

ASK \$14,600 INCREASE FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOY PRESENTS ESTIMATES

Tentative Figures For 1924 Show That \$14,600 of Increase Is Needed For Carrying Out of Parks and Playgrounds Program—Net Increase in Waterworks Revenue Estimated at \$6,251.26.

FIGURES COVER COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES

Tentative estimates for 1924, which were presented at yesterday's meeting of the public utilities commission, showed an increase of \$14,600 in the amount of money that will be required from next year's council for parks and playgrounds. This is offset, to some extent by the estimated net revenue increase of the waterworks department of \$6,251.26.

The estimates, prepared by General Manager E. V. Buchanan, cover every phase of activity of the commission, with the exception of the electrical department, for which the commission is responsible to the provincial body and not the municipality. The estimates of the park committee were the first presented, and these were gone into thoroughly. In the construction account a large increase is noted, this being for the construction of roads and other improvements, notably at Springbank Park. Maintenance shows a decrease, as does the appropriation for the zoo. An overdraft of \$7,413.34 for 1923, which was carried into this year, has been wiped out, and there is no prospect of one being added to the 1924 figures.

Parks.	Approx. Expend. 1923.	Estimate 1924.
Construction	\$ 3,345 95	\$12,500 00
Maintenance	10,073 99	8,100 00
Gardening, etc.	12,123 40	15,000 00
Boulevards	3,772 59	4,250 00
Zoo	2,719 21	2,500 00
Tourist camp	515 95	750 00
General expense	3,241 34	4,000 00
Overdraft from 1922	7,413 34	

Receipts, rentals	\$43,158 79	\$2,756 79
City appropriation	\$40,000 00	\$45,000 00
Playgrounds:		
Construction	15,113 22	10,000 00
Supplies and equipment	1,181 31	500 00
Maintenance	5,882 00	6,000 00
Salaries	4,062 33	5,000 00
General expense	2,761 84	2,500 00
Overdraft from 1922	325 79	

Less deficit	\$29,116 84	\$31,644 79
Receipts	7,644 79	1,644 79
City appropriation	\$20,000 00	\$30,000 00
Waterworks:		
Earning from metered water	131,932 22	140,000 00
Earning from unmetered water	68,729 66	66,000 00
Earning from municipal service	28,565 00	21,000 00
Earning from supplying river water	13,565 00	13,000 00
Earning from miscellaneous	7,947 52	8,000 00

Expenditures:	\$237,428 00	\$243,000 00
Operating maintenance and consumers' premises expenses	\$1,929 44	\$4,000 00
General and collection expenses	22,994 38	23,000 00
Interest on overdraft, city balance, etc.	7,755 19	8,000 00
Capital expenditure out of revenue	17,000 00	16,000 00
	\$107,748 74	\$114,000 00

News From City Churches

ORCHESTRA OBTAINED. The local council of Anglican Young People report splendid cooperation from the local organizations in making preparations to entertain delegates to the Dominion convention. St. George's Cathedral Orchestra, under the direction of St. Byfield, have offered their services for the coming-of-age dinner in the Y. M. C. A. this evening, and the local council have gratefully accepted the offer. The orchestra includes the following: violin, St. Byfield; two saxophones, H. Bend; C. Johnston; piano, Miss E. Belmont; harp, E. Day; drums and traps, N. McMaster; flute, W. Leahy.

CONGREGATION W. M. S. The program at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the W. M. S. of the First Congregational Church was one of particular interest. Miss F. Smith was in charge and the story was told of the founding of a mission station in Portuguese West Africa by Dr. Currie. Mrs. T. H. Hill, who spent a portion of her vacation service in Africa at this station, told the members many interesting things concerning it. The program included a solo by Miss Evelyn Wright.

KING STREET W. M. S. The King Street Wesleyan W. M. S. met on Wednesday of this week, instead of on Thursday, their usual day of meeting, to hold their annual thanksgiving service. Rev. W. R. McIntosh gave a splendid address on W. M. S. work, and there was a reading by Miss Alice Miller and a solo by Mrs. W. R. McIntosh. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. McIntosh.

CHELSEA GREEN L. A. The Ladies' Aid of the Chelsea Green Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. Jackson, Adelaide street. Mrs. J. Snow was in charge. Plans for the winter's work were talked over.

ST. GEORGE'S SALE. Members of the Guild of St. George's Church, West London, held a successful sale of fancy work yesterday afternoon, as well as making plans for a bazaar to be held about the middle of November. Mrs. G. B. Sage and Mrs. G. J. Guymer were appointed the general conveners. The conveners of the various sub-committees are as follows:

Work table, Mrs. F. G. Turville, Mrs. E. Talbot and Mrs. Woodworth; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. F. Humphries; home cooking, Mrs. W. H. Brown and Mrs. F. Hodgins; art, Miss A. Smith and Miss A. Platt; candy, fruits and preserves, Mrs. J. Hobbs, Mrs. L. Stephenson and Mrs. Osborne; Christmas tree and fish pond, the Girl Guides; ice cream, Mrs. F. Cusack; men's book, the general store will be in charge of the men of the church.

QUI VIVE CLASS MEETS. Meeting last evening, the Qui Vive Class of Wellington Street Methodist.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. WEGG—At Queen Alexandra Sanatorium on Friday, Oct. 19, 1923, Abol Bradford, beloved and youngest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late George W. Wegg, aged 37 years. Funeral from the family residence, 718 Lorne Ave., Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

W. H. GREENWOOD, FORMER EDITOR, DIES IN TORONTO

Became Managing Editor of London, Ontario, Paper in 1904.

SIR HAMAR BROTHER

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Oct. 19.—William Hamar Greenwood, well known Toronto newspaperman, died this morning at his home, 23 Rosborough street west, after a lingering illness. For many years well known in London, Ontario and Toronto and London, he subsequently was engaged in financial promotion endeavors in England. Sir Hamar Greenwood, former chief secretary for Ireland, is a brother.

Born in Whitby, Ontario, 51 years ago, second son of the late John Hamar Greenwood, barrister, "Billy" Greenwood graduated with honors in political science at the University of Toronto, and entered as a law student at Osgoode Hall, but soon followed his inclination and took to newspaper work as a reporter for the World. Endowed with a natural talent for the gathering and attractive presentation of news, and with a personality that easily made and retained friendships, and possessed of a brilliant style in writing, he quickly achieved success as a city editor and then news editor. For a time, too, he represented the World in the parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa.

In 1904 he became managing editor of the London Free Press, but returned to the World as managing director, from which he resigned to go to Vancouver in the interests of a London, England, financial house. During the war he was director of publicity for the Canada Food Board.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter, the late Dr. Tamblay of Bowmansville; two daughters, Mrs. Hugh T. Carmichael of Regina, and Miss Julia at home; one brother, Sir Hamar Greenwood, and five sisters.

PEOPLE OF NEW YORK HEAR SISTINE SINGERS

Famous Choir Gives First Concert After Arriving in America.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Oct. 19.—The choir of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, which recently arrived for a tour of Canada and the United States, gave its first concert here last night. A large audience at Carnegie Hall accorded the choir an enthusiastic reception. It sang under the leadership of Mr. Don Antonio Reila, perpetual vicar of the pontifical chapel. The singing made a deep impression, and the performance of the choir showed mastery of difficult phrasing. The tone was full and rich and balance was generally good.

The program contained only music of liturgical character. On its Canadian tour the choir will sing in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec.

POLICE UNCOVER PLOT TO KILL MINISTERS

Rumanian Fascist Blamed For Scheme To Assassinate Four of Cabinet.

Associated Press Despatch. Bucharest, Oct. 19.—A general assassination plot with four members of the cabinet among the prospective victims, was uncovered by the police here last night following attack on M. Rosenthal, editor of the newspaper Adeverul, by an alleged Rumanian Fascist. Rosenthal was so badly injured that he is not expected to live.

The police are holding one, Codreanu, one of the leaders of the Rumanian Fascist, and say that the plot originated in the Fascist organization. The ministers said to have been marked for assassination are M. Banu, minister of worship; M. Florescu, justice; Constantinescu, agriculture; and Marzescu, labor.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Three New Auxiliaries Organized, Officers Report At District Meeting in Sparta.

Special to The Advertiser. Sparta, Oct. 18.—The St. Thomas District Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held their annual convention here Wednesday with morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. J. N. Gould of Port Stanley, district superintendent, presided. The auxiliaries reported that about \$700 had been raised during the past year in addition to the amount contributed by the circles and bands. The district superintendent reported three new auxiliaries, three new circles and three new bands as having been organized—one of the latter named being at Dexter with twenty members. Two of the branch officers, Mrs. R. S. Heard and Mrs. L. D. Marlett of St. Thomas, were present and rendered valuable contributions to the convention.

Others who took part were: Mrs. Holman of St. Thomas, Mrs. (Rev.) H. T. Ferguson of Aylmer, Mrs. McRoberts of Brownville, and Mrs. Robert Hicks of St. Thomas. The Sparta Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. (Dr.) Kilgour gave two musical numbers that were much enjoyed.

The convention of 1924 will be held in Grace Church, St. Thomas.

RUMOR ELIHU ROOT OFFERED LONDON AMBASSADORSHIP

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Oct. 18.—Reports that the Coolidge administration is seriously considering Elihu Root for the ambassadorship at London, are declared to be well founded. A high authority today said Mr. Root could have the honor if he would accept and declared the administration would like to appoint him. It is uncertain whether Mr. Root will take the post in view of his age, although he is a vigorous as many men much younger.

WINNIFEG LABOR CANDIDATE STRICKEN WITH INFLUENZA

Special to The Advertiser. Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—Ald. Heaps, labor candidate in North Winnipeg against E. J. Murray, solicitor-general, has been stricken with influenza and will not be able to take further part in the campaign. Many members of parliament are helping each other at present.

WHEAT VOLUME SHIPPED INCREASES AT WINNIPEG

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—Wheat inspection here yesterday totaled 1,774 cars, as compared with 1,493 cars for the corresponding date last year. Contract grades aggregated 1,604 cars. Coarse grains aggregated 219 cars as against 325 a year ago.

Big Potato Crop On Swamp Land

Special to The Advertiser. Blenheim, Oct. 18.—The Rondeau Land Company of which E. W. Knight of Blenheim is president, is digging a splendid crop of potatoes on reclaimed marsh lands in the Burk Drainage Pumping scheme in South Huron. The potatoes are of the "Tuttenham" variety, are clean and are of good size and quality. They have around 30 acres and are turning out from 150 to 200 bags an acre.

A few years ago these lands were considered waste land and were used mostly as duck hunting grounds. Thousands of acres in Kent county in the proximity to the lake shore, have been reclaimed from swamps through the pumping scheme.

WANT LANDLORDS' POWERS CURBED

Conditions in New York Declared by Witnesses To Be Terrible.

MANY ARE STARVED

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Oct. 18.—Stories of whole families suffering from malnutrition because they could not pay the rent and buy food; of mothers starving their babies; of men, of tenement district where the average infant was six pounds underweight; of "safety" fire escapes, and gouging landlords—all because of the shortage of homes and exorbitant rents—were related before the state housing commission today.

The climax to a steady recital of conditions, variously described as horrible, inhuman, indecent and deplorable, came when the commission asked Justice Aaron I. Levy, president of the board of municipal court justices, if he would suggest any amendment of the emergency rent law.

"Yes," answered the justice: "I would wipe out the rent laws and abolish the landlords' right to summary proceedings and ejection of tenants. If I could have the common law fall back on."

Contrary to previous testimony presented by Dr. Samuel Lindsay, professor of medicine at Columbia University, an emergency exists in the housing situation, and there is need of widespread suffering, Justice Levy declared, that during the first nine months of the year landlords brought action for summary proceedings and ejection of tenants, and that the law was unable to pay rent increases demanded of them, and unable to find other homes.

Thousands of rental cases now await jury trial in Greater New York, and it will be years before the courts can dispose of them, the justice said. Landlord associations, he said, were able to find other homes.

EXONERATE WINMILL FOR DEATH OF CHILD

Goderich Man Freed From Blame After Two Sittings of Jury.

Special to The Advertiser. Goderich, Oct. 18.—After being out for about half an hour the jury, empaneled before Coroner Dr. A. C. Hunter, to inquire into the death of little Russell McKay, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McKay, which occurred on September 30, completely exonerated Oscar Winnmill, the driver of the automobile which struck the little boy. Throughout two lengthy sittings, during which the case for the crown was handled by Crown Attorney Charles MacKay, and the defense was handled by the local council chamber was crowded to the doors. M. G. Cameron, K.C., appeared on behalf of Mr. Winnmill at the inquest.

The jury, of which Mr. P. J. Ryan was foreman brought in a verdict of accidental death due to unavoidable circumstances. The evidence of Winnmill was corroborated by several other witnesses who were called. He said that the child was playing on the road when he turned into a corner street, and when he blew his horn the child ran off the road, the girl to the left, the latter taking his tricycle with him. The boy stood at the side of the road. Mr. Winnmill testified, until he was called fifteen feet from him, when he made a right turn, and the child was struck. Winnmill said he was driving the left to go behind him, but the little chap again changed his mind, when he was driving the right hand side of the road, and turning back, ran directly in the path of the car. The evidence showed further that Winnmill was driving at a very moderate rate of speed, and that his brakes were in first-class shape.

WILLIAM SCHMIDT EXPIRES DRIVING NEAR SHAKEPEARE

Canadian Press Despatch. Stratford, Oct. 18.—William Schmidt of Shakespeare, well-known driver and butcher, expired suddenly yesterday while driving near Shakespeare. Mr. Schmidt was in his 67th year and had been suffering from heart trouble for years. Yesterday afternoon he was on his way to work, but had not gone far when he collapsed. He leaves his widow and one daughter. A son, Gordon, was killed in an auto accident about two years ago at almost the same spot where the father collapsed yesterday.

FAIR AT MORAVIANTOWN DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

Special to The Advertiser. Moraviantown, Oct. 18.—Favored by ideal weather, the annual fair held on Wednesday started with a record-breaking attendance. The exhibits were numerous and drew much praise from the visitors. Although the grain and fruit exhibits were not so large as in other years they were of a first-class quality. The work exhibited by the ladies was one of the outstanding features of the fair.

The midway attractions where snake charmers, fire eaters and many other freaks drew a good patronage.

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FORMER PREMIER HONORS LINCOLN

Lloyd George Pays Homage To President's Memory At Tomb.

GREATEST AMERICAN

Associated Press Despatch. Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18.—David Lloyd George came here today and paid homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

With bare head in spite of the cold, driving rain, the war-time premier of Great Britain approached the monument and entered the tomb of the martyred president, where he placed on the sarcophagus a wreath of flowers and spoke the words: "A humble and reverent homage to the memory of one of the world's greatest men."

Accompanying him were Dame Margaret and Miss Megan Lloyd George, as well as the members of the official reception committee.

Standing with head slightly bowed, the sarcophagus, and for a moment in deep reverie, the man, who also has known the pressure of greatest responsibilities in the time of war, said audibly, as if speaking to himself, rather than those about him: "He is the greatest man grown up on the American continent. He is growing old, oh, yes, he grows old. 'I've just been reading about the time he had. I read of the most recent ones about two years ago. It was rather an account of the troubles he had in the war with generals and politicians. They were worse than mine.'"

Mr. Lloyd George was officially welcomed to the state tomb by Governor Small at a public dinner in the Leland Hotel. The governor said that "This has been a courageous journey to the state tomb and to his fellow men as was that of our martyred president."

In his address Mr. Lloyd George paid tribute to the state tomb and to the memory of Lincoln. "There have been great men whose lives constitute part of the history of the world," he said. "There are a few whose lives have become part of the legends of humanity. These are the greatest, and Lincoln's name will ever remain conspicuous among these whose lives are wider than that it was at the date of his death, and it is still widening. His influence is deeper, and it is still deepening."

ONLY ONE ADDRESSES 'GOOD MORNING DEARIE' Mrs. John Yake, 356 Dundas Street, Wins Box Seats For Recognizing Star.

"Good Morning Dearie," smilingly exclaimed Mrs. John Yake of 356 Dundas street, yesterday afternoon, as she espied, leaving Calverton's & Lawrence's drug store, a personage than Miss Virginia Watson, winsome comedienne of the "Good Morning Dearie" musical comedy, now playing at the Grand.

By recognizing the dainty star and addressing her with the foregoing words, Mrs. Yake won two box seats for the evening performance of the revue that for many weeks charmed New Yorkers at the Globe Street Theatre.

The contest was staged by the management of the Grand, and her daughter, Miss Watson, was the only person to greet Miss Watson, who verified the rumor that one of the members of the Forest City's sterner sex recognized her, or if they did, they were too bashful to try for the box seats.

Between four and five this afternoon, Miss Watson will again be on the downtown streets and in many of the stores, and any one greeting her with the same words will receive two box seats for Friday night.

STRATFORD COALYARD IS SWEEP BY FLAMES

Stratford, Oct. 18.—Fire, which broke out at midnight in the coal yard of C. Snyder & Sons, one of the largest coal dealers in this city, caused damage that will run close to \$10,000.

How the fire started is a mystery. It was one of the most spectacular blazes seen here for some time, and the reflection could be seen for miles. Firemen battled with the stubborn blaze for one hour and a half before it was finally brought under control.

Only today the firm received eleven cars of Alberta coal, which will add considerably to the loss.

MRS. PUGSLEY HEADS PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U.

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Will Pugsley of Toronto was elected president of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union at today's session of the union's annual convention. Other officers elected were:

Vice-president, Mrs. Brown, Ottawa; corresponding secretary, Miss M. McKee, North Bay; recording secretary, Mrs. Edgewood, Stratford; "Y," secretary, Miss Shaver, Toronto; L. T. secretary, Miss Denison, Toronto.

The gold medal eloquentist contest was won by Miss Laura Newcombe, Chatham. Other contestants, all over medal winners, were: Miss Alice Patterson, Beausville; Miss Alice Davis, Paris; Miss Jean Sleeth, Hamilton; and Miss Annie Moffatt, Collingwood.

AMERICAN LEGION DEMANDS REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

Associated Press Despatch. San Francisco, Oct. 19.—Opposition to the recognition of Soviet Russia and demands for the annual registration of all aliens in the United States formed the high lights of the American Legion alien committee's report, submitted on the floor of the convention yesterday.

SUES TRUCK COMPANY.

Samuel Willis, through his solicitor, J. W. G. Winnick, has issued a writ in the county court against The Ruggles Motor Truck Company Limited for \$805.30, which he claims is due on a promissory note, dated September 11, 1923.

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