

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE DEPEND UPON CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION

Not Likely That There Will Be a Vote Taken on Local Option at the Next Election—77 Places Will Go Dry on the First of May.

It is said to be extremely unlikely that there will be a local option campaign in London at the next election. In fact it is almost certain that there will not.

Secretary D. A. McDermid of the London Temperance League, who returned from the annual convention in Toronto last night, stated to The Advertiser today that while the matter of asking for a vote on local option in London is still under advisement, it is unlikely that anything will be done this year.

POLICY OF EDUCATION.

"The policy that it was decided to pursue in all the larger cities and towns is one of education. Every county will be covered in one day; that is, there will be temperance speakers in every pupil in every church in certain counties. Next Sunday every pupil in North York will be occupied. It is thought that very effective work can be done in that way."

UP TO MUNICIPALITIES.

"It is up to the municipalities themselves to initiate campaigns this year. The alliance will furnish speakers for the educational campaign, but if the people are not sufficiently interested after that to carry the matter on it will not be done."

The tone of the convention was optimistic. Seventy-seven municipalities will go dry on May 1, as a result of the vote in January. Fifty-five were held up by virtue of the three-fifths requirement, and 26 only recorded an adverse majority. Practical business men are viewing this question now from an economic standpoint, and are lining up in favor of local option.

THE CONVENTION.

The convention was one of the largest and strongest I have ever attended. Delegates were there from every part of the province. Merchants, manufacturers, farmers, lawyers, doctors, ministers, city aldermen, county, town and township councillors, license commissioners and inspectors, W. C. T. U. officers and representatives of all the temperance organizations of the province. I doubt if any parliament assembly has more representative, practical or sane body of legislators than came together at this great convention.

The delegation to the Government this year comprised five men only, instead of the whole convention as in former years. They asked as usual for the abolition of the three-fifths requirement.

For the first time since deputations have been waiting on him he intimated that the Government would give the matter consideration. He said he had not gone as far as that. Some people see a gleam of hope in this that there may be a modification at least in the required majority.

CIGARMAKERS GIVE \$100 TO SANATORIUM

Blue Label Committee Last Night Decided on the Grant.

The Blue Label committee of the local Cigarmakers' Union last night voted a grant of \$100 to the London Health Association for the new sanatorium for consumptives.

The cigarmakers are the first labor organization to make such a move, and are to be congratulated.

At the present time the union has a membership of three hundred, but during the past six years there has not been a sick benefit paid on account of tuberculosis.

HYDROPHOBIA CURE DOES NOT APPEAL TO VET.

Gentleman Tells of How He Saved Cattle, But Dr. Tennant Says Must Be Mistake.

Mr. Henry Wilson, of 64 Duchess avenue, stated to The Advertiser today that in 1868, when he was farming near Owen Sound, he had eleven cattle bitten by a dog supposed to be mad. The dog bit other dogs, and they also went mad. He said he had a lot of bark from white ash trees, and boiled it in a big kettle for four hours. Then he drained off the water and got some fresh, and boiled it four hours more.

None Went Mad.

He gave this to the cattle for nine days, and none of them went mad. A couple of years after, a little girl was bitten by a dog, and she was given some of the preparation, and never developed any hydrophobia. Mr. Wilson states that if any person wishes to get any further information regarding the preparation, the bark he will give it to them gladly, free of charge, if they let him know.

Veterinary's Opinion.

Dr. Tennant, the Government inspector, when asked regarding the matter, stated that the dogs could not have had rabies, as there is no known cure for the disease once it has reached certain stages. He did not think the white ash would develop of the germ that causes hydrophobia, the only known preventative so far being the Pasteur treatment.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON SCHOOLS

People of Suburbs Are Anxious to Have Children Educated in the City.

School sections other than Broughdale may ask for accommodation for their children at the city schools.

A proposition is expected from the north-end section at the next meeting of the board, and some of the other sections have also discussed the matter with Inspector Edwards. These will all be taken up by the board at an early date.

As for Broughdale, there is room, it is understood, in the Richmond street school for the children of the section. It is understood that the city might be advantageous to the city to accept the pupils provided, of course, the section agreed to pay the actual cost, or perhaps a trifle more.

"I do not see any objection to the course, provided a suitable arrangement could be made with the board of education," said Inspector Edwards. "There is room in the Richmond street school for them. The same conditions apply to the Chesley avenue and the Worley road schools. There is room in these schools, but, of course, the persons benefited should pay the cost."

A number of the members of the board of education spoken to on the subject stated that they had not given it sufficient attention to warrant them expressing an opinion on the matter.

"MEDICINE HAT" TRIPS ENDED NO DELEGATES FROM THE CITY

Finance Committee Refused to Sanction the Setting Aside of \$120 in the Estimates for Annual Trip—Battles for the Coveted Plums Are Now Things of the Past.

There will be no delegates to the Convention of Canadian Municipalities to be held in Toronto this year.

This is the association that held their annual meeting last year in Medicine Hat and Calgary, of which something has been said. The finance committee last night turned down the request that the annual fee, amounting to \$120, be paid. As a result, that jaunt will be cut off.

This convention has been quite an affair so far as London is concerned. Some former mayors of this city, notably Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. J. C. Judd have been presidents of it. London has sent delegates to the annual gatherings as far west as the mountains, and as far east as Halifax.

No Deputation.

However, there will be no deputation this year, and the great organization will have to worry along without the good counsels of the delegates from London.

There was little ceremony about the refusal. It was quietly and decently buried without much comment, and with little excitement. None of the aldermen on the committee appeared favorable to it, and it was buried.

The membership in the Ontario Union will be reduced, and delegates will be appointed to attend this convention. The fee is about \$20, and the distances to travel not great, hence a small expense bill.

Pictureque Debates.

Since time immemorial there has been a scramble to attend the Dominion convention. Some picturesque debates have been heard on the subject, and it awakened as much eloquence on council nights as any one subject.

However, it will be passed up, and there will not be any great discussion over the matter, either.

KING APPROVES THRONE SPEECH NEW MINISTERS TAKE OATH

His Majesty Today, at Buckingham Palace, Signed the Address Which Will Be Delivered Monday at State Opening of Parliament.

London, Feb. 19.—The speech with which King Edward will open Parliament on Monday received his majesty's final approval and signature at a meeting of the privy council in Buckingham Palace this morning. The new ministers were also sworn in and received the seats of office.

Seldom has an address from the throne and its interpretation, by the Prime Minister, been awaited with such intense interest, as on the tenure of these many hang the life of the Government. Premier Asquith is credited today with the rather clever plan of submitting to Parliament as a whole, the question of whether priority shall be given to a consideration of the financial bill or to the question of the veto power of the House of Lords. Should he decide upon this course it is difficult to see how the Unionists could avoid supporting the Premier's proposition as a matter of course, and as a result neither Blackstock nor his dusky comrade, have any more right to capture your dog than he has to steal your overcoat. And if anyone cares for a sweet little revenge for Fido's confinement, they can have Mr. B. hauled before the police magistrate.

ALLIANCE WILL ABIDE BY LAW REGARDING SUNDAY CARS TO PORT

Rev. Mr. Rollins and Mr. D. A. McDermid Speak of the New Charter of the Southwestern Traction Company—Deputation Returns From Ottawa.

If the charter of the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company carries with it the right to run Sunday cars, there will be no objection made by the Lord's Day Alliance. The alliance will rest on the law of the case, and if the law permits of Sunday cars, there will be no steps taken to stop them. The alliance was informed today. Among legal men and parliamentarians there appears to be no doubt that the charter does carry that right. The members of the alliance the feeling alone predominates, although some of them are not certain, owing to the fact that there is no special clause in the bill allowing that privilege.

The delegates have returned from Ottawa, and have decided on no course of action as yet.

Rev. Mr. Rollins Returns.

Rev. Mr. Rollins returned today, and when seen by The Advertiser, stated that there was no course of action outlined.

"My position is that we should stand within the meaning of the law," he stated. "If there is a law against Sunday cars, we want to have it enforced. If there is a law brought into force by the granting of the charter to the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company by which they can run their cars on Sunday, then that law will be enforced, and we must abide by it. There is no special clause in the bill of the company granting Sunday cars, but we were informed that the general act covers that."

ENGINEER MOORE SAYS TROUBLE NOT SERIOUS

Wobble in Pumps at Springbank Can Be Easily Remedied.

The charge has been made that some of the machinery at the Springbank pumping station is "wobbly," and that a considerable sum of money will have to be expended to put the plant in first-class running order.

However, according to Engineer Moore, the situation is far from alarming. At small expense all the so-called trouble may be removed at a small cost, he says.

Moving a Little.

"One of the turbines is moving a trifle, but that happens to all machines," he stated to The Advertiser. "One of them was repaired not long ago, and the other is in need of some repairing at the present time."

"It is somewhat difficult to keep machinery running perfectly all the time, but I see no occasion to worry greatly over the machinery at Springbank."

Installing Motors.

The water commissioners will take up the question shortly of installing motors for the generation of power at Springbank for running the plant. In order to do so, the whole equipment will have to be changed considerably. This will cost probably in the neighborhood of \$20,000. In addition, changes will have to be made in the water wheels, etc., to obtain a higher efficiency.

Nothing definite has been obtained on the subject as yet, but the problem will be taken up very shortly.

BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 19.—Cal. Perry, city marshal of Blanchard, a town 75 miles south of here, was shot and seriously wounded early today in a battle with seven robbers who had blown up the vault of the First State Bank of Blanchard. The robbers escaped on hand cars.

A RAILWAY WRECK.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—It is reported that one man was killed and several injured in a wreck on the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad near Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

THE WEATHER

FAIR AND COLD. FORECASTS. TORONTO, Feb. 19-3 a.m. Fair and cold today and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. London 28 28 Clear Victoria 28 28 Clear Calgary 28 28 Clear Winnipeg 28 28 Clear Port Arthur 28 28 Cloudy Parry Sound 28 28 Cloudy Toronto 28 28 Fair Ottawa 28 28 Fair Montreal 28 28 Fair Quebec 28 28 Fair Father Point 28 28 Fair

Minus (-) means below zero.



PREMIER ASQUITH.

SELF-APPOINTED DOG CATCHER

Ben Blackstock, of West London, Has No Authority to Act.

POLICE DENY THE MAN He Is Liable to Any Actions That May Be Brought by Dog Owners in London.

Anyone who has lost a dog in the last few days would do well to inquire of Ben G. Blackstock, 59 Cavendish street, who, it is alleged, has a fine assortment collected and housed in his own back yard. He has no authority to meddle with any man's dog.

Blackstock has arrogated to himself the office of dog catcher, and accompanied by a negro satellite, has been gathering in stray dogs for some time past, and tying them up in his barn.

According to one man to whom he confided his aims and ambitions, he is going to skin them and tan the hides.

The one point that Blackstock has apparently overlooked is that up to the present the city council has neglected to endorse his self-appointed office, and as a result neither Blackstock nor his dusky comrade, have any more right to capture your dog than he has to steal your overcoat. And if anyone cares for a sweet little revenge for Fido's confinement, they can have Mr. B. hauled before the police magistrate.

Who's Who?

At the present moment the gentleman alleged misappropriation of certain goods belonging to the street railway company, and he has appeared at other times on similar charges.

The capture or destruction of any dog without the consent of its owner until a city bylaw is drawn up to legalize such action, is an unjustifiable infringement of the public's rights, and (Continued on Page Ten.)

TAX RATE WILL NOT BE LOWER

Mayor Says It Cannot Be Less Than in the Year 1909.

The tax rate for the year is commencing to agitate some of the aldermen, but they are beginning to figure out just where they will land.

Not even the most optimistic will hope that the rate will be lower than last year, while those in touch with the situation aver that it will be nothing short of 24 1/2 mills on the dollar—not a cheerful prospect to the man behind the bills.

"I cannot see how we can hope to have a lower tax rate than last year," said Mayor Beattie. "I am quite of the opinion that it will be at least a mill higher."

Economy may be the battle-cry, but there will be little chance to do much along practical lines.

BREAD-WEIGHT BILL

Mr. Nickle Defers His Explanation Until Next Tuesday.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Nickle's bill calling for a repeal of the present bread bill and giving municipalities the right to regulate the weight of bread, was read a second time. At Sir James Whitney's request, Mr. Nickle deferred his explanation of the bill till Tuesday.

NEIL BURGESS DEAD

Star of "The County Fair," Dies After a Long Illness.

New York, Feb. 19.—Neil Burgess, known the country over as a clever character actor, who made one of the greatest hits in later nineteenth century comedy productions in "The County Fair," died today at his home here. He had been ill for a long period, and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Burgess was born in Boston in 1851, and made his stage debut in that city.

THREE DOGS GO MAD AFTER MUZZLING

Hamilton, Feb. 19.—This morning three dogs belonging to Ed. Smith, J. Huntberger and the Imperial Tea Company went mad.

Just what caused them to break out is not known, unless they went crazy through muzzling.

So far as is known they bit no person, but they had a time of it all to themselves before being captured.

The police say positively the animals were suffering from rabies.

Promoted to Winnipeg.

One of the best-known steamship agents in the province of Ontario is Mr. S. J. Sharp, of Toronto, who has been western passenger agent, with headquarters at Toronto. Notices have been sent out by the Montreal head office that Mr. Sharp has been promoted to Winnipeg as general agent for the Atlantic Steamship Lines of the Northwest, with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Sharp has been coming to London for a great many years. At one time he was Canadian passenger agent of the Erie Railroad.

COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS SITES TO ATTRACT INDUSTRIES HERE

Opinion Is That London Should Be Able to Do What Windsor Is Doing—Fair Grounds Might Be Turned to Good Account to Bring Factories Here.

The question of the purchase of land for factory sites will be taken up by the council at an early date.

The action of Windsor in purchasing large tracts of land for this purpose has set some of the aldermen to thinking, and they are wondering what can be done along the same lines.

"London should be given the same treatment as other municipalities," said Ald. Fitzgerald, chairman of the manufacturers' committee. "We should not be placed under any handicap."

He is of the opinion that the city has plenty of land fit for a fair ground, and that part of the present grounds might be utilized for factory purposes. Ald. Fitzgerald would place the grounds down to the river, and stretch amusement devices along the line of railway to the park.

"I think that might solve the problem," he stated.

He will probably have his committee take this matter up within a short time.

COUNCIL IS VERY ECONOMICAL GOING SLOW ABOUT ENGINEER

It Is Now Said To Be Less Likely That a Man to Head All Departments Will Be Engaged by the City at a Big Salary—Mayor Doubts If City Is Big Enough.

There will be a meeting of the board of works this afternoon some time to discuss an amendment to the motion to appoint a consulting engineer for the city.

As mentioned yesterday, some of the members were not satisfied with the wording of the motion, and made efforts to have it changed.

The proceedings were so irregular that considerable comment was made on it. The result was that Ald. Tancock decided to call a special meeting to have the motion amended according to his own idea.

Council Is Economical.

There does not seem to be the same enthusiasm from the idea as at first blush. The council is in an economical mood, and when they consider the additional expense, in view of a tax rate that cannot be anything less than last year, and probably a mill more, they are not anxious to make any change at this time, but will rather counsel delay for a time, in order to see how the plan works in other cities.

What May Be Done.

Among some of the aldermen the impression prevails that the work now done by Mr. John M. Moore, consulting engineer, can be done by the city engineer's department, and the electrical department. Niagara power will cut a great deal of figure in the pumping arrangements of the two plants, and an electrical engineer will be able, it is thought, to handle that. As for the laying of mains and other engineering work to be done, City Engineer Graydon, or his assistant, Mr. Wright, will be in position to handle that.

A Temporary Shift.

This temporary shift will do, claim some of the aldermen, until such a time as the growth of the city warrants the employment of a big man for the position referred to.

It was stated today that some of the aldermen would take that stand. It is practically certain that no action along the line of appointing a new man will be made Monday night.

"The suggestion is ideal," said Mayor Beattie in discussing it. "It looks all right, but I am doubtful that London is big enough yet for such a man as will be needed if all departments are consolidated."

SPRING IN THE AIR DESPITE COLD WEATHER

Soon Gurgling Brook and Budding Bush Will Verify the Signs.

Despite the fact that the snow is still two and three feet or even four feet on the level, the discerning eye can locate the signs of spring in the air. The sun is gradually warming up, and even the coldest day cannot keep things frozen when the sun begins to get in its work.

Flocks of crows have become quite a familiar feature of the landscape, and a robin is reported to have been seen about the stars. According to the rural scientists, you may now and then find a stray robin in the city.

Farmers who have been indulging in the exhilarating sport of digging post holes, report that the earth worms are six inches nearer the surface than they were some time ago, and that their noses are steadily pointed toward the stars.

Unseasonable time and time again until then they would be kicked and sworn at by the attendants. I have seen them with pus, caused from blows from the fists of the guards."

Mr. Platt denies that he is a dangerous inmate of the asylum, but says he has been trying for four years to get an investigation. He claims to be an American citizen. He was detained first at Home-wood Retreat at Guelph. Discharged from there he was later arrested and transferred to Hamilton. Adverse reports on his claims have been already made by Mr. S. A. Armstrong, formerly inspector of asylums, and by Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary.

PROTEST ENTERED

London Intermediates Not Satisfied With Goderich Game.

London Intermediates today sent in their protest to the O. H. A., claiming that McCartney, who played on the Goderich team, is a professional, and that he received payment for playing at Port Hope during the season and at Goderich.

London expects to win, and may still be in the running for the intermediate championship of the O. H. A.

A sacred concert will be held in Crumlin Presbyterian Church by the St. George's Church (London Junction) choir. A good programme will be given. Doors open at 7:30.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Boston, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Whitfordian, from Liverpool; London, Glasgow, New York.

Rotterdam-Arrived: St. Andrew, New York.

Gibraltar—Passed: Duen di Genova, New York.

Genoa—Arrived: Regina d'Italia, New York.

Empress of Ireland docked at 8:30 this morning and landed passengers at 8:30, at St. John, N. B.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 18.—Steamer Grand Wabigoon, from Hamilton for New York, was 220 miles east of Sandy Hook at 8 a.m.; dock about 8:30 a.m., Sunday.

The Cost of Living

The Labor Gazette of this month gives a comparative list of the retail prices of staple commodities in principal cities in the various provinces of Canada. These prices prevailed on or about Jan. 15. Ontario seems to have been fortunate in having cheaper prices than the extreme Western or Eastern Provinces. It is noticeable that the prices in Hamilton are generally higher than those of the other cities in Ontario. The prices given are as accurate as can possibly be gathered, according to The Gazette. The cities where the commodities are most expensive are located in the far West. Eggs were the dearest in Ottawa, where 60 cents a dozen was asked for fresh eggs.

Cities.	Streak	Neat fore-quarters.	Bacon.	Mutton.	Lard.	Eggs.	Milk, qt.	Butter.	Wheat, Bu.
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Halifax	20	10	22	15	20	40	8	28	83
Charlottetown ..	15	11	15	12	18	30	5	23	60
St. John	22	7	22	14	18	40	7	28	109
Montreal	15	8	18	15	19	35	8	28	70
Toronto	15	10	22	15	19	30	8	25	66
Ottawa	12 1/2	9	20	10	18	45	6	23	49
Kingston	20	8	22	15	18	50	8	24	70
Hamilton	15	11	23	9	18	45	7	30	75
Woodstock	18	10	22	10	20	35	6	27	85
LONDON	18	15	22	15	19	35	6	27	60
Port Arthur	18	15	22 1/2	15	15	55	10	30	100
Winnipeg	18	6	25	6	22	60	10	27 1/2	105
Calgary	15	10	20	12 1/2	20	60	10	25	140
Vancouver	20	11	25	11	22	55	10	30	125
Victoria	20	12 1/2	30	12 1/2	21 1/2	45	12	31	125