

MISSING AGED WOMAN FOUND DYING ON TRACK

Water Rates Will Not Be Altered During Present Year

MRS. BAKER HIT BY TRAIN AND RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Body Found Lying on C. N. R.
Track by Engineer of
Train.

MISSING EIGHT HOURS

Leg Amputated and Doctors
Hold Little Hope For
Recovery.

Missing from her home for eight hours, the prone figure of a woman, identified as Mrs. Jennie Baker, was found on the tracks between the east and west bound main lines of the C. N. R., two miles east of London, by Engineer O'Connor and Conductor Bryant of Hamilton shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Baker had been run over by a train which, it is thought, passed through London at midnight. The train had passed over her right leg, and when Engineer O'Connor found her she was unconscious.

Mrs. Baker was picked up and taken to the caboose, where first aid was rendered. She was rushed to London and taken to Victoria Hospital, where she underwent an operation for amputation performed by Dr. F. R. Clegg and Dr. Roy Kingswood early this morning. Physicians at Victoria Hospital report today that little hope is held for her recovery.

Resides With Parents.
Mrs. Baker resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hill at 10 Childer street. She is 70 years old and has been in weakened health for some time. Her parents never permitted her to leave the house alone for any length of time, and when she left the house last night shortly after 6 o'clock and failed to return before 7 o'clock, her niece, Please See Page 2, Column 4.

PERRON PLANNING BEAUTIFUL ROADS

Quebec Minister of Highways
Seeks To Line Driveways
With Trees.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, March 1.—Ex-service men, with trees bordering both sides, affording protection to travellers by automobile and wagon, and beautifying the country, is the aim of Hon. J. L. Perron, minister of roads of Quebec.

There is another practical side to Mr. Perron's desire to border the roads of the province with trees. It is recognized that trees in shading the roadway keep the humidity much longer after rains, prevent the macadam or gravel from becoming dry, thereby diminishing the cost of maintenance and reduce to a minimum the annoyance from dust.

VETERANS TO DEMAND PROMISES BE KEPT

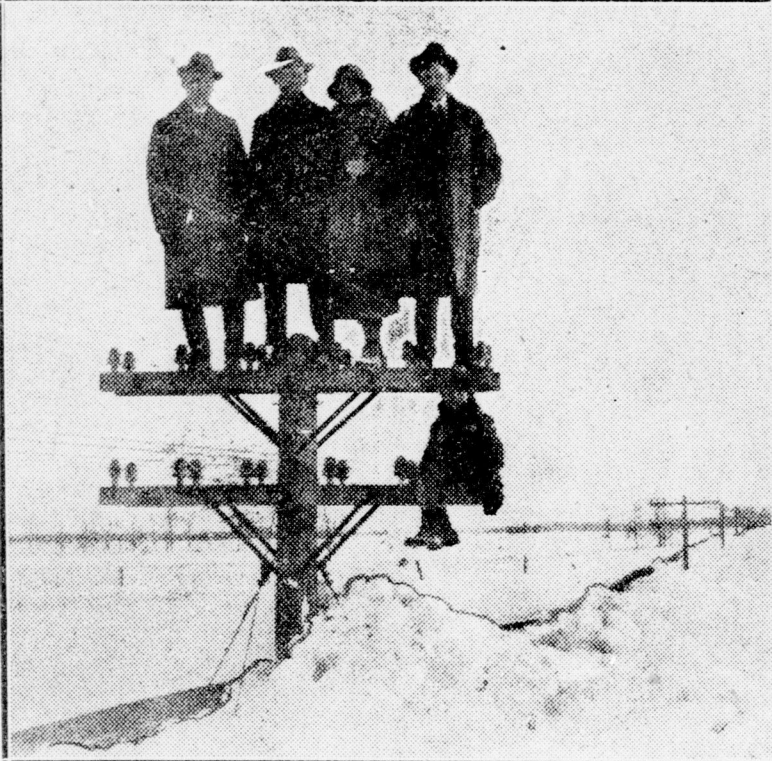
Members of Federal Civil Service To Insist That Rights
Be Observed.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 1.—Ex-service men, members of the civil service, at a mass meeting here last night, organized to oppose any curtailment of the promises made them on their return from overseas, that the government would provide them with occupation in the service and give them preference over non-combatants.

In resolutions they ask for permanency of all veterans in the service, and ask for preference for veterans in filling vacancies. They ask that no disabled men be dismissed, and that active service men and women be retained in preference to married men appointed since Aug. 14, 1914.

HAVING MUSKRAT PELT COSTS BYRON MAN A FINE

Alexander Cameron, a young man residing at Byron, was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw of Lucan at the court house Saturday, after being found guilty of having in his possession a muskrat pelt in the close season.



WHEN THE STORM HAD ENDED.

To step from a snowbank to the top of a telephone pole, with no great difficulty, was the experience of these St. Marys residents shown above. Following the recent snowstorm which tied up the province, these merry-makers were out in search of some unusual result of the storm and this is what they found. The picture was taken a short distance from the town of St. Marys.

HOBBY FAIR ENTRANTS FIGHT FOR BIG TROPHY

Cup Will Go to School Securing
the Highest Number of
Points.

SYSTEM OUTLINED

All Have Equal Chance, Not
Affected by Number of
Pupils.

There is bound to be some keen competition among the schools for The Advertiser trophy at the Hobby Fair. This cup will be worth winning; it will be a handsome addition to the collection of cups and medals in any school, and for that reason some of the city schools have been asking for details that must be complied with in order to stand a chance of winning the trophy.

The Advertiser cup will be awarded on a system of points that have been agreed upon between this office and the representatives of the Rotary Club. It is given to the school winning the most points at the fair in the armories, May 12 to 17, and the plan is so arranged that it will be fair to the smaller schools that cannot make as many entries as the larger ones. For instance, it would be only fair to assume that a school with 600 pupils should make a greater number of points than one with enrollment of only 300 pupils, so the number of points is divided into the number of pupils and the standing secured in this way.

Plan of Division.
To illustrate: Suppose a school in the city with a total attendance of 600 should go into the contest and score 1,800 points, and a school with only 300 should get but 1,200. In totals the big school would win, but in reality it would stand with three schools against four for the smaller school, the result in each case being determined by dividing the number of pupils into the number of points. The Rotary officials are satisfied that this is the fairest way of dividing the

POPULARITY CONTEST IS PLANNED FOR CIRCUS

Valuable Prizes Will Be Given
Away at Shrine Entertainment.

The popularity contest in connection with the Shrine Circus will be in the hands of a strong committee, headed by Edwin Smith, in which will be given away three diamond rings, valued at \$150 to \$250 each, and wrist watches, valued at \$25 and \$50 each. No effort or expense will be spared to make this the keenest contest ever staged in this city.

A dinner will be given, at which all contestants will be on hand to receive final instructions and advice, the date of which will be announced later. Watch the paper for full particulars of this and other interesting events in connection with the Big 10-Act London Circus, to be held in the armories in aid of crippled children of Western Ontario in the near future.



Germany will refuse to surrender full control over the economic resources of the nation to the allies, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German foreign minister, has announced to the Reichstag.

BUILDINGS OPENED TO PUBLIC MONDAY

Rectory and Mission House
Have Now Been
Completed.

Work on the new rectory and mission house at St. Patrick's Church, East London, has been completed and the buildings will be thrown open for public inspection on Monday from 3 to 6 in the afternoon and from 8 to 10 in the evening.

The new structures have been built for the work of the Redemptorist Mission Fathers, at 1251 Dundas street. The members of the Ligonian Auxiliary of St. Patrick's Church are to receive any friends of the Fathers who visit the opening on Monday.

Many Changes in Standing Shown by Vote List Today

Yesterday's announcement that a further award of \$500 in prizes for the leaders in their respective districts before Monday, March 17, was received with great satisfaction by many candidates. This is the second subsidiary contest since the beginning of the big campaign. Winners of the first one which concluded February 25 will likely be published early next week.

WIFE DARED BY HUSBAND TAKES DOSE OF POISON

Mrs. James McCallum of Detroit Taken to Hospital After
Rash Act.

FORMER CANADIAN

Pleads With Doctors To Save
Her Life, But Chances
Are Slim.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Mar. 1.—Because her husband dared her to swallow poison following a domestic argument in their home at 1523 Fifth street last night, Mrs. James McCallum, a comely matron of 49 is gasping her life away on a cot in Receiving Hospital. Doctors say her death is but a matter of hours. Mrs. McCallum is a native of a small Canadian town. The couple had quarrelled over their eleven-year-old son, at the dinner table, and the argument terminated when McCallum threatened to leave home for good, and take the boy with him.

"I'd take poison first, Jim," the woman said. Silently McCallum got up from the table, put on his hat and went out. Ten minutes later he returned, handed his wife a small parcel and said: "Here, take this and get yourself out of the way, I dare you."

"This" was a bottle of poison which McCallum bought at a corner drug store. "Go on, drink it," McCallum urged. She took the bottle, uncorked it and gulped down the deadly poison.

The husband himself sounded the alarm, which brought the police in a hurry to the McCallum home. There they found the woman writhing in pain.

PREMIER'S OPINION ASKED ON SCHOOL

Alderman Seeks To Ascertain
Definite Information From
Ferguson.

Hon. Howard Ferguson, minister of education, is expected, by one member of the local city council, to evolve certain sweeping changes in the educational system of this province.

And with that in view this councillor has appealed to the premier for his definite opinion as to the local high school situation. An appeal to that effect has been forwarded to the capital.

J. D. SINCLAIR ISSUES WRIT AGAINST SARAH GREGORY

J. D. Sinclair, through Murphy, Gunn & Murphy, has issued a county court writ against Sarah Gregory, executrix of the estate of Thomas H. Gregory, deceased, for \$725.61. Mr. Sinclair alleges this amount is due him on account of profits in a dye pressing business conducted by himself, and the late Mr. Gregory.

J. A. RICHARDS REMOVED TO PENITENTIARY TODAY

J. A. Richards, sentenced to three years in penitentiary by Magistrate Graydon earlier in the week for having in his possession tobacco stolen from the London warehouse of Seales & Roberts, was taken to Kingston Penitentiary early this morning by High Constable Wharton and County Constable Edgar Guest.



DR. R. P. DOUGAL, member of the faculty of the University of Western Ontario, who has been appointed pathologist at Victoria Hospital.

DR. R. P. DOUGAL GIVEN POSITION

Appointed Pathologist at Victoria Hospital, Succeeding
Dr. Carl B. Bowen.

Dr. R. P. Dougal, a member of the faculty of the University of Western Ontario Medical School, has been appointed pathologist at Victoria Hospital, succeeding Dr. Carl B. Bowen, who has resigned to accept a position in the X-ray department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Dr. Bowen relinquished his duties at the hospital Friday, and left for Ann Arbor today.

In addition to superintending the laboratory work at Victoria Hospital, Dr. Dougal will be responsible for blood examinations, urinalysis and all microscopic work necessitated in the treatment of patients. Both he and Dr. Bowen are graduates of the University of Western Ontario, and the former will continue his duties on the faculty while acting as pathologist at the hospital.

Snow Removal Costs City \$5,785

Snow removal to date has cost the city \$5,785.52, City Engineer Sear reports, or \$120 more than was provided for in the estimates. It has become necessary for the board of works to place an additional amount in the estimates to cover this and provide for prospective ice removal.

MARCH COMES IN LIKE A REAL SPRING LAMB

Mercury Shows Tendency To
Climb While Sun Shines
at Best.

The lamb effectively vanquished the lion today when the weatherman decreed that the first days of March, 1924, should be one of the mildest and most springlike days of the season. The mercury has shown a tendency to climb for the past 24 hours, and at noon today it obtained a degree above freezing point.

Citizens must not wax too jubilant over the triumph of mutton over jungle meat, however. Weather prognosticators, and those grooved in meteorological lore, claim the entry of the king of the pasture is an indication that the king of beasts will come later in the month. Mild and benevolent weather at the beginning means severe, blustery conditions at the end.

For those who have to pay coal bills the appearance of the lamb is extremely welcome. They only hope he will continue to bless this locality with his presence.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Man for dairy farm.
Wanted 40 or 50 acres near London.
Kitchen range for sale.
Bracelet lost.
Where to eat.
Grocery store for sale.

U.S. INCOME TAX RATES REDUCED IN NEW BILL

House Approves New Measure
by a Vote of 408
to 8.

GIFT LEVY ADDED

Ordinary Citizen Will Benefit
As Result of Revisions
Made.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Mar. 1.—The revenue measure arrived in the Senate today to start the second lap of its legislative journey.

The House by a vote of 408 to 8 approved the bill yesterday after sending it through a last-minute cross fire in which the Democrat income tax schedule was knocked out and a compromise, offered by Representative Longworth, Republican leader, and supported by every member of the party present, was substituted.

Essential changes in the present tax law as made by the tax bill passed by the House are as follows: Normal income tax rates are fixed at 2 per cent on the first \$4,000 of taxable income, five per cent on taxable income from \$4,000 to \$8,000, and six per cent above \$8,000, instead of four per cent on the first \$4,000 and eight per cent on all above that figure, as provided in the present law.

Surplus rates begin at 2 per cent at \$12,000 and run up to 50 per cent at \$200,000, with a proviso that only three-fourths of the sum so calculated shall be paid. At present surplus taxes begin at 1 per cent between \$12,000 and \$200,000.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS CHILD'S DROWNING

Mrs. Christina Challis Brought
to Jail on Insanity
Charge.

Said to have lost her mind as a result of her little son's death from drowning on January 28, Christina Rose Challis, age 30, was today lodged in the local jail charged with insanity by her husband, Albert Challis.

Mrs. Challis steadfastly refused to believe the report of her son Jack's tragic death from drowning in the Thames river and has been momentarily expecting that he would turn up. Failure to locate the little chap's body and the nerve-racking suspense of waiting for some development has, it is claimed, completely unbalanced the mother's mind.

Albert Challis, the woman's husband who works at the London Pure Milk Company, laid the charge. For three weeks his wife appeared to be silently suffering after her son's death, but it was only after seeking advice of others and pondering for many days that the husband decided it was best to have her mentally examined.



OSCAR WARNER, arrested in Sarnia Thursday as suspect in Neal Bakery Company robbery, when the safe was blown open and \$1,200 taken. Warner was remanded for a week by Magistrate Graydon yesterday.

DRAKE ASKS VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION

Believes Various Districts
Would Be Afforded Chance
To Settle Own Desires.

One member of the London city council, Ald. Gordon Drake, favors another referendum on the Ontario Temperance Act. Ald. Drake believes, as do many of the "moderates" on the Conservative side of the Ontario legislature that local option would meet all requirements. "I would certainly favor another referendum," stated the ward three councillor. "Let them have a vote on the local option scheme. Then the people of these districts, who wanted the O. T. A. as it now is could have it and those who wanted a change could vote accordingly."

Throughout the province, and scarcely by a day passes but when opinion is heard upon one side of the question or the other.

Much interest is being centered in the public debate slated for a few days hence in one of the local churches when it is assured the "government control" side of the controversy will be presented.

WILTON GROVE FARMER IS FINED FOR CRUELTY

James Brownlee Pays Total of
\$84 in Court
Today.

James Brownlee, Wilton Grove farmer, summoned to court by Inspector George Tustin of the Humane Society for starving his animals, was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw Saturday morning. The costs of the case, including pay for a man who has been in charge of the cattle, amounted to \$74, which meant that Mr. Brownlee was forced to part with \$84 before he left the courtroom.

UTILITIES IS UNABLE TO CHANGE WATER RATE

Protest Is Received Regarding
Minimum Cost in City at
Present.

IN BETTER POSITION

Pointed Out Question Will Be
Considered When Work
Completed.

A readjustment of water rates could not be undertaken before the close of this year, General Manager Buchanan of the utilities commission stated today.

In receipt of communications from the mayor and a Mrs. William Bottom, protesting against a minimum water rate, the general manager explained that he is not empowered to make any changes in the rate. The minimum water rate is \$8 per year, or about 2 1/2 cents per day. He adds, however, that by the end of the year, when it is expected that all the water meters will have been installed, the commissioners would be better able to consider results and determine whether a change in rates would be advisable or possible.

The general manager is also in receipt of a request from the members of the Knollwood Park Ratepayers' Association for certain changes in the rate of their billing and accounting. He explains that in this instance again, he is not empowered to make changes.

FATHER'S DEVOTION LEADS TO ARREST

Ottawa Man Borrowed Natural-
ization Papers of Friend
on Detroit Trip.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, March 1.—A father's desire to secure the best possible medical aid for his crippled child led George Katsukakes of Ottawa to "borrow" the naturalization papers of another man in an effort to enter this country, and he paid a fine of \$250 in federal court to Judge Simons yesterday for his devotion.

However, Judge Simons expressed his sympathy for the man when he heard the pathetic story. Katsukakes said that he ran a confectionery business in Ottawa, and was married to an American woman. He said his youngest child was a cripple, and finding no help for her in Canada, he decided to bring the little one to Detroit. The family entered the country last May without difficulty, but when Katsukakes returned to Ottawa to get some possessions, his wife, Tony Tikomus gave him his naturalization certificate, remarking that it would save trouble. On his return to this country Katsukakes was arrested. He will be returned to Ottawa immediately.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate nor-west winds; fair today and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Pressure is now moderately high from the Great Lakes westward, with a disturbance indicated. The weather continues quite mild in the Western Provinces, and rather cold from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	59	25	Fair
Calgary	42	28	Clear
Winnipeg	49	28	Fair
Port Arthur	24	6	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	29	19	Cloudy
Cochrane	15	6	Cloudy
Toronto	20	18	Snow
Kingston	22	2	Clear
Ottawa	25	4	Fair
Montreal	22	10	Cloudy
Quebec	15	10	Cloudy
St. John	30	16	Fair
Halifax	35	14	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 29; lowest, 15. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 7. Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—2 p.m.—29.15.
Today—8 a.m.—29.06.