

OTTAWA BUSINESS AREA IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Engineers Will Investigate Fuel Problem In London

TRAVELERS ON SUNDAY SELL JOY AND GLADNESS TO GENEROUS CITIZENS

One Grand Day in Which To
Put Welfare Drive Over
the Top.

\$30,000 IS NEEDED

Canvassers Sanguine That This
Year Objective Is Likely
To Be Reached.

Tomorrow is the day of days for
London. Tomorrow will decide whether
baby smiles and happy homes
are valued more than dollars. Tomorrow
250 genial travelers sell their wares
of joy and gladness for the Welfare
Fund.

As one traveling man said this
morning, if it were possible to carry
"samples" of grinning youngsters,
contented old people and happy mothers,
the response would be real and
immediate. But this is a selling campaign,
in which samples cannot be used.
The product is so obviously
worth while that citizens don't have
to be shown.

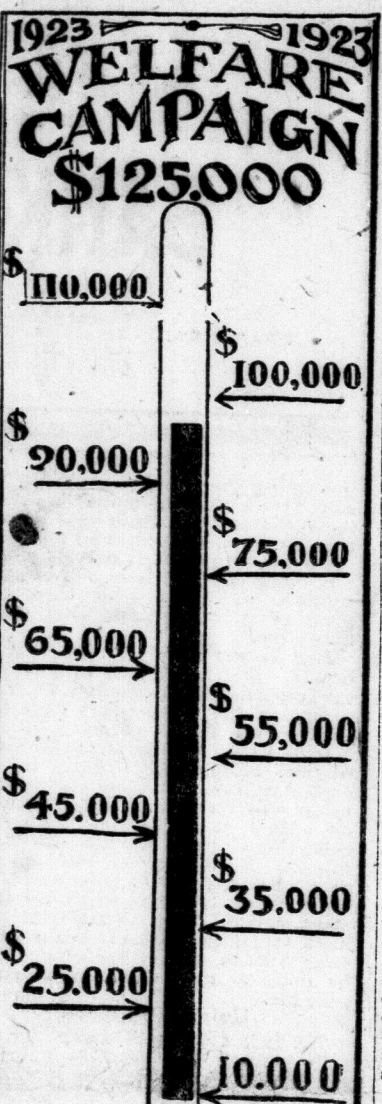
This afternoon A. E. Barbour's
jovial band start out on their rounds.
Sunday, however, is the big day. The
final lap that bursts the welfare thermometer
will then be run.

At noon today London's "runners
of the road" met at the Temeuse
House to receive final instructions.
Chairman Barbour put it up to them
strong. "A great responsibility rests
on every man," he said. "It's up to
you to get \$25,000. The drive must
be a success."

Every man who spoke voiced Mr.
Barbour's sentiments. Today and
Sunday would test, not only the human
spirit of each and every traveler,
but the benevolence of every Londoner.
"Go to it, boys—we cannot fail,"
is the slogan.

Yesterday Best Day.
A few late checks came into Secretary
Gordon Phillips' office this
morning, and the total is \$35,000.
A number of out-of-town citizens,
who will later subscribe, will
doubtless swell the grand aggregate.
Yesterday was the most successful
of the entire campaign. London
responded in splendid fashion, \$15,000
having been secured.

When one considers the prevailing
business lethargy one must appreciate
the extent of London's generosity.
Citizens are making the campaign
workers in an altogether different
year. The fund had been sold long
before the collectors called. Everybody
who gave gave with a free heart.
Last evening's dinner and the
treatment at the Masonic Hall was the
final shot, so far as the intimate



Send It Up Today!

campaign organization is concerned.
Enthusiasm bubbled over at the
supper. Team captains and members
of the executive made brief speeches.
Adjutant Charles Martin of the
Salvation Army, in recognition of his
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ANNOUNCE DATES OF EXAMINATIONS FOR CITY PUPILS

Permission Received From the
Department To Hold Tests
in Two Centres.

GREER IN CHARGE

G. A. Wheable Will Conduct
Examinations in South
London Collegiate.

High school entrance examinations
are to be held on June 27, 28 and 29,
and the departmental examinations
will be held from June 12 to June 27,
according to an announcement today
by the public school inspector.

Permission has been received from
the department for the use of two
examination centres for the departmental
examinations. Students attending
high school in this city, therefore,
will write their midsummer
examinations both in the central
and the South London Collegiate.

The board of education asked permission
a few weeks ago to make use
of the two schools so they could
get away from the necessity of using
public school teachers as supervisors.

Departmental regulations state
that no teacher can supervise examinations
in the school in which he
teaches. This in the past barred the
teachers of secondary schools as
supervisors for the central school
only, as used for the purpose.

As a result the board was forced
to employ the services of public
school teachers, and then employ substitute
teachers to teach in place of
the public school teachers during
examination time. Because of the
cost, this system caused considerable
dissatisfaction, especially after an attempt
last year to make the public school
teachers pay for the substitute
teachers.

Under the new system, teachers of
the Central Collegiate will supervise
examinations at the South Collegiate,
and the teachers of the South will
supervise at the Central Collegiate.

It was announced this morning that
V. K. Greer would be in charge of the
supervisors at the Central Collegiate,
while G. A. Wheable, junior inspector,
would conduct the examination in
South London.

Time Table.
The time table for the departmental
examinations is as follows:
Lower School—June 12, a.m., Latin
or English grammar; p.m., geography.
June 13, a.m., art; p.m., physiology.
June 14, a.m., arithmetic; p.m.,
botany or agriculture.
June 15, a.m., Canadian history;
p.m., zoology or agriculture.
Upper School—June 14, a.m., problem;
p.m., botany.
June 15, a.m., trigonometry; p.m.,
zoology.
June 21, a.m., German authors;
p.m., German composition.
June 22, a.m., algebra; p.m., modern
school ancient history.
June 23, a.m., physics; p.m., English
literature.
June 24, a.m., Latin authors; p.m.,
Latin composition.
June 25, a.m., Greek authors and
Spanish authors.
Middle and Upper Schools.
June 18, a.m., geometry; p.m., history.
June 19, a.m., French authors; p.m.,
French composition.
June 20, a.m., chemistry; p.m., English
composition.

TROUT FISHING OPENS IN ADIRONDACKS TODAY

Saratoga Lake, April 7.—With practically
all brooks raging torrents that
are far over their banks, and with
lakes and ponds still closely locked
under snow and ice, the trout fishing
season opened in the Adirondacks today
under most unfavorable conditions.
Most of the fishing is at the outlets
of lakes and ponds, where there is a
bit of open water. The catch will not
be heavy.

International "Dope" Fleet Works Off Canadian Shore

Dominion Government Notifies League of Nations, Demanding
That Countries Involved Stop the Traffic.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Geneva, April 7.—An international
"dope" fleet is operating off the Canadian
coast, landing drugs for shipment
to the United States and other
countries, the Dominion government
has notified the secretariat of the
League of Nations.
The fleet of drug runners operates
similarly to the liquor fleet off the
New York and New Jersey shore.
The notification to the league states
that the "dope" smugglers are engaged
in transporting cocaine, morphine
and other narcotics. A Canadian
official, it is said, discovered a
regular route for smuggling drugs
from Germany to Spain, thence to
France, thence to St. Pierre Miquelon,
off Newfoundland, and finally into
Canada and the United States.
The international dope fleet is composed
largely of French trawlers, which
sail from French ports, the notification
said.
Canada also notified the French,
Spanish and German representative
on the league's opium advisory commission,
demanding that their governments
stop the traffic and break up the
"dope" fleet.

Dollars Not Wishes Needed In This Case



Comeism Won't Set Children Like These
In the Path To a Successful Life—
It Requires Money, Your Money.
It's Up To You.

Did you ever stop to think what place in life will be filled by
the children of today, when they have grown to maturity?
What does the future hold for the happily situated children,
for those not quite so well circumstanced, and, finally, for those
who have nothing in the present, and little to which to look forward?

For instance, what will the future hold for the children in this
picture? Bright-looking youngsters they are, but what will they
be in later years?

They have not seen happiness in their young lives; but the
men and women of London can do much now to remedy that
condition.

The realization of the objective set in the United Welfare Drive
will afford sufficient money to care for poor children for twelve
months at least.

It's decidedly worth while to help the city's children to get the
right sort of start.

A Good Wish Is All Right Enough But
It Won't Help To Buy Anything—
That's Where a Dollar
Has It Beaten

WEATHER ALONE HALTS PIPE LINE ROAD WORK

Department of Highways Has
Approved Paving Contract
to Boss and Brazier.

The department of highways has
approved the awarding of the contract
for the paving of a two-mile
stretch on the Pipe Line road to Boss
& Brazier, local contractors, and work
will be commenced as soon as weather
and road conditions permit. Their
tender was \$51,000.
About a week ago the Suburban
Area Commission accepted Boss &
Brazier's tender, subject to the approval
of the department, and the department's
sanction of the award was made known at a special
committee meeting of the commission
held in the county buildings this
morning.

REPORT RED COMMANDER IN CAUCASUS ARRESTED

Associated Press Despatch.
Constantinople, April 7.—A telegram
from Tiflis says that General
Egoroff, commander-in-chief of the
Red army in the Caucasus, has been
arrested with his chief of staff and
other officers.
The arrests were made on the charge
of conspiring against the
Bolshevik authorities.

URGES HARBOR WORKS FOR PORT STANLEY

Imperative If Business to Grow,
Says Navigation Company
President.

Port Stanley harbor must be improved
if navigation is to be increased,
P. G. Peterson, president of the Western
Reserve Navigation Company, wrote
to the Chamber of Commerce today.
Mr. Peterson regretted his absence
from the deputation that recently
journeyed to Ottawa to ask for enlargement
of the harbor. He, however, is much
interested in London's effort as he
considers Port Stanley the natural gateway
from Ohio and the Southern States. As soon
as the business will justify additions to
Mr. Peterson's line, he will see that other
ships than the one now plying between
Port Stanley and Cleveland will be used.
He intends shortly to place another
vessel at the disposal of Port Stanley
business within the year, making
two ships all told. The schedule will
be three times a week between May
20 and Dec. 1. In time this schedule
will provide for daily sailings.
At present the only boat belonging to
the Western Reserve Navigation Company
is the Colonial, which commences its
summer rounds again next month.

OFFER SERVICES TO AID SOLUTION OF FUEL PROBLEM

Engineers Appoint Committee
To Make Exhaustive
Investigation.

HUNT FOR NEW FIELD

Will Also Look Into Possibilities
of Developing Canadian
Peat Areas.

Members of the London branch of
the Engineering Institute of Canada
are offering their services to the people
of this city in an effort to solve
the fuel problem.

Following a meeting of the institute
last night, which was attended
by more than a score of expert engineers,
a committee of four was appointed
to map out a program by which
the members could best serve the
community in this respect.

It is intended to investigate all
phases of the situation, including the
use of every fuel excepting anthracite.
Efforts are to be made to find
some new field for fuel, so that Canada
will not be forced to depend on the
mines of Pennsylvania.

The possibility of bringing coal
from Alberta is to be thoroughly
sifted. Data of original costs and
of transportation costs will be
secured, and the engineers will seek
out methods to adapt the furnaces
and stoves in London to the use of
the fuel. Bituminous coal from Alberta
differs considerably from that
imported from the United States, it
is claimed.

Peat, Oil, Gas and Electricity.
Members of the institute will also
investigate the possibilities of peat
as fuel. Great beds of peat are to be
found in many parts of this country,
and the engineers are hopeful that
some means can be found to develop
them economically.

The possibilities of oil as a heating
medium, the greater use of electricity,
and of natural gas will also
engage the attention of the institute.

This service to the public is to be
rendered free of charge. It is the first
step taken by the Engineering Institute
in its new policy of rendering public
service.

At the meeting last night, Fraser
Keith of Montreal, general secretary
of the institute in Canada, informed
the London members that public service
was to be one of the main planks
of the institute of the future,
and following his visit the local
organization lost no time in making
practical use of the suggestion.

Committee of Experts.
The proposal of investigating new
sources of fuel was made by R. J.
Olmstead, and the executive and
members gave it enthusiastic support.

Every member of the institute is expected
that much will be accomplished
by their combined efforts.
They will work hand in hand with
other organizations throughout Eastern
Canada, who are also seeking a
solution to the vexing problem.

HAMILTON STORE BURNS FOLLOWING EXPLOSIONS

Special to The Advertiser.
Hamilton, April 7.—Fire of unknown
origin completely gutted the
Morden Piano Company store, 400
King street east, at 12:35 this morning,
doing damage amounting to
\$15,000.
Fifteen valuable pianos, twice as
many gramophones and a large
stock of records and player rolls
were lost in the blaze.
Three mysterious explosions were
heard during the fire.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES WHEN ROOF CRASHES IN; AMMUNITION EXPLODES

Two Firemen Suffer Minor Cuts From Falling Glass in Ottawa
Fire—Nearly Fifty Business Establishments Are Affected
—Street Car Traffic Tied Up for Nearly Five
Hours—Whole Business District Menaced.

DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$300,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 7.—Heralded by a
pit-a-patter of 100,000 rounds of
ammunition and accompanied by
dense clouds of black smoke, one of
the most disastrous fires in the history
of Ottawa's business area caused
damage to the extent of over \$300,000
between 10 o'clock last night and 4
o'clock this morning.

Two firemen suffered minor cuts
from falling glass, but several hair-
breadth escapes occurred when the
rear portion of a roof of the Sparks
Chambers, where the fire started, fell
in just before midnight. The But-
terworth building adjoining was also
badly injured. The ammunition was
stored in the basement of the Hurd
Sporting Company, one of the chief
sufferers.

Nearly fifty wholesale and retail
establishments are affected.
Sparks Ignite Roof.
Sparks from the blaze ignited the
roof of the Garland wholesale ware-
house at the corner of Queen and
O'Connor streets, nearly a block
away, but little damage was done be-
fore a score of firemen, assisted by
50 or more volunteers, got the flames
under control.

When the firemen arrived at the
first alarm all that could be seen was
a mass of black smoke issuing from
the basement of the Sparks building.
For an hour determined efforts were
made to get at the seat of the trouble,
but evidently a firm hold had been
secured by the flames, which ate their
way through the many walls and par-
titions which honeycombed the
building and also shot up the ele-
vator.

Suddenly flames shot out of the
roof, where a handful of firemen were
endeavoring to pour water through
stayed manfully with their task, but
in a few minutes it was recognized
that nothing could save the interior
of the block, and a hurried move for
safety had to be made. Scarcely had
they stepped off the roof when it fell
in following an explosion in the top
or fifth story. From that time on,
the fire assumed a most menacing aspect,
and at one time it was thought the

The blaze was the most spectacular
ever seen on the city's main business
street, huge showers of sparks land-
ing on nearby buildings. Soon
No less than 21 streams of water
were used, the fire being attacked
from Wellington street, which runs
along the rear of the block, and from
the front of the block held firm.
The firemen were held up for
nearly five hours. Several times,
when flames died down, it was be-
lieved the firemen had control, but
it a few seconds it would belch forth
again, each time seemingly from the
center of the block, which had seemed
to form itself into one seething mass
of burning woodwork.

Principal Sufferers.
The following is the list completed
thus far of the principal sufferers in
the fire and the approximate damage,
which is estimated, they sustained:
Paquet Company, Limited, whole-
sale furs. Stock estimated at \$75-
800.
Slater estate, owner of the Sparks
Chambers, \$75,000. Insurance carried,
but amount unknown.

Hugh Carson Company, Limited,
leather goods, \$20,000. Partially in-
sured.
Hurd & Co. Limited, sporting
goods, \$25,000. Insured to the ex-
tent of about \$18,000.

John Forsyth, Limited, woolen and
cotton goods, \$8,000. Very little in-
surance.
John D. Ivey Company, Limited,
wholesale milliner, \$5,000.

Henry Switzer, manufacturers'
agents, woolen goods, \$10,000. In-
surance to extent of \$2,500. Dominion
Vyse & Sons, milliners, loss \$12,000.
Insurance unknown.

The A. Johnston, loss \$5,000. Some
insurance.
Forsyth Shurt Company, loss \$10-
000, partially covered by insurance.
There are several firms losing under
\$5,000 each.

ORDER DAM SHUT DOWN TO PROTECT CROSSING

Wilmot Farmer Enters Action
Against Mill for Destroying
River Ford.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Ont., April 7.—A dam
across the River Nith at New Ham-
burg backed water up so that Emory
Rutledge, a farmer of Wilmot Town-
ship, could not cross a ford at his
farm. He entered action against
Stuart Bros., Limited, who owned the
dam, and secured an injunction re-
straining them from operating the
dam so as to raise the water at his
farm. The mill has since been pur-
chased by the New Hamburg Flour
mills, and although the company was
aware of the injunction, the water
continued to be backed up so that
it was raised from two to 19 inches.
The county judge thereupon direct-
ed that the goods, chattels, lands and
tenements of the company be seque-
stered until it complied with the in-
junction. The company appealed,
and the appeal has been dismissed
by the appellate division.

TEXTILE WORKERS GET LARGE PAY INCREASE

Montreal Firm Announces
12-1-2 Per Cent General
Raise in Salaries.

Special to The Advertiser.
Montreal, April 7.—Seven thousand
workers employed in the five factories
of the Dominion Textile Company
have been granted a 12 1/2 per cent in-
crease in wages, it is announced to-
day. The increase will cost the com-
pany in the aggregate over eight
thousand dollars a year.
The news was confirmed this morn-
ing by the company, which officially
stated that the average increase was
12 1/2 per cent, some employees get-
ting more than this and some a little
less.
The increase will go into operation
on April 8 or 30.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Windy, becoming fresh to
strong; rain tonight.
Sunday—Cool and partly cloudy, with
some light snow or rain.
A depression which was in the north
Pacific states yesterday morning, is
now centered in Iowa, while pressure
is nowhere above the normal. The
weather has been fair over the Domi-
nion, with the exception of a few light
snowfalls in western Quebec. Some
showers in the Maritime Provinces and
a few local snowfalls in Ontario.

| Stations | High | Low | Weather |
|--------------|------|-----|---------|
| Victoria | 48 | 39 | Cloudy |
| Calgary | 26 | 4 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 39 | 4 | Clear |
| Port Arthur | 24 | 12 | Cloudy |
| Soo | 24 | 10 | Snow |
| Toronto | 32 | 24 | Cloudy |
| Kingston | 46 | 30 | Snow |
| Ottawa | 52 | 30 | Cloudy |
| Montreal | 44 | 22 | Cloudy |
| Quebec | 40 | 30 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 39 | 28 | Cloudy |
| St. John | 49 | 38 | Cloudy |
| Halifax | 44 | 38 | Clear |

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 51; lowest, 23.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 40; lowest, 33.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.26.
Today—8 a.m., 29.25.

As Your Conscience Clear On the Welfare Drive?