

THE WEATHER:
CLOUDY, MODERATELY COLD.
SUNDAY—SNOW FLURRIES.

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THREE CENTS.

OPERATION MAY CAUSE DELAY IN MURRELL TRIAL

Donald Wright Mentioned As President of Labor Party

FEAR TRIAL OF MURRELL MAY NOW BE POSTPONED

Question Whether He Will Be Sufficiently Recovered From Operation.

SPRING ASSIZES

Further Delay Would Mean a Considerable Expense to Country.

Will the murder trial of Sidney Murrell be postponed? This is the question agitating the minds of the bank and business circles, Dr. James D. Wilson and Dr. John Wisheart.

Their patient operated on a week ago for appendicitis shows a steady improvement each day, but it is an open question if Murrell will recover sufficiently to stand the ordeal of sitting before Judge and jury in the middlesex courtroom on trial for his life.

Dr. Wilson would give no decided answers to questions asked by The Advertiser today, but admitted it might be three weeks before Murrell would be well enough to move from Victoria Hospital to his jail cell.

If the doctors decide Murrell is not in physical condition to stand trial, the case will be traversed to the spring assizes. This will mean further expense to the county and the city in that the municipalities will have to pay for two extra jail guards to keep watch on Murrell.

CITY CLERK HOPES TO AVERT TANGLE

Proposes Various Pay Lists Be Published in Separate Books.

City Clerk Sam Baker would avert another "pay list controversy" as he has several months of 1924's city legislative activities, with both Mayor George Wenige and Sir Adam Beck occupying dominant roles.

It is the clerk's proposal that if the lists are to be published that they be prepared in separate publications and sold at cost to those who might apply.

"We could have the municipal year book out on time," he explained. "It was not published until the middle of 1923. We could have the lists prepared separately, say a hundred copies, and these could be on sale for any person who actually desired this information. This would end, I should think, any delay in the publication of either, and avoid a controversy."

City Clerk Baker feels that the various spending bodies would see "eye to eye" with this suggestion.

IMPRESSIONED WITH SPEECH.

Mayor Wenige reports that he was much impressed with the address last night by the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Tory party. "He is a good, clever speaker," the mayor stated.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Moderate winds; mostly cloudy and moderately cold today and on Sunday; light local snowfalls.

The disturbance, which was centered in the Ottawa Valley yesterday, has passed to the Atlantic and the barometer is now high over the greater part of the continent. The weather continues fairly cold in the Western Provinces.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 44. 36. Fair.

Calgary. 26. 4. Clear.

Winnipeg. 2. -14. Clear.

Port Arthur. 2. -14. Clear.

Sault Ste. Marie. 6. 2. Cloudy.

Toronto. 42. 24. Cloudy.

Kingston. 46. 18. Cloudy.

Ottawa. 44. 0. Fair.

Montreal. 42. 6. Clear.

Quebec. 22. 8. Clear.

Father Point. 24. 10. Cloudy.

St. John. 48. 36. Fair.

Halifax. 48. 40. Cloudy.

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 43; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 25; lowest, 21.

Barometric Readings.
Today—8 a.m.—29.23.
Friday—8 p.m.—29.93.



MINISTER DIES.
Rev. John Hogg, one of Canada's oldest and best-known Presbyterian clergymen, is dead in Vancouver, aged 84.

SPECIAL SESSIONS MARK METHODIST CHURCHES SUNDAY

Advent of Evangelism and Social Service To Be Commemorated.

OUT-OF-TOWN SPEAKERS

The anniversary of the institution of social service and evangelism in the London Methodist District will be celebrated in all the Methodist churches of the city and district tomorrow. An out-of-town man, who is coming principally in this connection, is ex-Controller J. O. McCarthy of Toronto, an ex-president of the Brotherhood Federation of Canada. Mr. McCarthy, who is one of the leading men in the provincial brotherhood movement, will speak at the Ridout Street Methodist Church in the evening and at the First Methodist Church in the morning.

E. J. Moore, Esq., and O. Hezlewood, both of Toronto, are other visitors who will speak in Methodist pulpits, stressing the idea of brotherhood.

Mr. Hezlewood speaks at Centennial Church in the morning, and at Dundas Centre in the evening. Mr. Moore will be at the Colborne Street Church in the morning and at Centennial Church in the evening.

"Religion in 1924—What Do Men Believe," is the striking subject which Mr. McCarthy will handle tomorrow afternoon at the mass meeting of the brotherhoods, to be held in Dundas Centre Methodist Church, under the auspices of the No. 8 Club. In addition to this address, Mrs. Frederick Schofield will sing at the service.

Brotherhood will be present at the evening service in Colborne Street Methodist Church, when S. G. McAlister and J. H. Laughton, both prominent members of the local federation, will speak.

Dr. Tamlyn will speak to the brotherhood of the First Methodist Church on "Recent Public Opinion in England."

REAL PORT AMBITIONS SAID REASON OF ACT

Hamilton Officials Seek Permission To Float \$400,000 Issue.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Hamilton's ambitions to become a real port are behind the negotiations opened up with the railway department to secure legislation authorizing the harbor board to issue \$400,000 debentures to start the improvements, states the Citizen today.

Commissioner Ainslie of the harbor board has had an interview with the deputy minister and later will submit proposals in concrete form.

Mayor Jutten of Hamilton, who was here yesterday with the power delegation, spoke of Hamilton's harbor in an interview last night.

Briefly, Hamilton wants to go ahead now with what was held up by the war. "His need for harbor facilities will be increased greatly when the new Welland Canal is finished, and I am hopeful that the government will turn us a sympathetic ear," Mayor Jutten said.

DETROIT ROTARY CLUB WILL VISIT LONDONERS

Paul King, president, and fifty members of the Detroit Rotary Club will be the guests of the London Rotary Club on Friday evening, Jan. 22, it was announced this morning by Dean W. S. Fox, president of the local club. The Detroit club are "bringing the Rotary wheel" to London. They will be dining at the Telemachus House. The program of entertainment is being arranged by the Detroit club.

RAIL STRIKE IN BRITAIN DECLARED INEVITABLE

The Locomotive Engineers Announce Transportation Tie May Come Any Time.

AWARD REFUSED

Men Claim Cut in Wages Will Not Be Permitted To Take Effect.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 12.—The locomotive's men's organization officially announced today that a railway strike in Great Britain was inevitable and might occur at any time as a result of the failure of negotiations between the companies and the engineers over the question of a wage readjustment.

The society asserted that the lines had refused to make any concessions. J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, announced that the attitude of the companies was absolutely uncompromising. Mr. Bromley announced that a strike would not take place immediately, and said that unless the men were otherwise instructed they would cease work at the time already decided upon.

Mr. Bromley told an interviewer the men were resolved to fight to a finish. This morning the companies replied that they could make no concessions, and would advise the wages board, a decision which, the locomotive men assert, reduces their weekly wage out of proportion to the cost of living. The award, the contend, is unacceptable.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANS SPECIAL MEETING

Will Elect Chairman and Representative to Audit Committee.

Next Friday a special meeting of the board of education will be held at the Technical School, following a meeting of the vocational advisory committee.

The committee meeting has been called for the purpose of electing a chairman and a representative to the audit committee, and also to allow the new members of the committee to meet the old. A. R. Kennedy and W. N. Manning were appointed to serve three years at the inaugural meeting of the board on Thursday.

It is more than likely that the board meeting will take the form of a luncheon served in the model suite at the school. This has been the custom in former years, and gives the members a chance to become acquainted with the workings of the school.

REV. SYMINGTON TO SPEAK.

Rev. T. A. Symington of Knox Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow at the evening service. His sermon will be "Is the World Growing Tired of Idealism?"

Rev. Mr. Symington will give special reference to the speech of Lord Birkenhead on this subject in the United States and Glasgow.

"MAN—And This Monkey Business"

What scientists think today about the origin of man—the "missing link"—what has happened to Darwin's theory—a fascinating subject.

You'll find it all on the front page of the Saturday Magazine Section this afternoon.

And with it come eight pages of other features—fiction, humor, adventure, science, tragedy.

Inside pages of the Magazine Section contain "Life's Little Comedies," by Frise; the Daudet Mystery; Hunting Big Game With Bow and Arrow; a page of anecdotes about interesting people; what happens during an Alpine avalanche; "Sitting by the Fireplace," by Rita Weiman; and "Boston Blackie's Mary" by Jack Boyle, in addition to a dozen arresting shorter articles on subjects you will remember.

The Magazine Section is a regular Saturday feature of the Evening Advertiser. It is a companion in entertainment to the four-page colored section of comic—Andy Camp, Jiggs, Mr. and Mrs., and Mutt and Jeff.

Twelve pages of fun, information and entertainment every Saturday afternoon.



WILL ASK PROBE.
Lord Curzon has been invited to the League of Nations to investigate the role the French have played in the separatist movement in the Palatinate.

WOOD WILL BE OPPOSED FOR OFFICE

President of United Farmers of Alberta Meets With Criticism.

READY FOR ATTACK

Advocates of Banking Reform Will Put Candidates in Field.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, Alta., Jan. 12.—For the first time in four years, and for the second time in his seven years of office, R. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, will meet with opposition if he seeks re-election to the presidency of the U. P. A. at the convention at Edmonton next week.

Two candidates are certain to oppose him. Charles F. Harris and George Bevington, who has become widely known throughout the province because of his advocacy of banking reform.

The big line of attack upon Mr. Wood will be the objection to him holding the position of president of the wheat pool and president of the U. P. A.

THAMES ONCE AGAIN CLEAR OF ICE, RIVER IS HIGHER

The Thames is clear of ice, after having been frozen over for about a week. This morning small pieces of ice were floating down stream, free from all interruptions. The current, owing to the recent heavy rains, was stronger than usual, while the water level was as high as it has been since summer.

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YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CONVELE ON TUESDAY

Rev. C. A. Myers, Toronto, To Address Session in First Presbyterian.

The young people's division of the series of conventions arranged by the local Religious Education Council will convene in the First Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening.

This is the second of the four conventions arranged, and commences at 6:15 with a cafeteria supper. The principal speaker will be Rev. C. A. Myers of Toronto, the division superintendent of Young People's Work in connection with the Ontario Religious Education Council.

The subject for Mr. Myers' address will be "Christian Canadian Citizenship and Young People." Miss Helen Hardy of London will give an address, following the supper, on "The Need in Young People's Work."

E. BOGUE TO SPEAK.

E. Bogue of Strathroy, Dominion fruit inspector for this district, has accepted the invitation of the London and Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association to address the growers at a meeting in the office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture on Jan. 24.

REALTORS SEE LITTLE CHANCE FOR RENT DROP

Believe Building Prices Will Be Recovered in Spring.

COST IS TEMPORARY

Possibility of Decline in Labor Costs Not Anticipated.

The slight decline in rents of the past two months has little bearing with the range of real estate and rent prices for 1924, real estate brokers claim. They see little possibility of a decrease in building costs or rent this year, and ascribe the temporary 10 per cent general reduction in houses this month to the departure of many citizens for southern points.

are only temporarily vacated in the winter will be less than those rented throughout the year," an official of Bert Weir's real estate office said. "With the coming of spring rents and real estate prices will come back to their present scale. There is no indication that labor will ask for less; or that building costs will decline."

MUNICIPAL 1924 OPENS MONDAY

The City Council Members Will Receive Mayor's Inaugural Talk.

The year 1924 commences Monday next at 11 a.m. municipally and officially.

Mayor George Wenige and members of the city council will assemble for their inaugural gathering. The members will receive the mayor's inaugural address and ratify appointments to the merged Banque Nationale and Hochelaga Bank before the regular time.

In all probability the new board of works will assemble Tuesday night, the regular time, and the finance committee the following night. Other boards and committees will be staging their inaugural sessions throughout the remainder of the month.

CIVIC LEGAL BUREAU IS WENIGE'S PROPOSAL

Mayor To Advance Plan in His Inaugural Address on Monday.

In his inaugural address Monday, Mayor Wenige will urge the establishment of a city legal department with an office in the city hall.

It is his worship's belief that this department should be available to the general public, bona fide ratepayers of the city, who could seek advice in many ways.

"The office could be open for an hour a day," he explained, "say from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

POLICE COURT SHORT.

Police court this morning lasted exactly 30 seconds. Magistrate Graydon glanced over the list of prisoners, decided none would be heard publicly, and adjourned the court, much to the disappointment of half a dozen in the audience who attend regularly.

THE 100TH IS HERE.

The last check of the 100 required to pay the \$355 insurance loss caused by fire at Empress avenue school has been received by Secretary Tanner, and the checks will be given to City Treasurer Bell. They range in amount from a few cents to \$20.

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Elaborate Police System Is Used To Guard Prince While On Visit To Paris

British Heir Resumes Incognito Title as the Earl of Chester.

ALL ARE DETECTIVES

Brief Visit to Theatre Is Carefully Checked by the Officials.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The Prince of Wales last night dined at the British embassy as the Earl of Chester, resuming his incognito title, which he had dropped in the morning for a few hours.

When he arose yesterday he came down the stairs at the hotel, where he is stopping, four steps at a time, dodging the imposing footman, jumped into his own taxicab and was off on a private expedition with only his private secretary accompanying him.

The police squad attached to the prince does not admit that the prince lost them, but they do not describe his trip. The prince has the pick of the Paris detectives shadowing him. They have been chosen particularly because of the absence of the belligerent mustache and the traditional large feet. Their watchfulness is well organized for the Paris police constantly are charged with protecting notables, although usually it is done more openly than in this case.

The other night, when the prince went unostentatiously to a theatre, the program, seller was a detective; the girl usher was a member of the secret service staff, and the two chauffeurs who kept the entrance curb obstructed after the show so that the prince would have to take one or the other of their cars, had police connection.

The prince lunched and spent part of the afternoon yesterday with the Marquis and Marquise de Breteuil, old friends with whom he lived several months when, before the war, he came to Paris to polish up his French.

QUEBEC LIKELY TO ASK INTEREST ON BONDS

Action in the Bank Merger Is Expected To Be Taken Next Week.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montreal, Jan. 12.—A Quebec special to the Gazette says:

Interest must be paid to the provincial government on the \$15,000,000 of bonds to be issued by the government to the merged Banque Nationale and Hochelaga Bank before there is payment of dividends, according to definite information in connection with the measure to be brought before the house next week.

The first charge on the profits of the new bank will be interest on the bonds, or any portion of them, should such bonds be negotiated after the bank to which the government will turn them over.

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WILL NOT RESIGN.
Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, who will continue to perform the duties of his office at the Vatican despite rumors in circulation that he was to relinquish the post. The denial of these rumors has been made officially by the Vatican organ, Osservatore Romano.

FARMERS ASKING FOR MORE HELP

Besiege Immigration Offices While Unemployed Tramp Streets.

While unemployed are tramping the streets of Canadian cities farmers are besieging immigration officials for farm help, according to John Farrell, former superintendent of immigration for this district. Although he has no official position at the present time Mr. Farrell remains on the job and attends to all government correspondence in connection with the work of settling men on the farms.

"I have eleven applications from men wanting work, while there are scores of farmers in the district anxious for help," declared Mr. Farrell. "I received one letter from Toronto today from a man who has walked the streets there for three months and now wants to go on a farm. I will have no trouble in getting him a good job."

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URGE WRIGHT TO CONSIDER LABOR PARTY PRESIDENCY

Labor Member of L. and P. S. Commission Is Urged To Stand.

SPECIAL MEETING

Members Consider Problems the Party Must Face During Year.

Donald Wright, Labor member of the London & Port Stanley Railway Commission, has been urged to allow his name to stand for the 1924 presidency of the London Labor party, The Advertiser learns.

Meeting in special session last night, members of the executive committee considered the leading questions confronting the party at this time, and names of prospective officers for the consideration of the party were considered.

Election of officers and other important business will take place on the regular meeting night, Friday next.

Labor leaders predict that this will be a big year locally for the Labor movement generally, from the trades unionist as well as the political angle. Two big conventions have already been scheduled for London, the annual session of the Dominion Trades Congress and the annual gathering of the Ontario Labor party. Labor leaders from all sections of the Dominion will make London their headquarters for those occasions.

The local Labor men are also determined, at least a majority of them, to further the "broadening out" policy, and there will be a complete reorganization of the forces and a renewed activity, particularly in view of the approaching general election within the next year or two.

MAJORITY OF ROADS STILL IMPASSABLE

Motor Car Traffic in County at Standstill, Engineer Reports.

Although the rain helped considerably in reducing drifts on Middlesex County roads, the majority of county highways are still impassable for motor cars, according to County Engineer Charles Talbot, who has been receiving reports from road foremen.

Automobile traffic on the Sarnia road is absolutely held up, the foremen report, while the Wellington road is equally impassable. The highway west as far as Mount Brydges is not bad, but the Hamilton road is in a class with every Sarnia highway. The government highway to Ingersoll is fair.

NO CHANGE EXPECTED IN PRICE OF "GAS" HERE

Canada Not Likely To Be Affected By U. S. Rise, Official Says.

The current price of gasoline here will likely remain steady for some months despite the two-cent increase registered in the United States today. Eleven states are affected by the decision of the Standard Oil Company to boost the price, but no reflection of that order is probable in this district.

S. D. Baby, manager of the Imperial Oil Company in London, said he thought gasoline scales would remain stationary.

"The only information we have here regarding a change is what we see in American papers," Mr. Baby said. "Canada is not always affected by conditions on the other side."

ARM IS NOT AMPUTATED, CONDITION FAVORABLE