

MANY NEW COUNCILLORS TO ASSIST WENIGE RULE

Seven Newly-Made Aldermen Will Invade City Hall to Replace Old Members, Displaced in Election Land-slide—Only Five Former Officials Remain.

MAYOR-ELECT HAS MAJORITY OF 3,133

FOR MAYOR.		WENIGE, G. A.	4,399
FOR ALDERMEN.			
WARD NO. 1.			
GREER, JOHN A.	1,887		
MAY, J. T.	1,440		
WATTS, P. J.	1,179		
Cunningham, G. L.	1,023		
Wanless, F. C.	853		
Smith, Raymond	629		
WARD NO. 2.			
DOUGLASS, L. H.	1,243		
JUDY, A. M.	1,161		
WILSON, W. A.	983		
Bean, S. J. T.	875		
Ellis, Walter	514		
Tite, William	245		
WARD NO. 3.			
McKAY, G. F. W.	1,501		
COLBERT, JOHN	1,335		
DRACK, G. A.	1,306		
Ashton, W. J.	1,043		
Watkinson, F. R.	986		
Tallant, D. J.	984		
WARD NO. 4.			
HAYDEN, E.	1,513		
PATTERSON, T.	1,218		
BURDICK, G. A.	1,180		
Ross, W. J.	1,115		
Holmes, L. S.	965		
Nutkins, William J.	923		
Kibbler, H.	759		
WARD NO. 5.			
HUNT, C. E.	3,541		
Lyatt, George	2,725		
Palmer, A. W.	2,664		
Palmy, E. M.	2,248		
WARD NO. 6.			
GRANT, A. J.	4,413		
LAWRASON, S. F.	4,012		
WARNER, G. Q.	3,918		
WILLIAMS, N. F.	3,818		

Record Win For Wenige.

With one of the largest majorities accorded a candidate in London, ex-Ald. George Albert Wenige has been elected mayor of the city. The former councillor for Ward 1 literally swept the city, a veritable landslide occurring in every ward of the city. From the very moment that the railwaymen's poll was announced shortly after 7 p.m., the lead, maintaining the same until the final figures submitted at 1 o'clock this morning revealed a majority of 3,133.

Quite early in the evening, when Wenige's majority had reached the 3,000 mark, the "official committee" supporters of Ald. H. J. Childs, conceded the latter's defeat.

Seven new faces will be discerned about the council board this year, five of the present body going down with the deluge, while two others are automatically retired—Ald. Childs, defeated, and Ald. H. J. Childs, who was elected to the council in 1919, and Ald. H. B. Ashplant, recently appointed city auditor.

Probably the most surprising development of the election was the defeat of all three bylaws submitted to the ratepayers. The proposed city hall was especially mauled by the electorate, to the tune of nearly 4,000 votes against, while the street railway purchase also suffered defeat by 400, despite the efforts during the campaign by Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro electric commission, Mayor Wilson and others. The "nurses' home" proposal was rejected by 1,000.

The five members of the council whose retirement will take effect officially December 31 are: H. J. Childs, H. B. Ashplant, L. S. Holmes, O. L. Cunningham, S. J. T. Bean, John Ashton and Fred G. Watkinson.

LABOR PARTY GAINS VICTORY IN WARD 3

Aldermen Ashton and Watkinson, Lacking Party Indorsement, Suffer Defeat.

When Mayor Wilson first introduced his now-famous 10 per cent wage reduction in the city council last spring, he was stoutly opposed by Ald. H. B. Ashplant, at that time one of the three Labor members of the council.

When the latter submitted an amendment that no city hall salaries be reduced and under the terms of the amendment, he failed to receive the support of his colleagues, Aldermen Ashton and Watkinson. This created what at first appeared to be a serious breach in the ranks at the Labor Temple, there being those who vigorously opposed the move that finally culminated in the resignation of both Aldermen from the Labor political body.

The Labor group remained steadfast throughout the year in their determination that there should be no compromise with relation to those men, and when Ald. Ashton's name was proposed for nomination during the convention preceding the election, it was rejected by a standing vote of the delegates.

Notwithstanding the fact that they failed to receive the indorsement of the party both Ald. Ashton and Watkinson essayed again to try conclusions at the polls in the face of stern opposition, made possible by the withdrawal of a brand new and successful Labor slate, two members of whom were returned at the head of the polls, Frank McKay and ex-Ald. Colbert.

ASK PROTECTION FROM POLICE IN COAL FIELDS

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 5.—Officials of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, have appealed to Hon. James M. Macdonald, minister of labor at Ottawa, to intercede on their behalf in the Edmonton field, where they claim the police are too zealous in making arrests of officials and members of the union on behalf of operators of the field.

FEELINGS VARY OVER FATE OF LOST BYLAWS

Many Regret Defeat of Three Proposals, While Others Are Glad.

BECK LEAVES CITY EARLY

Coles Advises Calling For Competitive Plans For City Hall.

Regret was expressed in some quarters, and satisfaction in others, with the results of yesterday's adverse vote on the three bylaws that were submitted before the people.

The overwhelming majority against the purchase of the street railway was a hard knock for proponents of the measure. Sir Adam Beck took an early train for Toronto this morning. An attempt to secure an opinion from him on the trend of the election failed. Officials of the Hydro-Electric Commission informed The Leader that he left Toronto almost as soon as he arrived.

C. B. King, general manager of the London street railway, said that the local railroad would be in no way affected by the election results. Under present circumstances, the road would continue to do business along the same lines as at present, no important changes being contemplated.

Sees Improved Service.

He could not say whether he thought the line would ultimately become the property of the city, but believed that with the expected financial improvement that would come as a result of the increased fares, the system would probably be better than it has in the past.

Small elation over the decision of voters in regard to the Spencer site. He said that their verdict was merely a vindication of his stand and showed the consistency of the people in adhering to their previous attitude on the question. If the expectations of the voters are carried out by the new council will be taken immediately to build a pretentious city hall on the Federal Square project, back in 1912. The people voted \$250,000 for the site, but owing to the outbreak of war it was, of necessity, delayed.

Need City Hall.

It is high time that London had a city hall that would be a distinct credit to the city, he claimed.

Mayor Wilson, of course, was opposed to the Federal Square, and a supporter of the Spencer site proposition. In the event of the bylaw being indorsed it was intended to build civic administration offices in the Spencer site, with the idea of selling it within a term of years.

Perhaps the greatest dissatisfaction is felt in connection with the failure of the voters to ratify the nurses' home bylaw.

"Sitting in my office at this minute is a man who requires accommodation, but he is not getting it, and it is a problem to supply him," said Superintendent Heard of Victoria hospital today in discussing the results.

Transfer 60 Beds.

"Already 60 of our beds have been transferred for the use of nurses, bringing our capacity down to 200 beds instead of the regular 350. The first new nurses are coming in at the first of the year, which will further reduce our facilities for patients' accommodation."

Children's Hospital was added, "that the hospital was crowded with city funds, and they did not wish to bear the burden of increased taxation."

The only solution suggested that would come in the form of a problem endowment from some wealthy, public-spirited citizen. This is what happened in Detroit, and it would be a great thing if London were equally fortunate.

PLEADS GUILTY ENTERING HOME OF ST. THOMAS MAN

Joseph Demie Remanded to County Jail Until Thursday for Sentence.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 5.—Joseph Demie, the local young man arrested in Joliet, Ill., last Saturday, was arraigned before Magistrate Maxwell and pleaded guilty to the charge of entering the residence of Ald. E. O. Boehmer early on the morning of Sept. 6, with intent to commit an indictable offense. He was remanded to the county jail until Thursday for sentence.

Demie, who was a resident of the city at the time that Clarence Campbell of Detroit and Robert McGuire of the city were arrested on the Boehmer charge.

COLD AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—This city experienced its first real winter weather early today when the temperature dropped to 19 below zero. At 7 a.m., the St. Johns observatory reported 20 below, with the forecast "decidedly cold." At Brandon the unofficial temperature was given as 28 below during the night.

DENIES LIBERAL ALLIANCE.

Galt, Dec. 5.—William Elliott, M.P. (Progressive) for South Waterloo, today emphatically denied the published rumors that he was contemplating transferring his allegiance to the Liberal party.

Tax Payers At Port Give Readily To Win Smiles of Pretty Maiden

No onus attaches itself to the duty of paying taxes at Port Stanley, as many Londoners who maintain summer homes there have discovered.

In fact, many declare that it is a positive pleasure.

All mystery in the situation was cleared up, however, when it was learned that the place of the usual stern-visaged tax collector, Miss Lena Going, a charming young woman of the village, had been appointed to the position, and it is believed that the first of her acts under the arduous duties of separating citizens from their tax money.

Notwithstanding the fact that she is a capable young business woman, Miss Going, who from her photograph may be recognized as extremely young and fair, has great difficulty in convincing the less susceptible of the taxpayers that she is a "genuine, honest-goodness" tax collector.

However, in spite of the seeming incongruity of the situation, where a pretty young woman winds the heavy club of tax rates over the entire populace, it is reported that taxes are flowing into the village coffers this year with unprecedented rapidity.

An interview with Miss Going through the severe frame of the tax collector's wicket revealed the fact that the cares of her office went but lightly on the shoulders of the attractive young woman.

"No, I don't find myself overburdened," she said, and admitted there was truth in the rumor that she was a leading light in local theatricals, was a clever pianist, and still found time to enjoy life hugely.

High Purchase Prices, While Selling Prices Are Low, Keep Farmers Poor

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—(By Canadian Press).—The distorted relationship between prices received for farm products and the prices paid by the farmers for the things they have to buy, prevented the last year from being a prosperous one for the United States farmer, according to the annual report made by Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture to the president today.

The general condition of agriculture was reported as slightly improved.

This year the average of the four principal crops was about 32 per cent above the ten-year average, and only 1,000,000 acres, which is 7,000,000 above the ten-year average, and only 1,000,000 acres below last year. The tonnage of the crops was above the ten-year average.

Secretary Wallace blames the discrepancy between farm prices and the prices of other things as due partly to overproduction of many farm crops.

SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF RAILMEN STRIKE

Local Shopmen Look to Present Negotiations in Montreal to Accomplish Much.

The 1,000 or more shopmen employed on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways in this district are following with intense interest developments in the wage negotiations in progress at the present time in Montreal between representatives of the road and the employees.

Joseph Corbett of this city, general chairman of the G. T. R. shopmen in the Dominion, is attending the conference in the interests of the men. Mr. Corbett is well-known internationally as a railway labor man, and for the past year or so has labored incessantly to bring about a peaceful settlement between the road and the members of the Federated Shop Trades in Canada.

Local union men, in discussing the situation Tuesday morning, took an optimistic view of the result of the negotiations which are expected to close this week, and are confident that the railway officials have realized by this time that the employees are in earnest, and will bring about a settlement that will be satisfactory to both parties concerned.

TICKETS FOR PRESS CLUB PLAY ARE NOW ON SALE

Tickets for "Thirty Days," the farce comedy to be presented by the London Press Club Players at the Majestic Theatre, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, are on sale at the C. P. R. and G. T. R. downtown ticket offices, and at the two newspaper offices. They can also be purchased from members of the Press Club.

Already there has been a good sale of the tickets.

Although it is expected a number of tickets will be available on the days of the show, those who obtain their tickets in advance can exchange them for the limited five-day ticket for a number of years of service under the Glasgow education authority.

Chinese Bandits Take Noted Port

Tien Tsin, China, Dec. 5.—Reports received here say that Chinese bandits have taken control of Teingtau, Shantung, the Kiao Chow port, whose stormy career in war and diplomacy was to culminate today in its return to China after 24 years of alien rule. The first sixteen under German rule, and the last eight under Japanese rule. The population is reported feeling from the city.

Three are Capitalists.

Three other members of the Labor representatives of the second city of the Empire, as Glasgow is modestly enough to describe itself, are capitalists in their degree. Bailie John Wheatley, for Shettleston, started life as a coal miner, but his natural aptitude for business has made him a very successful publisher and advertisement agent.

Ralph De Palma Returns to Prison to Serve Sentence for Speeding Car

Special to The Advertiser.

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Chowchille, California, Dec. 5.—When Ralph De Palma, automobile driver extraordinary, and speed king of the circular oval, awakened today he had to forego his usual plunge, shaved in semi-darkness in front of a broken mirror, and had breakfast without the daily paper, a breakfast that lacked everything he usually eats, being composed of bread and coffee.

Ralph is the guest of Sheriff Barnett of Madera county, and he is spending ten days in jail as the result of the decree of Judge Cornell, who says that the jail is where all persons who speed their cars belong.

He was sentenced a week ago, but was allowed his freedom to keep racing agreements until yesterday, when he showed up to serve his sentence.

SCOTCH LABOR GROUP DISTINCT PARTY FACTION

Many Believe Displacement of Clynes Due to Their Vote.

EXPECT VIGOROUS ATTACK

Members From North of Border Young and Well Educated.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

Cable to The Advertiser.—Copyright.

London, Dec. 5.—Amongst the English public there is already a tendency to look on the Scottish Labor M.P.s as a group by themselves, distinct in attitude from the party colleagues belonging to the southern side of the border.

The displacement of Clynes by MacDonald is popularly regarded as being due to the solid vote of the Scottish contingent. It was a new Scottish member, young Mr. Maxton, I believe, who, watching the ceremonial of the royal commission in the House of Lords on Monday, called out, "We will give you tranquility. We will smash that lot up."

Older Labor men, thinking of their own mental evolution since they first entered the House in 1906, do not expect the Scots to make any revolutions, or even to be different from English members.

REPORT OIL FOUND IN PEACE RIVER AREA

Coal and Gas Also Discovered During Drilling Operations.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 5.—Explorations under the direction of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, have established indications of oil of high grade in the Peace River district of British Columbia, according to reports that will be tabled in the Legislature before the close of the present session. Covering the activities of the exploring parties from 1919 to date, the reports state that in the drilling operations coal and gas were also discovered in one instance being pumped into camp and used by the exploration parties for heating and cooking during the season's operations.

Has Two Distinctions.

Mr. Maxton has two distinctions which are rather common among the Glasgow Labor members. He is a university graduate. For a speech he made in Glasgow, Greenock and other towns, he was awarded the title of "The Glasgow School Boy." He afterwards earned his living as a bookbinder, and was secretary of the Glasgow Independent Labor Party Federation.

ETERNAL TRIANGLE FAILS TO DIVORCE AGED COUPLE

Principals all More Than 50 Years. Old Were Friends in Early Youth.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 5.—A divorce trial, in which three principals were all more than 50 years of age, and had known each other from school days back in Grey County, Ontario, more than forty years ago, was heard in the supreme court yesterday before Mr. Justice Morrison and Jury. A verdict was returned in favor of the co-respondent, George Dismore of Lulu Island. The wife entered no defence.

GALE ON SUPERIOR.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 5.—There was a 60-mile gale on Lake Superior, with driving snow, last night, but no damage to shipping has been reported here.

Storm From West Reaches Ontario

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 5.—Following a night of terrific wind and driving snow, during which the temperature dropped from the freezing mark to six below zero in less than seven hours, Port Arthur citizens this morning were shoveling their way out and vessels on Lake Superior are reported to be coming through.

Last night is believed to have been the roughest on the lakes this season.

So far, as known, only three wireless-equipped boats are on their way up the lake.

BATTLE BEGINS AS FREE STATE BORN

Guerrilla Warfare Breaks Out on Eve of Declaration of New State.

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—The local police today seized large quantities of rifles ammunition and explosives on ships sailing for southern Ireland.

London, Dec. 5.—The House of Commons today agreed to the amendment to the Government's Provisional Bill, adopted by the House of Lords, King George this evening gave royal sanction to the legislation making Irish Free State a Dominion of the Empire.

Special to The Advertiser.

Dublin, Dec. 5.—Irish agents resumed their guerrilla warfare today, on the eve of the actual establishment of the Free State.

Six "rebels" who ambushed Free Staters west of Cork were driven off with machine gun fire. They were closely pursued, and heavy casualties inflicted, as they fled into heavy woods near Drimoleague.

Guard Homes.

Homes and offices of practically all members of the Dail are being closely guarded. Barricades were re-established about the provisional parliament buildings, as heavy detachments of troops patrolled these and other government buildings.

The Free State troops conducted an unrelenting search for rebel leaders. They raided dozens of houses during the night, and stopped and searched pedestrians on the streets.

Approve Appointment.

Appointment of Mr. Healy as governor-general of Ireland met with popular approval throughout Erin.

Healy, famous politician and statesman, was en route here today, with President Cosgrave and General Mulcahy.

DAIL MEETS WEDNESDAY.

London, Dec. 5.—(Canadian Press).—The first meeting of the Dail Eireann as the lower House of the new Irish parliament, has been fixed for 5 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Dail will sit privately to choose 49 members of the senate, known as the Seanad.

FOODSTUFFS IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 5.—An exhibition of foodstuffs prepared by Canadian manufacturers will be a feature of the British Industries Fair, which will be held concurrently in London and Birmingham early next year, says the monthly circular of the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

The exhibits, which will include canned goods, breakfast foods and dairy products, will be prepared with a view to popularizing Canadian goods in Great Britain. The circular states that the Lancashire cotton industry is again depressed. The United States section of the fair is working only 35 hours a week, and a vote on a proposal to curtail it to 24 hours is now under way.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—West to northwest gales; becoming much colder with local snow showers.

Wednesday—Fresh to strong north-west winds; fair and much colder.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 38; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 15 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 29.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m., 29.02.

Today—8 a.m., 29.16.

FIRE DESTROYS SEMINARY AND CHURCH AT OKA

Great Monastery of Trappist Monks Not Touched by Flames.

PRIEST'S HOUSE BURNS

Gale Blowing Causes Blaze to Spread With Great Rapidity.

Oka, Que., Dec. 5.—The Sulpician Church, seminary and priests' residence here were destroyed by fire this morning. The great monastery of the Trappist Monks was not touched by the fire.

The fire started in the furnace-room of the presbytery early this morning. It spread through the building with great rapidity, and the whole structure was soon in flames.

BLAZE DESTROYS MILL.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kingston, Dec. 5.—The grist mill and electric light plant at A. B. Carscallen at Tanworth, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire started in the engine room, but the cause is unknown. Nearby houses had a good call, but were saved by the villagers with a bucket brigade.

TOWN HALL BURNS.

Norfolk, Mass., Dec. 5.—The town hall here, built in 1797, and used as a church until 1870, was destroyed by fire, the cause of which was unknown. The loss was placed at \$40,000.

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