

COTTAGE AND PLOT OF LAND FOR THE COUNTRY LABORER

Lloyd George's Land Scheme To Make the Agricultural Toiler Independent of Either the Farmer or Landlord—A Minimum Wage of a Pound a Week.

London, Feb. 2.—Arising out of David Lloyd George's speech on the land problem on Friday, The Daily News' parliamentary correspondent now outlines some of the main features of the Chancellor's policy for the regeneration of rural and urban life. The Acland committee, appointed to investigate the problem, are now preparing the report, and according to the Daily News, have abundant evidence available to justify the following forecast of the reform scheme:

The statutory establishment of a minimum wage of at least one pound weekly for agricultural laborers.

INDEPENDENCE FOR LABORER.

Every laborer who requires a cottage shall have one with a plot of land independent of the farmer or landlord.

As a consequence these reforms in farming have to be placed on a scientific basis, including the extension of the co-operative principle.

For urban conditions rating reform on a large scale must be tackled when the present departmental inquiry into the relations between the imperial and local finances is concluded.

WHITE HOUSE TERM IS MADE SIX YEARS

United States Senate Resolution Bars Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson From Another Presidential Term—Wilson's Stay Would Be Extended Two Years.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The first step has been taken toward the adoption of a constitutional amendment fixing the term of President of the United States at six years and making the chief executive ineligible to succeed himself. By a vote of 47 to 23 the Senate today adopted the resolution. The resolution now goes to the House of Representatives, and the likelihood is that it will be passed by that body by a more decisive vote than resulted in the Senate.

MR. CROTHERS FORGOT TO MENTION FARMERS' BANK

Much Comment Over Failure of Labor Minister To Make Good His Pre-Election Pledges to the Electors of East Elgin.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Aylmer, Feb. 1.—The failure of Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, at today's meeting, to say one word in regard to either the Farmers' Bank or his pledge given to the voters of West Elgin, that he would work hard in Parliament to see that depositors were recompensed, is occasioning no little comment all through the district.

During his election campaign, Mr. Crothers was profuse in his promises regarding what he would do to help the Farmers' Bank depositors. So far none of those who lost have been helped in any way.

Mr. Crothers dwelt upon the reciprocity question at some length, and with the navy idea, upholding the contribution to the British navy by the Borden Government. The Minister of Labor claimed all through his speech that the Liberal Government did not live up to its promises to the people. Mr. Crothers said that the fortifications at Esquimaux and at Halifax were going to wreck and ruin when the Borden Government assumed office.

Mr. David Marshall, East Elgin's

CONDUCTOR MORRIS FATALLY CRUSHED

Was To Have Been Pallbearer at His Friend's Funeral.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Windsor, Feb. 2.—Less than 48 hours from the time Ernest S. Royal, Michigan Central yard conductor, was killed in the company's yards just out of Windsor, Patrick Morris, aged 55, conductor, and the first man to drive an engine through the Detroit River tunnel, met the same fate. The accident happened on Saturday afternoon. Conductor Morris was to have been a pall-bearer at Conductor Royal's funeral.

According to Roy Bell, a brakeman, and the only witness of the accident, he and Conductor Morris were working between two freight cars repairing a broken coupling, when suddenly and without warning the cars were shunted, squeezing Morris between the bumpers. He was dead when picked up.

Mr. Morris lived within sight of Conductor Royal, and the two were fast friends. Leaving home Saturday morning Morris talked with his family concerning his old friend's sudden fate. "It makes me feel blue to lose Ernest in such a shocking manner," he said to his wife.

Morris had lived in Windsor 22 years, coming here from Amherstburg. He was one of the oldest employees in point of service with the company. He is survived by his widow, three children, three brothers, Frank, of Wallaceburg, Harry, of Walkerville, and Hugh, Morris of Courtwright—the latter two Michigan Central trainmen—and two sisters. His parents reside at Courtwright.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES IN A HARDWARE STORE

Eleven People Killed and More Than One Hundred Injured in Cuban Town.

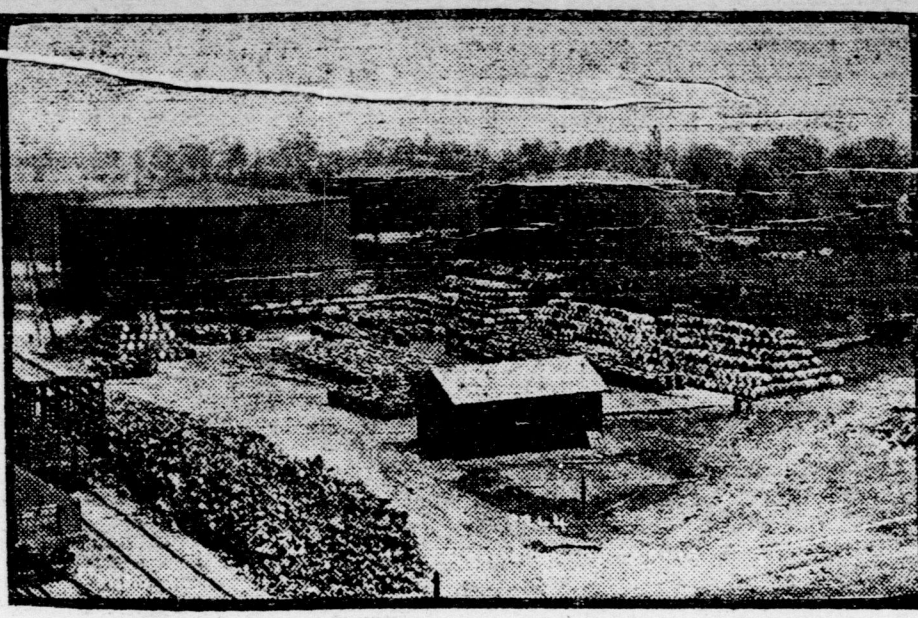
Havana, Feb. 2.—Eleven persons were killed outright and more than a hundred persons were injured by an explosion of dynamite in a hardware store at Cienfuegos today. A number of the injured will die—the store was wrecked and the ruins are being searched for other bodies. Among the injured who will probably die are Robert Edgar, manager of the cable office adjoining the hardware store, and two employees, H. Todd and Bradley, all Americans.

The owner of the hardware store, Jose Mayo, a Spaniard, is too badly injured to tell the cause of the explosion, which is unknown. It seems probable that an unlawfully large amount of the explosives was kept in the store. The shock was felt for twenty miles, and the damage is estimated at \$500,000.

COL. M'CALMONT DEAD

Was Deputy Grand Master of Orange-men of Ireland.

London, Feb. 2.—Colonel James Martin McAlmont, member of Parliament for the eastern division of Antrim, died today. He was deputy grand master of the Orangemen of Ireland, and a member of Parliament since 1885. He was born in 1847, served as aide-de-camp to both the Duke of Marlborough and Earl Cowper while they were viceroy of Ireland. This creates another vacancy in the representation from Ulster in Parliament, but it is not thought that the Irish Nationalists will contest the seat as they did the one from Londonderry.



TANKS OF THE IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY AT SARNIA.

SARNIA TO BE CENTRE FOR ENORMOUS PLANT

Lambton's County Seat Has Developed by Bounds Since Imperial Oil Started Operations—What the Increase Means in an Industrial Way.

The importance of the Imperial Oil announcement from an industrial standpoint to Ontario, in particular, and the Dominion, in general, can scarcely be overestimated.

Just as Canada is a country of great railways, great banking systems, so it promises to become a nation of great industries, and the Imperial Oil expansion, since it first exploited the Canadian field by placing some of its chief lieutenants in the field, and moving a large section of its American executive staff to Sarnia, has indicated the development of a continent-wide movement.

Sarnia's Prosperity.
Sarnia has prospered to a great degree since the oil company began its progress in the last few years. The company has invested several million dollars at the Tunnel City, the last year having seen the erection of a colony of new buildings. Real estate has advanced by leaps, and now the fathers of the town are thanking those who had the original faith to put Sarnia where it is, and complimenting themselves on their continued optimism, for they have all believed that Sarnia must come to greater things. The new era has dawned for them.

Huge Sums Expended.
The latest expansion of the Imperial Oil Company had its expression in a half-million-dollar office building, to accommodate a small army of organizers and directors and managers and accountants and clerks. It is said that a large portion of the companion company's business in the United States will be directed from the Canadian offices. Sarnia will be the headquarters for the fleets of oil steamers, for the tank lines, likely to be increased from the Petrolia field. Vast refineries will be built and there will be a whole community of great buildings, boilers, tanks and storerooms. Several steamers have been fitted up within the last year, and more will be built within a short space of time. The allied industries, many of them manufacturing concerns, are likely to be located at the tunnel.

To Be a Great City.
"Within a year or two Sarnia will be a city of considerable size," said a financial man, who has watched the development. "There is no doubt but that the oil company will begin greater development at once. They have many acres of land and they did not secure it for nothing. With Windsor advancing one may look for the time when these places will be great lake port rivals. Both have been given a start by big industries, the steel company in the one, and the oil company in the other. It will be interesting to watch the race. And London will not fail to benefit. Its business should be greatly enhanced, and radial railways are required as soon as possible.

The stock of the Imperial Oil Company is held by a large number of Canadians, and there will be many men made rich as a result of the expansion.

ONLY CREAM SKIMMED FROM THE PETROLEA OIL FIELD?
Imperial Company Likely To Undertake Great Development Throughout Famous District—Modern Appliances and Capital Needed.

Well-informed business men are of the opinion that the Imperial Oil Company contemplates extensive operations in the Petrolia field.

Wells which have been played out apparently will be sunk deeper, and the oil men of the country state that with modern methods and unlimited capital the Petrolia field will show a renewed activity that will astonish the country. Others are not so optimistic, but Petrolia residents are hopeful for great things from the Imperial Oil Company.

The whole oil belt is likely to be gone over in a manner so thorough as to confirm or condemn every prospect that has ever been heard of. Some people think that the cream of the Petrolia field has only been skimmed. Old oil men say that there is oil in many parts of the county of Lambton and adjoining counties that has never been properly developed. At Wyoming at the present time wells are being drilled and in many other localities there are claims that the owners affirm only need development.

At any rate, Petrolia people are confident that the Imperial Oil expansion means that the Petrolia field will be utilized as never before, and that there will be a boom within a year that will set all others in the background. Business men are renewing their hope in the locality, and hundreds of the original oil men have never left the district—a fact to indicate that there is something behind the hope that kept them from other inviting fields. Petrolia is known the world over as an oil territory. It attracted thousands in the boom days, and the old residents can spin stories of rough romance that make one think of the forty-niners. There is feeling of great optimism in the town that has thrived as few others in the country have, even though the first fruits of prosperity were not so easily gathered in later years. The announcement of the Imperial's expansion will

Water Supply Is Stopped by Field Ice
Effort Will be Made to Open the Intake With Steam.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Feb. 3.—Sarnia's water supply was very low yesterday and today as a result of the large quantities of field ice in the St. Clair.

With the return of cold weather, the ice drifted around the intake and soon froze into a solid jam. It was soon



PART OF IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY'S FLEET IN DOCKS AT SARNIA.

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Net Surplus	1,576,046	1,300,784	275,262
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noticed that the supply was falling at the intake and the pressure went steadily down.

A diver was summoned, but owing to the quantities of ice did not care to risk his life by going down.

An effort will be made to thaw the ice out by the aid of steam pipes, which will be turned in from boats anchored as close as possible to the intake.

LOST HER ANCHOR.
Sarnia, Feb. 3.—The tug Fisher lost her anchor owing to the ice in the St. Clair yesterday. An effort is being made to locate the missing parts, but so far without success.

SARNIA AGOG OVER NEWS OF IMPERIAL OIL PLANS

Real Estate Steadily Advancing as Result of Big Development of Projects—Oil People Reported To Have Options on Miles of Trackage.

SARNIA BRANCH OFFICE,
209 Front Street.
Office hours, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Feb. 3.—The exclusive announcement in The Advertiser of Saturday to its Sarnia readers that the Imperial Oil Company planned an increase of its capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$15,000,000 was received here as the most important news the community had heard for months.

There is a degree of excitement in the conversations that are heard. Sarnia people had heard whispers of the big plan of the Imperial, but until Saturday they had no idea of the vast proportions which the enterprise was about to assume.

The Imperial Oil Company at the present time holds a large acreage of land in Sarnia and vicinity. It is said to have options on miles and miles of trackage.

The lines of development to be followed by the company will be watched with interest. Some people believe that the Petrolia field will be developed to a great extent, while others do not believe this to be the intention.

Real estate is likely to have an advance as a result of the proposed activities of the company, and Sarnia has the faith that it will advance greatly as a result of the expansion.

DETROIT: King and Christopher, of Van Buren, Ohio; Alex. and James, of Detroit; Mrs. Lilly, Grand Junction, Mich.; Minnie, of Philadelphia, and Lizzie, with her mother in Detroit.

Mr. Houston was for many years superintendent of the Petrolia Methodist Sunday school. His four brothers, King, Christopher, Robert and Alex., and two cousins, John and C. Anderson, of Oil Springs, acted as pall-bearers.

JOHN HOUSTON WAS PIONEER OIL MAN

Native of Inniskillen, But Resided in Petrolia Many Years.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Petrolia, Feb. 3.—The funeral took place to the Hillside Cemetery on Saturday afternoon of John Houston, a former resident, whose death occurred at Van Buren, Ohio. The services were conducted at the home of King Houston, Greenfield street, an uncle of the deceased, by Rev. H. Moyer, assisted by Dr. McVicar.

Mr. Houston was born in Inniskillen in 1846. About 27 years ago he married Mary, daughter of Alex. Ingram, of Sarnia Township. They resided for some years on con. 8 of Inniskillen. Later he sold his farm and went into the oil business here. About thirteen years ago he moved to Van Buren, where he had since resided. Besides his aged mother he leaves his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Bratt, May, and Clarice, one son, Roy, and six brothers and three sisters—Robert Houston, near



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