# LOCAL DEPOSITORS IN HOME BANK WILL ORGANIZE

## BANK DEPOSITORS FAVOR HOME BANK PROTECTIVE ASSN.

### Movement Started in Toronto Finds Some Support Among London Men.

### OPPOSE WINDING UP

The organization of a "Home Bank Depositors' Protective Association" by Toronto men involved in the bank's failure is regarded with satisfaction by local depositors. Questioned this morning in connection with the decision of Toronto depositors to appeal for the appointment of a representative to safeguard their interests, London depositors gave ready approval to the action.

No Londoners attended the meeting in the Queen City. Without exception, however, they indorsed the movement for a thorough inquiry into the Home Bank's affairs, and thought it only right that a proportion of depositors should organize to protect themselves. It is unnecessary, they observed, to appoint local representatives to the investigating board. The Toronto appointees could be counted on to act in the interests of all depositors throughout the province.

Staunch opposition to liquidation in Toronto is reflected here. A repetition of the Farmers' Bank fiasco, which deprived depositors of their savings is feared if the Home Bank is wound up.

"It looks more and more as if mismanagement and improper practice are the prime causes of the bank's failure," a London depositor said. "It is only right that the depositors, who have a prior claim on all assets, should receive what is coming to them."

It is estimated that 60 per cent of shareholders and depositors with the Home Bank are Catholics. Although the Home Bank was not actually a Catholic institution, half of the members of the board of directors were Catholics and 50 per cent of the bank's taxes were given for separate schools, in accordance with the privilege of incorporated companies. Many priests and clerics had their life savings in the Home Bank.

"If there are any guilty parties involved in the bank's suspension, they should be made an example of," another depositor declared. "Each day we hear ugly rumors of illegal manipulation of Home Bank funds. There may be no foundation in them, but the depositors are wise to organize and investigate."

## VACANT HOUSES ADD TO WORRIES OF POLICE

### Investigate Adelaide Street Residence When Suspicious Lights Are Noticed.

Vacant houses, left by their owners for the summer, or awaiting new tenants, form a large part of the responsibility of the local police force.

At the police station is a long list of those houses which the police have been asked to watch for the period they are vacant, and that they perform their duty well is borne out by the fact that very few are ever entered.

Anything suspicious immediately attracts their attention, as the officers know when the house is to be reoccupied, and an investigation follows.

Last night a house on Adelaide street, which has been vacant for two weeks, was noticed lighted up. A phone call by a neighbor brought the police in the flyer to the location within a few minutes. They entered the house, but outside of the cellar and upstairs lights being turned on, nothing suspicious was found.

But it speaks well for the promptness and efficiency of the force, for the manner in which they responded to the call.

## LOCAL PIANO FIRM GIVES EMPLOYEES BIG PLAYGROUNDS

### Sherlock-Manning Company Rewards Faithful Workers With Splendid Gift.

### MAYOR OFFICIATES

One of the finest, if not the finest, industrial athletic grounds in London was officially opened last night by Mayor Wenige at the Sherlock-Manning Piano Company at Elm and Pine streets.

Wishing to show their appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by their employees the company officials at no small expense, and with the aid of a committee comprised of staff members, installed a tennis court, a bowling green and a fine quoit-bed on the property for the use of the workers.

In opening the playgrounds Mayor Wenige complimented the officials on their progressiveness and the employees on their good service, evidenced by the athletic field gift.

W. N. Manning, hoporary president who acted as chairman of the evening's program, gave credit to those who aided in the construction of the playgrounds, and expressed the hope that the present amicable relations would always exist between the officials and the employees.

An interesting bowling tournament was staged between representative teams from Sherlock-Manning, St. David's and All Saints, the latter finally carrying off the honors. The quoit game series, which has been in progress during the summer season, was brought to an exciting finish, when William McFarland won his match with W. Hirschleber, and was presented with a gold cup and a medal by Mrs. Sherlock, sen., as a reward.

At the completion of the sports the employees and officials joined in a sing-song led by John Stephenson, following which J. F. Sherlock moved a vote of thanks to the committee through whose efforts the athletic field was made possible. He paid special tribute to R. H. Chown, who was responsible, in no small degree, for the success of the undertaking. A vote of appreciation for the work accomplished by Mr. Chown and his committee was moved by Mr. Manning and seconded by Robert Ellwood.

The members of the committee who had charge of the work were: R. H. Chown, chairman; Miss C. Allen, Miss F. Nash, Miss E. Hunter, Miss N. Bentley, Miss M. Loney, Messrs. W. McFarland, J. R. Stephenson, G. Nye, R. Ellwood, J. Jewett, S. E. Comber.

## BANS SECRET CONFABS BEFORE COURT OPENS

### Magistrate Gladman Claims Offenders Explaining Their Case Only Waste Time.

The practice of offenders against city bylaws and the Motor Vehicles Act seeking secret sessions with the magistrate before court opens, in orde rthat they may present hteir sides of the case for which they have been summoned, will not avail anything, according to Deputy Magistrate Gladman.

Mr. Gladman stated this morning that not a day passed but that some one came to him in his office and tried to explain just how it was he was summoned, the offence, and that he was not guilty.

Chief Birrell stated that it was no use for these persons to do this as the court must hear both sides of every case and that the only place to see the magistrate is in open court where the evidence both for and against can be heard and judged.

MR. AND MRS. PETER McKENZIE, PARENTS OF THE ABDUCTED LILLIAN HELEN.

## *Will Kill N. Y. 'Crying Baby' Unless $1,000 Ransom Paid*

### *Parents of Three-Months-Old Lillian McKenzie, Who Was Kidnapped, Receive Threatening Letter.*

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Aug. 24.—Two letters, threatening the death of kidnapped Lillian McKenzie, the 3-months-old "crying baby," missing since Saturday, unless $1,000 was paid, have been received by the moneyless parents. One signed "K. K. K." was autographed with the thumbprints of the writer in ink. Although police believe the letters were sent to the grieving parents by demented persons, all efforts are being made to locate the senders.

The "K. K. K." letter instructed the father to leave $1,000 under a handkerchief beside a tall smokestack visible on entering Rutherford, N. J., from where the letter was posted. If the money was not forthcoming the baby would be killed, the letter said.

A second letter, less specific, said the sickly baby was being fed according to the doctor's formula, which has been published by New York papers, and that Lillian was stolen in revenge "for the dirty tricks you have done to me in the last year." This letter did not ask for money, but advised that a second letter would follow.

"The crying baby" mystery is just as puzzling today as it was last Saturday, when the baby was taken from her perambulator when her mother went into a store, police admitted.

## BROWNIES TO PLAY FOR ONTARIO TITLE

### Crack Softball Team Will Go to Dundas on Labor Day.

Londoners, sometimes are wont to look askance at "Tag Days" which sometimes intrude on an otherwise pleasant Saturday. But invariably these tag days are staged for good purposes. Tomorrow the members of the "Brownies," the girls who have captured by sheer hard work the softball title of the city are going to elicit aid from the citizens by means of a tag day, to enable them to make the trip to Dundas, a week from next Monday (Labor Day) where they will play the girls team of that town for the championship of Ontario.

Much credit is due the Brownies for their achievement in winning the city title (they have yet to lose a game this year) through the fact that they have built up a crack girls' softball team without the backing or sponsorship of any organization. They might be called an "independent" team but the fact remains that they nevertheless represent London and will do their best, if they can to finance the trip on Labor Day, to bring further honors to the Forest City.

Prior to this the Brownies managed to finance their undertakings themselves but the expense of taking part in the provincial semi-finals is a little too much for them, and they have decided to hold a tag day and feel sure that the citizens will respond. The team is endeavoring to bring a Kitchener team here tomorrow afternoon to play an exhibition game on the Federal Square and the proceeds will go towards the financing of the trip.

On the Brownies lineup are—Pearl Fortner, Peggy Reynolds, May Wells, Mary Clark, Maryn Lindsay, Lenore Henry, Jean Ram, Marguerite Graham, Alice Gramlick, Elsie Ford and Hazel Brown.

## POPULAR YOUNG MAN BURIED IN WOODLAND

The funeral of Joseph Ingram, jr., the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ingram, of 67 Duchess avenue, who passed away in this city on Tuesday after a short illness, was held yesterday from the home of his parents to Woodland Cemetery.

The young man was well known and very popular among South London young people, and the floral tributes sent by his many friends and acquaintances were with difficulty carried in one vehicle.

The services were in charge of Rev. W Richardson, of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. The pallbearers were, P. Cambridge, J. Cambridge, F. Vosden, F. Howard, J. Green and F. Westlake.

Besides his parents, Mr. Ingram leaves two brothers, Arthur and Eagle, and one sister, Ruby.

There are about 3,500,000 insects in the Entomological Department of the National History Museum in London. Some families are represented by 60,000 specimens and new insects are received at the rate of about 100,000 a year.

## CHIEF JUSTICE BURIED WITH SIMPLE CEREMONY

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dith, Sir Vincent Meredith of Montreal, T. G. Meredith of London, Ont., and Charles Meredith, all brothers of the late chief justice; F. E. Meredith and Howard G. Meredith of Detroit, cousins of the deceased, and James Allan of Montreal, a brother-in-law of Sir Vincent Meredith and Redmond Meredith of London.

They, in company with other members of the family, laid their floral tributes on the casket when it reached the Meredith home last night from Montreal, where it was accompanied on a special train by Lady Meredith, Mrs. T. W. Ramsay of Toronto, a daughter of the deceased, and also the late chief justice's two brothers.

**Many Send Wreaths.**

A host of other wreaths were in the room where Sir William lay, including floral tributes from Osgoode Hall, the senate of the University of Toronto, Hon. Edward G. Ferguson (premier of Ontario) and his cabinet, the board of governors and the chancellor of the University of Toronto, Mr. Justice W. N. Ferguson, the Ontario Bar Association, the chief justice of Nova Scotia, Sir W. Mulock, and many others.

The service was conducted by Canon Plumptre of St. James' Cathedral, assisted by Canon Cody and the Rev. F. J. Moore. The greater part of the ritual was held in the room in Sir William Meredith's home where he lay, the remainder being said as his body was lowered into its final resting place on earth at St. James' Cemetery, in the family plot, near where the son he loved so well was buried some years ago.

Messages of sympathy were received by the family during yesterday, and today from all parts of the Dominion. From the governor-general came one: "Lady Byng and I send our deepest sympathy," and others from Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier of Canada; from Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition; from Sir Lomer Gouin, from the lieutenant-governors of the several provinces, and from many other persons.

The service at the house started at 2:30 p.m., Lady Meredith standing next to the head of the casket, round about were grouped the other members of the family, including his married daughters. The Anglican burial service was strictly adhered to and there was no mention made by any of the officiating clergy of the death of Sir William Meredith.

**Unable To Attend.**

In the room also were the chief justices of Ontario, and many members of the legal profession, Osgoode Hall being closed for the afternoon. The family were all present with the exception of one brother, Llewellyn Meredith of London, Ont., who was unable to attend. It had been arranged that he was to act as a pallbearer, but his place was taken by Redmond Meredith of London.

After the service in the home, which was of a semi-private nature, the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, the remains of the late chief justice being transported by motor hearse. Subsequent to the interment the great masses of flowers sent by sympathizers were laid beside the grave.

## THREE BURN TO DEATH AFTER AUTO COLLISION

Hingham, Mass., Aug. 24.—The three persons burned to death after their automobile had caught fire as a result of a collision with a stalled motor truck here early today, were identified several hours later as Earl Finlay of Wollaston, Miss Lilla Schofield and Thomas Gorham of South Boston.

**New Guinea a Treasure Island.**

The island of New Guinea is astonishingly rich in natural resources, including copra from which comes oil which forms the basis of most soaps; kapok, tapioca, cocoanut, and such metals as tin and copper. Large sums of American money have already been invested in different industries.

## OLD-TIME PAPER FOUND IN LONDON PRINTED IN 1779

### Rare Old Wits Flourished in the Days of New Jersey Journal.

### A HERO'S MESSAGE

What is supposed to be the first newspaper that ever came to London was discovered in the vacated premises of Dickison & Nicholson Company, Richmond street, by William Coles Jun. yesterday.

The newspaper is called the New Jersey Journal, and is among the first dozen ever printed in North America. From an historical viewpoint, it represents a valuable find, and the copy in Mr. Coles' possession is dated "February 16, 1779. Vol. I., Numb. 1."

The evolution of the newspaper cannot be better understood than by a comparison of the ancient New Jersey Journal with publications of the present day. It was a contemporary of the Canada Gazette, and quotes extracts from the latter paper in its news columns. "News" in those days was confined almost exclusively to letters sent in by soldiers, politicians, clergymen, and others, in touch with current events. The Journal was a three-column affair about sixteen inches deep.

Advertising was not a lost art in 1779. Several notices of sales and assertions that so-and-so would not be responsible "for debts contracted by my wife" were common. It did not matter how long the advertisements were, each insertion cost $2 "the first week and $1 for every continuance."

**Oldtime Wits.**

Evidently there were wits in days of yore. The New Jersey Journal prints a "Genuine letter of an officer of high rank in the American fervice to Mifs F——, a young lady of Philadelphia." The "officer of high rank" here challenges the young lady to a duel because she told her friends that he "wore green breeches patched with leather." The officer writes her, in part, as follows:

"When an officer of the refpectable rank, which I bear, is grosfly traduced and calumniated it is incumbent on him to clear up the affair to the world. The fpirit of defamation and calumny (I am forry to fay it) is grown to a prodigious and intolerable height on this continent. If you had accufed me of getting drunk as often as I could get liquor (Alexander the Great waf charged with thif vice), I fhould, perhaps, be patient under the imputation. But the calumny you have, in the fertility of your malicious wit, chofen to invent, is of fo new, fo unprecedented, and fo hellifh a kind, as would make Job himfelf fswear like a Virginia Colony."

The "officer of high rank" goes on to "convict you, therefore, of the falfhood of thif moft diabolical flander; to put you to eternal filence and castigate your proud beauty to dirt and duft."

Thereupon the writer challenges the "ladye faire" to mortal combat. He said he communicated "the affair only to my confidential friend——, who has mentioned it to more than feven members of troopf and nineteen women, fix of whom are old maids, fo that there if no danger of its taking wind on my fide. I hope you will be equally guarded on your part."

**Message of Hero.**

In the same issue a letter from L. V. Fuser, commander of His Majesty's troops in Georgia, directed to a revolutionary officer, tells the latter that it is futile for him to continue occupying "the fort." Col. John M'Intosh, commanding continental troops, made this courageous reply:

"We, sir, are fighting the battle of America, and therefore difdain to remain neuter till its fate is determined. As to furrendering the fort, receive this laconic reply—COME AND TAKE IT."

In those days Germany, too, was on the warpath, for an announcement is made that an army was drawing together to attack Weffel, a well-fortified town "in the King of Pruffia's dominions on the Rhine."

Three of the New Jersey Journal's four pages were devoted almost entirely to war news. Tales of battles and engagements were printed in the form of well-written but verbose letters from officers who led the British and revolutionary forces.

On individual, suffering apparently from the "green-eyed monster," put the following advertisement in the newspaper: "This is to give notice that I, Daniel Halsey Jun., of the borough of Elizabeth, County of Effex, and ftate of New Jersey, do hereby forbid any perfon from flattering, fooling or trifling with my wife's affection while I am away from home."

## PLAYGROUND GAMES STAGED TOMORROW

The program for the inter-district playground championship of the city, which is arranged for tomorrow, is issued today by Dr. George A. Smith as follows:

1:15.—Fall in at the federal square and march down Dundas and Ridout to the Thames Park ground. The band of the G. W. V. A. will play on the federal square and will be in attendance all afternoon.

2:00—Commencement of the sports' program, junior and senior girls' athletics.

2:45 to 3:45—Girls' folk dancing (massed and competitive). Girls' dodge ball championship. Girls' basketball championship. "Tots" group games. Girls' baseball throwing (for accuracy).

3:45—Girls' baseball championship between Thames Park and the winner of the Birkett's Flats V Roberts' game, to be played today. Junior and intermediate boys' athletics on the dancing area.

4:00 to 5:00—Intermediate baseball (boys) championship, between Botterill's and the winner of the Simcoe vs. Birkett's Flats game, to be played today.

4:55—The softball championship, between Roberts and Botterill.

During the afternoon there will be an unlimited age athletic competition and there will also be special prizes and ribbons presented in every event There will be an open quoit competition, open to any pair in the city and a volley ball competition open to any six players from one of the civic playgrounds.

## *Prisoner Steals Buttons From Mate's Best Shirt*

Special to The Advertiser.

Milton, Aug. 24.—Governor McGibbon of the county jail here is having some rather exciting experiences with his prisoners these days.

Bryan and Roberts principals in the recent sensational attempt to jail breaking figured in another episode yesterday. When Bryan was about to appear before Judge Elliott, he discovered that his shirt with solid gold sleeve buttons was missing. He reported his loss to Governor McGibbon.

After a long search the shirt, without the buttons was found hidden under an inverted bucket.

After more searching the governor examined Roberts' coat which had been taken from him and put away, a slit was found in the lining and inside were the buttons and a quantity of dope. Roberts admitted the theft.

On account of Morton and Mendosa the two brokers serving six weeks in the jail here having reported that they overheard Bryan declaring that he would kill Roberts, who not only stole his shirt and gold buttons, but also told the governor of their plot to escape by cutting the bars, Governor McGibbon has locked Bryan in a cell and put Roberts in another section of the jail.

## ROBERTS WIN EAST SECTION BASEBALL

### Beat Queen's in the Playoff, 12 to 5—Enter Finals Tomorrow.

Roberts defeated Queen's Park last night 12 to 5 in the sudden death playoff, on neutral grounds (Thames Park), to decide the winner of the eastern section of the Playgrounds Baseball League.

The final will be played tomorrow at Thames Park, when Bottrills, the west section winners, meet Roberts.

Last night's score follows:

Roberts ..... 0 8 0 2 1 1—12
Queens ..... 0 2 0 0 2 1— 5

Batteries — Prescott and James; Thomas and John.

On Festival Day, Saturday, the members of the playgrounds will assemble at Federal Square, and, headed by a band, will march to Thames Park. At 2 p.m. the junior and senior girls' events will be run off, and at 3 p.m. three events will be run off simultaneously.

There will be folk-dancing and the folk-dancing competition; the junior and intermediate boys' athletic competition, and the girls' final baseball game between Thomas Park and the winner of the Birketts vs. Roberts playoff being staged tonight.

From 4 to 5 p.m. the men's final ball game will be played, and the intermediate final immediately will follow.

Several events will be held on different parts of the grounds during the afternoon. A quoits tournament, open to any team of two playgrounds members; a volleyball tourney, open to any team of six; a basketball scoring competition, open to playgrounds girls, and the final game in the dodgeball competition, between Thames and Queens, are the most important.

## SPRINGBANK BATTLERS SUMMONED TO COURT

### City Youths and Others To Appear On Charge of Rowdyism.

The veterans of the recent battle of Springbank will appear in police court tomorrow, summons for their appearance having been taken out and served by Provincial Constable T. Y. Stratton.

While most of those concerned are local youths, one or two of them are from other cities, one living in Windsor. If the summons are not obeyed, warrants for arrest will be issued, as the county authorities and the management of the park at Springbank feel that the matter of rowdyism of this kind is too serious to drop.

The fight occurred at the beginning of the week, when one man, intoxicated, got into an argument with another. This led to others joining in, and within a few minutes the argument assumed the aspects of a Donnybrook Fair, except that there were no broken heads.

It was beyond the power of the constables present to control the men, although they did their best, one of them suffering painful injuries in attempting to bring order out of chaos.

Tomorrow, however, the officer will have his revenge, when the young men appear in court to answer charges of disorderly conduct, and assaulting an officer in the performance of his duty.

## FAMOUS PICTURES TO BE EXHIBITED AT WESTERN FAIR

### Masterpieces To Be Loaned From National Gallery of Canada at Ottawa.

### ART PLANS CHANGED

A. M. Hunt, secretary of the Western Fair Association, has secured a very fine loan exhibition of oil and water colors from the National Gallery of Canada for showing at the Western Fair this year. The pictures, all of which are both nationally and internationally known, are:

1. St. Thomas Harbour, Dutch West Indies, by Franklin Brownell, R.C.A.
2. Coast at Louisburg, by William Brymer, R.C.A.
3. Morning in Spain, by W. Clapp, A.R.C.A.
4. Late Fall, Manitoba, by L. Fitzgerald.
5. Old Kirby Mill, Brantford, by John Sloan Gordon.
6. Fishing Boats, by John Hammond, R.C.A.
7. Habitant Plowing, Isle d'Orleans, by Charles E. Huot.
8. Quai des Augustins, Bruges, by J. Young Johnstone.
9. Hartung's Wharf, Boothbay Harbour, by Minnie Kallmeyer.
10. The Guide's Home, by Arthur Bismer.
11. Dyke Lands at Grande Pre., by Alfred Mickle.

This is the finest single collection that has ever graced the walls of the art section of the Western Fair, and is sure, in the opinion of the association board, to be of interest to both sighteseers and painters. The showing of professional pictures this year will be held in the Art Building. The amateur work will be hung in the annex to the Main Building. This is in agreement with the wishes of all the professional painters who are showing, and is an advance on the older custom of putting all the pictures together.

The lustre ware which our forefathers cherished and which has been kept as heirlooms in old American families, was an English product, and although it is not considered as fine as the old Italian and Spanish lustres, yet it has a quaint charm that seems to belong to our American colonial life.

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