester farmer this morning when brought before Squire Chittick on a charge of selling adulterated milk.

Government Inspector Farrington then testified that he had examined one of the defendant's regular shipments of milk to the Dorchester Cheese Factory and had found that it contained 50 per cent of water.

Budden was fined \$25 and costs. "If there was no adulterating done, I did not do it myself," said he, "and I did not know it was being done."

Mr. Budden is a farmer who has heretofore borne the best of reputations.

MURDERED BY EMPLOYERS.

Lodes, Russian Poland, Sept. 14.—Marinus Silberstein, the owner of a large cotton mill at this city, was murdered by his employees because he refused to pay them for the time they were out on strike.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh southeasterly winds; fine and warm.

Sunday—Warm, and for the most part fine.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
London	42	36	Cloudy
Winnipeg	40	38	Fair
Parry Sound	66	58	Fair
Toronto	52	54	Fair
Ottawa	56	50	Fair
Montreal	58	54	Cloudy
Quebec	50	46	Cloudy
Falton Point	44	34	Cloudy

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is decidedly high over the eastern half of the continent, and generally comparatively low over the western portion. In the Western Provinces the weather continues unseasonably cold, with showers in many localities. Elsewhere in Canada it has been everywhere fine and warm, except over Lake Superior, where showers and thunderstorms have been experienced.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
London, 57-72; Dawson, 44-52; Alton, 50-56; Victoria, 42-56; Kamloops, 40-52; Edmonton, 36-52; Calgary, 36-52; Regina, 34-44; Winnipeg, 42-56; Parry Sound, 50-54; Toronto, 47-58; Ottawa, 50-56; Montreal, 46-54; Quebec, 48-60; St. John, 54-66; Halifax, 5-72.

MR. BORDEN STATES PLATFORM TO THE ELECTORS OF LONDON

Presents the Halifax Platform to a Large Gathering at Princess Rink—Addresses by Messrs. Blain, Bennett and Beck.

Mr. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, was accorded a very flattering reception in the Princess Rink last night, a large crowd attending the meeting. There were about 3,000 people present, and the speakers were well received. Mr. Borden dealt largely with the "Halifax" platform. He presented nothing new, his address being much the same as he has been giving during his itinerary. He was assisted by Mr. Claude Macdonnell, M. P. from South Toronto; Mr. W. Bennett, of East Simcoe, with his usual "corruption" speech; Mr. R. Blain, M. P. for Peel; Mr. J. E. Armstrong, M. P. East Lambton, and Hon. Adam Beck. The Western Ontario Conservative Association presented Mr. Borden, with an address, which was read by Mr. Hume Elliott, of this city. Mr. A. T. McMahon presided, and on the platform were the following well-known Conservatives: E. J. MacRob-

Visit of the Bishop of London; Great Preparations Have Been Made

Will Arrive in London on Monday Evening—A Peep at His English Home.

With the exception of perhaps a few minor details all arrangements have been made for the receiving and entertainment of the Right Hon. and Right Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, D.D., Lord Bishop of London, who comes to this city at 8:10 o'clock Monday night over the C. P. R. from Toronto, where he will have delivered one or more addresses and preached a sermon.

The Lord Bishop will be received at the depot by the Bishop of Huron and the city clergy; and will then proceed to the home of the Bishop of Huron, whose guest he will be while in London.

On the following morning the Bishop of London will preach at the Jubilee Thanksgiving services to be

held in St. Paul's Cathedral. Mayor Judd and the city council have been invited to attend in a body the services in the cathedral.

The congregation at these services will be at least 1,700; only that number of invitations have been extended. St. Paul's Cathedral is capable of seating only approximately 1,400, and unless some of those who hold tickets are unable to attend many will have to stand up.

Already over one hundred clergymen from the diocese have signified their intention of being present, while there will also be on hand about two hundred and forty lay delegates to the synod. In addition, the following bishops will be present: The Archbishop of Toronto, Bishop of Algoma, Bishop of Ontario, Bishop of Huron, and Bishop of Niagara.

A special choir of 120 choristers from the various city parishes will be in attendance under the direction of Mr. G. B. Sippi, the organist, and special music will be rendered.

Imposing Ceremonial.
At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning a

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Made No Statement Re Aylesworth; Borden Didn't Think It Necessary

Conservative Leader Professes to Believe His Party Can Win in London.

Mr. R. L. Borden did not mention in his speech last night the charges of Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, that Mr. Borden could be disqualified from sitting in the House for eight years, if what was rumored was true. Mr. Borden has branded the charges as untrue, but he refrained from touching the subject last night. When the meeting was over, an Advertiser reporter spoke to Mr. Borden.

"You did not touch the Aylesworth charges, Mr. Borden," the reporter said.

"No, I have already given my answer to Mr. Aylesworth," he answered. "I do not think it necessary to mention the matter in every speech. I challenged Mr. Aylesworth to investigate it, and I am waiting to hear from him."

Concerning a by-election in London, Mr. Borden thought there would be one soon, but he did not know the exact date. He expressed himself as confident that the Conservative candidate would win, if the contest was brought on.

Mr. Borden left on the early train this morning via the C. P. R. in a private car for Beaverton, where he will speak this afternoon. He leaves tonight for Vancouver, going straight through to the coast without delay, except, perhaps, a day in Winnipeg.

ENGLAND MAY FACE GREAT STRIKE

London, Sept. 14.—A general railroad strike is threatened in England as a result of the long struggle of the railroad men's union with the British railway companies for the recognition of their organization. The decision

of the executive committee of the union will be announced in Manchester on Sunday. It is understood that it gives the companies a week in which to officially recognize and deal with the union, and that strike will follow a refusal.

London Postmen Have Grievances; More Pay and Other Concessions

Meeting Called for Monday Night to Consider the Form of the Demands.

The letter carriers of London will hold a meeting Monday night for the purpose of considering an application to the Government for an advance in wages and other concessions.

The letter carriers of London want more pay, better hours, a larger field for promotion, and a superannuation fund. Their demands are not in definite form as yet, but they will have these in shape for the civil service commission, which will be here some time within a week, if the commission elects to hear their application.

Want American Wage Scale.
The men point out that their present schedule of pay is the same as that set forth in the act of 1902, since which date the cost of living has materially increased. This schedule divides the men into five classes at

from \$1.25 to \$2.25 per day as follows: Probationary period of three months, formerly six, \$1.25, Class A. After serving two years in Class A, a promotion to Class C; two years later to Class D. The maximum salary is payable to those in especially arduous and responsible positions, or in recognition of special efficiency and good conduct.

The London carriers, it is said, will ask a schedule of remuneration similar to that in the States, where the men are graded at six, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve hundred dollars per year.

"They start where we leave off," the men here complain. They also want the privilege of rising to the highest positions in the service, which they say clerks and carriers alike share in the United States.

"Next to the pay," said one man today, "lack of promotion is our chief complaint."

Superannuation Another Request.
Many of the carriers do not like the present arrangement whereby five per

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