

DANGER OF FLOOD NOW MINIMIZED

Level of Thames Rises One Foot, But Course Is Clear of Obstructions.

SEWERS NOT HIT

Ontario's belated January thaw and subsequent freshets made a flood attempt over night to create a flood on the river Thames. The river's level, following the breaking of the ice, rose overnight by an additional 12 inches but danger or serious trouble are not anticipated.

At noon today the river was fairly clear of ice for the greater part of its course through the city and down past Springbank. An open channel was running the entire length and the breaking ice went out quietly without causing a jam.

Severity of frost during January provided a thickness of two feet of ice in some parts of the river, but the mild weather of last week helped to form channels and a quiet break-up went almost unnoticed.

The river was running at 12-inch flood level past the Springbank pumping station today, but serious increase in the rising water was not expected.

At the foot of King street, where a mountain of snow was formed during January by the dumping of excess snow from the city business streets, there is a fast dwindling pile that looks like a rubbish heap. The open water has cut a channel through the snow and the pile is quickly disappearing.

Reports at the city engineers' office reported no trouble in the city storm sewers. The slight flood on the river has not harmed the efficiency of the storm sewers and, with catch basins already opened, the streets were free of any flooded gutters.

TY CURLERS LAUD DETROIT HOSPITALITY

Six Thistle Club Rinks Return After Week-End Visit—Border Curlers Coming.

Following a week-end visit to the Detroit curling club six rinks of the Thistle club here returned to the city yesterday. Saturday afternoon and evening the Londoners wished their brooms up and down six splendid sheets of artificial ice in the Detroit club.

H. M. McCallum, who skipped one of the visiting rinks, said today that the Detroiters gave the boys a splendid time. The Thistle men lost the afternoon game, but cleaned up in the evening.

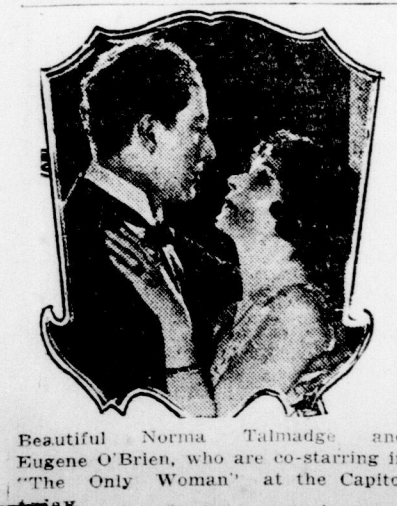
If weather permits the Detroit aggregation will visit St. Thomas for a friendly game Wednesday night and will play on the Thistle ice here on Thursday. If the weather is soft this week they will curl later on. There were several former Ontario boys on the American rink.

Afternoon Games.

The games were as follows:	
Detroit.	Thistles.
Dr. Clark	L. Jones
H. Kendall	E. Dunsmuir
Robert Kerr	Harry Slater
John Kay	F. Wilson
skip	skip
G. Whiting	A. Van Zandt
S. Dowling	F. Walker
Al Baxter	R. Baxter
J. Richardson	E. Webb
skip	skip
H. Sherr	W. Darch
G. R. Treble	Alf. Miller
George O. Begg	H. Owen
J. Ballantyne	H. McCallum
skip	skip
Roy Dodd	S. Britton
H. B. West	J. Milroy
Dr. Robinson	W. Darch
F. Stevenson	T. Franklin
skip	skip
H. Turnbull	H. Kelly
A. Ford	A. McCallum
S. W. Laird	H. H. McCall
H. Malander	P. Fetterly
skip	skip
E. Aikie	E. P. Smith
J. Mathews	W. Reynolds
C. Roberson	N. Hart
J. Hendrick	A. Talbot
skip	skip
Total	Total
83	59

Night Games.

Thistles.	
R. Turnbull	E. P. Smith
W. Crooke	N. C. Hart
T. Beattie	S. W. Laird
E. K. Medler	A. Talbot
skip	skip
R. Crozier	W. Darch
Dr. Woodbridge	H. Owen
H. West	R. Keen
W. Mills	H. McCallum
skip	skip
A. McCormick	A. Talbot
R. Dodds	R. E. Dunsmuir
W. Fenwick	A. Slater
J. McCord	F. C. Wilson
skip	skip
D. W. Mosley	H. Kelly
J. R. Shaw	W. McLeish
Dr. P. Tibbals	H. McCall
N. Cornwall	P. Fetterly
skip	skip
E. White	P. Stanley
E. Palmer	J. Walker
L. Hogarth	E. Webb
J. Palmer	R. Baker
skip	skip
Total	Total
66	75



Beautiful Norma Talmadge and Eugene O'Brien, who are co-starring in "The Only Woman" at the Capitol.

Tourist Liner Not In Distress

Associated Press Despatch, London, Feb. 10.—Definite announcement that the steamer President Harrison, bearing hundreds of tourists back to New York from the Mediterranean, was proceeding according to schedule, and that she had at no time experienced difficulty, was made this morning by Lloyds in the form of a statement from the agents here of the Robert Dollar Company, owners of the vessel. The statement said no S.O.S. signals were sent out.

A report was in circulation yesterday to the effect that a distress signal from the President Harrison had been received at the island of Chios in the Aegean sea.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE GRANTS STRONGER BEER

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hotels and cafes is five per cent proof spirits.

The other outstanding feature of the speech is the announcement that seasonal indemnities and cabinet ministers' salaries would be increased and that there would be a redistribution bill submitted during the session.

The address refers to the bountiful harvest and to the recent trip of representatives of Ontario to Quebec. It announces that steps will be taken to develop the opportunities in the British market for Ontario dairy products. There is a somewhat lengthy reference to the work of the agricultural committee which has been investigating affairs during the recess, and the hope is expressed that the report will be productive of much good. It also refers to the visit of Dr. Merchant to Britain and Denmark to study rural schools and states that some of the ideas gained there will be applied to the Ontario schools system.

Urges Power Development.

On the question of electrical power the speech says that the hydro commission now finds that all the power available is required to meet demands and trusts "that the initial steps taken toward the development of the St. Lawrence river will not meet with any delay, and that this source will be available within a reasonable time." The speech also refers to the lake levels, making an indirect reference to the Chicago drainage system.

The visit of the minister of mines to Britain is referred to with the comment that more British capital is now finding its way to Ontario and that the outlook for mining was never better than it is today. Regarding the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway, the speaker says that the extension into additional mining areas is proving beneficial both in development of the country and to the operation of the railway itself.

Commission running the railway shall be authorized to raise by the way of loans the money required for capital purposes.

The speech states that the advisory road committee will make a report and add to it a report on the roads and that those who will enjoy the advantage of the expenditure involved should contribute more largely to the cost and you will be asked to sanction legislation for that purpose.

Expenditures Reduced.

The speech also contains a reference to the interest in better health and sanitation. It refers to the establishment of a home and school for underprivileged boys and to the proposals of unemployment relief as announced by the government. A few days ago the speaker announced that there will be application made for a special freight rate on coal for Ontario users.

The latter part of the address contains definite announcements as follows:

"Legislation will be introduced to amend the Ontario Temperance act so that liquor with an absolute alcoholic content by volume of more than 2 1/2 per cent shall be conclusively deemed to be intoxicating. A measure will be introduced respecting the representation of the people in the assembly; to establish a boys' welfare board of Ontario; to amend the school laws to amend the agricultural development act; to increase seasonal indemnities; to augment the salaries of the cabinet; to amend the highway traffic act; to amend the public vehicles act; and to authorize a further loan for the development of northern and northwestern Ontario."

The speech also states that the estimate of revenue by the treasurer last year has been reached and that a substantial reduction has been made in public expenditures.

SPENCE PROTESTS.

Canadian Press Despatch, Toronto, Feb. 10.—Rev. Ben Spence, secretary of the council of the Dominion Alliance, interviewed this afternoon regarding the proposal in the speech from the throne at the Ontario legislature to increase the alcoholic strength of beer sold in the province, said that in his personal opinion he would not be clamoring for it. "Mr. Spence said, 'A committee of the senate of the United States, after exhaustive inquiry lasting over several days, decided to place the limit in the prohibition law there at one-half of one per cent. The government's proposal here is five times that strength. The proposal of the U.S. is wrong.'"

SYSTEM OF LOANS SWEETS WITH FAVOR

Inspector Sanders Presents His First Report Since Taking Over Relief Work.

In connection with his work in the city relief department, Inspector R. H. Sanders has handed his first report to the board of health since he received a permanent appointment. The inspector points out that last month 272 grocery orders were handed out and 324 fuel orders were granted.

In this connection, Mr. Sanders stated that the new system of offering loans to folks who are hard pressed by employment conditions has proved very effective. Most of the citizens helped are treating the city's interests in a reasonable way and are prompt in their re-payments once work comes along. A large percentage of the relief offered this winter has been on a loan basis.

One man, with a seeming bad luck tale and a lot of evidence, was given a \$2 grocery order. He tried to buy a chicken with it, but was unsuccessful.

In a month 20 people have applied for free transportation to outside the city. Some of them were sturdy looking lads, who looked quite capable of walking. One young girl, who wanted to go to her home in Tilbury because she couldn't find a job here, was given a ticket, and a woman with a young baby was given a ticket to Windsor.

DIESEL ENGINE NEAR BUCHANAN NOW THINKS

P. U. C. Manager Lauds Auxiliary Plant to Reduce Hydro Peak Load.

According to the January-February edition of "The Live Wire," the official publication of the public utilities commission, that body is "preparing to install a Diesel oil engine to drive generators of sufficient capacity to power all water works pumps and other essential public services."

Asked this morning as to the accuracy of that statement, Manager E. V. Buchanan qualified it somewhat by stating that "the commission is preparing to install the engine." Mr. Buchanan intimated that certain developments within the next four months, which will make possible the completion of his investigations as to the use and efficiency of the Diesel engine and his report thereon, may result in definite action in the matter upon the part of the commission.

In the opinion of the manager it would take at least a year after the placing of the engine on the site before it could be put into actual operation as an auxiliary plant to the present system.

Mr. Buchanan pointed out that a 1,500 H. P. engine could handle the street railway and the London and Port Stanley railway in the day time and by hydro at a lower figure at night.

Installation of a Diesel oil engine has two chief advantages, as outlined by Mr. Buchanan in his annual report to the commission. It would provide power in case of a breakdown in hydro and would also provide the power with which to improve the city fire fighting facilities. In normal times it could be utilized to maintain the commission's peak load by hydro at a lower figure each month, thus resulting in much reduced power bills from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario.

The installation of the engine at a cost of \$100,000 to \$150,000 would practically eliminate the necessity for the laying of a second main to Springbank, which would cost estimated at \$300,000 as a conservative estimate.

BOARD DECIDES AGAINST SPECIAL CONFERENCE

It has been decided that there will be no special meeting of the board of education prior to the regular session on Thursday afternoon next.

The agenda of the meeting when it is held will be a heavy one, embracing the consideration of the board's building program for the year, the resignation of V. K. Greer, M.A., as inspector-administrator, and the estimates for the current year.

The board of trustees, A. R. Cairncross will be sufficiently recovered from his accident last week, in which he suffered a broken shoulder, is not certain as yet, though he is anxious to be present if at all possible.

The meeting will mark the first board meeting this year at which Christie Rose, who has been present, a broken ankle having prevented her attendance at the inaugural meeting in January, though Mrs. Rose has since attended one or two committee meetings held by the board.

According to the report of Inspector Boss, 235 houses in London were placed under quarantine last month and 166 citizens were released from quarantine. Mr. Boss had a busy month with a total of nearly 400 inspections.

Income assessment returns are still coming steadily to the city assessors' offices. The returns have been fairly good this year, and fewer delinquents are expected. Decrease in many incomes is noted.

A new pillar box has been constructed for the city tax office. It has been placed just inside the door so that letters or checks may be safely and conveniently dropped during rush periods in tax collecting.

BOARD OF HEALTH ASKS MORE FUNDS

\$1,390 Increase Shown in Estimates Presented at Meeting.

London's board of health will ask the city council for a \$20,150.33 appropriation in this year's estimates, an increase over last year of \$1,390. According to the preliminary draft of the estimates presented at last night's board meeting, small increases in salary are being recommended for four nurses and for the newly-appointed relief inspector, R. H. Sanders, whose duties as sanitary inspector are augmented. In addition to this, the department is asking for an appropriation for full-time stenographical services.

Estimates presented at the board meeting last night were gone over carefully by the members present. Slight increases are made in postage and incidentals and for examination of milk.

Saving in Salaries.

A full-time stenographer was not employed in the health offices before 1924, but since the combining of the relief and sanitary inspection duties there has been a saving in health department salaries. Receipts of the department are estimated at \$550, this representing income from grants, fumigation fees and antitoxins.

Should the council decide to keep the plumbing inspection under the supervision of the health department, \$2,116.96 additional expenditure will be included in the department's estimate. This is less than the 1924 estimate. However, Inspector Young's department pays for itself, as receipts of \$3,305 are anticipated for inspection fees and sale of by-laws.

No recommendation is being made by the board of health in regard to the move to include the plumbing inspectors under the city engineer.

Could Not See Gain.

Ald. John Ashton stated last night that he could not see any appreciable gain from the switch quite possible from his viewpoint, if certain technical regulations in the public health act could be changed. He commented warmly upon the improvement in clerical arrangements in his office, and stated that the part-time use of the health department stenographer was proving a valuable aid in rush periods.

Members of the board of health will be present tonight when No. 2 committee of the city council discuss the plumbing inspection.

Monthly reports were given by Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, and J. C. Young, relief and sanitary officer; J. C. Young, plumbing inspector; Dr. J. D. Gunn, medical director of the venereal diseases clinics; and Dr. Raymond, chief of the city nurse.

Chairman Charles Mitchell, Ald. Ashton and Dr. Downham were the only board members present.

NEW YUKON TERRITORY STRIKE NOW LOOMS BIG

Canadian Press Despatch.

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 10.—Percy Reid, acting gold commissioner, has returned from Mayo and Keno, and is impressed with the possibilities of the mining industry in the territory. He was of the opinion that the territory is well equipped and promising future.

Important strikes have been made on Lily Queen Gulch, by Messrs. Gammon and Trevaux, a four-foot ore body having been uncovered at the 30-foot level, values of which run between three and four thousand ounces of silver to the ton.

WOMAN FOUND BEATEN ON MONTREAL STREET

Canadian Press Despatch, Montreal, Feb. 10.—Jacqueline Labelle, 24, was discovered lying at the corner of Vite and Cadieux streets last night, her head and neck being beaten and badly gashed, apparently with a blunt instrument. The woman was taken to the Montreal general hospital, Achille Brunet, 25, has been arrested in connection with the assault.

WAHABI TRIBES LAUNCH NEW DRIVE IN HEDJAZ

Associated Press Despatch.

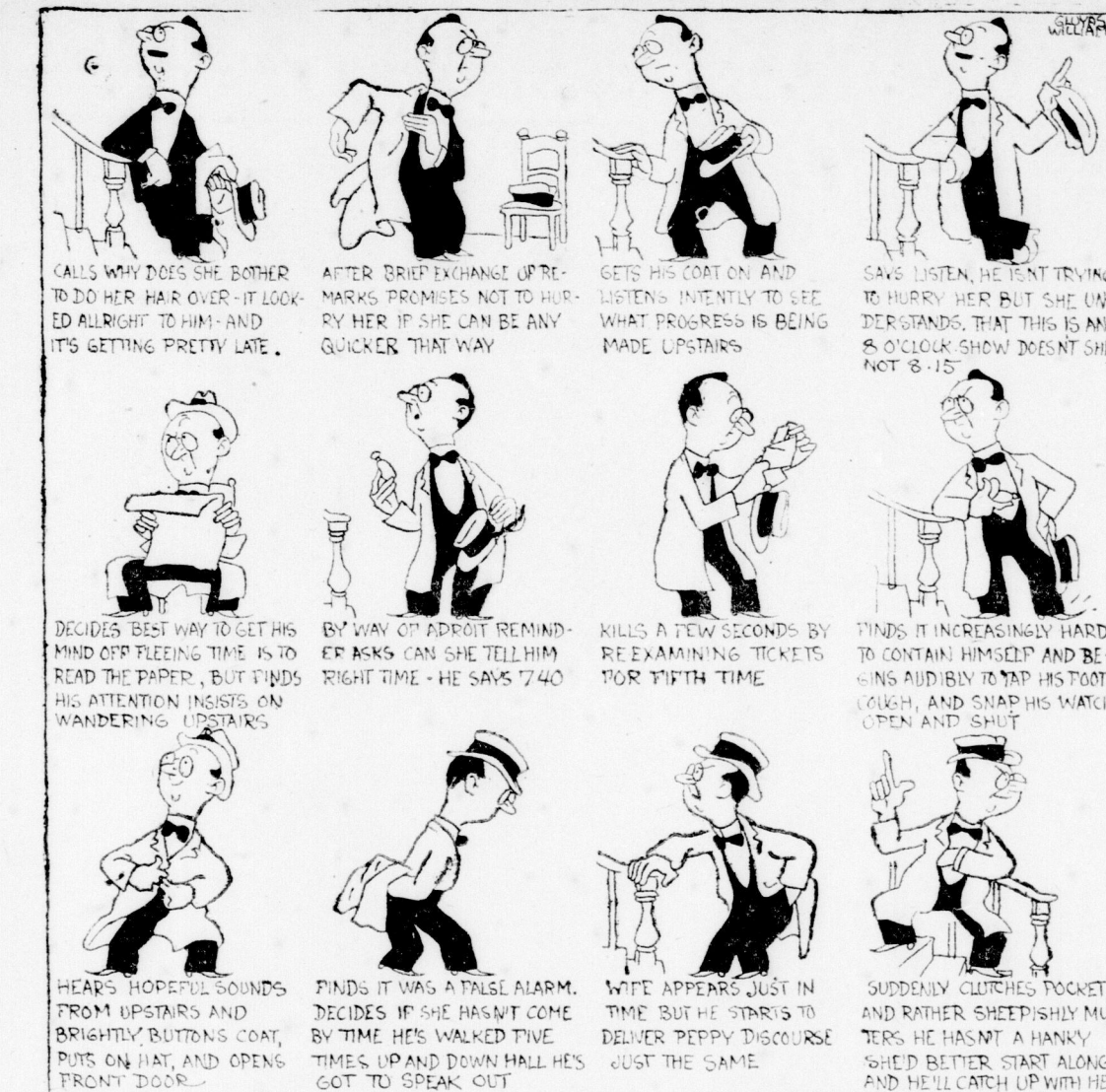
Port Sudan, Feb. 10.—The Wahabi tribes, continuing their activities against the forces of King Ali of the Hedjaz, says reports received here from Jeddah.

Several friendly encounters have occurred and the town is under shell fire, but the civilian casualty list has been small.

SIR GEORGE CRITCHETT DIES

Associated Press Despatch, London, Feb. 10.—Sir George Anderson Critchett, who was the king's oculist, and who also served King Edward VII in the same capacity, died yesterday.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN WAITING FOR HIS WIFE.



REV. C. N. DEWEY DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Well-Known Retired Minister Brother of Rev. G. W. Dewey Here.

The death of Rev. C. N. Dewey, brother of Rev. G. W. Dewey, pastor of Grace Methodist church, and well-known retired Baptist minister, occurred at his home in Tillsonburg this morning after a lingering illness.

Rev. Mr. Dewey served as pastor at many towns and villages in Western and Northern Ontario. He had pastored in Gravenhurst, Burke Falls, West Nisour, Gladstone, Lewisville, Wheatley, Hillsburg, Delta, Lambton, Tillsonburg, Goderich and Dunnville.

His last pastorate was in Goderich, where he was forced to retire from active service last September, and he moved from there to Tillsonburg.

Although in ill-health since his retirement from the ministry, Mr. Dewey was not seriously ill until the beginning of the year, when his condition became worse.

Besides his wife, he leaves three children, Fred of Edmonton, Gordon of Detroit, and Mrs. Lloyd Pick of Toronto, two brothers, Rev. G. W. Dewey of this city, Ben F. Dewey of Gravenhurst, and one sister, Mrs. Roy McMurray, of Okla. Florida. The funeral will be held at Tillsonburg on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Interment to be made at the Dorchester cemetery.

TWELVE SEEK MERCY SEAT AT SALVATION MEETING

An inspection of the Stratford "raps of the Salvation army over the week-end was responsible for a varied program in which Big, McAmmond and Adj. Spooner of London officiated.

During the religious services twelve people sought the mercy seat. They were blessed.

Bandmaster B. M. Wilders, who retired after 15 years' service, was presented with a medal.

Corps cadet badges were distributed to Herman Kelly, Marian Gates, Marie Linnell, Christine Naylor and Winnie Bexton.

REGINA HAS BEEN CHOSEN DISTRIBUTING CENTER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 10.—Regina will be the distributing center for the new Saskatchewan liquor system. A warehouse has been leased in the city by the Saskatchewan liquor board, for the purpose of a distributing warehouse for the whole system.

The appointment of John Anderson of Yorkton, as warehouse manager, is also announced.

Thunderstorms Hit Northland

Canadian Press Despatch, Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 10.—Thunderstorms accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and a heavy rain, swept over Northern Ontario yesterday afternoon, the earliest in years, according to old-timers.

Mr. Richmond has lectured extensively on a variety of subjects connected with art. His paintings have been hung in the Royal Academy, the Salon at Paris and other noted galleries. In addition, he is a lecturer of repute and his addresses are illustrated by lantern slides or clever chalk drawings.

FOUR BANK DIRECTORS GET TERMS IN PRISON

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Pale and evidently nervous, R. P. Gough rose and read a statement to his honor, his voice breaking at intervals. The statement said:

"I do not wish for a moment to be considered as arguing with your honor, but with great respect, I must confess that I still think, as I endeavored to plead at my trial, that I should not be branded as a conscientious criminal because I was deceived and because I did not discover conditions which your honor had pointed out I should have. And which, in the light of subsequent events, I might have discovered had I been more of a suspicious and of a trusting state of mind. It would appear that the position I now find myself in is due to my having relied on and believed in the integrity of men whose honesty and ability I had up to the last moment and until it was all too late no reason whatever to doubt."

"Your honor, I do not owe the Home Bank one cent. I can truly say that I never had any connection with the Home Bank to its detriment to the extent of one dollar. I never knew that the statements which were submitted to me were false, and I never could therefore have had any intention of deceiving anybody."

"I gave to the bank without stint my time and whatever business ability I possessed. It may be, and indeed it appears now to be, that I was lacking in banking experience. So, too, perhaps, in the high essential qualifications of a director as indicated in the warrant of arrest. If I made mistakes, they were always mistakes of judgment. At all times I acted honestly and conscientiously in furtherance, as I honestly thought, of the welfare of the bank, its depositors and shareholders."

Judge Coatsworth listened intently to Gough's pleading, and at its conclusion remarked: "I never was so troubled since I have been on the bench as I am this morning, and it is perhaps kinder that I should say nothing further."

Rail was renewed in the supreme court in the cases of the directors sentenced by Judge Coatsworth earlier in the morning. Bail for R. P. Gough was fixed at \$150,000, while J. P. M. Stewart and S. Casey Wood were released in bonds of \$100,000.

After formalities had been complied with, the three men were liberated by the sheriff's officers until their appeals are heard.

ALCOHOL ROW PRINCIPAL RESTING IN THE HOSPITAL

John Rourke, rushed to Victoria hospital Saturday afternoon by High Constable Wharton and Provincial Constable Mennie, won't be in a hurry to leave that institution, for when he is given his discharge county police will be waiting to escort him to jail.

Rourke came off second best in a bout with rubber alcohol in a Glenora shack and cut his head so severely that he almost died from loss of blood.

He will appear before Magistrate Hawshaw in a few days on a charge of disorderly conduct.

ISSUES WRIT.

The R. G. Lindsay Feed Company has issued a county court writ through G. A. P. Brickenden & Co. against Charles E. Santo for good sold and delivered amounting to \$524.22.

41 PRESBYTERY CHURCHES VOTE

Latest Figures Show Unionists Claim 23 Congregations—Eight Unanimous.

TOTAL NUMBER 56

Of the 56 Presbyterian congregations in the Presbytery of London, 41 have thus far taken action on the question of church union.

As a result of that action the unionists are at present in the lead, 23 churches being in favor of union to 18 opposed.

Eight churches in the presbytery have decided unanimously to enter the United Church of Canada, when union is consummated on June 30 next.

Fifteen churches have decided by a congregational vote to enter the union, while 18 churches have voted to remain out of the union.

In those congregations in which a vote was taken the anti-unionists lead by 3,489 votes to 3,416 votes.

Of the total of 3,135 votes cast in congregations which voted favorably to union, only 245 per cent voted against union.

Of the total of 3,370 votes cast in congregations which voted against union the vote for union was 25 per cent.

The eight unanimous union churches are: Kilarney, Aylmer, Springfield, Vanneck (English settlement), Chalmers, and McTear's, Dunwich and St. Paul's and Chelsea Green, London.

The results in the congregations in which a vote was taken are as follows:

Churches For.	For.	Agst.
West Lorne	96	78
Ivoryton	57	49
Melbourne	56	16
Riverside	43	2
Carlisle	53	16
Wardville	33	12
Newburg	29	14
Criman	56	28
Burns	52	19
Granton	56	25
Hilberton	37	33
London	790	146
St. Andrew's	366	58
First	355	125
Knox	335	125
King street	253	77
Totals	2,363	777

Churches Against.

Dutton	39	29
Glenora	136	136
Kemok	15	15
Port Stanley	42	32
Wallaceburg	49	49
Alsa Craig	41	41
Pottersburg	13	13
Bear Creek	25	25
Fingal	28	28
St. Thomas—		
Knox	181	
Alma	1	
London—		
New St. James'	230	526
Chalmers	69	87
Alma	13	13
Knollwood Park	1	79
Hamilton road	105	240
Totals	1,053	2,189
Combined totals	3,416	3,487