

# Schools Re-Open Tuesday, September 4th—Are You Ready?

## Think School Attendance Records Will Be Broken

Principals of London's Various Educational Institutions Point To Heavy Registration—Collegiate Principal Expects To Enroll 1,500 Students.

From an educational point of view the season of 1923-1924 is going to be a record one for attendance in the city. The principals of the most important teaching centers in the city. Both the public and the business colleges and schools report a greatly increased registration, and without any exception state that they are looking to the coming school year as being in advance of any previous period.

From the "middle" in the kindergarten in the public schools to the adults in some of the classes in the London Institute of Musical Art, all roads lead to the Rome of knowledge. Apart altogether from the University of Western Ontario, which will soon open her doors, and from the Normal School, London is, indeed, a rich center of education. Underlying every statement from the various principals is the undercurrent of optimism that sees in the increased registration an opportunity for the Canadians of tomorrow to make sure their grasp on the best things in life, and to build better and surer the human bulwarks of "Our Lady of the Snows."

In the Collegiate School with its south and east end units in operation the year will be one of full class-

rooms, and if the provisions made for improving the attendance prove successful, a record one for London. E. A. Miller, principal of the London Collegiate, says he expects to have almost 1,500 students this year. Of this number 850 will find accommodation in the London South unit. The east end unit, and some 700 in the Central Collegiate itself.

By a reorganization plan that has come into being as the result of months of careful thought, he has found it possible to take care of all the 1,500 students properly for 1923-1924. But the accommodation is being fully taxed to accomplish this result.

The London public schools, according to the inspection reports, are facing the term with a certain attendance of 7,700, of whom 4,815 are boys and 2,885 girls. So that there are 1,885 more than in 1922-1923. The June enrollment was 8,885, which included grades 1 to 8, the kindergarten and the auxiliary classes. Teachers and the auxiliary classes. Teachers and the auxiliary classes. Teachers and the auxiliary classes.

**Shortage of Rooms.** At present there is a shortage of rooms in the public schools, but arrangements have been made whereby all the children can be adequately taken care of, and as soon as Trafalgar school is ready for occupation there will not only be ample room for London's children in the public schools, but the inspectors declare "accommodation second to none in the Dominion."

Trafalgar school is expected to be open about the New Year. All the schools have undergone their annual summer dry cleaning, and Captain Robinson, clerk of works for the board of education, has been busy all through the hot weather housecleaning with gangs of men and ladders, and lakes of whitewash and paint.

Janitors have done their share of fine cleaning and boiler tube brushing and sweeping away cobwebs, and in one way and another have put the finishing touch to the London schools for the season of 1923-1924. Although the school is still registering students, H. B. Beal, the principal, said today: "We estimate 2,416 students in both the day and night classes for the coming term, which is much in excess of any registration in the history of the school."

"Of that," he declared, "there will be some 700 or 800 students in the day classes. Apart from all this, there will probably be from 150 to 200 in the additional classes. That is another side of our work that is important." Mr. Beal stressed the providing high school work. "We have," he said, "in the Technical School, which is known as the technical high school course. It includes a course for boys, who already have their high school entrance standing, or have completed one year of the general industrial course. There is a high school economics course for girls, which is open to girls with the same qualifications as the boys."

There is also a matriculation course which allows admission to any university, and is especially intended for those pupils who are entering the staff, reviewing the activities of the school, said, "A. you know, is looking on by so many people as a luxury that it is impossible to foresee just how many parents will think that their children should include music in their life's education."

**Technical School Courses.** "The commercial course offered by the London Technical School is the only one offered in the public schools in the city," Mr. Beal has been busy all week in his office every night from 7:30 to 9:30 for the purpose of conferring with parents as to the needs of their children, and will be in his office in the evening until the school opens on Tuesday, September 4, for the same purpose.

"We have the largest enrolment of students that we have ever had," said W. F. Marshall, principal of the Westervelt Business College. "We have a 65 per cent larger entry than we had last year, and they are about evenly divided between the country and the city." Mr. Marshall attributes this large increase to the fact that the school in the past has been able to place its pupils so well and so satisfactorily. He said: "Not only have we a very large attendance list for the coming season, but we find also that our pupils, the girls especially, are realizing more and more the advantages of training in commercial life, and most of them today have taken their matriculation before they come to us."

"Then, too, our commercial course and our stenographic course now covers a period of about eleven months of work, whereas some years ago a girl could take the entire course in perhaps five or six months." The Westervelt School, wishing to make a good start early in the season, opens its doors on the first Monday before Labor Day and finds that it can get going and well under way for the winter work in spite of the fair and its counter attractions.

"We find," said Mr. Marshall "that

## GETS \$800 A DAY AT DELORME TRIAL

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### CUTS DOWN OTHERS

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Montreal, Aug. 30.—Expert witnesses, whose fees were stated to mount to high figures during the recent trial of Abbe Delorme, have been paid at the rate of \$10 a day, the government paying that amount to all of the experts, with a single exception. The only man to get any where near his expected fee was C. A. Osborne of New York, recognized as the world's greatest authority on handwriting. The government paid Mr. Osborne the sum of \$300 for one day in court. Mr. Osborne was excused as a witness, permanently, after being on the witness stand for three hours during the trial.

A great many of the witnesses who announced they were experts expected to get \$20 every day they made their appearance in court, to be called by the crown. The doctors who testified as experts, with the expectation of receiving \$25 fees, were paid at the rate of \$10 a day. Walter Haynes, firearms expert, got nowhere near the amount expected, and like all the others, received \$10 from the government.

In accepting the government's figures, witnesses have not jeopardized their position as experts or the possibility of receiving in full the amount of their fees. The doctors were asked when called by the crown as witnesses. At any future time an application for the full amount may be followed after the event payment can only follow after the lieutenant-governor. Mr. Osborne received \$800 before he was called by the crown, and the same routine is necessary before other witnesses received further sums for their services at the Delorme trial.

## DISCOVERS GYPSUM BEDS IN N. ONTARIO

T. J. McDermot, Prospector, Finds Deposit On Tributary of Moose River.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 30.—One of the most important gypsum beds in the world has been discovered by an Ontario prospector, T. J. McDermot of Sault Ste. Marie, according to information given out today by Hon. J. W. Lyons, provincial minister of lands and forests.

The deposit extends for one mile along a small river tributary to the Moose, 12 miles from the T. & O. extension, half way north to Couchiching and James Bay. The deposit runs inland from the uncharted river some 10 miles and is 40 feet deep at the river's edge, where the outcropping can be seen.

Provincial analysis has shown that the gypsum is 98.5 per cent pure over the entire bed. It is valued by both in extent and commercial purity by only one other gypsum deposit in the world, that being in Austria.

## FRIEND OF MUSSOLINI VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

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Vienna, Aug. 30.—Secretary Moravia of the Trieste Fascist, close personal friend of Premier Mussolini, was shot to death in Trieste, according to a despatch here today. Police arrested a man giving the name of Sollorino, who is said to have discharged five shots from a revolver at his victim. Vengeance was the motive, police said.

## ASK DISMISSAL OF CONSTABLE

Indians of Oneida Present Petition To Elgin County Magistrate.

### TO GO TO MIDDLESEX

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St. Thomas, Aug. 30.—One of the most unusual petitions ever presented to local county officials was that brought in to Magistrate Frank Hunt by an Indian resident of the Oneida reserve today, asking that Constable Washington Dostater of the reserve be struck from the constables' list on the grounds that he had not at all times followed his great namesake's policy of strict adherence to the truth. The petition, signed by dozens of prominent Oneida citizens, asked that no uncertain man, that Constable Dostater be relieved of his official duties on the reserve. The document alleged that Dostater had been in the habit of arresting sober men on charges of being intoxicated and letting real drunkards go with out arrest, and that he did not always stick to the straight and narrow path when testifying in a court witness box.

These sweeping allegations caused considerable stir in local court circles, but no action could be taken on the matter in Elgin county as the Oneida reserve is in Middlesex. Constable Dostater, it was learned, had at one time been on the Elgin constabulary list, but had been struck off some time ago. The Indian petitioning the magistrate was referred to Middlesex county officials in London, and stated that he would present his petition there.

Dostater, it is reported, has dubbed himself a Dominion constable. Whether or not he can lay claim to such an office remains to be seen, but it is said that the petition will give consideration and its allegations will be proved.

## ENGLISH CHANNEL STORM CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGES

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Aug. 30.—Much in damage and dislocation has resulted from the wild storm which swept over the English Channel and Brittany coast last night. A naval squadron engaged in firing exercises was obliged to put into port at Brest. Many fishing boats were sent adrift and one was wrecked outside the entrance to Boulogne, but the crew was saved. One hundred and fifty bathing huts at Havre were swept away.

## GRAIN EXPORTERS WILL OPPOSE WHEAT EMBARGO

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, Aug. 30.—Grain exporters in this port are making preparations to oppose the recently announced embargo placed by railroads on wheat coming to Vancouver, domestic or otherwise, after Sept. 1, unless permits for cars have been obtained and space on boats arranged.

Exporters here claim that as there is space for 1,250,000 bushels of grain in the local elevator, it is too early to place an embargo on grain moving this way.

R. E. Beattie of the Vancouver harbor commission says that he sees in the new regulation an effort on the part of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to discredit this port in the eyes of the shipping farmers.

## UNION CHURCH PICNIC

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Cheapside, Aug. 30.—The Union Sunday School picnic of the Methodist and Baptist Churches was held on Tuesday at Peacock Point. The weather was somewhat unfavorable, but a good number gathered to enjoy the outing. There were races of all kinds and a large number of ladies. Aid of the Baptist Church held a bazaar in the afternoon, and disposed of nearly all the articles for sale.

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