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"SPORTING GREEN"
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WITH LATE NEWS.

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ASK FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAYS BRITAIN

Home Bank Depositors Ask For Government Bank In City

BRITAIN SURVEY RECOMMENDS MORE POWER FOR CHIEF AITKEN

Department Employees Must
Not Appeal to Members
of City Council.

CHIEF TO CONTROL

Suggests Department Officers
Should Leave Service or
Quit Firemen's Union.

No change in the personnel of the London fire department is recommended by Dr. Horace L. Brittain and his staff of experts, who recently investigated that and three other branches of municipal endeavor.

But they acknowledge that everything is not as it should be in order to insure a high standard of morale and efficiency and certain important recommendations are made, that if adhered to, they say, should result in complete satisfaction.

One of these is that members of the London city council should refrain from interfering themselves unwisely and too much with the detail of that department, which should be left entirely to the chief and his staff.

While Dr. Brittain has clearly stated with respect to the fire and police departments that he was not conducting a judicial inquiry as to the rights of persons, his experts did investigate the several charges of dissonance and the many complaints of injustice emanating from the city council as well as from the department.

As a matter of fact it was these very charges which precipitated the survey of the department—the Albany Home fire was an event to hasten the "showdown"—and in his famous inaugural address, Mayor Wenig asked for a full consideration of these charges, even to the point of reorganization if necessary.

No Retirements Needed.

But Dr. Brittain and his experts state that in their opinion there will be no need for the retirement of officers providing their recommendations are accepted, and followed in the main. Only after these suggestions are adopted and found wanting after a fair trial, would they recommend a change in the personnel—and then only two or three of the higher-ups.

In London, as in other cities, Dr. Brittain states, members of the city council, probably in all good faith, and in their zeal to serve the people as the best of their ability, have interested themselves too unwisely in the administration of the department.

This is a very bad habit, the experts say, pointing out that it is to undermine the authority of Chief Aitken or any other chief and lowers or entirely destroys the morale of the men.

Members of the department have accustomed themselves not to worry themselves to any appreciable degree respecting commands from the officers when they felt that they could have the same altered by appeal to individual members of the city council.

Council Keep Hands Off.

Dr. Brittain thinks that Chief Aitken could be held to a stricter accounting of his department if the aldermen will leave to his judgment such acts and duties as should be rightfully his.

But these duties must be clearly defined. And the precise nature of the duties of Assistant Chief Scott must be treated likewise if there is to be harmony and efficiency.

The duties of all members of the department must be clearly defined. There must be no confusion and no question as to authority.

All charges, complaints, grievances, etc., must be made in a regular manner and attempts to register protest in any irregular fashion must not be countenanced under any circumstances, and those who break this regulation should be immediately dismissed from the service.

Give Chief Power.

It is also recommended to the chief that whenever any change is made in the proper manner, that there should be as little delay as possible in submitting a decision and making the same known to all. It appears that a wrong impression has been created in the past through an apparent laxity in this connection, thereby breeding a feeling of uncertainty.

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DR. BRITAIN'S PRESCRIPTION FOR LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE London City Council must refrain from interference in the internal affairs of the department.

CHIEF AITKEN should immediately give captains and lieutenants ample opportunity to either resign from the force or from firemen's union.

DUTIES of the chief, his officers and men must be well defined, but the chief must have absolute control of his men.

BYLAWS affecting this situation should be amended if necessary.

FIRE CHIEF AITKEN must attend all fires—day or night—as he is directly responsible for their supervision—unless the bylaws are amended to permit otherwise.

COMPLAINTS and grievances must be in writing, and attempts to protest through other than regular channels must be halted with drastic action. The chief must rule with an iron hand if efficiency and harmony are to prevail.

THE maximum age for applicants should be reduced from 28 to 25 years, with the limit for probation fixed at one year.

NO change in the personnel of the department until recommendations have been given fair trial.

REPORTS ARRIVAL OF 8 IMMIGRANTS A DAY IN LONDON

Government's Active Immigration Policy Is Proving Real Success.

The government's active immigration policy is fast bearing fruit in this district at least, according to officials of the department of agriculture here. As many as eight immigrants a day are arriving in the city. As soon as they came John Farrell, chief of the immigration department for Western Ontario, has been placed with farmers throughout his territory.

Mr. Farrell is in Forest today attending to the placing of a dozen Scotchmen and Englishmen, who arrived there this morning. Tomorrow a large consignment is expected here, and they will continue coming to the city in steady streams for some time.

Taking all things into consideration the type of old countryman sent here by immigration officials in England has been very good. Few complaints have been registered with local immigration headquarters from farmers, although several laborers themselves have filed protests against their employers' alleged breach of contract with regard to working hours and wages.

Mr. Farrell anticipates that as many as 2,000 may be placed in Western Ontario points next year. The remarkable stimulus given to the economy since the King government came into power has been the most effective factor in curtailing agricultural depression felt so generally in western provinces. In Western Ontario alone there is room for 10,000 jobs on farms and every immigrant taking on this section is immediately taken care of.

"We think we can absorb all laborers that Britain can send," an official of the department of agriculture said. "The demand is always lively, and the growth of the country is such that many thousands can be taken care of with little effort."

A number of applicants for farm positions who arrived in the city last week, and who were immediately placed on farms returned here today to express their appreciation of the work done by Mr. Farrell in finding singularly high type of farm workers, and many crossed to Canada for the purpose of securing a few years' experience on Western Ontario farms, after which they intend to purchase farms of their own.

Several hundred western harvesters have returned to the city seeking jobs, and the immigration department is extremely busy sorting out those best fitted for farm work and classifying them under different heads, according to their experience.

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WATCH THE PLAYOGRAPH AT THE ADVERTISER BUILDING.

Every Move In Big Games Will Be Replayed For You On a Miniature Diamond

The Advertiser Will Operate "Playograph" For World's Series Games.

WATCH THE BALL

If Babe Ruth Hits a Homer, You'll See the Ball Go, Here.

Tomorrow! Babe Ruth is at bat. The count is two strikes and three balls. Two men are out. The bases are full. And the Swat King crashes his mighty bat against a fast inshoot. The ball sails into deep right field blenchers. Four runs. The crowd goes mad.

Perhaps it will happen. If it does, every move will be reproduced on the playograph in front of The Advertiser building before the crowd in New York has stopped cheering.

The playograph is simply a miniature baseball diamond, about fourteen feet wide, and The Advertiser has secured it for the world's series games, because it is the most ingenious and most comprehensive device available for telling the story of a baseball game.

The playograph shows every move of the ball—the runners speeding down the baselines—the umpire's announcements of "strike" and "ball"—every detail of play.

It shows the play within a few seconds after it happens in New York, because The Advertiser has a telegraph wire direct from the play field by which every move on the field will be flashed simultaneously.

On the scoreboard which flanks the miniature diamond a complete record of the game is made. It is the next best thing to sitting in the grandstand in New York.

The playograph will reproduce the world's series games every day in front of The Advertiser building, and the public is cordially invited to make use of it.

POLICE COURT FREES WESTMINSTER PATIENT

Drink of Rubbing Alcohol Nearly Results in Fatality.

Rubbing alcohol has its own and proper uses, but taken internally it is mighty nasty poison, even for those individuals who boast that their "innards" are zinc-lined.

A patient from Westminster Hospital appeared in police court yesterday and admitted to Magistrate Graydon that he had been drinking from a bottle, the contents being described by him as rubbing alcohol.

He would not say that the stuff was liquor, and the case was adjourned while Chief Birrell had the concoction analyzed.

The case was written off the books today by Magistrate Graydon, as the chief offered no evidence.

"The man was nearly dead," the chief explained to The Advertiser. "He is very sick right now, and we had him returned to the hospital immediately."

RECENT CHANGES IN STAMP SYSTEM AFFECT SALARIES

Sale by Excise Department Will Cut Sub-Postmasters' Remuneration.

PLAN ECONOMICAL

With the recent introduction of federal excise stamps for all checks and receipts, fifteen branch and sub-postmasters in the London district will have their salaries affected to a small degree, according to T. C. Duncan, postmaster for London.

Sub-postmasters receive a salary dependent on the revenue from their offices in addition to a small commission on stamp sales, amounting to a flat rate of one per cent. Although the fifteen branch and sub-postmasters in the London district will be affected slightly, the rural postmasters who are on a commission basis only, will be affected more.

According to the regulation which governs the matter in the case of rural postmasters they receive a 50 per cent commission for the first \$1,000 worth of stamps in a year; from \$1,000 to \$10,000 the rate is 30 per cent; while over \$10,000 the commission is 20 per cent.

Mr. Duncan, when asked this morning by The Advertiser why the new excise stamps were not sold by the postmasters, said that it would not always be understood by the public that stamps obtained at the postoffice could not be used for postage. The result of such a misunderstanding would be that letters or mails prepaid with excise stamps, which are not for postage, would be sent by post.

According to Hon. Jacques Bureau, minister of customs and excise, a real saving is being effected by introduction of the new stamps. In a recent interview he said: "In the first place, it must be remembered that most of the postmasters in the rural districts are on a commission basis, and that those selling up to \$10,000 of stamps per year receive 50 per cent of the first thousand dollars sold."

Makes for Economy.

"Under the new law, a commission of only 2 per cent is granted to vendors of excise stamps, and only 1 per cent to the banks."

"A real economy is effected. In round figures, if \$1,000,000 of excise stamps are purchased this year from customs and excise offices and the banks, the commission deducted will not be more than \$20,000. In other words, \$980,000 will go into the treasury."

If, however, the old method of using postage stamps had been maintained, and these postage stamps had been bought from rural postmasters on commission, there would have been a deduction of up to \$500,000. In other words, the new measure saves the country 48 per cent. Therefore, the object of the measure is both to effect economy and increase the country's revenue," said the minister.

NEW REGISTRY OFFICE WILL BE READY JANUARY 1

Work on the new registry office is proceeding excellently. Building Inspector Piper reported today, and the new structure should be ready for complete occupancy by Jan. 1.

FOUR CITIZENS FINED.

Four citizens, who dared to violate city bylaws, each paid \$2 and costs in police court today, while another paid \$5.

ASK PREMIER TO PROVIDE PROVINCIAL BANK IN CITY

London Depositors in Defunct Institution Plan To Urge Establishment.

STRONG DEMAND

May Request Sir Adam Beck to Discuss Matter With Cabinet.

A demand that the Ontario government establish a provincial bank in London will likely be made by the London Home Bank Depositors' Association shortly.

Joseph Dambra, president of the local depositors' association, declared today that he had been approached by dozens of members asking that a resolution be drawn up and submitted to Premier Ferguson, requesting him to use his influence with the provincial treasurer to found a bank controlled and operated by the government.

"I understand there are about three or four such institutions in existence," Mr. Dambra said. "Many requests have been received by me from depositors that a similar one be established here. The desire seems to be so acute, in fact, that a meeting will probably be called to consider the question."

"I believe that when the government knows there is a demand for a provincial bank it will be ready to fill that demand. Depositors will likely petition Premier Ferguson for one."

Others stated that Sir Adam Beck would be asked to talk the matter over with members of the cabinet. In the meantime the opinion of J. E. Weldon, the Lindsay solicitor who represents all Home Bank depositors in Ontario, will be sought.

It is expected that Mr. Weldon, who is assisting G. T. Clarkson, interim liquidator, will have something to say regarding the possible dividend for depositors some time next month. Mr. Clarkson has been given until Dec. 6 to clean up the internal affairs of the defunct bank, but it is possible that a report may be forthcoming at an earlier date.

Announcement that authority was given for borrowing money which would pay depositors 25 per cent of their holdings, was received with pleasure here. The sooner an installment of confidence will be established, they claim.

Harold Newell Heads Western Freshmen

Newcomers to College of Arts Elect Officers For Year.

Freshmen at the University of Western Ontario today elected their officers for the year, Harold Newell being elected president by a narrow margin over D. Bower.

In their purple and white skull caps, the "Fresh" marched importantly up to the ballot box, located just inside the entrance to the main building, and after scanning the list of candidates, cast their ballots. Voting was carried on from 9 to 12 noon, at which hour the votes were counted.

Other successful candidates were Marion M. Drew, who was elected to the vice-presidency by acclamation; secretary, Oliver Miller; treasurer, G. Simpson; student council representative, Mary Stark; literary representative, M. Wilkey; sermon series, H. McGuffin.

Approximately 150 voters exercised their privilege of deciding who should head the class for the year, and general satisfaction is expressed at the result.

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CURZON MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN SECRECY BAN

Premiers Will Await Reply of Foreign Secretary On Suggestions.

WHY ACTION TAKEN

Plain Speaking by Dominion's Representatives Led to Order.

By GEORGE HAMBLETON.

London, Oct. 8.—What did the premiers of the dominions say at yesterday's "strictly confidential" session of the imperial conference?

On this there is much questioning today. While it is admitted that the delegates could speak more freely, knowing that their remarks would not be reported, even by way of the dry colonial office communiqué, regret is expressed that the curtain should have been drawn on the day the Dominion premiers stated their views.

In heavy black type on its front page, Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express this morning declares that the "delegates are muzzled; the British people are kept in the dark." The Express adds this remarkable statement:

"The people of the dominions expect their prime ministers to do their worst in the open. If, for instance, Mackenzie King were to propose to the conference that Canada should be changed from a dominion to a commonwealth, the people of Canada would want to know why he makes such a suggestion."

Curzon Raises Point.

The Daily Mail more mildly observes: "The decision to enforce secrecy, while the whole world is so extremely plain speaking by the dominion prime ministers, and other imperial representatives on matters of vital foreign policy."

According to reports, it was Lord Curzon who yesterday raised the point that the whole five hours' debate should be regarded as strictly confidential, otherwise, further international difficulties might arise. The Canadian and Australian representatives, who from the outset have been pressing for the circulation of the greatest possible information regarding the conference, concurred in this in view of the circumstances.

Although yesterday's resolution as to secrecy was unanimous, the issue is not yet settled. When the conference meets again on Thursday, Lord Robert Cecil will explain the part played by the League of Nations in the recent history of foreign affairs, and Lord Curzon will reply to the observations of the dominion premiers. Then the question of publicity will be raised again.

May Be Misunderstood.

Among the overseas delegates there is a feeling that their stand might be misunderstood, unless they are in a position to make their views clear to their own countries. If the conference is unable to reach any decision as to the matter of general publicity, it is probable that the representatives of the dominions will reserve their right to reveal their own views publicly once Lord Curzon has made his reply.

Today and tomorrow, in the absence from the conference of Premier Baldwin owing to prior engagements, the imperial conference will take a break, and the consideration of the question of empire settlement, and Australia will present its experience of the week-end it is expected to be an important topic of imperial preference will be reached by the economic conference. The subject comes up under two heads, tariff preference and imperial preference in public contracts.

Although Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, on behalf of the Indian delegates, is in the debate on foreign policy at the conference, it is understood that he is devoting all his time to preparation.

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THE WEATHER

Light winds; fine today and on Wednesday; about the same temperature.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	48	Clear
Calgary	64	36	Fair
Winnipeg	58	30	Cloudy
Port Arthur	58	48	Fair
Perry Sound	58	34	Fair
Toronto	58	36	Clear
Kingston	58	38	Clear
Ottawa	58	38	Clear
Montreal	58	40	Clear
Quebec	58	40	Fair
Halifax	58	34	Cloudy
St. John	60	36	Clear
Halifax	58	34	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 64; lowest, 38. The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 30.

Barometric Readings.

Monday, 8 p.m.—29.64.

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