

BECK'S SHADOW FALLS OVER THE WHITNEY REGIME

His Selection as Premier Would
Cause Consternation in the
Ontario Legislature.

THE HANNA FACTION

Bitterly Opposed to the Selection
of Lower Minister as Sir
James' Successor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 17.—The hope throughout the province that Sir James Whitney will fully recover his health and be able to continue his leadership of the Government, it is true, however, that the indication that Sir James Whitney this autumn has given rise to much speculation as to who would succeed him in case he should be compelled to retire from the responsibilities of the Premiership.

It is generally thought that Mr. Hanna would have been his successor had it not been for the Proddfoot charges. But it is now frankly admitted, even in Conservative circles, that Mr. Hanna cannot succeed Sir James. Enough was admitted by the Prime Minister and the Provincial Secretary to put Mr. Hanna out of the running. When to this there is added what was proved by the inquiry and what even his own friends fear might have been proved had the Conservative members on the committee not come to his rescue and blocked the investigation, it is easy to see that Mr. Hanna has lost his opportunity of becoming Prime Minister.

No Love Lost.
Mr. Hanna is also menaced by the opposition of Mr. Beck. It is well known that these two ministers do not waste any affection on each other, and some of those who are best posted as to the relations between the two do not believe for a moment that Mr. Beck would serve under Mr. Hanna. The small public ownership wing of the Conservative party, headed by Mr. Beck, does not trust Mr. Hanna. It looks upon him as the corporation representative in the Government, and considers that his relations are entirely too close to certain interests to enable him to be a trustworthy Prime Minister.

Mr. Beck's own name has been mentioned for the position. He is very ambitious, and it is generally believed he is anxious for promotion. He is strong at present in popular favor, owing to his work on the hydro-electric commission, but he is not popular among the Conservative members of the House. They look upon him as too distant and autocratic in his manner. Nor is he popular among his own colleagues in the Government, and it is an open secret that he seldom attends cabinet meetings. The choice of Mr. Beck as Prime Minister would probably upset the Government completely, for Mr. Hanna would not serve under him, and it is said that several other ministers share Mr. Hanna's views.

Meredith May Succeed.
A quiet rumor that has been going around for some time is, that owing to the lack of interest in the Whitney Cabinet, Sir William Meredith, instead of becoming governor of the province is slated to succeed Sir James as Prime Minister. It is not known, however, that this would be acceptable to Sir James' colleagues, who strongly resent the influence of Sir William over Sir James, and are restless because at present they feel Sir William's voice is much more potent than even that of Sir James himself. If Sir William did accept, the murmurs, which have been increasing of late, about a noisy and indignant protest.

With all these cross-currents within the House and within the cabinet, it is no wonder that in Conservative circles there is great anxiety over the indisposition of the Prime Minister.

MAY BE KNIGHTED

Major R. W. Leonard Likely To Be
Honored at New Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that Major R. W. Leonard, chairman of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, will be among those upon whom the King will confer New Year honors. It is stated that the honor of knighthood will be given to him in recognition of his various services to the Dominion.

After the new year the major will, if rumor is correct, be known as Major Sir Reuben Wells Leonard. He is one of Canada's best known engineers, and is a man of considerable wealth. A gift of half a million dollars from him to Queen's University for military purposes was recently announced.

BIG BARN BURNED.

[Canadian Press.]
Buffalo, Dec. 17.—Fire early today destroyed two large barns of the Crandall Horse Company, opposite the East Buffalo stock yards. John Pawloski, an employee of the company was burned to death. Property loss \$10,000.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours ending 8 a.m. today: Highest, 36; lowest, 26.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 41; lowest, 30.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

Forecast.
Dec. 17.—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh to strong westerly winds, shifting to northerly; fair and mild today. Thursday—Fair and somewhat colder.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	46	22	Clear
Calgary	42	22	Clear
Winnipeg	42	18	Cloudy
Port Arthur	42	24	Cloudy
Park Sound	42	32	Cloudy
Toronto	40	32	Clear
Ottawa	24	24	Cloudy
Montreal	28	24	Cloudy
Quebec	20	18	Cloudy
Father Point	24	12	Cloudy

A depression is developing near Sable Island. Pressure is also low in the St. Lawrence Valley.
Light local snow has fallen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

ALD. J. G. RICHTER WILL RUN UNLESS CONTINGENCIES ARISE

Announces Mayoralty Candidature, Conditionally
on Developments That May Occur in
His Private Business.

Contingent on developments that may occur in his own private business, Ald. J. G. Richter will be a 1914 mayoralty candidate. To The Advertiser this morning Ald. Richter, whose candidature is being requested by many societies and hundreds of citizens, made the announcement that he would be a candidate, provided that obstacles to his entry into the mayoralty race were not raised in his own business.

Whether or not this handicap will develop will be decided this week, and Mr. Richter will make an absolutely definite statement on Saturday or the first of next week at the latest.

"So far as I know now I will accede to the many requests for me to enter the field," said Ald. Richter to The Advertiser.

TRADES COUNCIL SUPPORT WILL GO TO ALD. RICHTER

Will Indorse Him for Mayor-
alty, According to President
Harry Bastla.

AWAITING DECISION

Fact That Intentions Were Un-
known Causes Committee to
Withhold Recommendation.

If Ald. J. G. Richter decides to stand as a 1914 mayoralty candidate he will likely have the indorsement of the Trades and Labor Council. The fact that no definite statement as to his intentions had been received by the special election committee of the council was the only reason, according to statements made to The Advertiser this morning, that prevented his name from being recommended by it at the meeting on Tuesday night.

In his favor, and would come out definitely and say that he will be a candidate he will receive the indorsement of the committee and of the council, too, for the members are strongly in favor of him. The choice of Ald. Richter as mayor would like to see him in the mayor's chair.

The election committee's recommendation that comes before the council tonight, includes in the list of the following candidates who will be supported if they enter the field:

Board of Control
Ald. B. W. Bennett.
Ald. G. E. Ross.
Ald. E. J. L. Stein.
Ex-Ald. James Donnelly.
P. H. Phillipin.
A. Edger.
Board of Education.
H. B. Archer.
Charles Mottashed.

FEES BY INSTALLMENTS

Minister Receives Marriage Donation
At and After Ceremony.

On Saturday night a prominent London clergyman said the necessary words that are supposed to tie men and women together for all time. In this instance the young man in the case handed the bride a two-dollar bill and let it go at that. One may, however, imagine the minister's surprise when the groom appeared at his door on Sunday morning and tendered him \$3 additional on the marriage fee, thus bringing the amount up to the usual figure.

WILL PRESENT PRIZES

Winners of Liberal Club Euchre Tour-
nament To Be Awarded Trophies
Tonight.

Prizes for the Liberal Club euchre tournament will be presented by Geo. S. Gibbons at the last regular meeting of the club for the year in Hyman Hall tonight. The last games of the tournament, which has attracted such attention throughout the city, will be played off, and the winners made the recipients of the handsome prizes that have been donated.

NO DECISION

Board of Trade Has Not Yet Selected
"Site."

The special committee appointed by the board of trade to look into the advisability of putting forward a board of trade site for the board of control, which is to be elected in January, has not yet arrived at a decision. At a meeting in the board of trade rooms on Tuesday evening, the matter was again thoroughly discussed, and still another meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting of the board, to try and arrive at some conclusion.

Those present at Tuesday night's conference were: W. D. I. Wright, convenor; Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartschore, acting president; E. C. Mitchell, J. W. McFarland, Dr. H. E. Reason, Arthur W. White and Industrial Commissioner Gordon Phillips.

\$2,500 Permit.—Building Inspector A. M. Piper has granted a permit to Hyatt Bros. for the erection of a brick house costing \$2,500, on Hyatt avenue.

vertiser. "There may be developments in my private business that will prevent me from being a candidate, and for that reason it is impossible for me to definitely announce myself now. However, unless these contingencies arise, and they will likely be known by Friday, I will be in the field."

GOVT. ACCOUNTS ARE BEING AUDITED

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The auditors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia are in Ottawa. The watchdogs of the provincial treasurers are meeting with Dominion Auditor-General Fraser and discussing ways and means of checking up the accuracy of the Government's expenditure. The exchange of ideas is proving profitable.

CANADIAN PRESS GRANTS FRANCHISE TO MORNING EDITION OF THE ADVERTISER

World's News Service, Augmented by a Strong Staff of Writers
and Correspondents, Will Be Used in London's Latest
Enterprise—Signs of a Great Success Are Numerous.

AT A MEETING of the directors of Canadian Press, Limited, held in the office of Mr. J. E. Atkinson, proprietor of the Toronto Star, The London Advertiser was granted a morning newspaper franchise to commence on Jan. 1, 1914.

CANADIAN PRESS, Limited, is the organization of Canadian newspapers which controls and operates the world Associated Press. The Advertiser has always been a member of this organization, and now extends its service to a complete 24-hour service, by means of which readers of the new morning paper will be kept in touch with the news of the whole world.

FIRST EDITION ON JAN. 1, 1914.

THE OFFICIAL granting of the morning franchise to The Advertiser makes certain the publication of a morning paper at the first of the new year.

THE MORNING ADVERTISER will be one of the notable evidences of growth of the city of London and of Western Ontario. The city of London has not had a more important manifest of the advance of the city and the increased activity in the district than this newspaper development.

FOR YEARS there has been a demand for a morning edition of The Advertiser. It is a natural development of the largest evening newspaper in the field, and while production is better than prediction, it can be said that the morning newspaper which goes forth from the press of The Advertiser on Jan. 1 will be the best that money and talent can provide.

MORE WRITING TALENT SECURED.

THE EDITORIAL staff of The Advertiser is being greatly augmented at the present time. A group of writing newspapermen, of whose ability there can be no question, will produce the paper, and a corps of correspondents in every city, town and village of Western Ontario will furnish every day's happenings in complete detail. Western Ontario is the centre of news of Ontario. Its dozen or more splendid counties are full of activities. The Advertiser will advance London with Western Ontario.

THE STAY-IN-ONTARIO campaign, which attracted much attention, will be furthered, and The Advertiser will endeavor to bring home to the men of the district the true conviction that they are the favored of earth and that they live in the Garden of Canada.

WITH THE granting of the morning franchise of the Canadian Press comes an announcement that the morning service is to be strengthened. A new manager with headquarters at Toronto is to be appointed, and the result will be that news of closer interest to Western Ontario will be received.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE SUBSCRIBING.

AS TO THE proof of the pudding, let it be said that hundreds of new subscriptions are being received by The Advertiser for its morning edition BEFORE THE PAPER HAS COME FROM THE PRESS. The demand of years is proved to be genuine. The Morning Advertiser will be one of the most successful new institutions that the city of London has had in years.

BARRACKS CANTEN HAS RECEIVED NO WORD FROM LONDONER IN TONGA "MUTINY" STARTED BY "WINTER BIRDS"

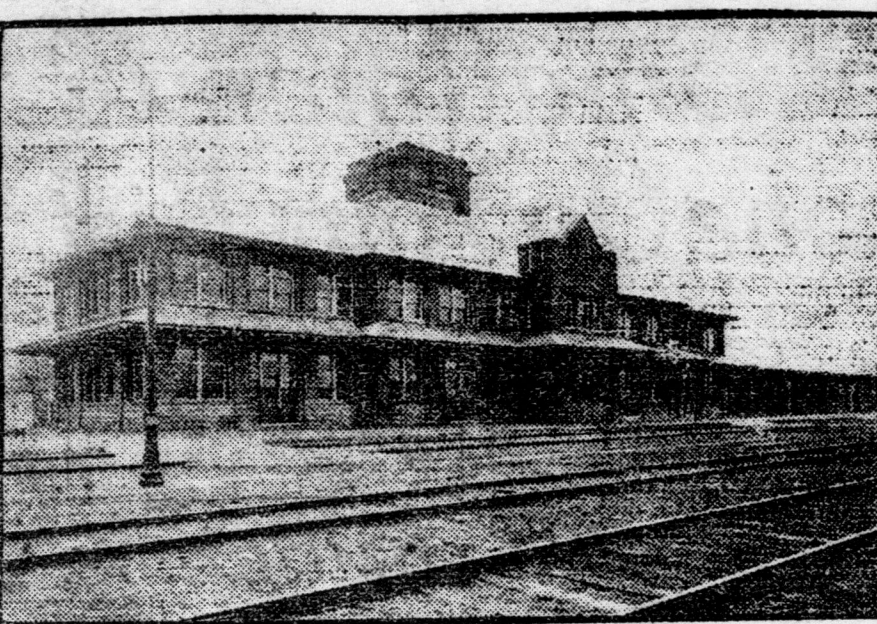
They Become Boisterous When
Ordered to Guardroom
by Non-Com.

CLERK BADLY INJURED

Trouble looked like a small
mutiny for some time broke out in
the canteen at Wolsley Barracks on
Monday morning. Five men, said to be
"winter birds," that is, recruits whose
principal reason for enlisting is to
have comfortable quarters and food for
the winter months, became boisterous
under the influence of canteen cordials
and were ordered to the guard room
by the corporal in charge. The latter
called on a clerk, employed at the
divisional headquarters down town,
and living at the barracks, to act as an
escort, and assist him in conducting
the unruly men to the guard room. The
five of them turned on the headquar-
ters man at once. He was knocked to
the floor by a blow on his head, and in
falling his wrist was badly sprained.

The corporal had his bayonet knock-
ed from his hands, and had to call for
further assistance before, after a
struggle, the men were overpowered
and taken to the guard-room. Four of
them are awaiting court-martial and
one has already been sentenced to 14
days in the cells.

NEW STRATFORD DEPOT WHERE IS LONDON'S?



G. T. R. Latest Improvement at Classic City Opened Officially This Morning.

FIENDISH ATTEMPT TO THROW TRAIN DOWN 125-FOOT BANK

Special Wabash Detectives Are Trying To
Capture Perpetrators of Outrage at New
Sarus—Ties Placed On Track at Head
of High Bridge.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

New Sarum, Dec. 17.—Special Wabash detectives from all over the system were hurried here today to investigate the most diabolical attempt to wreck a train that has ever occurred on this division.

That the attempt did not succeed was due to the mere fact that an express came along before the train which the wreckers tried to get was due. The engineer on the Flyer running between St. Louis and New York was approaching the high bridge here about 1:30 this morning, when the electric headlight showed an obstruction on the track. He at once threw on the emergency brake, but was unable to bring the Flyer to a stand before the ties were struck.

Deliberately Dug Out.
Investigation showed that the ballast under the rails had been dug out for twenty feet, and the ties taken out. Some other loose ties had been secured, and with those taken out from under the rails, placed in such a position right at the head of the bridge that a train striking the ob-

struction at high speed would be thrown over the embankment and land in the creek, 125 feet below.

The work had been done most carefully, and had it not been for the watchfulness of the engineer on the express many passengers would probably have met a horrible death.

St. Thomas officials were notified, and as quickly as possible sent detectives. The men are here today making a thorough investigation. So far not the slightest clue has been discovered.

TRIED TO GET FREIGHT.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Dec. 17.—The attempt made at New Sarum to wreck one of our trains early today was most deliberate, and the Wabash officials today that an appeal will be made to the Government and special provincial detectives will be called in to work with the Wabash men.

ASKS INJUNCTION AGAINST SIMILAR GUM WRAPPINGS

Wrigley Company Seeks To Re-
strain Local Company From
Selling "Spearmint."

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENTS

Claim Packages Trespass on
Patent Rights, Held by
Plaintiffs

Alleging infringement of its patents, the William Wrigley Company, of London and Toronto, has entered an application for a writ of injunction restraining Percy E. Short and others operating under the name of the Dominion Chicle Company of this city, from manufacturing and offering for sale "spearmint" gum in packages, the name and style of which is, by its similarity, an infringement of the Wrigley patents.

The hearing of the application will be in the local high court on Saturday.

For some time there has been a selling campaign of the "spearmint" company in this city. The gum has been offered at lower prices than the Wrigley product, and has been sold on the streets by a number of boys.

Considerable local interest is being taken in the case, and it is expected that the action will be followed by others against gum manufacturers who are alleged to be infringing on the Wrigley patents.

The Wrigley Company refines all chicle used in the production of its "Spearmint" gum in its local plant on Talbot street. The raw chicle is brought here and after packaging, sent to the various manufacturing branches of the company.

TORTURED TO DEATH BEFORE WIFE'S EYES

Mexican Rebels Brutally Mur-
dered a Young California
Rancher at His Home.

[Canadian Press.]

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Passengers arriving here on the Pacific mail steamer San Jose today added fresh chapters to the stories of violence, pillage and demoralization in Mexico. James B. Sexton, of Minneapolis, a mining man, who has been at Tepic for the last year, told of the murder of Juan Edson, a young Californian. Sexton said Edson was slain on his ranch, near Tepic, by a band of Indians, who tortured him in the presence of his wife and children. Afterward they looted the hacienda.

According to Sexton, robber bands have not confined their depredations to the property of natives. The store of Adolph Ludeke, a German merchant, of Acapulco, was looted of merchandise valued at \$40,000.

When the bandits appeared Ludeke hoisted the German flag on the roof of his store as a warning. The bandits, however, tore down the flag and trampled it underfoot.

WILL BE DEPORTED

[Canadian Press.]

Fort William, Dec. 17.—Claiming that he had lived the life of a recluse on a desolate island in Lake Superior, 70 miles east of here, for nearly a year, Frank Johnson, of New Orleans, was brought here in a tug and will be deported, Johnson says he started to cross the lake in a small boat last spring, and brought up on the island, which then had another hermit, Alex. Haley, formerly of Fort Arthur, who apparently had been drowned.

Johnson lived on sea gulls' eggs, fish and an occasional duck.

RUSH TO CITIES WILL SOON STOP, DECLARES EXPERT

Present Social Conditions Are a
Blot on Civilization, Says
Grange President.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Schools Should Be Adapted to
the Needs of the
Country.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Dec. 17.—That agriculture is stagnant and the rural districts drained of their best to swell the cities, was the statement of W. C. Good, master of the Dominion Grange. In his speech at the 35th annual meeting of that association in Victoria Hall here today, he congratulated the association, however, on the unanimity shown by the farmers' organizations of the Prairie Provinces in presenting their claims at Ottawa recently. He thought they were on the eve of a great forward movement.

"Hitherto the vast resources of our country, may, even the lives and character of its people, have been exploited and wasted in order to make possible the enrichment and aggrandizement of the few. Signs are not wanting that new life is beginning to make itself felt. Let us fan the fire, that before which greed and oppression will ultimately wither away."

Referring to the rapid growth of cities at the expense of the rural districts, he declared that the withdrawal of the best blood from the rural districts would mean deterioration of rural life.

Blot on Civilization.

The modern city, with its problems, its inequality, its enervating atmosphere and its crippling of child life, was a blot on civilization. The city dominated by a few rich parasites, with an ignorant, inefficient and dependable rural proletariat, together mark social decay, and the time was not far distant when such civilization must disappear.

In proof of his contentions he said: "During the last decennial census period, 1901-1911, in Canada, this rural population increased 17.16 per cent, while the urban population increased 62.2 per cent. The contrast holds good in every province."

Grown Too Fast.

Our cities have grown with feverish haste. A class of idle rich has grown up in our cities, to whose love of ostentation, commerce and industry are now pandering. Enervated and mis-erable specimens of humanity rush about the country in great cars, flaunt their wealth in our faces, tear up our roads and cast their dust upon our fields.

As remedies, Mr. Good said: "The abolition of protection tariffs. Ceasing to allow the unearned increment in land values to be appropriated by individuals.

"Organize our industries upon a co-operative basis for mutual service, not profit. Adapt our schools to our country's needs."

DEAL RESULTED IN MAYOR'S DEFEAT

Liberal Press Severely Criticised the
Purchase Made at Gimli.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—H. P. Tergesen, mayor of Gimli this year, who was severely criticized in the western Liberal press for purchasing from the Dominion Government lake frontage at Gimli, claimed to be worth twelve thousand dollars for seven hundred dollars, was defeated in the contest for re-election yesterday by 20 votes by Stefan Thorson. It is said action will be taken by the new council to recover the property for the town from Tergesen.

Dr. F. Lachance was elected mayor of St. Boniface by 161 over ex-Mayor Beau.