

THE WEATHER:
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TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

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TO CLEAR CHIEF IF PROBE FAILS

George R. Harris Admits Biggs' Bond Entry To Be False

LONDON SURE OF 2 SEATS

Report of Redistribution Committee Submitted Today Assures Additional Member.

TWO IN MIDDLESEX
Extra Member Will Come From Windsor Electoral District Under New Plan.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, April 9.—According to the report of the redistribution committee, which was presented by Hon. George S. Henry in the legislature this morning, an additional seat will be created for the city of London and the county of Middlesex will get two members instead of three as at present. An additional seat is created for the electoral district of Windsor, which includes the town of Sandwich, the city of Windsor, and the town of Walkerville, the additional representative being granted on account of the rapid increase in population in the territory included in the present electoral district of Windsor. In the counties of Grey, Simcoe, Huron and Wellington, it is proposed to have two seats in each case instead of three as at present. In the county of Lambton two townships have been taken out of West Lambton and annexed to East Lambton. Norfolk county will have one seat instead of two.

Fifteen in Toronto.
In Eastern Ontario, the counties of Frontenac and Lennox and Addington will have two seats altogether instead of three, and the counties of Northumberland and Durham will each have one representative instead of two each as at present.

Fifteen seats are proposed for the city of Toronto proper and in the case of East and West York the committee has thought fit to establish a third seat to be known as South.

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M'GILL JUNIOR ENTRANCE WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT

Associated Press Despatch.
Montreal, April 9.—McGill university entrance requirements in the faculties of arts and applied science—the only faculties open to junior admission—will be higher with the commencement of the 1926-27 term. This was one of the decisions made at yesterday's meeting of the McGill corporation. Six hundred marks out of a total of 1,000 marks on the papers set for matriculation examination must now be obtained in either of the faculties. In arts, the candidate must also make at least 40 per cent of the total number of marks on each paper. In applied science, he must make at least 50 per cent. At the present time a minimum of 50 per cent on each paper must be obtained.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate easterly winds; fair today; showers tonight and Friday.

The high area which was north of Lake Superior yesterday has moved southeastward to the middle Atlantic coast, and the southwestern low pressure is now centered over Missouri. The weather has been fair, with moderate temperature from Ontario eastward, and fine and warm in the western provinces.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	65	45	Fair
Calgary	74	54	Fair
Winnipeg	60	42	Fair
Port Arthur	44	24	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	54	20	Fair
Toronto	50	30	Clear
Kitchener	48	20	Fair
Ottawa	48	26	Fair
Montreal	44	20	Clear
Quebec	38	28	Cloudy
St. John	40	26	Clear
Halifax	50	28	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 60; lowest, 31.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 28.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 a.m.—29.52.
Today—8 a.m.—29.40.



HERE ARE RYERSON SCHOOL'S BEST ORATORS.

The Advertiser photographer shows here the eight best orators in Ryerson public school who will take part in the oratorical contest to be staged this evening in the auditorium of the school. In the front row (left to right) are: Donald Hughes, Pearl Wong, Jean Parry and Fred Parry. In the back row (left to right) are: Bob Will, Mildred Gregory, Eunice Murray and Ewart Weston. The prizes for the competition include four small silver cups and four Eversharp pencils. The judges are W. G. R. Bartram, K.C.; T. E. Clarke, M.A., and Prof. J. A. Spenceley.

CHURCH BILL EXPECTED TO PASS HOUSE TODAY

Long-Drawn-Out Controversy Precedes Reporting of Measure by Whole Committee.

LEWIS TO FIGHT ON

Will Give Notice That It Be Referred Back to Consider Amendment.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, April 9.—A score of bills were given third reading today in the legislature, including the act to increase cabinet minister's salary, the gasoline tax bill, \$40,000,000 borrowing bill, the race track per diem bill, the drugless healing act and the beer tax bill.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 9.—Following a long-drawn-out controversy, the Ontario legislature at 1:23 o'clock this morning in committee of the whole, reported the church union bill, which will come up for a third and final reading in the assembly today. Throughout the evening members debated the provisions of the act, clause by clause, and during this time a number of amendments found acceptance, while several others were thrown out.

The church property commission, which will investigate and ameliorate conditions in Presbyterian congregations where large minorities exist in favor of or opposed to church union find themselves without a building, was named by the house as a committee of inquiry. The committee will be composed of the following: Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, chairman; William H. Wardrop, K.C., Hamilton, representative of the United Church; and Richard S. Cassels, K.C., for the non-concurring congregations.

Trustees Appointed.
The trustees, in whom the title of Knox college is to be vested, are: James Turnbull, Toronto; Thomas McMillan, Toronto; and C. S. MacDonald of Brampton.

These were the nominees of the Presbyterian association for the board of trustees of Knox college. The position of Knox college will come under further review in the house today, when the third reading of the bill is taken up. As the matter stands at present, the Presbyterian church association says today, Knox college becomes the property of the non-concurrenents from June 10 next, although provision has been made in the bill that joint occupancy of the college by both sides will continue for three years.

During the evening the galleries of the chamber were thronged with crowds of listeners, many being clergymen of the Presbyterian church, and several of other denominations.

On the reporting of the bill, Premier G. H. Ferguson congratulated the members on the satisfactory conclusion of the debate, commending them on the way the difficult problem had been handled. Several times during the discussion he had appealed for consideration of knotty points in a spirit of conciliation.

Chairman Breaks Tie.
When the bill comes up for final reading today, A. C. Lewis, Conservative, Toronto, has given notice that he will move that it be referred back to consider an amendment that the library at Knox college shall remain vested in the trustees for a period of ten years.

There were several tense moments during the long debate—the most notable occurring when the house divided in a tie vote on the proposal to assign the library of Knox college to the continuing Presbyterian church. The vote of the members resulted in 25 yeas and 25 nays. Charles McKewen, Conservative member for Dufferin, Methodist, and sponsor for the church union bill of last year gave his casting vote as chairman, defeating the proposal.

WRITTEN CHARGES NOT MADE

Official Request For Fire Probe Makes No Specific Charges.

ACTION DOUBTFUL

Alderman Who Moved Inquiry Says Aitken Clear If Probe Fails.

Judge Talbot Macbeth, senior county judge, is today in possession of an official communication stating the council's request for a probe of fire department conditions. However, strong belief is held in council circles that the investigation will not be held and that Chief John Aitken will be absolved from charges, made verbally by Mayor G. A. Wenig.

According to Ald. L. H. Douglass, who moved in council for the probe, the chief will be freed from all stigma which may have come about through council talk. Ald. Douglass, should the probe fail through, will move in council to have the chief's name cleared.

Legal machinery has been started to conduct a probe and an early date will be set, provided Judge Macbeth considers conditions such that an investigation should be made without charges being given in writing.

Charges Not Mentioned.
City Clerk Samuel Baker late yesterday forwarded to Judge Macbeth a brief memorandum of the council's action of Monday night. Nature of the charges is not mentioned as none of these has as yet been made in writing.

Clerk Baker's letter reads: "His honor, Judge Macbeth, Rideout street, city."

"Your honor: 'I beg to certify that the municipal Please See Page 3, Column 4.

HUBBIES ALL WORK, SAY BOLD FIREMEN

London Has No Loafers Like Hamilton—Wives Are Ladies of Leisure.

London firemen do not believe in allowing their wives to become wage earners. And in indignantly declaring they will support their families themselves or bust, they differ from men of like occupation in Hamilton who will lose their jobs unless their wives cease to become wage earners.

Chief James of the Hamilton fire department will not allow wives of members of the forces to be employed in offices and factories. As a result ten firemen of the Mountain City are liable to be out of work themselves unless their wives cease work. "My wife must be laid down that," firemen in London said today. "Our wives have enough work to do in looking after their homes."

MRS. HART ILL.
Associated Press Despatch.
Hollywood, Cal., April 9.—Mrs. Winnifred W. Hart, wife of the motion picture actor, William S. Hart, is very ill at her home here. She suffered a heart attack today, and was reported recovering slowly.

IVAN MORGAN WINS.
Associated Press Despatch.
Ivan Morgan wrote the best composition on the subject of "The Battle of Vimy Ridge" in Boyle Memorial school in connection with the historical essay competition in the city public schools this year.

Five Cents or Nothing is Convenient at Times

Angry Old Gentleman Foils Conductor's Veto of His Transfer and Then Repents—Conductor Rivals Lord Chesterfield in Courtesy.

London has the most generous street car conductors in the world. Now that a passenger pays a five-cent fare or rides for nothing the conductors have developed. An Oxford car to go east found that out yesterday afternoon.

The got on his car at the corner of Dundas and Richmond and handed the conductor the rather weather-beaten green slip. "Sorry, this is an old transfer," stated the conductor. "You will have to pay a fare."

The old chap glared. "I just got off that Oxford," he said. "I won't pay another fare."

"I'm sorry, but look—" began the conductor.

"How much is the fare?" demanded the angry passenger.



THEY HEADED THE POLLS IN THE UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS.

These three popular students of the university of Western Ontario were elected yesterday to the highest posts in undergraduate circles. On the left is Cecil Snyder of Arts '25, who was elected prefect for the coming year.

He is a St. Thomas man, editor-in-chief of the Western U. Gazette, the university paper, and is president of the History and Political Science club. Kathleen B. Richardson, Arts '25 (center), was elected to the office

of sub-prefect. She was Arts representative on the Winter Sports club executive this year. Stuart H. Brownlee (right) was made president of the Literary society. He served as vice-president of that body last year.

STUDENTS WANT TO USE CAMPUS

Convocation Arrangements Not Yet Decided—Students Favor Their New Buildings.

FOX NON-COMMITTAL

The burning question at the university these days is—where will the convocation be held? All students, particularly those of the graduating year, are wondering whether the great event in college life will be carried out in the new buildings or in a downtown theatre as in previous years.

Dean W. Sherwood Fox, of the college of arts, said this morning that the matter has not been decided upon. He would not commit himself on the point, except to say that the university wishes to serve as great a number of people as possible.

It is likely that the convocation will be held in the afternoon or evening of Friday, May 29. It is expected that the time will be arranged to have members of the county council and other bodies present.

The seating capacity of the new auditorium is about 500 people downstairs and 250 in the gallery. In an editorial in the student paper yesterday mention was made that the graduating class had hoped that they could have the convocation in the new building.

HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM RAPIDLY RECOVERING

Minister of Railways and Canals Taken Ill Due to Overwork.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 9.—Hon. George P. Graham, about whose condition a good deal of inquiry has reached the capital, is today declared to be rapidly recovering from the severe attack of influenza that has kept him from the house of commons, cabinet council, and his department for some days. Mr. Graham, on whose shoulders fell the tasks of the premier on Mr. Mackenzie King's departure for an Easter holiday, declined to abandon his duties during the early stages of his illness and suffered more severely in consequence. Reports from his home this morning, however, are that his condition is greatly improved.

SHEPHERD'S LAST CHANCE LIES WITH ILLINOIS COURT

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, April 9.—William D. Shepherd's last chance for release from jail pending his trial on charges of killing with typhoid germs his foster son, William Nelson McCluskey, orphan millionaire, lies with the Illinois supreme court.

Decision by the court on a motion for a writ of habeas corpus, filed by his counsel for presentation today, is expected within a few days.

ICEBREAKER OUT.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur, April 8.—The ice-breaking tug James Whalen, which commenced cutting a channel in Thunder Bay Monday afternoon, reached open water about 25 miles out at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ice encountered in the bay ranged up to 30 inches in thickness.



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No More Sitting On Hard Bench

Twelve Thousand London Children Are Happy Today.

Twelve thousand, one hundred and eight children begin today a ten-day vacation by way of Easter holidays.

The public schools, with their quota of 8,774 pupils; the separate schools, primary and secondary, with theirs of 1,002 and 180, respectively; the collegiate institutes with its total of 1,508 students, and the technical and commercial high school with its total of 50 students, all close their doors this afternoon, not to open again until Monday, April 20, at 9 a.m.

QUARRY BLAST TAKES 3 LIVES

Hagersville Workers Literally Blown to Pieces by Premature Explosion.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, April 9.—Two workers were literally blown to pieces last night at the Michigan Central Railway quarries near Hagersville, according to reports received here this morning. A third man was terribly injured and died shortly after admission to hospital. The triple tragedy was caused by the premature explosion of high power dynamite.

Section 26 and 56 of bylaw 916 give the city this authority.

TREASURER WILL ACCEPT SUCCESSION DUTY BONDS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 8.—Provincial Treasurer W. H. Price announces that he is prepared to accept succession duty bonds which are tax free at the original price paid by the owner up to May 1 of this year, and after that the market price or whichever is the higher. The amendment to the succession duty act, he explains, provides for this.

SEEDING TO BE GENERAL IN WEST BY APRIL 20

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, April 9.—Agricultural experts figure that if the present weather continues seeding operations will be general in most parts of the province by about April 20. With continuance of the present favorable weather conditions, farmers in the Regina district expect to start seeding some time next week.

INTERNATIONAL JURISTS ADJOURN AT GENEVA

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, April 9.—The commission of international jurists, meeting here under the auspices of the League of Nations, for the purpose of working out a plan for the codification of international law, adjourned yesterday, until December.

THE DAY OF VIMY

Eight years ago this morning the big guns roared the triumph of Canada. The roar of those guns thrilled around the world; their glory will echo through all history.

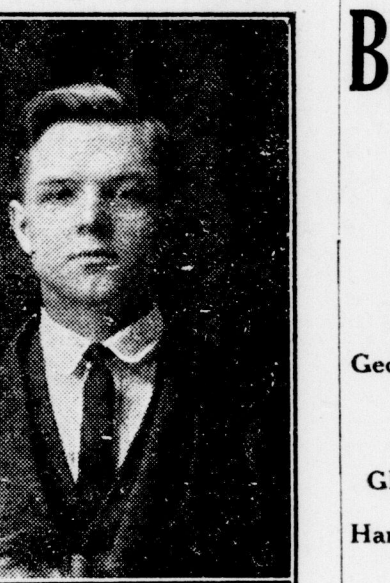
It was the day of Vimy. In a grisly dawn, across a desolation of crashing death and dreadful mutilation the men from Canada won the ridge.

They won the ridge which had wasted the strength of France in 1915, and turned back their British brothers in 1916.

They won the ridge and clung to it through hours of merciless bombardment.

They won the ridge on a front nearly four miles wide, and before they stopped they had blasted their way through for three miles with seven thousand prisoners and hundreds of captured German guns in the corral behind them.

Vimy cost Canada twenty thousand of her sons killed and maimed and lost. It is fitting that in the safe comfort of 1925 the people of Canada, with proud sorrow and with reverent gratitude, should reflect upon the immortal and triumphant agony of that day in 1917.



George R. Harris Swears Entries in the Books Were False.

Hamilton Man Maintains He Has Right To Do As He Liked.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 9.—The public accounts committee of the Ontario legislature in its report to the house, recommends that all the evidence concerning the Provincial Securities Corporation, George R. Harris and F. C. Biggs bond transactions be submitted to the attorney-general for consideration and necessary action.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 9.—When the public accounts committee of the legislature met this morning, George R. Harris of Hamilton of the Provincial Securities Corporation testified.

Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, said Harris' evidence at last year's meeting of the committee was not such as to commend itself.

His testimony attempted to show discrepancies in Harris' evidence, stating that he frequently took a position which was not in accordance with the facts. It was for that reason, he said, that Mr. Harris had been recalled. Mr. Price asked Mr. Harris to be more positive in his answers.

"Are you in a position to trace the \$30,000 profit made by the Provincial Securities on its bond transactions with the province," asked Mr. Price.

"Not in detail," was the reply. "What was your idea of turning the profits into bonds?"

"I was dealing in bonds." "You deposited the bonds in the Bank of Toronto?"

"Yes." "Do you admit you made false entries in your books?" asked Mr. Price.

"No, I do not admit," said witness. "Why did you put in items which were not representative of the transactions?"

"I did it as a matter of convenience to myself."

Admits False Entries.
Hon. Charles McCrea, minister of mines, asked point-blank if the entries were false and witness, after much hesitation, admitted some entries were false.

"What was the object of putting in a false entry?" asked Mr. McCrea.

"They were my books and I could do what I liked with them."

Witness did not know whether other entries with Mr. Biggs' name in them were false or not. Mr. McCrea told the witness he did not believe he was telling the truth. He could not explain why he made false entries, except as a matter of personal convenience.

"Why did you use Mr. Biggs' name in connection with these bonds which were bought with profits from the provincial securities?"

Witness did not reply and Chairman Finlayson told him he would be put in a position where he would have to answer. Witness said he had a lot of transactions with Mr. Biggs and used his name.

"You know that the profits from the provincial securities were made in a deal with the government of which Mr. Biggs was a member?"

"Yes." "Did it For Convenience." "Then why did you use Mr. Biggs' name in a false entry in your books?"

"I did it for my own convenience," replied witness.

Witness said he did not pay Biggs any money and admitted again the entries were false. He was told that there is a provision in the criminal code covering false entries in books.

"Did you buy these bonds from Mr. Biggs as indicated by the entry?"

"No, I did not buy them from Biggs."

"Then the entry is false?" "Yes, unwittingly."

He was asked why he destroyed certain ledger sheets. He denied that he had ever destroyed any ledger sheets but could not explain their disappearance.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY DIES AT BURMA, AGED 69

Associated Press Despatch.
London, April 9.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rangoon says that the Baptist mission at Burma announces the death at the Kalam Hill station of Dr. William Fyfe Thomas at the age of 69. Dr. Thomas' efforts for 39 years were devoted to the Karens, a class of Burmese living in small, secluded villages in the mountainous districts.