

THE WEATHER:
NORTHWEST WINDS, COLD.
FRIDAY—FAIR, COLD.

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WITH LATE NEWS

THREE CENTS.

PREMIER OF ALBERTA INDORSES COAL PETITION

Railway Lines Being Opened Following Great Blizzard

PETITION RIGHT WAY TO SECURE ACTION SAYS GREENFIELD

Premier of Alberta Indorses Petition on Alberta Coal—Says the Move Must Come From Ontario—Movement Gaining Strength Every Hour.

PETITION IS BEING SIGNED IN 500 POINTS

The petition to the Premier of Canada for action in the Alberta coal situation is gaining momentum with every hour. A despatch to The Advertiser from Edmonton gives the indorsement of Premier Greenfield of Alberta. From points throughout Ontario come expressions of enthusiastic approval.

Every mail brings application for more petition forms. The petition is now being signed in 500 points outside London and in the city it is available to the public in more than 50 banks, hotels and stores. Gray's, Limited, and Wendell Holmes Book Store on Dundas street have been added to the list.

The complete list, with the text of the petition, is published on an inside page. The Advertiser will gladly send forms for signature to any point in Ontario or Alberta upon request.

THE COAL MUST BE MOVED.

The petition has only one purpose—to secure definite and sustained action which will move coal from Alberta to Ontario.

The fixing of a freight rate alone will not do it. Various rates have already been named and various parliamentary committees and deputations have declared the merits of the idea. But nothing has happened.

Must Impress Ottawa.

It is necessary now so to impress the government with the solid weight of public opinion in Ontario and Alberta that action can no longer be delayed.

If the independent commission requested by the petition discovers that freight rates are actually the obstacle which railways have believed them to be, then they must find a plan to surmount that obstacle. And upon that plan the government must act.

At present the situation is merely a conflict of opinions unsupported by any united pronouncement for the public.

Premier Greenfield's Attitude.

The following is the despatch from Alberta outlining the attitude of Premier Greenfield:

Special to The Advertiser.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 21.—Premier Greenfield, who has asked what thought of the movement introduced by The London Advertiser in the interest of Alberta coal trade with Ontario, said that it seems to him like a move in the right direction, and he looks for good results to follow from it.

The need to impress upon the Ottawa authorities the urgency of the situation in which both provinces are concerned, has now become apparent, he remarked, and the petition circulated by The London Advertiser will likely compel some definite action.

"We have gone just about as far as this end as we can," said the premier. "I have already told them in the east that Ontario must make the next move. Premier Ferguson is greatly interested in the matter and has promised to do all he can to get coal shipments started on satisfactory basis. It is possible that the two governments will have to assume control of the business, and this government will be prepared to take its share, handling all Ontario orders. If necessary, through its trade commission office."

Approves of Commission.

Mr. Greenfield is of opinion that an independent investigating commission, such as suggested in the London petition, will be of service in getting the interprovincial coal business under way, particularly in the way of threshing out the question of freight rates.

The Weather

Northwest winds, fair and cold to night and Friday.

The disturbance which was centered near Lake Erie yesterday morning now covers Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and heavy snow has occurred from the Great Lakes eastward.

In the Western Provinces the weather has been for the most part fair and cold.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	40	Cloudy
Calgary	36	6	Cloudy
Winnipeg	20	-10	Clear
Port Arthur	18	0	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	19	6	Snow
Cochrane	19	0	Cloudy
Edmonton	22	16	Cloudy
Kingston	29	16	Cloudy
Ottawa	34	12	Fair
Montreal	38	18	Snow
Quebec	32	12	Snow
St. John	20	18	Cloudy
Halifax	20	20	Cloudy
Minus (—)			

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 25; lowest, 15.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 17; lowest, 13.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.08.

Today—8 a.m.—29.13.

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GT. BRITAIN WILL BUILD SEVEN NEW BATTLESHIPS

The MacDonald Government Decides on Move To Relieve Unemployment Situation.

DOCK STRIKE BROKEN

Work Immediately Resumed To Clear Up Congestion at the Ports.



PREMIER GREENFIELD, who has expressed his approval of The Advertiser's petition to the Premier of Canada for action in the Alberta coal situation.

RICHARDS GIVEN WEEK'S REMAND

Charged With Theft of Tobacco From Scales and Roberts.

James E. Richards, apprehended in Toronto on suspicion of being responsible for the theft of \$5,000 worth of tobacco from Scales and Roberts, local manufacturers, was remanded a week in police court this morning.

Richards was taken from Toronto yesterday afternoon in custody of Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle. J. G. Gillanders, counsel for Richards, said he had only been in conversation with the prisoner for an hour and therefore asked for a remand.

This was suitable to Crown Attorney Albert Judd, so the court ordered Richards back to jail for a week.

The prisoner is a swarthy faced, well-dressed young man and appeared quite at ease in the box.

CITY CLERK HAS CURE FOR RED PEPPER TRICK

Aldermen Recall Some of Their Old Schoolboy Stunts.

Apocryphal annual school tangle, some of the aldermen became reminiscent up at the city hall yesterday.

One of them recalled the capable wood range in the room when he was at school, while a member of the traffic committee related the story of how he was the one who brought the red pepper to school to toss on the stove in his room.

And then City Clerk Baker, with years of teaching experience, reported his practical method of dealing with this form of amusement.

"They threw pepper on the stove in my class one time," he explained, "and I merely looked the door and left them all there for a while. That cured them effectively."

CITY ENGINEER SPEAKS TO BOYS ON VOCATIONS

City Engineer W. P. Near addressed the students of the Central Collegiate Institute this morning on "Engineering," the talk being given in connection with a series on choosing a vocation. Principal E. A. Miller stated that Mr. Near's address was much appreciated by the boys of the school, to whom the subject was particularly adaptable.

Foster On Mah Jong

R. F. Foster, internationally famous as an expert on games, and the author of scores of text books, has written twenty articles for The Advertiser, describing the history, theory and rules of Mah Jong.

Mr. Foster's second article appears in The Advertiser on Saturday.



MAJOR-GEN. J. E. B. SEELEY, who, during a hot debate in the British House of Commons on air policy, said: "If the Empire is to be defended by sermons on the mount, God help us."

'TECH' ESTIMATES TO BE \$5,000 LOWER

Principal Beal Forecasts \$95,000 as Price of School This Year.

Although the final estimates for the Technical School have not yet been completed, Principal Bert Beal this morning announced they would be lower than last year.

Mr. Beal did not go into any particulars of the estimates, stating that he desired to have them come before the committee before making them public. He did state, however, that wherever possible a saving had been effected and that final figures, as they will be submitted to the city council, will be practically an irreducible minimum.

Last year the estimates called for \$100,000—no more, no less. This year, according to Mr. Beal, they will not be very much more than \$95,000.

The tentative estimates submitted last November placed the possible expenditure for 1924 at \$112,570, but he principal stated at the time that this was an outside figure.

No date has been set for the meeting of the vocational advisory committee to consider the estimates, but it is more than likely that it will meet tomorrow night.

New Test Marks Contest As Special Race Nears End

Candidates Seek To Share in Extra Cash Prizes Offered.

CANDIDATES ENROLL

Systematic Work From Start May Yet Win Big Prizes.

With the end of the preliminary contest in sight, candidates are working with new zest to share in the \$500 special prize offerings for the most votes brought in before Feb. 25.

New candidates have been entering the list daily, and most of them have started in with surprising speed to make up for lost time.

The contest has not more than begun. It is everybody's race, and will continue to be until the final votes are counted. Candidates may be nominated at any time. While the advantage should like with those first in the field, it will really lie with those who friends go at the task with the most complete system and a determination to work every corner of their district.

Every household is a possibility, either for a renewal or a new subscription; this is the reason for the necessity of systematic work. The 300,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions brought in still holds good. Among those who are assisting her in canvassing for Miss Mary Reid, 25 Victor street, and Mrs. H. Melville of St. Marys. These two candidates are doing laudable work.

Candidates living outside the city may work up to the last minute on Monday evening in the special \$500 prize contest, which closes on Feb. 25. They must then mail their returns to the contest office.

Candidates will profit by reading the full-page advertisement appearing in The Advertiser daily.

London Has Been Dodging Authorities For Four Years But Official Swoops Down

Steps In This Morning To See Treasurer Bell Regarding Certain Fines.

SMILINGLY OBLIGES

Informed \$6,000 Has Been Waiting Around To Be Called For.

For four long years and more the people of London, through the medium of City Treasurer "Jimmy" Bell, have been dodging the financial authorities at Queen's Park.

But the doors of the city treasury department were barely open this morning when in stepped a representative from the department of the Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, who greeted the city treasurer in this fashion:

"Not since 1919 has the city of London paid to the Ontario government its share of certain fines collected for criminal offences."

"Jimmy" had been expecting this for months, even years. He knew all about it, acknowledging to the visitor from the Toronto auditing department that no payment, as described, had been made since 1919, and that the city is holding about \$6,000 which evidently belongs to the government.

This is how it all happened. There was a convention of municipal representatives back in 1919, when confidences were exchanged and the local delegates were chided because London had paid this money so regularly. It appeared that few, if any, of the other municipalities had indulged in the habit. They paid seldom, if ever, and London decided to do likewise.

As a result about \$6,000 has piled up at the city hall waiting for "the day." Today is the day, and the city treasurer assured the government representative that his claim would be promptly considered and paid whenever presented in the formal way.

"Good. I'll tell Col. Price," agreed the man from Toronto, obviously pleased that London was going to pay up without any argument.



THE EARL OF DUNMORE has been appointed captain of the honorable corps of gentlemen at arms by the new British government.

COUNTY GETS FINE PRICE FOR BONDS

McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. Pay 97.80 For Middlesex Debentures.

McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto were awarded the tender for \$90,000 worth of Middlesex County debentures today at a price of 97.80. Municipal Bankers Corporation, 97.34; Murray & Co., 97.04; W. A. MacKenzie Co. Ltd., 96.91; Bell Gounlock & Co., 97.18; R. A. Daly & Co., 97.27; Bird, Harris & Co., 97.05; C. H. Burgess & Co., 97.23; Gardner, Clarke & Co., 97.57; Dominion Securities Corporation, 97.53; Wm. C. Brent Co. Ltd., 96.93; Sutherland & Co., 97.28; Wood, Gundy & Co., 97.19.

Following are the prices quoted by the various firms:

A. E. Ames & Co., 97.41; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., 97.36; Dymott, Anderson & Co., 97.04; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., 97.80; Matthews & Co., 97.67; Municipal Bankers Corporation, 97.34; Murray & Co., 97.04; W. A. MacKenzie Co. Ltd., 96.91; Bell Gounlock & Co., 97.18; R. A. Daly & Co., 97.27; Bird, Harris & Co., 97.05; C. H. Burgess & Co., 97.23; Gardner, Clarke & Co., 97.57; Dominion Securities Corporation, 97.53; Wm. C. Brent Co. Ltd., 96.93; Sutherland & Co., 97.28; Wood, Gundy & Co., 97.19.

CHANGES PROPOSED FOR STREET PLANS

Engineer's Department Considers Plans For Wellington and Horton Street Pavements.

The city engineer's department is considering a proposed change of plan for the Wellington street pavement and boulevard from Horton street south to the bridge. Just as soon as the works committee approves the final plan for the ratepayers to be affected will assemble to hear the details from the city engineer and the chairman of the committee.

While the department proposed an 18-foot boulevard with 20-foot pavement on either side, a 28-foot boulevard has been since suggested.

F. L. GABEL WILL ADDRESS ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS

F. L. Gabel, dominion fruit inspector, will address a meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at a meeting to be held in the department of agriculture office here on Friday afternoon. Mr. Gabel will speak on small fruits, paying particular attention to the growing of strawberries and raspberries.

News Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Transfer man wanted.
Gold ring lost.
Cook wanted.
Used car for sale.
Fifty-acre farm for sale.
Bedroom and kitchenette to let.

GANGS BUSY CLEARING UP FOLLOWING BIG STORM

All Lines Are Expected To Be in Normal Operation Friday.

COUNTRY IMPASSABLE

Work Being Pushed in Removing Snow From Streets in City.

Gangs of men in all sections of Western Ontario are still working to relieve citizens of inconvenience and hardship wrought by one of the most severe blizzards in recent history. Both railroads maintain special groups throughout the district in an effort to clear the lines and make repairs, while the city has not yet succeeded in removing the great piles of snow on main streets.

Traffic is still blocked in many branch railway routes, but the main lines have been fairly well cleared. Trains arriving in the city from points east of Toronto have been hours late and schedules have not assumed a normal tenor. Officials report today, however, that everything will be regular by Friday morning.

County roads remain impassable. It is impossible for motorists to travel in one direction for more than three miles at the maximum, and all comparatively long motor trips are automatically cancelled. Highway repairs are even worse. In fact, than they were the night of the storm, the snow having settled into a fairly substantially packed surface which prevents machines from making any headway.

Many suburbanites requisitioned snowshoes this morning when they came to work and it will not be until early spring until safe vehicle paths.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE FACE BIG OVERDRAFT

City Treasurer Estimates the Amount at \$6,000—Various Surpluses May Counteract It.

City Treasurer James Bell estimates roughly that the report of the finance committee for last year will show an overdraft of \$6,000. The final statement for all city departments will not be available until next week, however, when the estimates for 1924 will be tentatively submitted.

There is a chance, however, that the varying surpluses in certain other departments will counteract this deficit. All that is of course exclusive of the \$15,000 included in last year's tax rate and which will move another added burden for 1924 if the city loses its "name school" suit against the McCormick Manufacturing Company.

Twelve Pages More

of entertaining articles, fiction, humor and friendly comics make up The Advertiser's Magazine Section for Saturday afternoon.

There are Canadian features, tales of adventure in Peru, the Page About People, Life's Little Comedies, fiction by Ben Ames Williams and Melville Davisson Post, and four colored comics—the irrepressible Jiggs, Andy Gump, Barney Google and Mr. and Mrs.

Watch for the Magazine Section every Saturday evening!