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GREER IS AGAINST CHANGES

Inspector-Administrator Wants Manual Training and Household Science in Schools. EXPLAINS SYSTEM Says Both Departments Essential to Public School Course—Cites Hobby Fair.

Any move to eliminate manual training and household science from the public schools, such as is mooted in connection with the collegiate institutes, will meet with strong opposition by V. Kenneth Greer, M.A., inspector-administrator of the London school system.

"I will never be in favor of taking out those two departments from the public school course," stated Mr. Greer, "and each boy three years in school should be taught manual training. The work in both subjects is simple and practical and the inspectors regard the work as a very essential part of the public school course."

"Each girl in the public school receives three years' training in household science," explained Mr. Greer, "and each boy three years' training in manual training. The work in both subjects is simple and practical and the inspectors regard the work as a very essential part of the public school course."

"A visit to these departments in the public schools," pursued the administrator, "never fails to convince parents and those interested in the work of the need for the work and the fine results obtained. In fact it is a matter of surprise to those not intimately in touch with the work when they see the articles that are made by the pupils."

"In this connection," concluded Mr. Greer, "the hobby fair next week will embrace an exhibition of many articles of sewing and wood carving that have been made in the public school household science and manual training departments."

PAINLEVE LIKELY TO BE PREMIER

Well-Known French Statesman Is Expected To Succeed Herriot.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, April 11.—The Herriot cabinet is out of power, overturned by the senate because of the charges that under M. Herriot's rule the legal limit of the banknote circulation had been secretly exceeded, but M. Herriot's majority in the chamber of deputies remains virtually intact.

At a general meeting this morning of the four groups of left parties forming the government minority since last May, a resolution was adopted "to continue with unshakable determination the policies for which the country voted at the last election." The meeting represented about 160 deputies, constituting a good working majority of the chamber.

The Socialists, 104 strong, went even one better, they decided they would support no other than M. Herriot.

The senate declared itself in such unequivocal manner—the adverse vote being 152 against 122—that although the consultations of President Doumergue looking to the selection of a new premier have hardly even started, it may be said that Mr. Herriot's immediate return is very unlikely. M. Painleve, president of the chamber, who announced that he would not accept the task of forming a cabinet, when it was first mentioned, but "would sacrifice himself to the cause of the left," should no other politician be found able to reconcile the widely divergent viewpoints of the senate and chamber, appears to be the man most likely to succeed in forming a ministry.

CAN HARDLY WAIT TRAIN WHEN GIVEN FREEDOM

James Brown, 54 years old, colored, appeared in court this morning charged with vagrancy. He created a disturbance last night at his rooming house and was placed under arrest when he could give police no definite information concerning himself.

"It was drunk last night," he told the court today. "I should have known better, but if you give me a chance I'll go back to Hamilton where I live on the very first train." He was allowed his freedom upon condition he be to his promise.

"Yes, sir, I'll leave on the noon train," he said as he jubilantly departed from the police courtroom.



WILL SHE BE PRINCE OF WALES' BRIDE?

The betrothal of the Prince of Wales to Princess Martha, niece of the King of Sweden, will be announced following the return of the heir to the British throne from his 25,000-mile tour of South Africa and South America, according to London gossip. Many rumors of a similar character have been connected with the name of the prince in recent years, but all have been dispelled. Whether this one is another false alarm remains to be seen.

ONLY HALF DOZEN LAWS PASS IN TWO MONTHS

Federal Session Just Closed Certainly Not Productive of Too Much Legislation.

LOTS OF ORATORY

Petersen Contract Likely To Be Biggest Issue To Come After Reopening.

By E. C. BUCHANAN, Special To The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Press Gallery, House of Commons, Ottawa, April 11.—The Easter adjournment comes when parliament has been in session just two months. If the results of its labors were measured by the legislation produced by the commons it could be said that no progress had been made, that the lower house had marked time while the senate took an enforced vacation for want of work. Only some six bills have been sent on from the commons to the senate, of which five are private bills of minor character, the principal one providing for the liability of printers under the criminal code. The single government measure submitted to the senate was the formal one for inter-term supply.

But inasmuch as it is frequently declared that parliament produces too many laws, that the statute books are cluttered with unnecessary enactments, perhaps the Commons is to be congratulated rather than censured for its performance so far. Whether its two months' activities have been vital or valuable is another matter. These activities, which have filled upwards of two thousand pages of Hansard, have in part been taken up by a large part of the two months, the remainder being given to resolutions from private members. The address was adopted without division, the ocean freight rates bill has been sent to the special committee, and the budget is going through its usual agonizing stage. Introduced on March 24, and having right of way in debate since then, it will occupy another week, probably ten days, after Easter.

On the address the debate brought little more than the usual and conventional tariff arguments, and the formal glorification and condemnation of parties. On the ocean freight rates control measure it disclosed the Conservatives outright in their opposition to the contract calling for. Please See Page 3, Column 7.

FIND BODY OF BABY HIDDEN IN AIR SHAFT

Canadian Press Despatch. Saskatoon, Sask., April 11.—Wrecked carefully in a bundle and secreted in a cold air shaft running between the floor joists, the body of a newly-born male child was discovered in the farm house of Fritz Malinowski, about four miles south-west of Rosthern, by a Saskatchewan provincial policeman yesterday. The alleged mother of the child is critically ill in a Rosthern hotel, so no police action has yet been taken.

NO GAS WAR IN LONDON

Oil Company Officials Agree Price Drop Due to Over-Production.

RUMORS ARE DENIED

No Price War Foreseen in London—Changes Declared Normal.

That a two-cent cut in the price of gasoline here is the result of over-production during a slack winter and is not the forerunner of a price war in London is the joint opinion of the officials of three of the city's leading oil companies.

James D. Good, manager of the London Super-Tank branches, has heard nothing of the price contest, which rumor had set for next week. The price of "gas" is controlled wholly by supply and demand, he reminded, and as the unusually severe winter cut the ordinary cold weather consumption, a general drop in price was decided upon to lower the heavy surplus. The two-cent decrease went into effect Thursday.

While he sees no change for some weeks, Mr. Good said that the Super-Tank company would meet any price cuts which might be introduced by other companies.

"An increased demand is always noted at this time of year," Vincent J. Colgan, manager of the British-American Oil Company, Limited, London, explained, "and as a moderate drop in price has a tendency to steady the trade, this plan was again followed this year. This winter's surplus is unusually heavy, I understand, and a price cut would also be warranted to ease this condition."

Local Imperial Oil officials also vision a period of comparative quietude for the next few weeks and deny the report that a price war is in the offing.

The prince may fill in the time by a visit to the northern territories of the gold coast, beyond Ashanti.

STILLWELL ADMITS CAR THEFT ATTEMPT

Prisoner Tells County Magistrate He Was To Get \$50 For Work.

Alex. Stillwell, charged with assaulting and attempting to rob Verna Wilkinson, London township, on April 2, admitted to County Magistrate Hawkshaw 1 county court today that he had driven to the Wilkinson home, concession 5, London township, with Gordon W. Hardy, to take the Wilkinson car from the garage. He said he was to receive \$50 for his part in the theft. Stillwell was in the witness box at press time being questioned by Crown Attorney Albert Judd.

Hardy, who received his preliminary hearing on Friday, was committed to trial at the June sessions by Magistrate Hawkshaw.

One-Time Foundling Falls Heir to Tinplate Millions

Joy Louise Leeds, 12 Years of Age, Now One of U. S. Wealthiest Children.

Associated Press Despatch. Mineola, N.Y., April 11.—Joy Louise Leeds, twelve years ago a foundling and one of the earth's disinherited, is now one of the country's wealthiest children.

Warner M. Leeds, who made a fortune in tinplate production, and who, childless, had adopted Joy Louise twelve years ago when she was a year old, left her the bulk of his estate, estimated at more than \$4,000,000. Two years ago the child was left the \$4,000,000 estate of her foster mother, Mrs. Louise Hartshorn Leeds, who was killed in a Sixty-fifth street home. The will of the foster father, who died two weeks ago after a twenty years' fight of the evening was spent in discussion of the estate.

Washington, April 11.—The interstate commerce commission today ruled that the right of the Northern Navigation Company, Limited, a Canadian Great Lakes steamship line, to participate in transportation between United States would have to be decided by court action.



DIED SUDDENLY.

Above is the late John D. Grant, well-known London businessman, who died suddenly yesterday of heart failure at his home on Regent street.

CAN DEDUCT LIQUOR FINE

Income Tax Official Points Out That Term "Bootlegger" Not Used There.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Men who follow the bootlegging "profession" in the London taxation district file income returns at the London office, setting forth their net profits, but they are not referred to as "bootleggers," George Tambling, inspector of taxation, stated this morning.

"We have hundreds in this district, and although a man may file his papers as a grocer, we know how he makes his money. We keep away from the term 'bootlegger' because we have no occasion to use it. Ours is a confidential office."

"The point is that his gains are illegitimate, but it is his business and has to pay a fine of \$1,000, he is entitled to deduct that amount in his returns."

"If he starts the year, say, with \$10,000, and finishes with \$20,000, we estimate his living allowance, which, of course, varies. If we know he has spent \$5,000 during the year to keep up the family, he must pay an income of \$15,000."

Mr. Tambling was told of a Chicago burglar who claimed a deduction on tools that had been left behind on a job.

"That would be legitimate," declared the inspector. "It is his business, and certainly a loss."

"Any burglar on your income tax list?" the inspector was asked.

"No, we have no burglars, but I think we have a lot of thieves."

"You know we are a bunch of robbers ourselves."

Norman Wilson, Long Sought, Cordially Treated on Request For Ride.

Norman Wilson, 35, is the latest Middlesex county husband to appear in court on a charge of non-support of his wife and family. He was remanded for a week today at the request of the high constable.

The high constable journeyed to Westminster township yesterday morning to bring in an insane man, and Wilson asked for a ride to the city.

"Hop right in," offered the high constable, who recognized Wilson as a man he had been looking for for some time.

Wilson "hopped," and he didn't hop again until the county jail was reached. It is said that the prisoner has deserted to his child, born after he deserted his wife last fall.

EASTER LILIES REACH PEAK OF POPULARITY

Ten Thousand Plants Bought in Last Week To Make New Record.

Ten thousand Easter lily plants have been bought within the past week to be placed in London homes for the Good Friday and Easter week-end. Not in years have Easter lilies been so popular, local florists declare. The firm of J. Gammar & Sons alone sold more than 2,500 pots of lilies within the past week.

HARBOR TO BE DEEPEND AT PORT THIS SUMMER

Government Plans \$160,000 Improvements For London's Lake Port—Work Will Be Finished This Year—Contract Let Last Thursday—Improved Harbor Will Take Big Boats.

NEW BREAKWATER SAVES ORCHARD BEACH

More than \$160,000 will be expended this year by the federal government in improving and enlarging Port Stanley harbor, according to J. B. Hunter, deputy minister of public works, who was in London yesterday.

Work commenced on harbor improvements last year will be completed this summer, Mr. Hunter told The Advertiser. The harbor will be widened and deepened considerably in order that larger lake boats can dock at the Western Ontario port.

WILL STOP ORCHARD BEACH LOSS.

Contract for the work was let on Thursday by the dominion government to Birmingham & Son of Kingston. Building of an exterior pier on the east side of the harbor will start the first of next week. The improvements will include also extension of the east breakwater at Port Stanley with a projection jutting out into the lake and designed to throw current of water away from the harbor and beaches on the east and west sides. In this manner further loss of property on Orchard beach will be stopped. With the breakwater extension several miles of Orchard beach property will be assured of protection against rough lake weather, which has always been responsible for loss of property through washouts and landslides.

Mr. Hunter, who came to London yesterday to visit Hon. C. S. Hyman at his home on Grand avenue, has served as deputy minister of public works under four governments. He took office when Mr. Hyman received his portfolio as minister of public works in the Laurier government.

Mother Pushes Baby Buggy Over 18 Miles to Get Work

With Three Tiny Children Starts on Foot For London From Union.

IS BEFRIENDED

Weary and dusty and with two children, four and six years of age, staggering at her heels, Mrs. George Bell walked from Union to Lambeth yesterday, pushing a dilapidated baby carriage containing her youngest child, a boy of two. She was on the way to London to get work and to see her mother, Mrs. Lavina Baxter, who could not be located last night.

A London motorist, on his way to Port Stanley, noticed the woman the other side of St. Thomas yesterday morning. Last night, on his return, he met them near Lambeth, and notified the county police when he reached home.

In the absence of the high constable, Inspector Walter Bolton motored to Lambeth and brought the weary mother and her children to London, where Mrs. Wharton, the high constable's wife, met them their first meal since morning.

Children Walked 18 Miles. The children, who had walked every step of the 18 miles, complained of having sore feet, and Mrs. Wharton bathed the tired little limbs herself. The baby cooed in delight at the sight of a glass of milk and buried his tiny nose in the fluid as soon as it was put to him.

Inspector Kelly of the C. A. S. was called when it was discovered that Mrs. Bell's mother could not be found. Police records showed that she had been in court on a charge of vagrancy last December, but has not been seen since.

The inspector said that he would motor the family back to St. Thomas, but when it came time for the children to put on their shoes their feet had swollen to such an extent that it was impossible to get them on.

Taken to Children's Shelter. The two youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. Wharton came to the rescue, however, and presented the kids with their own slippers, and the inspector carried the party off to St. Thomas children's shelter, where they are now staying pending arrangements for their keeping.

According to Mrs. Bell she had quarrelled with her husband and decided to leave him. Having no money, she intended walking to London, and told Mrs. Wharton that "I didn't walk fast on account of the children and because I wanted to be fresh enough to get a job on Saturday."

It was a Good Friday experience that Mrs. Bell hopes she will never have to repeat.

Correction

On the front page of the Rotogravure section today an error has resulted in the transposition of the pictures of Mrs. A. E. Miller and Mrs. Roland P. Reynolds.

The photograph which is given as Mrs. Miller is really that of Mrs. Reynolds, and vice versa.

LONDON TAX LOSS IS LOW

Figure Is \$8,988 For 1923, Treasurer Bell Reports—Annex Costly.

GOOD SHOWING

\$2,696,912 in Taxes Collected in Year—Real Estate Leads Losses.

London's taxes for 1923 to the extent of \$2,696,912.53 were collected by the city, with a total loss of only \$8,988, according to the records of the city treasurer, which were completed today.

Of the full amount paid in taxes, \$2,279,197 was raised on the mill rate, and \$417,715 for special rates. The special rates were made up as follows: area rentals, \$132,530; cement walks, \$18,260; curbs and gutters, \$22,165; pavements, \$158,773; sewers, \$87,005; conduits, \$4,748; garbage rates, \$68,749; street cleaning, \$18,896; and street cleaning, \$4,031.

Other amounts in the taxes paid by Londoners in 1923 were: School rates, \$895,085; Catholic school rates, \$43,060; and patriotic rate, \$2,467. The general rate for 1923 was \$1.33, 58.

Discounts allowed in 1923 were \$30,875; percentage charged where the taxpayers were late in their payments, was \$17,394; real estate returns, \$15,544.

Total losses incurred, which amounted to \$68,387, included the following: Real estate returns, \$17,344; income tax returns, \$5,046; business tax returns, \$3,942; and certificate returns, \$28,373. Of this, the only actual loss which cannot still be collected is in the return from the income tax and the business tax, which amounts to \$8,988.

The loss on the certificate return is unusually high, owing to the fact that the loss of the tax rate of \$15,000 had to be shouldered by the city, although it was included in the tax roll for the year.

City Treasurer James Bell regards the showing for collection in 1923 as exceptionally good. There is generally an allowance of 2½ per cent for losses on the tax roll, and but for the annex figures the city treasurer would be \$5,000 within this allowance.

WESTINGHOUSE BRAKE CO. TAKEN OVER BY SOVIET

Associated Press Despatch. Yaroslavl, April 11.—The large plant of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, which was moved from Leninograd to Yaroslavl in 1919, has been appropriated by the soviet state monopoly, to satisfy the government's claim against the company for 900,000 rubles. The plant was appraised by government experts at 1,000,000 rubles, and offered at public auction, but as there were no buyers, the government took it over for operation by the state metal industry.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh southerly to westerly winds; mostly fair. Tomorrow—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds; fair and cool. Shallow low areas are centered off the middle Atlantic coast and over the lake region, and another area of unknown intensity is centered near the west coast of Hudson Bay, while an area of high pressure and cooler weather is spreading into the western provinces from the northward. Showers have occurred in Nova Scotia. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	46	Rain
Calgary	72	32	Cloudy
Winnipeg	70	34	Rain
Port Arthur	44	32	Cloudy
Farmington	53	28	Cloudy
Toronto	53	28	Fair
Kingston	56	34	Fair
Ottawa	56	28	Fair
Montreal	52	32	Cloudy
Quebec	46	28	Fair
St. John	44	34	Fair
Halifax	60	40	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 61; lowest, 45. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 30. Barometric Readings. Friday—8 p.m., 29.94. Today—8 a.m., 29.97.