

THE WEATHER:
NORTHERLY WINDS, COLD.
SUNDAY—FAIR, COLD.

London Evening Advertiser

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 5:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA BACKS COAL PETITION

PETITION IS BACKED BY 60 TOWNS IN ALBERTA

Province Covered by Co-operation of Drumheller Board of Trade.

NEWSPAPERS ASSIST

Banks and Other Organizations Aid in Efficiently Covering Area.

The great scope of The Advertiser's Alberta coal petition in the west is evidenced by the following letter from the secretary of the Drumheller Board of Trade, who have authorized me to have printed one thousand headings of the petition duplicating the one you enclosed in your letter to Mr. Gouge. Plans were a year ago made for the circulating of these petitions throughout the Province of Alberta.

"I am today mailing them out to 60 different towns and cities. Wherever there is a board of trade, I am asking the board of trade to take the matter up with a view to seeing that the petitions are thoroughly and quickly circulated.

"All of the banks of this place have undertaken to have these petitions circulated through all of the various branches, which means approximately five hundred copies. In addition to this the Boards of Trade of Calgary and Edmonton are being asked to lend their assistance in circulating these petitions.

"In each of these cases it will probably take twenty or twenty-five copies to cover the field.

"I am having three blank sheets securely fastened to the back of each of these petitions which, when completed, will all be forwarded to you. Am allowing ten days in which to have all these petitions in my hands to be forwarded to you.

"At a special meeting called today to deal with this question, a resolution was passed thanking you for introducing this method of dealing with this question.

"I find that the papers in Alberta are taking up this scheme—especially the Calgary Herald, who are running a front page article in support of this petition.

"The Saskatchewan Star also gives prominence to this board's action in regard to this petition.

"Yours truly,
T. S. BRANSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THREE TONS OF OATS STOLEN FROM FARMER

Over 150 Bushels Removed From Barn While Owner Is Absent.

Although thieves have not been playing their trade in Middlesex County with the same success as in the past, there is an occasional robbery reported.

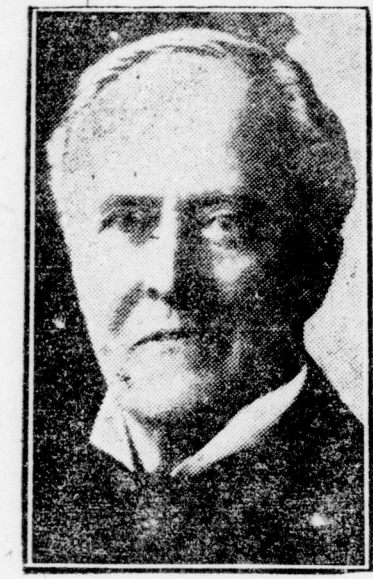
A young grain farmer on Brick street, near the Springbank reservoir, reports the loss of over 150 bushels of seed oats one night while he was absent from the farm. The thieves were apparently experts in their line, for they took the oats from the back of the bin, fixed up the empty space with boards, and covered them with a sprinkling of oats. It was several days before the farmer discovered his loss.

UNIDENTIFIED SCHOONER WRECKED NEAR SAN PEDRO

Associated Press Despatch. San Pedro, Cal., March 15.—A three-masted unidentified schooner is ashore and breaking up at Cape Corrientes, west coast of Mexico, according to a radio message received here from the master of the steamer Commercial Traveller, en route from New York to San Pedro. The despatch did not state whether the Commercial Traveller had gone to the rescue.

News Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Child's gold glasses lost.
Creamery man wanted.
Buff brick residence for sale.
Cook general wanted.
Good business for sale.



LORD PARMOOR, who recently made a plea for admission of Germany, Russia and United States to the League of Nations.

VICTROLA READY FOR HOSPITAL

Mrs. Routledge, of Lambeth, Responds to Appeal Made in Advertiser.

Response to an appeal published in The Advertiser for a gramophone for the War Memorial Hospital has not been slow in forthcoming. An instrument will be installed in the hospital next week, the gift of Mrs. Routledge of Lambeth, a member of the hospital committee and an ardent worker for anything connected with it. Mrs. Routledge is supplying with her gift a number of records, but these may be augmented by citizens who can spare from their collections any records which may be suitable for children.

A JUNIOR RED CROSS AT TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

Organized Yesterday When Two Members From Simcoe School Are Speakers.

The new Trafalgar school has now a branch of the Junior Red Cross Society, organized yesterday with an initial membership of 40 children. At the organization meeting those present were given an outline of the work of the Junior Red Cross Society by Tom Foulkes and Milton Smith, chairman of room committee, Will Patterson, chairman of program committee, Leonard Pook, chairman of charities committee, Floyd Newby.

Officers of this new organization whose primary object is to learn and observe rules of health, are as follows: President, Frances Parker; vice-president, Will Lucas, secretary, Doris Winder; chairman of health committee, Donald Patterson; chairman of room committee, Will Patterson; chairman of program committee, Leonard Pook; chairman of charities committee, Floyd Newby.

DISCOVERED PROWLING ABOUT HEAMAN'S YARDS

Joseph Quait and George Mason Are Remanded For a Week.

When Joseph Quait and George Mason came back from the bush of Northern Ontario three days ago they had spent every copper of their six months' earnings. Last night they were discovered prowling about Heaman's coal yard on Hurwell street and were promptly arrested by a constable on a vagrancy charge.

Quait said he was lurking about the premises of the coal yard for the purpose of "cleaning up" before visiting his brother. He was soiled from roaming the streets and wanted a wash. How he expected to find a wash about a coal yard could not be explained.

Mason, a companion, was arrested with him, and the two were remanded a week. The court will communicate with relatives in the interval.

WARREN ELKS ARRIVE TO PLAY LONDON TEAM

The Warren Elks, Ohio's most famous girls' basketball team who play London's A. A. six in the armory, arrived in the city today at 1:15 from Detroit. The girls are a pretty looking lot and were amazed at the wonderful weather this city is receiving. Immediately on arrival here the girls were dined.

REQUESTS TOTALLING \$3,420 GO TO CHURCH

Will of William T. Smith Is Filed For Probate Today.

TOTAL OF \$33,181.40

Estate For Most Part Composed of Insurance and Securities.

William Thompson Smith, retired bank manager and former factor of the Hudson Bay Company, who died at his home here recently, left bequests totalling \$3,420 to Presbyterian Church interests, upon the death of his widow, who receives a life interest in the entire estate, valued at \$33,181.40. The will was filed for probate at the court house today.

The estate for the most part was composed of life insurance and securities. Mrs. Smith's widow, Rebecca M. Smith, was willed \$3,500 outright, as well as receiving the interest on the balance of the estate for life. At her death, the balance is to be equally divided into four portions. Agnes Smith Mackenzie and Isabella Smith, two sisters, residing in Scotland, and Annabella H. Waterman of Carp, Ont., each receive \$7,420; Enid Lyon, Toronto, gets a bequest of \$500; Eva No. 2, death of infirm ministers' fund of the Presbyterian Church, Toronto, \$1,140; Rebecca Mansfield, China, \$500, and three nieces in Scotland, Kate, Annie and Chrissie Mackenzie, each \$500; the aged and infirm ministers' fund of the Presbyterian Church, Toronto, \$1,140, and the Home and Foreign Mission fund, Presbyterian Church, \$1,140.

The will was made on Nov. 11, 1918.

MANITOBA WILL ADOPT PREFERENTIAL SYSTEM

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, March 15.—The alternative or preferential system of voting will be introduced in all constituencies of the province outside of Winnipeg by virtue of a bill passed in the Legislature yesterday, providing for such an amendment to the Manitoba election act. Winnipeg is not affected due to the fact that proportional representation is in operation in that city.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL GIVES HIS STATEMENT

Chairman Bryden N. Campbell speaking today in reference to Friday's report of the proceedings of No. 2 committee stated he wished to correct that portion of the report ascribed as coming from him, in which he stated "I should have officially supported the action of the board and asked for two schools" that being the opinion of the majority.

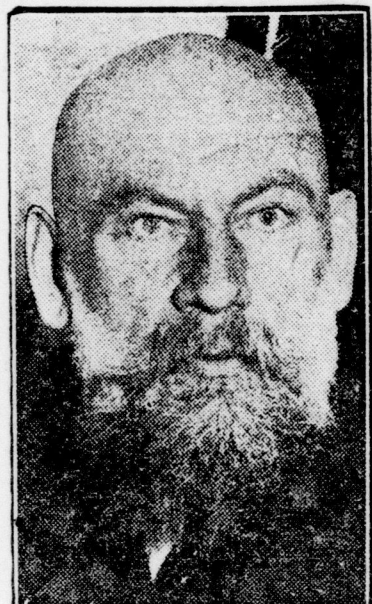
What I said he stated was read from a carefully written statement as follows:

"That as chairman of the board I would officially support the action of the board and ask for two schools, that being the policy of the board, they confirming same by a majority vote. This I have done appearing before the finance committee of the council Wednesday evening last."

Extra Vote Offer To End Definitely Monday Night



MRS. GEORGE BELL, who is piling up a big vote in the race for one of The Advertiser's prize automobiles. Mrs. Bell resides in Windsor, and with the assistance of her friends is securing many new readers for The Advertiser.



COUNT ILYA TOLSTOY, Russian novelist, is now in America, working on a new book which he hopes will be his best.

SURVIVORS TELL OF HARDSHIPS

Ten Sailors From Wrecked Ship Describe How Vessel Was Lost.

Associated Press Despatch. Baltimore, March 15.—Ten stolid, bearded sailors, clad in nondescript clothing, filed down the gangplank of the Norwegian steamer Clissy, which docked here yesterday. They are the only known survivors of the crew of 35 men of the Ward Line freighter Santiago, sunk in the blizzard off Hatteras Tuesday night. They brought a tale of a ship which had been battered by storms for three days suddenly turning over and going down with her captain lashed to the bridge, her engineer and his assistants down in the hull, and others of the crew scrambling for the boats. Ten stokers were caught in the forenoon and went down with the ship.

TWO-THIRDS PUPILS SHARE IN PENNY BANK

System of Depositing Teaches Children the Habit of Thrift.

Two-thirds of the public school pupils in London are now depositors in the Penny Bank of Ontario, according to Chief Inspector V. K. Greer, who, with Inspector G. A. Wheable, has been working hard to encourage a habit of thrift among the boys and girls.

Some of the classes in the various schools are 100 per cent depositors, while in others this mark is rapidly being reached. The exact number of depositors is not known, but it is the neighborhood of 5,000. In addition to the number of depositors increasing, the children are also depositing much more regularly than previously.

SWEDISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE

Swedish immigrants arrived in the city at 11:30 this morning and were immediately found positions on district farms by R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture.

MINERS' WAGE QUESTION TO SETTLE FATE FOR LABOR

Strike Not Likely Until Parliament Deals With the Situation.

TORIES TO OPPOSE

Miners Insist That Asquith Minimum Bill Be Revised to Date.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

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London, March 15.—The miners' minimum wage question may settle the fate of the government. The private members' bill, due to be introduced next Friday, has been sacrificed, but the premier has promised the Miners' Federation that facilities for a bill will be wanted after March 31 or that the government will introduce a bill of their own.

This means nothing will have been done on March 26, when miners' delegates are to re-assemble. The present wages agreement expires on April 17, but the men can continue working on day-to-day notices.

A strike is not likely. The delegates' conference yesterday did not reject the owners' offer, but merely stated it could not recommend acceptance in view of its inadequacy. The conference was gambling on getting better terms by legislation. The federalists have no funds for a strike, and Frank Vanley, Nottingham miners' leader, has stated that miners in the eastern federated area favor accepting owners' offer.

Before a strike there has to be a ballot of the whole coal field, and a two-thirds majority. This is not easy to get, and bargaining and compromise will be expected at the last moment. There is more chance of a split than an industrial crisis. The government will bring in its minimum wage bill. The Conservatives, of course, will oppose it. Liberals may be in a difficult position. Asquith himself posed the miners' wage act in 1912, and the miners are only asking that that act should be brought up to date by revising wages according to the higher cost of living.

W. J. R. C. NEWS LAUDS LONDON MAN'S WORK

E. E. Murtagh Said To Have Developed Excellent Shots at Y.M.C.A.

In the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps News an interesting article of interest to all members of the Y. M. C. A. is carried, which pays a glowing tribute to the marksmanship of E. E. Murtagh, chief instructor of this city, who retained the title among the instructors at a match held for them. Mr. Murtagh is the rifle instructor at the Y. M. C. A., and under his careful training some excellent shots have been developed, who have carried the name of London to fame in competitions of this nature.

The article only goes further to strengthen the opinion held by Y. M. C. A. officials that Mr. Murtagh is the best that can be procured. Since Mr. Murtagh has been giving lessons on the art of shooting at the Y. M. C. A., the number of boys entering this line of sport has almost doubled.

Although instructors from the foremost military colleges in the States were present they failed to beat Mr. Murtagh.

PLAN MASS MEETING, TEMPERANCE WORKERS

Expect Large Gathering in the Hyatt Ave. Methodist Church To Protest Referendum.

A mass meeting of temperance workers is to be held tomorrow evening in Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, with a result of which it is expected that the congregation will launch a vigorous protest against any referendum on the Ontario temperance act. Mr. John Joynt, the Conservative member for North Huron, an avowed prohibitionist, has been secured as speaker for the occasion. With Mr. Joynt on the platform are expected Mayor Wenig, Rev. T. D. McCullough, representatives of the W. C. T. U., and the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. W. A. Tanner, Mrs. John Ross, representatives of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and also of local industrial institutions.

DANZIG RECOGNIZES SOVIET

Associated Press Despatch. Danzig, March 15.—The Diet of the Free State of Danzig has recognized Soviet Russia. Commercial relations it was announced, will be begun immediately.

WINDSOR MAN DISPUTES DOUBLE LIABILITY CLAIM

John D. Anderson, in Defence, Maintains Home Bank Acted Illegally.

ALLEGES FRAUD

Shareholder States Stock Was Sold to Him Under False Pretences.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 15.—John D. Anderson, of Windsor, in a defense filed with the official referee at Osgoode Hall, admits that he is the owner of 45 shares of paid-up stock of the Home Bank, but says that he is not liable as a contributory.

In giving his reasons, Anderson makes these assertions: The Home Bank of Canada, at the time of the purchase of the stock by this defendant, was not a chartered bank within the provisions of the bank act of Canada and amendments, and consequently the double liability is not applicable.

The bank has been insolvent for a long period of years, and by false and fraudulent schemes, obtained money from the shareholders and public by false pretences and public swindling. The shareholders have been defrauded, and the property, assets, funds and money of the bank have been wasted, dissipated and lost by the fraudulent lending of money, which, as the directors know, or ought to have known, would never be repaid. The bank had no legal right or power to sell its stock to the defendant under these existing conditions.

INSPECTOR IS ADVISED ON PICTURE MACHINES

Only Fully Approved Apparatus Must Be Operated in the Schools.

In a communication received by Chief Inspector V. K. Greer this morning, from A. H. Colquhoun, deputy minister of education, the request is made that all school boards, before purchasing any motion picture machines communicate with the department as to whether they come within the regulations laid down.

It is also suggested in the letter that no person be allowed to demonstrate a machine at an educational conference except that the machine be purchased by the department.

The only machine which can be used in public schools, without being situated in a room of approved construction and run by a licensed operator, is a miniature machine using non-inflammable narrow width film.

This order does not affect the lanterns used in the city schools, but does apply to the five institutions where moving picture machines are in use. At these latter schools the principals are aware of the situation, and will take steps to remedy any defects that contravene the regulations.

CLUB HOUSE PLANS ARE NOT READY YET

Question of Golf Course Likely To Be Discussed at Next Meeting.

The plans for the club house to be built at the proposed municipal golf course have now been completed, according to General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission, and the question of establishing the course will in all probability be discussed at the first meeting of the commission.

MONTREAL MANUFACTURER IS FOUND DEAD IN TRUNK

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 15.—Lying dead at the bottom of a trunk on the floor of his hat and cap manufacturing plant on St. Paul street west, B. Rosenbaum, 57, was found by his son and the manager of the plant last night. A hole had been made in the back of the trunk and through this there had been passed a rubber tube which was connected to a nearby gas stove.

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO FAN TALKS WITH SCHENECTADY

Associated Press Despatch. Johannesburg, S. A., March 15.—The owner of a three tube radio here has the unprecedented experience on Thursday of receiving music and talks over the air from both Schenectady and London.

SINGAPORE PROJECT IS SUSPENDED FOR A YEAR



GRACE GEORGE, the actress, who is suffering from cuts and bruises following an accident in which her limousine was overturned by another car.

TASCHEREAU WILL CONTEST RIGHTS

Quebec Premier Will Not Permit Power Plans To Hurt Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, March 15.—There will be no surrender on the part of Quebec province in the matter of its rights over the St. Lawrence River, Premier Taschereau told the legislative assembly last evening when a motion was being debated in regard to the developing of the St. Lawrence river for electrical power.

He said that if the necessary dams could be built without lowering the waters of the river, very well, but that was for experts to prove first, but as far as anything which might affect the port of Montreal by any St. Lawrence project was concerned the premier declared that the government would fight to the last ditch against any such eventuality.

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The Star concludes by suggesting that if the dominions believe it is unfair to leave the burden of naval defense to this country, they could use their influence towards the reduction of armaments, and in the meantime they could contribute toward the expense of the British navy.

LONDON SOUTH WANTS ANOTHER PAVEMENT

Largely Signed Petition From Wellington Road South Reaches City Hall.

Residents of Wellington road, south from the bridge to the city limits seek a pavement. It is reported that a largely signed petition has been handed into City Clerk Sam Baker.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NORTH RIVER RD.

Motorists who have Byron "Sam" as their destination are advised to take the river road on the north side of the Thames in preference to the Pipe Line road. County Engineer Talbot intimated today. He stated that the Pipe Line road is very bad in some spots, while the river drive is O. K.

KENORA TAX RATE IS 44 MILLS ON DOLLAR

City Treasurer Thinks Londoners Should Be Thankful About Theirs.

Talking about high tax rates and tip like, City Treasurer Bell refers to a communication at hand from the bond dealers, showing the 1924 tax rate for Kenora, Ont., at 44 mills on the dollar. Kenora has a population of 6,669. The city treasurer holds the opinion that Londoners can be thankful that they are in such fine shape financially as they are, and he is still confident that last year's rate of 34.7 mills can be materially reduced this year. And this opinion holds good, despite the warblings of the pessimists.

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SINGAPORE PROJECT IS SUSPENDED FOR A YEAR

Action Is Taken by British Government, With Dominions' Assent.

FAVOR SINGLE UNIT

Idea of Naval Participation by Dominions Receives Varied Reception.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 15.—It is understood that the British Government, with the assent of the dominions, has suspended the Singapore naval base project for one year. It is expected that Prime Minister MacDonald will make an announcement to this effect in the House of Commons next week.

OPPOSES NAVAL PLAN.

London, March 15.—The Star, the evening edition of the Daily News (Liberal), declares itself not at all in love with the memorandum of Viscount Chelmsford, first lord of the admiralty, regarding his indorsement of the principle of naval participation by the dominions.

Admirals, strategists and naval writers, the Star says, "all have agreed that the navy must be a single unit so far as control is concerned. Is very dominion to be encouraged to own a fleet and to rival each other in the expansion thereof?"

"Canada now finds it difficult to provide sailors for the small naval force she maintains, and as all the dominions need sailors, they will find the question of the personnel of their navies an expensive luxury. When their ships are manned they must do something besides rust in the harbor, and the megalomania of some dominion minister or some sudden alarm such as assaults all communities, may send that fleet tearing off to demand reparations or apologies."

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The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fresh to strong north and northwest winds; fair and cold today and on Sunday.
The Atlantic coast storm is slowly dispersing over Newfoundland, while to the west and north of the Great Lakes the pressure is high.
The weather is cold throughout the Dominion.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 54 40 Clear
Calgary 38 18 Cloudy
Winnipeg 32 16 Clear
Port Arthur 26 8 Fair
Sault Ste. Marie 28 14 Fair
Cochrane 20 6 Fair
Toronto 26 15 Cloudy
Ottawa 26 18 Cloudy
Montreal 24 12 Fair
Quebec 28 14 Clear
St. John 26 22 Snow
Halifax 30 26 Cloudy
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperature recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 25; lowest, 11.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 17.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—2 p.m.—28.95.
Today—8 a.m.—28.93.