

LAWRASON UNCHANGED IN BUILDING VIEWS

Education Chairman Sees No Reason Why Plans Should Not Be Kept.

WORD AWAITED

Vice-Chairman Cairncross Would Build Wings to Central High.

The three-hour debate on the college problem at the special meeting of the board of education last Tuesday has not changed the opinion of Chairman S. F. Lawrason in the slightest with regard to the board's building plans.

"I see no reason why the board should not go ahead with its plans," declared Mr. Lawrason this morning, "including the erection of an east collegiate unit and on the actual site of the Rectory street public school."

The chairman added that owing to the absence of Dr. F. W. Merchant, director of education for the province, from the department offices at Toronto, no vote has yet been received by the board to its communication in which the department was informed of the action of the Western Fair board in permitting the board to use a portion of the exhibition grounds for playground purposes.

"My opinion of the board's building plans," concluded the chairman, "stands just exactly as it always has. The plan should go ahead as a matter of course, and without any change."

Vice-Chairman A. R. Cairncross intends to give notice of motion at the regular June meeting of the board to rescind its previous motions in connection with the east collegiate scheme and move to have two nine-room wings added to the central unit to accommodate the students now attending the central and east units.

Mr. Cairncross does not propose doing any lobbying amongst the members of the board prior to the regular meeting. He feels that, having laid his plan before the trustees, it is now up to the judgment of whether a change should be made in the program already decided upon and along what lines that change should be.

It is quite possible that the collegiate question will remain as it is at present, up in the air, until some word is heard from the department or an opportunity is afforded Mr. Cairncross to give effect to his central collegiate proposal at the regular meeting of the board.

MANUFACTURERS CLAIM INCREASE ABNORMAL

Companies' Ocean Rates Prohibitive On Some Articles—Costs 566 Per Cent More.

Ottawa, May 21.—A statement filed before the parliamentary committee on ocean rates by the Canadian manufacturers' association yesterday afternoon, showed increases ranging as high as 566 per cent in this year, as compared with 1914.

It showed an increase of 566 per cent in the rate on shoe lasts; 222 per cent on canned goods; 161 per cent in the oatmeal rate; 156 per cent in the automobile rate, as well as a number of other increases. Conservative members of the committee objected to the method of examining certain witnesses put forward by H. J. Symington, K.C., counsel for the government, was cross-examining Thomas H. Thompson, accountant for the Canadian companies, "It looks to me as if you are falsifying their accounts," said W. A. Black of H. H. Stevens of Vancouver, agreed with this. Mr. Symington denied that there was any such suggestion, and merely seeking information required by the committee's auditor. He was supported by Chairman McMaster.

FIVE MEN WOUNDED WHEN JAIL IS RUSHED

Mob 5,000 Strong Attempts To Release Two Negroes From Texas Prison.

Associated Press Despatch. Dallas, Texas, May 21.—Five men were wounded when a mob made a rush on the Dallas county jail early today in an effort to take Frank and Lorenzo Noel, negroes, charged with murder and criminal assault. Officers guarding the jail met the rush with a volley of shots.

About 30 shots were fired, most of them into the air. The attack promptly subsided after the first volley and members of the mob fell back a distance of about a block or more.

The crowd began gathering early in the night, and at midnight had swelled to five thousand or more. Police and firemen established lines around the jail building and the latter kept the crowd at a distance by playing streams of water upon them.

When the jail building deputy sheriff maintained a secondary line of defense. They were armed with shotguns, fire hoses and supplies of ammonia and tear gas, prepared to use them.

Theatre Guide

THE CAPITOL. McPhillips Buncher Boys' Band and Corinne Griffith in "Declasse."

LOREWS. Lewis Stone in "Husbands and Wives." There acts of vaudeville.

CADET UNIFORMS READY NEXT WEEK

Here in Time For Review by Lieutenant-Governor—Second in Command.

Administrator G. A. Wheable announced this morning that the new cadet uniforms for the public school corps are expected to arrive the beginning of next week.

The 1,000 uniforms, which are being secured from the Moyer Co., Toronto, through Smallman & Ingram, Limited, will thus be on hand in plenty of time for the review before Col. Harry Cockshutt, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, which is scheduled to take place at Victoria park on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

In addition to reviewing the corps Col. Cockshutt will deliver an address. The corps will be in charge of Lieut. H. A. Secord, Simcoe street school, cadet brigadier.

Lieut. Col. George H. Gillespie, district cadet officer, M. D. No. 1, has sent out hundreds of invitations to attend the review, the invitations being sent out on behalf of the London board of education and Brig.-Gen. W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., district officer commanding M. D. No. 1, London.

FIRE TRUCK ACCIDENT WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Recent Crash Will Be Aired Before Finance Committee Tomorrow.

At a special meeting of the finance committee tomorrow at 5 o'clock the recent accident in which a fire truck and a private car were involved will be probed.

This meeting was called by Chairman Frank McKay and a full attendance is looked for. It is also probable that members of the council in the public works committee will drop in for a few minutes. Several of them hold watching briefs for various parties in the affair.

WRECKED AUTO CAUSES MYSTERY

Motor Car Found Abandoned in Ditch Near Crumlin—Occupants Escape.

A wrecked motor car, abandoned in a ditch three miles east of Crumlin on the provincial highway last night, furnished police with a 12-hour mystery which was cleared up this morning when the driver's name, Walter M. Thurston of Davenport, Iowa, was learned.

The car was found lying in a ditch, the front wheels twisted, with glass smashed and top battered. Blood stains covered the rear seats. Police feared that someone had been seriously injured, and proceeded to inquire at local hospitals and farm houses in the vicinity if survivors of the wreck had been taken in.

Thurston and other passengers had a narrow escape, it was learned this morning. The position of the car in the ditch indicated that it was travelling at a fast rate of speed as it jumped the road. The occupants escaped with minor cuts and bruises. The top of the auto was cut away for the occupants to crawl from the wreckage.

The car was towed to the Frank McLaughlin garage today. Thurston and his companions spent the night in an East London hotel.

NEW NAMES REPLACE OLD ONES IN OFFICES

G. A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., Now Tops List of School Officials.

A golden touch is being given the future of London's new public school inspector, J. C. Stothers, M.A., B. Paed., B. Ed., by the board of education office this morning.

Though Mr. Stothers does not assume his duties here until Sept. 1, the board is having his name placed on the door of his office at education headquarters in the public utilities commission building in gold leaf.

Though V. K. Greer, M.A., left town for Toronto several weeks ago it was not until this morning that his name was removed from the directory board at the entrance way of the commission building leading to the board's offices on the third floor.

The name of G. A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., now tops the directory as the senior inspector administrator, while a space is left underneath for Mr. Stothers' name to be entered on the board as the assistant public school inspector.

Incidentally Mr. Greer's name is gold on the door of his former office being replaced by that of Mr. Wheable. The office of administrator has come to stay apparently since the appointment of Mr. Wheable's door will in future read: "Senior Inspector and Administrator."

YUKON OPENS SOON.

Navigation to the Yukon will open about the first week in June, according to an advice received from Ottawa today by Postmaster T. C. Duncan. The parcel post service will be resumed with the first sailing.

BUSY ON COUNTY ROADS.

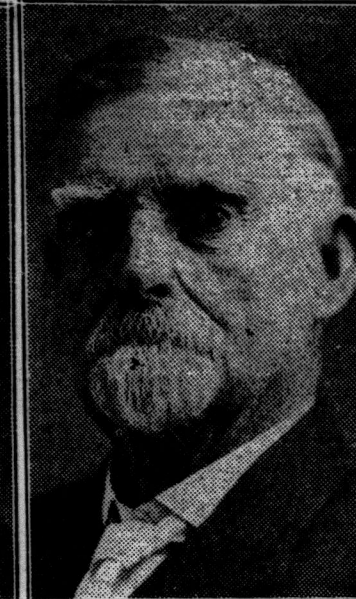
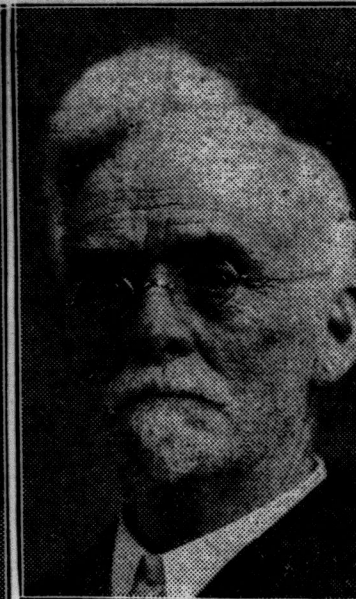
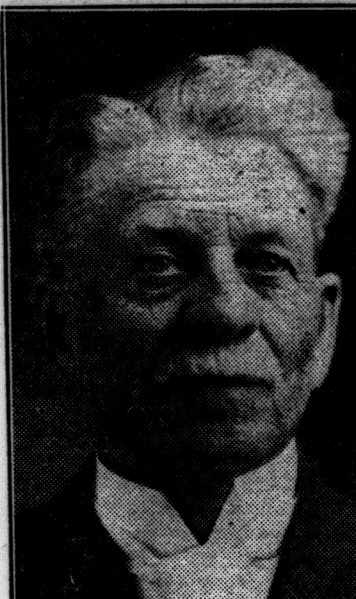
M. R. Rosser, road superintendent of London township, has lost no time in completing his road organization for the coming season. Mr. Rosser has appointed 64 road foremen, and work on the township roads is starting in earnest.

655 HOGS SHIPPED.

Some 655 hogs were shipped from Middlesex county during the week ending May 14, according to the report received at the department of agriculture office this morning from the live stock branch of the Ontario government. Grantham headed the list with a shipment of 97 hogs.

HAMILTON PRINTERS STRIKE.

Hamilton Press Despatch. Hamilton, May 21.—The printers in the offices of the Herald and Spectator went on strike today at 1:15 p.m. falling settlement of a dispute over a wage scale.



MINISTERS ARE SUPERANNUATED.

celebrating his jubilee of 50 years in the ministry. In the center is Rev. George J. Kerr, of Lambeth, now superannuated after slightly less than a service of 50 years. On the right is Rev. John Hall, also living in Lambeth, who holds a record of 54 years' official connection with the Methodist church.

LOSS OF HOME INFLUENCE AMERICA'S CRIME CAUSE

Passion For Thrills Also Given in Expert Crime Student's Reasons.

UNENVIABLE RECORD \$2,000,000 Fund Being Raised To Police Country Against "Business Burglars."

By ROBERT T. SMALL. Copyright, 1925.

Cincinnati, O., May 21.—A complete breakdown of home influence and home discipline, together with a passion for thrills, explains in some measure the reason for America's unenviable crime record among the nations of the world. There is also the failing influence of the church and perhaps the attempt to clamp down too tight a lid in too much of a hurry on the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors.

All of this is the careful diagnosis of an expert student of crime, the man who is raising a fund of \$2,000,000 to "police" the nation against a growing class of crooks—the so-called "business burglars." This man believes that American business has been drawn into the vortex of crime. Startling statistics are available to show that hundreds of murders are committed in this country against a single homicide in England, that twenty-two times as many burglaries are committed in Chicago as in the immense city of London, England.

DAWSON HAS TROUBLE KEEPING THEM BUSY

Prisoners At Jail Have Sawed All the Wood On Hand.

Governor Dawson of the county jail is hard put these days to find work for all the prisoners under his charge. However, the governor manages to keep the boys busy, even going to the extent of having the boys that line the jail driveway whitewashed.

The prisoners have sawed cord after cord of wood until there is now a plentiful supply for the laundry stove. All the old boards and stray bits of wood around the jail yard are now being split for kindling, while the court house lawn is being mowed and clipped twice a week.

HOLE IN HAMILTON ROAD SOURCE OF ACCIDENTS

A deep hole in the pavement at Hamilton road, near Egerton street, is the cause of complaint from citizens of that district, who declare it has been the source of several accidents.

Mrs. H. Betts, 110 Wharncliffe road, in stepping from a street car last night, stumbled in the hole and sprained her ankle. Several motor cars have been thrown from the road after striking the hole.

REPORT BEING FORWARDED.

The county auditors' report for the March quarter, and disbursements, Middlesex, are being forwarded today to all the members of the county council and other interested parties.

HENRY POCOCK HEADS LAITY IN METHODIST CONFERENCE

Londoner Succeeds I. Waterworth of Wardville As President.

Support Union Unanimous Approval Given Fusion By District Lay Workers.

Henry Pocock, of this city, was elected president of the lay association of the London Methodist conference at the opening session held yesterday afternoon in the King Street Presbyterian church.

The first meeting of the 47th conference goes down on record as the largest in the history of the Western Ontario body. The growth of the past year was attributed to the widespread interest in church union, and the major discussions of the afternoon revolved about that topic.

The decision to carry the lay association in its entirety into the United Church of Canada was outstanding in Wednesday's business. The move won unanimous approval, and all speakers for the continuance of the present body saw in church union a richer field for the endeavors of the lay association.

Isaac Waterworth, of Wardville, the retiring president, was named honorary president, while the vice-presidency went to F. O'Brien, of Stratford. The delegates paid tribute to L. W. Allison, of Essex, the energetic secretary of the past year, and urged him to take the post for the next term. Mr. Allison, retired, however, in favor of Mr. Steadman.

VISITS COUNTY BUILDINGS.

County Councillor Henry Billings of McGillivray was a visitor at the county buildings this morning.

More Farewell Notes From Ill-Fated Valkyrie Found In Second Bottle

Messages From Doomed Men Addressed To Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Knaggs.

END WAS NEAR

Scraps of Brown Paper Washed Ashore Yesterday Where First Were Seen.

When the little ship Valkyrie, the Port Stanley motor launch recently lost a gale, was kicking into the big seas out in Lake Erie, the men aboard were thinking of their homes and mothers. Pieces of brown wrapping paper, covered with messages, were entrusted to the fastness of two bottles.

Two days ago one containing the last message of Bert Butcher of Port Stanley drifted ashore near Cleveland. Yesterday another bottle containing two other messages were found near the same place. These last messages are from Frank Payne of Port Stanley and George Knaggs, formerly of London. They are addressed to Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Knaggs.

"I was coming to see you, mother," says the letter from George Knaggs, "but I came here instead. Good-bye."

Mrs. Knaggs, although living in Windsor, lived at one time in London. Relations and friends of the men who were lost have asked the finders of the bottles to send them across.

The messages, like the last word from Bert Butcher, are scrawled in a jumpy hand, and make no mention of the danger confronting the writers. They are merely letters of farewell to the mothers on land, the valedictory of the men who crouched with lifebelts fastened round spray-soaked coats waiting for their tiny craft to founder under their feet. They were written within a few minutes of the end for one of them was wet with the kiss of the waves which soon after smothered the Valkyrie and later cradled the bodies of her adventurous crew.

SIR ADAM'S HEALTH MAY DELAY BOARD

Street Railway Hearing May Be Postponed Again If Beck Is Not Ready.

London's street railway, city council and agreement with the street railway are all on the knees of the gods and are dependent on the whim of the Ontario railway board at present. Since the matter of the breach of the franchise bylaw by the company was handed over to the city solicitor for presentation to the railway board, nothing has been done.

This meeting of the board was set for ten days ago, but was postponed indefinitely at the request of a friend of Sir Adam Beck on the ground that Sir Adam Beck was not well enough to attend. The date of the meeting of the board is uncertain, nothing having been heard in the city so far. In the meantime the street railway is functioning at the five-cent rate and everyone is paying it.

While Sir Adam is not directly interested in the meeting of the board, not having been appointed or asked to represent the city in any way, and having no authority from the city to do so, his illness may be again considered by the board and result in a further postponement of the meeting. Friends of Sir Adam, who have seen him since his return, do not believe that he will be well enough to attend a meeting of this kind for a week or two, but admit that they are only guessing at things, and that the hydro knight is apt to surprise people who try to estimate his health and strength.

FOX MORE RATIONAL AND TAKES EXERCISE

Prisoner Found Insane Is Still in Jail—No Longer Violent.

Thomas Fox, found to be insane several weeks ago by Dr. J. S. D. Wilson, jail physician, and Dr. Stevenson, of the Ontario hospital staff, is still behind bars at the county jail. No word has yet been received by the authorities as to when Fox will be moved to the criminally insane ward at the Ontario reformatory, Guelph.

Fox, who was extremely violent three weeks ago, would not eat his meals until he had been tested each dish set before him, declaring that the food was poisoned. He is more rational at the present time, jail authorities state, and is not adverse to taking exercise with the rest of the prisoners.

GUINNERS ARE PRAISED BY CHIEF OF STAFF

Second Letter of Congratulations in 20 Years Received By Local Brigade.

Col. E. C. Dean, A.D.C., military district No. 2, has received the non-commissioned officers of the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, at a social event given at the armories last night read a letter of congratulation to the officers and men on their splendid work.

The letter was the second of such a nature that Col. Dean had seen in twenty years of staff work. He congratulated Lieut.-Col. Chisham and officers and other ranks assembled, on the esprit de corps which had enabled them to merit such a remarkable showing.

Capt. (Ald.) Douglas and Col. T. J. Murphy, D.M.C., M.D., No. 1, were guests of honor at the affair, with his orchestra recruited from the band, gave a splendid encore. Bridge and progressive euchre preceded songs and recitations by members of the unit. A buffet lunch was served.

EARL OF YPRES SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

Associated Press Despatch. Deal, England, May 21.—Earl of Ypres, former field Marshal French, whose condition was described yesterday as "very grave," rallied early this morning. He obtained a little sleep and it was stated that his condition was slightly improved. He underwent an operation on March 19.

DRUNK AGAIN ESCAPES WITH 10-DOLLAR FINE

Chief Urges Thirty Days For David Gunn—Deputy Magistrate On Bench.

Deputy Magistrate F. W. Gladman took the bench in city police court this morning in the absence of Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon. The court session consisted of only one case, which was disposed of in few minutes.

David Gunn paid his second visit to the court in one week on an intoxication charge. He was fined \$10 and costs last Monday, raining his freedom only to repeat the offence. Gunn told the magistrate he would never get drunk again if only given another chance. Although Chief Birrell advised a 30-day sentence be given, Mr. Gladman, following in Mr. Graydon's footsteps, imposed a fine of \$10 and costs or ten days. Gunn took the ten days.

With the sailing of the steamer Valreale on June 3, the direct parcel post service to Italy will be resumed, according to a despatch received from Ottawa today by Postmaster T. C. Duncan.