

## POPULATION OVERESTIMATED SAYS THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE WILL "SHOW UP" THE FIGURES

It Is Promised That a Statement Will Be Given Out Showing That the City Has Not Anything Like 50,000 People—Sunday Car Advocates Say Council's Action Will Surely Influence the Premier in Request for a Vote.

The anti-Sunday car people will not send a petition to Toronto in consequence of the vote passed by the council asking Sir James Whitney to declare the population to be 50,000 on the figures submitted by Assessment Commissioner Grant.

They are confident that the Premier will not accede to the request, but will continue steadfast in his statement that it has not been proven to him that the city has the required population.

I do not see the need of going to Toronto to reply to that request," said Mr. J. K. H. Pope, the Premier's secretary, who has already declared that he will make no declaration on the population on the figures submitted. He will refuse the request I am confident.

"Sir James Whitney will not play into our hands nor into theirs," said Mr. Pope. "The council was not unanimous on the question, and I do not think that Sir James will pay the slightest attention to the demand of the council. He is there to see that the law is carried out, and I am certain that he will stand by his resolution that the figures do not warrant him in making a declaration."

To Show Up the Figures.

It was learned that the Ministerial Alliance, or at least part of that organization, are preparing some data to be made public shortly, in all probability tomorrow. In that document it will be stated that the figures do not warrant him in making a declaration.

P. M.'S REQUEST WAS LAID OVER

City Council Will Consider Before Putting Down Another Track on Burwell Street.

P. S. BOARD FAVORABLE

if the Company Will Hold Harnessed the City From All Claims for Damages Which Might Arise.

At a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board held yesterday afternoon it was decided to recommend to the council that the Pere Marquette be allowed to build a siding on the north side of Bathurst street, from their freight station to the Burwell street crossing. The matter later came up at the council, but was laid over until the next regular meeting of that body, on the objection of Ald. Garratt.

In his communication, Superintendent Pyatt pointed out that the company were cramped for room. There was no sufficient standing space, and consequently they were considerably handicapped in handling freight.

City Engineer Agrees.

City Engineer Graydon submitted a report on the matter, in which he agreed to the proposition of the company, provided that the city was protected from all accident and damage suits, and that the siding became the property of the city on the expiration of the lease.

Ald. Rose brought up the matter of blocking Burwell street. He pointed out that there were many complaints from the city about this street, and that another siding would add greatly to the shunting there.

Mayor Stevely stated that he had mentioned this to Mr. Pyatt, but the latter said that it would result in the shunting so prevalent on that street now, as it would give the company a great deal more room, and would necessitate less handling of cars.

A Suggestion.

"We should deal with companies as they do with us when we rent land from them," said Mr. White. "We should allow them to put down the track, and give them 20 days to lift it if we thought it necessary."

Ald. Stevenson thought this would not be fair to the city's tenant. As for the shunting argument he did not see much in that, as it would cause less inconvenience than at the present time.

Mr. Pyatt then moved that the board recommend to the council that the request of the company to lay a siding along Bathurst street, according to plans submitted, be granted, provided that the company protect the city from all accident and damage suits, and that the siding become the property of the city when the present lease expired. This motion was carried.

Ald. Garratt Objects.

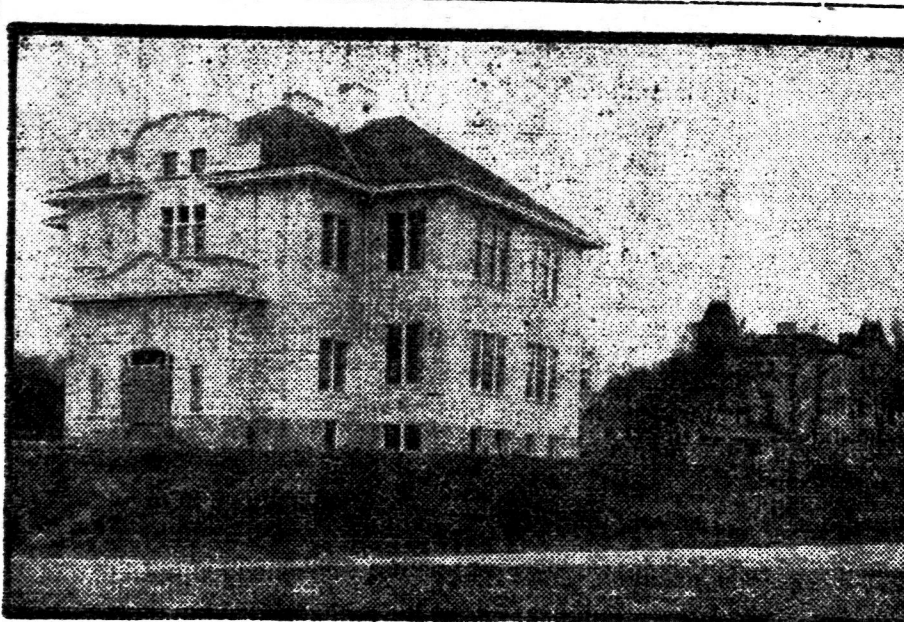
The matter was afterwards brought up in the council. As it was new business it could not be brought in at a special meeting except under privilege. Ald. Garratt, however, objected.

"I understand there are some property owners interested in this matter," he said.

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A BLACKHAND OUTRAGE.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 22.—An explosion of dynamite in the fruit and wine house of Joseph Masari, early today destroyed twenty-five buildings in the business district of the city. Masari, who is an Italian, believes the "Blackhand" is responsible. The damage is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.



AN INGERSOLL PUBLIC SCHOOL, Which Is To Be Opened in That Progressive Town in a Few Days.

## An Auto for Aquila

City Engineer Graydon wants an automobile. For more than a year past he has been endeavoring to purchase a steady worthy to succeed old Delaware, his driver, but so far has not been able to do so. Now he declares that he will wait until spring and ask for an automobile.

"All real engineers travel in automobiles," said Mr. Graydon. "I do not know whether I want a chassis, or a limousine, or a runabout, or whatnot, but I want an auto. If I had one of those machines I could dodge irate citizens with great success. At present it is hard work."

It is not considered probable that this slight whim of the city engineer will be granted.

## ONE GREEN TICKET TO WOODLAND ONE GREEN TICKET TO COME BACK

Water Commissioners Will Be Asked to Have the London Street Railway Co. Reduce the Fare on the Springbank Line—Matter Up at Next Meeting.

At the next meeting of the water commissioners to discuss the Springbank Park privileges, a communication will be made to the council, asking the commissioners to compel the London Street Railway Company to make the fare to and from Woodland Cemetery a green ticket each way. They have no objection to the straight fare to Springbank, but they think it a hardship that citizens should be compelled to pay that fare to the cemetery.

Some of the aldermen were discussing upon this.

## BURWELL ST. PEOPLE OPPOSED TO PERE MARQUETTE SWITCH

One Property Owner Says the Crossing Is Extremely Dangerous Now, and Another Track Should Not Be Added—May Appeal to the Railway Commission.

There is going to be opposition to the request of the Pere Marquette for a siding on Bathurst street.

A number of property owners in that section of the city are of the opinion that the siding will be dangerous, and will depreciate the value of their property considerably.

The fact that it was not rushed through last evening will enable them to present a petition at the next meeting of the council.

Says It's a Bad One.

"We are in a bad way now on account of the crossings at Burwell street," said a property owner today. "We can scarcely get across now, and I do not see what we will do if another siding is added. We will certainly oppose it."

It is quite probable that the Dominion railway commission will be asked to take a hand in the matter.

The residents of the street are all of the opinion that the siding will be dangerous, and it is probable that if an amicable settlement cannot be made, they will ask the board to step in and settle it.

NO FURTHER WORD AS TO DATE OF MEETING

Railway Commissioners Have Not Said When They Will Confer With City.

No further word has been received from the Dominion railway commission as to the date of the meeting in London, when the subject of track elevation will be considered.

There is no doubt that the question will be reopened in the near future. It will be remembered that last spring the commissioners held a session in the city, at which Mr. D'Arcy Scott presided.

At that time, some of the crossings of the Grand Trunk, principally the Egerton street, the Rectory street, and the Richmond street crossings, were to be taken up. As negotiations were then under way, the case was adjourned, with the understanding that negotiations for the elimination of level crossings would be continued to the end.

A Dangerous Place.

The danger of the crossing at Egerton street was impressed upon the commissioners at that time, as they were held up for a considerable length of time while investigating.

Since that time they have had reports upon them. Engineer Mountain and Engineer Hutchinson have inspected them, and their reports are in the hands of the commissioners.

That the commissioners have significant intention of looking into the matter, it is thought that it will not be long until the matter is finally settled.

Heavy Rainfall.

In the eighteen hours, between 2 o'clock Sunday morning and 8 o'clock Monday morning, 2.12 inches of rain fell, according to the measurements at the local observatory. This is the largest amount that has fallen continuously in many years in this vicinity. During the night more rain fell, and it is likely that altogether close to 2.1 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours. This is considerably more than fell during the whole month of October.

FIFTEEN HANGED.

Saratov, European Russia, Nov. 22.—Fifteen prisoners were hanged here today. A fellow-prisoner volunteered and served as a public hangman. Two men convicted of larceny have been condemned to death.

## ALD. BEATTIE OPPOSES VOTE

Says City Has Not 50,000 and Census Would be a Mistake.

COUNCIL TAKE A STAND

Ask Premier Whitney to Declare Population Over 50,000, So That People May Vote.

### THE RESOLUTION.

1. Whereas, three full weeks have elapsed since the passing of the resolution of Nov. 1, 1909, for the submission of a Sunday car question to the people,

2. And Whereas, there is not now sufficient time to permit of the taking of a census, and the passing of a by-law by Dec. 1, 1909, for the submission of a Sunday car question to the people,

3. And, whereas, any money expended on taking of a census would therefore be useless, and this council does not desire to incur the expense of a census at the present time.

4. And, whereas, the assessment commissioner, by his enumeration of the population of the city of London, Ontario, on the 31st of August, 1909, certified the population to be forty-nine thousand, five hundred and seven, and has since obtained certificates from the principals of several educational institutions and others showing the number of persons who have come to the city since the date of his census to be more than sufficient in number to make the population of the city of London more than fifty thousand,

5. And, whereas, the council of the corporation of the city of London believe the population of the city of London to be in excess of fifty thousand at the present time, as shown by the said certificates,

6. And, whereas, the Sunday car question has been agitating the citizens of London for some years past, and a plebiscite taken at the showing of a majority of three hundred and seventy of those entitled to vote in favor of Sunday cars, and this council believes it to be in the best interests of the city that the question should be definitely settled one way or another by a vote of the citizens at the coming municipal elections,

7. Be it resolved, that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council be requested for the purpose of allowing a vote to be taken on Sunday cars at the coming municipal election, to declare that the population of the city of London is in excess of fifty thousand.

### Premier Must Decide.

The above resolution was passed at the special meeting of the council, and it is once more the duty of Sir James Whitney and the Ontario Cabinet to pass upon the population of the city of London and a vote on Sunday cars.

In brief, it means that the council are convinced that the figures, as submitted to the Ontario Government, correctly state the facts so far as the population of the city is concerned, and that they desire to have the official seal of Sir James Whitney placed upon them in order that the citizens of London may again express their opinion on Sunday cars.

### The Correspondence.

When the question was brought up City Clerk Baker read the correspondence between himself and Sir James Whitney. The latter declared that the resolution from the council was to the effect that they desired him to have a census taken. Later, a resolution was received in which the Government was asked to declare the population of the city to be 50,000. He was prepared to order a census if the city would apply for it and pay the cost, but he was at a loss in view of the contradictory messages to know what the council desired.

### Mayor Explains.

Mayor Stevely, in explanation, stated that the first document was a request for a census. When it passed the council none of the aldermen understood that a census was being asked for to cost the city some hundreds of dollars. Consequently he had sent the second communication, which was an ambiguity as to the desire of the council, and asked for a declaration on the population.

With this explanation, Ald. Stewart moved the resolution as quoted above. Ald. Garratt seconded it.

"There is little to be said in the matter," said Ald. Garratt. "This is by far the easiest way, to let the Governor-in-Council settle the question."

### Ald. Beattie Objects.

Ald. Beattie objected to the motion and opposed the idea that the city had 50,000 population.

"I do not think this motion should be passed by the council," he said. "We asked the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to declare a census, and now we are asking him to declare the population of the city to be 50,000. I do not believe that we have 50,000 nor within 1,000 of that number. I have had an opportunity of seeing some of the material sent to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and upon which he was asked to declare the population to be sufficient upon which to take a vote. To my mind, at least, it was unsatisfactory. In fact, quite unreliable. For instance, one family is mentioned as having been overlooked when the census was taken. They do not mention, however, the number of families overlooked."

### Figures Doubted.

Continuing, Ald. Beattie stated that one institution to his knowledge had sent in a communication, not to Mr. Grant, but to a private individual, saying that they had many more students than when the census was taken, but that nothing was said in regard to the people who had left the institution in the interim.

"Take the case of the hotels, for example," he said. "When the assessors went to the Tecumseh House they placed the number of people there at 300. Every one knows that there are not over 100, including the entire staff of employees. Again, they went to a hotel on King street, and put the

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## LORD LANSLOWNE MOVES AGAINST THE BUDGET BILL WITH SWARM OF PEERS

Declares the Upper House Has the Right to Reject the Measure, Lord Chancellor in Reply Intimates That if Government Wins at Polls the Lords Will Be Wiped Out.

London, Nov. 22.—The second reading of the finance bill in the House of Lords tonight provided a scene both memorable and historic. For seven hours the leaders of both sides of the House battled before an audience which could not be equalled in any other country in the world. It included the young King, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and a great crowd of famous men and women so numerous that it was impossible to begin naming them. The young King, in the peeresses' gallery between the Portuguese minister and Lord Granville, taking an earnest interest in the debate, flanked him on either side with a bevy of peeresses, while nearby sat Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador.

A Swarm of Peers.

The scene in the House of Lords last night in September, 1893, when the Lords threw out the home rule bill. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in the precincts, and immediately in the vicinity of the House. The public were present in large numbers at all the entrances, watching the arrival of the peers, but only a very few gained admittance to the House. Never before had been seen so many automobiles in the palace yard, for the peers responded in large numbers to the call of the whips. The scene was full of excitement. The Opposition, when the House opened, was full of animation. The Opposition, when the House opened, was full of animation. The Opposition, when the House opened, was full of animation.

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## WEATHER MAN KIDDING LONDON?

Many Brands of Weather Causes People to Wonder What's Coming Next.

VERY HEAVY RAINFALL

More Water Fell in Two Days Than During the Whole of October.

London has been the centre for so many different varieties of snow, rain and wind storms in the last few days, that many citizens are beginning seriously to consider what the weather man has against the Forest City, or whether he is out on some kind of a celebration and letting loose any old kind of weather on this city.

Made in London?

On Wednesday night London, and London alone, was the centre of a blizzard that was worthy of March weather. The forecast of the next day it snowed some more, and in all some sixteen inches of the beautiful fell. It rained a great part of the day, and Monday the city suffered a downpour such as has not been seen here in years. It rained heavily and continually for more than twenty hours, and reports from the local observatory show that more rain fell yesterday than came down in the whole preceding month. In fact, yesterday holds the record for rainfall, being the greatest of any day in the year.

A Regular Gale.

During the evening the wind changed and by 10 o'clock a regular gale was blowing from the north, and instead of rain, hail began to rattle against the windows and beat time to the whistle of the wind.

The effect of such a combination of weather has been to drive those who do teaming in any way almost insane. With Wednesday and Thursday's rain they had a big rush, and have got out their sleighs and have their horses properly shod. Then came the rain, and there was no need of sleighs; in fact, many began seriously to think more about rowboats, and all through the day horses have been slipping about on the glassy pavements trying their best to keep their feet and get along with their loads. Blacksmiths report that not for years have their shops been so crowded with horses waiting to be rough-shod.

Shoeing the Horses.

Many of the transportation companies are having their most urgent calls, and in the meanwhile are waiting for their horses to be shod. Nearly all the stages coming in were drawn by from three to four horses, and the driver reported that the roads in many places are in a terrible condition.

Good for Business.

The weather of the last few days has been a boon to many merchants, particularly those who deal in shoes and rubbers. For three days the shoe clerks have been working their hardest getting out rubbers and overcoats and winter stock of all kinds.

MAILED SMALLPOX.

Colorado Springs, Col., Nov. 22.—Justice of the Peace A. P. Coombs yesterday received two pieces of human flesh through the mails. Accompanying them was a note explaining that they had been taken from a smallpox patient, the writer expressing the hope that the judge might catch the disease and die. Judge Coombs has reported the matter to the federal authorities. He is aware of the existence of any enemy unless it may be some one upon whom he has inflicted punishment in his official capacity.

## SA YSM'LACHLAN NEGLECTED FAMILY

Sister of Dead Woman, in Unbridge, a Witness at the Inquest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Unbridge, Nov. 22.—Last night's session of the adjourned inquest before Coroner Bassom into the death of Mrs. Archie McLachlan, was adjourned shortly before midnight until 9:30 a.m. today. Following Mrs. Morden, Mr. Stanley Crigton, traveler, was examined. Mr. Crigton said he had known Mrs. McLachlan three days before the tragedy, when McLachlan told him he had lost his situation. He had been drinking and associating a little with a young lady in town. He had been drinking and associating a little with a young lady in town. He had been drinking and associating a little with a young lady in town.

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