

BOARD OF CONTROL WILL INVESTIGATE CITY ASSESSMENT

With Assessment Commissioner Controllers Will Thresh Out Proposed Increase.

MEETING TO BE PRIVATE

Press and Public Will Be Barred From Conference Over Departments' Work.

London's assessment, the proposed increase in land and property valuations, the appointment of independent valuers to work in conjunction with the city assessors, and the appointment of the temporary assessors' clerks, will be considered at a private meeting of the board of control tomorrow evening.

With Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant, the controllers will thresh out the assessment problem that is one of the most important phases of municipal work before the 1914 council. The request for additional assistance, requested by Commissioner Grant, will also be taken up in all its details, as well as a general discussion on all phases of the department work.

The appointments of the temporary assessment clerks will be one of the smaller items of the evening's program. Applications for appointments on the temporary staff have been received from A. B. Cox, A. Black, W. A. Eastwood, F. H. Wright and A. E. Burwell.

Tomorrow's meeting will be "strictly private," according to the controllers, the press and public being barred from hearing the discussions.

WORKMEN'S APPEAL IN BEHALF OF ACT IS A UNIQUE ONE

Over 3,000 Personal Letters Being Sent to Local Representative.

MANUFACTURERS INTEREST

labor Man Declares Proposed Scheme Is Far Cheaper Than Present Insurance.

Three thousand letters will be sent to Hon. Adam Beck, M. L. A., asking that the workmen's compensation act be passed by Sir William Ralph Meredith be passed by the Provincial Legislature.

The appeal will be unique in the history of London labor circles, every union man being requested to direct a personal appeal to the local member. John W. Jacobs stated this morning that the manufacturers were fighting their own heat interests in attempting to prevent the passage of the act in its present form.

"At the present time it costs manufacturers 50 cents per \$1,000 of insurance when they want to insure their workmen from accident," said Mr. Jacobs. "Under the act it would cost them less than one cent per \$1,000."

"The reason that some of the manufacturers are against the act is that they have an insurance company of their own at the present time, out of which they are making money at the expense of their employees. They fear that the act will cut off this revenue. But there is little doubt but that this act, which is framed on the Lloyd George and Washington acts, will be carried. If it is not, organized labor all over the province will be heard from."

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:

Highest, 28; lowest, 16.
The official temperature for today:
Highest, 21; lowest, 17.



TOMORROW—MILDER WITH LIGHT, LOCAL SNOWFALLS.
Toronto, Jan. 26, 8 a.m.

Forecasts:
Tuesday—Southeast winds; milder with light, local snowfalls.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	42	Clear
Calgary	2	12	Cloudy
Winnipeg	2	20	Cloudy
Perry Sound	4	2	Cloudy
Toronto	20	8	Cloudy
Ottawa	2	12	Snow
Montreal	4	14	Snow
Quebec	4	14	Cloudy
Father Point	10	8	Cloudy

(—) minus, below zero.

A storm of considerable violence developed near the Atlantic coast on Saturday and passed across the Maritime provinces during Sunday. The weather is now cold in all the provinces, and light snowfalls are prevalent in Ontario and the West.

STILL NO SIGNS OF THAT ELUSIVE CAR AGREEMENT

No One Seems to Know Where Official Authority For Sunday Cars Has Gone.

MAY NOT RUN NEXT WEEK

Unless Missing Document is Discovered Another Sunday May Pass Without Cars.

Unless certain persons "get a hustle on," another Sunday is likely to pass without Sunday car service. At noon today neither Manager C. B. King or C. H. Ivey, solicitor for the London Street Railway Company, had received a copy of the agreement, although the bylaw authorizing the operation of Sunday cars was put through at the meeting of the city council last Monday night.

T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, who is supposed to have the proposed agreement in hand, is out of the city today, and consequently could not be seen in order that his explanation of the delay might be secured.

City Clerk Samuel Baker states that he has not seen a copy of the agreement. The document will, of course, be satisfactory to the city as its conditions are fully contained in the bylaw.

Until its solicitor has had an opportunity of going over the various clauses of the agreement and approving of them the street railway company will not commence the operation of the seven-day service.

Last evening a number of citizens rubbed their eyes and wondered if they were seeing correctly when they beheld street cars running up and down several of the main thoroughfares. The first impression was that the London Street Railway Company had commenced the seven-day service despite the fact that the Sunday car agreement had not been presented. However, it was nothing of the kind, several cars having been sent out simply for the purpose of clearing the ice from the tracks in order that there might be no obstructions for the Monday morning service.

TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST OFFICIALS OF UNION LIFE CO.

Bench Warrants Issued for the President and Three Directors.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD

Second True Bill Found Against Henry Symons, K. C., and President H. P. Evans.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Jan. 26.—The grand jury today found a true bill against the following charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Union Life Insurance Company: H. Pollman Evans, president; Henry Symons, K. C., George McChamper and F. G. Hughes, directors.

A second true bill was found against Evans and Symons under a similar charge. The charge specified that from 1902-7, they had conspired to defraud, by misrepresenting the value of shares in the national agency and its connection with the Union Life.

The names were called in court three times and no reply, being made, H. P. Evans, asked Judge Lathford to issue a bench warrant which was done.

The charge was laid following the inquiry recently concluded into the affairs of the Union Life and its allied companies. Mr. Henry Symons, K. C., is at present in England.

THE "NAPOLEON" OF MEXICO—WHO WILL HE BE?



ONLY MONOPOLIES WILL BE RESTRICTED

President Wilson Says New Legislation Will Not Affect Legitimate Business.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Jan. 26.—Nothing in President Wilson's trust legislation program against holding companies will be intended to bar anything "that is not in nature and spirit a monopoly." President Wilson today indicated this, when discussing the situation. It was pointed out that a sweeping prohibition of holding companies would naturally affect concerns which had been required to organize subsidiary companies to comply with certain state laws. The President let it be known that where such a business was being carried on by practically the same corporation there would be no restriction on it. He emphasized as the governing principle in the whole question, that corporations organized "and merged with others for purposes of monopoly or restraint of trade would be clearly barred, and that those which obviously did not interfere with interstate commerce would be let alone."

The purpose of the administration would be, the President declared, to let things grow that grew naturally and legitimately.

With respect to the proposed interstate trade commission, the President cleared up various impressions of it by saying it would not be an administrative body, but one of publicity and information. He said it would have no possible conflict with any other department of the Government, because it would not have the right to act in the field of any other constituted authority.

The President does not believe the commission should give publicity to the legitimate methods of business of any concern of which rivals might take advantage.

City Must Comply With Regulations

Factory Inspector Warns Controllers That Fire Escape Must Be Provided at City Hall.

In a letter to the board of control, read at this morning's session, Factory Inspector Harry Clark gave warning that the city would have to place a fire escape on the temporary city hall, and also provide cloakrooms and toilet accommodation for the women employees of the building. At the present time no such accommodation is provided.

The communication was referred to Building Inspector A. M. Piper for a report.

Magistrate Finds Grocers Guilty of Breach of Bylaw

Fines Those Who Did Not Comply With New Early-Closing Regulations.

The first of the test cases against grocers who refused to comply with the terms of the recent early closing bylaw, were decided against the defendants by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd this morning. Mary Bird, William Ginsburg and George Henley, the three grocers charged, were all found guilty and fined the minimum—\$1 and costs.

The magistrate's judgment was a comprehensive one and covered the contention raised by the accused dealers that they were not, in the true sense of the word, grocery stores. In determining the definition of a "grocery store," the magistrate holds that it is any store or building where goods, commonly and usually sold, are offered for sale.

On the question of the "side lines," the magistrate's ruling is that in the instance of meats and fruits being sold as well as groceries in the same building, and where the groceries are the principal trade, then all must close. Where the principal trade is that of a butcher or fruit vendor then that portion of the store where the grocery department is handled will have to be closed during the restricted hours.

In passing on the three test cases the magistrate found that grocery was the principal trade in each instance, and, therefore, found the defendants guilty.

Five days was granted in which to pay the fines, the grocers declaring that the magistrate's judgment would be appealed.

TAKE FRENCHMAN TO QUEBEC PROVINCE

Another Member Added to the Cost of Living Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Another member is to be added to the cost of living commission. A French representative has been appointed, in the person of J. U. Vincent, assistant deputy minister of the department of inland revenue. The commission is about to travel, and wants to take a French member along to the province of Quebec.

For some time numerous complaints regarding the delivery of The Morning Advertiser have been received. Not only was the failure of delivery a reflection on the honest carrier boys, but a source of great inconvenience to this office and to readers.

A WARNING

It has been discovered that carrier boys for other morning newspapers have been stealing The Morning Advertiser from doorsteps, and even from letter boxes. Two boys have been caught red-handed, and have not been prosecuted for the reason that it was thought advisable to give them another chance.

The Advertiser does not believe that any other newspaper is sufficiently contemptible to instruct its boys to steal the wares of its contemporaries in order to embarrass its business. It seems that the boys who have been found out brought the papers down town and sold them on the corners.

This notice is printed as a warning. There are few newsboys who would be guilty of theft of any kind. But the dereliction of a few is a reflection upon all of these little gentlemen, and the next case discovered will afford an opportunity for a police court case, and a searching investigation will be made.

MICHIGAN WRECK KILLED FOUR AND INJURED A DOZEN

Passenger and Freight Trains in Head-On Collision Near Jackson.

THE SMOKER TELESCOPED

Rescuers Spurred On By Cries of Mangled and Helpless Victims Within Car.

[Canadian Press.] Jackson, Mich., Jan. 26.—Four persons are dead and a dozen injured, some seriously, as the result of the head-on collision last night between a passenger train and a freight train, on the Saginaw division of the Michigan Central Railroad, three miles north of here. A misunderstanding of orders is believed to have been responsible for the accident.

The dead are: Cal Johnson, Jackson, engineer on the passenger train, and the following passengers: E. S. Cochrane, Lansing, Mich.; Thomas J. Scroggie, Owosso, Mich.; J. R. Beck, of this city.

Although a relief train was promptly rushed from this city to the scene of the accident, it was three hours and fifty minutes after the crash when the first victim was removed from the wreckage. So great was the force of the collision that the smoking car was telescoped over the baggage car, one car enveloping the other. The cries of the mangled and helpless victims within the car were plainly heard by the rescuers long before the relief corps was able to penetrate the twisted and jammed wreckage and render assistance.

COUNCIL TO REVISE TRADERS' REGULATIONS

Transient Merchants Will Now Have to Pay Full Year's Fee.

A bylaw will be presented to the city council at that body's regular meeting next Monday night, for a revision of transient traders' licenses. Under the present bylaw a fee of \$250 is charged, but the regulations are so worded that a six-months' license may be secured for half that amount.

Last December ex-Alld William Spittal introduced a notice of motion to have the bylaw changed, to make the fee \$250 whether for six months or the full year. Ald. Spittal argued that transient traders were backing the regular merchants who paid a large share of the taxes and were doing the most for the unbundling of the city.

The 1914 board of control has taken up the work commenced by Ald. Spittal, and the matter was discussed at a meeting this morning. Controller W. G. Coles wished to make the license fee absolutely prohibitive, and named \$1,000 as a possible figure.

City Clerk Samuel Baker advised, however, that the council had no power to impose a higher fee than \$250.

Controller Coles thought that the transient traders were a curse to London, and Controller G. E. Rose went so far as to suggest that special legislation be secured to allow the council authority to charge anything it saw fit for such licenses.

The other members of the board were in accord with the idea and no opposition is anticipated for the revised bylaw. The change will mean that the transient trader will have to pay the \$250 fee for the privilege of doing business for a day, a week or a year.

Helen Keller to Work With Edison

[Special Correspondence.] East Orange, N. J., Jan. 24.—That Thomas A. Edison is working on an invention that will permit the blind to read ordinary newspapers by the sense of touch is the announcement that comes from the home of the wizard of electricity. Helen Keller will soon visit him in his home here for the purpose of assisting in experiments.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Jan. 26.—Scores of shippers and their lawyers prepared to protest against any increase of freight rates by the eastern railroads were present here today at the first hearing of a series, which will continue more than a month, before the interstate commerce commission.

UNAWARE OF RULES A JAIL VISITOR IS CAUSE OF INQUIRY

Adelaide Street Lady Gains Access to Riley's Cell Without Proper Order.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATING

Touched by Sister's Poem, Miss McDermid Pays Visit to Accused Man.

Unaware that she was breaking any jail regulations in visiting a prisoner without an order from the sheriff, Miss Jean McDermid, of 567 Adelaide street, made several trips to the cell in the county jail, where Thomas Riley awaits trial on a charge of murder. Now Sheriff D. M. Cameron proposes holding an investigation to determine who is responsible for the violation of the regulations in admitting a visitor to the cell of a man imprisoned on so serious a charge, without an order from him.

Miss McDermid was quite unaware that she was breaking any of the rules, according to statements made this morning when seen by an Advertiser reporter.

"I am extremely sorry if any trouble should come to anybody down there, through my visits," she said. "I did not know that there was any rule against visiting the prisoners, and I would be very sorry if any of the turnkeys got into trouble."

Interest Aroused By Poem. Miss McDermid first visited Riley on Christmas Day, after reading the letter written by his sister, Miss Claude Jones, aged 19, and her brother, Everett Jones, aged 17, who reside at the Riley home in Everton, Missouri. The poem, written by the heart-broken sister, aroused the sympathies of Miss McDermid, and she visited Riley at the jail that day. She wrote to the sister at Everton, following her visit, and received a touching letter in reply.

This letter was shown to Riley on a subsequent visit, thereby breaking another regulation to the effect that prisoners are not allowed to receive written communications from outside, until they have first been read by the governor of the jail.

"I told Governor Carter afterwards that I had given the letter to Mr. Riley, and he told me that I shouldn't have done it. But, of course, I didn't know that there was any rule against that," said Miss McDermid. "Anyway there was nothing in the letter that made any difference."

Found No One in Office. Telling of her visit to the jail on Friday last, Miss McDermid said that she had gone there with the idea of taking some little dainties to the prisoner. Arriving at the governor's office, she found no one there, and, accordingly, went downstairs to the cell corridor. She pushed an electric bell, and a turnkey responded.

"I would have liked him to take the things to the prisoner himself," she said, "but I was afraid of getting him into trouble, so I insisted on taking the things to the cell myself. I was so happy, thinking that I could visit there often, but now it seems that it is not to be."

"Where there any objections to your visits if you obtained permission from Sheriff Cameron?" was asked.

"Well, I asked Sheriff Cameron, and he refused to let me go," she replied. "She expressed surprise that more people do not visit the jail, to try to comfort and cheer the prisoners confined there."

"A little more of that kind of work, and a little less harshness, would do a great deal towards reforming criminals," she said.

TOM TERRIS PLAYERS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

Small Houses Responsible For Shortage in Company's Treasury.

The Tom Terris Players who appeared here last week in a repertoire of Dickens' plays, are in financial difficulties. Although the company was a capable one, the audiences were deplorably small, on one or two occasions there being not more than a score of persons in the theatre, Saturday did not bring the houses that were expected, the paid admissions being not more than 150.

The theatre in which the company appeared has a claim against it, as well as several members of the cast, who have not received their full remuneration. The company has a number of bookings in Ontario, but it is not known whether or not it will be able to fill them.

Mr. Terris is trying to straighten out the difficulties before leaving the city.

Today's hearing was devoted to shipments of petroleum, and with the exception of some of the greater classes such as iron and steel, lumber and coal, each principal subject will have one day.

SHIP PERS TO PROTEST BEFORE COMMISSION

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