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GAS SERVICE CHARGE AN IMPROPER ONE, DECLARES JUDGE JUDD

Will Give Written Judgment in Case of Wenige vs. City Gas Company—Hearing Held in Ninth Division Court Today—Case Hinges On the Question of Voluntary Payment.

Judge J. C. Judd reserved judgment in the case of *Ald. G. A. Wenige vs. the City Gas Company* in the ninth division court this morning. Ald. Wenige was suing for the recovery of money paid for service charges. Judge Judd said that he was of the opinion that the charge was illegal, but it was a question whether the plaintiff paid the charges voluntarily upon which the case hinged.

Judge Judd, himself, had refused to pay the service charges, he said, and he would decide that it was an improper charge.

His judgment will be a written one, and at some length, and will be handed down in two weeks, the court stated. His reason for giving a written decision was that so many people and so much money was depending on the case.

Ald. Wenige stated that on July 5, 1920, he went to the gas office and asked a young lady at the desk if it was necessary to pay the service charge. She replied that it was. He paid. The court will have to decide whether this was a voluntary payment.

Ald. Wenige said that there was a doubt in his mind whether he had to pay. He had an idea that the company could not charge the consumers more than 50 cents at the time.

Charles Wilson, who is employed by

BORDEN FAILS TO GET PLACE AS A JUDGE

Former Canadian Premier Is Not Among Those in International Court.

VISCOUNT FINLAY CHOSEN

Noted British Jurist Honored by Assembly of League of Nations.

Geneva, Sept. 14.—Viscount Robert Finlay of Great Britain, Dr. Rafael Alvarado of Brazil, Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile, Dr. Antonio S. de Bustamante of Cuba, Dr. Andre Weiss of France, Dr. Yozoru Oda of Japan, Dr. B. T. C. Loder of Holland and Commendatore Dionisio Anzilotti of Italy were elected judges of the international court of justice by the assembly of the League of Nations on the first ballot here this morning.

The council of the league, which met at the secretariat simultaneously with the meeting of the assembly in Reform Hall, confirmed the assembly's choice of Viscount Finlay, Dr. Weiss, Dr. Oda and Signor Anzilotti, who consequently were definitely elected to the court.

FIRST PRIZE CALF



"Rowers Dracons," Jersey heifer calf, which was awarded first prize at the Western Fair. The animal is owned by John Pringle of this city.

ALL TYPES ARE TAKING IN THE WESTERN FAIR

Crowds Throng Streets and Hike to Queen's Park.

PRICE OF EATING JUMPS

Motor Cars Tax the Parking Spaces of City to Capacity.

Fair week patronage began to figure largely in the sales sheets of downtown businesses this morning. Not all the automobiles which entered London today could be parked on the Western Fair grounds inside the ring, and so it was that a lot of Fair visitors parked their cars downtown and hiked to Queen's Park.

The first businesses to take their toll from the Fairgoers were the parking space dealers, and they reaped a rich harvest. The market square was practically covered with motor cars, and vacant lots and the inside courts and lanes of residential sections took three or four blocks of Dundas and Richmond streets were crowded to capacity.

While waiting for a taxi to take them to the fair, many of the Fairgoers reported a splendid business for the day so far. At noon the restaurants catered to full dining-rooms, and one or two of the restaurateurs took advantage of the opportunity to raise their prices for the day. Forty-cent restaurants had 50 cents pasted on their window signs, where 55 or 60 cents greeted the eye of the passer by 6 o'clock.

ACCEPTS ELECTION.

New York, Sept. 14.—John Bassett Moore announced at his residence here today that he would accept election to the international court of justice. He is 61 years of age. Mr. Moore, who had declined election because of his age, is 76.

Mr. Moore has been professor of international law and diplomacy at Columbia University for twenty years.

LONDON'S C. OF C. PLANS TO ENLARGE ITS FIELD OF WORK

First Organization of Its Kind in Dominion, Proud of Record.

SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Entertaining Members of the Huron Council in City Today.

Expansion of the London Chamber of Commerce was a step definitely decided upon at yesterday's meeting of the directors, the first since the beginning of the summer season. There will be no change in the form of organization and operation, but it is likely that the program of work will be brought up to date.

Determination of the directors to undertake this movement at this time was announced by the fact that the present membership pledges, made just under three years ago, are about to expire. It is intended to re-sign the members for a new three-year period and at the same time to add to the membership.

PROUD OF FACT.

The London Chamber of Commerce is proudly proud of the fact that it is the oldest such organization in the Dominion, but at that it is not quite three years old. Having "started something," however, the London chamber is now one of a group of nearly a dozen such successors of former boards of trade.

Definite preparations for the movement of expansion remain to be made. It is likely that they will be placed in the hands of a committee, which will sub-divide the task. Though no figures were mentioned in the meeting yesterday, there was a feeling among some that the London chamber ought to have not less than 1,000 members, compared with the 800 odd now on the rolls.

Another party of the day will be the members of the central committee of the agricultural section of the chamber, which will have a meeting at 2 o'clock at the Western Fair headquarters.

Dr. Fox, dean of the arts faculty of Western University, made a suggestion to the chamber directors that part-time work might be provided for certain of the students who need to help themselves financially. The matter was referred to a committee, which will endeavor to co-operate.

VENIZELLOS TAKES BRIDE.

London, Sept. 14.—Eleftherios Venizelos, former premier of Greece, and Miss Helena Schilizzi, daughter of a Greek businessman in London, were married at the registry office here this forenoon.

BOARD DECIDES NO REDUCTION, FREIGHT RATES

Three Out of Five Commissioners Oppose Any Decrease for Present.

AWAIT TRIBUNAL'S ACTION

Two Judgments Are Rendered by Government Body Today.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—(Canadian Press).—There will be no general reduction in railway freight rates at the present time. Two judgments were brought down by the board of railway commissioners this morning. One, the opinion of Chief Commissioner Carvell and concurred in by Commissioner Nantel, recommended a general reduction in freight rates of 10 per cent except in cases where the rates have already been lowered, as in the case of livestock and of grain from the rail head. The chief commissioner's judgment also recommends a 25 per cent reduction in Pullman and parlor car rates.

With this judgment, Commissioners McLean, Rutherford and Boyce do not concur. Their majority ruling is that there be no immediate reduction in freight rates. The ground they take is that pending the decision of the special tribunal, appointed to investigate the wage question, the application for rate reduction be not granted.

Following announcement of the board's majority ruling, the following explanatory statement was issued: "As a result of the divided opinion of the board of railway commissioners, there will be no reduction in freight and sleeping car rates, etc., at least for the present."

NO MORE DOLES FOR UNEMPLOYED

Cabinet Committee Is Figuring Out Plans for Financing.

London, Sept. 13.—The cabinet committee appointed for the purpose of two hours today discussing the unemployment situation, the various plans debated mainly concerned how to provide funds for relief work, the alternatives being direct grants from the exchequer or empowering the local bodies to raise loans guaranteed by the treasury. The committee adjourned until Friday without having reached a definite decision.

STUDYING TRAFFIC NEEDS OF LONDON AND THE VICINITY

E. Horning, district passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway; General Superintendent Bowker and General Baggage Agent Graybill are in town today discussing with local officials the traffic needs of the fall and winter, and how best the Government railroad service can be improved in this district. With them is R. A. McVean, formerly of London, and now traveling passenger representative of the Canadian National Railways, with headquarters in Toronto. They will also visit the Western Fair, where the Canadian Government is exhibiting a mammoth all-steel new type of train for transcontinental travel.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE SOVIET REGIME OF RUSSIA

Christiania, Sept. 14.—Recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia as a de facto regime will be declared by the Norwegian minister of foreign affairs in the event such application is made by the Norwegian court during a lawsuit between agents of the two governments.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local postoffice on Thursday, September 15, to be forwarded via S. S. Victorian, sailing from Montreal on September 16.

HON. J. M. BAXTER TO JOIN RECONSTRUCTED CABINET OF MEIGHEN

Former Attorney-General of New Brunswick Accepts Premier's Invitation.

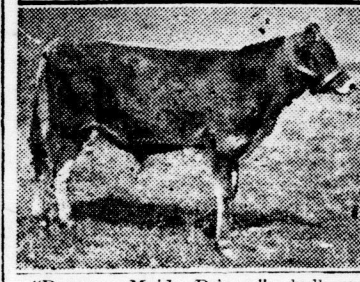
Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 14.—Hon. J. B. Baxter, former attorney-general of New Brunswick, and now leader of the Opposition party in the Provincial Legislature, has accepted an invitation to enter Premier Meighen's reconstructed cabinet, after a consultation with his followers, according to a semi-official announcement made here. He will probably run in St. John and Albert.

REFER CHILLED BEEF PROBLEM TO FARMER MEMBERS OF C. OF C.

After considerable discussion of the directors of the local chamber of commerce at their meeting on Tuesday decided to refer the resolutions recently drawn up by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting export trade in chilled beef, to the farmers' section of the local organization. The matter will be taken up by a committee representing the farmer members at a meeting to be held in the Western Fair grounds today.

Many other questions affecting the welfare of the farmers of Western Ontario will be discussed at the meeting, as many resolutions and recommendations drawn up during the past few weeks will be brought up for consideration. J. H. Porter will be chairman of the meeting.

PRIZE BULL CALF



"Rowers Maid Prince," bull calf junior, winner of a first prize at the Western Fair, owned by John Pringle of this city. Sire, "Woodview Bright Prince," dam, "Rowers Maid."

READY TO MEET CITY IN REGARD TO S. R. MATTERS

President Currie Agrees That Stanley Street Conditions Are Bad.

SUGGESTS HIGHER FARES

Enable Company To Do Work and Pay Higher Wages.

Definite assurance that the London Street Railway will do all in its power to co-operate with the city council in its paving program was given by Charles Currie, president of the company, who accompanied members of No. 2 committee on a tour of inspection this morning. As a solution to the Stanley street track allowance paying controversy, Mr. Currie, who came to London for a conference with city officials, suggested that this section be closed, rolled and treated with travertine, which he declared to be similar to a pavement.

BULLETS WHIZZ WHEN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO STEAL BALLOT BOXES

Exciting Incidents Mark the Voting at Primary Elections in Manhattan.

MANAGER IS WOUNDED

Henry H. Curran Will Oppose Mayor Hylan at November Election.

New York, Sept. 14.—Henry H. Curran, Coalition-Republican, now president of the borough of Manhattan, will be Mayor John F. Hylan's opponent at the polls next November.

Curran won the Republican nomination by a vote of more than 25 to 1 over the nearest of his three rivals in the primary elections yesterday. His vote, with all but 245 of the 2,733 election districts in New York, was 91,188. F. H. La Guardia, president of the board of aldermen, his closest rival, got 35,705. Judge Reuben Haskell of Brooklyn, who ran on a "wet referendum" platform, got 25,463. William M. Bennett, former state senator, was a poor fourth, with 4,286.

CHARGES OF MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST ARBUCKLE

San Francisco Grand Jury Returns Indictment On Lesser Count.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Two charges today had been placed against Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture star, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress. The San Francisco County grand jury late last night voted an indictment, charging manslaughter, but District Attorney Matthew Brady declared that prosecution on a murder complaint already under way in the justice court would not be halted.

The grand jury indictment does not come within the province of the justice court, but goes direct to the superior court, where it is returnable next Thursday. A warrant for the film comedian's arrest on the manslaughter charge is expected to be issued Friday, the district attorney said.

The murder complaint was sworn to Monday by Mrs. Edmund Belmont, a close friend of Miss Rappe.

The grand jury indictment came after two sessions, each lasting many hours. At last night's session Judge Frankston and Judge E. J. McLaughlin presided, and the jury was sworn in.

APPEAL BY STOCKHOLDERS OF G. T. R. IS EXPECTED

London, Sept. 13.—Canadian Press Cable.—Restlessness is manifested in some sections of the Grand Trunk stockholders through the absence of a statement of the proceedings from the committee. The latter, however, declares that it is impossible to make a further move until the full judgment has been received. It is generally believed that an appeal to the privy council will be lodged unless an acceptable offer from the Canadian Government is forthcoming.

BIGGEST WEDNESDAY CROWDS IN HISTORY OF WESTERN FAIR

Midway and Buildings Packed With Visitors From All Parts of Western Ontario—Live Stock Sheds Are Thronged From Early Hours of Morning—Much Interest Shown in Farm Machinery.

Crowds since early morning have been pouring into the gates of the Western Fair for what is always the one biggest day of the week. Incoming trains brought thousands from north and south, east and west, and the automobile traffic was heavy from an early hour. Despite the increased coolness of the atmosphere and the gloomy sky which grew to the outlook of the morning, Western Ontario farmers and townsfolk headed the family auto Londonwards, and swooped down on the city in whole army corps. From Lake Erie to Tobermory, from the Detroit River to the suburbs of Toronto, today's fair visitors have come by train-loads, auto-loads and busloads.

Crowds Everywhere.

The midway attractions opened early to good attendance. The Wednesday fair crowds include a great many people who try to cover the whole fair in one day. They do the midway before noon and take in the grandstand performances in the afternoon. After a rapid tour of the fair buildings, the evening, they will be ready to catch tonight's trains home again. Everywhere there were crowds on the grounds long before noon today. The horses and livestock were thronged, and the machinery hall also showed a very strong interest in the machinery. Tractors, threshers, gasoline plows, new style fanning mills, pumping machinery, electric light plants for farm homes and small villages, cement wagging machinery and many other kinds of machinery are this year shown in greater variety than ever.

Brick Making De Luxe.

The high cost of building materials naturally arouses interest in a lot of small machines for making bricks and tiles. With one small machine costing \$125, the demonstrator explains that three men can make 60,000 cement bricks in a day. The machine makes six bricks at one operation, and 1,000 operations a day is advertised as its normal speed.

The fruit and flowers are now in full display. Monday only a part of the horticultural exhibits were in place. The poultry show has also been judged and there are many fine birds shown. The building appears rather cramped, however, with steadily increasing exhibits every year, and the poultrymen are talking loudly of a new building for next year's fair.

Exhibits Well Arranged.

The exhibits in the dairy hall and the pure food pavilion are of usual very well arranged. Many instructive exhibits of high educational value are scattered throughout the grounds.

Nearly all the exhibits of manufactured products are conspicuous by prominently printed appeals to Canadians to buy Made-in-Canada goods. A lot of the goods are shown in various processes of manufacture, this adding considerably to the educational value of the exhibits.

It was a busy day on the Midway and the C. A. Wortham shows were well patronized. The shows are clean, interesting, new and different from previous years, and have created a favorable impression upon all who have attended so far. "The best midway London fair ever had" is what most fair visitors declare.

Champion High Diver.

One of the outstanding shows in the Beach Wortham aggregation is the Beach Continued on Page Thirteen.

NEW YORK NOT TO PERMIT 'AUCTIONS' OF UNEMPLOYED

New York, Sept. 14.—Plans of Urban Ledoux to repeat here the "auctions" of unemployed, which he staged on Boston Commons, met with opposition today from various organizations interested in the unemployed. The jobless Ledoux announced he would hold his first auction here next Monday.

DEFIES CITY OFFICIALS.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 14.—Urban Ledoux, returning here from New York today to take up again his activities in the interests of Boston's unemployed, said he intended to inaugurate the auction block for the jobless in New York next week, notwithstanding official objections announced by public officials and others.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 76, lowest 51.

BAROMETRIC STANDING.

Tuesday—29.50 at 8 a.m.; 29.44 at 8 p.m.

Today—29.37 at 8 a.m.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Tuesday, Sept. 14—8 a.m. Forecast.

Moderate winds; mostly cloudy today and on Thursday; occasional showers.

Earl of Meath Forced To Cut His Expenses

London, Sept. 14.—Canadian Press Cable.—The Earl of Meath, well known for his advocacy of the Empire Day movement, has informed his tenants that his expenses on his Irish estates have exceeded his entire income. He has lately been living on his capital, and the continuance of this would shortly land him in the bankruptcy court. He has disposed of the use of his automobiles, horses and carriages, and has been obliged, though with great grief, to make further reductions among his employees.