

EAST LONDON ASSURED OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL IF ONLY ONE BUILT DURING 1925

Trustees, However, Will Urge Council To Grant Debentures For Two High Schools, So That South London May Be Accommodated.

Although the 1925 Board of Education will strongly urge the building of two new collegiate institutes in the city this year it will choose the East End in preference to South London if the Council grants debentures for only one unit. This is the conviction of many of the school trustees and it coincides with the resolution passed by the Board.

Trustee S. F. Lawson, who is conceded to be the chairman of the new board, declares that there is no doubt of the fact that the East End will get the first new Collegiate.

"East London is the logical district for a new secondary school," he stated. "The needs there are very great and the students are no better off than they were last year. Conditions in the old Princess avenue building are deplorable, both as to overcrowding and sanitation. A year ago the board unanimously decided that the East End should get the first new Collegiate and I don't think there has been any change in the situation since then."

SUB-PURCHASED.—South London Collegiate, the trustees point out, is admittedly a temporary proposition, but it is much more satisfactory than the one in the strong argument in favor of a school in that district is that a site has already been purchased for the purpose near Tecumseh Public School.

Several sites have been considered for a new Collegiate in East London, but no decision has been reached. Much difficulty will probably be experienced before a location which will adequately serve the community can be agreed upon. This will delay the construction of the building a few weeks.

WHO WILL FORM CONTROL BOARD? Trustees Interested in Personnel of Executive Committee. INITIATE ALL BUSINESS A. R. Cairncross and G. F. Copeland Prominently Mentioned.

Speculation is rife among school trustees as to the personnel of the new executive committee, which will be formed by the Board of Education at its inaugural meeting on January 8. If S. F. Lawson is named chairman he will be ex-officio member of the executive, but the other three members will be chosen by a nominating committee consisting of A. R. Cairncross, Bryden N. Campbell and George Copeland.

OVERCOATS STOLEN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE Owner of Stolen Automobile, Located in Hamilton, Leaves to Recover Property.

DEATH TAKES ESTEEMED CITIZEN OF LAMBETH Mrs. Sarah Routledge Succumbs After Lengthy Illness.

NOT AFFECTED BY TIME-TABLE CHANGES Local Trains Remain Unchanged By New C. P. R. Schedule.

Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

Eligible bachelors may breathe easier once more. Only 365 days this year to break your resolutions.

Major Wenige wants a backbone instead of wishbone this year. How about the funnybone?

Two Italian cousins fought a duel over a couple of geese. Each big goose was killed.

OSWALD, he's no dumb he thinks a social lion belongs to a manager.

Botanist has discovered pearls in cocoon. He might now look in oysters and the marriage markets.

Bank clerks are jobless in Austria. We presume chief difference is they don't get paid now.

Woman, aged 107, has died in Germany. This is so much more interesting than our flappers.

They had a friendly curling game at Hamilton. This is so much more interesting than the opposite kind.

One candidate got 292 votes in Toledo, Ohio. Now he's thanking his 291 friends.

They arrested a man in Port Worth dressed as a gofer, but, sad to say, not because of it.

MAY BE COMMISSIONER

THOMAS SCANDRETT, prominent local lawyer, whose appointment to the L. & P. S. R. Commission is rumored.

FIRE FOLLOWS GAS EXPLOSION

Home of W. J. Blaney, Rectory Street, Threatened.

Valuable Files Damaged By Overheated Furnace.

Fire that followed an explosion of gas in the home of William J. Blaney, 172 Rectory street, causing damage estimated at about \$500, made up one of two early morning fire alarms to-day.

Blaney, of No. 2 and No. 3 stations in East London answered the call at 7:20 and five minutes later the three remaining fire companies, including that of the central station, were summoned to extinguish a blaze in the basement of the Catholic Record, Richmond street and Duffin avenue.

The damage caused by fire and water in the Catholic Record building is unestimated, though it is not believed to be very extensive. The blaze originated in the basement and the cause is described as an overheated furnace. The fire secured a hold in the joints of the structure and crept upward, but the firemen, with difficulty, succeeded in subduing it. The newspaper's files were among the contents of the building that were damaged.

Breakfast was in course of preparation in the Blaney home when the gas exploded in the back kitchen. The East London firemen were immediately summoned and prevented the blaze from spreading through the house. The damage, with the exception of that caused by smoke, was confined mostly to the kitchen. None of the occupants of the house were burned or injured by the explosion.

NO ECHO OF NEW YEAR REVELS BEFORE POLICE Celebrants of Old Year's Passing Kept Within Bounds of Legal Decorum.

COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARDS NOT FAVORED BY S. S. NO. 4 The annual school meeting of S. S. No. 4, London Township, was held in the schoolhouse at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, December 21.

EVERYTHING GOES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE The Wife's Vinegar Added Considerably To the Joyousness of the Celebration.

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OBJECT TO USE OF NEW PLOWS

Pedestrians Claim They Clean the Snow From Street To the Pavement.

CITY OFFICIALS SATISFIED Will Haul Away the Snow Where the Curbing Is Low.

Pedestrians who have been forced to wade through snow nearly up to their knees in some instances are complaining that the new snowplows are making the sidewalks almost impassable while they are clearing the snow from the roads to the advantage of motor traffic. City Engineer Near has received some complaints and he stated to-day that the snow will be removed from some of the streets where the curbing is narrow. Work on this will be commenced to-morrow, he explained.

POURING WATER ON HUNT MILL RUINS Fire Continues In Debris — Days Before Fire Is Out.

OFFICE WORKER IS HONORED BY STAFF Miss Wilhelmina Westman Presented With Club of County Manufacturing Company's Service.

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FORMER LONDONER

REV. ARTHUR FOWLER, M.A., D.D., who will preach at the Adelaide Street Baptist Church next Sunday.

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APPOINTED AT AYR

REV. J. A. WARING, B. A., of Galt, who will assume duties in the parish of Ayr and Drumlo.

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BOARDING HOUSE FRACAS Explanation Given On Knife-Carrying Charge.

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