

THE WEATHER:
NORTHERLY WINDS, FAIR.
TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOW.

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REVEALS POSSIBILITY OF COUNCIL SURPLUS

TREASURER BELIEVES NO DEFICIT TO RESULT

Financial Statement of City For 1923 Is Nearly Ready.

WILL NOT PROPHECY

"Even Break" Would Be Acceptable to Councilors For Past Term.

More cheerful tidings are forthcoming from City Treasurer James Bell, whose financial statement for 1923 will soon be ready for the city council. The treasurer is still quite confident that the council will at least "break even." He anticipates no deficit, as was forecasted from time to time prior to the last municipal election.

"Don't be surprised if there is a surplus," Mr. Bell warned, although he makes it quite clear that he is making no prophecy in this regard. Such a development is possible, but cannot be accepted as a surety at this moment however. A "clean break" would be very acceptable to the mayor and council, however, as well as the citizens at large, and particularly in view of the many unforeseen expenditures after last year's tax rate was struck, and the consistent policy of criticism toward the latter part of the year from those who confidently predicted unofficial deficits running all the way from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

The treasurer is not of course incorporating in his calculations the annexed tax dispute, still unsettled, which will mean a question of about \$15,000.

COMMISSIONERS FACE ONLY ROUTINE MATTERS

Deputations' Appeals Likely To Be Heard Again On Thursday.

Nothing but routine business will occupy the attention of the public utilities commissioners at their next meeting on Thursday, according to General Manager E. V. Buchanan, who stated that so far nothing out of the ordinary had turned up. At the last meeting two deputations were heard, one requesting adjustment of rates in the Knollwood Park section and the other seeking water service to the Mahaffy subdivision. It is likely that these matters will again be considered, but the intention of the commission to work out an equitable rate for the metered consumers of water.

"JIMMY" BELL A HARD ONE TO STICK FOR AN ANSWER

City Treasurer, "Jimmy" Bell is never stuck for an answer. "Where is Tudor, Canada?" he was asked this morning. "Out here a few miles," he explained. It developed after an exhaustive probe that Tudor is a prairie spot somewhere west of Winnipeg and east of the Rockies.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh northwest winds; fair.
Tuesday—Easterly winds; cloudy, light snow by night.

There has been practically no change in pressure distribution since Saturday, except that a shallow depression is now approaching the Great Lakes from the west. The weather is now milder in the western provinces and from Ontario eastward.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	32	Clear
Calgary	36	26	Cloudy
Winnipeg	26	16	Clear
Port Arthur	26	18	Clear
S. S. Marie	30	18	Clear
Cochrane	24	14	Cloudy
Toronto	34	22	Clear
Kingston	30	24	Clear
Ottawa	30	22	Clear
Montreal	29	18	Cloudy
Quebec	20	18	Cloudy
St. John	26	20	Snow
Halifax	28	18	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 32; lowest, 19. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 22.
Barometric Readings.
Sunday—2 p.m.—29.26.
Today—8 a.m.—29.35.



FOUR VICTIMS OF CRASH.

Above are shown Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mills and (inset) Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moulton, all former residents of London, who were instantly killed when a suburban car crashed into their auto near Detroit. The bodies of the four victims were brought to London this afternoon. It is expected that the funerals will be held tomorrow afternoon.

GRAND JURY CHOSEN, SPRING ASSIZES OPENS

Only One Criminal Case, Robert Sansone, Charged With Manslaughter.

LENNOX PRESIDES

Ten-Thousand-Dollar Damage Suit Is Being Proceeded With.

The opening of the spring assizes at the court house this afternoon before Mr. Justice Lennox, did not attract the curious crowds that prevailed at the winter sittings last month, when his honor passed death sentences on Murrell, Williams and Topping. At that time there was a double jury panel of 48 members, while this afternoon the customary 48 "good men and true" took their places in court. There were very few spectators in the room.

The only criminal case, that of Robert Sansone, was sent to the grand jury for consideration later in the afternoon. Sansone is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Emmeline Lucas, who was run down and fatally injured by a truck driven by Sansone on Jan. 31 last. Crown Attorney A. M. Judd appeared for the crown, and Albert Murphy for Sansone.

Witnesses in the case are nine in number, Mrs. Minnie Burch, Dr. M. Platt, Philip Lawson, C. W. Matthews, Alex. Judge, Stewart Gallagher, Mrs. George Tuse, (mother of Mrs. Lucas), and Detectives Thos. Bolton and Elmer Walsh.

The \$10,000 damage action of Colin Leitch vs. Robert McKay, over a motor car accident, is being proceeded with. Thos. Turnbull was chosen foreman of the grand jury, without the jurymen retiring to their room. Mr. Justice Lennox explained the duties of the grand jury in a clear and concise manner.

Following are the names of the grand jury: John Abbott, Lucan, gentleman; W. E. Buttery, Adelaide Township farmer; A. E. Benhart, Parkhill, merchant; Robert N. Campbell, Mosa, farmer; Geo. W. Edwards, Mosa, farmer; C. D. Kent, Alisa Craig, banker; George Mahon, Nissouri, farmer; James Peters, Caradoc, farmer; B. O. Parker, Strathroy, merchant; G. E. Thornicroft, Westminster, farmer; Thomas Turnbull, Lobo, gentleman; Austin Winter, London Township, drover.

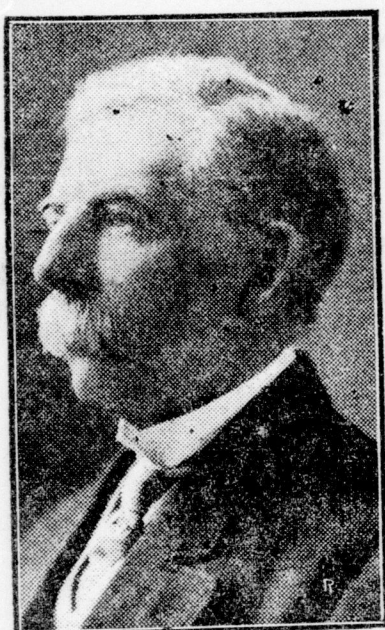
BIGGEST THROUGH TRAIN TAKES AUTOS TO COAST

C. P. R. Officials Here See a Bumper Season For Automotive Industry.

In the opinion of C. P. R. officials here the automotive industry is the first in Canada to show a decided change for the better. As evidence of this they point to the fact that the largest through train of autos to Vancouver passed through the city a few days ago on that road.

The shipment occupied a train of 43 cars, each car containing six autos, and all sold to dealers on the coast, and shipped from the Walkerville plant of the Ford Motor Company.

"It is the first through train of merchandise this season to be handled by our road," said W. J. Anderson, district freight agent.



MR. JUSTICE LENNOX, who is presiding at the spring assizes, which opened at the court house today. Mr. Justice Lennox presided also at the winter assizes.

M'KAY PLANS SAME ACTION IN "U" GRANT

Will Not Support Any Grant to Institution in Excess of \$25,000.

As last year, Ald. Frank McKay will support any grant to the University of Western Ontario, in excess of \$25,000. Ald. McKay insists that the municipal procedure bylaw should be adhered to; that is to say, if the bylaw means anything. The bylaw provides that all expenditures in excess of \$25,000 must go to a vote of the people, and the Labor councillor feels that the latter action should follow if the bylaw is to remain on the statutes.

It is understood also that Mayor Wenige favors the reduction of the 1923 grant of \$55,000 to the university to \$30,000, but from present indications it is extremely unlikely that he could secure a majority of the council in such a venture.

CITIZENS URGED TO PLACE ONE STAMP ON PARCELS

In order to speed up the work and lessen confusion in the despatch of mail, the postoffice department desires the co-operation of the public and asks that whenever possible they make one stamp do the work of two or more.

The less stamps, the better the address stands out, and lessens the possibility of becoming marked by stamp cancelling, is the advice given. Postage stamps of practically all denominations up to \$1 are issued.

MODERN SWITCHBOARD ADVISED 15 YEARS AGO

More than 15 years have elapsed since Fire Chief Aitken first recommended the installation of a modern switchboard at the central fire depot, he related.

"I came into office in 1908, when I first recommended it," he stated. "And it had been recommended for years previous by my predecessors."

FOURTEEN THOUSAND MAILMEN MAY STRIKE

Postal Carriers Declare They Will Not Accept Cut in Bonus.

EMPLOYEES AROUSED

Claim They Have Waited Long Enough For the Salary Revision.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 17.—"If the referendum vote now being taken among the Dominion postal employees gives the officers the backing they need, as I have no doubt it will, and the cabinet refuse to consider our request for salary revision there will be no further dilly-dallying. The men will strike. It is a fact there is no doubt about it."

This declaration Frank Maxwell, secretary of the Toronto branch of the Dominion Postal Clerks' Association to The Advertiser today.

This stand follows a mass meeting attended by 1,200 postal employees in the Labor Temple yesterday, when the cabinet suggestion to cut the bonus now given the men as added salary was under discussion.

When Postmaster Lennox was asked what action he would take to have mail delivered within the city should the strike materialize, and the city's business, he smiled and pointed out that in questions of this kind his policy was to accept the biblical advice, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

At least 14,000 men representing the distribution of the country's mail from coast to coast will walk out if the strike materializes. The men affected say they have a real grievance and will tolerate no further delay in salary revision and will fight to the last ditch the proposal to further reduce their earnings.

GUELPH CLERKS PROTEST.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Guelph, March 17.—The postal clerks of Guelph have entered strong protest to the government against the cutting off of the bonus until such time as the salary list has been revised, as had been promised by the premier more than a year ago. The branches of the postal clerks and railway clerks have called a joint session for Tuesday.

"INFORMATION BUREAU" IS PLANNED FOR CITY

Provision in Estimates Calls For Re-establishment of Clerkship.

Provision has been made in the 1924 estimates for the inauguration of the city hall of what will virtually constitute an "information bureau."

When he assumed office, Mayor Wenige abandoned the practice of having a clerk in the mayor's office. After more than a year in service, he has concluded that this office should be restored with enlarged duties and responsibilities.

The clerk will be furnished with much information upon municipal affairs and will be on duty throughout city hall office hours in order to give out information to inquiring rate payers upon subjects involving the city council and several city departments at the city hall.

DRAKE NOW BELIEVES UNIT SYSTEM BETTER

Reconsiders Opinion That Wing to Central High Would Be Advisable.

Ald. Gordon Drake, ward three, has concluded that it would be inadvisable to add a wing to the central collegiate institute, as he advocated last week.

Having given the question further consideration he insists now that the city council approve of the construction of a branch high school in East London. He has learnt also, he states, that the provincial department of education will not permit the proposed addition to the central school.

"It would cost just as much if not more to have the addition as it would to build a new school in East London," he submits. "I am out now for that. The unit system of high schools is the best, I believe, after further consideration."

WOULD MOTORIZED TRUCK.

Fire Chief Aitken favors the motorization of a service truck in the East London fire hall. This addition to the department would be of valuable assistance, he states, not only throughout Southeast London, but in the downtown sections.



MRS. MINNIE CHAPLIN, wife of Sidney Chaplin, brother of the famous Charlie Chaplin, who is suing a Los Angeles plastic surgeon for \$100,000 damages, alleging that an operation designed to beautify her nose by removing a depression resulted in infection which will permanently disfigure her face.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FINDS DUBLIN DRY

Saloons Are Closed and No Procession or Demonstrations Are Staged.

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day, a public and bank holiday in the Irish Free State, looked some of the features of past years. There was no procession or demonstration by the Gaelic League, which formerly was a feature of the day, and there will be no organized display of Irish-made goods in the stores during the week as in former years. This must await the horse show and the Tail Tenny games in the summer.

Dublin was to a large extent dry today. The saloons were not all closed, but the Bar Assistants' Association appealed to all its members to refrain from work on the national feast day, so that virtually the only public houses open were those in which the owners, with the assistance of their families carried on the business.

ALD. TOWE WILL OCCUPY MAYOR'S CHAIR THURSDAY

Ald. Alan Towe will be acting mayor Thursday next when Mayor Wenige and several members of the council journey to Toronto upon city business. As chairman of the traffic committee, Ald. Towe naturally specializes in problems attending this phase of city activity. A good slogan for motorists and pedestrians as well, on Thursday would be "tell your troubles to Towe."

WENIGE AND DOUGLASS TO STRIKE RATE MONDAY

Mayor George Wenige and Chairman Douglass of the finance committee propose to strike the tax rate at a special session Monday night next.

Members of the finance committee will assemble, from present arrangements, at 5 p.m. Friday for a final survey of their proposed expenditures (already below last year's), while the members of the board of works are expected to finally dispose of theirs at a special session tomorrow afternoon.

Candidates Working Hard On Last Day of Extra Votes

Results of Today's Drive May Decide Winners of Grand Prizes.

RACE STILL UNDECIDED

Final Two Weeks of Big Campaign Will See Hard Fight.

Up until midnight the contest department will be kept busy accepting subscriptions from those who are making a final cleanup for the special \$500 cash prize offer which closes today. Many candidates appreciate that what they accomplish today may mean the winning of \$2,000 or \$1,000.

Several contestants are so close that the results of their efforts up to the last hour tonight will probably decide the four leaders in the last special bonus contest of the campaign. The winners will be announced just as soon as auditors tabulate all the votes.

The final lap of the big drive begins tomorrow and the ultimate winner is as much a matter of speculation as it was at the commencement. What candidates do in the next two weeks will tell the story.

Today is the last of the special \$500 extra vote offer for every two yearly subscriptions brought in. Many

VETERANS PETITION FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Resolution Calling For Action Unanimously Passed by the Association Members.

CITY HEADQUARTERS

Believe Situation Calls For Immediate Step by Government.

Believing that the hospital situation for the treatment of returned soldiers in London has reached such a state that calls for action on the part of the government, the local branch of the G. W. V. A. has drawn up and unanimously passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the reaction in health of returned soldiers having assumed such proportions that the present system in force for the hospitalization and observation is proving inadequate, to the embarrassment, both of the returned men, patients, and the authorities at Victoria Hospital, whose facilities are taxed to a point endangering the proper handling of patients, and

"Whereas, London is the headquarters of M. D. No. 1, in which reside many thousand returned men, and that at the present time there are some sixty returned soldier patients crowded in Victoria Hospital,

"Be it resolved, that London Branch of the G. W. V. A., feeling confident that the situation is such, and that the prevailing or worse conditions will continue in effect, particularly as the disabled returned soldiers grow older, hereby respectfully calls the attention of the government to the situation, and petitions that immediate steps be taken to secure land and build, or require a suitable building in which medical and surgical disability cases (apart from those properly to be treated at Westminster or Epsom), can be adequately and scientifically cared for, and we urge that immediate steps be taken to remedy the situation as suggested.

(Signed) "GEO. TURNER," "Secretary."

TREASURER PROMISES DRASTIC TAX PLANS

Collecting Branch Out To "Clean Up," James Bell Declares.

Drastic measures will be adopted to collect all taxes throughout the current year, City Treasurer Bell stated. The tax collecting branch of municipal activity is going out to "clean up," and a start will be made with the statute labor delinquents, he stressed.

The city has the authority to furnish each employer with a list of his employees liable under this assessment, and make him directly liable for the collection. This step has never been taken by the city, but the city treasurer contemplates such action if prompt payment is not forthcoming.

FIGHT STARTS TO BOOST CITY OF LONDON BILL

The fight to insure the successful passage of the city of London bill has commenced.

Certain ratepayers, supposedly with influence on the government side of the house are in Toronto at this moment in an endeavor to get the ear of those whose opinions will be listened to with the closest attention in the private bills committee of the legislature Thursday morning next.

DAMAGE SLIGHT IN TWO WEEK-END CHIMNEY FIRES

The fire department responded to two chimney blazes over the week-end, the first coming on Saturday afternoon from the home of John Slater, 465 Waterloo street. Little damage was done.

The second run was to the home of J. L. Wilson, 785 King street, where the fire was extinguished before any damage resulted.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY "BABIES" CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, March 17.—Congratulations are being extended to two St. Patrick's Day babies today, Charles Burrows, retired journalist, who is 87 years young, with neither a pain nor an ache, and "Mike" McGuire, who takes pride in his 71 years of active citizenship. He conducts the St. Paul street "Old Curiosity Shop."



CURTIS D. WILBUR, chief justice of the supreme court of California, who has accepted a portfolio in the Coolidge cabinet as secretary of the navy.

TOPPING APPEAL FILED AT OSGOODE

D. A. J. Swanson, Counsel for Condemned Man, Starts Fight For Prisoner.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 17.—First legal steps to defeat the sentence of death imposed on Clarence Topping at London, Ontario, for the murder of his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, were taken with the filing with Osgoode Hall registrar of the appeal entered by D. A. J. Swanson, counsel for the condemned man, on Saturday morning.

A copy of the evidence taken at the trial was ordered with the filing of the appeal, and the case will likely come up for review within a week.

"WILLIE" NOW SELLS FARM IMPLEMENTS

Former German Crown Prince Now a Businessman in Potsdam.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 17.—The former German crown prince has set up as a businessman and now is living at the home of his brother, Elitel Frederick, at Potsdam, with his wife and family, according to the Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent.

Moved by Frederick William's plea that his fortune had suffered through the fall of the mark, the government gave him permission to go to Berlin and seek remunerative occupation.

At first he tried to conceal his identity from the public, but when he took the princely to the movies last Saturday the pair were recognized and greeted with cheers.

The business to which he is turning his attention is that of selling agricultural machinery, and the correspondent says his prospects of success are very bright, since all the landholders are staunch monarchists and many are personally known to the prince.

COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST THE INCREASE IN SCHOOL LEVY FOR 1924.

Another of the industries in the "annexed" districts of East London has protested against the increased school tax levied by the city council of 1923, City Commissioner H. J. Bennett announces.

This complaint has nothing to do with that department, as the commissioner points out. The assessors are assessing the property there as in former years, bringing in the two values, the present assessment, and the valuation at the time of annexation, 1914.

The industry in question is protesting in order that it may be on record when Mr. Justice Kelly of Toronto, hands down his decision with respect to the McCormick people who appealed the same levy last November.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

General maid wanted.
Refrigerator for sale.
Man and wife for farm.
Cottage for sale.
Fancy washing done.
\$10 lost.

FOUR BODIES OF VICTIMS REACH CITY FOR BURIAL

Killed When Car Crashed Into a Motor Near Detroit.

RESIDED IN LONDON

Expected That Joint Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow.

Remains of the four former Londoners, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moulton and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mills, killed when a suburban car crashed into their auto near Detroit on Saturday afternoon, arrived in London this afternoon.

All were extremely popular residents of London, and their tragic end came as a great shock to Londoners.

While no definite funeral arrangements have yet been made, it is understood that there will be a joint funeral tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Mr. Murphy of Wortley Road Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, will officiate. The funeral will be strictly private.

RESIDED IN DUTTON.

Special to The Advertiser.

Dutton, March 17.—W. Adair Mills, who was killed Saturday, together with his wife and two others when an automobile driven by him was struck by a trolley at Dearborn, Mich., was a former Dutton boy and was well known in this vicinity. He was born at Palmyra, Ont., but came here with his parents when quite young. He was educated in the local public and high schools and graduated as a teacher from the London normal school. He was interested in sports, being a good baseball player. At the outbreak of the war he joined and served overseas. For many years his father was associated with J. B. Crawford's store here, but left her about seven years ago.

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RELIEF PROBE IS NOW PLANNED FOR FRIDAY

Inspector McCallum's Return Is Awaited Before Action Is Taken.

Chairman Douglass of the finance committee announces that the investigation of the city relief department will be held Friday afternoon, providing Relief Inspector W. J. McCallum reaches the city from Ohio, where he has been visiting since his suspension by Mayor Wenige.

"I have notified him," the chairman stated, "and if he is back by Friday we'll have the investigation Friday afternoon at a meeting called already for the final survey of the estimates."

ANOTHER OF "ANNEXED" FIRMS PROTESTS TAX

Complaint Made Against the Increase in School Levy For 1924.

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