BRITTAIN SCORES SYSTEM; PRAISES OFFICIALS

REORGANIZE CITY ENGINEER'S DEPT. AND CUT STAFF; HIGHER POLICE TEST

Suggests But Two Superintendents To Work Under

Engineer. GRADE ALL CLERKS

Standardization of Salaries of Civic Employees Also Advocated.

Probably the most sweeping change recommended by Dr. Horace L. Brittain and his expects, who surveyed the civic activities, affects the city engineer's department. In this the report advocates a complete reorganization and reduction of personnel, with a view to greater econ-

In their report to the city council, Dr. Brittain's experts state that while they are favorably impressed with they are favorably impressed with the quality of the work and the gen-eral efficiency of the staff, they feel well as in theory and on paper, he "considerable criticism could be should be the "commissioner of "considerable criticism could be directed toward the policies of con-

trolling operation." There could still be a considerable saving of expenditure to the people, they assert, by a substantial reductive for all of the so-called 'outside tion in the overhead charges; as a boards,' as the board of education, tion in the overhead charges; as a boards, as the board of education, reduction in the personnel of the staff; equipment, stores, and by a centralization of duties and an elimination of the over-lapping of effort.

boards, as the board of education, hospital trust, etc."

A close survey of the Brittain report reveals the encouraging fact that no fault is being found with the

Urges Re-organization.
In order to accomplish this there should be a complete re-organization and a re-distribution of duties. There are too many departments operating are too many departments operating under different heads, each practi-

cally an independent government. nation of certain departments. There ould be but two superintendents der the city engineer, one to handle all construction work, repairs, etc., the second to handle the garbage disposal system and the general mainenance services.

This, it is pointed out, would leave be city engineer free to devote his entire time to engineering questions. Ward foremen should also come un-der the general scheme of re-organi-sation and be placed under the control of one of the two superintendents and not be directly responsible to the city engineer, as at present.

Garbage Collection. Among other important recom-mendations from Dr. Brittain is the

question of the assessment for street cleaning, garbage collection, street oiling and street flushing. All these should be included in the general rate in order that the city's tax rate would be more apparent.

A closer check of the garbage collection is recommended, and Dr. Brittain does recommend that London follow the lead of other Ontario cities and abolish the statute labor tax, as the expense and trouble ministered in order to insure that his efforts could, and should, be furthered.

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tain reports, as an instance, that but | rart it. 80 per cent of the city's garbage cans have covers, and in many instances the refuse is not deposited in the receptacles in the proper manner. Greater economy generally is recom-

While Dr. Brittain and his associates recommend certain important changes in London's financing and accounting, they pay a high tribute to City Treasurer James Bell, his department and the tax collecting department as well.
"An outstanding and excellent feature of London's financial adminis-

tration," Dr. Brittain states, "is its entralization of accounting, whereby City Treasurer Bell is also treasurer of 'outside boards,' as the board of education. It is to be hoped that the total city's expenditure as a nothing will be done to decentralize whole.

after Jan. 1, the experts say. The after Jan. 1, the experts say. The estimates from the various spending bodies should be submitted by Dec.

1. As an instance, in 1923, the Longreauty facilitated by the inaugurative means of the strength until the strength and salaries, and a scientific system of engaging, promoting and retiring employees. This would, of course, be greatly facilitated by the inaugurative means of the means of the means of the means of the strength and salaries, and a scientific system. don tax rate was not struck until March 21. As a result there was no approved working plan from Jan. 1 of dollars were spent during that period. This is a serious handicap

to a businesslike administration.
Estimates should be passed and the tax rate struck some time in January, the report advises. This enables newly-elected aldermen to hold informal meetings when they can con-sider the proposed expenditures and iliarize themselves with the situ-

All information as to the former expenditures and comparative statements should be forwarded by City

Treasurer Bell to every spending body in time for the preparation of the estimates. This has also been the estimates. This has also been urged by Mayor Wenige.
As also adopted by the city council of 1923, at the instigation of Mayor Wenige, all departments should be furnished with a standard form for the submittal of these estimates.

Lacks Uniformity.

"The London budget lacks uniform-y," Dr. Brittain stated. "And there as been insufficient detail from certain departments and spending bodies. As an example, the fire de-partment budget for 1923 was shown in a sum total, with but little ex-planation as to detailed proposed expenditures."

expenditures.

Dr. Brittain approves of Mayor Wenige's "Pay-as-You-Go" policy as follows: "In our opinion the council should plan its capital expenditure as not to increase its present net debt, on the per capita basis. In debt, on the per capita basis. In

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Recommended

Reorganization of the city en-gineer's department. Greater executive power for City Treasurer James Bell. Standardization of city hall sal-

ries. Abolition of the statute labor

Important changes in the city's accounting and tax collect-

ing systems.
Closer check on the garbage Indorsation of Mayor Wenige's

Indorsation of Mayor Wenige's pay-as-you-go policy.
Estimates presented in December and tax rate struck in January.
Discontinuance of the ward system for the election of aldermen.
More searching tests for applicants to the police department.
Appointment of a competent accountant to assist Treasurer Bell and all spending bodies.

finance," and "his position should call for added prestige, enlarged responsibilities, and more power with respect to the financial control of the expenditures of the city proper." He should be the "chief financial execu-

employees. There are certain changes in the question of policy, dealing with the city's finance recommended and certain other changes in the clerical ecording suggested.

petent accountant is recommended one who could be loaned by City Treasurer Bell to the "outside

boards. Assessment Department. No radical changes in London's ssessment department can be noted through a survey of the report. It

would appear that this department is functioning as economically as can be expected under the circumstances. Certain recommendations are made ready been advocated by Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett — as keeping permanent assessors; the improvement of the file system, and

however, and the Richter scheme, now in use, is also commended.

mended for the garbage department, but the fault appears to be, from a survey of Dr. Brittain's report, with the people, who do not adhere to the cil is suggested in this matter. London's situation in this respect is simple.

ilar to other communities, Dr. Brittain points out.

He delivers a very significant statement for the consideration of Mayor Wenige and his associates and the members of other city spending and in Europe. "An analysis of the expenditures in

As recommended by Mayor Wenige the city of London budget should be brought in before or immediately after Jan. 1, the experts say. The

tion of the city manager form of administration."

"As new functions were taken or until March 21, although thousands in most cities (and Dr. Brittain is of dollars were spent during that evidently including London in this category), no adequate provision was remuneration and work for the interchange of clerks in the

stress and for selection, promotion and retiment. of the year by Mayor Wenige, who planning a campaign to raise \$1,600

ation before taking office. There is no legislation to prevent these informal gatherings.

All information as to the formar

Favors City Manager. points out that in his opinion the city manager form of administration would be more satisfactory than the present system, and from his re-marks it can be assumed safely

Police Duty Calls For Brain Rather Than Brawn, Says Brittain.

ASKS HIGHER TEST Also Wants Course of Studies On Police Duty-Dis-

approves Pensions. and his experts, who have recom-mended that more formal tests be conducted when applications for posi-tions on the local force are consid-

There should be every assurance that the officer measures up to a high standard. He also recommends that every applicant furnish a char-acter record, which shall be attached to his application card on file.

Dr. Brittain recommends further

that the maximum age for an appli-cant should be 27 years, instead of 30 years, the established age. While this has been virtually adopted by the local department, he urges formal adherence to the plan.

That extensive studies should be provided for men of all ranks is further recommended by Dr. Brittain, who also were attention to the plan. further recommended by Dr. Brittain who also urges strongly the establishment of a combined photography and fingerprint system. An up-to-

date telephone signal system is also

Disapproves Pensions,

The policemen's pension scheme, however, is not considered by Dr. Brittain's experts as being of a solid nature, and a change here is also Dr. Brittain stands squarely in support of the present system of police administration—the appointed police commission and not the elective police commission proposal, as advocated recently by Mayor Wenige and split up classes, so that all could

vised move, and Dr. Brittain strongly

direction.

"The primary objective of the police department is the prevention of be done satisfactorily."

matter of much thought to arrange the classes so that the work can be done satisfactorily." crime," Dr. Brittain states, "and the

Praise for Chief. Dr. Brittain lauds Chief Birrell's efforts to engage the best type of officer for his department, but feels that his efforts could, and should,

dard of a modern police constable, he says. "It has been stated that for every time an officer is called upon to exercise his brawn he is called upon to exercise his 1,000 times. A policeman, to be competent, must have education and Standardization of the city hall telligence. He must be sure of his alaries is recommended, and im-

of the legal rights of others at all Dr. Brittain commends Chief Birrell's system of generally selecting his recruits from the smaller towns or from the rural districts. This plan has been followed with evident

success in the metropolitan cities, He also points out that the chief went to the and his officers have "weeded out" most cities," he says, "shows that the undesirable prospects during their the cost of salaries and wages has period of probation. He suggests also a course of study throughout the year upon police and allied subjects, with addresses at regular period resses at regular periods from presiding judges, magistrates, leading barristers, etc.

"Police work should be a career and not a profession," he declares.

HILL STREET CHURCH PLANS TO RAISE \$1,600

Members Appeal For Funds To Complete Furnishing

New Edifice,

These very opinions have been Rev. John F. Johnson, pastor of voiced time and again since the first the Hill Street Baptist Church, is Rev. John F. Johnson, pastor of to complete the seating and heating of the church which was opened in June.

All through his report, Dr. Brittain They have been getting along with seats loaned by other churches, but the end of the year. these are being recalled for winter services. The Hill Street congregapresent system, and from his remarks it can be assumed safely that he considers that the time will come when this scheme will be adopted here.

As already recommended by city officials, he states also that the time will come when it will be necessary to establish a branch police station and a larger fire station in East London. These innovations have been repeatedly recommended by the chiefs at the beginning of each year.

Ottawa Mayor Is Forced To Forego Giving Welcome

debt, on the per capita basis. In this manner, London's attraction for industries would be greatly enhanced."

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Leave it to "Jimmy."

City Treasurer James Bell's posi-

DECREASE SHOWN FOR UNIVERSITY

Western's Total Enrollment This Year Is 550 Against 610 in 1922-23.

ARTS CROWDED

Registration in all classes of the University of Western Ontario shows the most important characteristics a decrease of 60 from last year, of a good police constable, in the opinion of Dr. Horace L. Brittain morning by Registrar K. P. R.

> The biggest portion of the decrease is accounted for in the medical school, where approximately 70 less shows an increase of 25, and Huron College an increase of five.
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> The totals as compiled for the

years are as follows: 1922-23 1923-24 arts, university col-Brescia Hall ... 40 Assumption College ... 47 Medical School ... 156

550 610 In addition to this there are 47 students taking extra-mural courses and six taking M.A. courses. The increase in the number of Arts students at the University of Western Ontario provides a difficulty

ficulty of accommodating them com-fortably enough to permit of their

and the representatives of several Ontario municipalities.

Placing the control of the police department in the hands of elected representatives would be an ill-advised move, and Dr. Brittain strongly we don't want to buy any more advises against any change in that chairs at present, so that it is a

security of property and person. The absence of crime is the best proof of an efficient police force." SAVS EAST END NEEDS

A. E. Silverwood States Prinly Unsuitable for School Purposes.

"It is up to the people. If they want a new collegiate in the east end of the city they will vote for it, and of the probationer is closely watched. the board have the money."
Thus spoke Trustee A. E. Silverwood, retiring member of the board of education, when informed that as far as was known at present no item calling for the building of a collegiate would be included in this year's esti-

"We were practically promised additional secondary school accomm dation last year," he continued. "We went to the council for money, and were told that they could afford to finance only the public school build-ing program. We were unanimous on the need for new collegiate space, but the council was equally adamant the other way; so the matter dropped for

the time being.
"The residents in the west end have their new school, or at least practi-cally so, while the collegiates still go along in the same way. When we were informed that we could not have were informed that we could not have the needed space, we took over the old Princess avenue school, a building that seven years ago was abandoned and condemned, and is totally unsuited for educational purposes.

"The school in East London is still needed, and the need is a very real one. It is a disgrace that collegiate pupils have to be housed in such a building.

"However, the matter is up to the

"However, the matter is up to the people. If they want a new collegiate in East London they will make their wishes known. The other sections have been well looked after in this force for a long time now, in fact, matter, and it is now up to the cifizens to see that the east gets its deserts."

Asked as to whether he would again seek re-election to the board, Mr. Silverwood stated that he had not yet considered the matter fully, but that if it was a matter of considering his own interests, he would retire at

TYPICAL ENGLISH FOG HITS LONDON THE LESS

Heavy Mist Causes Motorists in City To Drive Cautiously.

London the less never resembled old London so much as last night, when a typical English fog settled over the city at 10 o'clock. At times the vapor was so dense that it was impossible to see more than a few that the city at 10 o'clock. At times the vapor was so dense that it was impossible to see more than a few that the contain Agricultural College, will didress the Kiwanis Club here next fortail lights on automobiles could not been seen at all, and vehicles traveled through the thick milst at a walking speed.

The fog brought back memories of old Loudon, usually enveloped in those mysterious fogs which have been made famous in stories by Conan Doyle. As the penny dreadfuls say, "it was a great night for a murder." The atmosphere was perfect for all kinds of sinister carryings on, but luckily London experienced no murders or reported this morning, and the city and so the continuation of the continuation of the continuation of the continuation of the continent will be kept in daily touch with world affairs by means of the radio. A radio received in Montreal about 2 o'clock Yuesday and Friday. Sinch the world of the canadian Mational car "Cttawa," which meets him there between noon and 1 o'clock Tuesday and Friday. Sinch the world of the canadian Mational car "Cttawa," which meets him there between noon and 1 o'clock Tuesday and Friday. Sinch the canadian Mational will broadcast sevil a view to educating kills with the canadian Mational will broadcast sevil a view to educating kills will be condeast sevil a view to educating the work of carea interest in farming communities regarding the work of limportance dealing with British, for early which meets him there between the sent in daily touch with world affairs by means of the radio. A radio receiving set has been installed in the Montreal about 2 o'clock Yuesday and Friday. Sinch the world of the radio of the radio. A radio receiving set has been installed in the Montreal about 2 o'clock Yuesday and Friday. The new force of the radio of the radio of the radio o



CHIEF OF POLICE BIRRELL The chief's efforts are warmly com-mended in many ways by Dr. Britmended in many ways by Dr. Brit-tain, who would, however, further his efforts by inaugurating a more formal test for applicants. Dr. Brit-tain's declaration that "absence of is an indication of a good

POLICE SCHOOL ON POLICE FORCE

Men Have Long Been Getting Weekly Lectures on Phases of Police Duty.

FEW "BONES" NOW

this morning Chief of Police Robert Birrell stated that he had no comment to make on the police recom-mendations as made by Dr. Horace Brittain of the Citizens' Research In-

"I have not seen the doctor's report," stated the chief, "and there-fore I cannot talk about it for publication. When I do receive the comwill certainly not be opened by me until it comes before the commission n the way of business." However, the fact remains that a umber of recommendations made in the report concerning the police de-

ent have been quietly in opera. tion by Chief Birrell for several years. Dr. Brittain recommends that each own when a man applies for a job on the force, and his writing and spelling ability are tested in the formal on the force state, and every move If he does not show the necessary 'pep" and ability for the work he is taken aside by the chief and quietly told so and thus given an opportun-

ty to resign.

Weekly Lectures. Dr. Brittain also suggests that po-lice officers be given the benefit of lectures from the police magistrate ago instituted a weekly lecture to all men as regards their duty. chief or one of the sergeants presides berships had been arranged for, and at these gatherings, each phase of police work being taken up in turn.

One afternoon the men receive a Dermid presided at the meeting, astalk on the criminal code. The next sisted by Mrs. Baldwin and Miss afternoon city bylaws are up for dis. Green. Mr. Ed. Webster rendered a while the motor vehicle act and the O. T. A. may be next on the list. Round table discussions follow these meetings, and the officers are asked to relate what they would do under certain stated conditions. In other words, Chief Birreil has been conducting a police school almost from the time he was appointed

chief constable. Few "Bones" Pulled Now. "Of course every man is liable to make mistakes." stated one police offorce for a long time now, in fact, I'm one of the oldest of the constables and without being chesty I think we have the best bunch of men right now

that we ever had. "The old strong arm methods that nad to be used before prohibition are gradually passing away, although here are occasions when we have to use a little rough stuff to get our prisoners to the station. The chief. the inspector and the sergeants who are all oldtimers have given us some darn good talks at our weekly meet-ings, and you don't see the boys pull-ing much bone head stuff these days. ou only learn by experience. A man has to have some training in any line of business and we're getting lots of it from the officers of the department. The chief has been handicapped through lack of equipment, but he's done well with what he has had at his disposal, and I think anyone will admit that."

MISSION WORKERS MAKE PROGRESS IN INDIAN FIELDS

Miss K. McLaurin Tells Talbot Street Circle of Work in East.

CONVERT THOUSANDS

Miss Kate McLaurin, who returns to India to again take up her work on the Cocanada mission field in a few weeks, was the speaker at the annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Mission Circle of Talbot Street Baptist Church on Tuesday

evening.
Miss McLaurin bears a name that holds a unique position in Baptist foreign missions, and the large numforeign missions, and the large num-ber that came out to hear here was splendid testimony of the interest that the Talbot street ladies have

n this work.

Miss McLaurin described at some length the island of Divi, not far from the Bay of Bengal, rich in alluvial soil, and 80,000 acres in extent, but all lying barren and waste land when she first remembers the district. That was because there was no irrigation although there was no irrigation, although there was plenty of water right at their very door from the river. In India 97 per cent of the people live on the land and it was received. and, and it was very essential that such a piece of ground as this should be made productive. Finally there came an English engineer, who had a vision, and who had the trained mind to see what could be

Now Fertile Land.

He proposed that the place should be irrigated on a pumping plan. There were plenty to say that it could not be done, but the engineer knew it could be done, and after years of effort he was successful with his plans. Today that great tract is fertile and fruitful, and in the time of famine sent to one district alone 25,600 bushels of rice. Miss McLaurin proceeded to draw a very clear parallel between the vision and determination of that engineer to give water to that barren island, and the efforts of the missionaries to give the water of life to those out there who had never had a chance to hear the gospel. The ore I cannot talk about it for publication. When I do receive the comnunication it will probably be adspressed to the police commission, and will certainly not be opened by me

have been spreading the good news where there was desolation. Progress Apparent. Fifty years ago the Canadian Baptists went into the Telegu country, where there were 5,000,000 people, and they undertook to "irrigate" that field. Many churches at home cess Avenue Building Entireconducts an oral examination of his itual affairs that the engineer had itual affairs that the engineer had in his irrigation scheme, and yet it was shown then that those application that must be made in the foreign work were those who had constable's own hand writing. This the greatest spiritual revivals in their constables. reached out and entered into the own home churches. Cocanada is the present headquarters of this work; there are about 500 workers there now, mostly natives; there are now 16,000 church members and 78 churches; 400 schools and 15,000 scholars. In eight hospitals 52,000 it is up to the government of the legislation, when scores of chil-Miss McLaurin drew a most vivid word picture of the work of one par-ticular worker, who had no other name than "Sister Jane." and yet and chief, as to police duty and from lawyers who are familiar with the criminal code. Chief Birrell some time way to reach hundreds and bring them into the kingdom. At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that two life mem-

> very acceptable vocal solo FORESEES SELF "GOAT"

Will Be Out Money If City Refuses To Pay Overdraft.

"Ed" Smith, secretary of the Old Boys' Association says that he will be the one "holding the bag" if the members of the finance committee, in regular session tonight, decline to recommend the payment of the association's overdraft of \$1,350. "I'll be out about \$600 or \$700," he reminded. "This is money the secretary has paid out of his own pocket for expenses. I'll be the one who will

A request from the Western Fair Association for the summ of \$9,450 also comes before the finance committee tonight for final consideration. A further detailed report has been submitted from the fair board, as to



CITY ENGINEER W. P. NEAR, department as advised by Dr. Brittain, and who is quite ready to consider with a view toward adoption if at all possible, any other recommend Brittain has no complaint against in-

ADVISES REPEAL

Edwin Smith States Adolescent Act Causes Increased Expenditures.

NEEDS INCREASED

"The blame for the increased expenditures of school boards throughout the province is with the adoles-

cent act.' This statement was made this morning by a prominent member of the local board of education. Edwin Smith, who stated that if the mayor wished to curtail expenditures, he should go to the bottom of the trouble—to Toronto—and have the adolescent act repealed.

is that secondary educational needs and sixteen-year clause means that way of equipment. many more children—I might say hundreds—who formally would have trance, or after a year or two at collegiate, must now attend until they are sixteen years of age.

"This brought back an unusually large number of pupils, for whom a commodation had to be provided, and this could be done only by increasing expenditures. Buildings cost money, and we had to have the buildings to house the children sent back to school by the passing of the act. If the curtailment is deemed necessary dren will leave school and seek em-

ployment. Accommodation will not program will naturally be much less than at present. opinion, this is the only way to stop the spending orgy that railway valuation" were sent to the education has brought on of late local years," he concluded. "Repeal the the

ENGINEER WOULD BE BOSS

BY PLAN, SAYS DOUGLASS Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, takes decided objection to a recommendation from city officials that no member of the council present a resolution to the city council until after it has been considered by the head of the department or departments affected "Nothing doing" Chairman Doug-lass declares. "I intend to oppose that move. Why that would mean practically that the engineer would

MAY USE MORE DRASTIC

MEANS TO STOP SPEEDING Local police are still devoting much time to citizens who insist on using error noted? And who pays the bills? city streets as speedways. Six individuals who were cavorting along at more than the prescribed rate of 20 miles an hour in their automobiles each paid \$5 and costs in police court today Speeding has become a habit with some people who don't seem to mind the \$5 fine, and there is a feeling in police circles that some other means

will be taken in the near future to

Radio Keeps Lloyd George Advised On World Events

SAYS NEXT YEAR'S **BOARD WILL ASK NEW COLLEGIATE**

Member of Educational Body Promises To Urge Erection in 1924.

SITE IS UNDECIDED

The 1924 board of education wal request that one, and possibly two, collegiate units be built in London next year, according to a member of the board, whose term does not ex-

pire until December, 1924. "The policy of next year's board." he stated, "will be secondary educahas already instituted certain tion, and there is no doubt but that changes in the administration of his if this is to be the case, that a very tion, and there is no doubt but that, real need exists for additional collegiate accommodation. Two units are needed and may be asked for.

while it is practically certain that one will be requested.

"The question is, that if permission is given for only one, which one will it be. The east and the south both need buildings, and it is going to be a real difficulty to determine which shall be equipped first.

shall be equipped first. Foresees New Building. "I am quite certain," he concluded,

egiate in course of construction."

He stated also that the public school requirements had been well ooked after this year, and that the was not sufficient accommodation in the primary schools for some time The question of secondary school

accommodation, however, is one that has been realized as urgent by the entire 1923 board, and it is felt that this question will be an issue in the forthcoming elections.

According to A. E. Silverwood last year the board was as a unit on the need of new collegiates, but decided to go ahead with the public schools first. This program being completed, however, the secondary schools will

now come to the fore. Urge More Accommodation. Principal E. A. Miller, of the Central Collegiate, and Associate Principals O'Neill and Graham, are unanimous in their statements that additional accommodation is essential. if the secondary schools are to be on a par with the public schools.

With the exception of the Central
Collegiate, the buildings at present used are totally unsuitable these being the old Princess avenue school and the old Victoria School, both "The adolescent act was forced on is," said Mr. Smith, "and the result

abandoned by the board for

school purposes. Neither of them is modern, and both lack much in the

Hydro Commission Admits Accounts For Expenses Sent

A peculiar mistake has been acknowledged from the office of the then be needed, and the building Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Toronto.

to City by Mistake.

Not long since bills marked "street late local city hall, purporting to be for years," he concluded. "Repeal the the running expenses of two hydro adolescent act, and the spending will engineers who evidently surveyed the London Street Railway system at the instigation of Sir Adam Beck.
Then the fun started. No expenses in this connection had been authorized by the city council, but the city of-ficials essayed the shrewd guess that t was for this undertaking, however. that the engineers were seeking ex-

pense money.

Mayor Wenige was appealed to, and his worship delivered a stinging re-tort—no expenditure had been authorized. Therefore no bills were to be paid by the City of London, whether they came from Sir Adam's engineers or from Sir Adam himself. The mem-ber for London had been directed to seek a purchase price from the company, not to spend money for surveys of his own.

After a period of silence, comes a communication today from the hydro authorities in Toronto, explaining hat they committed an error by

DECLARES C. P. R. ADOPTED THRIFT POLICY YEARS AGO

cil and they would be very much obliged if they were returned.

sending these bills to the city

Sir Henry Thornton's thrift policy recently inaugurated in the C. N. R. has been in existence with the C. P. R. for thirty years, according to offi-R. for thirty years, according to omcials of that road.

"The Save a Dollar; Make a dollar idea has been followed out with us for years," a local C. P. R. representative said, "and the result is that the C. P. R. is one of the biggest in the convergence in the convergence in the convergence of the money-making institutions world."
He added that waste of equipment

and materials was unknown on the Canadian Pacific. If a similar stringent thrift policy were followed by the C. N. R. there is no question but that it would soon become a tig money maker.
"Once C. N. R. employees are taught

to conserve every particle of rail-road material the road will be a suc-SALVATION ARMY CONVENTION. All officers of the London division of the Salvation Army are preparing for the annual convention of Salva-tionists to be held next week at Massey Hall and the Army Temple in Toronto. Twenty officers of the local division will make the trip.

GEORGE GOES TO MEET GEORGE. Mayor George Wenige left early this morning for Toronto to meet Lloyd George. City Clerk San Baker left last night upon a similar