

THE WEATHER:
NORTHLY WINDS, COLD.
TOMORROW—FAIR, COLD.

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HANDICAPS OF WAR IN PRICES AND MEN BLOCKED ADVANCE

Sir Adam Beck Receiving Congratulations Following Report of Gregory Commission—Denies Charges From Chicago on Consumption of Water at Niagara For Production of Power in Ontario.

FULL SUPPLY NOT USED AT PRESENT

Telephone calls and other messages of congratulation have been reaching "Headley," the residence of Sir Adam Beck, all day, following the hydro vindication through the medium of the Gregory commission, whose report has just been presented in the Ontario Legislature.

Through it all, the chairman and member for London acts just as though he knew all along that this result was inevitable. Sir Adam had but little to say, but that was to the point. He had not seen a copy of the report, he stated, and all that he knew was what had been told him when the score of investigating engineers left the department last year, after completing their surveys.

Explains Cost.

The Canadian Press despatch states that "the most critical feature of the report on hydro matters, is the declaration that the Chippawa development cost eleven millions more than it should."

"That can be easily explained," Sir Adam stated. "It is well known what our handicaps were during the war years that have been mentioned. It was extremely difficult to secure the necessary equipment, and with about 8,000 men in our employ, it can be well imagined what the result would be when you take away 500 or 1,000 of these men from us."

Call for Men.

"Everywhere there was the call for men for munitions and the manufacture of other war essentials. Hundreds of our experienced men were taken away from us. It was difficult to secure others, even the green, inexperienced men."

"We have also been criticized because it was considered that we had certain delays during that period. It was very difficult to secure the necessary equipment for our enterprises."

"I do not care to say anything about the finding of the Gregory commission. I had heard that it was to be coming up in the House, but I did not expect it so soon. I have not seen the report, and only know what some of the engineers told me when they were leaving. When the five commissioners can be unanimous in their finding, it is certainly gratifying."

"The most remarkable thing about our hydro ventures has been that of the 357 municipal corporations, bound together in this endeavor, not one of them has voiced any protest to our scheme, and it has been carried out without general variations. Nor has there been any complaint from any one member of these many corporations incorporated in this great development."

"We had competent auditors viewing our work all the time. We had daily audits. Our work was closely checked. Surely if there had been anything radically wrong or anything being done that was illegal, there would have been something said about it."

Denies Charge.

Sir Adam has noted incidentally that the officials of the State of Illinois has practically accused the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission with exceeding its rights under international treaty, by using more water power above Niagara Falls and in Lake Erie than the Canadian power interests are entitled to.

In fact, despatches from Chicago Please See Page 2, Column 4.

OPEN HOSPITAL DAY TO BE HELD IN LONDON

Four Local Hospitals Will Demonstrate Benefits Derived From Institutions.

International Hospital Day, which is hoped to be celebrated in London some time during May, if local hospitals co-operate, will be a day of special interest to the public.

On this day citizens will be invited to visit anyone of the hospitals in order to be shown through the institutions as far as possible without interfering with patients.

"We want the general public to learn more about hospitals in a general way that will be of immense value to them," declared Dr. Clegg, superintendent of Victoria Hospital. "Many people have grave fears about being taken to a hospital. All this can be attributed to their lack of knowledge regarding the manner in which hospitals are conducted."

"We hope to point out the many advantages obtained in hospitals that cannot possibly be administered in the home."

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Tire, carrier and rim lost.

Maid wanted.

Brick house with garage for sale.

Dairy farm for sale.

Plain sewing done.



E. P. HEATON,
Ontario fire marshal, who advocates an arson squad for Toronto, consisting of two detectives and two firemen to investigate fires of incendiary origin.

ONTARIO WETS SEND OUT CHAIN LETTERS

System Is Adopted To Impress Premier Ferguson on Proposal.

O. T. A. VOTE APPROVED

"More British Liberty and Less Fanaticism" Urged in the Communication.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 14.—"Wets" in Ontario have adopted the chain letter device to impress Premier Ferguson with the intensity of their thirst and their anxiety for a change.

"Don't break the chain," is the plea on the letters being sent from "wets" to their friends and they are adding a request for local option or approval of the plebiscite bill.

The letter sent out in the chain method reads as follows:

The writer addressed the premier per following letter. You write one at least, copy this letter and send to at least three friends, as many more as you like—do it now.

The Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Heartily endorse plebiscite on O. T. A. and local option in communities desiring it. More British liberty and less fanaticism needed badly in Ontario.

Yours respectfully,

MOST OF HIGHWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC

Provincial Main Roads, Although Open, Are Not Particularly Safe.

The majority of the main highways are now open for automobile traffic, but are not particularly safe, according to information received by County Engineer Charles Talbot.

Automobiles may proceed to Ingersoll on both the provincial highway (Dundas street) and the Hamilton road, but the roads are dangerous and full of deep ruts. Similar conditions prevail on the Longwoods road as far as Melbourn. Beyond this point, Mr. Talbot is not conversant with conditions.

"The Sarnia gravel road is clear to Sarnia," declared the engineer, "but it would be criminal to make the trip at the present time. The Pelee Island road is not in very good shape, and I wouldn't advise motorists to try that road unless it was absolutely necessary."

BRANTFORD PASTOR RESIGNS.

Brantford, March 14.—Rev. Albert Carr's resignation has been accepted by the Riverside Baptist Church here. He has accepted the call of the Tillsonburg Baptist Church.

MEN TO BE ASKED TO SET ASIDE SUM

Contribution of an Hour's Pay Each Month For Year To Aid Welfare Campaign.

Contribution of one hour's pay a month from every industrial worker in the city is the basis on which United Welfare workers hope to attain a substantial part of their objective in the coming campaign. This plan, it is said, will enable every wage earner to give money for charitable work in equitable amounts.

Industrial workers of the city will, therefore, be asked to set aside sums under this arrangement. The scheme will be explained to them by members of the speakers' committee as soon as the campaign is under way. A discussion in connection with the plan took place yesterday. Representatives of London business concerns were present at the meeting, including Henry Pocock, F. F. Forristal, D. H. McDermid, W. R. Vendall, Roy Williams, Alfred Raymond, Charles Thomas, Robert Greene, J. Warren Smith, J. D. Evans, W. C. Corbett, George Ellis, Douglas Weid, C. R. Hunt, W. C. Allen, A. E. Silverwood, Frank McCormick, Walter Dutton.

THOROUGHbred SADDLE HORSES ARRIVE IN CITY

Two pure bred saddle horses purchased by George McCormick of this city from the stables of L. S. Dickie, Indiana, arrived in town today and were taken to the stables of the London Hunt and Country Club.

The horses, Redlight and Kick, were in charge of trainer L. C. Coleman during the trip.

Revised Standing Shows Extraordinary Close Race

Only Ninety-Six Hours Remain in Special Vote Offer.

\$20,000 IN PRIZES

Long-Term Subscriptions Helping Many To Run Up Big Scores.

As indicated by the revised vote standing published today the race for \$500 in special prizes is going to be extraordinarily close. Just ninety-six hours remain for the winners to pull down. Then the final sprint for \$20,000 in cash and automobiles begins.

Subscriptions are coming in at a brisker rate than during the opening weeks of the campaign. Some candidates determined to secure at least two or three subscriptions a day and those who adhered to that resolve now find themselves topping the list. It is almost certain that the man or woman who brings in an average of three or more a day throughout the contest will get one of the \$2,000 cash prizes.

Many candidates have been successful in getting several long-term subscriptions. They point out that a little aggressive salesmanship is all that is required to extend a one or two-year subscription to five years.

It is pointed out in the contest ad that \$100 worth of subscriptions sent in by 10 o'clock Monday night will count over 2,500,000 extra votes. This is the last big extra vote offer that will be given in the contest.

JEWELRY IS CAUSE OF INDIA'S POVERTY

Mrs. A. G. Bisset Declares the Money Lenders Greatest Curse of Country.

PRAISES IMPERIALIST

Believes Ramsey MacDonald Will Find Solution For Troubles.

Special to The Advertiser.

"If there is anything greater than being a fine Canadian, it is being a fine Imperialist," Mrs. A. G. Bisset of Rampton, Burma, said to the Kiwanis Club today, by way of introduction to her address on the Indian situation of today. Mrs. Bisset, in her public school days, was a Londoner, and later on went to India as a Y. W. C. A. worker. She is now the wife of an official of the Burmese Bank.

Mrs. Bisset spoke authoritatively on the situation caused by the demand for home rule, and the more recent blow of the Turkish rejection of the head of Islam, but one of the most interesting and unusual features of her address was the explanation of India's poverty. Why there should be such terrible poverty in a land whose wealth is fabled, Mrs. Bisset said, was not always clearly understood, as the Indian people were not kept poor by sterility of the soil, oppression, or excessive taxation.

Love of Jewelry.

"It is the love of jewelry, and the desire of making as good a show as their neighbors, which leads the Indians, in the power of the greatest curse of their country, the money-lender."

"They wear bangles on their persons, gold rings, anklets, bracelets and earrings. Everything of which they get hold, they are ready to turn into jewelry. Even the very poor will buy as much as they can carry. This takes enormous quantities of gold out of circulation. During the war, the government was forced to make it a criminal offence to take gold out of circulation."

"The custom of providing each daughter with a dowry and providing great wedding feasts also puts the Indians in the power of the money-lenders. No matter how poor a family may be, they want to make as great a show as the wealthiest of their neighbors and so they go to the money-lender. These people are the most iniquitous beings in all India. The government has tried to throw out safeguards against them, but nothing can cope with the Indian's passion for being as good as his neighbor."

Mrs. Bisset cited an example of a poor native, who had been paying for ten years the sum of forty dollars.

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EXPECTS AGREEMENT ON ROOFING DISPUTE

Engineer Reports No Developments Planned Until the Question Settled.

City Engineer W. P. Near expects that his disagreement with Arthur Mould will "likely be straightened out" to the satisfaction of all concerned, and that Mr. Mould will be soon back at work on the roof at the city's new storehouse, under course of construction at the paving plant.

No developments have been noted since yesterday the engineer reports a delay being occasioned until an agreement is again reached with Mr. Mould, who stated the work was being done according to his sample, despite the engineer's claims to the contrary.

BORROWED ICE SAWS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED

Two ice saws belonging to the Cushing Ice Company, and which were loaned to aid in helping to find the body of Little Jack Chellis, who lost his life in the Thames River near Victoria Hospital some time ago, have not been returned to their owners.

Today Mr. Cushing called at the central fire hall and asked the firemen regarding their whereabouts. As they were not borrowed by the fire department firemen would appreciate if any person has found them and would return same to the hall.

WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT BILL TO CITY IS \$20,982

The waterworks department is estimating \$20,982 as the city council's bill for 1924. City Treasurer Bell has made provisions in the tax rate for that amount.

Fire hydrants to the number of 1,018, at \$18 each, provide for \$18,324 of this sum, while street watering costs are estimated at \$2,000. Drinking fountain supply will cost \$60.



LONDONERS ENJOYING CALIFORNIA BEACH.

Here is a happy group of Londoners and former Londoners enjoying the warm sun at Rotonda Beach, California. Gathered together, this group of Advertiser readers is eagerly scanning its columns for news from home. One of the party writes that a reunion of over sixty London visitors was held last Saturday. The party includes: Front row, left to right: Mrs. Bert Weir, Mrs. F. S. Campbell, Miss Dora Cayton, Mrs. Harry Reid, Beck row, left to right: E. McKenzie, Harry Reid, Miss M. Elgie, Bert Weir, Frank Campbell.

SOLDIERS FORBIDDEN TO WEAR UNIFORMS



PIERRE JOURNET.

chemist of the Radium Institute, Montreal University who has made an important scientific discovery in isolating the bacteriological principle of the vitamin.

SALE OF FIRE HORSES EXPLAINED BY MAYOR

States He and Alderman Douglass Arranged Their Disposal.

Who sold the fire horses? "He did," quoth members of the finance committee at their last session, referring to Mayor Wenige.

"Douglass and I did," the mayor said in on it. I called him by telephone at the time and he agreed."

Both Ald. Frank McKay and Ald. Gordon Drake questioned why this sale was consummated after the committee had reiterated their belief that the steeds from the central fire station should go to the board of works for service in the garbage department.

"The board of works had already stated that the horses could not be used," the mayor declared. "Members of that committee refused to accept them. What were we to do, let them stay at the central station forever?"

The mayor submits that the sale was the logical development, but insists that Chairman Douglass was quite in accord with the move.

SALVATION ARMY PLAN CANDIDATES' SUNDAY

More Than 50 Officers Are Expected To Be Added to the Force.

Sunday, March 16, will be celebrated as candidates' Sunday in the Salvation Army throughout Canada, and will be observed in a fitting manner with special services marking the day.

Each year the Army sets aside a day on which many young people anxious of becoming officers are received. In the past, thousands of young men and women have come forward offering themselves for mission work either at home or abroad.

Next Sunday the local division hope to add more than 50 officers to their ranks. Special music will be furnished in all four citadels, and next Sunday officials believe that the standard set in previous years will be maintained.

GROUND SHIP PULLED OUT.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Mass., March 13.—The shipping board steamer Eastern Crown, which grounded yesterday in Wood's Hole Harbor where she had put in for shelter, was pulled afloat today, apparently undamaged.

BROKER MADE \$100,000 ON THE SALE OF ONT. BONDS

Douglas Ridout, Testifying Before Accounts Committee, Tells of Big Profit.

\$50,000 ON EACH BILL

Toronto Financier Is Asked To Produce His Bank Books.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 14.—Douglas Ridout, of Ridout & Strickland, Toronto brokers, gave evidence before the public accounts committee of the Ontario Legislature this morning relative to the sale of two treasury bills of five millions each of the Province of Ontario in April, 1923. He admitted that he had made a profit of \$100,000, or one per cent on the sale. In each of the two transactions his profit was \$50,000.

"You got \$100,000 profit?" asked Hon. W. S. Price, provincial treasurer.

"Yes."

"Did you share with anyone?" "No."

"You saw a chance to make money on the exchange rate as between Canadian and United States money?" "Yes."

"Did you suggest to the government of the time that it could make money itself on the exchange?" "I did not."

Mr. Ridout said he had put through a similar deal in 1915, and that his profit then was one-quarter of one per cent on a two millions transaction.

Both treasury bills were payable in Canadian funds in New York and repayable in Canada in American funds. They were bought by the National City Bank of New York.

Out of the \$100,000 profit, Mr. Ridout paid personally and other expenses, including \$1,200 for legal services. All the early negotiations were with the then treasurer, Hon. Peter Smith, and not with the deputy treasurer.

Mr. Ridout was asked concerning his bank account, and asked to produce it so that the committee could find out where the \$100,000 profit went.

BECK REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT STREET RAILWAY

Declines To Say Much About Expiration of Five-Cent Fare Legislation.

Sir Adam Beck, M. L. A. for London, declined to dwell at any length upon the report from Toronto recently that the Ontario government has interpreted that the Drury legislation giving the street railway company a 5-cent fare expires March, 1925.

"We'll have to see what is going to be done for the citizens," he stated, adding something to the effect that the company was evidently not loath to break its agreement in the last legislature.

COURT UPHOLDS FINDINGS IN MRS. STILLMAN'S CASE

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, March 14.—The appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn today unanimously upheld the recent findings of Referee Gleason in favor of Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, wife of James A. Stillman, in her defense of the suit for divorce brought against her by her husband.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fresh northerly wind; fair and cold today and Saturday.

Pressure is now highest to the northward of the Great Lakes, while the Atlantic coast storm, still important, is centered in Newfoundland. Another disturbance near the Florida coast is moving northward. The weather is cold in all the provinces, except Alberta and British Columbia.

Stations. High and Low Weather.

Victoria 48 44 Fair
Calgary 24 20 Cloudy
Winnipeg 28 4 Clear
Port Arthur 28 8 Clear
Cochrane 10 — 6 Cloudy
Toronto 28 10 Clear
Kingston 28 12 Clear
Ottawa 28 10 Cloudy
Montreal 29 18 Snow
Quebec 30 16 Cloudy
St. John 26 20 Fair
Halifax 30 24 Cloudy

(—) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 22; lowest, 11.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 18.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday 8 a.m. 29.99.
Today—8 a.m. 29.14.