

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA SIGN TREATY CUT IN EDUCATION ESTIMATES IS NOT EXPECTED

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN GT. BRITAIN AND RUSSIA ARE TO BE RESUMED AT ONCE

Commercial Agreement Between Two Countries Is Signed Today—Russia to Cease Spreading Soviet Propaganda Outside That Country's Boundaries, While Britain Will Observe Neutrality Regarding Internal Russian Affairs—London Newspapers Hold Different Opinions As To New Contract.

London, March 16.—The trade agreement under which commercial relations will be resumed by Great Britain and Russia was signed here this morning by the governments of the two countries.

It was reported the board of trade, after having carried on negotiations with Leonid Krassin, representative of the Russian Bolshevik Government, had rewritten several clauses which had presented considerable difficulty in the past. The principle that Russia will cease all propaganda outside of that country, and that Great Britain will observe neutrality regarding Russian internal affairs, was given due recognition in the clauses which were altered. The fact that the trade agreement was to be signed received in this morning's newspapers the controversy regarding the expediency of such a move.

The Morning Post, in an editorial captioned "The Unclean Thing," vehemently inveighed against the agreement, and argued that its signature would "inevitably involve recognition of the soviet regime, which is blackened by every crime, and the agents of which are actively plotting the destruction of every civilized state."

"Under this agreement," the newspaper continued, "British traders eventually will become receivers of stolen goods."

The Chronicle, on the other hand, approved of the agreement on the ground that "the world cannot longer afford to leave Russia outside the pale of commercial intercourse."

The Daily News declared it expected trade with Soviet Russia would relieve unemployment in Great Britain, saying: "Talk about blood-stained gold is the meaningless rhetoric of blind hatred."

RAILWAYMEN TAKING ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN WARD 4 ELECTION

Nary a Vote Cast Up Until Late Hour This Afternoon—Neither Aldermanic Candidate Making Strenuous Efforts Toward Election.

Railwaymen entitled to vote in the Ward 4 by-election showed little interest in the contest today, when the special poll at the city hall for their benefit was opened. Not a single ballot had been cast up to a late hour. Although the booth will be open until 5 o'clock tonight, it is not expected there will be any rush toward the closing hour. The poll will be open again Thursday from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Any railwaymen entitled to vote in Ward 4 who expect to be out of the city on Saturday, the regular polling day, are entitled to cast their votes at the city hall today. Thursday is the day when the railwaymen's vote will be withheld until the remainder of the polling has been completed Saturday, and Saturday as well as the lists will be checked and action taken against offenders of this kind.

Drowns Herself After Husband Admits Bigamy

Camden, N. J., March 16.—Two months ago, Robert Mountford, of Buffalo, N. Y., is alleged to have confessed to his wife, Mary, a bigamous marriage with Mrs. Mildred Boniface at Hudson Heights, N. Y. His wife threatened to commit suicide and disappeared. Her body was found yesterday in the Delaware River here. Mountford, who is believed to be in Canada, is now sought on a charge of bigamy.

FAVORS PUBLIC DRINKING IN PLACES UNDER GOVT. CONTROL

Victoria, B. C., March 16.—(Canadian Press).—Discussing the question as to whether pure beer or near beer is to be sold in the province under the moderate act, Mr. Speaker Manson, from the floor of the Legislature yesterday advocated the sale of liquor openly and honestly and under proper restrictions rather than under conditions which are capable of evasion and which, he declared, work havoc to the young manhood and womanhood of the country.

Hon. J. W. Deh Farris, attorney-general, declared that the moral feature of the prohibition of the last three years has been the development of bedroom drinking. He said he would prefer to work out a form to permit public drinking in government controlled places to safeguard morality.

The proposal to permit drinking in hotel bedrooms does not meet with the approval of Frank Oliver, premier, who stated that in the face of the great evils resulting therefrom, he would not vote to make it legal to consume liquor in bedrooms.

CANADA TO ACT WITH CAUTION; WILL WATCH FOR RESULTS

Government Officials Decline To Predict On British-Russian Pact.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PAST

Bolsheviks Reported to Have Gold to Make Purchases.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Ottawa, March 16.—Just what effect Britain's new trade agreement with Russia will have toward stimulating trade between Canada and Russia remains to be seen, and officials here hesitate to make any predictions until they have had time to study the agreement and to analyze its terms. It is, however, that any such agreement is bound to result in a certain loosening up of trade. Negotiations between Canada and the soviet have been proceeding in various directions for some time past, but without important results. Russia, on the other hand, Canada wants. On the other hand, Canada has much which Russia desires, and the question of finance has always been an obstacle. The Dominion grant, credits to Russia, Greece, Italy, France and Belgium. The former country absorbed almost the total amount of the appropriation, but has defaulted on her first interest payments. The other countries, which took smaller amounts, have paid promptly. But the credits, which expired over a year ago, were never renewed. And Canada has since been timid in the matter of further extensions to anyone.

Would Furnish Gold.

A story was circulated to the effect that Soviet Russia was ready to bring continued on Page Four.

GERMANY MUST PAY A BILLION IN GOLD MARKS BEFORE MAR. 23

Money Must Be Deposited in One of Three Government Banks.

EXTEND OCCUPATION

Additional Troops May Move Into Mulheim.

Paris, March 16.—The Allied reparations commission, in its note to Germany demanding fulfillment of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German Government it must pay one billion gold marks before March 23, it was announced today. The money must be deposited in the Bank of France, Bank of England, or the Federal Reserve Bank in the United States, Germany was told.

MAY OCCUPY MULHEIM.

Düsseldorf, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—New French forces have arrived here from Germany, and believe is expressed that their coming may foreshadow the occupation of Mulheim, on Ruhr, a town about four miles east of there toward Essen. Although the Allies recently occupied the rural commune of Hamborn, garrisons have not yet been installed.

METHODS OF COLLECTION.

Being at Mulheim at the outbreak of the late European war, Capt. Mullineux by entente force have been called in a report sent to the Allies by the Rhine land commission. The report also outlines the zone, which would begin at Mulheim and run along the Rhine to the extreme outposts of the newly-occupied territory and of the bridgeheads established by the entente.

Gen. Allen, commander of the United States forces here, has participated unofficially in discussions of questions relative to the tariff and the limits of the new zone.

SPRING PLOWING



A SNOWPLOW IN ACTION AT REVELSTOKE, B. C.

WILL LONDON ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?

Ald. Wenige Will Move Adoption of Plan This Afternoon

AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion Will Come Before City Council Monday Night.

Adoption of daylight saving in London this summer will be moved by Ald. George A. Wenige at a meeting of No. 1 committee of the council this afternoon. If it secures the approval of this body it will be recommended to the council, which will come up on Monday night for final decision. Canvasses of the aldermen a short time ago showed that they are fairly evenly divided on the question, so that the fate of the measure which Ald. Wenige will introduce this afternoon is very uncertain.

If it is decided to adopt the new time for the summer months an effort will be made to secure uniformity with other municipalities contemplating the change.

The Railway Association of Canada, in a letter to the council, urges that particular attention be paid to this point. They suggest that all the cities which adopt daylight saving advance their clocks one hour on Sunday, May 1, and return to the old time on Sunday, October 2. The general change of time on the Canadian railways is to be made on these dates. If London and other municipalities considering daylight saving also accept them, in addition to the greater convenience which would result from uniformity, it would enable business people generally to have a better understanding of when the business day commenced and ended in other municipalities with which they are constantly in communication.

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INFORMATION AND COMFORT FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY WAR

Capt. Mullineux of War Graves Commission to Visit London.

BRINGS MANY VIEWS

Will Speak at Y. W. C. A. and to the Kiwanis Club.

The local Red Cross Society is arranging for a public meeting to be held in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium on Friday evening, when the speaker will be Capt. Mullineux, who comes to Canada to give information and comfort to those whose relatives are missing or whose relatives are prisoners of war. Capt. Mullineux is a former vice-president and candidate for the Conservative-Popular coalition (National League) party, made practically a clean sweep of the partial elections held here yesterday in several hundred precincts of various provinces in Cuba.

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PAID \$500 TO MURDER TWO

Chicago, March 16.—Five hundred dollars was the price paid for the killing of Paul Labriola and Harry Raymond, two victims of the 19th ward feud, police announced today they had been told by persons who overheard a conversation held with two men arrested yesterday as suspects. The two men, Frank Gambino and Sam Amati, were positively identified by eye witnesses of the shooting of Labriola.

Judge Friend postponed until tomorrow a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the two men who have just arrived from Kronstadt.

Detective Sergeant Patrick Alcock, a close friend of Labriola, waited home with him the night before Labriola was slain, he said and was told of death threats. Labriola expected only a severe beating, Alcock said.

WAGE CUTS ARE ANNOUNCED BY U. S. RAILROADS

Reductions On Two More Lines Effective in April.

New Orleans, March 16.—Announcement was made here today that effective April 15, there would be a reduction of wages of unskilled employees and clerical and station forces and return to the working conditions of December 31, 1917, by the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana and Texas.

ALL CLASSES AFFECTED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 16.—Notice of reduction in wages of other than unskilled laborers, effective April 15, has been issued at the general manager's office of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway company here. Practically all classes of service are affected, except train and engine employees, telegraph operators and station agents.

VOTE TO STRIKE.

Boston, March 16.—More than 98 per cent of the 600 employees of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad have voted to strike in protest against the wage reduction announced for tomorrow. Grand lodge officers of the "Big Five" railroad unions announced after completing the count of the ballots. The union officers said before calling the strike they will officially notify representatives of the road of the men's decision and will confer with them again in an attempt to get reconsideration of the wage reduction order.

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FINAL DEMAND TO KRONSTADT BY TROTZKY

Soviet War Minister Has No Fear of Bombardment of Petrograd.

INSURGENTS INCREASE

50,000 Revolutionists Have Gathered at Kronstadt Fortress.

London, March 16.—The Russian Soviet war minister, Leon Trotsky, has twice delivered an ultimatum to Kronstadt and will deliver a final ultimatum today, according to information received by the Riga correspondent of the London Times from M. Joffe, head of the Russian peace mission in Riga, who had been so informed by the Russian foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin.

50,000 AT KRONSTADT.

Copenhagen, March 16.—Fifty thousand men have been gathered at the Russian fortress of Kronstadt, and this number is increasing daily, says a Helsinki dispatch, quoting a Red Cross worker who has just arrived there from Kronstadt. An organization of Russian emigrants in this city has been informed in a wireless dispatch that Kronstadt is receiving necessary provisions and has sufficient ammunition for three years.

Victor T. Tchirnov, who was minister of agriculture in the Kerensky cabinet in 1917, was the organizer of the counter-revolution, it is declared by the Petrograd. He is reported negotiating with the right wing of the Bolsheviks with a view to making the methods of the Soviet Government more democratic.

TROTZKY NOT ALARMED.

London, March 16.—Leon Trotsky, Russian Soviet war minister, declared in an interview given in Moscow that the rising in Petrograd and a bombardment of the town is a silly fiction, "says a wireless dispatch from the Soviet capital today."

"Petrograd is just as impregnable against a counter-revolutionary coup d'etat as it is to the Kronstadt fortress," Trotsky asserted. "Liquidation of the rising has been arranged out because we wish to avoid severe losses, not only to our troops, but to the insurgents in the Kronstadt garrison. Up to the present our losses have been insignificant."

Trotsky charged Russian emigrant centres abroad with fomenting the revolution, and declared that he was at peace with Poland, and the agreement with Great Britain for the resumption of trade relations.

DEFERS READING TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH BILL

Winnipeg, March 16.—Labor's definition of collective bargaining was brought before the local Legislature today by G. A. Tanner (Kildonan and St. James), who moved the second reading of a bill to amend the industrial conditions act. Mr. Tanner claimed that the act recognized the right of collective bargaining between employers and employees, but that it was very vague. To give members time to familiarize themselves with the bill, second reading was deferred.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL NOT REDUCE ESTIMATES TO MEET DEMANDS OF COUNCIL

Action of City Council "Not That of Gentlemen," Complains Trustee—Utterly Lacking in Understanding, Declares Another—Charges of Delay Unwarranted, Unkindly and Uncalled For, They Maintain.

So far as the individual members of the board of education are concerned, at least so far as they would express themselves this morning when an Advertiser reporter sought for information, there will be no cut made in the school estimates when the board meets this afternoon to reconsider its position in this matter. Each member of the board was concerned the figures would be unchanged, but added, however, in the board to decide.

"Some of the trustees felt that the action of the city council was as one expressed it, 'not that of gentlemen.' The claim of some of the aldermen that 'the board should have had their estimates ready two weeks ago,' was described by another trustee as showing 'how utterly lacking in understanding of the position and responsibility of the board to the citizens, especially the rising generations, the average aldermen is and how little the education capital out of assaults upon the alleged excessive expenditures of the board of education.'

Amongst the officials of the board the charges of the council that there had been undue delay in the preparation of the estimates of the board of education in October, an official of the board expressed the opinion that "it is impossible for them to do it. I understand they are prepared to add the board of education's share of the tax rate later."

Referring to the fact that interest will have to be paid on money for school purposes, if the city council carries out its purpose to leave the collection of the necessary taxes till the last installment in October, an official of the board remarked, "It is impossible for them to do it. I understand they are prepared to add the board of education's share of the tax rate later."

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 16.—Yesterday in Parliament:

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
Government promised statements of Canadian National Railways and Canadian mercantile marine in a few days.

The minister of finance said work on the general tariff revision was proceeding "day and night."

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Private members' day.

Jewel-Bedecked Woman Missing

Chicago, March 16.—Mrs. Clifford Victor Herbert, daughter-in-law of Victor Herbert, the composer, has been missing from her home here since last Saturday, it became known today, and a search by police and private agencies has revealed no trace of her, it was said. She wore jewelry valued at many thousands when she disappeared, police were told, and her husband, a broker, expressed grave fears that the jewelry had attracted robbers to kidnap her.

CRIMEAN VETERAN DIES.

Alameda, Cal., March 16.—Robert Redford, a 78-year-old Crimean War veteran, who had made his home in California for the last twenty years, is dead here. He was widely known as a swordsman, having given exhibitions in Canada, Australia, South America and the United States. It is reported that he fought several duels in South America.

MEXICAN RAILWAYMEN'S STRIKE IS AT END

Mexico City, March 16.—The strike of workers on the Mexican railways, which began in the middle of February, was settled today. Messages have been sent by the union leaders to the men's organizations throughout the republic calling off the strike, and it is probable the men will return to their duties during the day.

Added Prizes In Contest For New Subscribers

WORTH \$25 EACH TO WINNERS OF CAPITAL PRIZES.

Contestants in The Advertiser puzzle contest should not overlook the fact that the value of the first five prizes may be increased \$100 each by interesting four people, who are not new subscribers, to become subscribers. The sum of \$25 will be added to each prize, upon the same terms as any other contestant, if he or she will submit a solution of the puzzle or \$10 paid by each new subscriber. Whether these new subscribers submit solutions of the puzzle or not, each must sign a separate blank, so that the records may be kept in full view to show whether or not they were interested. If no solution is sent by a subscriber, neither you interest, merely write across the face of the chart, "No solution sent by subscriber," and attach to the blank.

Contestants who have not sent in any activity or who have not sent the full number of new subscribers they are allowed to register with their solutions, should take advantage of the opportunity that they still have of obtaining them. Contestants should bear in mind that there are many of their friends who are contemplating subscribing or who would subscribe were they asked, particularly by their doing so. Contestants can send in new subscribers to be added to their credit any time until the contest closes, on March 19. Contestants may prevent them from sending them in later, by submitting a separate blank, so that the records may be kept in full view to show whether or not they were interested. If no solution is sent by a subscriber, neither you interest, merely write across the face of the chart, "No solution sent by subscriber," and attach to the blank.

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ADVERTISER PUZZLE CONTEST CORNER

Important Questions Answered by Contest Manager and Matters of General Interest Discussed—Contestants Should Watch This Corner

Question: In sending in new subscriptions will my own renewal be counted as a new subscription? If not, how many more must I get to get a particular amount of money on them?

Answer: On the prizes Nos. 51 to 100 it would increase your consolation prize. You will get as much as possible on your new subscriptions, as long as you do not go over the limit, which is \$10 on each new subscription. You can take as low as \$2.75. See rules.

Question: I have already renewed for one year and sent in solution. I see that in the first five capital prizes that I would win more if I sent you another \$5, which would still keep within the limit of your \$10. Now, can I send you this added \$5 and have it credited with my solution, as well as the first \$5?

Answer: According to the rules you are allowed to send in this additional \$5 and same will be credited with your solution.

Question: In sending in my solution must I mail it at your office not later than the 19th?

Answer: Your solution must be accepted providing that the envelope of your letter shows postmark dated not later than the 19th. Play safe, though, by not waiting till the last moment.

Question: I am not a subscriber at present, but intend to subscribe and send in solution. Now, will my own subscription be counted as a new one to my credit?

Answer: It would not be counted as a new subscriber. After you have become a subscriber you can then get new subscribers to your credit.

Question: I note you can count the 100 of one section as the first in the next section. Now, can you count the number in that circle twice?

Answer: You cannot count the number in that circle more than once.

Question: If I make a mistake in adding up my figures, what happens?

Answer: Your solution blank must be correctly filled in the sum totals of your odd and even numbers, as well as the difference, while the newly-arrived figures will be ruled out of contest.

Question: Can I send in \$8 on my subscription with solution instead of the particular amount you mention in your "Subscription Rates" in announcement on contest?

Answer: You can remit any amount between \$2.75 and \$10 that you please.

FOUR WERE FINED FOR O. T. A. BREACH

Another Echo of the Recent Banquet Held At Campbellton.

ST. THOMAS, March 15.—A very loud echo of the banquet recently held at Campbellton was heard at the county magistrate's court today, when four of the woman guests were fined \$10 and costs for having that glorious feeling in a place outside the bounds of the temperance act. The statement went abroad that whiskey without stint was distributed over and under the tables. This was denied emphatically by the guests at the celebrated feast. Neither were the U. F. O. members responsible for the conduct of a lone visitor who brought along a small crock of juice and left it in a convenient spot outside the school house, that some favored men of the county might enjoy during a dry month in some intermittent sampling. The people residing in the vicinity are considerably annoyed over the uncalculated publicity given the evening's celebration.

SPRING PLOWING ON SPRINGBANK HILL

"The noisy rooks are nesting in the windy tall elm tree, and the croaked plovers pipe along the fallow lea," wrote Tennyson, or words to that effect. But no spring picture is complete without the plowman turning over the brown earth to catch the warmth of the awakening sun, while the newly-arrived feathered migrants follow in his wake in search of the succulent grub. Such scenes as these give one the true atmosphere of the joyous season, and makes one long for their realization. That this time has now arrived will therefore be glad tidings to local lovers of nature, for it is announced on the best authority that plowing has now begun in the neighborhood of London.

Tuesday James Tunka, a farmer of Westminister, whose farm lies just south of the Springbank reservoir, commenced plowing on a field which last year had been cropped with grain, and if the present genial weather continues others will doubtless follow his example.

Let us once more rejoice that "the time of the singing of birds has come," and that "the voice of the turtle is heard in the land."

Ward Four Election For Alderman

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

VOTE FOR

H. J.

Childs

A Good Man for the Ward
A Good Man for the City

"COWAN'S" TWIN SHINGLES

There are Shingles and Shingles

We sell the "Neponset Twin" Brand, made in Hamilton, Ont.

Paroid Roofing

As you know, is the oldest on the market. One customer told us last week it had been on his house for 15 years, and there was no sign of a break.

THE NEPONSET TWIN SHINGLE is made from "PAROID MATERIAL," slate surface, and is fireproof, laid four inches to the weather, weight 250 pounds to the square. When laid gives you a three-ply roof estimated to last 35 years. These are reduced from last year's price of \$12.00 to \$11.50 per square.

"CANADIAN TWIN SHINGLES," same material as above, laid four inches to the weather, 185 pounds to the square. Reduced from \$10.50 to \$9.00 per square.

PAINT UP AND CLEAN UP

The well-known Sherwin-Williams paint is reduced to \$6.00 per gallon. Save the surface and you save all.

Cowan's Colossal Hardware

125-127 DUNDAS STREET. 2 Phones—3461-3462

Decorate With Light

We are pleased to announce a straight cut of 10 PER CENT OFF current prices of our entire stock of LIGHTING FIXTURES, hung in your home, complete, or 20 PER CENT OFF present prices DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME or any address in Ontario, prepaid. All newest effects.

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306 DUNDAS STREET. PHONE 7031.

PRESBYTERY WILL CONTINUE SERVICES AT CHELSEA GREEN

Student Will Be in Charge of Church in Summer Months.

A long discussion on the question of making the normal pastorate of a Presbyterian minister seven years was held at the afternoon meeting of the London Presbytery on Tuesday. The seven-year pastorate found little favor with the majority of the members of the Presbytery. It was at the request of the General Assembly that the Presbytery discussed the question, and it was moved and seconded that the assembly be asked to submit a more comprehensive plan.

The Chelsea Green problem was brought up and it was finally suggested that a student be obtained for the summer months at the Chelsea Green Presbyterian Church and something definite done at a later date. The committee on the Chelsea Green problem was enlarged by adding the names of Rev. W. J. Crawford, Rev. G. M. Young, Rev. D. McKay, Captain Archibald Graham and Elders W. E. Laidlaw, Angus Armour and W. McComb.

Offer Appointments.

The Presbytery agreed that the chairman of the general board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada should be the assembly for the year, and that the appointment of permanent officers to the executive committee of the General Assembly should be made by the General Assembly's committee of bills.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday in April.

Don't throw your old carpets away, they make new Velveteen Rugs. Send for Velveteen pamphlet. Canada Rug Co., London.

FISHING SEASON OPENS AT PORT

Better Returns Are Hoped For This Year by Tug Owners.

ST. THOMAS, March 15.—The fishing season opened at Port Stanley today by the fishermen depositing their nets. The last couple of seasons were not up to the usual mark and the men are hoping for less disappointing returns.

The Dominion Alliance will hold a field day in all the churches in Dunwich Township, Sunday.

Statute Labor Abolished.

Statute labor divisions have been done away with by the county of Dunwich and new road divisions formed. The township, following similar action in other rural municipalities of the county, has appointed Malcolm Blue to be township road superintendent at an allowance of \$900 yearly. He will appoint the commissioner and supervise all work in the township.

League Organized.

A Catholic Women's League, with Mrs. Patrick Meahan as president, has been organized in the city with a substantial membership. The other officers are: Miss Helen Loran, vice-president; Mrs. John Butler, second vice-president; Mrs. John King, third vice-president; Miss Margaret Coleman, recording secretary; Mrs. May Maxwell, treasurer. Mrs. B. C. McCann and Mrs. J. Leach, London, assisted in the details of the organization.

Pet Crow the Culprit.

A pet crow owned by a resident of Chestnut street is now blamed for the theft of the silver spoons found in a hole yesterday south of the city. The neighbors report the bird as stealing clothes pins from the line and leaving Monday's washing to be found in the windows of the third story of Myrtle Street school children's school.

The crew was killed recently, and although guilty of many offenses, it is mourned by many people in the southeast end of the city.

Outside of the bad habits the bird is said to have been a conscientious testaller.

Death of Miss Graney.

Miss Elizabeth S. Graney, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Graney, 85 Elm street, passed away yesterday after an illness of some months in her 28th year. Miss Graney was the winner of the Forbes-McFarlane scholarship at Queen's University, Kingston, and from that institution she received the degree of bachelor of arts. Miss Graney was a member of the Young Ladies' Society of the Church of the Holy Angels, and is survived by her mother, James Graney, 235 James Street, St. Thomas; Mrs. H. P. Maloney, Rochester; Gertrude and Dorothy, at home and brothers James and Edgar. St. Thomas; J. Gladstone Graney, Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral will be in the Catholic Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

FARMERS' CLUB MAY CUT OUT GROCERIES

Takes Too Much Time For the Small Profit, It Is Claimed.

BRUSSELS, March 15.—The Cranbrook Farmers' Club may shortly drop the handling of store goods and confine itself to the shipment of stock and bringing in carloads of feed grain, wire, shingles and coal. The grocery end of the business demands too much time and the profits are small, it is stated. R. Leatherdale and daughter will sell their property in town. Mr. Leatherdale has lived in Brussels for the past 40 years. His only son resides in Winnipeg, as well as a sister and brother-in-law.

The officers of the law are making inquiries concerning the selling of cigarettes to minors, some of them mere children. Cases may be heard shortly.

A power farming illustrated lecture will be put on here by a speaker from the G. A. C. Group, next Tuesday afternoon.

Fall wheat is showing up very well after the unusual winter, and the rains have done it good.

The centre part of the mill dam suffered last week from damage by ice, and will require repairs before it will be of much value to the mill.

Tuesday evening an illustrated lecture will be given in the town hall on the subject of "Tuberculosis."

Brussels W. C. U. is holding a sale of home-made quilts and quilting tea in the audience-room of the public library on St. Patrick's day. The proceeds go to the local tuberculosis expenses.

MADE FINE SHOWING.

G.A.C. of Military District No. 1, London, tonight inspected the local company of the Machine Gun Brigade. The inspection took place at the quarters of the company, and the general staffed he was highly pleased with the showing made.

24-MILL TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND FIXED BY COUNCIL

Aldermen Would Not Wait for Education Board.

TO BRING IN FIGURES

School Taxes Will Likely Be Collected in Separate Installment.

Less than half an hour was taken at a special session yesterday afternoon by the city council to fix the general tax rate for the city of London for the year, 1921, at 24 mills on the dollar, to pass the necessary bylaw authorizing the rate and making June 1, and August 1, as the dates for the collection of the first and second installments respectively, with a discount of 2 per cent if the first and second installments are paid in one sum on or before June 1, 1921.

This action was taken when the city clerk reported that the board of education had failed to comply with the request of the council that their revised estimates should be ready for inclusion in the fixing of the tax rate. What further action will now be taken in the matter the council decided rests with the board.

Decision to go ahead followed a motion by Ald. William Wilson, seconded by Ald. Watt, which was unanimously adopted.

The amount to be raised by the general tax is \$1,157,564.15, and for patriotic purposes \$31,632.57, a total of \$1,189,196.72.

Division of Assessment.

The following table shows how the assessment is divided, and gives the comparative figures for last year:

	1920.	1921.
Millage	2.1222	2.8566
Police department	2.5229	2.7707
Board of health	.4681	.2678
Debiture rate	14.1981	12.3583
Other purposes	12.8991	11.8602
Totals	32.2324	28.3306
Less receipts	2.2922	8.5307
Net	30.4022	21.4022
Playgrounds	.2462	.4045
Public library	.4909	.5158
Park fund	.5176	.5158
Mother's pensions	.4045	.4045
Totals	24.6579	22.4144
Patriotic fund	.7049	.6856
Grand totals	25.3628	24.0000

The first group of the above figures are matters in which the council has control of expenditures, and the second group, "net," is the amount of the expenditure over which the council has no control.

NORFOLK FARMERS ARE EXPECTING TO GET ON LAND SOON

All Indications Point To Splendid Crops During Coming Season.

SIMCOE, March 15.—As a result of the continued mild weather farmers all through this district are making preparations to get on the land at an early date. They are hoping to get under way early and get seasonable finished quickly. There is every indication that this year will be an unusually busy one in the country, as many farmers, desiring the security of help, are making extensive plans for production.

Mr. E. B. Holmes of the Bank of Commerce staff has received orders to report to the superintendent at Alberta branch at Calgary, and will leave for the West shortly.

The high school baseball team has been organized by J. P. Jones, president, W. W. Martin, manager, and J. Mason, captain. An attempt is being made to get a county junior league with teams from Delhi, Waterloo, Port Rowan and possibly Port Dover in the group.

E. E. Langford has been sworn in as clerk of the election officer for the referendum vote on April 18. Up to the present little local interest has been in evidence, and it is predicted that the vote will be light. In the county there the strong feeling is in favor of the "dry" movement, and a heavy vote against liquor importation is expected.

G. D. Woolley has been notified of his election as president of the Simcoe branch of the Bank of Commerce. W. A. Innes will take charge of the Victoria sub-branch.

SEEKING PARDON FOR CRAWFORD

Youthful Prisoner Is Proving Rather Costly To the County.

ST. THOMAS, March 15.—A pardon or parole is being asked for Lawrence Crawford, the Port Burwell young man, who was sent down for six months, a few weeks ago, for selling whiskey by the bottle. Crawford, owing to his infirmities, both hands being paralyzed, has a special attendant at \$100 a month. Both the prisoner and his aide occupy cells in the same flat, and neither is producing any special profit for the country.

Mrs. Mary Tagg, one of the inmates who escaped from the County House of Industry a few weeks ago, and been lost to the rural community, was picked up in Springfield last night and brought to the court jail this morning. Later she was remanded for a week.

The handy man, James Shell, who eloped with Mrs. Tagg and Mrs. Dennis, another inmate, at the institution, is still unaccounted for, and Mrs. Dennis is also at large.

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Easily foremost among the favored silks for spring and summer wear are Canton Crepes, Baronet Satins, Tricolettes, Charmeuse, Pure Dye Taffetas, Satomerve, Radio Satins, Printed Radium Silks and the many novelties and their variants.

CANTON SILK CREPES, THE NEW.

Just opened, this new silk material, in such novelty colors as Henna, Copper, Algonquin, Honeydew, Nigger, Navy, also Black.

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THE FAMOUS ANNOR KNIT SILK TRICOULETTES, SPECIAL, \$3.00 YARD.

The demand for this beautiful material, in many colors, is greater than the supply; one of the smartest and most changing of silk materials for dresses, pullovers, waists or dresses, a new shipment just received, comprising nigger, navy, holly, platinum grey, Harding blue, copri blue, Jap blue, henna, marigold and coral; 36 inches wide. Special \$3.00 yard.

WHITE BARONET SATIN FOR SEPARATE SKIRTS, 40 INCHES WIDE, \$5.50 YARD.

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The same good quality as sold here for many seasons, very rich in finish and of extra wearing face, shown in mid and dark navy blue; 40 inches wide \$4.00 yard.

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Same quality as above, nigger, taupe, old blue, sand, maize, pink, rose; 40 inches wide \$4.00 yard.

35-INCH FRENCH PAILLETTE DRESS SILKS, \$2.00 YD.

A quality that has given our customers excellent satisfaction, soft rich finish, all silk; black, navy, nigger, sand, taupe, Yale blue, Hindu brown and light colors; 35 inches wide. Special \$2.00 yard.

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Black Dress Goods Specials For Spring

Black Resilda, rich black, fine quality	\$1.50 yard	Black Silk and Wool Santory, 42 inches	\$2.95 yard
Black Pure Mohair, per yard	\$1.25 and \$1.75	Black Pure Wool Cashmere, 40 inches	\$2.50 yard
Black Botany Wool Tricoetine, 52 inches	\$5.00 yard	Black Pure Wool Armure, 40 inches	\$3.50 yard
Black Botany Wool Gabardine, 52 inches	\$5.00 yard		

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It is also at large. Mrs. Tagg declares that she separated from the party in St. Thomas and she went her way and they went theirs, and she has been travelling incognito between here and Cheltenham ever since and doing odd jobs for a living. When Mr. and Mrs. Tagg were married six years ago, they spent the honeymoon in a local livery stable, and before starting on their trip were married in Springfield. Mr. Tagg was committed to the house of correction for not giving much credence to the tale of Mrs. Tagg's travels, since she ran away with Handy man Shell.

Getting Grounds in Order.

The recently acquired grounds of the St. Thomas Bowling Club on Metcalfe street, are being improved and placed in readiness for the season's bowling. Eight foot. Grand Army of the United Veterans, will give a smoker and concert in the Liberal Club rooms tomorrow, Wednesday evening, in behalf of the families of unemployed soldiers.

DEATH OF S. F. MORLOCK.

DURHAM, March 15.—One of Durham's prominent businessmen, S. F. Morlock, is dead, following an illness of two years. The past few days were painful and he died peacefully. He came to Durham 25 years ago and formed the partnership known as Ramsay & Morlock. The former partner dropped out many years ago. Deceased was 77 years old. He leaves besides his wife, two sons, Frank and Bryson, and one daughter, Miss Jean.

WOODSTOCK, March 15.—Robert W. McPherson has been appointed a member of the park board to succeed Peter McDonald, retired. The board has recommended that the two German guns be placed in Victoria Park. Recently the G. W. V. A. have wanted the guns placed on the market square.

**ACUTE SHORTAGE OF
HOUSES AT TILSONBURG**

Not a Home to Be Had in Town For Sale or Rent.

TILSONBURG, March 15.—The local Horticultural Society is conducting a membership campaign, and is meeting with excellent success. Last season the

society had a membership of 83. The campaign to date has been productive of 124 members with prospects of passing the 150 mark before the campaign closes. A shipment of 1,500 gladioli has been received, and the bulbs are being distributed to members. There are also 500 bulbs of named varieties on the way from Holland.

The society is considering planting a bed of 50 peonies on the plot for the gun alongside the town hall for an educational display. A public meeting was

held tonight in the basement of the public library, when matters of interest to flower lovers were discussed. The business of the Huntley Manufacturing Company, Limited, whose main factory is in Silver Creek, N.Y., is developing very rapidly. Several shipments have been made to European countries in the past few weeks. The company has purchased a residence on North Broadway, which will be occupied by the superintendent, Mr. W. C. Jones.

The council has decided to allow autos to park on Broadway without lights for the rest of the season. Among the other important public business this year will be the establishing of a garbage system, and full information will be obtained from neighboring cities, the system adopted can be under way early in April. Many new streets will be constructed, and it is probable a second policeman will be added to the force, and a motor truck purchased for the fire department. The salaries of

the firemen have been increased 20 per cent. Tilsonburg is facing a big shortage of houses, and it is almost an impossibility to rent or buy in the town.

LIGHTNING STRIKES**BARN AT LAMBETH**

During the electrical storm of Tuesday night, a stable at Lambeth, owned by Rev. J. E. Hunter, was struck by

lightning, but did not burn. The horses were frightened by the thunderstorm was considerable, however.

LAD IS STILL IN ENGLAND.
HAMILTON, March 15.—Fears for safety of Willie Smith, 10 years of age, who is reported to have sailed alone from England to join his mother here and was reported to have landed at St. John, N. B., were removed by his mother receiving word that the boy is still in England.

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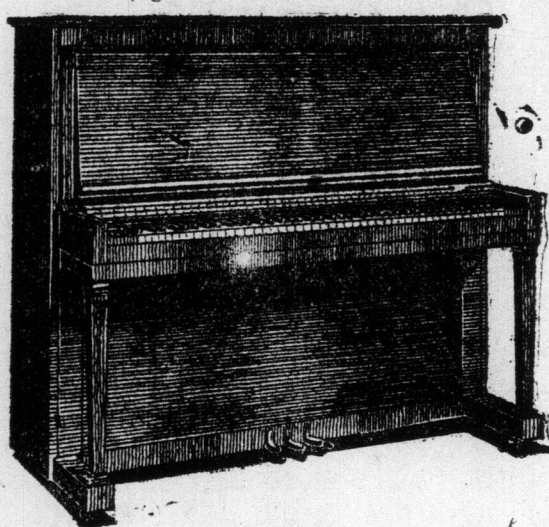
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THOSE who know exceptional piano values continue to crowd our warerooms daily. Colonial pianos are almost cleared out, Colonial Phonographs just a few left—and out of the sale allotment of 25 Nordheimer Pianos we have only twelve left to be quickly cleared out at the special sale prices.

Every department bristles with bargains this week, greater bargains than we have ever offered before, and many that we have not space to list here. We have only a few of each bargain left. So come early.

12 ONLY, NEW NORDHEIMER PIANOS

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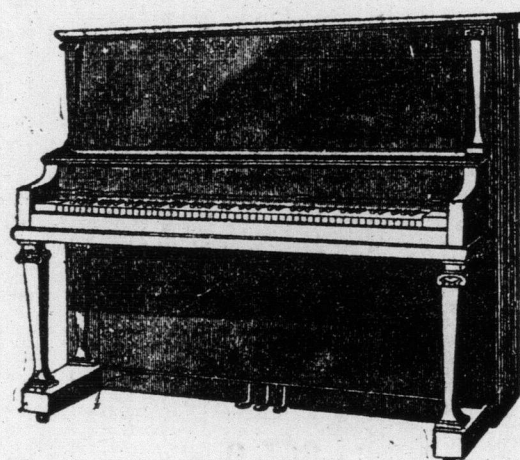
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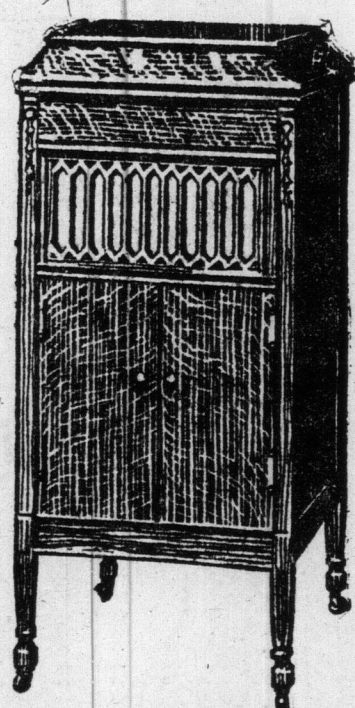
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Provincial Highways Department To Build New Bridge At Broughdale.

Authorizing the immediate construction of more than five miles of pavement at an estimated cost of \$99,389, No. 2 committee of the city council last night launched what promises to be the biggest paving program in the city's history. Another section will be authorized at the next meeting.

The section approved last night will have a total area of 21,773 square yards, and a total length of 7,944 yards. It includes Clarence street, Huron to Hill; Colborne, King to York; Kent, Richmond to Clarence; King, Ridout to Thames; Maple, Talbot to Ridout; Queen's, Ontario to Quebec; Regent, Richmond to Waterloo; Ridout, Pullarton to Albert; Mainland, Dufferin to Princess, and Pullarton, Talbot to Ridout.

Tenders Awarded.
Tenders for the year's supply were awarded. That for cement for general purposes was awarded to William Heenan & Sons at \$4.00 and \$3.85 a barrel; that for curbs and gutters to Hayman & Mills, at \$3.80 a barrel, and that for super-cement to William Copp, at \$4.05. Cement used for pavements will be purchased from the Brick Manufacturing Company and William Copp, both of whom tendered at \$3.70. All tenders offered curbs and gutters at \$2.50 a barrel. If any is purchased in this manner it will be divided equally among them. The prices are subject to decrease or increase in freight rates.

Contract for Asphalt.
The contract for 1,000 tons of asphalt was awarded to the United States Asphalt Refining Company at \$36.23 in packages and \$25.00 in tank cars, payable in Canadian funds. Two thousand tons of limestone dust will be bought from Crushed Stones, Limited, at Kirkwood, for \$5.15 a ton.

Quarry stone will be purchased from the Thames Quarry Company, St. Marys, at \$2.37 a ton. Iron castings will be bought from George White & Sons at \$4.85 a ton. Galvanized iron buildings for the paving plant will be built on a cost plus basis by Norman McLeod, Ltd., of Toronto. The estimated cost is \$19,240. The issue of \$50,000 five-year debentures for the paving plant was authorized. A bylaw will be brought in at the next meeting. A paving mixer will be bought from the London Concrete Machinery Company for \$4,880. A motor will be purchased from the public utilities commission for \$1,000, and a gasoline pump from the F. S. Bowser Company for \$387. A concrete tank for storing asphalt will be built at a cost of \$3,000.

No Road Oil Award.
No contract for road oil will be awarded until samples now in the city's possession are analyzed.

A deputation from Langarth street urged that a pavement be laid there as soon as possible, as a bylaw for it had been passed some years ago. City Engineer Brazier said it would be done with the second section of this year's program.

Residents of Briscoe street expressed a willingness to pay the street railway's share of paving that street for the time being on condition that the money would be refunded to them when the company's franchise expired. While it might not be possible for the company to pay for the work now, the proceeds from the sale of the road would be sufficient to guarantee the ratepayers against loss, they thought. The matter will be given serious consideration by the council, as it is a possible solution to a knotty problem which has already delayed paving operations in several parts of the city.

Protest Against Factory.
The same deputation protested against the erection of a sausage factory and ham-smoking establishment in their vicinity. Building Inspector Piper refused to grant a building permit. The persons erecting the plant maintained it would not be a public nuisance.

The committee will inspect the present plant in another part of the city and also the location to which it is proposed to move. They will then make a decision in the matter.

Notice was received from the provincial highways department that it intends to build a new bridge across the Thames at Broughdale. The structure will have a 24-foot roadway, and two 8-foot sidewalks. City Engineer Brazier will investigate the proposal to see if it is entirely satisfactory to the city.

PORT STANLEY NUKOL COMPANY TO BE IN OPERATION THIS SUMMER.

In a recent interview with E. D. Post, secretary-treasurer of the Port Stanley Nukol Company, Limited, Mr. Post reported a marked improvement in financing over the past two months. There had been an excellent demand throughout Southwestern Ontario during the winter for their product, and only a small portion of the business was not ready to operate, yet the company expects to have their own product on the market this summer. A recent reorganization of the business has greatly strengthened its position. Ex-Beeve N. S. Cornell of Port Stanley is now president, and the board of directors comprises several well-known men who have been prominent in the organization since its inception.

**CHOIR GIVES FINE
CONCERT PROGRAM**

Mrs. Harold Hamilton Assists Singers of Askin Street Church.

Dr. James H. Smith made his initial appearance in London as a director last night, when he presided at the Askin Street Methodist choir in its annual concert, assisted by Mrs. Harold Hamilton, a very fine soloist, from Hamilton. The entire concert was one of excellence, and pointed out more to the fact that London is rapidly becoming a musical centre of prominence. Not only was the choir well balanced, but its tonal quality was a revelation to the hearers. The different sections responded instantly to the direction of the leader, producing well-cut phrases. The shading of tone was also very fine, pointing to close preparatory work. Special mention might be made of one dramatic number, "Liberty," by Fanning, which works up to a climax of great musical beauty, and which was received with enthusiasm by the audience. Other choral numbers were: "Hymn to Music," by Ducks; "Gypsy Life," by Schuman; "Over Hill and Dale," by Walton, and a C. Lucas setting of "The Hells of St. Mary."

Perfect Tone Control.
Mrs. Harold Hamilton sang two groups of songs, in which her magnificent voice was displayed to the full. Specially remarkable was a perfect tone control shown in the execution of her numbers. It is difficult to point out one number from her delightful program, which included: "I Will Exult," "Costa," "In Summer-time," "The Reason," (DelRiego, sung by request), "Love and Music," "Though I Speak," (Brahms), "Shepherd's Creed," (Somerset), "Diana," (McGill), and "Tropique" (Gibson).

Perhaps one of the loveliest numbers of the whole program was Miss Gertrude Woods' rendition of "The Winds of the South," her remarkably sweet and pure, soft, and astonishing the audience in its beauty.

Contralto Members.
Miss Frances Cullis' splendid contralto voice showed to good advantage in both her selection, but particularly in McDermid's "If I Knew You As You Know Me."

J. E. Ballantyne, who has earned himself a reputation in his comic songs, proved conclusively that he can do serious work with equal spirit.

A. G. McCullough needs no comment. He is always appreciated, and when he rendered Handel's "Honor and Arms" he showed his usual talent. After all it takes a Scotchman to sing "Annie Laurie" and Mr. McCullough's interpretation of this old favorite was splendid.

Miss Harriet Westman was a very efficient accompanist.

AN IRISH SONG.
In the new March Victrola records, Werrenath gives us an Irish song, "Colleen o' My Heart." It is no Irish, however, as to present any difficulties to those who do not speak the tongue, for it is sung in English, and every word of it is clear and distinct.

It is among the 41 records obtainable in the Victrola Parlors of Ye Olde Firme Heintzman & Co., Limited, 212 Dundas street, London.

SIMCOE STREET FIRE.—Firemen were called Tuesday afternoon to the home of G. Johnston, 765 Simcoe street, where a pile of rubbish was burning. There was no damage.

THE HOUSEWIFE OF 1921

Now that Woman's Suffrage is a reality the American woman must henceforth be considered not merely as a housekeeper and home-maker, but as a voter—a citizen and a force in this busy work-a-day world. With added responsibilities her health should never be neglected, and when beset with ailments peculiar to her sex she owes it to herself to first give that grand old medicine, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial, as for over forty years it has been the standby of American women in restoring them to health and strength.

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**O. A. C. STUDENT IS
GOING TO CHINA**
Will Be Agricultural Missionary in
West China University.

GUELPH, March 15.—Rundie M.
Lewis of the fourth class at the On-
tario Agricultural College has been
appointed an agricultural missionary in
the West China University. Mr. Lewis
intends leaving the fall for Hong Kong,
where he will take a two years' course
in languages before commencing his
duties in West China. He is an Ameri-
can by birth, and is the son of an
Anglican minister. He goes to China
under the Anglican Board of Missions
for Canada. While at the college he
has been specializing in horticulture.
On completing his third year in 1915 he
enrolled with the University Company
of the Prince of Wales Regiment, and
saw considerable service overseas, re-
turning in 1919, when he spent his
third year over again in order to get
refreshed on the work which he had
forgotten while overseas. Before com-
ing to Guelph he graduated from Truro
Agricultural College, N.S. A number of
students in other years are contempla-
ting foreign missionary work, when they
complete their course.

THREE DAYS LEFT TO ENTER PUZZLE CONTEST

The Winners Will Divide
\$2,500.

If you haven't started on working out
your solution on The Advertiser puzzle
now is the time to start, for the sooner
you get to work and arrive at your solu-
tion, the more time you will have to
check it over to see whether it can be
bettered or not.
To say that opportunity is knocking at
your door is putting it mildly—for
it's "knocking," and it's up to you
to take advantage of it. It's a chance
to win a good sum of money for
nothing, in a very easy and pleasant
way. Besides the first capital prize of
\$700 there is a second capital prize with
a value up to \$400; a fourth up to \$300;
a fifth with a value up to \$200, and
forty-five other cash prizes.
Three more days remain for solving
The Advertiser's figure puzzle. This
puzzle offers you an opportunity to
win any one of the fifty big cash prizes
in the preceding period. The only one
who does not stand an equal chance
of winning is the person who does not
register a solution. However, you may
yet win as much as \$700, if you
meanly give up before neglecting to
take advantage of it. March 19 is the
day.

The problem presented in this puzzle
is making a chain of circles across
the chart so that you can obtain the great-
est difference between the sum totals of
the odd and even numbered circles.
The point to work is to encircle the
numbers in such a way as to obtain as
near as possible the greatest difference
that can be obtained. However, the
prizes will be awarded for the solutions
showing the greatest differences regard-
less of what the best possible answer
may be.

The Advertiser has nothing further to
ask of its readers than that they mere-
ly renew their subscriptions or sub-
scribe, regularly, when sending in their
solutions to the puzzle. You can have
nothing to regret in taking up the puzzle
in the contest, as you have nothing to
lose, for all that you pay in with your
solution is credited on your subscrip-
tion to The Advertiser, at the regular
subscription rate.

No one has or can have, any ad-
vantage of you in solving the puzzle.
Everyone wins on their own individual
merits. The puzzle is neither
easy, nor hard, but it requires patience
and accuracy—qualities that most people
lack, although they think to the con-
trary.

Everyone has a chance to win on
their own endeavor. The Advertiser
Contest is absolutely fair to all, and
nothing more than a test of your
patience and accuracy. The puzzle is
not hard—nor is it easy. It may ap-
pear simple to some, but they will be
disappointed to find that it is not so
simple as they thought. Others may
consider it difficult. The ones
who will win, though, are they who take
nothing for granted, and who check
their problems and solutions carefully,
to solving of subscribers is asked
or required. A payment on your own
subscription is all that is required.
This you would be compelled to do
anyway, even if you made no effort to
obtain prizes. If you already receive
The Advertiser through any regular
source, the paper will continue to reach
you through exactly the same channel.
If you are not a subscriber you may
enter the contest merely by becoming
one on precisely the same terms as
those who have already subscribed.

The conditions, prizes, puzzle and all
information relative to the contest are
fully set forth in the announcements.
Read one over carefully, and you will
readily see it is a case of not being
able to go in, but one you can't afford
to stay out of.

Your chance to work on the puzzle
last only to Saturday, March 19, so do
not delay. You can't lose, and the only
chance of winning is by winning.
Charts and blanks for your use will
be published in the paper each day un-
til the close of the contest.

Don't throw your old carcase away
they make new Velvetex Rugs. Send
your velvetex pamphlet. Canada Rug
Company, London. 62bu

GILL FISHERMEN OF PORT STANLEY WANT LIMITS EXTENDED

Ask To Be Allowed To Fish
Five Miles From
Shore.

TORONTO, March 15.—According
to demands made by a deputation from
Prince Edward County, the fish and
game committee of the Legislature
should be changed to allow two men to
be changed to allow two men to
group together their 50 decoys each
instead of being separated by 100 yards
as at present. The committee also
recommended the suggestion made by
the Hudson Bay Company that ten
coupons for skins of all kinds should
be issued to every Indian of the
age. This was to apply to Indians
both north and south of the French
River.

The committee did this, recognizing
the rights of the Indians to earn a
living. Three recommendations made
by the sub-committee were adopted:
1. That it be permitted to kill deer
when in water.
2. That hunting with dogs be per-
mitted.
3. That present deer seasons be not
changed.

A deputation of Port Stanley fisher-
men asked that gill fishermen west of
Port Stanley be allowed to fish up to
five miles from the shore instead of
10 miles as at present.

PAIR ARE HELD AT SARNIA AS SUSPECTS

Mud-Spattered Car With Two
Sets of Numbers Attracted
Police.

SARNIA, March 15.—Giving their
names and addresses as Art. Carson of
Pennsylvania Avenue, Detroit, and John
Williams of Toronto, two men were
arrested today by Sgt. Alex. Heath,
and are tonight being held on suspicion,
which first attracted the attention and
excited the suspicions of the authori-
ties is also being held, pending inquiry
and investigation as to its ownership.

According to information secured by
the police, the men arrived in the
city and registered at a hotel. The
mud-spattered car was parked on Crom-
well street, and when officers were
directed that a search of the railway
discovered two sets of license numbers,
one American and one Canadian. The
men had not yet left their rooms, but
when they did they were taken to the
station and questioned by Chief Porter
Immigration Inspector Robson and
other officers, and then booked up
under the nominal charge of violating
the motor vehicles act. They claimed
to have the motor driven from Tor-
onto, police say. One gave his age as
21 and the other 22. Their clothing
had a generous sprinkling of mud.

BIG BARN BURNED.
HAMILTON, March 15.—A large barn
near Burlington, Ont., owned by W. F.
Fisher, was struck by lightning tonight
during an electric storm and was de-
stroyed by fire. The loss is estimated
at about \$40,000.

REFUTE STORY ABOUT "RING" IN DUNNVILLE

Many Witnesses Speak Highly
of Magistrate Hastings'
Character.

PROBE IS NEARING END

Testimony of Forty-Three
Persons Has Been Heard
To Date.

CATUGA, March 15.—The official in-
vestigation of the administration of the
Ontario Temperance act by former
Police Magistrate David Hastings in
Dunnville is rapidly drawing to a close.
Today seven witnesses were on the
stand, making a total of 43 to date. Six
of the witnesses today, prominent citi-
zens and officials of the town, spoke
highly of David Hastings, both as a
man and as a magistrate and denied the
allegations in the statement of com-
plaint as to the existence of a domina-
ting ring in the town. Frank Lalor, M.
P., for Haldimand, and W. A. Fry, pro-
prio of the Dunnville Chronicle, were
the principal witnesses this afternoon.

Emphatic Denial.
Mr. Lalor gave an emphatic denial
to the general charges in the state-
ment made by Commissioner John
A. Paterson, K.C., is conducting the
inquiry. He also made a statement
read out by Hon. W. B. Raney when a
deputation from Dunnville waited on
the attorney-general asking for the re-
instatement of Hastings, or for an
investigation of the charges. Mr. Lalor
said that he was a member of a ring,
which he said was a "ring" of the
town. He also denied the statement
made by Rev. Thomas Green, Metho-
dist minister, that Mr. Lalor had sug-
gested that the boys of Dunnville could
be driven out of the town by the
boys, or sports of Dunnville, and
said that Mr. Green's dramatic spurn-
ing of the alleged suggestion with the
words: "I would not compromise with
evil nor gain popularity" was not made
in his hearing.

Sought Co-operation.
Mr. Lalor gave a different ver-
sion of the episode, his explanation
being that the minister approached him
with a ticket for the municipal council
shortly after the armistice celebration
and a few months after Mr. Green
came to the town, and asked his co-
operation. Witness said he did not re-
fuse, but that he was not a member of
any of the candidates and advised
him to keep out of municipal
politics, as the voters of Dunnville could
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Proved a Failure.
Mr. Lalor said the only real attempt
of the former ring in Dunnville
to his knowledge, was the effort of
Thomas Green to form a prohibition
group in local politics. This had proved
such a failure, Mr. Lalor said, that he
would not hesitate to predict that any
candidate bearing a Thomas Green
ticket or label could not be elected in
the town of Dunnville.

The trouble is most regrettable.
Mr. Lalor said, "It has set church against
church, men against men, and made
enemies in our town that will last
a long time."

Notwithstanding this condition,
Mr. Lalor said he was fully con-
vinced that 95 per cent of the residents were
in favor of the prohibition group, and
that the majority of the residents were
in favor of the prohibition group.

Mr. Lalor said the representative sent
by the department at Toronto to Dun-
nville to investigate, evidently had con-
ferred with only certain persons, and
had not interviewed businessmen to
ascertain public opinion. Mr. Lalor
stated he believed in the Ontario tem-
perance act and had voted "No" to
three of the questions in the referen-
dum of 1919.

**Pro favor government control of the
liquor traffic.** said Mr. Lalor.
"As a member of parliament I sup-
pose you do," observed the crown
counsel.

**W. A. Fry, editor of the Dunnville
Chronicle, said Mr. Hastings was broad-
minded and possessed of an unusual
amount of common sense, which Mr.
Fry considered was very desirable in a
magistrate. He stated that the charge
that the police court had ceased to con-
sider the case against the Hastings
him by the attorney-general, who, ac-
cording to an officer of the department,
ordered that a search of the railway
and express records be made to see how
much liquor W. A. Fry and others had
imported. He considered it an outrage
for the attorney-general to pursue and
try to vilify a law-abiding citizen.**

One would think almost that Ger-
many had won the war," concluded Mr.
Fry.

Other Dunnville residents to appear
before the commission today were
James Sheehan, town treasurer; Joseph
Forsberg, ex-member of the town
council, and Henry Fyle a member of
the town council for many years. All
these denied the report that respect
for the court no longer existed and
claimed that they had heard nothing
about complaints of judgments till after
the magistrate was suspended.

MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL TO OPPOSE CANAL PLAN

Montreal, March 15.—Canadian Press.
The council of the board of trade has
adopted the report of the navigation
and harbor committee, recommending
that opposition to the project to canal-
ize the St. Lawrence be made before the
international joint commission. The re-
port of the navigation committee de-
clared in part: That the proposed devel-
opment would be a vast benefit to the
United States than Canada, and that it
would be better for the Dominion Gov-
ernment rather than adopt a scheme
open the St. Lawrence waterways, to
renew its consideration of the proposed
route for Canada, the distance there-
of being shorter, the cost of construc-
tion less, and it contains im-
mense waterpower possibilities. More-
over, the entire route is in Canadian
territory.

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us about your lighting.
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THE MARVELOUS EYE
John Burroughs writes in expressions of awe about
the eye "with all its marvelous powers and adaptations."
And yet those who know less about nature than "the
dean of naturalists" often intrust their eyes to untrained
examiners. To be sure, consult our specialists.

BROWN OPTICAL CO.
Optometrists. Spectacle and Eyeglass Makers.
233 Dundas Street—Phone 1877.

DO YOU NEED A MOTOR TRUCK IN YOUR BUSINESS?

The motor truck business has long
been looked upon as a sort of adjunct
of the motor car, and by Sam Rowat
of the Ontario Garage and Motor Sales,
Limited, believes that this is not quite
the correct thing. Sam should know,
for he's one of London's veteran
dealers, not only in cars, but in trucks,
for he sold some of the first trucks to
travel the streets of the Forest City.
"The motor truck business has been
making gigantic strides in the past
few years," said Mr. Rowat yesterday.
"It's no longer a side issue of the motor
car, but a distinct business in itself.
I've seen this for some time, and now
I'm going to put our National truck
sales on a proper basis."

"When a merchant or a farmer is
solicited to buy a truck, one of the
first questions he asks is: 'Will it pay
me to buy a truck?' The average sales-
man, keen for his order, will naturally
state that his costs are low, but does
the salesman really know, or is he
merely guessing? Nine times out of
ten he's making a guess."

"Transportation engineering is now a
profession," says Mr. Rowat. "Engi-
neers are the only men who can look
over a man's haulage problem and tell
him whether he needs trucks or horses.
Not only that, but the engineer can,
through his traffic analysis, give a
fairly accurate estimate of the cost of
truck or team hauls."

"Selling a Canadian-made Ontario
furniture manufacturer who was some-
what 'peevish' last fall at the increased
freight rates, so he had reorganized a
transportation engineer and asked for a
truck estimate. The manufacturer
stated that his costs by rail were so
much, and wanted to know if he could
have his business saved by trucking."

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RAILMEN PLAN TO REJECT CUT IN THEIR WAGES

No Cessation of Work, But
Appeal To Labor Board.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Railroad
workers in the East have decided to
reject all proposals of wage reductions
and carry their fight to the railroad
labor board, if the cuts are put into
effect. Representatives of the work-
ers, who have been holding confer-
ences with the union officials, have
decided tonight, have decided upon this course,
taking the position that the present
wage standard must be maintained and
economic conditions will not permit
any reduction.

There is little danger of any cessa-
tion of work should the railroad board
reject the proposals, for the union officials
said, as the railroad workers will ap-
peal to the railroad labor board at
Chicago and abide by its decision. The
railroad management, it is understood,
will also obey the board's edict.

The position of the workers was of-
ficially made clear today, when repre-
sentatives of the unskilled men notified
the management of the New York
Central Railroad that they had re-
fused to consider a wage cut of 17 1/2
to 20 per cent, "as we find that those
employees today are not receiving suffi-
cient income to maintain their fami-
lies properly."

WILL REDUCE WAGES.
The Pennsylvania Railroad announced to-
day it will post notices not later than
Thursday, informing all officers and
employees that it proposes to reduce
salaries and wages effective April 20.

MAY BE REJECTED.
NEW YORK, March 15.—Proposed
wage reductions for unskilled labor,
ranging from 7 to 15 1/2 cents per hour,
effective April 18, were submitted to
union representatives today by the
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western
Railroad. The labor officials will reply
at another conference, March 23.

After receiving the Lackawanna pro-
posal, union representatives immedi-
ately went into conference and are
understood to have decided flatly to
reject the reductions and send the case
to the United States Railroad Labor

Board. Approximately 5,000 workers, it
was stated, would be affected by the
Lackawanna reduction.

FAILED TO APPEAR.
SARNIA, March 15.—Fred R. Hamilton
failed to appear in police court today,

and cash bail was requested and tend-
ered by his father, James Hamilton. A
warrant may be issued for his arrest.
His counsel was present, but could of-
fer no explanation for the non-appear-
ance of his client. The information in
the case was sworn out by Grand Trunk
detectives.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Supreme
Court Justice McAvoy today directed
an appeal of John T. Hatrick, William
J. Dordain and William S. Chapman,
in civil with four other defendants in-
dicted in connection with the "quid-
pro quo" investigation on a charge
of violating the state anti-trust law.

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The World's Standard now being shown
for spring by dealers all over Canada from
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See your dealer—He knows.