

## SHOWS LONDON CHEAP PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE

COST OF LIVING  
IN LONDON RUNS  
BELOW AVERAGE

In Meats Alone Is This City  
Higher Than Others in  
Ontario.

## RENTS STILL HIGH

Average Expense for Family of  
Four in Canada Is \$21.23  
Weekly.

If you are head of a family of four  
and manage to live on less than \$21.23  
a week you live cheaper than the  
average family in Canada.

In other words, if your expenses  
amount to more than \$21.23 a week  
you live more extravagantly than the  
average family in Canada.

Further, if you complain that prices  
of commodities in London are ex-  
orbitant, your claim will not be just-  
ified by the facts. According to the  
latest issue of the Labor Gazette,  
commodity costs in this city, com-  
pared with fourteen other cities in  
the province, are a little more than  
one per cent lower than the average  
for Ontario.

These estimates were arrived at by  
comparing the prices of 46 different  
staple articles of food with those pre-  
vailing throughout the province. The  
majority of these items are substan-  
tially lower than the average for the  
fourteen cities, with the exception of  
meats, which, in this city, fetch, in  
the aggregate, the highest prices of  
any town in Ontario with the excep-  
tion of Niagara Falls.

This appears especially anomalous  
when it is considered that the range  
of meat prices in St. Thomas, 20  
miles distant, are lower than those  
of any other city in the province with  
the exception of Ottawa.

On the whole, the cost of living in  
Ontario is a fraction lower than the  
average throughout Canada. It is  
substantially less than that obtain-  
ing in British Columbia, where costs  
are higher than in any other prov-  
ince. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,  
British Columbia and Saskatchewan  
are all higher than Ontario. Prince  
Edward Island has the distinction of  
being the lowest on the list.

In London the cost of food, fuel,  
lighting and other necessities of four  
is \$21.23 a week. Food, \$10.53; fuel  
and lighting, \$3.44; rent, \$7.01;  
laundry, 42 cents. No figures  
maintaining the distinction of being  
the lowest on the list.

It is interesting to note that living  
costs in London today are practically  
the same as those of 1919, and but  
for the high cost of rent, would be  
lower than that of 1917. Rent is  
the only item of the family budget  
which has continued to rise, while  
every other source of expenditure has  
decreased.

The year 1920 found the necessities  
of life higher in price than during  
any other time in London's history.  
Last year they came down 15 per  
cent and have remained almost sta-  
tionary ever since.

Rents Still High.

Since 1914 rents have doubled.  
Other commodities have been in-  
creased by from 20 to 75 per cent.  
In 1920 food prices were more than  
double what they were before the  
war, but the decline since 1920 has  
been considerable. In 1900 the aver-  
age family lived on \$3.37 a week. This  
was increased to \$14.15 in 1914, and  
since then rose steadily until 1920  
when the slump came.

The biggest slash in the family  
purse, except meats, comes from  
bread. The average London family  
pays \$1 a week for the staff of life.  
The closest approach to this is but-  
ter which costs \$2 for two pounds  
of dairy, and 47c for one pound of  
creamery, three pounds being the  
amount consumed weekly by a family.

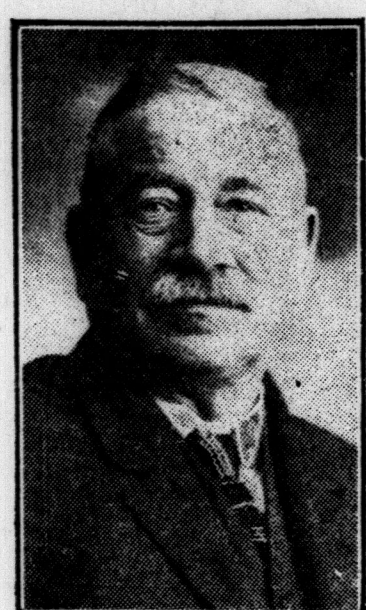
The different varieties of meat, of  
course, are the biggest item from a  
cost standpoint. Roast beef and sir-  
loin still continue to be London's most  
popular dish, two pounds of each  
per week being eaten by the average  
family.

WILL TAKE LIQUOR VOTE  
IF REPORT IS ADOPTED

Alberta Government May Sub-  
mit Four Questions to the  
Electorate.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Edmonton, April 20.—Four ques-  
tions—prohibition, licensed sale of  
beer, government sale of all liquors—will  
be submitted to the electorate of Al-  
berta in the form of a referendum if  
the report of the special committee  
on the liquor control referendum is  
adopted by the Alberta Legislature.  
The ballot would be taken in the  
form of a preferential ballot with  
transferable vote.

The report was submitted to the  
Legislature last night and created  
quite a stir in legislative circles. It  
is expected there will be a keen de-  
bate when the report comes up for  
discussion today. The committee  
recommended that the four ques-  
tions be submitted to the electorate  
and that an amendment be made to  
the direct legislation act in order to allow  
the additional questions of the ballot,  
beside the one as to whether beer  
shall be sold by the hotels as asked  
for in the petitions to the legislature.  
Premier Greenfield obtained the  
right to call a sitting of the legisla-  
ture this morning, it being stated that an  
effort would be made to prorogue the  
legislature later in the day. Owing  
to the feeling over the liquor question  
it is unlikely, however, this will now  
occur.



ALD. THOMAS PATTERSON.

Well-known businessman, represent-  
ing Ward 4 in city council, who died  
at his home Thursday night, after a  
month's illness.

MAN'S HEADLESS BODY  
FOUND IN RIVER ROUGE

Believed To Have Been Slain  
Two Months Ago—Body  
Naked to the Waist.

Detroit, April 20.—The decapitated,  
half-clothed body of a well-dressed  
man was discovered in the intake  
canal of River Rouge, at the rear of  
the Detroit Sulphite Pulp and Paper  
Company's plant, 9131 West Jeffers-  
on avenue, by a workman at 3:30  
o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is  
believed the body had been in the  
water at least two months.

Police detectives were assigned to  
the case last night, on the theory the  
man was the victim of a fiendish  
murder. The body was naked to the  
waist and the pockets of the trousers  
were turned inside out. Robbery was  
the motive behind the death, police  
believe.

William Marler, an employee of  
the paper company, saw the body  
floating in the basin between the  
plant and the river. Coroner James  
E. Burgess was notified. After a  
cursory examination of the body,  
decomposed corpse, he notified police  
of Scott avenue station that he be-  
lieved the man had met with foul  
play.

The coroner expressed the opinion  
the body probably had been afloat  
more than two months. The head  
was missing. A razor or a keen knife, it  
was believed, had been used to cut  
the neck. A razor or a keen knife, it  
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Superintendent Paul Ziskie of the  
paper company said the intake basin  
had been cleaned out three weeks  
ago.

Coroner Burgess announced that  
the corpse will be subjected to an  
autopsy tomorrow morning. The  
freezing process to permit of a  
post-mortem examination Friday.  
The body was attired in dark  
trousers, gray or black socks and  
high tan shoes. A silver button  
belt gave no initials as a possible  
clue. The victim was 5 feet 8  
inches tall and weighed 175 or 180  
pounds.

PROMINENT IRREGULAR  
TAKEN BY FREE STATE

Capture of Conn Meany Con-  
sidered an Important  
Step.

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, April 20.—Conn Meany, one  
of the most prominent remaining  
leaders of the irregulars, was arrest-  
ed yesterday by a party of national  
army troops, near Killarney, it was  
announced today. This is considered  
one of the most important captures  
made.

Meany participated in many of the  
ambushes against the British forces.  
Irish irregulars early today attack-  
ed the Waterford-Fishguard passen-  
ger steamer Great Western, as she  
was proceeding slowly down the  
River Suir from Waterford. The  
steamer escaped without casualties.

GERMAN POLICE  
ARE DISPERSING  
COMMUNIST MOB

Break Out of Besieged Build-  
ing in Muelheim and  
Arrest Many.

## STREETS BARRICADED

Revolt Believed Plan To Pre-  
cipitate Rising in Ruhr  
Area.

Associated Press Despatch.

Muelheim, April 20.—After being  
terrorized for three days by the com-  
munist mobs which held it, Muel-  
heim today is again under control of  
the constituted German authorities.  
The force of three hundred police and  
city officials which had been besieged  
in the Rathaus, issued from this  
great fortress-like building this  
morning, still through the lines of the  
besiegers, caught them in the rear,  
arrested many, and again took con-  
trol of the city.

The principal streets of Muelheim  
are said to be barricaded with all  
kinds of materials, including beds  
and mattresses, and that all the im-  
portant strategic points, including  
the bridges over the river are held  
by the unemployed. A detachment  
of Security Police sent from Duis-  
burg is now imprisoned in the town  
hall with the officials and voluntary  
police.

The square in front of the town  
hall is patrolled by the unemployed.  
One of their shots fired at the town  
hall entered a room where the burgo-  
master was, but he was not injured.  
The Germans say the revolt is part  
of a plan to precipitate a rising of  
Communists throughout the Ruhr  
and that there are indications there  
will be trouble today in Volwinkel  
and Essen where there were demon-  
strations yesterday.

## EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

By A. R. DECKER.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser  
and Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Essen, April 20.—The unemployed  
men of the town of Essen, in which  
Hugo Stinnes lives, renewed the as-  
sault on the city hall Thursday night  
under the leadership of the Commu-  
nist. The men out of work, although  
receiving adequate doles, demand  
more. Having gained complete con-  
trol of the centre of the town they  
organized a picket service cutting off  
the city from communication with  
the outside world.

Street cars and automobiles have  
ceased to run and taxicab drivers  
refused to try to enter the town. The  
mayor, beleaguered in the Rathaus,  
yesterday he bet a friend he was  
not afraid to expedite the approach  
of spring by wearing last year's  
headgear. The wages provided that  
he tramped down Richmond street  
from King to Oxford, adorned in a  
crowning glory of straw. One of the  
parties to the agreement chuckled  
happily at the prospect of his  
friend being mobbed by an infuriated  
gang of orthodox citizens. For it is  
well-known that the penalty for  
premature ushering in of style is  
lynching.

With visions of his friend burned

## REVOLT IS SPREADING.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser.

Berlin, April 20.—The torch of re-  
volt is being carried through the Ruhr  
Valley by excited unemployed.

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WARNS WORKERS AWAY  
FROM PORCUPINE MINE

Union Declares Stand Taken  
Because Profits Are "Un-  
reasonably High."

Special to The Advertiser.

Timmins, Ont., April 20.—The Por-  
cupine Mine Workers' Union, the of-  
ficial organization of the employees of  
the mines of this camp, is warning  
men away from Porcupine, according  
to information given out from their  
headquarters.

The reason advanced is that no  
reply has yet been received from the  
mine operators, regarding the union's  
demand for an increased wage sched-  
ule, about 20 cents an hour.

The union officials justify their  
stand by declaring that the company's  
profits are "unreasonably high," and  
that many children are without pro-  
per food and clothing. A mass meet-  
ing has been called for Sunday night,  
when Angus McDonald, M.P., and J.  
S. Woodworth, M.P., will be the prin-  
cipal speakers.



HOLLOW FINGER HELPS "SPIRITS" IN DOYLE'S PHOTOS, PRIEST  
AVERS.

Tricks, well known to spiritualists, are employed to produce photos  
which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle earnestly believes are "spirit photos." It is  
the assertion of the Rev. De Heredia of the Holy Cross College, Wor-  
cester, Mass. He recently offered to produce photos containing the  
hazy "spirit" pictures which have aroused Sir Arthur's interest. Father De  
Heredia introduced a comb in which a long bit of gauze can be concealed,  
and a celluloid finger, which also contains a long sheet of gauze, which he  
says are used in "spirit" photography to effect the hazy and weird im-  
pressions.

Paraded Richmond Street  
Wearing "Straw" Wins Bet

Thrifty Young London Man Captures Wager by Doing His  
"Stunt" Late at Night.

Spring is here.  
This sounds like a gross exaggeration.  
Incomprehensible though it  
may seem it is the truth. Lost in the  
flurry of snow storms and frozen  
stiff by an inconsiderate winter post-  
reception, spring has this year been  
sadly neglected.

But today it is back on the balu-  
stade. Robins are chirping delight,  
rabbits scurry over the fields in young  
abandon, and straw hats are the  
vogue.

This also may sound a bit thick,  
but it is true. Richmond street  
ramblers at a late hour last night  
saw the spectacle at about 11:45  
o'clock. Fortunately for the young  
man who set the style there were  
not many people on the streets.

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GERMAN FIRM DECLARES  
PROFIT OF 200 PER CENT

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, April 20.—The Berliner  
Handelsgesellschaft has declared a  
dividend of 200 per cent.

The company's annual report shows a  
net profit of 680,000,000 marks.

## TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 20.—In the House  
of Commons the government will bring  
forward a number of bills and reso-  
lutions, including the Italian treat-  
y, the bill to amend the fruit inspection  
act and the cold storage act, and the  
act incorporating the Canadian  
National Railways. If there is time  
the house may also go into supply.  
The Senate will meet at 3 o'clock.

FEAR BIG FLOOD  
NOW THREATENS  
MANITOBA HOMES

Torrent, Many Miles Wide,  
Rushes Over Rich Farming  
District.

## RESIDENTS IN PANIC

Pack Possessions and Flee Be-  
fore Waters of Assiniboine  
and Red River.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 20.—Vast areas  
throughout Central and Southern  
Manitoba are swept by flood waters,  
and the reports reaching here last  
night from the affected districts gave  
little indication that the peak had yet  
been reached. Especially along the  
courses of the Assiniboine and Red  
rivers is the situation grave, while a  
torrent many miles wide is rushing  
over a rich farming district toward  
Lake Manitoba in a northerly direc-  
tion a few miles west of Portage la  
Prairie.

Railway transportation has been  
completely demoralized throughout  
the province as a result of the wash-  
outs along the lines of the Canadian  
Pacific and Canadian Northern rail-  
ways. A number of towns and vil-  
lages are practically isolated, innum-  
erable bridges have been swept away,  
culverts have been washed out, and  
harassed residents in many districts  
are making frantic efforts to move  
their stock to higher land before their  
farms become surrounded.

The swollen waters of the Assin-  
iboine have forced hundreds of resi-  
dents of Brandon from their homes,  
and last night many families had  
taken up temporary residence in  
tents. A late report said it was feared  
a "big flood" was on the way.

At midnight, all householders north  
of the C. P. R. tracks at Brandon  
were struggling to load their bedding  
and clothing into the too few boats that  
were available.

## WORST IN HISTORY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, April 20.—Flood conditions  
in the southern sections of this prov-  
ince were reported last night as be-  
ing at the ebb, while in the east end  
of Saskatchewan, particularly at  
Tankerton, they were said to be the  
worst in the history of the valley  
town, and people are fleeing to the  
hills.

Along the Qu'Appelle Valley, from  
a point about ten miles east and  
south of Neudorf, the water was re-  
ported rising, but there appeared no  
indication of danger to the residents  
along the valley, most of whom have  
their homes fairly well up the side  
of the hill.

## CONTINUES TO RISE.

Associated Press Despatch.

Brandon, Man., April 20.—The As-  
siniboine River continued to flood  
during the night, a rise of one foot be-  
ing recorded at Brandon, and as  
much as three feet farther up the  
river.

Reports from up-river points state  
that the ice started to break up last  
night, and twelve miles west of Bran-  
don the water was running clear. At  
Brandon the break-up was expected  
late this afternoon or early this eve-  
ning, bringing relief to threatened  
families on the low-lying lands  
around the city.

At 8 o'clock this morning a number  
of families who had prepared to leave  
their homes still remained, hoping  
that conditions would improve by  
nightfall.

N. Y. Police Deny  
Dancer Is Dead

87-Hour Champion Reported  
To Have Succumbed.

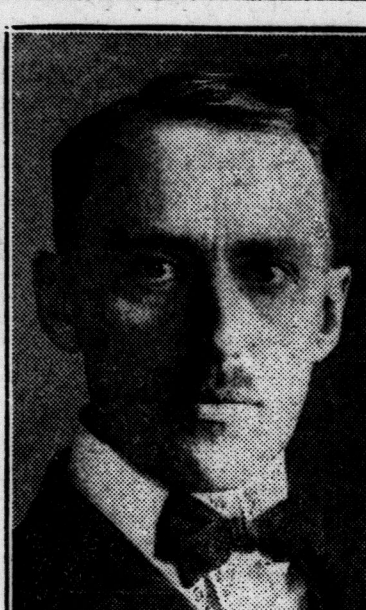
Special to The Advertiser.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., April 20.—  
Police and the coroner's office today  
branded as false reports that Homer  
Morehouse, 27, dropped dead after  
finishing 87 hours of continuous  
dancing here yesterday. They were  
at a loss to explain the source of the  
report. They have no knowledge of  
a long distance being started Sunday  
night.

## LIBERALS UNDECIDED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Ont., April 20.—Either  
Fraser Smith or Sirogrov or J. M.  
Godfrey of Port Credit—probably the  
former—will be the Liberal candidate  
in Peel County, according to present  
indications.



J. M. DONAHUE.

London attorney announces him-  
self as independent candidate work-  
ing to "reform" the O. T. A.

SAYS WEST FARMERS  
ARE NOT BANKRUPTS

George Spence States Many  
Men Not Suited for Farm  
Work.

Ottawa, April 20.—"I'm not going  
to say we are living in luxury, for we  
are not, but neither are we all bank-  
rupt," declared George Spence of  
Monchy, Sask., in evidence before the  
special agricultural committee of the  
house this morning. Mr. Spence had  
farmed in Saskatchewan, 60 miles  
from his nearest market town, for ten  
years, and is now a member of the  
local Legislature for the constituency  
of Nantaku. The Saskatchewan  
farmer, he said, were under great  
difficulties at present, but these dif-  
ficulties were not insurmountable.

Canada's free land policy in the  
past has been detrimental, he went  
on. In many cases lands unfit for  
homesteading had been taken up, and  
also men, unfitted for farming, had  
been lured by the bait of free land,  
to try farming.

"Farmers are like poets; they are  
born, not made," declared Mr. Spence,  
adding that many men who tried to  
farm never should have left their  
work in the cities.

## SOLDIERS OUT OF JOBS

NOT OF OWN ACCORD

C. Grant MacNeill Describes  
Departmental Patronage  
Before House.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 20.—Departmental  
patronage in filling positions exempt-  
ed from the operation of the civil  
service act was again described by  
C. Grant MacNeill, acting for the  
Dominion Veterans' Association and  
the house committee on the civil ser-  
vice act last night.

Mr. MacNeill recommended that  
departments obtain their men for  
exempted positions through the gov-  
ernment employment service, which  
would give the preference to ex-ser-  
vice men.

"In Toronto the labor market is  
good," remarked James Malcolm, who  
was the League of Nations, was born  
without a job in Canada today.

Mr. MacNeill returned that the un-  
employment of soldiers was not wil-  
ful. He knew a colonel of fine edu-  
cation who was living on one meal  
a day.

Mr. Chevrier said he knew a mas-  
ter of arts from the University of  
Toronto who took a job as plumber's  
apprentice a few days ago.

STRESSES NEED IN WORLD  
OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Associated Press Despatch.

Richmond, April 20.—An "in-  
sane and devilish fear" is at the  
bottom of the world's troubles and  
can be allayed only through a better  
understanding of the difficulties and  
differences of nations, Lord Robert  
Ceil, former member of the British  
cabinet, and Britain's chief exponent  
of the League of Nations, declared  
in an address here last night in which  
he explained the functions of the  
league and pictured its possibilities  
as a force for world peace.

PLAN FOR BATTLE  
NOW THE SLOGAN  
AT QUEEN'S PARK

Government Blames Conserva-  
tives for Failure of Redis-  
tribution Bill.

## BLOCKADE AT AN END

Liberal Leader Urges Co-opera-  
tion To Put the Measure  
Through This Season.

Associated Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 20.—"Prepare for  
battle" is the slogan this morning at  
Queen's Park. The preliminary but  
withal strenuous skirmish over re-  
distribution, which has kept the On-  
tario Legislature at a tension all the  
week because of the filibuster of  
Conservative opposition against the  
proportional representation bill, ended  
last night when Premier Drury an-  
nounced the withdrawal of the three  
bills he had previously introduced in  
this connection, and an appeal to  
the country without any change in  
the electoral divisions from those of  
the last general elections.

Last night's exchanges between  
Premier Drury and Hon. G. Howard  
Ferguson, Conservative leader, in-  
dicated the stands the two parties  
take before the electors as regards  
the happenings in the provincial  
legislature during the last few days.  
The leader of the government  
placed the blame for failure to have  
redistribution on the Conservatives,  
claiming the tactics of obstruction  
and four days' blockade in the house  
by that group convinced him it was  
useless trying to put through the  
government bills in time for disas-  
sion on May 4, with an election the  
last week in June, probably June 25.  
It was therefore decided to drop  
them.

Blames Government.

The Conservative leader, on the  
other hand, accused the government  
of seeking to throw the opposition  
surprise by private redistribution  
and electoral reform bills in the  
house near the end of the session,  
without any mention of them in the  
speech from the throne. The Con-  
servative ultimatum clearly outlined  
that redistribution could only go to  
the house in a single bill, and that  
representation and single transfer-  
able vote.

Wellington, Ont., April 20.—The  
government's failure to reach a redis-  
tribution this session.  
The four days over which the  
blockade has been continued have  
been tedious to the members of the  
legislature during almost the entire  
sessions were in progress, even to  
the small hours of the morning,  
waiting for a break in the conflict.

## ENERGETIC FIGHT.

So concentrated have been the en-  
ergies of the government parties and  
the opposition, more particularly the  
Conservatives, in conducting their fight  
in the house, that the opposition  
party organization with a view to  
the elections, but with that tension  
removed, caucuses, conferences and  
conferences are expected to take  
a prominent place in the activities of  
the members from now on.

For the most part, the sessions for  
party conventions in the constituen-  
cies have been held up by the un-  
certainties as to the boundaries of the  
constituencies, and the government  
announcement that they will remain  
as they are, these will likely go forward  
with unimpeded speed.

Much of the mooted legislation for  
this session will now probably go  
to the board in order that the wind-  
up of business may be completed by  
May 4.

TWO MORE HONORED  
BY FRENCH ACADEMY

Chas. C. A. Jonnart and Rev.  
Henri Bremond Join Ranks  
of Forty "Immortals."

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 20.—Two vacancies in  
the ranks of the forty "Immortals"  
were filled yesterday, the successful  
candidates being Chas. C. A. Jonnart  
and Rev. Henri Bremond. Sena-  
tor Jonnart was elected on the fourth  
ballot and Father Bremond on the  
second. The latter was chosen to  
occupy the seat in the French  
Academy made vacant by the death  
of Bishop Duchesne, while Sena-  
tor Jonnart will take that occupied  
by the late president, Paul Deschanel.

Charles Celestin Auguste Jonnart,  
long a member of the senate and  
member of numerous cabinets, now  
French ambassador at the Vatican,  
was born in the department of Pas de  
Calais in 1857, and has had a dis-  
tinguished career as a statesman and  
diplomat, achieving fame in these  
lines of activity rather than as a  
literary man.

Rev. Bremond, priest of the diocese  
of Aix-en-Provence, is best known  
as the author of "A Literary History  
of French Religious Tendencies From  
the End of the War of Religions Until  
1908." His entire literary output  
deals with religious topics.

OTTAWA NOT ANTICIPATING  
BUILDING TRADES STRIKE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 20.—The announce-  
ment from the plasterers and plas-  
ter contractors that they had decided  
to adhere to the contract entered into  
two years ago, by which the plas-  
ters receive a minimum wage of 8  
cents an hour, practically preclude  
any possibility of a building trades  
strike in Ottawa this spring.  
The bricklayers, carpenters and  
laborers have come to terms, and  
the stonemasons' signature is ex-  
pected daily.

