

BOOST CITY'S ASSESSMENT BY \$5,000,000 THIS YEAR

It Is Said This Is the Aim of the Assessment Dept. of London, Object Being to Reduce the Tax Rate to 20 Mills.

BUSINESSMEN COMPLAIN AND WILL ASK FIXED ASSESSMENTS

It Is Understood That This Year the Tax Rate Will Be Levied On a Valuation of Over \$33,000,000—A Big Hoist.

It is understood that the assessment of the city of London will be raised about \$5,000,000 this year.

This will increase the total from \$28,000,000, as it is approximately at the present time, to \$33,000,000. A large number of assessment sheets have been distributed already, and the growth of the figures has given rise to much complaining.

The result will be, it is anticipated, that a score or more of smaller manufacturers will ask for a fixed assessment in January next. Incidentally, the court of revision will have the busiest sessions in recent years.

The usual growth is about \$1,000,000 a year of late. Last year it was increased more than that amount, but this was considered abnormal. It is understood that the additions to the assessment form part of a scheme to bring it into a figure approximating the

actual value of the property. This will, it is argued, reduce the tax rate, 20 mills or less being the ultimate goal.

Increases General. The increases are general. Residential property is increased from 15 to 30 per cent, depending on local conditions.

The business district, the downtown area, has also been raised, the proportionate growth being greater, from 20 to 35 per cent.

Manufacturers who do not happen to enjoy a fixed assessment have by no means been overlooked, and have had many thousands of dollars tacked on to their tax sheets.

Situation of Businessman. The owners of residential property do not fare the worst. If the assessment of their property is increased \$1,000, that ends it. If the manufacturer or the businessman has his assessment increased by \$1,000, that ends it. (Continued on Page Eleven.)

NO SLUMS AND NO TENEMENTS IN LONDON SAYS DR. CURTIS

But Nevertheless the Need for Playgrounds Is Here Now.

Dr. Curtis, of Philadelphia, was the guest of honor at the Canadian Club luncheon at noon today, and delivered a most interesting address on the playground movement to a large gathering. Capt. F. J. Murphy, president of the club, occupied the chair. In commencing his address, Dr. Curtis declared that he had met people in London, as he had in other cities, who were of the opinion that the necessity for playgrounds here did not exist. Playgrounds were problems for large cities, where there was a great congestion of population, and where slums existed, and not for the cities where there was plenty of room and no slums.

"London is the only city of its size I have ever visited where there were no slums, no tenements, and practically no poverty," declared Dr. Curtis. "You are most fortunately situated in that respect. But I do insist that there is need of playgrounds here. The problem of recreation is one not only for cities to solve, but for rural communities. The moral life of the country districts in the United States is not so high as it is in the cities, simply because of the lack of recreation and play. That is why so many of the young people are leaving the farm to go into the city. It is a problem for London, as it is for all communities."

Method in Germany. Dr. Curtis gave an interesting account of the method adopted in Germany. In practically every community

there is a special inspector, a man who looks after the recreation of the community. He sees to it that there are swimming places in the summer, and skating rinks in the winter. In fact, he directs the amusements of the people, young and old. In Illinois, supervisors of play have been appointed, and already the benefits of the scheme have been manifest. A large number of these are employed in rural communities, where the needs are considered much greater than in some of the cities. In 40 cities in Massachusetts of 10,000 people or more, a regular organization for providing and looking after the recreation of the people have been provided, with the result that the children are better cared for and are healthier and happier.

A vacant lot is not necessarily a playground. Such places have been proved to be sources of vicious entertainment. It is necessary to have competent men in charge who will direct the energies of the children and keep them regulated.

Builds Physical Strength. Organized play builds physical strength and steadies the nerves. It is not necessary to produce unusual strength as was the rule in pioneer days. There is no longer the same demand for muscle. Machinery was taking its place, and would continue to do so. Play, however, properly organized will bring about healthy conditions, and increase the vital force. This is more essential than great strength. The country boy who is considered better than the city boy because of his life in the open air and with plenty of exercise gave him more vital force. With regulated playgrounds, it would be easy to develop vital strength, equipping every man for the tasks he had undertaken in life.

17 BOYS HAULED INTO COURT G. T. R. WILL STOP NUISANCE

Much Damage Reported Done to Company's Property in East London.

The G. T. R. has had much trouble this year with men and boys trespassing on different parts of their property just outside of the city limits. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons many of the rougher element of the city, including Indian livers, go to the sand-pit at Pottersburg, and over the cove bridge, to drink and carous. Much damage has been done, especially around the sand-pit, switch lamps have been broken, insulators broken, freight cars broken open and set on fire.

This morning seventeen youths appeared before Squire Chittick, charged

by Special Officer Teasdale with trespass. They each donated the sum of \$2 and were allowed to go with the understanding that the next time they would be arrested at once and given the full penalty that the law provides.

The G. T. R. do not want to bother with the small boys, but a stop has to be made to the practice of trespassing. It is stated that on Sunday afternoons many of the Indian livers of the city go to these meeting-places and are provided with "wet goods" by their friends for a cash consideration. The amount of damage that has been done to the property has been large. County Constable Arthur Corbett made a record in connection with these charges. He was only given the summonses yesterday afternoon, and the seventeen boys charged were all served before night.

GROUND TO PIECES BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

Aged Deaf Woman Run Down and Killed at North Toronto.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, June 4.—Mrs. Jane Drouillard, aged 82, residing at 80 Birch avenue, was ground to pieces by a C. P. R. freight train at the North Toronto station at 11 o'clock this forenoon. She was deaf and is believed to have walked in front of the locomotive while the engineer was getting his orders from the telegraph operator as the train was passing the station. When first noticed her body was being bumped around under the wheels of a freight car in the middle of the track.

DR. CLARK DEAD

Was Medical Superintendent of Insane Hospital at Toronto.

Toronto, June 4.—Dr. Daniel Clark, for many years superintendent of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, Queen street west, Toronto, died at his residence here today. He had been ill for some time. Dr. Clark was one of the most prominent specialists on the treatment of mental diseases on the American continent. He was in his 52nd year.

FATALLY CRUSHED.

Quebec, June 4.—A man named Narcisse Boutin, a resident of St. Valier, met with a fearful death on the Pointe Garcey wharf yesterday evening, when he was crushed between two cars and so terribly injured that he died within a few minutes. The body was taken to the morgue, where an inquest will be held by the coroner.

GENERAL OTTER VISITS THE CAMP

Medical Corps On Carling's Heights Were Thoroughly Inspected Today.

A ROUTE MARCH HELD

Manoeuvres Were Conducted in the Neighborhood of Fanshawe—The Day's Doings.

General Otter visited the training camp of the Army Medical Corps on Carling Heights this morning and conducted a tour of inspection. Owing to the rain of last evening the activities planned for this morning were cancelled, and they will be held this afternoon. The men were given a lecture on first aid to the injured for about half an hour and then bayonet drill was held. Following this the different units returned to their quarters and until noon spent the time in games and other sports.

Apparently Pleased. General Otter was apparently pleased with the appearance and general order of the camp. He traversed the whole field and inspected the quarters of the different units in company with Col. Jones and the rest of the staff. He also inspected the cooking tents and the camp equipment, including the food officer and commander of the different corps as to the strength of their respective units and appeared well satisfied with everything. The horses also came in for inspection, together with the stabling conveniences.

An Orderly Camp. The camp is one of the most orderly that has ever been held on Carling's Heights, and the men seem to be enjoying the outing to the full. Each unit seems to vie with the other in keeping their quarters as neat and clean as possible, and the tents present a fine appearance both inside and out.

This afternoon the real training commenced. The whole corps marched out the grand stand, and the different units are being drilled in the preliminary of field ambulance work under warfare conditions, and every day from now until the end of the camp, activities will be continued until all courses of the work have been drilled into the men.

MAN ON A BICYCLE RAN OVER A CHILD

Police Seeking Person Who Injured Little May Baines Last Week.

The police are endeavoring to locate a young man who while riding a bicycle on Wednesday evening last, ran over May Baines, a 10-year-old girl residing at 2224 Dundas street, who was playing on Park avenue. The child was playing beside the curb, and it is stated that the young man who is the driver of the machine, was riding at a high speed on his wheel again and made off at full speed. The child was taken to Victoria Hospital this afternoon, and one of her legs will be put in a plaster cast as a number of the ligaments have been very badly torn. In addition she received a severe shaking up.

BRITISH VISITORS HERE JUNE 21ST.

Big Manufacturers Will Spend a Few Hours in London.

The British manufacturers who will visit London on June 21 will be in London but a short time. It was first announced that they would arrive here at 4 o'clock in the morning, and leave at 4:25 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. J. Grant Henderson has received word that the time has been changed. They will arrive at 4 o'clock, but will leave at 12 o'clock for the east, giving them but a short stay here. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Harry T. Reason, president of the board of trade, will arrange for their entertainment.

THROUGH WITH JOHN D.

New York, June 4.—John D. Rockefeller probably will not be called to give further testimony in the Waters-Pierce fight against the Standard Oil Company. Plans had been made to bring him back to the stand on June 17, but Samuel Undermyer, counsel for the Pierce interests, announces that he has decided not to ask the court to request Rockefeller to appear again.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

New York, June 4.—Vaderland, from Antwerp; Ancona, from Naples. Liverpool, June 4.—Arrived: Lusitania, from New York. Dover, June 4.—Called: Kronland, from New York. Havre, June 4.—Arrived: Scotian, from Montreal. Glasgow, June 4.—Arrived: Saturnia, from Montreal.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, June 4.—8 a.m. Fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; a few light scattered showers, but generally fine and a little cooler today and on Wednesday.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.
LONDON	80.5	59
Calgary	60	36
Winnipeg	58	46
Port Arthur	68	38
Perry Sound	76	48
Toronto	76	56
Ottawa	76	60
Montreal	78	64
Quebec	76	58
Father Point	64	42

Weather Notes.

Showers have occurred almost generally from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces, and very locally in Saskatchewan. Light local frosts are reported from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT TAKEN TO A MONTREAL HOSPITAL

Her Royal Highness Is Suffering From an Attack of Catarrhal Appendicitis—Spent Good Night, But Case Is Being Closely Watched.



[Special to The Advertiser.]

The Citadel, Quebec City, June 4.—At noon today Her Royal Highness Duchess of Connaught was reported to be resting easily. Dr. Garrow, of Montreal, is in constant attendance, however, and it is understood it is a case of a mild attack of appendicitis. It was not considered serious enough, however, to prevent the Duke and Princess Patricia from attending Laval University according to programme.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN. Quebec, Que., June 4.—The following bulletin was given out this morning by Lieut.-Col. Lowther, military secretary to H. R. H. Duke of Connaught: "Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught is suffering from a mild attack of catarrhal appendicitis. Dr. Garrow was called in consultation, and it has been decided to move Her Royal Highness to Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, today for observation."

Official announcement was also made that owing to the indisposition of H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught, H. R. H. the Governor-General and party are returning to Montreal today, and all those who had received invitations to dinner and to parties at the Citadel were requested to accept this intimation and regard them as unavoidably cancelled.

LONDON DISTRICT TAKES LEAD IN MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Report To Be Presented to Methodist Conference Shows Church To Be in a Live and Flourishing Condition—Some Losses Reported, But on the Whole Report Is Satisfactory.

[By Our Own Man.]

St. Thomas, June 4.—Although not yet officially announced, the report of the statistical committee of the London District Conference of the Methodist Church, in session here this week, will show an increase in membership for the conference of 121.

Many of the districts showed large losses, which had the effect of pulling down the average for the conference, but others showed similar increases, giving a good margin of growth.

Out of the eleven districts represented in the conference, the London district shows a decrease in membership, it does not necessarily follow that the church in Exeter village is in a bad condition. Some of the outlying churches might be responsible for the poor showing made. Therefore the report of a loss from any district should not be construed as a reflection upon the London District.

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PLEGGED TO ROWELL'S POLICY IS THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE

Methodists in Convention at Woodstock Declare Themselves for the "Abolish the Bar" Programme—Protest Against High Officials Attending Races.

[Canadian Press.]

Woodstock, June 4.—Discussion on the report of the temperance and moral reform committee was the main item of interest at this morning's session of the Hamilton Methodist Conference. The report called for condemnation of high officials who visited race tracks. Although this was strongly objected to on the ground that it was unnecessary, the only changes made in that part was to "officials high in church and state." The report expressed indorsement of Mr. Rowell's temperance policy, and pledged the conference to do all in its power to help bring about the "abolish the bar" programme. To this was

added an amendment, on the motion of Mr. Jos. Gibson, of Ingersoll, appreciating the steps taken by the Whitney Government in amending license and local option laws to secure better enforcement. Discussion on the report was heated and long, many taking part.

The stationing committee's final report was not ready, but will be presented this afternoon, and on its adoption the conference will close. Many changes from the first draft are to be made, and the committee sat until 4 a.m. today trying to finish, so as to report this morning, but it could not be managed. Many delegates have left for home.

WARDEN AND COUNCILLOR BREAK UP COUNCIL MEETING

Heated Argument Between Messrs. Buttrey and McDonald in County Buildings Was Continued After Representatives Had Reached the Street.

Middlesex County Council was compelled to adjourn the opening meeting of the June session yesterday afternoon, when a ruling by Warden Jos. T. Buttrey, of Strathroy, that brought about the rejection of a verbal motion by Reeves & McDonald, of East Williams, incited Mr. McDonald to wrath. The harshest of personalities being indulged in, both in the council chamber and on the street afterward.

When a matter of minor importance came before the council, Mr. McDonald moved that it be referred to one of the committees, making the motion verbally, as had been the custom, in order to expedite business. An amendment was made, however, whereupon a point of order as to the putting of the amendment to the meeting before the original motion was raised.

Motions in Writing. Mr. McDonald rose, and, declaring that if law was wanted, he would suggest that it be necessary for all motions to be made in writing under the rules. While this had not been adhered to strictly before, the warden ruled that Mr. McDonald was right, and as he did so another councillor, taking advantage of the situation, wrote his ideas in a motion, and

Warden Would Resign. "If half as many things as you have said were true I would resign instantly," replied the warden, arising from his chair. "I answer to the council to say whether or not I have not acted fairly and honestly between man and man, and without prejudice to Mr. McDonald."

Mr. McDonald, however, commented on the warden's remarks.

SOLDIER BOYS ON PINEL FUND

"B" Company of Seventh Regiment Contribute Substantial Sum.

"A Soldier's Daughter." Amongst the subscribers—List Open for This Week.

"B" Company, Seventh Regiment, contributed a substantial amount to the Private Pinel fund today. Another item in the list that is interesting is \$5 from "A soldier's daughter." At least five or six collections have been taken up in various quarters and have not yet been turned in. It is proposed to keep the list open for this week, and all of those who have contributions or intend to take them, are requested to send in the amounts as soon as possible to Mr. E. R. Ruse, of the Grand Trunk office, who has been receiving the subscriptions.

Previously acknowledged:

Mary Shaw	\$477.60
A. Maynard, Port Elgin	1.00
W. N. Manning	1.00
E. Haish	1.00
Old Q. O. R. man	50
H. W.	2.00
E. Co., Seventh Regiment	6.00
Chester for a number of years, being a Soldier's Daughter	6.00
Friend	50

Total \$496.60

TEESWATER LAWYER DIED VERY SUDDENLY

J. J. Stephens Never Recovered From Effects of Operation He Underwent.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Teaswater, June 4.—J. J. Stephens died very suddenly in Hamilton at the residence of his son, where he had gone a few days ago to have an operation performed with a view of improving his eyesight. It seems that the operation was successful, but he had not strength left to fully recover. Mr. Stephens has been a resident of Teaswater for a number of years, being one of the first settlers. He was 73 years of age and highly respected.

CAUGHT IN THE ICE. Archangel, Russia, June 4.—Upwards of fifty steamers, mostly of foreign register, are marooned in an unprecedented jam of ice floes in the neighborhood of the Soviet-Nos light-house. In the White Sea, a Norwegian ice-breaker has left for the scene to aid the imprisoned craft.

MANY DESERTIONS. Quebec, June 4.—H. M. S. Cornwall has lost twenty of her crew since she came to anchor in the harbor of Quebec. No fewer than a dozen deserted on Sunday night to the chagrin of the ship's officers.

FIFTEEN CASES AT JUNE SESSIONS

A Big List Scheduled for Court Which Opens This Afternoon at Court Houses.

AN INTERESTING ITEM FIVE CRIMINAL CASES

Eight Are on the Jury List and Two Are Non-Jury Actions—The Full List.

The June sessions of the county court of Middlesex opened at 1 o'clock today, and were presided over by Judge Elliott. The number of cases that have been entered for trial is 15, including eight jury cases, 2 non-jury and 5 criminal. Although there may be a couple of the cases settled out of court, no settlements have yet been reached.

The jury cases are:

1. Miss Carrie C. Mountjoy, of this city, was engaged as milliner by H. Morrison, also of this city, for four months at a salary of \$65 a month. After the plaintiff had worked for one-third of a month she was dismissed, and now claims \$238, wages due under agreement. R. H. Johnston for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Jarvis & Vining for the defendant.
2. Henry Gilbert Redmon, through his father, John H. Redmon, claims \$84, balance of wages due, and \$500 for alleged wrongful dismissal from the McCormick Manufacturing Company. J. M. McEvoy for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the defendants.

Cots Were Killed. 3. George James Chisholm vs. C. P. R. The plaintiff is a farmer of Eglar, who had three colts killed on Aug. 27, 1911, on the property of the defendant by a train. Five hundred dollars damages are claimed because of the alleged negligence of the defendants, Messrs. Ross & Bixel, of Strathroy for the plaintiff, and Messrs. McMurchy & Spence, of Toronto, for the defendants.

4. Thomas McConnell vs. Thomas Clements. Both parties are residents of West Nisour, and the plaintiff claims \$251.40, balance due for manual work done on defendant's farm by the plaintiff, according to agreement made. J. M. McEvoy for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Meredith & Fisher for the defendant.

5. George Wood, a builder and contractor, of London Township, claims \$239.75 from James Ballif, of the same place, for work done on barn as per agreement made in the fall of 1909. E. W. Scattered for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Jarvis & Vining for the defendant.

6. George Walters, who is represented by Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, claims \$515 as salary due him as manager of the London Brass Works, and \$1,000 damages for wrongful dismissal from that position. Messrs. Buchner & Gunn for the defendants.

7. Molsons Bank vs. James C. Farn (Continued on Page Eleven.)