

ALDERMEN TEMPORIZE WITH STREET RAILWAY'S REQUEST FOR CONTINUED HIGH FARES

"Hands Off" Policy Advocated By Alds. McKay and Douglass, But Committee Appointed To Meet Company Officials.

The London Street Railway Company's request for a continuance of the five-cent fare for one year was countered last night by the City Council by the appointment of a special committee to wait on the company immediately to discuss the question of fares and any other arrangements the company might suggest. The committee will report at a special meeting of the Council to be called for Thursday night.

This committee will consist of Ald. Douglass and McKay, mover and seconder of the resolution, respectively. Ald. Bottrell and Neely, with Mayor Wenig and City Engineer Near, will also be members. The committee will wait on the company immediately to discuss the question of fares and any other arrangements the company might suggest. The committee will report at a special meeting of the Council to be called for Thursday night.

The L. S. R. Company was not represented at the meeting directly, but according to Ald. McKay, several of the aldermen were quite angry with the company. Ald. McKay, Douglass, Carls, Clift, Doig, Smith, McCormick, Kilbourne, Linnell and Mayor Wenig were the only aldermen present. Ald. McKay and Douglass submitted a resolution asking that no action be taken on the company's request until after the five-cent fare was granted.

MOVES AGAINST ACTION

After the reading of the letter from the L. S. R. Company, Ald. Neely moved that no action be taken on the company's request. Ald. McKay moved that the street railway be in a middle through no fault of the Council. Ald. Neely declared that the Legislature has taken the company's request to the old fares after March 8. This Council gets its authority from the Legislature to make any change in the fare. Ald. McKay moved that the company be asked to reduce the fare to five cents.

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The citizens of London want service. Ald. McKay explained. "This is a critical question. I hold no brief for the street railway company and I think that the ratepayers are quite satisfied to pay the five-cent fare. The question of concessions has been frequently raised. I think a solution to that will follow. We must guard against any interruption to the service. It would be a serious thing if the citizens started out to work next Monday morning and found the car service all tied up. It would be well to make some temporary arrangement to prevent any cessation of service until such time as the matter could be permanently settled."

ALD. ASHTON'S VIEW

As far as the London Street Railway is concerned in this it does not make any difference to me what we do with it, but I do not see why we should go back to the old conditions that existed for so long. Ald. Ashton argued. "We know what the service was some years ago under the old rate of fare. We have at least 13 more cars in operation now than we had then. And we could not carry all the passengers then. It is quite common for a man to wait on the corner for 15 minutes for a car, only to see the car pass right by him because it was overcrowded. I have not heard any objections to the five-cent fare. And the people do not want to buy the street railway. They are not prepared to buy it at any price. It is foolish to talk of buying the road now, at any rate, for the Council could not do so and we could not take a vote on it until December."

"It is about time someone took up the question from the standpoint of the citizens," Ald. McKay suggested. "The previous speakers have quite apparently been talking for the Street Railway Company. My experience in the past leads me to believe the company is quite capable of taking care of itself. We have an opportunity and it is our only chance to get a decent price from the company. I do not fear any interruption of the service. And it would be very temporary at the most. We are throwing away the only card we have where we get up and plead for the L. S. R. Company at this time."

PROTESTS
"Mr. Mayor, I want to protest that I was not pleading for the L. S. R.," Ald. Ashton interjected.
"I heard all that was said and that was my interpretation of the statements," Ald. McKay replied. "I think the Council would be well advised to lay the question of fares over until we have received a reasonable offer from the company for the sale of the road."

"I agree with Ald. McKay with reference to the question of fares over until we have received a reasonable offer from the company for the sale of the road," Ald. Douglass submitted. "When Ald. Ashton said we have added so many cars and we could not carry the passengers, he must have been referring either to the Council, the citizens or to the company. And we know that neither the Council nor the citizens have added street cars to the road. Speaking with reference to the question under consideration we would give up the only weapon we have if we grant a continuance of the five-cent fare."

ALD. KILBOURNE
Ald. Kilbourne warned that if the Council took no action and the company ceased operation of the road next Monday morning, the citizens would be in a very bad position.

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To-night, by special request of scores of Western Ontario radio fans, John C. Currie, 80 Elmwood avenue, the old-time violinist, who appeared before CJGC's microphone last week, will again entertain listeners. Mr. Currie will be accompanied by Mrs. A. Palmer, who also appeared with him on the occasion of his previous concert.

According to the announcer of the station, over a hundred letters and post cards, outside telephone calls, have been received at the studio, asking for a repetition of the program. When Mr. Currie gave his other concert it was only as an experiment to find out what fans wanted, old popular music, or a little of the old-time as well. His concert was so successful that it is planned that one of that description will be given at regular intervals.

Plans have been made for to-night's program, which will commence at 7:15 and continue until 8:30, that as many requests as possible will be played. In addition to the evening concert the regular noon entertainment, which will be broadcast yesterday's noon program was featured by piano numbers rendered by Denny Thomas, a local musician. He was given the title of "CJGC King of the Ivories."

Several telephone calls, declaring him to be the best pianist heard over The Free Press station. He will play from this station every Monday noon.

At the TheaterS

Majestic

Insofar as thrills, mystery, surprise and suspense are concerned, the Majestic Players have something out of the usual in "The Last Warning." A melodrama in three acts, by Thomas J. Fallon. It is filled with those kind situations that breed tension and suspense. The plot is laid in a theater which is the scene of a murder. Strange happenings are related, ghosts, queer characters, a woman who dares to open the doors of the theater and set about the task of clearing up a mystery. His role is well played, and he needs and is tendered the enthusiastic support of the balance of the company.

"The Last Warning" is featured by the appearance for the first time before a London audience of Miss Leslie Rice, a member of the company, who assumes the leading role of the play in which she is seen as Dolly Lyndon. Her performance is quite satisfactory to the first night reviewers, all of whom were unanimous in proclaiming her a splendid addition to a meritorious company.

AGAINST UNION

NEW GLASGOW, March 2.—Knox Church here, one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in Western Ontario, has decided against union by a vote of 28 to 26. The vote was announced by Rev. E. J. Wooland, the minister.

Patricia
"Hoot" Gibson is seen as the star in the feature attraction at the Patricia Theatre for the first half of the week. The feature is "The Hurricane Kid." It is a Western action drama with human interest, intertwined with the action and its freedom from "hokum," in the place of which is genuine, should bring it before the public as one of the best of the Gibson pictures that have appeared in London in many months.

As usual, "Hoot" is seen in a human, natural role of a cowboy, wandering from place to place on the "bum." He has a high regard for the ladies and a heavy dose of hard luck in that particular direction. Every time he looks at one, handicapped as he is with extreme bashfulness, something happens that isn't so much fun—at least not to him.

For the principal roles in the story there has been picked a cast which includes Marian Nixon, the popular young leading woman of the Tom Mix pictures; William A. Steele, Arthur Mackley, Harry Todd and Fred Humes. Also conspicuous by right of beauty and intelligence is Pat, Gibson's beautiful girl, which is seen in plenty of scenes.

With a bushful hero and an implish heroine "The Hurricane Kid" unfolds the story of misadventures that fall to

FOUR QUAKES WERE RECORDED AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, March 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch)—Four, instead of two earthquakes as was first reported visited Ottawa between the hours of 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 a.m. on Sunday. An official statement today by the Dominion Observatory says that with the development of the sheets on which the quakes were recorded, other quakes had become apparent.

The time of the second quake was 11:30 p.m., the third 12:52 a.m., the fourth at 2:26 a.m. on Sunday, Eastern standard time.

The lot of the hero, starting with the time that the heroine snatches a bunch of pictures out of his hand and finds that they are poems of beautiful women. From then on he virtually leads a "dog's life," with thrills and fighting thrown in for good measure.

In comedy offerings there is a Sunshiny condition, with Lee Moran as the city chap who comes into an unexpected legacy, providing he will take up the use of the old Lee house, made to have the use of the auditorium of Victoria School, at the corner of Wardcliffe and Askew street, as a temporary location of the church, but it was felt by a few of those present that they should accede to the request of the assembly and remain with their present churches until June 10. This was outvoted in favor of starting up as soon as possible in order to make the most of the feeling on the question existing at present in opposition to remaining with their own churches. Sunday school work will be carried on as soon as possible in the old Lee house.

No arrangements were discussed towards securing a permanent minister, but the matter of temporary supply was left in the hands of the session. Rev. James Mackay, assisted by another clergyman to be nominated by him, will be requested to officiate at the opening services on March 22.

Loew's

"Sandra," starring Barbara La Marr at Loew's Theater the first three days of this week is a story of one woman who is loved by two men. It is a story of love, of passion, of sacrifice. It is a story of a woman who is loved by two men. It is a story of love, of passion, of sacrifice.

The vaudeville bill is headed by a penny dancing revue by the Four English Madcaps. Intricate steps are performed with grace and beauty by three women artists. The male member of the quartet stood out for the simple reason he was Charles F. Simon provided a good laugh for the audience, his appearance being a source of amusement to the audience. The quartet is headed by the title of "The Red Headed Music Master" for the simple reason he is a dancer who is loved by two men. It is a story of love, of passion, of sacrifice.

The Lumas, a pair of clever comedians, perform well and secure big feats are accomplished with skill. The comedy is headed by the title of "The Hardboiled Tenderfoot," with a Pathe news revue completes the bill.

Capitol

"A Thief in Paradise," brimming over with romance, vivid color, tens, drama and beauty, remains popular as ever. The picture is a masterpiece of the art of the picture. It is a story of love, of passion, of sacrifice. It is a story of a woman who is loved by two men. It is a story of love, of passion, of sacrifice.

An added attraction is the third annual Free Press Winter Fair, conducted by local merchants. Artistic display of the home advantage Canadian manufactured goods. Firms co-operating with The Free Press are: Bell Telephone Company, Bicycles and Motor Sales, Limited, M. C. Clark, Silverwood's, Limited, Dexter Flour Mills, J. Carmichael & Sons (Horton), Arva Flour Mills, City Gas Company, Colman's Mustard, Dominion Seeds, Limited, Dundas Store, Gerhard Heintzman, London Rotary Club, Hydro Shop, Hume, Hudson and Essex Sundry, Ontario Furniture, J. H. Pollock, Scott's, and Vasey's Company and Taylor Drug Store.

They don't seem to do it, but a young flea can go without food for two weeks. Nearly 2,000,000 bushels of onions were imported last year by the United States.

PLAN SERVICES FOR MARCH 22

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church Making Arrangements

AS A CONTINUING CHURCH

No Decision Yet As To a Permanent Minister

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, as the continuing London South Presbyterian Church will be known, will open its Sunday services on March 22 in the Victoria Public School. If arrangements can be successfully completed, following the acquisition of the late Col. F. B. Lewis' property, 111 Elmwood avenue, last week by the managers of the continuing church, it was decided at the congregational meeting last night to name the new church from its location.

Seven trustees, C. J. Farr, G. H. Elliott, Andrew Beattie, C. H. Baker, McDonald, W. D. Love and O. H. Gidley, were appointed to assume the responsibility of the deeds to the property. Considerable discussion followed regarding the naming of the new church. One suggestion was that it should be named in honor of Western Canada's pioneer missionary, George Leslie Mackay, and a second that it should be called St. Matthew's, were voted down in favor of the name of the location.

Some little difference of opinion existed as to when the church services should be held. Application had been made to have the use of the auditorium of Victoria School, at the corner of Wardcliffe and Askew street, as a temporary location of the church, but it was felt by a few of those present that they should accede to the request of the assembly and remain with their present churches until June 10. This was outvoted in favor of starting up as soon as possible in order to make the most of the feeling on the question existing at present in opposition to remaining with their own churches. Sunday school work will be carried on as soon as possible in the old Lee house.

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SELL BONDS FOR WORK OF C.S.E.T.

Total of \$350 Disposed of in London

At a meeting of the boys C.S.E.T. Council held last night in the Y.M.C.A. building, the final report of the bond selling campaign was made by W. Spearman. He reported some \$350 worth of bonds to have been sold.

The council made definite preparations for a mother and son banquet to be held some time during this month. Elton Temple, a member of the other boys' parliament, outlined the League of Nations Society recently formed by the organization.

Other items of business transacted were: Councils Obeah and Gray appointed to visit the Mothers' Club of the city with the purpose of furthering the C.S.E.T. work here; Councilors Scratch and Tomlinson appointed to interview the principals of the various colleges and Technical School in order that the scholarship set aside for Tuxis and Trail students might be awarded; large entries were reported for the various indoor sports now under organization.

DEATH OF MRS. DANDURAND.
MONTREAL, Mar. 2.—Mrs. Raoul Dandurand, wife of Senator Dandurand, and Government leader in the Senate, died here this evening after a prolonged illness. She was 62 years of age.

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SUSTAIN RECORD AT MUSIC CLUB

London Pianist and Toronto Tenor At March Recital

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The unbroken standard of excellence, maintained by the Women's Music Club through the 1924-25 season, was upheld last night in the March monthly recital at the Central Collegiate auditorium.

The artists were Paul de Marky, pianist, the man whom London now delights to claim as her own, and J. R. Hallman, tenor, of Toronto.

Mr. de Marky has made several concert appearances this winter. Each time, one is set to wondering in which of his many musicianly attributes lies his greatest appeal. And, technique aside (and Mr. de Marky's technique is a thing of delicate and flawless brilliance), and setting aside, too, the intense sympathy and understanding that give at once color and emotion to his playing, one remembers best of all the extreme quietness, the scholarly dignity, of his execution.

A number interpreted by Paul de Marky is as restful and serene as a smooth-flowing as a master's poem, spoken after the disjointed free verse of a modernist.

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and lovely. The strength and assurance of Mr. de Marky's interpretation of the second moderate movement and the broad, golden tone of his playing, were superb.

Leibesfeld," by Rachmaninoff-Kreisler; "Elle Danse," by Friedman, and the "Staccato Etude," of Rubenstein, made up the third piano group, varied in choice, but equally beautiful in interpretation.

Mr. Hallman, who hails from Toronto, has a tenor voice of singularly pleasing quality, full-toned and mellow, with a marvellous ability for shading and fine lyrical passages. His quintet of songs was happily chosen, beginning with Handel's "Where'er You Walk," sung with much sympathy and with admirable lightness and delicacy of touch. Schubert's "Who is Sylvia," "In the Silence of the Night," by Rachmaninoff, and exquisite Liszt song

GREAT BRITAIN BUYING MORE FROM DOMINION

OTTAWA, March 2.—The United Kingdom is purchasing more Canadian goods. Canadian exports to the United Kingdom were \$38,571,274 in the 12 months ending January, or \$30,000,000 ahead of the previous year. Imports from the United Kingdom were \$147,555,191, approximately \$9,000,000 less

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