PRICE TWO. CENTS.

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. WILL MEET THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC'S PRICES

Manager Hunt Says It May Be Possible for His Company to Cut the Present Rate in Two-Looks Like a Big Fight Between Rivals in This City.

The London Electric Company will meet the hydro-electric price of domestic lighting, according to the statement of Manager C. B. Hunt.

The hydro-electric schedule, it is said, calls for a 6 cents a kilowatt hour rate. The present net race is 9 cents. Mr. Hunt is of the opinion that they can furnish power at considerably less than that price. The city will furnish power for lighting at 6 cents a kilowatt hour,"

Mr. Hunt was informed. "Will your company touch that?" We have been giving power for less than that," said Mr. Hunt. "We have furnished the city light for 5 cents for a long time, and that is some cheaper than the hydro-electric proposition. Of course, the city is a big cus-

CUT PRICE IN TWO. "When we get our new appliances in shape we hope to cut the price in two, perhaps more. We will be able to compete successfully, I hope." This statement is of much significance, and demonstrates that the battle for the power market for the city is liable to be a long one, and will be somewhat expensive perhaps to both parties. In any event, the citizens will get the benefit of the battle in cheap

The British Commons Divides on the Fiscal Amendment.

ASQUITH'S MAJ. WAS THIRTY-ONE

Premier Announces That He Cannot Tell When Lords Bill Will Be Ready.

London, Feb. 24.-In the first division tonight in the third Parliament of His Majesty King Edward VII., the Physician in Charge Arrived Government, headed by Premier Asquith, was sustained by a majority of

The division was taken on the amendment to the speech from the providing for a reform in the tariff, with a preference to the colonies, and the vote stood 285 to 254. House in a Hubbub.

Although the result was foreseen, the the result set the Unionists cheering and shouting: "Where's your majority

The Ministerialists indulged in coun ter cheers, and the House for a while

was in a hubbub. It may be recalled that an amendment, practically identical with that H. Chapman, Mr. J. B. Small, Mr. H. E. offered by Austen Chamberlain, was Gates, Sheriff Cameron and several defeated four years ago by a vote of others 488 to 98. The protectionists triumphantly claim that today's vote is an

This first trial of strength has been awaited with great interest, and, in consequence, practically every member was in his place, and the galleries

were crowded Speeches were made by Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, Chancellor Lloyd George, Walter Runciman, president of the board of education, A. Bonar Law, and others, none of whom, however, gave any new aspect to the fiscal controversy.

No Cross-Voting.
Although victorious only by the narrow margin of 31, the Government regard the result as satisfactory, inasmuch as there was no cross-voting and no evidence of any intention on the part of the discentented groups overthrow the ministry. All the Nationalists, the O'Brienites, as well as the Redmondites, abstained from voting. The Laborites voted with Government, and three Liberals, Hilaire Belloc, Horatio W. Bottomley and

J. C. Wedgwood, abstained. The Premier, having given notice that he would move on Monday that Government business would take precedence over all other business until March 24, the House adjourned.

The Government's existence now will depend upon the production of a plan satisfactory to the Nationalists and the Radicals, for dealing in a drastic manner with the House of Lords.

Reform of ords. The House of Lords has decided to place its own plan of reformation before the country. At today's session of the upper chamber, Lord Rosebery gave notice that he would move on March 14 that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the best means of reforming the existing organization so as to constitute itself a strong and efficient second

By the date set by Lord Rosebery. the Government's more drastic plans for the reform of the House of Lords should be made known, though Pre-mier Asquith told John Redmond today that he was unable to fix the date which he would present the Government's proposal.

SARNIA DOG OWNERS FAILED TO MUZZLE

Sarnia, Feb. 25. -- Five persons appeared in the magistrate's court this morning and were fined for not muzzling their dogs, the penalty being two dollars or seven days. They paid.

The remains of Mr. Thomas Parkinson, who died in Winnipeg last Sunday, arrived in the city last night, and the funeral was held this afternoon from the residence of his son, Mr. Fred Parkinson 262 Piccadilly street, and of a private nature. Interment made at Woodland Cemetery.



HON. A. G. MACKAY,

Leader of Liberal Opposition in the Legislature, who announces that he is not removing to the west. His leadership was unanimously indorsed the Provincial Convention Committee in session at Toronto yester-

LEADER MACKAY **NOT GOING WEST**

Will Remain in Ontario and such actions, suddenly took fright and Head of the Provincial Opposition.

COMMITTEE INDORSE

Is Greeted With Applause When He Addressed the Convention Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Representatives rom all over the province, to the number of 55, including Liberal members of the Legislature, attended the meeting of the Provincial Liberal Convention committee, which was held in the office of the General Reform Associa-INSPECTING SANATORIUM office of the General Reform Association of Ontario, Toronto street, yesterday afternoon. The president, Mr. H. M. Mowat, K. C., occurred the chair.

The Convention Date.

The object of the meeting was to decide upon the date of the next conof Sault Ste. Marie, and seconded by Mr. John A. Auld, of Amherstburg:

"That the question of calling a pro-Association of Ontario for further consideration. Mr. Frederick G. Inwood, the general secretary, was instructed to report the proceedings of the meeting to all riding associations

throughout the province. Speeches were made by Hon. A. G MacKay, leader of the Opposition, and the Liberal representtives at the Legislature, and also the following delegates: Messrs. A. E. Dyment, Algoma; J. M. Mowat, K. C., Kingston; W. Curry, K. C., Toronto; J. J Hunter, Kincardine; J. M. Godfrey, HIMSELF FIVE DOLLARS | Hunter, Kincardine; J. M. Godfrey, Port Credit; Archie McNee, Windsor,

and George G. Miles, of Toronto. The leader of the Opposition was speak. He denied the report that he had any intention of leaving for the west, and said he was going to re-

main with the party. The leadership of Hon. A. G. Mac-

ASSSESSORS WILL COMMENCE TUESDAY

Mr. Grant's Staff Is Now Completed, and Soon Will Be Ready for

ment of the city. His staff will be com- ed to the effects of the cold, crippled zen, as the plumber passed. plete on Tuesday next. A few days will be consumed in making the necessary preparations and instructing the new men Outside work will be commenced the week following probably, or a

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-MILDER-SNOW. FORECASTS Toronto, Feb. 25-8 a.m. Today-Fair and cold. Saturday-Higher temperatures, with ome light snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.

 Today.
 resterday.

 Stations.
 8 a.m.
 Min.
 Low.
 High.

 London
 -15
 -16
 15

 Victoria
 44
 36
 34
 48

 Calgary
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 -14
 -14
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 Calgary Winnipeg Port Arthur Parry Sound..... Toronto Ottawa Dawson City Atlin Vancouver -30 -30 -18 Battleford Moosejaw Qu'Appelle St. John

Minus (—) means below zero. WEATHER NOTES, The pressure is highest this moning in The pressure is highest this moning in the lake region, while a depression has passed rapidly from the North Pacific coast into the Northwest States.

The temperature has moderated somewhat in the Western Provinces, attended by light snowfalls. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and decidedly cold.

New York, New York, New York, Phia, from Southampton Havre; Heligolav, Cope land, Antwerp; Oceania, Havre—Arrived: La York.

Cape Race—Signalled: Havre; Rhein, Bremen,

SOUTH LONDON LIBERALS

The Hyman Hall euchre players will ray a visit to the South London Liberal Club rooms tonight to play a match game with the southsiders. Some time ago the central men were defeated by the south end euchre players, and an effort will be made to even things up. All euchre players are invited to be present. Last night the return match between the South London Liberal carpetball team and a picked team was played, the Liberals winning after a fine game. A valuable picture, donated by Mr. W. T. Strong will be played for.

HORSE DOESN'T LIKE THE JOB DOG-CATCHER IN RUNAWAY

"Ben" Blackslock and "Skin" Weaver Find That Corralling Pets and he has been notified of the date. He may also assist in opening the number of laymen from Buffalo, Cathin London Is Not a Bed of Roses—If You Miss Your Dog. Telephone the Pound.

Many and varied are the experiences canines howled a mournful chorus be of the man of the hour, in other words, hind.

Mr. Blackstock, the dog-catcher. This morning after diligent hours Biackstock horse, that no one would have expected to have been given to started down the street in a most ex-citing manner, while the frightened

Wagon Capsized. Finally disaster overtook the wagon spent in the pursuit of lawless canines, who, despite the city ordinance, persisted in taking their morning constitutional without their muzzles, the tutional without their muzzles, the doglets' Valhalla, rejoiced exceedingly, gentleman in question had succeeded in and left for parts of the city that were gathering four hopeless and shiver-ing doglets into his wagon, when the sonality of one Ben Blackstock and of one Ben Blackstock and sonality his faithful satellite, who rejoices in the euphonious and name of "Skin" Weaver.

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Resolution for a Standard Loaf and a Better Inspection Will Be Passed and Sent to Mr. Nichol, M. P. for Kingston, Who

Is Leading in the Bread Agitation. The Real Estate Owners, at their a loaf and found it snort, take a piece meeting tonight, will go after the off another loaf to make up the short-

bread question. Yesterday the members received an invitation from Mr. Nichol, M. P., of Kingston, one of the than it is here, and yet the bread is legislators, who is taking the matter made out of Canadian and American up in Parliament, to be present at the flour. I am told that London bakers

House on Tuesday.

It is likely that a strong resolution tant from London, and sell it at the urging the establishment of a stand-same price we pay here. This is not vention, but the matter was disposed and load, will be passed at tonight's right to London people. of for the present by the following meeting, and some of the association "We will probably ask

A Standard Loaf. believe that no matter what other loaves there are, there should be a standard loaf, of say, two or vincial convention be respectfully referred back to the General Reform bers today. "We think also that the and that the inspector should have known fact that Toronto bakers ship full power to inspect a baker's loaves bread, cakes and buns as far as Sarnia, at any time before they are delivered and sell them at the same prices they to the customer.

there is a standard loaf, and I have if possible, we will try and remedy the seen them there, if a customer weighed trouble."

Cheaper in England. "Bread is far cheaper in England

"We will probably ask the Legislature to pass a meas nicipalities the right to license bakers who sell from out of town.

An Optional Measure. "This should, of course, be optiona

with the municipality, but will serve to protect the home baker from competition to a certain extent. It is a well sell at in Toronto. Who pays the cost "In England and other countries Toronto people. This is not fair, and,

SIXTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO MERCURY BEATS WINTER RECORD

Coldest Day of Last Winter Was Only 14.5 Below-In January 1908, the Thermometor Registered 20 Below-It Was 15 Degrees Below at Eight o'Clock This Morning.

grees below zero. That is the coldest quickly as they could. point this winter, and three degrees Kay was unanimously indorsed by lower than the coldest day last year, the party, and also the entire com- when the mercury went down to 14.5 below on Jan. 13. The coldest day in 1908 was on Jan. 9, when the thermometer dipped down to 20 below. This morning at 8 o'clock it was still 15 degrees below.

Assessment Commissioner Grant is making preparations to begin the assessment of the city. His staff will be com-

The weather man did his worst last the street railway badly. It was im night, and just to show what he could do, sent the mercury down to 16 denext best thing, and ran them as

> All Trains Late. Nearly all the trains were late last night, and not a few irate passengers had tales to tell of waiting about small stations for what seemed interminable lengths of time and vainly endeavoring in arms, and there is talk of organiz- day he will be in the dog pound, and to keep warm.

As was the case yesterday morning. A Great Winter.

the plumber was again a much sought and to protest against the unwarrantafter man, and at an early hour might ed persecution of the dog. Many kidOthers had just as interesting tales had," said a skating rink proprietor. be seen going about with a big bottle dies shed tears last night over a miss- of woe. "Couldn't be better for our business." of gasoline in one hand and a kit of ing dog, and several irate parents I have had the best season I ever had." tools and a small furnace in the other.

FOR CITY HALL POSITION to get mis tag. On his way back, manded by the humane societies, and the pup got in front of a street car, Inspector McCallum has not worked and was cut to ribbons. He was a out a scheme for their destruction. MISS SCOTT NAMED

Central Avenue Young Lady Will Be Appointed in Mr. Baker's Office.

er in City Clerk Baker's office to succeed Harry J. Bennett, who has been transferred to Assessment Commissioner Grant's office.

At the examination of candidates for the rosition held Thursday afternoon by City Clerk Baker, Miss Scott stood highest, and was recommended for the place by Mr. Baker. She will probably commence work on Monday next. There were eight ladies and gentleman who took the examination. Late Wm. Byrne.

It was incorrectly stated in night's Advertiser that William Byrne, whose death occurred in Winnipeg on Wednesday was C. P. R. passenger agent. Mr. Byrne was a passenger brakeman. The funeral will be held on Monday morning from the residence of his brother, Mr. James Byrne, 254 Cheapside street, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment will be made at

BISHOP FALLON'S CONSECRATION

It Is Announced That Hon. Charles Murphy Will Be Here-Event Will Prove a Brilliant One-Church Dignitaries From Canada and the United States Will Take Part.

Designate Fallon, in St. Peter's Ca- very high officials of the church. hedral on Monday, April 25.

He promised some time ago to come clerics of the oblate Order of Mary thedral on Monday, April 25.

Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of ent are: Archbishop McEvay, Toronto; state in the Dominion cabinet, will be present at the consecration of Bishop-bishop of Kingston, and many other

to the city for that important event, Immaculate, to which Bishop Fallon Catholic Club on or about that day. olic and Protestant alike, will visit In addition, there will be a brilliant London on this occasion. galaxy of clerics for the consecration. Rev. Father Aylward is still in Buf-Among those expected to be pres- falo. He is expected back this evening-

OLD MAN OF EIGHTY YEARS PENNILESS IN THE COLD **EXCITES THE PITY OF ALL**

Robert Blazard Shipped From Windsor to Chatham, and From That Place to This City-Wandered Into Police Station Almost Frozen and Half Starved-A Pitiful Case of Neglect.

As you walk along the street, how often do you meet Some poor old man who's life is naught With age his form is bent, in his pocket not a cent, And for shelter he has nowhere to go.

le's relations by the score, yet they turn him from their door,
When they meet him on the street they pass him by.

If you ask him why it's done, he will answer you, and say
"I'm poor, I'm old, and only in the way."

The most pitiable case of the year came up at the police court this morning when Robert Blazard, aged 80, and very feeble, was arraigned for vagrancy and was remanded to jail for Last winter he had spent in jail at a week in order that he may have proper food and medical attention.

The old man wandered into the police station last night without any thin clothes. He was in such a state of exhaustion that it was feared for a time that he would die.

1 time that it is a sname, said Magistrate Love, "for any municipality to turn an old man out like you were in New Brunswick. I will see that you

time that he would die.

He was cared for, however, and when he came up in court this morning, while some better, was suffering fortably cared for and fed, and I will come and see you myself." rom a bad cough, and was so weak!

"Have you no friends who could look after you?" asked the court. Only Friend Is God.

"Not a relative or a friend in the world," the old man said in a quavering voice, "only God."

He stated that he had been living in New Brunswick for some time. "I only came there, though, in 1861," he said.

"Why that is just about half a century," said the court. "That is a long time ago. Why didn't they look after you when you got old and helpless?" Shipped Along.

The old man said he had had no one to look after him, but had been shipped about from one place to the other. Windsor. He came here last night from Chatham.

"Some men bought me a ticket," he "I think it is a shame," said Magis-

that his condition caused everyone to

CITIZENS ARE VERY ANGRY OVER THE DOG REGULATIONS

Inspector McCallum Says His Position Is an Unenviable One Now-Every Man Who Enters the Inspector's Office Has a Grouch—A Valuable Dog Killed.

Inspector McCallum declares that valuable dog, and it will take some his position is the most unropular in money to replace him. Some Cases.

Every man that comes into the of-

telephone is ringing constantly, either got it off, he took legs and to complain to me or ask for informa- could not eatch him, nor induce him tion about the dogs." Citizens Are Mad.

ing the dog owners of the city, to make I will have to pay \$2 to get him out. a demonstration before the council, No wonder I am sore at the dog-muzwere threatening dire vengeance on the man with the net.

"The muzzling law is a nuisance," fice to pay him the dog tax has a said one prominent citizen in the mayor's office at noon today. "I have mayor's office at neon today. "I have a fine collic. I bought a tag and muzzile for the chap, but this morning I took the headpiece off to give him a drink. He is not particularly enamkind of a job at this moment. The kind of a job at this moment. The levelue is ringing constantly, either to come back and be decorated. So the muzzle is in the kitchen, and the The majority of the citizens are up dog is running. If I am lucky, the pup will come back. If Friday is my bad

Destroying of Dogs. No arrangement has been made as he man with the net.

Mr. W. E. Robinson had a piece of There are quite a few in the pound, hard luck this morning. He owned a and some disposition of the unclaimed fine hunting dog-bloodhound and fox- animals is creating some talk. There hound cross—and he brought him down is no lethal chamber such as is detown to get his tag. On his way back, manded by the humane societies, and

DOG WAS TIED TO THE RAILS MAN WHO SAW IT TESTIFIES LEFT TO BE KILLED BY TRAIN

MISS FIOTENCE E. Scott, of 587 Central avenue, will be named stenograph- Mr. Thomas Kelley Writes The Advertiser to Say That He Cantral avenue, will be named stenographnot Understand the Alleged Investigation Which Is Said to Have Been Made-Dog Was Freed From the Place Where It Had Been Tied.

> To the Editor of The Advertiser: dog story, which report, I trust, was a falsehood, an absolute falsehood. police department. If their investigalished it, this evening, they are emphatically failures, and if such is the lease the animal. case it would be advisable and necessary for a third detective to follow up prove their statements.

Some Misunderstanding. misunderstanding between the chief

and his two men, for when they claim Re your article headed "Chief Wil- that Dr. Sholtz and myself denied seeliams Says Dog Story a Myth," owing ing that dog fastened to the C. P. R. to report handed to him as the result tracks at William street, so that the of his two sleuths tracking down the first passing train would kill it, it is dog story, which report, I trust, was misunderstood by the head of our neighborhood know nothing about the police department. If their investigation ended the way your paper pub-Now, sir, I will give you the story

of the dog as it was. Why anyone the clues of these two gentlemen and my comprehension, and why Chief Williams should think it a fallacy I cannot understand. The two detec-Now, sir, I trust there has been some tives came into the office yesterday

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Late Thomas Parkinson.

SOUTH LONDON GIRL DIES OF SCARLET FEVER

Family of Mr. R. Giese Are Afflicted-Other Children in Hospital.

Margaret Giese, the little daughter of Mr. R. Giese, of South London, died at Victoria Hospital, this morning from scarlet fever. The little girl was only taken to the hospital a few days

Four of Mr. Giese's children were in the contagious wards, and of the three remaining, one is very dangerously ill. This is the second death in the last two weeks from the disease, and of the 30 other patients several are very ill. The outbreak is one of the worst that London has ever had.

DR. M'CULLOUGH IS

Today and Went Over the Institution.

the new medical-superintendent of the London Health Association's sanatorium at Byron, arrived in the city today, and will spend this afternoon in excitement, and the announcement of inspecting the property and making such recommendations as may be considered necessary.

> accompanied by several members of the board of directors, including Hon. Adam Beck, Mr. Philip Pocock, Mr. J. Gates, Sheriff Cameron and several Work is being rapidly pushed for-

On his tour of investigation he was

ward by the contractor, Mr. John Illustration of the advancement of the Purdom, and the buildings will be ready early in the spring. POLICE MAGISTRATE FINED

> Kansas Story Which Recalls a greeted with applause as he rose to Tale of Late Frank Cornish.

Wellington, Kansas, Feb. 23 .-Just because William Stotler, a newspaperman, happened to be the judge, that didn't excuse him from arraigning himself in his own court on a charge of disturbing the peace, after he engaged in a fight with J. L. Ferguson, a tailor. Immediately after the fight Stotler

summoned himself into court. "Have you been fighting?" he asked himself. "Yes," he answered. "But, judge, I---" 'Tut, tut," interrupted the judge,

"I'll fine you five and costs." Ferguson was then arraigned by Judge Stotler and fined the same As well as being police judge, Stotler is the city editor of a local paper. The fight started over a

story Stotler wrote about Fergu-An incident similar to that related above occurred in this city at the time that the late Frank Cornish was mayor and police magistrate of London, the court being then held in the city hall. Cornish got drunk one evening, and ad acted in rather a disorderly way. Next morning, when court opened, he called "Frank Cornish," and stood up.

"Were you drunk?" he inquired of "Five dollars," he said, and then sat down and went on with the other

court business.

The lineup:

Rosenthal, right-wing Referce-Jerry McColl.

Echo Seven Defeated by 4 to 2 in Fast Game Last Night. A game of hockey was played in the Princess Rink Thursday night between the Forest City Club and the Echo resulting in a victory for the former by 4 to 2. The game was rough in spots but Jerry McColl who handled the bell kept the boys from hurting each other.

FOREST CITY WINS

Forest City Club.—Gray goal; Pinch, point; Trebilcock, cover; Murray, rover; Walsh, centre; Boyce, left wing; Short, right wing. Echo.—Strong, goal; Scott, point; Fleming, cover; McCabe, rover; Francis, centre; Davenport, left

Yesterday

MR. GEO. B. GERRARD Society.

New York, Feb. 24.—Arrived: Philadelphia, from Southampton; La Bretagne, Havre; Heligolav, Copenhagen; Kroonland, Antwerp; Oceania, Bermuda. Havre-Arrived: La Provence,

Again Chosen President of St. Andrew'

Cape Race-Signalled: La Savoie, from