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BUGS IMPERIAL BILLS TRAGED

Gasoline Tax Condemned When London Pays Paving Costs

LIGHTING SYSTEM IMPROVED

Changes Are Being Made on Dundas, Richmond and Wharncliffe Road.

COVER WHOLE CITY

Complete Change Could Be Carried Out in Three or Four Years.

Co-operation between the council and the public utilities commission with regard to improved street lighting has already brought results.

Work has been begun improving the present system on Richmond street, Dundas street and Wharncliffe road.

The new system being installed consists of center-suspended lights in prismatic globes, similar to those which have been in use on Waterloo street for some months past.

It is the intention of the council and the commission to entirely replace the present system with the new prismatic globe system over a period of three or four years. The cost of the gradual installation of the new system is to be borne by the commission through money from its depreciation reserve funds.

At the request of the council the commission outlined a scheme for improving the street lighting system, and in turn requested the council to name the streets upon which the new system should be installed first.

The council named Richmond street, north of Dufferin avenue; Dundas street, east of Waterloo street, and Wharncliffe road, south of Stanley street.

The communication addressed to the council by the commission was as follows:

Meets With Approval.
"With reference to your letter requesting a report on the improvement of the street lighting system we beg to advise that we have made some experiments with a system of center-suspended lights in prismatic globes, which direct the light rays where they are most required. The samples of this lighting will be seen on Waterloo street, and it appears to have met with general approval.

"We recommend that this system be adopted and the old system be replaced gradually, over a period of three or four years.

"It is estimated that if the whole city were equipped with such a system, the increased annual cost would be in the neighborhood of \$3,500, or about 10 per cent increase over the present system.

Absorb Cost.
"The cost of installing these lights will be absorbed by the commission from its depreciation reserve fund, and so that the council will not require to contribute anything but the increase in the annual cost.

"If a quarter of the lights are erected this year, the increase will be less than \$1,000, with infinitely better illumination.

"For billing purposes it is proposed to charge \$55 a lamp a year for the 600-candlepower lamps at the street intersections, and \$25 a lamp a year for the 400-candlepower lamps in the center of blocks.

"If our suggestions meet with your approval, will you please instruct us on what streets you would like further extensions made."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong winds, shifting to northeast; clearing.

Sunday—Fresh northwest winds; fair and colder.

The depression which was in the southwestern states yesterday has moved rapidly.

By the lower lakes, there is causing heavy rain and snow, which is now spreading into Eastern Canada.

The weather continues very cold in the western provinces.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	53	40	Rain
Calgary	12	4	Fair
Winnipeg	15	12	Fair
Port Arthur	20	4	Clear
S. S. Marie	26	18	Cloudy
Toronto	26	22	Rain
Ottawa	40	28	Cloudy
Kingston	26	24	Snow
Montreal	36	22	Snow
Quebec	30	18	Snow
St. John	42	26	Snow
Halifax	40	26	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 26; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 34; lowest, 22.

Sun rises at 6:34 a.m. and sets at 6:23 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.19.
Today—8 a.m., 29.52.



MRS. FAY PERKINS, who was recently robbed of \$40,000 of jewels in New York by three masked bandits, who smashed in the door of her apartment and pulled the rings off her fingers with their teeth, after having knocked her escort unconscious with a blow from the butt of a revolver. Police suspect the same gang that robbed Edith Bole and murdered two Broadway butchers.

FREE STATERS WIN 7 SEATS

Irish Government Candidates Triumph Over Republicans in By-Elections.

SEAN MILROY GOES DOWN

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, March 14.—The miniature general election for seats in the Dail Eireann, to fill the vacancies of seven constituencies caused by the resignations of Nationalist members, has proved a triumph for the government.

Owing to the complicated system of proportional voting the counting occupied a long time, but in the final result the government won seven seats and the Republicans got only two, which the ministerial party regards as eminently satisfactory.

The results, in the opinion of the political experts, sound the death knell of the Nationalist group, which resigned over the mutiny crisis and which for some time past, although elected on a government ticket, had really been in opposition to the government, while there has always been uncertainty as to its probable attitude in Dail divisions.

Sean Milroy, leader of this group, was badly beaten, and all his followers shared a similar fate.

The seven ministerialists returned are all trusted men who will give the government firm support.

SENATORS WOULD SOLVE WATERWAY TANGLE

St. Clair, Niagara River Projects Proposed to Offset Diversion.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, D.C., March 14.—The special senate committee in charge of the lakes-to-the-gulf waterway question conferred yesterday with senators from New York and the lakes region on a plan to settle difficulties over the lakes-to-the-gulf waterway and diversion of water from Lake Michigan. A plan was discussed under which 10,000 cubic feet of water would be diverted from Lake Michigan for the waterway and temporary use of Chicago sanitary district, but at the same time controlling or compensating works would be constructed in the St. Clair and Niagara rivers which would raise lake levels instead of lowering them.

Senator Brookhart, who proposed the compromise, said the harbors on the lakes, United States and Canadian, would be improved by the plan. He expressed confidence a compromise could be reached.

"DANGEROUS STRUCTURE" NOTICE IS SUSPENDED

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 14.—The committee of the city corporation has agreed to suspend the "dangerous structure" notice which it served in connection with the safety of St. Paul's cathedral, but simultaneously it emphasizes the danger of excavations for buildings near the cathedral and suggests government action to safeguard the edifice from harm.

The committee's action is based upon a report from the experts' commission which has considered the cathedral's condition for months. It is conditional upon the closing of the parts of the cathedral affected by the restoration work being closed. The services will not be interrupted.

SEALERS SAVED ON ICE FLOE

Hardy Navigators Resort to Time-Honored Plan as Ship Sinks.

COMING TO ST. JOHNS

Crew of Stella Maris Rescued by Passing Ship Off Newfoundland.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. John's, Nfld., March 14.—True to the time-honored traditions of sealers when shipwrecked in northern waters, 83 men, the crew of the sealing steamer Stella Maris, escaped death from drowning last Wednesday when their vessel foundered between ice floes off the northeast coast of Newfoundland and took to the ice with boats and food. This was disclosed yesterday in a brief message from Captain Whiteley, who was rescued with his crew by the sealer Prospero after passing a day on the ice floes. The Stella Maris was bound with a fleet of seven other steamers for the northern grand banks on the annual seal hunt.

The crew was barely able to escape, the message stated, for the steamer sank within twenty minutes of the time she sprang a leak.

Early at daylight, according to Captain Whiteley's message, the Stella Maris was making good progress through scattered ice masses when she sprang a serious leak.

The crew were picked up here and by the Prospero, a member of the sealing fleet, that the Stella Maris was crushed in ice floes and was sinking. No further word was heard of the Prospero until the rescue. A rescue steamer was also despatched by the Newfoundland government.

The crew hurriedly took to the boats, narrowly escaping going down with the steamer, which foundered within 20 minutes. The men made their way to the ice floes with a small supply of food in their boots. They remained on the ice until nightfall, when the Prospero found and rescued them.

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OLD FOLKS A HELPLESS LOT IF TAX FORMS BELIEVED

Ninety Per Cent of People Past 50 Depend on Their Children—Maybe.

DEMANDS BRAZEN

Commissioner Bennett and Staff Well Versed in Exemption Wiles.

Ninety per cent of the people of London, past the 50-year mark, would die of starvation if their children left them.

That is what would happen—if income assessment returns made this year are absolutely correct in detail.

Pink papers that find their way into the office of H. J. Bennett, city assessment commissioner, contain many brazen demands for exemptions, and "support of father and mother" is as common as any. Sometimes two or three children seek exemption from taxation by claiming aid to their parents.

If first returns were swallowed whole by Commissioner Bennett and his associates, London's old folk could be described as having been very improvident in their younger days.

When the curtain went up on the first act of "The Great Annual Showdown" in January, the trouble started. Exemptions were claimed where there never were exemptions before.

One former moves into the city and buys a home. He has practically no money in the bank. He has a couple of sons. They make good wages. The eldest seeks exemptions for supporting his mother and father, and three other children. He would be exempt up to \$2,600 if his statement were true.

Fortunately for the city coffers, a member of the assessment department found it necessary to visit the home in question about this time. There he found Mr. and Mrs. Cline supported, not by one or two children, but by eleven boarders. The boarding house business would never have been revealed unless an assessment officer had visited the house.

SCHOOL STRIKE CALLED THROUGHOUT ALSACE

Associated Press Despatch.
Strasbourg, France, March 14.—Monsignor Charles Ruch, bishop of Strasbourg, has called a school strike throughout Alsace, effective Monday, as a protest against the institution by the French government of "interconfessional" or religiously neutral schools. The strike will last three days.

WHOLESALE PRICES INDEX SHOWS FEBRUARY DROP

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 14.—The index number of wholesale prices compiled by the Dominion bureau of statistics and weighted according to the commercial importance of the 236 commodities included, fell 7 points in February, being 164.5, as compared with 165.2 in January. Forty price quotations were higher, 43 were lower and 153 were unchanged.



RT. REV. DAVID WILLIAMS, Lord bishop of the Anglican diocese of Huron, who is at present confined to his home suffering from an attack of influenza.

BISHOP FORCED TO LEAVE WORK

Rt. Rev. David Williams Confined to Home With Attack of Influenza.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Rt. Rev. David Williams, Lord bishop of Huron, who was yesterday stricken with a sudden attack of influenza, shows considerable improvement today, his physician, Dr. John Ferguson, reports.

Bishop Williams was confined to his bed yesterday with a mild form of influenza. It was necessary for him to cancel all clerical engagements over the week-end and for a part of next week. It is expected he will be completely recovered from the attack within a few days, however, and will be well enough to continue with his work. He is suffering from a moderate form of influenza, not the malignant type which is now prevalent in Chicago and other American centers.

FRENCH RESENT BRITISH ACTION

Paris Officials Claim German Security Proposals Backed by Baldwin Government.

CHAMBERLAIN CRITICIZED

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 14.—The feeling was expressed in French official and political circles last night that the British are trying to force the German security proposals on France. The air was full of talk about the German plan for a security pact, after the publication in the early afternoon newspapers of the comment of the British press on the plan.

There has been some sharp criticism of the fact that Austen Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, failed to make clear on his recent visit to Paris that he was going to take an uncompromising attitude against the league of nations peace protocol.

SURROUNDED IN WOODS, BANDITS SURRENDER

Captured by New Jersey Police After Robbing Bank and Shooting Director.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tuckahoe, N. J., March 14.—Surrounded in the woods near here after they had robbed the Tuckahoe National bank of six thousand dollars, shot one of its directors and black-jacked the cashier and his wife, three men surrendered to North Wildwood police last yesterday without offering resistance.

All of the stolen funds were recovered. The men gave their names as: A. Pettitt, 19; Gus Anderson, 29; and Walter Laird, 21, all of North Arlington, near Newark. Pettitt and Anderson were said formerly to have resided in Tuckahoe.

Edward Tomlin, the bank director, who was shot through the head as he attempted to aid the cashier and his wife, assistant cashier, in their struggle with one of the robbers, is in the Atlantic City hospital in a serious condition. The cashier, Edward Rice, and Mrs. Rice, were treated at Tuckahoe, their wounds being slight.

FISHERMEN DROWN

Associated Press Despatch.
Clark's Harbor, N. S., March 14.—Ernest Brown, 50, and his son, Kenneth, 18, were believed drowned in the heavy seas that were running off here Thursday when tending their lobster traps at Stony Island. No word had been heard of the men up to a late hour last night. It is thought their craft capsized with fatal results.

BUILDING BOOMING IN LONDON

March Permits to Date Equal Those of January and February.

TWELVE HOUSES

Reports Point to a Good Year of Construction for City.

During two weeks of March as much building has been started in London as was authorized during all of January and February. Recording of Acting Building Inspector Ed. O'Connor show that \$56,350 worth of building has been authorized and indications point to a fair year in home construction.

A dozen dwelling houses have been authorized during the past few days. Permits include: J. Hixson, \$8,000, Tennyson avenue; M. R. Morgan, \$3,400, McKenzle avenue; F. Mathies (two houses at \$2,000 each), Delaware avenue; M. Munroe, \$2,100, Emery street; J. Smith, \$7,000, Hamilton road; H. Pearce, \$7,000, Elmwood avenue; George Everett, \$4,000, Grosvenor street; John A. Glen, \$3,500, Wortley road; E. S. Boughner, \$4,000, 4 Westcott street; G. Percher, \$3,000, East street.

Cigarette Butt, Dynamite, Kill

Fatal "Smoke" Discarded in Detonating Powder.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Que., March 14.—James McLaughlin, 38, with a family residing in Manchester, N. H., was instantly killed yesterday when he dropped a cigarette butt into a box of detonating powder alongside a box of dynamite on which he was sitting. The powder took fire and communicated to the dynamite.

TOWNSHIP WILL SPARE VETERAN'S LIVESTOCK

Invalid Returned Man Agrees To Pay 1924 Arrears of Taxes.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 13.—Under an agreement between the township of Brantford and Norman Lucas, a returned soldier, who had been in an inmate in Christie street hospital since his return from overseas, the township will not detain on the soldier's livestock and Lucas will pay the 1924 arrears of taxes on his father's farm where the cattle are.

The trial, which was to have taken place next Wednesday, will thus be indefinitely postponed.

QUEBEC ASKS RETURN OF HISTORIC OLD SHIELD

Quebec, March 14.—Mayor Samson of this city was authorized last night by the city council to forward a formal request to the Hastings, England, city council to return the old shield of this city taken to England after the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe, in 1759, and now adorning Hastings, to this city.

"Schoolboy" Test Is Off

Lord Rothermere Declares Challenger's Conditions Have Been Altered Too Frequently To Permit Acceptance.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 14.—Lord Rothermere's "schoolboy" examination is off.

The publisher contends that the conditions of the challenge by W. G. Cove, which at the beginning were clear and precise, have been changed, and in a letter to his challenger he says: "It is now clear to me that you have no intention of standing by the terms of your challenge. Ever since I accepted it you have been trying to wriggle away from it."

Mr. Cove, who is ill, is expected to reply as soon as he is able. His challenge arose out of criticism by Rothermere's Daily Mail of the London secondary schools, of which Mr. Cove, a Laborite M.P., is an ardent champion.

After reviewing the details of the negotiations, he concludes: "I really cannot allow you to waste any more of my time over this matter."

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MILLIONS SPENT FOR PAVEMENT

Gasoline Tax Is Condemned When London Pays For Own Roads.

PROVINCE COLLECTS

Steps Being Taken to Have Proposed Provincial Levy Dropped.

Streets and bridges, paid for by citizens of London, are being used daily by motorists from outside the city. London has thoroughfares which are worth more than two and a half million dollars. Towards this sum the province of Ontario has not contributed a dollar. The streets and bridges have been provided solely by Londoners, and figures given at the city engineer's office show that Londoners have paid well for their streets.

On top of this expenditure, London has been ordered to pay to the province of Ontario for suburban paving, paving of provincial roads outside the city.

But, according to council attitude, and plans being pushed to prevent it, the whole problem becomes a bit too thick when a gasoline tax is imposed on motorists, so that the province of Ontario will benefit to the extent of three cents on every gallon of gasoline sold in Ontario. The province, according to present plans, will get all the gasoline tax and the cities nothing. This stand has aroused a group of Londoners to act.

Cut Charges.
London has protested against this proposal and has asked the provincial government to share the gasoline tax or cut the suburban road paving charges. Cities and towns all over the province have written supporting London's protests.

Through the gasoline tax, London would contribute probably \$50,000 annually to the coffers of the province—to help pay for good roads outside the city. The tax is all for the use of outside roads. There is nothing to help paying in London.

London owns and maintains 145 miles of streets, including nearly 50 miles of paved streets and 129 miles of curbs and gutters. These streets have cost the city approximately \$1,887,265.88 for improvements in the past 15 years. The engineers place the cost in that period to be a very conservative estimate of the value of the streets today, as costs were much lower when some of the pavements were first put in.

The city has met a curb and gutter bill in the last 15 years of over \$300,000. Not a cent of this money has been provided by the province.

Fourteen Bridges.
In London 14 bridges are owned and maintained by the city. They have cost the city \$1,500,000 and could not be replaced for twice that sum.

This year London has received a bill for construction of pavements outside the city.

London's street and highway values may conservatively be placed at \$2,552,200. That is what they have cost the city in the last 15 years.

Annual charges on the city taxpayer for highway costs are becoming exorbitant. On top of the taxes he pays for city streets and bridges in the city every year, he is now asked to contribute a new tax that will go solely to the province.

Wingham, Picton, Sturgeon Falls, North Bay, Peterboro, Smiths Falls, Port Arthur, Kingston, Oakville, Matheson, Kitchener and other municipalities are supporting London.

SEVEN DIE AS COMMUNISTS CLASH WITH HALLE POLICE

Associated Press Despatch.
Halle, Germany, March 14.—Seven persons, including two women, were killed in the clash here last night between police and communists.

Hydro Power Bonds

The fifth of the Saturday articles by London bond brokers appears today on the financial page.

It deals with "Hydro-Electric Power Bonds" and has been written for advertiser readers by J. C. Seybold, of Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd.

Turn to the financial page and read Mr. Seybold's interesting article.