

THE WEATHER:
NORTHERLY WINDS, FAIR, COOL.
TOMORROW—FAIR, COOL.

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SIXTEEN PAGES.

247 LOTS TO BE SOLD FOR TAXES

Supreme Court Upholds Tax Appeal of Bootlegger

TAX SALE OPENS AT CITY HALL

City Seeks \$25,546 Due On 247
Properties—Some Twenty
Years Old.

FIRST SINCE WAR

Six Inches of Property With 30
Cents Due Forms
One Case.

Preparations for London's first
tax sale since pre-war years
started today at the city hall. The
municipality seeks to recover \$25,546,
tax arrears on 247 properties.

Unpaid taxes have been accumu-
lating for years on some properties.
In one instance an account dates
back 24 years, and in two others
the bills have not been paid for two
decades.

The city tax sale will be held some
time next month, as lengthy prepara-
tions are needed. Last known own-
ers of defaulting properties are,
where possible, notified of the delin-
quency. Description of property is
advertised for several weeks.

Tax sales were held frequently be-
fore the war, and there are not many
inpaid accounts of a pre-1914 vin-
tage. During the war the city's
power to hold such sales was tempo-
rarily removed.

Hit by Sewer Taxes.

Speculation in Knollwood park and
other parts of the annexed districts
of East London has been hit by
sewer taxes. One man has been ow-
ing taxes on 15 lots on a street
for 10 years. Unable to keep up the
local improvement tax he would find
it cheaper to relinquish the title
than to maintain payments. More
than half the properties in default
are in the annexed district.

In some instances title of property
has been under question, where the
land is in the hands of an estate.

Six Inches of Property.

Six inches of land on Kenneth
avenue, near the C. P. railway, pro-
vides the most unusual tax case in
years. The title of this tiny strip
of land is in the name of the late
Edward Scattergood, and comes just
before a house built at the end
of the street, and the owner there
traverses daily a six-inch strip of
property that belongs not to the
city nor to his heirs.

This ribbon of land must provide
80 cents arrears of taxes to the city.
Any person willing to pay a nickel
for an inch for the property may have it.
The tax bill is dated 1915.

The procedure ordered for con-
ducting tax sales was started today.
Notices are sent to last known hold-
ers of property, and the lots will be
advertised. At the time of sale bid-
ding will be made by citizens wish-
ing to buy land. The first person
willing to pay the tax bill will state
just how much of the defaulting
property he will accept in lieu of
the money consideration. He may
take a five-foot strip off a 40-foot
lot or he may demand the whole. If
he is not outbid, he gets the property
and gets it cheaply.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate
fresh northwest-
erly winds; fair
and rather cool
today and Wed-
nesday.

The depression
is now passing
slowly eastward
in the St. Law-
rence valley,
while pressure is
quite high in the western provinces and
states, and is increasing in Ontario.
The weather is showery in Quebec and
the maritime provinces, and fair in
other parts of the dominion.

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

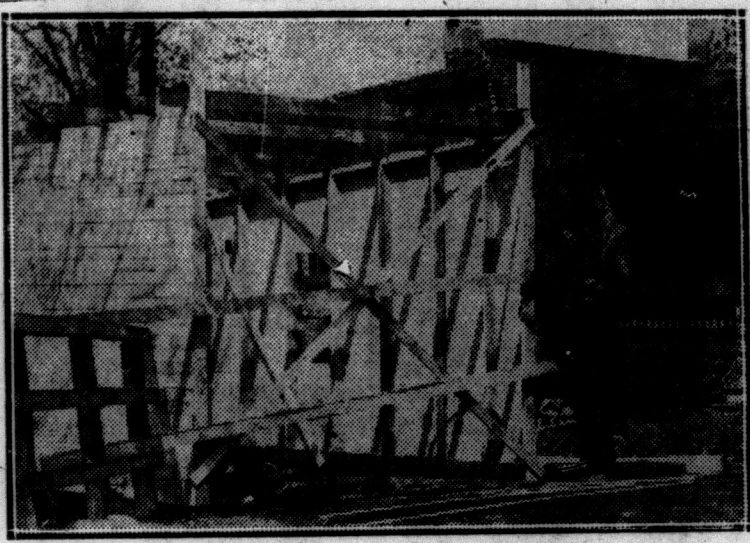
Stations	High	Low	Weather
Toronto	70	50	Clear
Victoria	62	28	Fair
Calgary	62	28	Fair
Winnipeg	46	20	Cloudy
Pert Arthur	48	22	Fair
Perry Sound	52	24	Cloudy
Toronto	60	26	Cloudy
Kingston	50	26	Fair
Ottawa	54	28	Fair
Montreal	54	44	Fair
Quebec	54	44	Cloudy
Father Point	58	48	Cloudy
St. John	50	40	Rain
Halifax	54	44	Cloudy

LOW TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 52; lowest, 41.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 47; lowest, 34.
Sun rises at 5:30 a.m., and sets at
7:25 p.m. (Standard Time).
Barometric Readings.
Monday—5 p.m.—30.38.
Tuesday—5 a.m.—30.46.

Defies City In Property Claim



CARRYING OUT THREAT WITH HAMMER AND SAW.

Above an Advertiser photographer shows H. J. Trumper of 130 Grey
street hard at work this morning on a garage in the middle of the street in
front of his house as a means of asserting his ownership of this property.
His neighbors are agitated, and the city engineer has written promising
police action for breach of the building bylaw if he does not stop. Mr.
Trumper goes on hammering.

THREE MEN ARE IN LINE FOR INSPECTOR'S POST



Woman Candidate From Sim-
coe Is Out of Running—
One Local Man.

LIST CLOSES MAY 11

Appointment Expected To Be
Made at Board Meeting
On May 14.

Madame X. is definitely out of the
running as assistant public school
inspector of London, and the race
has narrowed down to three men.

It was learned today that the wo-
man, Miss Mary McEachran, B.A.,
of Simcoe, has not the required qual-
ifications as an inspector, and thus
could not fill the position rendered
vacant by the promotion of Inspector
G. A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., as inspec-
tor-administrator.

The three men considered by dif-
ferent officials and members of the
board to still be in the running for
the post are: John C. Stodder, M.A.,
B.Ed., public school inspector of
Muskegon district, with headquarters
at Bracebridge; McGregor Eason,
B.A., principal of Elgin street pub-
lic school, Ottawa, and Robert H. Rob-
erts, M.A., instructor of mathematics in
East London collegiate institute.

The time for applications in reply
to the advertisement placed in the
papers by the board expires on May
11. The applications, together with
any additional information secured
from the applicants, will be consid-
ered by the board on May 14. It
is quite possible, in view of the
first-rate applicants who have ap-
plied that the position may be filled
at that date.

BOARD POSTPONES BUILDING PROGRAM

Decision Reached by Separate
School After Survey of
R. C. Population.

The Roman Catholic separate
school board decided at its regular
meeting last night to postpone in-
definitely any addition to its present
school accommodation.

This decision, predicted by the Ad-
vertiser, was arrived at after a care-
ful survey of the Roman Catholic
school population throughout the city
by a special committee under Dr. P.
J. Sweeney as chairman.

It was thought at first that a new
two-room school was necessary to
serve St. Patrick's parish in the ex-
treme east end of the city, or that
an addition should be made to St.
Martin's school, South London, but it
was found that in the last analysis
the board could struggle through for
another year at least with the accom-
modation at present being provided.

MONTREAL'S VICE AREA SOON TO BE WIPED OUT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, May 5.—The Gazette to-
day says:

"Montreal's red light district is to
be wiped out."
"Pierre Belanger, chief of police,
has recently ordered to close and to
keep closed, the vice area."
"Publicity attending the smashing
of the district is one thing that offi-
cial Montreal wishes to avoid. The
executive committee and the chief of
police himself, even flatly deny that
special instructions to seal up the
disorderly houses have been issued.
But positive information as to the
true state of affairs was available
last night from unimpeachable
sources."

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
New York, May 5.—Assyria, Glasgow.
Liverpool, May 5.—Doric, New York.
Liverpool, May 5.—Laconia, New
York.

New York, May 5.—Republic, Bremen.

ASKS BUS LINE FOR S. LONDON

Acting Mayor James McCormick
Wants Improvement in the
Depleted L.S.R. Service.

BRIDGE IS SAFE

City Engineer Says the Ridout
Bridge Can Carry Bus—
Company Silent.

Bus service to South London, to
augment depleted service on street
railway lines, is advocated by Ald.
James McCormick, acting mayor. Ef-
forts will be made to have the Lon-
don street railway institute a bus
service across the Ridout street
bridge to replace the car service they
formerly gave in this district.

"I believe the vehicle bridge is cap-
able of carrying a good-sized bus
with safety," the acting mayor de-
clared, "and South London people
would be given fairly speedy service."

Bridge Is Safe.

The type of bus now used by the
street railway company on Quebec
street would receive sanction for
operation across the Ridout bridge,
according to City Engineer W. P.
Near. The carrying capacity of the
bridge is four tons, with speed regu-
lations. A bus of fourteen-passenger
capacity would likely receive ap-
proval.

"We must consider impact and
speed in handling traffic on this
bridge," Mr. Near pointed out. "A
bus with pneumatic tires would be
better than one with hard-rimmed
tires. Speed would make a differ-
ence."

To Make Report.

Mr. Near has been asked by the
city council to make a report on ser-
vice now being given to South Lon-
don residents.

The street railway company does
not know what will be done, and of-
ficials are not ready to make any
comment thereon. Asked today if the
company would restore seven-minute
service on the Oxford line or make
any changes in South London ser-
vice, General Manager Leonard Tait
refrained from any comment until the
official communication from the
council is received.

PRINCE LOUISE IMPROVES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 5.—The Princess Royal
Louise who was recently attacked
with a gastric disorder, passed a
more restful night, says a bulletin
issued by her physicians this morn-
ing.

ONE BULGARIAN KILLED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Sofia, Bulgaria, May 5.—Newspaper
dispatches today report one Bul-
garian Emigre killed and another
severely wounded in a fight near the
Bulgarian-Yugoslavian border be-
tween Emigres and Bulgarian
troops.

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of his own business ever since. He was born in 1859 of Scottish and Irish
parents. Mr. Gray has been a man of active habit, interested in a very
large number of community and civic enterprises. During the war he was
the Western Ontario representative on the Canada food board. He was a
member of the London board of education in 1918 and 1919, and became a
member of the hospital trust in 1920, continuing as a member to the present
time. In 1923 he was president of the chamber of commerce. At various
times he has been president of the London club, the Rotary, the Thistle, and
the Canadian clubs. The work of the Y. M. C. A. has always been one of
his enthusiasms and he is also president of that organization in the city.

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bowling, and he is a member of the New St. James' Presbyterian church.

W. M. S. Executive In Session Here



W. M. S. PROVINCIAL

For the last time the old provincial
executive of the W. M. S. of the
Presbyterian church gathered today
to discuss the business of the organ-
ization. Above are the members as
they were caught by The Advertiser
photographer this morning. From
left to right they are: Front row—

EXECUTIVE MEETS FOR LAST TIME.

Mrs. McCrea, London; Mrs. Ross,
Toronto; Mrs. J. D. Walker, provin-
cial president, Toronto; Mrs. Lister,
provincial treasurer, Toronto; Mrs.
Dunlop, Toronto; Mrs. Matthews,
Stratford; Mrs. Hamilton, Goderich;
Mrs. McMillan, Toronto; Mrs. Aiken,
Parkhill; Mrs. Cowan, press secre-

tary, Toronto, and Mrs. Beggs, To-
ronto. Back row—Mrs. Rennie, New
Hamburg; Mrs. Arnett, Hamilton;
Mrs. Barbour, Franktown; Mrs. Rae,
Unionville; Mrs. Cranston, Ottawa;
Mrs. McLean, Toronto; Mrs. Miller,
Toronto; Mrs. Langford, Simcoe;
Mrs. Cranston, Toronto, and Mrs.
McEvoy, London.

WILL USE RADIO IN EMERGENCY

Public Utilities Commission
Starts Work On Three New
Radio Plants.

A. O. Hunt, acting manager of the
commission, stated this morning that
work on the installation of radio
receiving and broadcasting stations in
three of the commission's substations
is now under way.

The sets now being installed will
act as a standby to provide a means
of communication between the dif-
ferent substations in case of storms
when telephone wires have been dis-
organized. The installation of the
radio stations will safeguard the ef-
ficiency of the system in just such
emergencies.

The radio stations are being in-
stalled at Springbank, Horton and
Cabell street substations.

U. S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WILL RIDE IN ROUND-UP

Associated Press Despatch.
Mandan, N.D., May 5.—Accepting a
dare of a boyhood chum, William
"Bill" Jardine, secretary of agricul-
ture, has been entered in the broncho
riding event at the annual Mandan
round-up to be held starting July 2.

Jardine, a native of Idaho, punched
cows as a youngster and developed a
reputation as a "mean hombre" with
an "outlaw." Later he gravitated
into the scientific side of agricul-
ture.

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Union To Encourage Faith In Missionary Endeavors Declares W.M.S. President

Mrs. J. P. Walker Visions
Greater Efficiency in Soci-
ety's Program.

400 AT SESSION

Raising of \$269,000 in 1924
Broke All Records,
Report Shows.

With between four and five hun-
dred delegates in attendance, the
eleventh and last annual meeting of
the Ontario Provincial W. M. S. of
the Presbyterian church of Canada
opened here this afternoon in St.
Andrew's church. The address of the
president, Mrs. J. D. Walker and the
report of the financial committee
both showed the great progress made
by the W. M. S. during 1924 and the
very willing response made at all
times by members for help, finan-
cially and in service.

For the first time in its history the
Ontario society has come within
dred of its financial objective. Last
year \$268,909 was raised, an in-
crease of 5 1/2 per cent over 1923. The
financial report shows that many
presbyteries reached their objectives,
and Toronto attained what considered
an impossible figure and gave \$52,-
468 to the work. The ten presby-
teries which reached their objectives
are Algoma, Barrie, Bruce, Glen-
garry, London, Orangeville, Peter-
borough, Saugeen, Superior and
Temiskaming.

In her presidential address, Mrs.
J. D. Walker called union as a real
help to the missionary work of both
churches and said, "We believe union
is a step forward and one by which
we may conserve our forces in
workers and funds and a step by
which we of the W. M. S. may more
quickly help to bring about the
Kingdom of God."

People are willing
She declared there was neither
shortage of funds in America nor
unwillingness on the part of the
people to give to missionary work
but that there was a feeling that the
money so raised was not always ex-
pended to the best ability.

"They do not object to large ex-
penditures," she said, "they are not
at all staggered by the larger amounts
called for, but they do object to waste
through unnecessary duplication of
expenditures in money and effort.
Surely it is time that a more adequate
missionary program should be in-
augurated and we believe that in no
other way can this be accomplished
as effectively and as quickly as
through the unity of the churches."

In part, Mrs. Walker said, "Nine-
teen hundred and twenty-four is an
eventful year for us for two reasons.
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The Council

15TH MEETING, MAY 4, 1925.
Ordered L. S. R. to resume sev-
erely investigation on Oxford line.

Asked recommendation on South
London street railway service.

Passed grant of \$200 for Nova
Scotian miners' relief.

Sent recommendation to appoint
building inspector back to committee
for third time.

Named Mrs. John Gemmell and
John Colbert to act on mothers' al-
lowance board here for 1925-26 term.
Awarded Evergreen sewage syphon
system pipe contract.



MISSING OFFICER.

Above is Capt. C. John Jackson of
Des Moines, Iowa, who has been miss-
ing from his home since September
last. He came to London in April,
1915, and enlisted as a private in the
18th battalion. He returned to Can-
ada a captain in May, 1919. It is
thought that he is a victim of amnesia
and may have returned here to be
with his soldier friends.

SECTION OF GRAIN ACT DECLARED ULTRA VIRES

Supreme Court of Canada Finds
Stocktaking Clause
Illegal.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 5.—In a judgment
which is believed to affect the licens-
ing and controlling functions of the
board of grain commissioners, the
supreme court of Canada today de-
clared sub-section 7 of section 95 of
the Canada grain act ultra vires of
the Canadian parliament.

This sub-section provides that
stock must be taken annually of
overages in public terminal ele-
vators, and that all overages in ex-
cess of one-quarter of one per cent
must be sold and the proceeds paid
to the grain board.

HEAVY ONE GETS 'SOFT' JOB OF SITTING ON JAIL WOOD

There is one prisoner at the
county jail who has things "pretty
soft." This elongated individual has
plenty of weight and has the job of
sitting on a long stick of cordwood
to hold it steady as two perspiring
mates in prison garb wield the jail
cross-cut saw.

The trio were on the job in the
jail yard this morning cutting wood
that will eventually feed the laundry
stove in the basement of "Dawson's
Den."

BOOTLEG PROFITS EXEMPT

Cecil Smith of Windsor Wins in
Appeal to the Supreme
Court.

REASONS CITED

Judges Claim Income Tax From
Illegal Businesses Never
Intended.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 5.—The supreme court
of Canada today gave a unanimous
judgment, allowing the appeal of
Cecil Smith of Windsor, Ont., against
the judgment of the exchequer court,
which ruled that his profits from
bootlegging were subject to income
tax.

"What may be called the machin-
ery clauses of the act clearly show
that it never was contemplated that
an income tax be levied on the gains
derived from illicit businesses or
from the commission of crime," stated
Mr. Justice Mignault in giving rea-
sons for the conclusion reached.

Not Meaning of Act.

He points out that every person
must make a return to the govern-
ment under the income tax act, and
then continues: "I think the inter-
ference irresistible that the taxpayer's
return of income, the additional in-
formation which may be demanded
by the minister, the books and ac-
counts which may be inspected, and
the accounts and records which the
minister may require the taxpayer to
keep, are all in respect of businesses
which may be legally carried on. It
is difficult to conceive of the minister
requiring criminals to furnish de-
tails as to the profits derived from
the commission of crime or demand-
ing of them the keeping of books or
records of their illicit and criminal
operations."

"Furthermore, if the gains derived
from crime are within the contempla-
tion of the statute then the expense
incurred in making the gains, v. g.,
in the employment of criminal agents,
would be chargeable as deductions
against them, and, as to all informa-
tion furnished by the wrong-doer,
there would be no need of secrecy
for his protection. It is impossible
to believe that anything like this was
contemplated by parliament."

Smith's Claim.

All the judges of the supreme court
concurred in the conclusion. Justice
Idington, in summarizing his view of
the case, says: "I cannot believe par-
liament ever had, in its serious con-
templation in the case of the in-
come tax act of 1917, or any
amendments thereto, the conception
of taxing any profits or money raised
from such criminal courses."

If parliament had intended that
profits derived in such a way were to
be taxed, one would expect to find
such intention forth in most clear
and unambiguous terms, Judge Idington
states.

Cecil R. Smith, the appellant in the
case, appealed the decision. Justice
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come tax act of 1917, or any
amendments thereto, the conception
of taxing any profits or money raised
from such criminal courses."

"What about the money that was
paid in by bootleggers last week?"
The Advertiser representative asked
Mr. Tambling this afternoon.

"The money was paid in as taxes.
There is nothing to that."
"Will it be refunded?"
"As far as this office is concerned,
it has not received any official word
as to any action that may be taken.
If any one claimed exemption on
those grounds, it might wait while
the action is pending. In the mean-
time taxes have been collected as
usual," he said.

MRS. BOITOWICZ SEEKS TO RECOVER INSURANCE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, May 5.—The facts sur-
rounding the disappearance of Joe
Boitowicz last July will probably be
reopened as a result of a writ issued
this morning by Mrs. Boitowicz
against the Metropolitan Life insur-
ance company to collect the \$1,000
insurance on her husband's life.

Joe Boitowicz was last seen alive,
according to Mrs. Boitowicz, when
he left home to attend a race meet-
ing last July. Some time later a
badly decomposed body, dressed in
similar clothing to that worn by her
husband, was found on the mountain
side. She identified it as him by this
clothing and by papers which were
found in the pockets.