

THE WEATHER:  
TODAY—FAIR; LITTLE MILDE.  
SUNDAY—SNOW OR SLEET.

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"ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?"  
IS FILLED WITH REAL LAUGHTER  
EVERY DAY.

THREE CENTS.

## CITY HALL FEARS IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED BY MOORE

### Waterway Plan Gets Unexpected Support From 26 States

#### Mississippi Body Backs East Route

Association of 26 States Surprise by Supporting St. Lawrence Scheme.

#### TWO ROUTES WANTED

Fight Washington For Lakes-to-Gulf and Lakes-to-Ocean Ways.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The St. Lawrence deep waterway project has found a champion in an unexpected quarter—the Mississippi valley. The valley association, which, with a membership drawn from 26 states is going to bring the most ruthless political pressure upon the present congress to complete the lakes to the gulf waterway via the Chicago drainage canal and also insists on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence sea-way.

Its president, James E. Smith of St. Louis, in his just published annual report, says "the valley association has consistently supported the furtherance of this great St. Lawrence development since its inception. When an international agreement has been reached and engineering approval secured following its declared policy should give its assistance and co-operation to the full extent of its power."

The association does not consider the Chicago drainage canal inimical to the St. Lawrence project. What will be New Orleans' profit will also be Montreal's gain.

The Mississippi valley gives its reason for its confidence that it will obtain its two objectives, the St. Lawrence that leads to Europe and the gulf that divides North and South America.

"Our great valley territory now contains a population of 60,000,000 people, which is 35 per cent of our country's total population. It contains 66 per cent of our rural population. It covers 64 per cent of our total area. It produces 70 per cent of our total manufactured products. Its inhabitants pay into the national treasury a proportion of the nation's revenues and they are therefore fairly entitled to their full share of the government's expenditures for the necessary internal improvements required by them for their general welfare. Sixty-four per cent of the members of the valley representatives are from this important section of the United States and 60 per cent of the members of the senate are from this valley."

#### HAMILTON HESITATES ABOUT EXPERT ADVICE

Move in Street Railway Laid Over For Week—May Extend Agreement.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—A halt in negotiations for an improved street car service in Hamilton occurred this morning when the question of the necessity of securing expert advice was raised by the board of control.

A sub-committee, appointed a few days ago, reported to the board, suggesting that the city council be asked to grant a further extension of the 60-day agreement with the company of experts might be secured concerning the city's transportation requirements. Several members of the board did not think that expert advice was necessary, and after some discussion the report of the sub-committee was laid over until next week. In the meantime, S. H. Kent, city clerk, will learn the attitude of the company regarding the granting of an extension of the temporary agreement.

#### The Weather

Forecasts:  
Today—South-easterly winds, fair and a little milder.  
Sunday—Snow or sleet.

Temperatures:  
Stations. High. Low. Weather.  
Victoria..... 46 42 Fair  
Calgary..... 32 18 Cloudy  
Winnipeg..... 18 2 Cloudy  
Port Arthur..... 6 Fair  
Toronto..... 28 26 Cloudy  
Montreal..... 20 25 Cloudy  
St. John..... 24 22 Cloudy  
Halifax..... 26 20 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 20; lowest, 15.  
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 22.  
The sun rises at 7:47 a.m., and sets at 4:43 p.m.  
Barometric Readings.  
Friday, 8 p.m.—29.16.  
Today, 8 a.m.—29.08.

#### OFFICIALS SEE MOVE TO UNSEAT MAYOR-ELECT



ROBERT TIFFIN.  
Dresden man who is plaintiff in the Dresden Klux Klan trial. Tiffin recently, for kissing a girl, by five men dressed in the robes and hoods of the Klan. Charged with the offence, Clarence Breston, Thomas Warner, Howard Mississippi-brook, William Parslow and Jack Stroob of Dresden have been committed for trial. Tiffin recently was a resident of London.

#### TEN ARE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Pennsylvania Passenger Train Derailed Near Altoona—Engine Car Turns Over.

Associated Press Despatch.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 19.—Ten persons were injured, five of them seriously, in the derailment of Pennsylvania passenger train No. 32, Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, near Bennington, 10 miles west of here, early today. The injured were brought to a hospital here. Passengers said the entire train left the track and that the engine and one car overturned and rolled down an embankment. The injured included the fireman, engineer and eight passengers. They were brought to Altoona in a special train and taken to the Altoona hospital.

The train consisted of the engine, two express cars, three coaches and three sleepers. A special train, with doctors and nurses, was made up at Altoona and sent to the scene of the wreck, 12 miles away. The injured were given first-aid treatment and then taken aboard the special train and rushed to Altoona, where they were taken to the hospital. The uninjured passengers also made the trip to Altoona on the special train and from there continued their journey.

#### SUES FOR BALANCE OF CONCERT BILL OF \$650

Murphy, Gunn & Murphy have issued a writ in county court for London, Ontario, against Harry T. Dickinson of the city. The claim against Mr. Dickinson is for \$650, the balance owing to Mm. Helen Stanley for a concert in London on Nov. 5, contracted for on June 12, 1925. The statement claims that only \$100 has been paid on the total bill of \$650.

#### Bachelor Proposes Annually To Girl In Auto License Office



LILLIAN MOSS.  
assistant to H. J. Childs, local issuer of motor licenses. Each year about this time Miss Moss is the busiest secretary in London, attending to the work entailed by the issuance of between 15,000 and 16,000 licenses and sets of markers to motorists of the London district.

Supporters of Mayor Wenige Known to Have Sought Interpretation of Municipal Act.

#### HINGES ON CONTRACT

Any Elector May Bring Action As Result of Hospital Work. Is Claim Made.

City hall officials are greatly concerned over the fact that Mayor-elect John M. Moore, by virtue of the fact that he had a contract with the city on nomination day, may be disqualified from occupying the mayoralty chair during 1926.

It is known that supporters of Mayor Wenige have obtained the best legal advice possible, and have been told that Mr. Moore has no right to the position of mayor, and that any elector may bring action to oust him from the position of the city's chief magistrate in 1926.

Mayor Wenige, when interviewed this morning, had absolutely nothing to say for publication on the question. Asked whether he would sign the check authorizing \$4,500 in payment of work done by Mr. Moore in preparing plans for the new hospital, the mayor stated that he had not yet seen the check, and therefore could not say whether he would or would not sign it.

Act Is Quoted.  
Section 53 of the Ontario municipal act says: "The following shall not be eligible to be elected a member of a council or be entitled to sit or vote therein:

"Any person having any claim or interest in a contract with a corporation or a person who either himself or by or through another has any claim, action or proceeding against the corporation." If Mr. Moore's company had taken over incorporation pending the payment of the contract, it would be paid for services rendered according to the municipal act, but supporters of the mayor declare that no such papers were ever taken out, and that further the hospital trust at a meeting of Sept. 7 last appointed John M. Moore to draw up plans for the new hospital. The mayor's company, received the job of drawing up the plans, and the minutes of that particular meeting will show that Mr. Moore only was employed.

Means New Election.  
When an alderman is disqualified from holding office, the candidate receives the next number of votes takes his place in the council. This does not hold good in a majority election, city hall officials state. This would mean a new election in the division.

In the event of Mayor George A. Wenige failing to sign a \$4,500 check payable to his successor John M. Moore, for architect work on the new Victoria hospital nurses' home, done prior to the elections, Mr. Moore would be placed in the ridiculous position of signing a check as mayor of the city payable to himself.

Legal technicalities make it almost impossible for the city's mayor to resign his own check and should Mr. Wenige refuse to affix his name within the next 24 hours to the \$4,500 check made out to his successor on Monday, the firm of John M. Moore & Co. may receive no payment for the nurses' home plans and specifications, which were practically completed on Friday.

#### Party Searches Five Hours Without Result—Troopers May Join Hunt.

Special to The Advertiser.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 18.—Warren Campbell, the Brooklyn chauffeur who said he tumbled across the wreckage of an aeroplane more than a week ago while temporarily lost on a hunting trip today in a five-hour search to relocate his find. He will try again tomorrow if the weather permits.

Sullivan of Brooklyn motored here from New York, starting at 2 o'clock this morning and driving continuously until they reached the home of William Mahan, who was a member of the hunting party from which Campbell became lost. The trio started at once to search for the wrecked aeroplane, which many believe to be the machine of Captain Mansell R. James, Canadian flier, who vanished May 29, 1919, after taking off from Tynningham, where he had landed the night before when he became lost on a return flight from Boston to Atlantic City.

State troopers said tonight they would join in the hunt Sunday if the plane is still unlocated.

SKATING ATTRACTS MANY LONDONERS TO COVES

London youths have been enjoying outdoor skating all this week at the Coves. The Coves have had a splendid coat of ice since the first of the week and every day finds the horshoe surface covered with young hockey enthusiasts and skaters. This is particularly early for outdoor skating in this district, as in the last few years the ponds were not available until after Christmas. The ice is about four inches thick.

#### Southeast Backs Up Bus Lines

Petition With 2,000 Names Will Ask That Council Retain Motor Units.

#### HOSTILITY TO L. S. R.

Big Crowd at Ealing School Organizes To Insure Continuance of Buses.

Any city councillor who dares to oust bus transportation in the city of London, and especially the Ealing district, will not get many votes in Ward 3 next year. This was the feeling of a warm meeting of over 200 ratepayers who jammed Ealing school kindergarten to the doors last night. The overflow crowd listened outside at the window and applauded every remark that was against the street railway and in favor of buses.

There were no members of the 1925 council present at the gathering. They would have been impressed by the undercurrent of feeling against the street railway, not only by all the speakers, but the meeting as well.

Following speeches by ex-Ald. Carswell, J. M. Donahue, J. R. Vincent and others a petition was circulated requesting the city council not to interfere with bus operation. If the council ignores the request of Ealing district, the matter will be brought before the police commission, and if Judge Macdonald and the commissioners fail to take the desired action, it will go to the legislature, and even Ottawa, Mr. Vincent told the meeting.

The petition, which will have some 2,000 signatures when it is presented to the mayor and city council. To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London: The undersigned ratepayers of the city of London, desire to protest against the action of the London street railway in threatening to cease operation of its cars unless certain demands are acceded to forthwith.

"We respectfully request that no action be taken by your honorable body which will have the effect of interfering with the operation of buses on the city streets until the interests of the city and the city are fully protected."

Ex-Ald. Carswell acted as chairman, and told the audience that it had been adequately represented in the council. As it was, they were represented by Ald. Ashton, a street railway councillor.

If he had his way, the street cars would be in the barns, Mr. Carswell declared. "Cheer!" The people of Ward 3 had not stood together in the recent election, Mr. Carswell stated. The other wards had elected a majority of the new Victoria council, and if Ward 3 had stuck by her candidates, the has interest would have been protected. He had had of an alderman-elect, living on the North Belt line, who had said, why should we cater to buses as long as we can get a street car? Continued on Page 14, Column 7.

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ST. PETER'S ORGAN BOWS TO MARCH OF PROGRESS.  
The historical pipe organ of St. Peter's cathedral will peal forth its last music Christmas Day. It is then to be replaced by a new organ costing \$25,000. The beautiful pipe arrangement, shown above, is to be retained.

#### L.S.R. FACES LOSS OF \$30,000 A YEAR

Company Declares Loans to City Cannot Be Met This Month.

The London street railway's plea to the new city council, read at yesterday's council caucus, is reproduced in full herewith:

Dec. 19, 1925.

His Worship, Mayor Moore, and Members of the City Council: Gentlemen.—Considerable anxiety exists with the public as to the operation of a street car service after Monday, Dec. 21, 1925.

The 1925 city council authorized a five-cent fare for a period of 60 days and decided that the matter of bus licenses for 1926 should be left with the 1926 council.

While relief has been secured by the company under the granting of a five-cent fare for 60 days, nevertheless the fact that the company operated its service at a deficit during November, 1925, of \$2,000, under the five-cent fare, must not be overlooked, as the officials of the company fully explained to the 1925 council that bus competition is now reducing the company's revenues between \$75 and \$100 per day, which would amount to \$25,000 or \$30,000 per year.

As the operation of the railway is at all times being carried on at a very close margin, it can therefore be understood how bus competition would result in serious deficits to the railway, if it were to continue to operate at a loss.

Negotiations for loans to carry on the operation of the railway have failed, due to present unsatisfactory conditions, and the company now requests to advise the city that it will not be possible on Dec. 31, 1925, to meet our obligation to the city in respect to payment of annual paving and interest charges for 1925.

The amounts due on Dec. 31, 1925, are as follows:  
Interest on \$40,000 loan at 6% \$2,400.00  
Interest on \$6,207.11 loan at 7% 434.50

Total interest charges.....\$2,834.50  
Instalment on principal.....5,659.15  
Total.....\$8,493.65

The company, however, expects to make payment in full with interest, when conditions become normal.

The officials wish to assure you that they will entertain any reasonable proposition that will enable the company to carry on an uninterrupted service for the benefit of the general riding public in this city and shall be glad to discuss with the council at any time and means to accomplish this purpose. Yours truly,

L. TAIT,  
Manager and Secretary-Treasurer.

#### W. C. SPROUT REPRESENTS FRATERNITY AT ATLANTA

W. C. Sprout, med. '23, will represent the Beta Kappa chapter, University of Western Ontario, at the annual international convention of the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity, which will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 29 and 30.

#### Joyful Christmas Music To Be Organ's Valedictory

New Organ Costing \$25,000 Will Then Be Placed in St. Peter's Cathedral.

#### MARCH OF PROGRESS

Old Organ, Dedicated in 1886, Cost \$15,000 and Was One of Best in Province.

On Christmas Day, the organ in St. Peter's Cathedral will peal forth the joyful tidings of the Christ child's birth, even as it has done for the past 36 years. Then it will bow to the march of progress and will be heard no more.

A new organ, costing in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and containing 3,754 pipes will take its place. The opening will be on April 15.

Following close in the wake of the memorable dedication of the stately cathedral some 40 years ago was the consecration of this beautiful organ, which at that time was the largest in the province and ranked among the best in the dominion.

The organ has served the musical demands of the cathedral seat of the London diocese its keyboard has responded to the touches of many noted musicians. Outstanding among these were the late Dr. Carl Verinder and the late Dr. J. O'Brien.

Plans and specifications for the organ were prepared by Dr. Verinder himself, who before assuming his duties at the St. Peter's Cathedral was organist at the old Queen's avenue Methodist church. He was one of the foremost figures in musical circles in Western Ontario, and for many years catered to the desires of the most critical audiences. He conducted a choir of 50 voices from the members of his own 50 voices from the members of his own choir of years. Dr. Verinder received a complete and thorough musical education in England and Scotland, having in his youth been an articled pupil to the Exeter (Devonshire) Cathedral organist and choirmaster for more than five years.

Dedicated in 1886.  
The old organ, which will soon be heard for the last time, was constructed by Warren & Co. of Toronto, and was dedicated on Nov. 10, 1886, at the time of the celebration of the 18th anniversary of the consecration of the cathedral.

Containing 2,800 pipes, the old organ was installed at a cost of some \$15,000, an unusual figure in those days. Many who assisted in the dedication of the organ are still living in the city today. Some of them are John Bromzole, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Watts, Wesley Webb, Mrs. John Traher and Thomas Rutan. Mrs. Traher, who is in her 70th year, was soprano soloist in the choir at that time.

In 1907 several additions and improvements were made to the organ, including a new case, which was valued at approximately \$4,000. This was made feasible by a bequest of \$1,000 made to the church by the late Mrs. O'Brien, Mons. Aylward, rector of the cathedral.

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#### Husbands Lost To 11,998 Wives

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 19.—Statistics just issued by the London county council show that 11,998 husbands are missing in London. These official figures show that there are 577,298 married women, exclusive of widows, in that part of London ruled by the council, but that in this area there are only 565,300 married men. The question is, "Where are the missing husbands?"

At the time, is now head of the St. Joseph's church in Sarina.

Following the services on Christmas Day the church will be without an organ for some time. The present instrument will be dismantled immediately, and the construction of the new organ will not be commenced until the early part of March. Some six weeks will be required for its erection and the date for the dedication services has been set for April 15.

Dr. Balogh Is Organist.

The present organist at the cathedral is Dr. Louis L. Balogh, who is considered one of the most skillful and accomplished of London's musicians. The scheme and specifications for the new organ have been entirely prepared by Dr. Balogh, and will be one of the finest church organs in the dominion. The present organ, which is 37 years old, will be dismantled immediately, and the construction of the new organ will not be commenced until the early part of March. Some six weeks will be required for its erection and the date for the dedication services has been set for April 15.

#### FASCISTI MAY REFUSE NEW RECRUITS FOR YEAR

Associated Press Despatch.  
Rome, Dec. 19.—Refusal to accept any new members for the Fascist party during 1926 is urged by Roberto Farinacci, secretary-general of the party, in a statement to the press yesterday. He believes this measure is necessary as a means for checking the influx of undesirable recruits, especially newly converted Fascists, whose faith has not yet been proven.

Other spokesmen for the Fascist party say that the enrollment already has reached 1,600,000, and local organizations are hampered with applications for membership, so it is to be feared that many undesirable members will creep in unless some step like that suggested by Mr. Farinacci is taken.

#### SHIP OFFICERS BLAMED FOR WRECK OF STEAMER

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Wreck Commissioner Demers, in his judgment on the stranding of the steamer Airdale below Quebec on Dec. 5, finds the master, J. N. S. Butler, and the second officer, Thomas Hunter, are in default. The certificates of both have been returned but they stand severely reprimanded.

#### Speaker's Chair For Australia To Be Made From "Victory" Ship

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 19.—A chair for the use of the speaker of the Australian house of representatives will be presented to the commonwealth government by the members of the Empire Parliamentary association belonging to the imperial parliament before the opening of the new parliament buildings at Australia's new capital at Canberra.

The chair will cost about \$500 and subscriptions are now being taken to meet the cost thereof. The Australian speaker's chair will be a replica of the speaker's chair in the British house of commons and the chair presented by the parliamentary association to Canada for use by the speaker of the house of commons at Ottawa. The arms will be carved from timbers taken from the old Trafalgar battleship, the Victory.

#### Station On Richmond Is New Plan

Commissioners Seek Early Use of Chamber of Commerce Building.

#### WAIT COUNCIL ACTION

Department Would Move in Three Months From Carling Street Station.

A new police station in the present chamber of commerce building at Richmond street and Queen's avenue, with the approval of the police commission members. They yesterday signified their favor of a change from the antiquated Carling street building and the question will be presented to the 1926 city council.

Should the council agree to purchase the chamber building, formerly the Merchants' Bank building, and now in the hands of the London & Western Trusts Company, renovation work will at once be commenced and Chief Birrell expects the station to be ready for occupancy by spring when members of the Canadian chief constables' association meets here in convention.

A new police station has long been advocated by Chief Birrell, who points to the present Carling street structure as being entirely inadequate for systematic and efficient police work. The present station is too small. There are no quarters for the officers and the constables guardroom is only a makeshift arrangement for several years, Chief Birrell says. It offers ample ground space for a garage and drill square.

The proposed new building would be sufficiently large and of modern enough construction to suffice London police needs for several years, Chief Birrell says. It offers ample ground space for a garage and drill square.

#### ONTARIO TRAVELLERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Association Members Gather in London Today to Elect Officers.

This morning members of the Ontario commercial travellers' association began coming into London from nearly every other city and town in the district for the annual meeting of the association, which will be held in the association office in the Dominion Savings building at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected to be as large as usual this year, and these members, along with the local members, will, it is expected, make an attendance of over 150.

The chief items to come before the meeting will be the report of the scrutineers on the result of the vote for officers for the new year.

#### AGED WOMAN FACES SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

Arrest Effected After Stolen Purse Is Presented and Exchanged.

Age is no excuse for crime or even petty offences the relatives of a 75-year-old woman learned this morning when detectives placed her under arrest on a shoplifting charge.

On information sworn out by Metropolitan Stores the woman, providing bail is not meanwhile obtained, will spend the week-end in jail to appear before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon Monday morning.

Her arrest was brought about, police say, after she had made a present of a stolen purse and the recipient attempted to have it exchanged for another.

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB HONORS CANADA'S PREMIER

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—"The only thing that I don't altogether like about this little function and this very thoughtful presentation is that stress is laid on the fact that I am 51 years of age," said Premier Mackenzie King at a meeting here last night of the Canada First Liberal club, a local branch of the Twentieth Century Society of Canada, given in honor of his birthday.

"There is no young man in the room who feels younger than I do."

The premier stated that the spirit of Liberalism itself was symbolic of youth, of progress and activity. The premier was presented with a book of poems by members of the club.