

LIFE UNDERWRITERS TO OPEN CONGRESS TOMORROW

VITAL PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT CONVENTION

Life Underwriters' Educational Congress Opens in Hyman Hall Tomorrow.

NOTED SPEAKERS

The annual educational congress of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada will open in London tomorrow at Hyman Hall, the day being divided into three sessions. In the morning, after registration has been completed, the congress proper will open with an invocation by Dean Tucker and a short address from Mayor George Wenig. This will be followed by an address by Ernest W. Morwick, "Making the Sale," after which a discussion on the address will be held. At 11 o'clock, a round table discussion on methods and means will be held by E. Morwick, president of the association. The chairman for the morning is Major L. M. Bidwell. After lunch, J. F. Maine will take the chair, and after a quarter of an hour's singing, the first address will be given by W. R. Wendell. His subject, "The Prospect's Viewpoint," is one that will prove interesting to all. A discussion will follow. D. G. Townsend, Hamilton, will then give a demonstration of a sale followed by an address by A. C. Palmer, Research and Review Service, Indianapolis, Ind., on "Guarantees of Automatic Success." A discussion will close the afternoon. A banquet session will be opened at 6:30 p.m., with C. E. German in the chair. Two addresses will feature the evening, as well as musical selections. E. Morwick will speak on "The Place of the Association in Field Work," and Mr. Owen on "Making Yourself What You Want To Be." Col. E. G. Shannon will act as musical director.

PROFESSOR ROBERTSON SPEAKS ON MASTODONS

Photographs of Recent Excavations at Delaware Will Be Shown.

What should prove to be one of the most interesting lectures yet given under the auspices of the University of Western Ontario extension courses is scheduled for tonight at the arts building of the university, when Professor A. D. Robertson will speak on "Mastodons of Western Ontario."

Professor Robertson will give the geography of the different ages with a view to indicating how the ancestors of elephants became distributed throughout the world. He will give an account of the different types of elephants and the ages in which mastodon remains were found in Western Ontario. The lecture will be illustrated with photographs of the excavations made near Delaware, where a mastodon skeleton was found recently, will be shown.

ST. RAILWAY INSPECTOR LOST IN THORNDALE

George Lousch Leaves on Hunting Trip Before the Storm—Still Missing.

George Lousch, popular inspector of the London Street Railway is lost in the wilds of Thorndale, according to radio reports drifting in over huge snow drifts. According to street railway men Inspector Lousch left London two days ago for some rabbit shooting at Thorndale and he hasn't returned to the city as yet. "Stew" Stewart, another stalwart of Superintendent Harry Humeston, was to have gone this morning but was restrained by his better half and is still congratulating himself that he wasn't lured away on the hunting trip. Mr. Stewart is spending his spare moments in "baiting" fishing tackle in shape for the spring drive on certain secret streams where there are more fish than pebbles.

STORM CAUSES DEATH.

Associated Press Despatch. Boston, Feb. 21.—One death was reported last night in Boston as a result of the storm, which, driven by a strong northeast wind, covered the city to a depth of more than eight inches with snow and sleet, followed by rain.

TRACTOR CLEARS WAY ON SNOWBOUND ROADS

In a few hours the Lambeth highway was transformed from an impassable snowdrift to a clear thoroughfare permitting automobiles to ride with ease from Lambeth to London following the terrific snowstorm of Tuesday evening. Yesterday afternoon Queen's avenue and Waterloo streets were changed from a mass of ruts and drifts to smooth-surfaced roads. Dundas street was partly cleared this morning.

This was all done by a small Ford tractor and scraper, which with tremendous power plows through any amount of snow. The tractor has been loaned to the city for this work by the Middlesex Motors, Limited. So successful have been the opera-

COUNTY HIGHWAYS ARE BEING OPENED AFTER BIG STORM

Engineer Talbot Reports Conditions Are Worst Since the Winter of 1917.

COSTS RUNNING HIGH

While city gangs are valiantly fighting the snow king in the city their country brethren are working just as hard if not harder to clear county and township roads for horse traffic. County Engineer Charles Talbot reported today that all county road foremen were hard at work opening up the main lines of traffic. Foremen reported the worst road conditions since 1917, Mr. Talbot stated. The cost of the work could not be estimated at this time, the engineer declared, but the storm would cost the county several thousand dollars at least. "When the snow king came some years ago, it cost us \$15,000 to keep it open one winter," said the engineer. "The Lambeth road cost us over \$1,200 last winter. Neither of these roads are under our supervision now, as they are under the control of the provincial highway and are looked after by the government. It was pointed out that "the worst drifts would cause a lot of trouble in the spring when the farmers started to use wagons once more. Part of the roads would be clear for traffic but the wheels would sink out of sight in what remained of the snow. The snow would all have to be cut through to the road. Mr. Talbot stated every effort would be made to clear the Pipe line road this afternoon as far as Woodland Cemetery as there is no inconvenience would be caused to funerals. There were no funerals held to Woodland Cemetery yesterday it was said.

GANGS CLEARING UP FOLLOWING STORM

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are cleared. Several communities, such as Ingersoll, Woodstock and Thorndale, have been virtually isolated for the past 24 hours. No mail arrived in the city yesterday from numerous centers in Western Ontario, and it is possible that in several the tracks will not be removed of obstructions until late tomorrow. C. N. R. officials stated this morning the main lines were again, although all trains are late. The Goderich to Toronto service will not be resumed for hours.

Branch C. P. R. lines such as London to St. Marys, this morning got to St. Thomas are clogged up, but if work continues as rapidly as yesterday, they expect to be opened late this afternoon. The main line to St. Marys service is now back to schedule. Fair and cold is the forecast for Friday. Snow flurries were observed for half an hour this morning. The snow was heavy and fell in a heavy snow, with little variation expected.

Passengers on the train to Stratford which was stranded near Thorndale, are being housed in the city. This afternoon it is likely they will be able to continue their journey.

The London Motor Club warns automobile owners that careful driving should be the order for the next two weeks. Dangerously deep grooves on all roads make 20 miles an hour an extremely hazardous speed. Only the exercise of exceptional caution will prevent accidents, they claim.

ONTARIO RECOVERING.

Associated Press Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 21.—Transportation facilities are rapidly being restored throughout the major portion of Ontario following the terrific blizzard which raged Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Clean-up work is being hampered somewhat by a heavy snowstorm in Central Ontario this morning, but it is not expected that the storm will be of lengthy duration.

The majority of trains scheduled to leave Toronto this morning got away in good time, but a few cancellations were made. Some anxiety is felt by the transportation officials regarding the fact of trains plowing a way through districts where the blizzard was very severe. The Canadian National Railway is still unable to get to Midland, Penetanguishene and other points on the Georgian Bay, while trains bound for the Campbellford district were again cancelled. Canadian Pacific Railway trains are not running in the Teeswater section, which serves a large dairy farming territory, and the shortage of milk is being felt to some extent.

tions of the tractor that members of the city council are considering the purchase of a similar machine to aid in the clearance of roads during winter months. The Middlesex Motors have been congratulated by members of the city council and chamber of commerce for the public-spirited manner in which they have alleviated transportation difficulties during the past two days by putting their machine to use. The tractor will be used this afternoon, upon the request of the county engineer, to clear a way to both Mount Pleasant and Woodland cemeteries in order that two funerals which are to be held this afternoon might not be postponed.

ALBERTA COAL

Here is the text of The Advertiser's petition for action in the Alberta coal situation. The petition is addressed to the premier of Canada and is being circulated throughout Ontario and Alberta.

Below is a list of over fifty points in London where you may sign the petition. Blank forms will be supplied at once by The Advertiser upon request.

"The petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada humbly sheweth: "WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario is to a great extent dependent upon the United States of America for an adequate supply of coal for both industrial and domestic purposes, and, "WHEREAS, Canada has in the Province of Alberta an immense supply of coal which has been pronounced suitable for the requirements of the Province of Ontario, and, "WHEREAS, the chief obstacle to the use by the people of Ontario of this supply is said to be the cost of transportation, "WHEREFORE, your petitioners submit that it is in the vital interest of the citizens of Ontario and Alberta and of national development, that a plan be devised whereby Alberta's supply of coal may be made available for Ontario's demand, and pray that you cause to be appointed a commission of competent men who are wholly independent of railway companies or railway organizations, thoroughly to consider and report upon the situation, having in mind the necessity of permitting the Canadian National Railways to function according to commercial necessities, free from political influence, "And so your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray."

WHERE TO SIGN THE PETITION.

Here are the places in London where you may sign the petition: The Public Library, Tumecseh House, Belvedere Hotel, Griggs House, Iroquois Hotel, Huron and Erie Mortgagage Corporation offices at Richmond street and in Market Square; Bank of Montreal offices at Richmond street and Queen's avenue, Market Square; 270 Dundas; 608 Dundas; London and Western Trust Co., Richmond street; Bank of Nova Scotia, Richmond street; Bank of Commerce, Dundas and Richmond; Bank of Toronto offices at King and Richmond; Talbot and Dundas; 263 Dundas and 605 Dundas; Molsons Bank offices on Dundas and in Market Square; Royal Bank of Canada, on Dundas at Richmond; Dominion Bank of Canada at Richmond; Dundas; Dundas and Richmond; Dundas; Dundas; People's Loan and Savings, Richmond street, and the London Loan and Savings Co., Dundas and Clarence.

PETITION RIGHT WAY TO SECURE ACTION

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railway freight rates. He says that so far as he understands the suggestion he is prepared to support it and to continue through the government's various organizations the efforts already being made to put Alberta coal within reach of the Ontario consumer.

What Ontario Thinks.

The following despatches from points in Western Ontario are typical of the attitude throughout the province:

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Feb. 21.—The Alberta coal petition, sponsored by The Advertiser, is receiving an enthusiastic reception here. Mr. James Bogue, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, has expressed himself as heartily in sympathy with the movement, and has called a meeting of the chamber for tomorrow evening to deal with the matter of getting it signed here. Postmaster David Egan is also giving it his support, while the local paper, The Age-Dispatch is declaring itself absolutely in favor of this action. Copies of the petition are at the local banks, the postoffice, the town clerk's office and at S. Oakes & Son's garage, where they may be signed by everyone who wishes to join in this vital movement.

Obituary

HIRAM F. ALBERTSON.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from his residence, 1277 King street, of Hiram F. Albertson, who died on Wednesday at his home. The funeral services, which will be private, will take place at 2:30 o'clock. The deceased, who was in his 72nd year, is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, of this city.

Due to the blizzard of Tuesday night and the subsequent cold weather, hydro consumption in the city of London took a big jump, according to figures compiled by the utilities commission.

After running along at an average of about 210,000 kilowatt hours Tuesday the consumption jumped up to 229,112 K.W.H., reaching within 15 K.W.H. of the peak for the month, which also occurred on another cold day, Feb. 5. Yesterday the consumption figured at 227,205 K.W.H., keeping high owing to the cold weather.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan, after figuring out the increase, stated that there would estimate from it that some 8,000 heaters had been used for at least half the day.

SENDS IN APPLICATION.

J. W. Skinner of Mount Brydges, who was poisoned by gas from an exhaust of a motor engine while in the employ of the county of Middlesex on Feb. 13, has sent in his application for reimbursement for the workmen's compensation board through the county clerk, John Stuart.

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BECK PETITIONED TO REDUCE COST OF PARKS' HYDRO

Association Passes Resolution, Which Is Forwarded to Toronto.

PLAN IS SATISFACTORY

A protest against the excessive cost of hydro power as proposed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, has been forwarded to Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission by the ratepayers association of Highland and Manor Parks asking that he will use his influence to have the rates reduced. The petition asks that the commission be allowed to continue subscribing to the local utilities commission, having been perfectly satisfied with the arrangement. "Following is the resolution: To Sir Adam Beck, Chairman Hydro-Electric Commission, 100 University avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Honorable Sir: We, the members of the Progressive Ratepayers' Association of Highland and Manor Parks, here-with wish to register with you a most emphatic protest against the excessive cost of hydro power as proposed in the undated circular letter sent out by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission under the signature of Chief Engineer (Gold). We are unanimous in our declaration that the service charge as proposed is manifestly unjust and intolerable, and we do not intend to submit to the imposition of the high charge for hydro power, as outlined in the table of rates in the above mentioned circular letter, sent out by the department. It is our firm belief that the tremendously heavy increase in the cost of hydro as proposed is but an attempt to supply power to the farming communities at the expense of suburban districts such as ours, and while we are staunch advocates of the development and progress of rural districts, we do object to being made the instruments of the farming communities for the procuring of power at a minimum cost, through the medium of the service charge for the advancement of the said rural districts.

"We are a community of progressive working people. Ninety-five per cent of the residents own their own homes, and we feel that the difference between the old rate and the new would impose a financial burden on us incompatible with benefits to be derived.

"Therefore, we trust you will use your influence to have these rates reduced. The P. U. C. has always found us good customers, and we would regard it as a real favor if we could continue to be supplied with power from the city of London heretofore. Under present existing conditions the residents of the district are perfectly satisfied, and we hope you will recommend the introduction of the new regime. "We thank you for your kind cooperation, and anticipate complete satisfaction in your efforts to have this apparent injustice rectified. "I beg to remain faithfully yours "W. L. WRIGHT, Secretary Progressive Ratepayers' Association, Highland and Manor Parks."

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JAMES M. COX IS AGAIN IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Associated Press Despatch. Miami, Fla., Feb. 21.—Former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio last night made a representative of the Miami Herald that he had authorized the use of his name as a candidate for president on the declaration of candidacy received at headquarters of the Cuyahoga County Democratic party.

One of the prisoners was checked up on his evidence by constables, who claimed he said originally that he had purchased the liquor from the dispensary. Crown Attorney Albert Judd asked the prisoner if he knew that the vendors closed at 4:30 p.m. "Sure I do," returned the defendant.

"Then it seems ridiculous to suggest that you thought the doctor got the liquor there at 5:30," said the crown prosecutor.

Mr. Henderson objected to the tactics of Mr. Judd in calling back constables to refute evidence submitted by the prisoner. He said his client had apparently obtained the liquor for his horse. Unfortunately he could not bring the nag into the doctor's office, counsel argued.

Mr. Henderson was then allowed to bring his client into the witness box, but all efforts to prove his innocence were to no avail. Two bottles of whiskey three-quarters full were on exhibition, and both prisoners could not give a satisfactory account as to why the bottles were so full.

The veterinary had been warned it was stated, on several occasions that if he persisted in selling liquor irregularly he would be taken to account by the police department.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS RECORD TWELVE MONTHS

Report For 1923 Shows Largest Amount of Business Done in a Year.

LOCAL DEMAND GROWING

Exigencies of Modern Business Increase Need For Telephone Service.

The activities of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada in 1923, as disclosed by the annual report received by Manager W. H. Beard today, were on a scale unexampled in the history of the company. Perhaps the most significant development of recent years is the changed attitude of the public towards the telephone. As the report says: "Service is now required of us in homes and small places of business which, a few years ago, could not have been considered as possible markets. Thus, within our present boundaries, the telephone field is broadening daily; therefore, we are obliged to meet demands for a rapidly growing local service.

Telephone revenues for the year amounted to \$22,225,714.24, and expenses \$18,044,455.87, leaving a net of \$4,181,258.37 from which to pay bond interest, dividends, allotment to the benefit fund and provision for surplus. During 1923 there were placed in new locations, by addition or transfer, 120,984 telephones, and there were removed by cancellation or other means 68,066, resulting in a net growth of 52,918.

This is the highest record of net growth in the company's history, and indicates the extent to which new facilities were put into use during the year.

While the number of local calls in 1923 increased 6.3 per cent over 1922, the long distance calls increased 11.4 per cent.

The gross additions to plant for the year amounted to \$12,698,552.83, of which the following are the principal items already made available for service:

Land and buildings \$457,909.83

and subscribers phones \$4,668,478.96

Exchange and toll lines \$4,626,785.88

TUBERCULOSIS REPORT SHOWS ONTARIO THIRD

Prince Edward Island Has Almost Double Proportion of Sickness.

Sixty-six persons to every 100,000 population succumbed to tuberculosis in Ontario during 1922, according to a report issued this week by the Canadian Tuberculosis Association. This province is just behind Alberta and Saskatchewan in the battle against the scourge, and may be said to be the third best province to live in so far as prevention of tubercular infection is concerned.

Dewitts in Prince Edward Island are almost double the proportion of those in Ontario, and Nova Scotia is more than that. All the Maritime Provinces appear to be comparatively virulent territories for tuberculosis. The death rate in Quebec is also high.

Measures employed to combat the disease in Ontario are apparently more efficient than those of any other part of Canada. More sanatorium beds are operating in Ontario than in any other province. Prince Edward Island is particularly strong in this respect, the beds maintained there being 111.

The Canadian Tuberculosis Association announced that the dates for the tuberculosis meeting in Ottawa will be April 8, 9 and 10.

CRISIS IS AVERTED IN BELGIAN CABINET

Premier Theunis, in Speech Before Parliament, Manages to Straighten Out Situation.

Associated Press Despatch. Brussels, Feb. 21.—A danger of a ministerial crisis has been averted, at least temporarily, by Premier Theunis' speech in the chamber of deputies on the financial and economic situation, his exposition making an excellent impression, both in the parliament, and throughout the country.

The premier declared that even if Germany paid nothing more than reparation in kind, Belgium was in a position to meet all engagements from her own resources. The heroic measures put forward by the government met with widespread approval, thus implying an entire change in the policy of war damages, involving cancellations of some claims and the payment of others in securities or only after receipt of the money from Germany.

It was expected the speech will have a salutary effect upon the exchange crisis.

FRENCH DECREE TO HIT FOREIGN SPECULATORS

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Feb. 21.—As a further measure in the effort to prevent speculative activities, considered harmful to French credit, Finance Minister De Lasteyrie submitted for President Millerand's signature a cabinet meeting today a decree aimed at foreign speculators. It prohibits foreigners from entering the bourse without authorization by "competent authorities."

LAST FOUR HORSES IN THE FIRE HALL ARE UNEMPLOYED

Garbage Department Rejects Offer To Buy Them From Department.

GASOLINE SEATS OATS

A month ago in honor of the passing of the "four surviving horses of the fire department," a parade was held in which the new motor truck, which has replaced the horses, was displayed. The horses themselves were decked out in banners signifying they had seen their last day as fire horses. They were to be sold to the garbage department.

The animals still remain at the central fire hall. The garbage department rejected the offer made them and the horses will wait until spring to be sold by auction on the market.

Meanwhile the "hussies" are kicking down their stalls in impatience. They want action. An hour's exercise each day does not suffice them. They apparently crave for the old days when they did duty hauling the fire truck to fires.

Both Mayor Wenig and Fire Chief John Aitken suggest the horses be used to haul loads of snow in clearing the downtown streets. The horses are kept at the fire department at considerable expense, it was pointed out, entailing a good deal of work by the firemen. They attend to the animals each morning and night and give them an hour's exercise every day.

According to Chief Aitken and the firemen, it is ridiculous to have to keep after four horses which do nothing, but remain in their stalls all day.

"They could quite easily be put to some form of work," Chief Aitken stated. "It is a waste of money to keep them idle."

BUILDING IMPROVES. The February building record is far in excess of the February, 1923, record, construction permits having been issued since the first of the month for work estimated at \$57,114, as compared with \$55,035 for the entire month of February last year.

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Hearty Laugh Ends In Death

Associated Press Despatch. Reading, Pa., Feb. 21.—A hearty laugh resulted in the death of Emmet Crowell, 34, in a theatre here last night. With a neighbor, Crowell was enjoying a comedy and laughed uproariously. Suddenly he slumped in his seat. He was carried to a rear room, and then to a hospital, where physicians pronounced him dead.

FREEBORN TO OPEN BANK DISCUSSION

East Middlesex Member Will Introduce Resolution Asking Federal Protection.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 21.—The Home Bank failure will probably come up for discussion in the legislature because of a resolution placed on the order paper by J. W. Freeborn, M. P. O. East Middlesex. Mr. Freeborn has given notice that he will move "That in the opinion of this house the federal government should protect the depositors of all banks chartered by the federal government and should assume the responsibility of meeting the claims of depositors of failed banks." The resolution was introduced by the depositors of the defunct Home Bank.

FRIEND OF MUSSOLINI IS SHOT BY ANARCHIST

Paris Correspondent of Italian Premier's Newspaper Is in Critical Condition.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Feb. 21.—Nicolas Buonervizio, friend of Premier Mussolini of Italy, and correspondent in Paris for Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo Italia, was shot and seriously wounded by Ernesto Bonomi, a young waiter, while dining in a fashionable Italian restaurant here last night. Buonervizio's condition is grave, but it was said this morning that hopes for his recovery had not been abandoned. Bonomi fired two shots from an automatic pistol, one of which pierced the journalist's skull, the other going wild. The young waiter, who told the police he was an anarchist, "disgusted with the brutalities of the fascists," put up a fierce struggle before he could overcome and kill a man but an idea. He said he had no accomplices, and had planned to commit suicide after shooting Buonervizio, but was not given the opportunity. Like his victim he is an Italian.

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