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FAIR AND MILD TODAY.
SATURDAY—COLDER

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CITY MUST SHARE STATION COST

Delay In Agreement Makes Lower Fares Legal Sunday

SUBWAY PLANS ARE PREPARED

Bowker States London Would Have To Bear Share of Station Cost.

ENGINEERS IN CITY

New Building Not Likely To Come in the Near Future.

London will be asked to share in the expense of erecting a new Canadian National station here, according to C. G. Bowker, general manager of the central region, who is in town today conferring with Mayor Wenige and Engineer Near regarding level crossings.

Mr. Bowker said this morning that the city would be asked to bear a part of the cost of the building under a plan similar to that used in the Toronto union station. There is, however, no immediate likelihood of construction.

The conference with city officials this morning took up the matter of level crossings, chiefly affecting East London. The question of a subway at Rectory street was discussed. Mr. Bowker said that the company will draw up plans for a subway at Rectory street. Copies of the plans which will be drafted by the railway's engineers will be sent to city officials.

The ceremony of turning the first sod for the new station will not be held for a while yet, according to Mr. Bowker. He says that the Canadian National realizes that a new station is badly needed here, but that the receipts of the railway at the present time do not justify heavy expenditures.

There are several other points where depots are to be erected, but they will have to wait for a time. Mr. Bowker could not say whether London or Windsor stations would be started first. He said that the agitation for a new building here had been sufficiently keen to impress the officials that the citizens were in earnest about the new depot.

The railway will co-operate with the city's town planning scheme as far as possible, adding that the appropriations for expenditures on the National lines this year was just about to be placed before the government. It was not yet known how far the road could carry improvement schemes.

URGE EARLY COMPLETION OF HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, March 6.—A resolution, urging the early completion of the Hudson Bay Railway was adopted by the Manitoba legislature yesterday afternoon without a dissenting voice.

Debate on second reading of the bill to amend the United Church of Canada act was resumed. J. K. Downes (Independent, Winnipeg) urged protection of the rights of minorities and suggested the appointment of a commission to go into the question of church property. The debate was adjourned.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Fair and mild.

Saturday—Northerly winds; becoming somewhat colder.

The depression which was in the western provinces yesterday has passed to Northern Ontario, giving place to high pressure from the north, which is spreading rapidly toward the great lakes.

The weather is fair and comparatively mild in Ontario and Quebec, and rainy in the maritime provinces.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	48	38	Clear
Calgary	36	22	Fair
Winnipeg	40	24	Fair
Port Arthur	30	24	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	22	22	Clear
Toronto	36	30	Fair
Kingston	34	18	Fair
Ottawa	38	18	Cloudy
Montreal	36	28	Clear
Quebec	30	30	Cloudy
St. John	38	36	Cloudy
Halifax	34	30	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were Highest, 37; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 25.

Sun rises at 6:47 a.m. and sets at 6:12 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8, p.m., 29.40.

Today—8 a.m., 29.28.

SITE FOR LONDON'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Above is shown the late Col. F. B. Leys' property, 111 Elmwood avenue, purchased by the anti-unionist Presbyterians of South London for the sum of $13,000 to form the first unit of the Elmwood avenue Presbyterian church of the future. The house is to be used by the new congregation immediately, and permanently also, as a church home in which will be held within the next few weeks meetings of the Sunday school, men's and women's organizations. Tentative plans call for the erection of an auditorium-gymnasium, costing $10,000, in five or six months' time to the west of the house and at the rear, leaving ample ground on the northwest corner of the lot for the erection of a church some time in the future. Built in 1880 by the late Col. Leys, who lived in it until his death in 1905, the house, which could not be replaced today for $35,000, is admirably suited to the congregation's most pressing needs. Inset is the late Colonel Leys.

RURAL DISTRICTS WILL NOT SUFFER IN SHUFFLE

Plan of Ferguson Government Is Not To Eliminate County Lines.

RAISE MEMBERSHIP

Northern Ontario Will Have at Least Three More in Legislature.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 6.—In view of the statement made yesterday in the legislature that he did not wish to lessen to any great extent rural representation in the legislature it is now thought there will not be the decrease in members from some counties that was expected.

At the same time, however, the premier said he did not want to unduly increase the total membership of the house, and that, necessarily urban districts which have grown rapidly are entitled to more membership. However, the unit of population will not be the same for rural representation as for urban.

It will not be surprising, members think, if very few county representations are cut down. County boundaries, it is thought, will be retained as far as possible. In view of this, the membership of the house will probably be increased from 111, the present number.

Northern Ontario will gain two or three more members, and Toronto, including York, Windsor, including Essex county, Hamilton, and Ottawa will probably get more representation. The rural districts will not lose the number of new ridings to be made in these urban and semi-urban centers. There will be no attempt to offset the increased membership in one district with decreased membership in another, it is stated unofficially.

Women Cease To Be Chattels

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, March 6.—The Jersey States parliament has passed a new property act, giving women the same legal rights as men. Since feudal days they had been legally termed "chattels."

PARTY SPOILS MAY BE PROBED

Ontario Progressives Claim the Defeated Tory Members Arrange Appointments.

WILL PRESS QUESTIONS

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, March 6.—The patronage issue is due for an early airing in the Ontario legislature as the result of questions asked by Progressive members, who have reason to suspect that the distribution of political spoils has been placed in the hands of a number of Tory candidates who met defeat in the 1923 election.

G. D. Sewell, Progressive, North Norfolk, inquires if George M. Boughner, the defeated Conservative candidate for that riding, made recommendations to the public service, and if so, what appointments were made.

Similar questions are asked regarding Thomas M. Costeler, William Breeze, and Edward A. Rea, Conservative candidates, who lost out in South Renfrew, North Grey, and North Oxford, respectively.

John Carty, Progressive member for South Renfrew, further asks whether there is a patronage committee for the city of Toronto or for any of the Toronto or York ridings, and if so, who its members are.

H. C. Nixon, Progressive, North Brant, asks whether Toronto M.L.A.'s made any recommendations to the government as to the appointment of a senior magistrate, and if so, whom they recommended.

ITALY'S REVENUE FOR EIGHT MONTHS 10,072,000,000 LIRE

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, March 6.—The semi-official Stefani agency gives the Italian government's revenue receipts for the first eight months of the current financial year as 10,072,000,000 lire, an increase of 886,000,000 lire as compared with the same period for 1923-24.

SIR ADAM IMPROVING.

Special to The Advertiser.

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—Sir Adam Beck today spent the best day he has enjoyed since his arrival at Johns Hopkins hospital a week or so ago. His physician, Dr. Charles Wainwright, reports that the Ontario hydro knight is greatly improved, but he does not predict that his stay at the hospital here will be shortened.

SOLDIERS MAY GO TO N.S. MINES

British Empire Steel Corporation To Ask Troops If Trouble Arises.

KEEP FIRES BURNING

Workers at Collieries Expected To Strike Tonight at 11 o'Clock.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney, N. S., March 6.—"We intend to maintain our collieries to the best of our ability," said J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel corporation, this morning, characterizing a report from Glace Bay that the management were undecided as to the drawing of the fires at several of the mines as "poppycock." The vice-president added that the fans and pumps would be operated by officials and if interference were encountered an appeal would be made for protection.

"We are without protection now," said Mr. McLurg, "and have appealed for none to date."

When asked if he anticipated trouble, he replied: "We do not know what to expect, but if trouble develops we will have to have protection."

He stated further that the notification by the miners' executive of a complete tie-up commencing at 11 o'clock tonight required no reply and stated he had had no further communication with the provincial government.

At Halifax a meeting of the provincial government was being held this morning for the purpose of considering the situation brought about by the impending tie-up and a meeting of the finance committee of the county council was being held here for the purpose of discussing relief.

J. W. McLeod, district president of the united mine workers of America, could not be reached by telephone up to a late hour this afternoon.

OTTAWA WATCHING.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 6.—"The matter is, we understand, receiving the attention of the Nova Scotia government, and that government alone has authority to deal with all questions involved," said Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, this morning in regard to the situation in the Cape Breton coal fields.

"Therefore," continued Mr. Murdock, "no action is contemplated here."

ANTHRACITE LACKING IN NEW COAL DISTRICT

Expert Fails To Find Hard Coal in Sheep River Area.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 5.—"There is no anthracite in the Sheep river or Smoky river areas, Alberta," is the definite report of James McEvoy, mining engineer and geologist of Toronto, who was engaged by the dominion fuel board to investigate and report. The Sheep river and Smoky river were the coal areas affected by the Hoppe leases cancelled a couple of years ago after considerable controversy and inquiries by special committees and parliamentary debate.

The Hoppe coal lands were said at the time to be worth $100,000,000.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE ENDS DEBATE ON SPEECH

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, March 6.—The debate on the speech from the throne was concluded in the legislature last night after continuing for practically two weeks. The amendment to the motion for adoption of the speech, which was moved by the opposition leader, asking for a general reduction in expenditures and suggesting a cut in indemnities of the members as a start toward the right direction, was defeated by a standing vote of 42 to 11.

RUNAWAY HORSE HURTS TWO MONTREAL WOMEN

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, March 5.—Two women were seriously injured here last evening when a runaway horse dashed upon a sidewalk on St. Catharine street and trampled them underfoot. The injured are: Mrs. A. Douglas, 25, suffering from fractured ribs, severe contusion and internal injuries; Mrs. Mars Micas, 26, suffering from cuts and internal injuries.

MEDWAY RIVER PRODUCES BIG FISH IN EARLY SEASON

Canadian Press Despatch.

Liverpool, N.S., March 6.—The Medway river, a part of which is fished every spring by John D. Rockefeller, Jun., has already produced eight large salmon this season, four of them weighing nineteen pounds each. This is the earliest catch in the known history of the river and is regarded as an indication of an early spring.

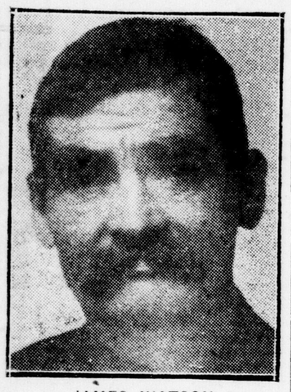
PEPALL'S ATTORNEYS HIDE DEFENCE PLANS

Reading 276-Page Deposition Features Third Day of Los Angeles Proceedings.

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, March 5.—The third day of extradition procedure against Andrew H. Pepall, accused of embezzlement by the Ontario provincial government, featured the continued reading of a 276-page deposition into the federal court records here.

Attorneys for Pepall declined to reveal their defense plans to resist the removal proceedings.



JAMES WATSON,

sentenced to two years in the Ontario reformatory on pleading guilty to charges of receiving stolen goods. Watson's arrest followed a series of robberies in the county and the discovery of the property in a house on the Hamilton road.

TAXES TO AFFECT ALL SOFT DRINKS

Beverage Levy on Beer and Other Liquids To Be Collected at Source.

WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL ONE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 6.—There were few surprises in the budget speech of Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, yesterday in what little gossip prevailed around the parliament buildings this morning.

There is some speculation, however, as to the extent of the beverages tax and to what extent the tax is to be collected. If it is to raise the amount estimated by the treasurer it will have to be a substantial tax as such taxes go. However, it is thought that it will not be collected at the time the final consumer buys, but probably when the manufacturer sells to the retailer, or other handler. It will be imposed on 4.4, beer as well as on the various sweet drinks, as "pop," of which theer is a huge consumption in Ontario.

GERMAN NATURALIZED IS FIRST SINCE WAR

Amendment to Act Gives William Stambach Citizenship Papers.

William F. Stambach is probably the first German in this district to be granted a certificate of naturalization as a Canadian citizen since the war according to local authorities.

Mr. Stambach, who has resided in Canada since 1912 was able to secure his papers as a result of the recent amendment to the naturalization act which allows enemy subjects to become citizens of Canada.

Mr. Stambach's application was heard before Judge Talbot Macbeth, who approved it. The papers were sent on to Ottawa and finally approved of there.

Gordon Tennent of Tennent & Tennent presented the application before the county judge in judges' chambers.

ONE DROWNED, 5 ESCAPE IN TREACHEROUS RIVERS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, March 6.—Treacherous ice conditions on the Assiniboine and Red rivers, following a three-day thaw, yesterday resulted in one fatality and the near drowning of five other persons.

While playing on the Assiniboine river, Harry McConely, 7 years old, broke through the ice and was drowned, while his young brother and a companion were rescued. During the day three men were rescued from the Red River by police and factory employees.

CONDEMNED BUILDINGS BREED CITY FIREBUG

Six Structures Are Ordered To Be Torn Down by Fire Inspectors at Work in London—Escapes Must Be Erected in Some Places—More Than 1,500 Inspections Made.

OWNERS HAVE RIGHT TO MAKE APPEALS

Six London buildings condemned as fire hazards by inspectors of the provincial fire marshal's department, have been ordered torn down and scrapped. Three of the buildings are situated in the downtown section of the city and three others are in East London.

More than 1,500 inspections have been made in London within the past month by the fire inspectors, and in many cases orders have been issued to clean up in the interests of fire prevention. Fire escapes have been ordered on three buildings in the central section of the city.

"We found six buildings unfit for occupancy and a danger to the public," Inspector Ritchie declared today. "Aside from these structures being actual fire traps, they are of ancient construction, and liable to collapse in a heavy windstorm. In view of the danger they are to surrounding valuable property and the city in general, we have issued orders for them to be torn down."

Under section 16 of the fire marshal's act, inspectors of the fire marshal's department have complete authority to order a building scrapped. The owners have a right to appeal to the fire marshal, however. Should the inspectors' orders be sustained, a further appeal, which would be final, can be made to the county court judge.

Churches, schools and hospitals of the city have been inspected within the past week. Only one such building, the South London collegiate institute, was found to be a fire hazard and a report to this effect will be made to the board of education shortly. The inspectors believe they will finish with their work in London by the end of next week. They refuse to state the buildings which have been ordered torn down.

How Does Ferguson Know New Beer Non-Intoxicating?

This Question Is Being Asked by Progressive Members of Legislature.

DETAILS ARE SOUGHT

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, March 6.—How does the Ferguson government know that Ferguson beer is non-intoxicating? If it "tried it out on the dog," who was the dog?

Such might be said to be the gist of information sought by Progressive members of the legislature. Questions placed on the order paper by R. H. Kemp, of Lincoln, are:

1. Were experiments conducted by or with the knowledge of the government or any members of it, with a view to determining whether a liquor containing 2.5 per cent of alcohol by volume is an intoxicant?

2. If so, (a) who were the subjects of the experiments and when and where were they conducted; (b) who supervised them and who besides the supervisor and the subjects had knowledge of them; (c) was there a report and, if so, where is it?

Harold Fisher, Liberal member for West Ottawa, wants to know how much of the public funds the Tory government has squandered in its attempts to "annex the hide" of Chief Justice F. M. Latchford. In more parliamentary language, he asks what has been the cost to the province for legal opinions and court proceedings in connection with the judicature act of 1924, which has just been disallowed by the privy council; and what the estimated total of bills and other costs yet unrendered or unpaid, in the same connection, will be.

ALLEGE $50,000 IN DRUGS SMUGGLED FROM EUROPE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Monteal, March 6.—Arrested in Toronto on Tuesday and brought to Montreal in the custody of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, E. Freyvogel, manufacturers' agent of Montreal, will appear in court here today charged with importing or causing to be imported narcotic drugs without license from the dominion government. Fifty thousand dollars is the retail price of a parcel of 100 ounces of what are alleged to be drugs inclosed in a shipment of silks to a local Montreal house, and which were seized here after a trail that led from Switzerland to Montreal, via St. John, N. B.

MARQUIZ CURZON,

leader of the British house of lords, who collapsed last night while preparing for a social function at which he was the principal speaker. His condition today is not regarded as serious.

U. S. SENATE TO RATIFY PACTS WITH DOMINION

Foreign Relations Chairman Expects Early Confirmation of Boundary Treaty.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, March 5. — Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, expects to secure ratification by the senate in the special session of the two treaties with Canada recently signed by Secretary of State Hughes and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Canadian minister of justice. They relate to the international boundary and the Lake of the Woods. Senator Borah will soon have a meeting of the foreign relations committee and will have the treaties explained by an official of the state department.

SENATOR MURPHY DIES SUDDENLY AT TIGNISH

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 6.—Word was received here this morning of the sudden death of Senator P. C. Murphy at Tignish, P. E. I. Senator Murphy's death makes the sixth vacancy in the upper house. It is understood that Senator Murphy was to have left Tignish this morning for Ottawa to attend the reopening of the senate on March 10.

QUEBEC TREASURER PLANS INCREASED GAS LEVY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, March 6.—Hon. Jacob Nichol, provincial treasurer, last night brought down legislation in the assembly to increase the tax on gasoline from two to three cents a gallon.

CUT FARE DEMANDS ARE LEGAL

Resolution of Council Ordering Reduction Has Not Yet Been Rescinded.

CALL NO MEETING

Adjustment of Proposal To Maintain Present Fare Is Not in Sight.

According to the letter of the law city street car passengers on Sunday and thereafter may demand six and nine tickets for a quarter. But the letter of the law is not likely to be much good, because conductors will continue to charge five cents a ride.

There cannot be an extension of the five-cent rate of fares on the L. S. R. lines until further legal action is taken, making effective the resolution of the city council last night.

The company now has a 12-month resolution of the city council, ordering that the seven and nine tickets for a quarter be reverted to on March 8. The matter has never been rescinded, and it bears out the requirements of bylaw 916 and the act of legislature.

On top of this situation came the council's act last night in voting by a seven to six count in favor of a compromise with the street railway, with Mayor Wenige casting the deciding vote. According to last night's resolution a year's extension of the five-cent fares will be permitted if the company agrees to do $75,000 worth of paving and other improvements during 1925.

Action Not Possible.

Ald. McCormick's compromise resolution last night clearly stated that the company would not be permitted to operate under a five-cent rate of fares until the company agrees to provide $75,000 in improvements. Information from street railway headquarters and other sources today showed that early action, that is before Sunday morning, would scarcely be possible in providing the agreement which the council wants. Company directors and other interests must be consulted before an agreement can be entered into, L. S. R. officials say.

Delay in drafting a new agreement for a year is more than likely, and, under such circumstnace, citizens will be legally entitled to the lower rate of fares on Sunday morning.

Dull Clearing.

Satisfaction barked at chagrin this morning when the mayor and other five-cent fare advocates declared that the situation was cleared up greatly and the way had been paved to the drafting of a new 20-year agreement. His worship anticipated no difficulty in getting the street railway to agree to $75,000 worth of improvements, and he declared that to be better than nothing.

"I won't know until this afternoon just when the company can have a meeting with us," Mr. Wenige said. "However, it won't be long, and there won't be any break in the service."

The mayor discussed at some length the advantages of a five-cent fare, preference for private ownership, the passing of electric transportation as a modern means of travel, and thought the council was doing well to get $75,000 worth of paving promised, if such a case eventualizes.

"I wouldn't favor buying the road for $100,000," his worship said in an outburst against public ownership. "We have one road now and have a big deficit on it. This road will go obsolete in ten years time. Electric transportation is passing and the motor bus is coming into its own. It would be folly to buy the road.

"The five-cen fare is all right. Better that an service than three-cent fares and rotten transportation.

"Outside of Frank McKay, the advocates of lower fares have automobiles of their own to drive. They aren't qualified to talk about street railway service."

No Definite Date.

No apologies for his attitude to the council committee on Wednesday afternoon were offered today by Leonard Tait, general manager of the London Street Railway Company. He seems satisfied with the action of the council, but refuses to

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ROOT'S SUB PROPOSALS NOT ADOPTED, IS CLAIM

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, March 6.—Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, was mistaken in saying in the house of commons yesterday that the foreign relations' commission of the French senate was framing a bill for ratification of the Root resolution regarding the use of submarines in warfare, it was said at the senate last evening.

The question is in the hands of the marine commission for its opinion and the commission appears to be in no hurry regarding the matter, it was stated.

Faithful Dog Saves Master

"Bruce" Goes Into Action When Robbers Attack Toronto Man at Lonely Spot.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 6.—The loyalty of "Bruce" an Airedale dog, for his master, is given as the reason today by Fred Britton for the fact that he is not lying in hospital as a result of an attack made on him by three thugs in a lonely spot in the east end of the city last night. The men demanded his money, and when they discovered only 60 cents in his purse they commenced to assault him. "Bruce" then went into action. Snapping savagely, he tripped one man and bit him in the face, causing the would-be robber to run for a motor car standing nearby. Frightened by the barking of the dog the man's confederates soon joined him and made their escape.

Last Monday Alex Thompson was held up in the same spot and robbed of $100.