

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 31, 1922.

## SAYS CHANCE OF STRIKE SLIGHT

Organizer of Canadian Brotherhood Makes Address At Annual Picnic.

Urges Women To Permit Men To Strike, If Necessary.

There is only the barest possibility that Canadian railwaymen will go on strike over present wage disputes with Canadian railways, W. J. McPherson, organizer for the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, told the London members of the union at their annual picnic in Springbank Park, Saturday afternoon.

McPherson said that he wished in particular to assure the women that there was only a very remote chance of there being any walkout on the part of Canadian railwaymen.

However, McPherson declared, if it came down to the companies decreasing wages to a large degree the women should not be afraid to let the men strike.

Some 250 to 300 people were present at the picnic, which was one that stood out in the memory of the women.

Sports and contests were held throughout the afternoon, 23 races and other field sports being held, including a baseball game and a tug-of-war.

The following is the list of the prize winners in the various events:

Girls, 6 years—May Jack, Iona Avery, J. Webb, Fish.

Boys, 6 years—Jack Weir, N. Scott, W. Avery, B. Tover.

Girls, 7 to 9 years—F. Galbraith, H. Ogilvie, V. Ogilvie.

Boys, 7 to 9 years—J. Sullivan, J. Bradford, Jack Spry.

Single ladies—B. Bradford, Miss Ram, Miss McPherson.

Single men—E. Westcott, F. Proctor, Walter Long.

Wheelbarrow race—Mrs. W. Scott, E. Bennett, Mrs. G. Churchill, R. J. Churchill.

Married ladies, under 35—Mrs. Blythe, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. J. Short.

Married men, under 35—W. Scott, J. Lauder, M. McPherson.

Ladies' race—Mrs. G. Eddy, Mrs. Clift, Mrs. Avery.

Girls, 12 years and under—Marian Galbraith, H. Ogilvie, F. Galbraith.

Boys, 12 years and under—F. Tamlyn, J. Bradford, Ted Porter.

Girls, 15 years and under—Helen Galbraith, Bertha Bradford, Edith Rowley.

Boys, 15 years and under—H. Ogilvie, G. Porter, Archie.

Men over 50 years—W. Crittall, J. Leslie and J. Munroe.

Boxing in barrels—C. Barber and A. Fink.

Time race—E. Hall.

Blindfold boxing—F. Proctor.

Tug of war—Team captained by J. Barber.

Drawing for ton of coal—W. Crittall and R. Galbraith.

Mystery contest—Mrs. F. Churchill.

KOMOKA OUTING.

Komoka Civic Holiday outing, at Springbank Park on Wednesday, was attended by between 300 and 400 residents of the village and surrounding country.

A program of sports concluded with a baseball game between Komoka and Brick street, ending in a tie on account of darkness. The managing committee was D. J. Mathewson, J. Swales, C. Foster, S. Sinker, C. Wernham, A. D. McKellar.

Following are the results of the races:

Married men's race, 100 yards—S. Wales, W. Campbell, Mr. McDougall.

Singly men, 100 yards—C. Smalles, E. Doane, W. Dalgleish.

Three-legged race, open—Tunks

## Town Topics.

### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for the appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come and not tarry.—Habakkuk, 2:2-3.

THERE is not any benefit so glorious in itself but it may be exceedingly sweetened by the manner of conferring it.—Seneca.

### TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

TUESDAY—No. 2 Committee, City Council, meets at city hall.

BANK CLEARINGS for July, 1922, were \$1,160,911. For July, 1921, they were \$1,251,553.

FOLLOWING the regular local routine by which Civic Holiday falls on the first Monday in August, next Monday, which is Aug. 7, will be observed as a holiday in this city.

DURING the month of August, Rev. C. M. Farney of Chesley will be in charge of St. James' Anglican Church, South London. Mr. Farney takes the place of the rector, Rev. W. L. Armitage, who leaves London.

LITTLE DAMAGE was done when fire broke out in living quarters over the jewelry store of Ross McKay, 564 Dundas street, at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

WITHIN a few days Harold Vandecar will enter his plea and elect the manner of his trial on a charge of fraud.

He appeared before Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett in police court Monday morning and was remanded for a few days. Vandecar is alleged to have obtained credit under false pretenses from G. D. McFarlane, a grocer.

AS THE REMOVAL of George H. Billings' auto from the corner of King and Richmond streets some time ago by William H. Raine and a companion was regarded as an attempt rather than an actual theft, by Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett in police court Monday morning, a light sentence was imposed on Raine, who had been convicted last week.

Three months in the common jail was the decision of the court. Tuesday on a month's vacation.

APPEARING BEFORE Squire W. H. Chittick in the Middlesex County court Monday morning, the usual week-end grist of speeders were found guilty and assessed the usual fine with costs. The county police still have a long list of alleged offenders of the motor vehicle act. It is explained, who will appear in the same court from time to time as the summer progresses.

MEMBERS of City Clerk S. Bowers' staff are busily engaged revising the voters' list for this city, and after two months' work, Mr. Baker reports that he is in the midst of ward two revision. Wards three and four have been completed, while ward one has not been touched yet. The city clerk reports that there will not be many changes in the voters' list to be used at the next municipal elections.

RATEPAYERS of London are paying their taxes in approved style, according to City Treasurer James Bell, who reported Monday morning that the second installment due by August 1, "is coming in fine."

Anxious to save a discount of five per cent on the installment, citizens added \$30,000,000 to the city coffers on Saturday, and \$20,000 on the preceding day. The Saturday receipts exceeded those of the corresponding day in 1921 by \$10,000, according to Mr. Bell.

"We had a nice big mail this morning," said the city treasurer Monday, "and the taxes are coming in."

and Jeffries, Wernham and Harris, Campbell and Campbell.

Young ladies' race—W. Smith, C. Moxall, E. Brown.

Three-legged race, boys over 10—Tunks and Jeffries, Harris and Wernham, Campbell and Campbell.

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## SAYS MUCH DEAD WOOD ON BOARD

City Clerk Baker Would Have Keenly Contested Election

One of the best things that could happen to the city would be a really keen contest with an abundance of suitable nominees for the board of education at the next municipal election, according to Sam Baker, city clerk.

The city clerk is of the further opinion that a school board of at least half the present size would be more effective and worthy of greater achievements than a 12-man body.

In his opinion a better class of candidates would allow their names to go before the electorate, and he cites as an instance the public utilities commission. "You will note," he pointed out, "that a better class of men come out each year—men who would not mix in the board of education or city council contests."

"A large, unenviable body of twelve members leaves the nomination lists wide open, and as a result the very men that the city requires are not as a general rule attracted to the office."

"Just regard the present board of education and the deadwood in it, of course, who are all right, four or five of them possibly, but the others do nothing but block all undertakings, worrying and arguing about two-pence halfpenny things, and allow the big ventures to pass them by."

"It is to be hoped that this year will witness a continued interest in board of education affairs among the ratepayers as a whole, and possibly a better class of candidates will present themselves at the polls next December, not only for the board of education, but for the city council as well."

CITY CLEANS ADVISE ON MOTOR BUS OPERATION

Special Committee Purposes "Going Slow" on Transportation Legislation.

Information from other municipalities regarding the methods employed by them in governing the operation of motor busses on city streets is being gathered by City Clerk S. Baker for the purpose of incorporating it into a city bylaw governing motor busses in London.

Tentative regulations regarding license fees, indemnity, and schedules have been drawn up by the special committee, selected by the city council for this purpose, and the report of this committee will be presented to No. 1 committee of the city council, which meets Wednesday night.

The special committee, which met last week is composed of Ald. O. I. Cunningham, H. J. Childs and Mayor Cameron Wilson.

Alderman Cunningham stated Monday morning that this committee purposes "going slow" in preparing the bylaw, owing to the fact that the city council has "put its foot in it" in making several bylaws hastily this year.

"There are too many bylaws in effect now which are no good," said Ald. Cunningham, "and while I do not mention them, they were passed by the council in too great a hurry."

In fine, we collected \$20,000 Friday, \$30,000 Saturday, and expect to take in \$150,000 on Monday and Tuesday."

IT WAS ANNOUNCED Monday that the band and patrol of Mocha Temple of London will journey to Brantford on September 14 to assist in opening the Shrine's Fair at that city, which will run for three days.

The Shrine's patrol will also visit Westminster Hospital in the near future, where the members will stage a drill for the entertainment of the patients of that institution.

OUTSTANDING AMONGST many pleasing features of the D. S. Perrin Company picnic held at Port Stanley Saturday was a presentation made to Mr. Chas. A. Fitzwater, the eldest employee in the factory, a gold watch, which carried with it the highest esteem and the best wishes of the company. Was presented Mr. Fitzwater by the president and directors to commemorate his record of long and faithful service.

ACCORDING to information received in London Monday, Rev. Samuel E. McKegney, M.C., a former rector of London, and a graduate of Huron College, has succeeded in obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree at Oxford University. Mr. McKegney left his church at Clinton about one year ago, and proceeded to England, where he took up post-graduate studies at Oxford. He was rector of St. David's Church here a few years ago, and numbers a host of friends in London. During the war Mr. McKegney served overseas in the Canadian army, acting as chaplain with a battalion recruited at Brantford. He was awarded the Military Cross for bravery exhibited in the field.

OFFICER STRATTON TO ARRIVE SOON

In communication over long-distance Monday with George Tustin, officer for the London Humane Society, Provincial Officer Stratton, who has been transferred to Middlesex County from Peterboro, to relieve Officer Arthur Palmer, who has gone to Whitby, states that he will arrive here about the middle of this week.

In the meantime if any serious disturbance is noted throughout the district, Officer Tustin will in all probability be called upon for assistance by the crown authorities.

## County Magistrate Imposes Maximum Penalty for Gross Cruelty to Horse

"Fifty dollars and costs or three months' imprisonment," the limit prescribed under the provisions of the statutes, was the sentence meted out to O. B. Richards, London Township resident, convicted in the Middlesex County Court Saturday afternoon of gross cruelty to a horse.

In view of the fact that George Tustin, provincial humane officer in this district, reported that the case was the most appalling that he had ever experienced since he assumed duty in this county, County Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw imposed this severe penalty as a warning to others. "It is the worst case that has come to my attention in ten years," he declared.

Two veterinary surgeons, Dr. J. W. Wilson and Dr. C. S. Tamlin, testified as to the condition of the horse "worked" by the defendant, but subsequently destroyed by the London Humane Society.

Richards, who had been confined to jail for a period of two weeks preceding his trial, was defended by Frank Curran, while Attorneys Judd and Henderson represented the Humane Society. The charge was preferred by George Tustin, officer for the latter body.

While the defendant was returned to custody at the conclusion of his trial, it is now understood that his fine will be paid in order that he may secure his liberty Monday.

## UNWORRIED OVER SAUNDERS ISSUE

Middlesex Constabulary Are Willing Suit For Alleged Malicious Arrest Should Proceed.

Maintaining a state of complete nonchalance, members of the Middlesex Constabulary who arrested Robert Saunders last week on the charge that he was of unsound mind and were subsequently threatened with a civil action for "malicious arrest," while evincing but little interest in the pending proceedings Monday, intimated that they were ready that the case should go to the courts as contemplated.

"An officer in pursuit of his duties receives criticism whatever he does," asserted Constable William Fifield who with Constable Alex Shaver effected the arrest of Saunders last week, "when you fail to do what you are told, you are condemned and when you do as you are directed, you are like a dog."

"However, they can go as far as they like and our side of the question will be submitted should the case eventually reach the courts."

While as yet he has not been included in the proceedings Squire W. H. Chittick, who received the information that led to the issuance of the necessary documents for the man's arrest, maintains, as his own personal opinion that an action of this nature will come to nothing.

"They experimented that way in Des Moines," continued the city clerk, "and elected experts the first year. Next year the politicians stepped in and took their places. The same thing has happened here. The people may not elect experts, but the politicians get in every time."

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## INCORRECTLY REPORTS FINING OF MRS. SISKIND

Correspondent Mistakes Conviction of London Woman on Liquor Charge.

Buffalo, July 31.—It has been learned that the Canadian Press report from Niagara Falls early last week to the effect that a Mrs. Sadie Siskind, of London, Ont., had been convicted of selling liquor in that community and fined \$1,000, was entirely incorrect and without foundation.

It is more than a month ago since Mrs. Siskind was convicted of the offence in question in her home city, London, and was assessed the \$1,000 fine. Since that occurrence her attorneys have entered action for appeal, and the case is still pending.

## KNOLLWOOD PARK CHOR PICTNICS AT MOSSOP FARM

Church Organization Has Merry Time At Outing Saturday.

Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church choir held a picnic Saturday at Mr. Mossop's farm, north of the city. Baseball was played during the afternoon, followed by races, for which prizes were awarded.

The result of the races follows: Boys—E. Powell, C. Powell. Girls—B. Robb, I. Cumming.

Ladies—Mrs. Scollick, Mrs. Smith, Men—Mr. Webster, Mr. Nixon. Wheelbarrow race—N. Greenslade, B. Robb, C. Powell, G. Mossop.

Three-legged race—N. Greenslade and B. Robb, Mrs. Scollick and E. Powell. Clothes peg race—E. Powell, N. Greenslade.

Hand race—G. Mossop, I. Cumming. Hitting tub race—Mrs. Price, Mrs. Scollick, C. Powell.

Eligement race—N. Greenslade and B. Robb, E. Powell and I. Cumming. Tea was served on the lawn, and after games the party adjourned to the house for music and singing.

## FATE OF AUGUST SESSION HINGES ON CITY COUNCIL

Trustee Smith Declares Board Awaits Approval of Debentures.

Whether there will be a special session of the board of education during August rests entirely upon how soon Mayor Cameron Wilson and the aldermen approve of their debenture request, according to Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman, who stated Monday that a death-like silence overhung all while the trustees awaited anxiously the result of the much-heralded civic commission meeting.

Pointing out that the school architect, L. E. Carrothers, has been directed to proceed with plans and specifications for the new public school, the chairman was of the firm opinion that unless anything startling developed there would be no possible reason for him to stage another session before the regular meeting, Sept. 20.

## TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION HAS PICNIC

Members Enjoy Fine Program of Sports at Lakeside.

Plenty of enjoyment and many novelty races, with here and there a little dash of excitement made the picnic of the Typographical Union held at Lakeside Saturday the most successful outing yet conducted by that organization. The merry party motored to the resort via Thorndale, and returned by way of Thamesford.

The baseball game between the floormen and the operators provided more thrills than any other event on the program. Both teams had decided beforehand that such a thing as an umpire was superfluous, and before the game was over came to the conclusion that their contention regarding the official arbitrator was correct.

The game was fast and furious throughout, and only one untoward incident happened. Some of the members of both teams were caught in the act of chalking up unearned runs after their respective names, but through the gentility of the official no action was taken.

At the conclusion of the gruelling contest it was mutually agreed that the operators had the edge on their opponents.

The races were run with a full quota of contestants, and the starter, H. Fortey, had no trouble in lining up the footed ones.

His main argument in disapproving of the suggestion is the fact that the ratepayers will not elect experts, and he quotes the experience of other cities where it has been attempted without success.

"You cannot elect experts," said the city clerk, in reply to Trustee Rice's suggestion. "It has been tried many times, but has never been done. You cannot dispense with the amateur, common-sense members of civic bodies and elect experts."

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## EXPECT SEWER PROBE TO CLEAR COLLEGIATE DEFECT

Officials Declare Water Backing Up Not Hurtful to Students' Health.

When City Engineer Brazier's department conducts a thorough inspection of all city sewers as suggested by Ald. (Dr.) Holmes, it is anticipated that another "defect" in connection with the new Central Collegiate Institute will be cleared up to the entire satisfaction of everyone concerned.

At the last regular gathering of No. 3 committee complaints were registered to the effect that water was backing up from the Waterloo street storm sewers into the "waste" receptacles at the bottom of the school drinking fountains.

While the startled school trustees immediately condemned such circumstances it is now held that there is no danger to the health of the pupils as the water from the sewers cannot possibly be consumed by them.

That this question will receive its share of consideration before the building is finally accepted by the board is now unavoidable, in view of the vast publicity given the charge and the subsequent alarm exhibited among many of the parents of children attending the Collegiate.

## 38 WORKERS LOSE JOBS BY PAVING BEING HELD UP

City Engineer Reports No Development in Inaction of Street Railway.

No further developments were reported at the city hall Monday regarding the inaction of the London Street Railway Company in failing to submit specifications for paving its tracks on Hamilton road and Dundas street to City Engineer Brazier. The latter official has been compelled to lay off 38 city employees because his paving program has been halted by this inaction, and unless the company gets busy eighteen more men will be out of work this week.

Pending the arrival of President Charles Currie of the London Street Railway Company from Cleveland, no action is contemplated by the city to force the issue. President Currie will consult with the city council with a view to settling the paving controversy to the satisfaction of all concerned.

## Sentences Arthur to Hike to New Brunswick

UNDER the watchful eyes of police officers, Arthur Mercier will shake the dust of London from his feet and start "hiking" to his home in New Brunswick. Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett approved of this fate in police court Monday morning.

Mercier has been waiting patiently in the county jail for a week for money from an insurance company. He is curious to know if it is at the post-office, and so before he starts on the long trek eastward, he will be escorted to the post-office to make inquiries.

## TRAIN SERVICE TO TORONTO CUT

Nos. 31 and 34 Cancelled by Grand Trunk On Sunday.

Just enough coal to supply their daily needs is being shipped to the city each day, local officials of the Grand Trunk Railway stated Monday morning. The railroad has no reserve supply in the city, it is said, and has to depend entirely on the small daily shipments.

The coal situation is fast becoming a serious problem with the G. T. R. and wherever possible, both in the United States and Canada, passenger trains are being temporarily removed from the service. Coming into effect Sunday, July 30, trains No. 31 and 34, running between Toronto and London via Guelph, were cancelled.

Train No. 31 is a mail train, but postal authorities declare that the revised schedule will not interfere with the transmission of mails. No 29 leaving Toronto at 6:30 a.m., will now carry the mail formerly dispatched on No. 31.

Up to the present the Canadian Pacific has not felt the coal shortage to the same extent of the G. T. R. and other railroads operating in Canada in the United States. Foreseeing the acuteness of the present situation some months ago, the officials of the company secured a reserve supply that in case of emergency would last for some months. The reserve coal in the London division alone it is said, will fill local needs for more than a month.

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1, the United States government will supervise all distribution of coal in the country by acting as middleman between the mine and consumer. By so doing it hopes to avert a serious shortage for commercial purposes in any one part of the country.

It is rumored in official circles at Ottawa that the coal situation in Canada will be one of the main topics of discussion at the meeting of the federal cabinet Tuesday, but government officials are loathe to predict what action will be taken.

## Obituaries

"JACKIE" WARD.

The funeral of John D. (Jackie) Ward, infant and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward, was held from his parents' residence, Byron, Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Durnford of Hyde Park. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery. The pallbearers were O. McLaren, R. Wickerson, M. McNeice and A. Ward. There was a large attendance.

## SOLOMON SADDY.

The funeral of Solomon Saddy, of Ridout street, who died Friday evening, was held Monday morning. Requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock in St. Peter's Cathedral by Monsignor McKeen. Interment was made at St. Peter's cemetery.

The pall bearers were Louis Haddad, Jack Lewis, Charles Gaddad, St. David E. Thomas and G. Gaggan. Besides his widow, the late Mr. Saddy is survived by four sons—Joe, Solomon, Abe and Ned.

The sons operate a chain of fruit stores in the city, under the name of Saddy Bros.

## SHIRLEY CHRISTIE.

According to a telegram from Harry Edwards of the Christie Film Company, Los Angeles, Cal., Shirley Christie, daughter of Al E. Christie, a former Londoner, was thrown while horseback riding Friday and died at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Her father was formerly employed at the Grand Opera House in London. Some years ago he entered the moving picture field and now controls the firm which produces Christie comedies.

## STEAMER ARRIVALS.

New York, July 30.—Finland, Antwerp; Baltic, Liverpool.

Plymouth, July 30.—Lapland, New York.

London, July 30.—President Adam, New York.

Southampton, July 30.—Homerie, New York.

Liverpool, July 30.—Scythia, New York; Canopic, Montreal.

Sailed—Southampton, July 30.—Berengaria, New York; Orinda, New York.

Liverpool, July 28.—Saturia, Montreal; Tunisian, Montreal.

Montreal, July 30.—Arrived 29