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## WORKMANLY LIFELESS BODY IN LUMBER YARD

### BELL IS CONFIDENT OF LOWER TAX RATE

Thirty-Four-Mill Rate Now Appears Probable Following Caucus Held Last Night—Members Now Optimistic—Outlines Difference Existing Between Toronto and London at Present.

#### MAYOR SEEKS FURTHER REDUCTIONS

Cheerful information to the ratepayers is forthcoming from City Treasurer James Bell, who is confident that the 1923 rate of 34.7 mills will be reduced for the current term. A 34-mill rate is within the realm of probability after a reasonable consideration of the proposed expenditures from the several boards.

At a special caucus last night, Mayor Wenige, the treasurer and Ald. Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, reviewed all the estimates again and taxed their reckoning powers in an effort to evolve plans for a substantial reduction in the rate.

Ald. Douglass is also optimistic with the city treasurer after last night and believes that he can see a reduced rate on the horizon, not including of course the proposal to place one mill in the estimates for the welfare fund.

Neither of them are quite as enthusiastic as Mayor Wenige, however, who slashed at the figures right and left, tentatively of course, bringing the rate down to 32.8 mills. His colleagues did not see eye to eye with this arrangement, however, as there are certain items which must be met in the tax rate this year, they feel, although the mayor seems inclined to cut or eliminate them all together.

I am quite pleased with the estimates to date as I reviewed them last night," Ald. Douglass stated. "I feel safe in predicting that our rate will not be increased and there is every hope now for a reduction."

The general opinion at the city hall now appears to be that it would still be possible for the city council to bring in a tax rate, not in excess of last year and possibly lower, with provision for one branch high school.

While considerable prominence has been given to the fact that the city council of Toronto has reduced its tax rate to 30 mills, and the city treasurer has a communication from that municipality reminding him of that situation, he points out that there are several phases of the situation to consider before any criticism can be directed at the local council.

"Toronto has a 30-mill rate for this year," he explained, "but upon the same basis of assessment and valuation as we have in London, it would have been possible for last year's council in London to have brought down a 25-mill rate."

"Toronto's assessment per capita last year was about \$1,477 while upon the same basis of assessment and valuation the latest population figures London's rate would have been 25 mills."

### TWO ENGLISH YOUTHS TO WORK ON FARMS

Arrive in City Today To Take Up Positions Near Dresden.

Two stalwart, young Englishmen arrived in the city Tuesday morning to take up farm positions secured for them by John Farrell, Western Ontario immigration superintendent of the Ontario government. They left in the afternoon for neighboring farms near Dresden.

M. G. Coffin stated he came from London, England, and was anxious to try conclusions with the farming game as practiced in Canada. There was no work to be had in the old country, he stated, and Canada looked like the land of opportunity to him. These statements were agreed to by C. Trentham of Birmingham, who met Mr. Coffin aboard the Montrose, which docked at St. John's last Sunday.

Referring to the Ramsay MacDonald government, the young men stated the new premier was being closely watched regarding his attitude toward the Socialists.

"If he does too much for them, there will be a great row," predicted Mr. Coffin.

### NO CHANCE FOR EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX IN LONDON

There is slight chance of a smallpox epidemic in this city, assures Ald. L. H. Douglass, member of the board of health, but he would recommend, however, that every citizen take advantage of the vaccination at the earliest opportunity.

"In London, Brantford, Hamilton and other centers on the railroad leading in and out of Windsor, the odd case of smallpox is bound to develop," he stated, "but there will be no epidemic. It would be advisable, however, for everyone to be vaccinated in order that they would not be that possible odd case."

### Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Silver harpin lost.  
Shingles for sale.  
Used car for sale.  
90-acre farm for sale.  
Shoemaker wanted.



SIR ADAM BECK,  
London member in the Ontario House who returned to Toronto yesterday after a week's illness.

### CASEY YOHN TRIAL PROCEEDS TODAY

Strong Evidence Is Brought In Against Former Londoner at Detroit.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Detroit, March 11.—Strong evidence against Jack "Casey" Yohn, alias Downey, formerly of London, Ontario, charged with murder of Floyd Johnson, local oil station attendant, was given before Judge Edward J. Jeffries today.

The trial, delayed for months, did not open until yesterday and was adjourned until 3:30 this morning after an exhaustive evidence against Yohn was heard. It is probable the case will go before the jury this afternoon.

One of the sensational features of the trial was the assertion of Edward Attix, Yohn's attorney, that the alleged confession of the murder made by the prisoner was written under coercion. He advocated that this evidence be struck out. Yohn pleaded not guilty to the charge.

### DENBY SURRENDERS NAVAL PORTFOLIO

U. S. Cabinet Minister Will Return to His Home in Detroit.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Washington, March 11.—Edwin Denby surrendered his navy portfolio yesterday but retained a connection with the naval establishment, of which he has been the chief for three years. When he left the office late in the day he was again Major Denby, fourth class, marine corps, reserve.

Departmental affairs were turned over to Acting Secretary Roosevelt until such time as Mr. Denby's successor is nominated and confirmed. The former secretary will leave for his home in Detroit Wednesday afternoon, returning to Washington about March 30.

### VANCOUVER TEAM WINS FROM CALGARY TIGERS

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Vancouver, B. C., March 11.—Vancouver Maroons defeated the Calgary Tigers, 3 to 1, here last night in the first game of the post-season series to decide the supremacy of the champions of the Pacific Coast and Western Canada hockey leagues.

### WRITES UP FORCE.

H. L. Trimble, a representative of the Police Journal, arrived in London on Tuesday to secure a write-up of the local force, which will appear in the April number of that international publication. Mr. Trimble will spend a week in the city gathering information for his article.

### Coal Petition Is Gaining Big Headway In Alberta

Drumheller Board of Trade Will Circulate Forms in District.

The petition for Alberta coal is gaining headway in Alberta as well as throughout Ontario.

The Advertiser has received the following telegram from T. S. Branson, secretary of the board of trade of Drumheller, Alta.:

"Drumheller Board of Trade is undertaking to circulate the Ad-

### CITY THEFT SUSPECT IS NOW HELD IN NEW YORK

Extradition Proceedings Are Being Started To Bring Back Clarence Gould.

#### THOUSANDS TAKEN

Petty Thieving and Serious Charges Held Against Youth.

Clarence Gould, young Londoner, who is alleged to have stolen thousands of dollars worth of valuables back in 1921, has been captured by New York police and is being held there pending extradition proceedings being taken by the Ontario government at the instigation of Chief Robert Birrell of the local force and Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd.

Petty thieving as well as serious robberies which took place in the early months of 1921 were proving a source of worry to the local force which worked quietly and unobtrusively on the robberies. When the trail finally grew warm, Gould became scared and disappeared entirely. It was learned that he had fled to the United States, and circulars were broadcast, giving a full description of the young man.

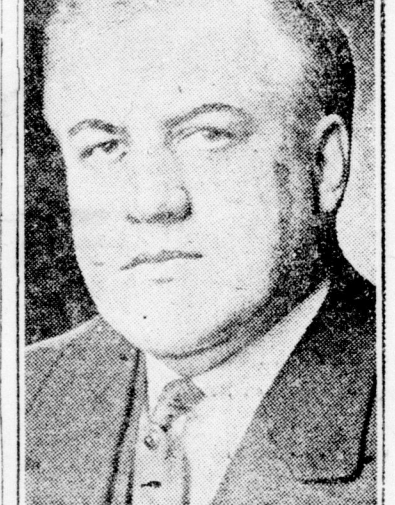
Chief Birrell, when interviewed, stated he had no official information to give out. He stated he had been in communication with the New York police for some time and that extradition proceedings were being taken through the British consulate at New York. He could not say when the young man would be brought to London to stand trial.

The articles so far have been stolen by Gould are found on the premises of a relative residing in East London. Packed away in huge packing cases were found a dozen or more expensive motor rugs, several valuable fur coats, automobile tires almost without number were discovered, some of them brand new.

Altogether the proceeds of over 30 thefts were found by Inspector Nickle who was mainly instrumental in the discovery of the goods.

Early in January 1921, Gould is alleged to have driven an automobile owned by M. P. Clatworthy.

On May 17, 1921 he spirited away a huge truck belonging to the Webster Construction Company, it is believed. Shortly after this occurred the police became suspicious of Gould who departed for safe fields in the United States.



A. MITCHELL PALMER,  
who was attorney-general of the United States in the Wilson cabinet, is accused of having turned over \$500,000 worth of oil lands to an American railroad.

### CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO GET GRAMOPHONE

Mrs. R. G. Goldston Opens Campaign To Bring Happiness to Little Patients.

As the result of a story published last Saturday in The London Advertiser, local citizens have interested themselves in the procuring of a gramophone to be placed in the wards of the War Memorial Hospital for Sick Children. Mrs. R. G. Goldston of 724 Elms street (phone 7513) who immediately offered to conduct a campaign and has already received subscriptions for this purpose.

The entire sum necessary to accomplish this exceptionally useful task only reaches about \$50, and Mrs. Goldston and those who are giving her support are quite confident of receiving the necessary support. Contributions may be received either by The Advertiser or by Mrs. Goldston and will be acknowledged through the news columns of the paper.



PRESIDENT COSGRAVE,  
who promises that the letter from General Tobin on the movement of military troops is a challenge that the Free State government will not let pass unheeded.

### RECTORY SCHOOL COULD BE CLOSED

Ald. Gordon Drake Declares Accommodation Can Easily Be Found For Pupils.

Ald. Gordon Drake is responsible today for the interesting declaration that the Rectory street public school could be closed up entirely and accommodation found for the pupils in other institutions, without much trouble.

"And that was told me yesterday by a member of the board of education," Ald. Drake stated. "I would not care to mention his name, for obvious reasons. But I was certainly surprised to hear of such a situation."

"The trustee explained to me that the school district entirely and send the students to other schools and that then there would be plenty of room to spare. The information was certainly set me thinking about this collegiate institute problem."

Ald. Drake still insists that the collegiate proposal of \$700,000 could be cut to \$160,000 by adding to the central collegiate institute.

### ASHPLANT DELAYS RECOMMENDATIONS

Prefers To Have Plan Considered at Next Session of Commission.

City Auditor Henry B. Ashplant did not care to publicly discuss his report of yesterday concerning the accounting system of the L. and P. S. Railway. He stated that he would prefer to say nothing until such time as his recommendations are considered at the next session of the commission.

As pointed out yesterday, the city auditor raises at the connection with the bookkeeping system of that department. It appears that his opinion conflicts with that of other auditors in the past. The fact was stressed yesterday that no charges were hurled at the department. The question appears to the average person to be one of strictly accounting.

### Revised List of Votes Published On Wednesday

First Day of Last Lap in Contest Shows No Slackening.

#### TWO WEEKS MORE

Twelve Candidates Enter the Home Stretch Level and Going Strong.

Coming down the home stretch in the greatest race ever held in Western Ontario more than 100 candidates are so close to one another that the winner cannot be determined until the final day of the contest. A remarkable revival of salesmanship spirit characterized the first day of the last lap.

The man or woman who continues working hard this week and next is almost sure to win the \$500 in special prizes. The candidate who wins the first award of \$200 in this subsidiary contest will have his average boosted to such an extent he will stand a splendid chance of annexing the grand prize of \$2,000.

Very shortly the 250,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions will close.

In the final analysis the race will narrow down to twelve of the hardest workers. All that is required to be numbered among that dozen is continued hard work.

The 200 free vote coupon will appear for the last time next Thursday. Candidates may send in all their

### COLLEGIATE ESTIMATES EXPECTED TO BE CUT

Council Members State, Action Proves \$700,000 Program Unnecessarily High.

#### WORK NOT THOROUGH

See Slight Hope of Council Supporting Such Large Expenditure.

The \$700,000 building estimate for two new colleges advanced by the Board of Education now seems likely to receive a decided cut at the next meeting of the board.

This probability was announced last night by Dr. A. J. Grant, chairman of No. 3 committee.

Dr. Grant, who has been active in sponsoring and urging the \$700,000 building program, received architect's plans last Saturday, and explains that examination of these plans led him to believe that a different idea in last night's meeting. The new plan will be submitted at the next general meeting of the Board of Education.

Dr. Grant states that there is no change, however, in the conviction that two new schools are required.

Members of the city council seem inclined to believe that Dr. Grant's change in plan is proof that the \$700,000 program which he previously urged was unnecessarily high, and that if it can now be reduced a step it is capable of further reductions.

Work Not Thorough.

"It looks to me," stated one man, "as if Dr. Grant and his committee hadn't gone into things very thoroughly. Apparently they hadn't even seen the plans of the proposed buildings when they stipulated \$700,000. Further inquiries are made perhaps more economies will be discovered. We mustn't waste money these days."

Ald. Edmund Hayden expressed surprise that it has been possible to find reductions after this lapse of time.

"Dr. Grant and the board should take their proposals to the people," stated Ald. Hayden. "I think one has had extravagant ideas and been too anxious to lead other people around by the nose, and the city council would not be justified in approving so large an expenditure of the people's money."

Further Reduction.

Ald. John Groer, chairman of the board of works, stated that he has yet to be shown good and sufficient reason why Dr. Grant's proposal for two new high schools during 1924 should receive the support of the council.

"I am still ready to hear what they have to say," he stated. "Although from what I gather from my associates in the council, there appears to be slight hope for any \$700,000 program. I would like to see Dr. Grant make further reductions in his plan."

#### CONFER ON LIGHTING.

As a preliminary move for the inauguration of "ornamental lighting" throughout the downtown section, Mayor Wenige and General Manager Buchanan of the public utilities commission conferred at noon today. The utilities department will take the initiative and sell the proposition to the storekeepers.

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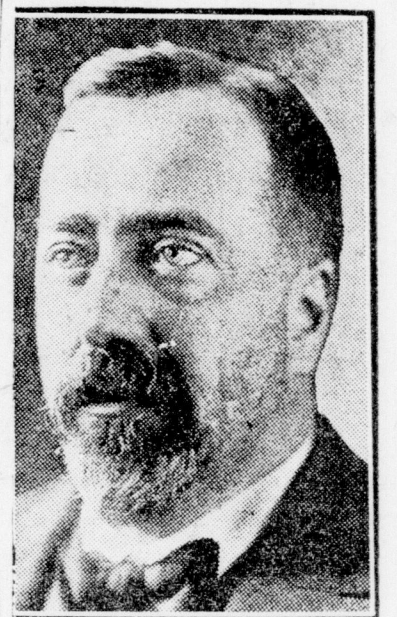
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DR. BERNARD DERNBURG,  
former "unofficial" German agent in the United States, denounces France and Russia as instigator of the world war.

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL WARNS COUNCILS

Nickle Declares Ignorance of Law Not To Be Accepted as Excuse.

Toronto, March 11.—Hon. W. F. Nickle, chairman of the private bills committee of the Legislature, gave warning this morning that ignorance of law would hereafter be no excuse for municipalities coming to the Legislature for ratification of their actions.

Two towns, Trenton and Colborne, had private bills covering infringements of the provincial law in by-laws passed by their councils. The chairman gave the warning, so that these two cases would not be set up as precedents by other municipalities.

### PROPOSED HYDRO LINE TO LUCAN DISCUSSED

Residents of Village and Surrounding District Interested in Project.

Lucan town hall was crowded to capacity Monday afternoon with residents of Biddulph and London townships who were anxious to hear more particulars regarding the proposed hydro line from Lucan along the Proof Line road to the second concession of London Township, thence to Iderton.

K. A. Hughes, superintendent of London and Westminster townships hydro lines, and Miss Mary Grant, clerk of London Township, were present and answered a number of questions to the satisfaction of all present.

A number of contracts were signed by farmers and at the end of the meeting it was made known that with the signing of 12 more hydro contracts the line would be proceeded with. It was explained that there must be three hydro customers to every mile.

J. M. Ross, reeve of Lucan, and C. Hodgins, reeve of Lucan and Township, were present, Mr. Hodgins acting as chairman.

### NO ACTION YET TAKEN IN MURDER APPEALS

Department of Justice Has Not Received Evidence in London Cases.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 11.—No concerted move for leniency has yet been made in the case of Murrell, Williams and Topping, sentenced to be hanged for murder at London on April 10 next. As a matter of fact, the evidence in the cases has not yet been received by the justice department.

After it has been received it must be carefully reviewed by the minister and his officers, whereupon recommendation is made to cabinet council, which decides whether or not the law shall take its course. It is regarded here as likely that community spirit generally would look with disfavor upon any move for clemency.

### READY FOR INVESTIGATION OF RELIEF DEPARTMENT

All is ready for an investigation of the city relief department tomorrow by the members of the finance committee, Mayor Wenige stated, but he is not prepared to specify his charges definitely.

"I'll present my case to the committee, and they can deal with my charges. I feel that I had justification for my action."

### BRANTFORD RESIDENT ENDS LIFE WITH ACID

Body of J. B. De Wolfe Found This Morning Near Lumber Yard.

#### RETURNING HOME

Left Work and Believed To Be On His Way From Flint.

The lifeless body of J. B. De Wolfe, a former resident of Brantford, was found in a box car at 8 o'clock this morning on a C. N. R. siding adjoining the lumber yard at George St. Belton. An empty bottle labelled carbolic acid was lying close to the body, mute testimony of the man's method of ending life.

Coroner Dr. Cameron Wilson who was called to the scene by lumber yard employees who found the remains, decided an inquest was not necessary, declaring it was a plain case of suicide.

Employees who had partly unloaded a car of fibre board late Monday afternoon, left one door open last night and were horrified to find the body on entering the car this morning. One man thought De Wolfe was just a tramp who had sneaked in during the night for a sleep. He advanced toward the prone body and gave the shoulder a shake, expecting the man to wake with a start.

The empty bottle was then discovered and a hurried call sent for the police. Detective Harry Dunn was soon on the scene and made a careful examination.

A little pocket dictionary was found in an inside pocket bearing the name of J. B. De Wolfe, 196 Nelson street, Brantford. Another book with a leather cover had the name of the Cockshutt Plow Co., Brantford on it. Inside were some formulas used by moulders, while in the man's pockets were found a moulder's trowel and other tools used in the business.

An empty bottle was found on one of the fingers of the dead man, while \$16 in bills was found in his trouser pocket. Half of it was American currency.

London police believe that the man was on his way to Brantford from Flint, Michigan. The bottle labelled carbolic acid bore the name of A. E. River, Flint, Michigan, druggist and grocer, the police stated. What in-

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### GREAT WAR VETERAN, W. R. LOWTHIAN, DIES

Passes Away at Byron Sanatorium Yesterday—Funeral Thursday.

William R. Lowthian, a veteran of the great war, died at Byron Sanatorium yesterday. He was born in Middlesex County, near Delaware, 23 years ago, and resided there his whole life. He was a member of the A. F. and A. M. Lodge, No. 353, Delaware.

Mr. Lowthian is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Lowthian, and two sisters, Mrs. Ivel Minnett, city, and Marie, at home.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock from his parents' residence to Christ Church, Delaware, where services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Crowley.

Interment will be made in Delaware Cemetery.

### The Weather

FORECASTS.  
Strong north and northeast winds, cloudy with much the same temperature today and on Wednesday; light local snow falls.

Southern Ontario is now just on the outskirts of a severe storm which has developed near the middle Atlantic Coast, causing violent gales with rain and snow. The weather is fair and moderately cold in the Western Provinces and overcast and mild from Ontario eastward.

Stations. High Low Weather  
Victoria ..... 52 38 Clear  
Calgary ..... 49 24 Fair  
Winnipeg ..... 26 14 Cloudy  
Port Arthur ..... 34 12 Clear  
S. S. Marie ..... 35 30 Cloudy  
Cochrane ..... 26 18 Cloudy  
Toronto ..... 32 23 Cloudy  
Kingston ..... 40 32 Fair  
Ottawa ..... 38 32 Cloudy  
Montreal ..... 38 34 Cloudy  
Quebec ..... 36 30 Cloudy  
St. John ..... 46 32 Cloudy  
Halifax ..... 44 34 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 34; lowest, 26. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.  
Monday—2 p.m.—28.83.  
Today—8 a.m.—28.86.