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SOUTH WINDS; FINE AND WARM.
SATURDAY—FINE

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REGISTRY OFFICE SALE MYSTERY TO COUNCIL

New Point Raised By Pepall's Counsel May Bring Release

ALDERMEN UNWARE OF BUYER

Members Unable To Name
Purchaser of Old Registry
Office.

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

Finance Committee Believed
Building Was Going to
Imperial Oil.

Who has bought the old city registry office? Nobody knows.

Members of the finance committee believed that they were selling it to the Imperial Oil Company for \$10,500, and from their impression reported to the council. But the advertiser has now discovered that the Imperial Oil Company has no interest in the transaction. Mayor Wenigo, Alderman Douglas and his committee have sold the site without knowing the real purchaser. The funny part about it is that several of the aldermen are still under the impression that the Imperial Oil Company is the purchaser, but they cannot recall how such impression was formed. It is another tangle in the cross puzzle of the registry office sale, which has already involved three bidders, and now, after much discussion about "the best interests of the city," has been made to an anonymous purchaser through an anonymous tender submitted by Murphy, Gunn & Murphy, for a silent client.

While Albert H. Murphy of the firm of Murphy, Gunn & Murphy spoke briefly to the committee last Wednesday night, he said nothing concerning the identity of the firm he was acting for. But the impression was gained by the aldermen in discussing the tender later that it was the Imperial Oil Company which was really making the bid. This is certainly not the case, a fact noted by Richard Baby, general manager for that firm, coming to the advertiser this morning. The Imperial Oil Company is not interested in the property and did not make the offer through the local legal firm.

A canvass of all members of the committee shows that many of them are still under the impression that the property is to be sold to the Imperial Oil Company. Asked how the impression was gained, no definite answers were gained. It was just the general feeling that such was the case.

Perusal of the tender gives no clue to the identity of the purchaser. The paper passed through the hands of the committee and was sanctioned without real knowledge of the purchaser's identity.

A clause in the tender reads: "This offer is made conditional upon the vendor allowing the purchaser (and here the words 'or his assigns' have been written in ink over the typed copy) to use the property as a gasoline service station and to erect modern, up-to-date service station, to be constructed of good materials of rugged brick and stucco or of similar material in a workmanlike manner, etc."

Does Not Know.

Asked to name the parties for whom Murphy, Gunn & Murphy were acting, Ald. L. H. Douglas, chairman of the No. 1 committee, was unable to name them.

Please See Page 4, Column 3.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Southerly winds, fine and warm today and Saturday.

The pressure is quite high from the great lakes eastward, and low to the westward. The weather is cool, unsettled and showery in the western provinces, and fine and warm from Ontario eastward.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	48	Clear
Calgary	55	34	Clear
Winnipeg	55	42	Fair
Port Arthur	58	46	Fog
Parry Sound	55	48	Clear
Toronto	61	48	Clear
Kingston	61	48	Clear
Ottawa	72	40	Clear
Montreal	60	46	Clear
Quebec	58	42	Clear
Quebec Falls	48	32	Clear
St. John	58	40	Clear
Halifax	56	38	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 40.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 45.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.34.
Today—8 a.m., 29.52.

This Real Estate Man Has Changed His Mind

Government sale in Winnipeg has been "hard on business" instead of helping it—he won't vote wet again—see page two.

Some people are inclined at present to favor government sale of liquor because they have been told that it will bring prosperity and reduce taxes. But the facts in provinces where government sale has been tried destroy that theory.

In Winnipeg, The Advertiser's representative met a real estate man who had favored government sale. This is what he said: "I like a glass myself, so I suppose I am inconsistent, for I certainly think our system of government sale is hard on business. It could hardly benefit it when millions of money is spent in such a way that it might just as well be poured into the sewers. There is nothing tangible to show for it."

Another real estate dealer in Winnipeg pointed out to The Advertiser that "instead of government control reducing taxation the province imposed for the first time a provincial income tax six months after they knew what revenue to expect from the government sale of liquor."

Study the real facts of government sale in actual operation before you believe in hopes of what it may do in Ontario. Today, the sixth article of the series reporting investigations in Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec appears on page two. This article and the seventh, appearing tomorrow, complete the report on Manitoba. The first four articles next week will tell of The Advertiser's inquiries in Alberta.

Turn to page two every day and read of actual results.

REORGANIZED GAS BOARD REQUESTED BY DELEGATION



STANLEY BALDWIN,
former premier of Great Britain,
who issues a note of warning to his
followers not to press their claims
too strongly. He cautions that an
election may leave the Conservatives
fewer members in parliament than
they have now.

FORMER SECRETARY OF SIR ADAM SOUGHT

Clarence Settell Charged With
Attempting to Cash \$29,000
Hydro Check.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Oct. 3.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Clarence Settell, for many years private secretary to Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario hydro-electric commission, charging him with fraudulently causing a false check or document for \$29,000, purporting to have been signed by Sir Adam Beck as chairman of the hydro commission and V. V. Pope, secretary of the commission. The check was made out against the Canadian Bank of Commerce. It is alleged that Settell called on W. H. Childs, secretary of the Hamilton hydro commission, in his office here at 12:15, and that he told Mr. Childs that he had been sent to purchase certain right-of-way for the commission. Showing Mr. Childs the check, he is said to have stated that it would be easier to deal with the farmer if he showed the ready money. Mr. Childs, who has known Settell for many years, accompanied him to the bank, identified him and indorsed the check.

M'GILL STUDENTS BAN ALL FORMS OF HAZING

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Oct. 2.—The students' council of McGill University has placed a ban on hazing.

This was announced officially today, following the report of the sub-committee of the students' council appointed some time ago to study the question. The ban, it was pointed out by students' spokesman, is entirely voluntary, and is not due to any official pressure.

Western Ontario Municipalities Not Satisfied With Present Body.

REASONS CITED

Mayor Mitchell of Windsor
Declares Producers' Repre-
sentative Dictates Too
Much.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Oct. 3.—Urging a complete and sweeping reorganization of the Ontario natural gas board appointed by the Drury government to adjudicate on all natural gas disputes between the consumers and the producers, some fifty representatives of gas consuming municipalities presented a united front to Premier Ferguson and Hon. Chas. McCrea, minister of mines, this morning. The deputation which was introduced by Frank Wilson, M.L.A. of Windsor, and whose spokesman was Mayor Mitchell of Windsor, charged that the dominating methods of C. L. Steel, President of the board, who is the representative of the gas producers on the board, swayed the decisions of Wesley Ward, the consumers' representative, and the government's representative, D. O. Ellis, who is chairman to the detriment of the consumers.

The municipalities have been forced to the position where they have no confidence in the board, stated Mr. Wilson in introducing the deputation.

Not Satisfied With Board.

"Whether it is the personnel or the construction of the board, I cannot say," Mayor Frank Mitchell of Windsor stated that the board as at present constituted did not satisfy the municipalities. He stated that the board was not properly qualified to give judgment on the question that came before them.

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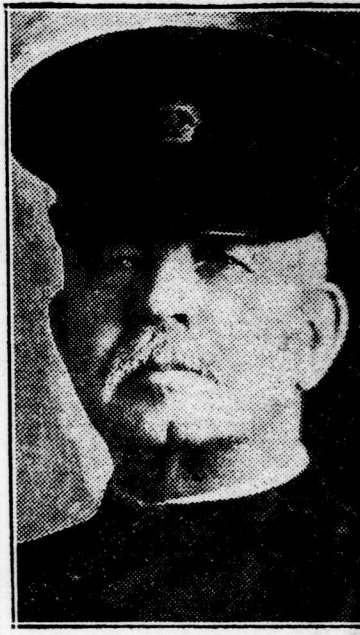
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CHIEF ROBERT BIRRELL,
head of London's police, who in an
address at the Kiwanis luncheon to-
day made a strong appeal for a new
police station in London.

BAKER DROPS DEAD WHILE AT WORK

Marshall Van Buskirk Was
Preparing To Leave
For Home.

Marshall Van Buskirk, a baker employed at the Nut-Krust Electric Bakery Company on Dundas street, dropped dead while at work shortly before noon today.

Mr. Van Buskirk, who is well known in this city, was washing himself in preparation to returning to his home at 345 Princess avenue, for lunch, when he was suddenly stricken with an attack of heart failure. He died almost immediately and before medical help could be summoned.

Mr. Van Buskirk was born in Ottaville, Ont., about 64 years ago. He had been a resident of London for the past 30 years. He had been working at the Nut-Krust Company as a relief baker during the summer time.

According to his relatives, he was in the best of health when he left his house this morning for work.

He is survived by his wife and one son Floyd, a motorman on the L. & P. R.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

"Concealed Bar" Falls In Raid

Winnipeg Officials Swoop Down Before Lookout Can Act.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Oct. 3.—Law enforcement officers of the Winnipeg morality squad checked efforts of the proprietors of a "concealed bar" today, when they accidentally stumbled across an ingenious device used to block the activities of the authorities.

In raiding a local hotel, which for some time has been under suspicion, the police officers found a man sitting in an automobile parked in front of the premises. Investigation revealed a communicating wire from the car to the bar, which served to give warning by means of bell signals to those inside.

The device, it was admitted, had operated with success until the police pounced upon the lawbreakers, giving them no time to "clear the bar" in response to the lookout's warning.

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MacDonald Supporters Con-
fident of Return With
Increased Majority.

BALDWIN SPEAKS

Former British Premier Cau-
tions Government Opponents
Not To Force Issue.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 3.—"It certainly looks as though a crisis might come at any moment, but then in politics you never can tell," is the comment of former premier Stanley Baldwin, in referring to the position of the Labor government the face of the recent developments. His note of caution is echoed by many political observers who have watched beside the supposed heads of previous governments which ultimately proved to be very much alive.

The great majority of the political writers as to what may happen in the view widely held in the lobbies of parliament and the party clubs, namely, that the present government's days are numbered, and that it is bound to fall, if not on the Conservative motion of censure in the Communist matter, then on the opposition to the Anglo-Russian treaty, headed by the Liberals. The Communist case is based on the abandonment of criminal proceedings which had been brought against the acting editor of the Workers Weekly, a Communist publication.

There are numerous rumors and speculations as to what may happen, but nothing regarding the government's intentions in the face of the pending parliamentary attacks.

May Find Compromise.

One favored view is that Premier MacDonald will resist the Liberal proposal to investigate the Communist case equally with the vote of censure, and that, if defeated thereon, he will resign. Another is that he will accept the inquiry and await the result of the motion concerning the treaty.

Even if the latter results in defeat, the premier, according to one forecast, will not resign, but will advise the King to dissolve parliament in either case. The inquiry would follow, and it is figured this will probably be held on Nov. 8 or 15.

Still another view is that the Liberal proposal will result in a compromise of some kind, which will result in keeping the Laborites in office.

It is not certain, however, that the latter wish to continue under the present conditions, and many believe they would welcome an appeal to the country, thinking the moment rather than the inquiry and await the chances of gaining real power in the state.

They profess to have made great gains in the country's favor during the last nine months and express confidence that an election would result in their return to office with immensely increased strength.

Meanwhile outside political circles complaints are beginning to be heard that nobody wants an election. The country has been called to the polls on two successive autumns and the distraction and turmoil of another election, it is contended, would be a setback to industry and trade, which are already overwhelmed with difficulties.

It is suggested that if this feeling gathers strength it may tend to an arrangement whereby an appeal to the country even over the Russian treaty, may be avoided, especially as the party which precipitated the election might find animosity against itself among the electors.

GAS CUT IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Oct. 2.—A reduction of two cents per gallon on gasoline, effective at once, is announced by the leading gasoline companies in Montreal.

Heads Were Broken On Dundas Street

That was in the good old days when London took its politics seriously.

Have you ever heard the story of the two ballot boxes in the wild election of 1822?

Do you remember that stirring night in 1891 when Charlie Hyman scored London's first Liberal victory?

Read about it all on the front page of The Advertiser's magazine section tomorrow—eight pages of entertainment along with four pages of rotogravure pictures and the eight-page colored comic section.



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PEPALL MAY YET ESCAPE DEPORTATION

New Point Raised by Defence
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OUT ON BAIL

Claim Is Made Canadian Only
Sought Temporary
Residence.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The proposed deportation to Toronto of Andrew H. Pepall, alleged to be involved in the provincial bond scandal, has become a more serious legal question than was first estimated, and no hasty decision in the case can be made by the United States government, Second Assistant Secretary of Labor White disclosed today.

The decision in the case is likely to establish a precedent which can be utilized in future cases involving the status of foreigners or aliens who enter this country without proper inspection. It was said.

New Argument Advanced.

Pepall's attorneys, it now develops, are endeavoring to show that the former Toronto man came in for the United States for the purpose of making a temporary residence here, and not to remain permanently.

Deportation regulations of the United States make a fine distinction between aliens who come in for a temporary stay and those who seek to become permanent residents. If it can be proved that Pepall entered the United States for the purpose of making a temporary residence here and engaging in business, the deportation order against him is likely to stand, but if the government cannot prove that he came to remain here, the deportation order may be withdrawn and the Toronto man be allowed his freedom.

Will Review Entire Case.

Pepall is now out on \$10,000 bond. Secretary White refused today to indicate what his decision in the case will be, but he frankly admitted that the point raised by Pepall's counsel is one that must be carefully considered before any definite decision is announced.

He said that the investigation of the legal aspects of the case is about completed, but he said a complete review of the whole proceedings would have to be made by him before he could approve or disapprove the original deportation order against Pepall.

Two men answering the description of Hammer and his friend stopped passing motorists on the Byron road this morning and asked them for a ride.

"We're going to St. Thomas," stated the driver of the car.

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