

THE WEATHER:
FAIR, NORTHEAST WINDS.
TOMORROW—RAIN.

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THREE CENTS.

FIVE CENTS OR NOTHING—RAILWAY

London Highway Shows Surplus, No Change Coming In Rate

RAILWAY SITS TIGHT AND REFUSES FARE WHEN PROTEST MADE

Conductor Pays

And Determined Citizen
Rides on Cars For
Four Cents.

"Thank Bliminy they're not all like you," said a conductor on a Ridout street car as a passenger refused to accept only five tickets for a quarter. "I'd be arguing and arguing here all day. A five-cent fare's my order, and I guess you'll have to pay."

"Nothin' doin'," the passenger, with dark features and just a hint of an aquiline nose, answered. "Here's four cents—take it or kick me off."

"I can't kick you off," declared the conductor, becoming a little excited and a little vexed. "Be a good sport and shoot in your nickel. What's one cent any way? You're not the only person that rides on street cars, you know. Shove in your fare and make room for others getting on."

With that the passenger deposited four large coppers in the fare box. They tinkled down the metal receptacle and deposited themselves on the bottom with individual clinks. "One, two, three, four," he said, "and that's all I'm going to pay. Now kick me off. Call a policeman or anything. I don't have to pay a nickel today, and I'm going to stick to my guns."

"Another cent, buddy," said the conductor with a glare. Cut out all this dickerin' and be like other fellows. Another cent, now."

"Nothin' doin'," the passenger maintained, steadfastly refusing to be easily cowed from the trolley. "I have my way."

"To avoid arguing, I'll put in a cent myself," the conductor decided. What's a cent anyway? Nothing, even between tightwads. I'll put it in myself, and at the same time be carrying out the company's orders."

"Thank Bliminy they're not all like you," he said over his shoulder as the passenger moved on into the front of the car. "I'd be broke by tonight if they were."

"He's the first today," the conductor told a fellow passenger. "We've had no trouble at all up until now, and, bless me, I don't know exactly what I'm to do. There's a note at the same time, saying fares will be the same today and the people don't seem to object to paying."

BROKEN SHIP TO REACH N. Y. HARBOR TONIGHT

Aalsum, Damaged in Collision
Last Night, Progressing
Under Own Power.

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, March 9.—The Holland steamship, Aalsum, damaged by collision with the United States ship, pling board steamer, Dannelake, 25 miles south of Nantucket last night, reported at 6:30 this morning that she was "quite safe," according to a message to the Dannelake, intercepted today. The Aalsum at 4 a.m. gave her position as latitude 40.12 north, longitude 70.41 west, and her condition as follows:

"Big hole in port side; number two hold full of water."

The Aalsum said she expected to arrive in New York tonight and was making 9½ knots an hour under her own steam.

ROCK PENETRATES WALL AND KILLS WORKMAN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Belleville, Ont., March 8.—Smith Bowerman, 55, employed at the Canada Cement Company plant at Point Abino, a suburb, was almost instantly killed last Saturday. While working in a shed covered with corrugated iron, a blast was detonated 200 feet away. A fragment of rock from the blast penetrated the shed and hit Bowerman on the head.

DONNELLY, ON HIGH BAIL, FREED PENDING APPEAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 7.—Edward W. Donnelly, former member of the staff of the provincial secretary of Ontario, who was yesterday convicted of conspiracy to defraud the province and sentenced to fourteen months' imprisonment and nine months' indeterminate imprisonment, was today released on \$30,000 bail, pending appeal to a higher court.

Passive Battle With City Opens Today—Few Dispute Charge.

CHANGE IN DEMAND

Tickets Refused by Many in the
Hope of Some Future
Action.

Five-cent fares or nothing at all. That was the "open sesame" on street railway cars today. No matter how much patrons kicked to L. S. R. conductors, the five-cent fare was imposed or free passage was permitted. Test cases proved that the company sought no active resistance to citizens who insisted on refusing to pay five-cent fares. When absolute refusal came, the passenger was permitted a free ride. The fare war had a humorous angle to it this morning. Call for the authorized rate of seven and nine fares for a quarter. This morning conductors, the first volley in the people's passive war for a showdown with the company. With a new provisional agreement with the city could not yet in eight, reduced fares became legal this morning, and no citizen has to pay the five-cent rate.

Patrons must, according to L. S. R. orders, pay five-cent fare today, in spite of the bylaw or they will be given free transportation. No attempt is being made to operate at the seven-and-nine-ticket rate, as called for in the present agreement.

Immediate Action.
With the company adamant and seeking to impose the regular rates of fares, opinion with some of the council favors immediate action to force a new agreement, even if a special meeting of the legislature is needed this week. Ald. Frank McKay, Ald. L. H. Douglass and others of the council declared today that a special meeting of the legislature to be called this week to call the company to task.

"It was the intention of the council to offer the company an extension if certain things would be promised," Ald. McKay pointed out today. "The company hasn't promised these things and it looks as if there would be much delay before a temporary agreement will be offered by the company. There is no definite word as to intentions of speeding up an agreement. Some of those who voted for an extension for the company, believed that an agreement could be arranged by today. There isn't any sign of it."

Change Possible.
Ald. Douglass supported the chairman of No. 1 committee. He thought that some of the other councilmen now realized that the company has no intention of speeding up an agreement and that a change in council attitude is possible.

"The company appears to take for granted that it may charge five-cent fares without any new agreement," Dr. Douglass said this afternoon. "That wasn't the intention of the council. They have no right to impose this charge until a new agreement is drawn up."

Traffic on street cars was fairly heavy this morning, though excellent spring weather affected the receipts somewhat. On the cars there was little serious protest against the 5-cent rate of fare, though hundreds of patrons asked for tickets at the authorized seven and nine for a quarter. None of these were sold.

Experiences were more humorous than dramatic on the cars today. Many patrons refused to invest in a stripe of tickets at the 5-cent rate, but dropped in nickel fares just the same. Boarding an Oxford car at Maitland street at noon an Advertiser man asked for seven tickets for a quarter.

"Haven't any," answered the conductor, looking after a whole morning of answering the same question.

"Well, I won't pay a nickel," the reporter suggested.

"All right, you won't get an argument from me," came back the back-seat man, and turned aside. The passenger passed on into the car without depositing any fare.

Wanted Change.
"Change," one early morning patron commented as he climbed aboard a Ridout car at a Wharncliffe road stop.

The conductor pulled out a strip of paper and said:

Please See Page 3, Column 2.

WOMEN CARRIED AWAY AS TRIBES FIGHT FOR OASIS

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 9.—A Nairobi despatch to the Daily Express says a transfer of Jubaland to Italy, under a recent treaty, has given rise to disturbances. Tribesmen, battling for possession of a certain oasis. No casualties are reported but a number of women were carried off.



DR. CHARLES H. MAYO, famous surgeon, who announces his belief that cancer will be under control within a few years. He bases his opinion on recent researches made by leading medical men in various parts of the world.

MAYO PREDICTS END OF CANCER

Famous Surgeon Believes Wassermann Test Will Prove Germ Theory.

EXPERIMENTS CONTINUE

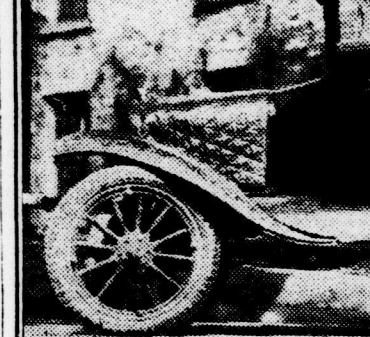
Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, March 9.—Dr. Chas. H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the country's leading surgeons, told the Philadelphia forum in an address last night that he believed cancer would be under control within a few years.

By this, Mr. Mayo said he did not believe that cancer would be cured or that it would be preventable, but that it would be more amenable to treatment and that its working would neither be so rapid nor so serious. He based this belief, he said, on the theory that cancer is caused by an organism, perhaps a germ, and on the Wassermann test through which it is claimed the presence of cancer may be detected.

Dr. Mayo said the Wassermann test must be confirmed, but that information from Berlin, where the test was announced, indicated it was practicable.

YOUTHS ATTACK WOMAN.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 9.—Attacked by two youths, one of whom struck her several times on the head with an iron bar, Beatrice Thibodeau, 32 years old, suffered severe cuts about the head on Saturday night, a short distance from her mother's home on St. Andre street. Miss Thibodeau was removed to Notre Dame hospital. Her condition is serious, but it is not thought dangerous.



CAR DAMAGED IN COLLISION.

Above is shown the remains of the sedan owned by Donald McNaughton, which collided with another machine at Queen's avenue and William street on Saturday afternoon. It was necessary to tear the top off the car to free the passengers trapped inside when the car turned over.

TOP IS TORN FROM SEDAN TO FREE TRAPPED MOTORISTS

Londoners Have Miraculous
Escape When Two Cars
Collide.

NONE BADLY HURT

Four occupants of a small sedan motor car driven by Donald C. McNaughton, 595 Dufferin avenue, vice-president of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, had a remarkable escape from injury when their car turned turtle Saturday afternoon after a collision with another motor driven by Alfred Ashford, 21 Hyla street, also of the McCormick Manufacturing Company.

OLD SCALE AT MINES CUT OFF

Steel Corporation Official Refuses to Restore Credit to
Nova Scotia Strikers.

MAY ABANDON PITS

Premier Advised Protection
Must Be Offered to Retain
Holdings.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Gloucester, N. S., March 9.—"The 1924 rates are off," the British Empire Steel Corporation will not produce any coal under them," was the statement made at noon today by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, when informed that United Mine Workers would provide maintenance credit at the stores, give a guarantee regarding minimum employment and pay the 1924 rates until a settlement was effected.

"There is nothing doing so far as Mr. McLurg's proposal is concerned. This corporation will not consider mining coal under the 1924 rates," said Mr. McLurg.

MAY ABANDON MINES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney, N. S., March 9.—Abandonment of the coal mines owned by the people of Nova Scotia, and operated by the British Empire Steel Corporation under lease, is the alternative held out by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the company, in the event of failure on the part of the provincial government to afford protection he considers necessary to bring into the colliery district in order to supplant members of the clerical staff engaged in manning the pumps and fans.

Mr. McLurg admitted this morning that a number of the clerical staff had declined to do maintenance work at an hourly bonus over and above their regular salary. In addition he charged that a committee from the men had visited the powerhouse at No. 2 colliery last night and induced several so-called "white collar" men to join the "black collar" men. He would not know the exact number until the night shift went on, to quit their jobs. Moreover, he stated the company was nine men short at No. 6 powerhouse, and water was gaining in the mine in consequence.

Yesterday Mr. McLurg wired the premier appealing for protection from men he proposed bringing into the colliery districts to supplant the clerical workers.

Parties Agree to Merge Political Interests on Low Tariff Basis.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Simcoe, Ont., March 8.—Meeting here Saturday, representatives of Liberals and Progressives in Norfolk county unanimously agreed to merge their political interests, and if the two riding associations agree with the decision the problem of representation in the next election contest will be solved by entering a low tariff candidate in the field. The resolution authorizing the merger stated:

"That this meeting expresses its approval of the nomination of a low tariff candidate to contest the riding of Elgin-York in the coming dominion election."

"That to this end a convention, representative of all low tariff electors of the riding, be called to make the said nomination."

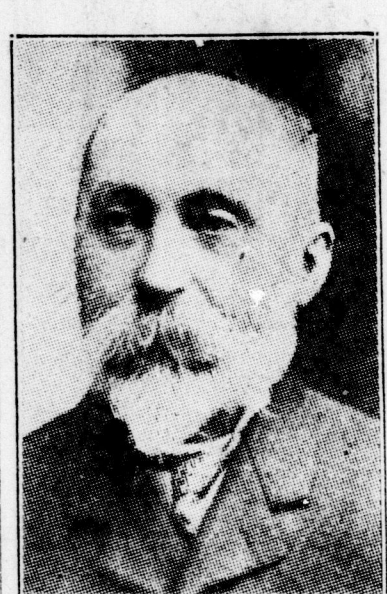
"That the said candidate, when elected, is pledged to give independent support to and join the caucus of whichever low tariff party may be in power, whether it be under the leadership of Mr. King or Mr. Forke."

SENTENCES ARE DEFERRED IN MANSLAUGHTER CASES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 9.—Sydney Harris, formerly of New Westminster, B. C., pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the court of king's bench this morning, in connection with the fatal shooting several months ago of P. X. Beauvais, Verdun postman-shopkeeper. He will be sentenced later.

ESTHONIAN OFFICIAL DENIES SOVIET CLAIM

Associated Press Despatch.
Reval, March 9.—Denial of a recent statement attributed to the Soviet foreign minister, G. Tchitcherin, that Esthonia had made a proposition to Great Britain for establishment of a British protectorate there with a naval base and other concessions, is made by the Esthonian foreign minister. He said no such proposition had been made by his government.



DENNIS MASON, former prominent Londoner, who died in Toronto on Saturday, was laid to rest this afternoon at Woodland cemetery.

STRIKE LOSSES ARE CUT IN HALF

Volume of Employment in
Ontario Slightly Lower in
1924 Than Preceding Year.

CONDITIONS ARE GOOD

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, March 9.—The loss of working time through strikes in Ontario was 55,196 days, the lowest in seven years, according to the annual report of the department of labor, submitted to the legislature by Dr. Forbes Goffrey. The total number of strikes was 19, three more than in 1923, but the loss in time showed a reduction of 52 per cent from that year.

The 1924 total would have been much less but for the postal workers' and telegraphers' strikes. The volume of employment was slightly lower than in 1923, but higher than in 1922.

With the unit of employment prevailing in January of 1920 taken as 100 per cent, the comparative figures for the years 1924, 1923 and 1922 are, respectively, 90.1 per cent, 93.1 per cent and 84.4 per cent.

PROGRESSIVES JOIN LIBERALS IN NORFOLK

Parties Agree to Merge Political
Interests on Low
Tariff Basis.

FRENCH NAVAL BUDGET CUT 6,000,000 FRANCS

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 7.—The senate finance committee, playing well up to the lead given it by M. Berenger, the budget reporter, is wielding the axe with unprecedented vigor. It began yesterday by lopping 5,000,000 francs off the naval appropriations, and then went through the appropriations for the air service, pensions, commerce, mines and waterpower, trimming them to the extent of 34,000,000 francs.

GUELPH ANTI-UNIONISTS DECIDE TO STAND FIRM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Guelph, March 9.—The anti-conciliating section of Chalmers Presbyterian church to the number of 300, met at the Castle theatre, Sunday morning, where they were addressed by Rev. George Rowland, pastor of Cowan avenue Presbyterian church, Toronto. The speaker delivered a strong appeal to all to hold fast to the faith once delivered to them. The congregation will, until June 10 next, visit alternately, Knox and St. Andrew's churches, both of which voted against union in the recent balloting. Mr. Frederic Watt, police magistrate of this city, presided.

SKULL FRACTURE FATAL TO WOMAN AUTO VICTIM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 8.—Celia McAlister, spinster, aged 59 years, sustained a fractured skull when struck by a taxicab driven by Charles Deane on Church street Saturday night. She died of her injuries shortly after being admitted to St. Michael's hospital.

Father Blames Hospital For Maiming of His Son Lame For Rest of Days

Enters Action Against Trustees
For \$5,000 Damages—
Claims Foot Shorter.

HAD BROKEN LEG

Charges Insane Patient Attack-
ed Boy—Officials Present
Denial.

Claiming that an insane patient attacked his son Robert in a public ward at Victoria hospital on March 7, 1924, and injured him to such an extent that the 14-year-old boy will be lame for the rest of his life, Sidney Moore of this city has instituted a \$5,000 damage action against the Victoria hospital board of trustees. The case will be heard before Mr. Justice Lemox at the spring sittings, opening at the courthouse on March 16. There are now seven jury and nine non-jury cases set down for trial.

Mr. Moore in his statement of claim, states that the boy was placed in the hospital with a broken leg on Feb. 2, 1924, and was making splendid progress until the evening of March 7, when he charges the youngsters was attacked by another patient, who was finally subdued by other patients. The boy's leg had to be re-broken, which necessitated another two months' stay in the hospital. Mr. Moore claims, and also states that the lad will have to wear special boots for the rest of his life, owing to the fact that one leg is 1½ inches shorter than the other.

The hospital board denies all allegations made by the plaintiff. They maintain that the man was not insane and that all reasonable precautions were taken by the hospital staff on duty.

G. N. Weekes is appearing for the plaintiff and T. G. Meredith for the defendants.

Hot Time Follows Appearance of Father Flanagan at Belfast.

Associated Press Despatch.
Belfast, March 9.—Notwithstanding snow and a rainstorm, Cavan, which lies near the northern border, had a warm time Saturday night when Father Flanagan, head of an open air Republican meeting, a deafening uproar from the rival throngs which attended the meeting, greeted the appearance of the priest, and soon there was free fighting among groups in various parts of the street.

One man during the disturbance pulled a revolver, but the police pounced upon him and confiscated the weapon. The chairman of the meeting and police officers had a verbal battle while the melee was in progress.

Poling for all the seats which have been vacated by members of the Nationalist group will take place next Wednesday.

FINANCE COMMISSIONER ALSO WANTS EMPLOYERS TO DEDUCT Income Taxes.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 7.—Finance Commissioner Bruce this morning, before the statute revision committee of Ontario urged that Toronto be allowed to form a taxation court for the complete collection of taxes in this city. He urged that such a court be given power to compel employers to keep out of wages the amount of income tax of men who would not pay. He said that hundreds of young men tried to avoid the income tax, and the court would be successful in getting them all if it had wide enough powers.

SUDDEN SLUMP IN WHEAT PRICES IS HALTED TODAY

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LUIGI FEDERZONE, who is practically acting as premier of Italy during Mussolini's illness, which is more serious than at first admitted.

DOCTOR'S CASE MAY BE PROBED

Progressives Seek To Unearth
Liquor Scandal Following
Orangeville Affair.

McKEOWN IS QUESTIONED

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, March 9.—Further light on what may prove to be a liquor scandal in Orangeville is sought by Progressive members of the legislature. Last week, the house was informed, in answer to questions, that information laid against Dr. Henry of Orangeville was withdrawn because of lack of evidence.

Today W. H. Fenton, Progressive, North Bruce, is asking what Charles McKee, Conservative member for Dufferin, had to do with the case or its withdrawal. His questions are:

1. Who were the men to whom it was alleged Dr. Henry had given prescriptions illegally?
2. Was the case called in court?
3. Were the men who had given the information to the local license inspector not available as witnesses?
4. Is Dr. Henry a Conservative?
5. What did the member for Dufferin have to do with the case in question or its withdrawal?
6. Were the men who had furnished the information against Dr. Henry to the local license inspector special officers of the department?
7. Was the case called in court?
8. Was their dismissal asked for by the member for Dufferin?

TAXATION COURT URGED FOR CITY OF TORONTO

Finance Commissioner Also
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HYDRO IS GRANTED SURPLUS

Thirteenth Bill Received in
London Today Shows
Credit of \$8,000.

MEANS NO CHANGE

Hydro Costs Will Remain Same
During the Present
Year.

London's "thirteenth bill" from the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario, received this morning, resolves itself into a credit of \$8,000. The amount has been credited to the local public utilities commission as its pro rata share of the million-dollar provincial surplus announced by Sir Adam Beck a short time ago.

Last year the local commission purchased power from the H. E. P. C. at the rate of \$25 per horsepower per annum, to the total of \$465,000. Since the rebate, amounting to \$7,934.77, is therefore only about 2 per cent of London's total power bill there will not be any change in the rates, either to the local commission or to the local consumers.

Adjust Accounts.
Accompanying the thirteenth bill, which is sent out by the provincial commission by way of adjusting the accounts of the several municipalities at the close of the year, either surplus or deficit, was a statement showing London to hold an equity of \$355,251.34 in the provincial system. Included in this latter equity are sinking fund payments made last year of \$38,894, "automatically" included in the cost of power, and \$67,596 "standing to the credit of administration and service buildings, and the various company contracts, which, for the first time, has been distributed to the municipalities."

Last year London's thirteenth bill was a negligible one. For 1921 and 1922 the bill called upon the local commission to make up a considerable undercharge for power. Prior to 1921 the bills represented rebates of varying amounts.

Gratifying Report.
This year's bill, rebating \$8,000, is thus gratifying to the local commission, though, as stated by Manager E. V. Buchanan this morning, the fact of a high rebate from the provincial commission means nothing as to the administration of the local system.

The thirteenth bill is explained by Mr. Buchanan in pointing out that London's "nominal rate" for hydro power is \$25 per horsepower, nominal in so far as it is the rate quoted at by the H. E. P. C. at the beginning of the year. The nominal rate becomes the actual rate, according as the thirteenth bill, representing the cost of producing the power at Niagara Falls, and transmitting it to London, resolves itself into a provincial deficit or surplus.

DIES WHILE AT CHURCH.

Hamilton, March 9.—While attending a confirmation service at St. James church on Sunday morning, James Stoddard, 65, of Clear Lake, was stricken with illness and died shortly afterward at his home. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

The Weather

centered in Nebraska, and moving north-
eastwards to Lake Superior. The
there is quite cold throughout the we-
with strong northeast winds and snow

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

Stations.	High	Low
Victoria	40	26
Calgary	29	14
Winnipeg	26	29
Ottawa	30	20
S. S. Marie	32	10
Toronto	40	28
Kingston	26	28
Montreal	25	25
Quebec	24	28
St. John	49	39

Tuesday—
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winds with rain
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