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LONDON BOOMED AS COKE CENTRE

Can Not Have 35 Mill Tax Rate and Build Collegiate

COKE OVEN IN LONDON TAKES CANADIAN COAL AND WOULD AID HYDRO

London Merchants and Officials Back Plan to Cut Amount of Anthracite Purchased Each Year From United States—Hydro Will Need Help in Five Years.

PRESENT DEMAND JUSTIFIES ACTION, IS CLAIM

Early establishment of a by-product coke oven in London is strongly urged. Prominent citizens and officials interviewed this morning upon the subject unanimously agree that there is sufficient demand in Western Ontario today for coke as domestic fuel to warrant the building of a coke oven here. Use of gas from the oven for a central heating plant or for use in connection with a steam auxiliary plant for hydro-electric purposes comes as a consideration of the future, possibly five years' time. The proposal to make use of poorer grade Canadian coal from Alberta and Nova Scotia for the manufacture of coke which is at least as good as American anthracite, thus making Ontario and Quebec independent of the Pennsylvania coal fields, meets with most cordial approval here. Since Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the H. E. P. C. of Ontario, has selected Toronto as the site of the first auxiliary steam plant for hydro, it is felt here that London should secure the second plant to be established.

To Encourage Coking Plants

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 25.—A drawback of 99 per cent of the duty is to be allowed on bituminous coal imported into Canada for conversion into coke. This is done, it is announced, to encourage the establishment and operation of up-to-date coking plants in Canada.

It was explained at the finance department this morning that coke now enters Canada free of duty. Coking plants in Canada have been using slack coal for conversion into coke, but the budget introduced yesterday makes the duty on slack coal as high as the regular run-of-mine coal.

MARCH BUILDING PERMITS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Permits For Three Weeks Total 71—\$25,000 Ahead of Last March.

Building authorized during the three weeks of March just concluded has shown aggregate value of \$127,750 for 71 permits. The value of building authorized is already more than \$25,000 in excess of the total for March, 1924, and is more than the total for January and February of this year.

Indications continue to show a surprisingly good building year in prospect. Permits are for new dwelling houses, alterations, changes in business houses and garages. The month will close with probably more than \$150,000 of construction authorized.

SIR ADAM BECK GIVEN BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Special to The Advertiser. Baltimore, Md., March 25.—Sir Adam Beck, who has been in Johns Hopkins hospital here for some weeks undergoing treatment for a blood condition similar to anaemia, was given a blood transfusion today. While the hospital authorities have been instructed to give out no information, it is learned that his condition is satisfactory and that there is no cause for alarm.

GREEK RAILWAYS AGAIN BUSY AS STRIKE ENDS

Associated Press Despatch. Athens, March 25.—The Confederation of Railway Workers yesterday announced the end of the strike which began on March 8, cutting off Greece from rail connection with the rest of Europe. The railwaymen quit work when the government delayed reply to their demands for higher wages and shorter hours. On March 21 typographical workers left the newspaper offices in sympathy with the striking railway men, and no newspapers were published throughout Greece.

CITY BILL PASSED AT TORONTO

Private Bills Committee Sanctions Legislation With Little Discussion.

REDUCES COUNCIL

Date of First Sitting of New Body Moved Forward to December.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, March 25.—Following a brief statement by City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, the private bills committee of the legislature today passed the city of London bill practically without any discussion. The bill provides that the first meeting of London city council shall be held on the third Monday of December, instead of the third Monday in January; that the number of aldermen be reduced to eight, and that there be a two-year term.

Another clause was that the city of London may guarantee to any bank the payment to the extent of \$50,000 by the London railway commission of any moneys from time to time borrowed by the London railway commission to carry on the business of the London and Port Stanley railway.

As a result of the endorsement of the city of London bill by the private bills committee of the legislature today, Londoners in putting into effect the new manner of electing aldermen. Next year's council will consist of eight aldermen, who will be elected by a city-wide vote. The inaugural meeting of the 1925 council will be held on Dec. 21 next, instead of waiting until after the Christmas season.

The other clause in the bill provides for granting of a line of credit to the London railway commission, is expected to go into effect early in May or as soon thereafter as it becomes law by a vote of the legislature.

Express Satisfaction.

Satisfaction was expressed in council circles this afternoon at the success of the city bill before the committee of the legislature. No great difficulty was anticipated, as the brief bill had no clauses, except such as were made possible by the consolidated municipal act. While there has been some opposition to the changes in civic government, a substantial majority was extended to the move at the polls last December.

The first meeting of the next council will be held on the third Monday of next December. Ald. Frank McKay pointed out today, "I shouldn't think the bill would encounter any trouble now before the legislature."

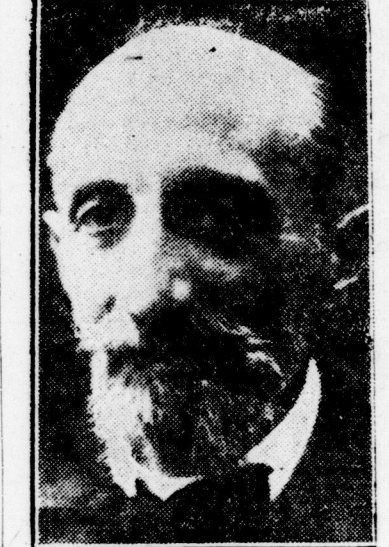
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Fortune Is Found In Book Returned To Public Library

Twenty dollar bills and skeins of darning wool are used for book marks in London. Hundreds of books turned in at the public library every day reveal some odd bits of everything that go to mark the place where a reader has left off to answer the telephone or quiet the baby.

The most expensive book mark found by library officials was not twenty-dollar bill but a whole roll of them. When Miss L. H. Grant took the book at the desk the other day the wad of bills literally forced the covers apart. When opened the brilliant orange coloring of the top-most twenty divulged the wealth of the wad. The woman who left the book was called back to take away the "book marks," said Miss K. McLaughlin this morning. "We have hundreds of them, all kinds of them. They run from safety razor blades to insurance books and burses." Whereupon a drawer was opened. It was filled with book marks of the most peculiar and novel kind. Certainly many of them, in fact none of them were meant for the purpose for which they had been used. First a card of wool, black darning wool with a few strands still wound about it. Then a score of snapshots: pictures of pleasant scenes about summer camps; photos of the cat, the dog and the motor. Nothing to tell from whence they came.

There were several picture post-cards, and an old letter which bore no mark of identification. The library officials had found them when going through the books after they had been returned.



AIME DE FLEURY, French ambassador to England, who has just personally conveyed to Premier Herriot the latest proposals of Austen Chamberlain respecting a security pact.

DOCTOR IS SHOT BY CRAZED MAN

Dr. George Wilson, Former Londoner, Now in Vancouver Hospital.

EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Dr. George Wilson, who formerly practiced in London, was shot through the shoulder by an insane man yesterday at his home in Vancouver, according to a telegram received this morning by his brother, Dr. James Wilson of this city.

The telegram stated that Dr. Wilson's condition was not considered serious. He is in Vancouver hospital, resting comfortably. The insane man has been placed under arrest. It is Dr. Wilson's belief that his brother was visited in his office by the lunatic, who threatened to shoot. In a scuffle that followed the revolver exploded, the bullet piercing Dr. Wilson's left shoulder.

Dr. George Wilson practiced in London for a number of years prior to the war. He went overseas and upon his return took up his residence at Vancouver. He is an uncle of Dr. Cameron Wilson of this city.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE ON CHURCH UNION BILL

Committee Resumes Deliberation on Tentative Agreement Before Going to Legislature.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 25.—Resumption of deliberations on the vexed question of the church union bill to be submitted to the Ontario legislature was made this morning at 10 o'clock by the sub-committee of the private bills committee. Little progress was made yesterday afternoon at the first meeting of the committee, according to corridor gossip this morning, members entering into a general discussion of the so-called tentative agreement arrived last week by the negotiating committee composed of an equal number of church unionists and non-concurrends under the chairmanship of Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general. She is regarded as unlikely that the private bills committee will meet again until Tuesday next when the sub-committee is expected to report. It is not anticipated that it would be in a position to report today.

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MRS. STILLMAN DENIES DIVORCE INTENTIONS

Associated Press Despatch. Milwaukee, March 25.—Mrs. Fifi Potter Stillman, wife of James A. Stillman, on her way to Arizona, denied today that she was in Milwaukee seeking a divorce from her husband, and added that she would never seek a reconciliation. She is registered at a hotel as Mrs. James A. Stillman, and said she came because friends advised her to visit mid-baths near here.

Dismiss Dennistoun Jury When Claim Is Dropped. Associated Press Despatch. London, March 25.—The jury in the sensational Dennistoun case, which yesterday awarded £5,000 to Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun from her former husband, was discharged today after Colonel Dennistoun abandoned a counter-claim regarding some furniture.

Counsel then began legal arguments on claims for judgment.

LONDON PRAISES BUDGET

Sound Business With Building Qualities Is Summing Up of Opinion.

DIFFER ON COAL TAX

Hydro Export Tax Meets With Favor, Stimulus to Trade.

A sound, sensible budget, competent to deal with present difficulties in Canada and arranged on logical lines, is the opinion of London businessmen today on the budget brought in by the Liberal government at Ottawa.

Generally men in business look on the budget as a sign that the government is making a practical effort to meet all its handicaps in debts and expenses. The fact that there is a surplus of \$1,323,000, and that the cost of administration has been reduced by \$5,100,000, is generally regarded with satisfaction.

Nothing but congratulations meet the proposal to place an export tax on hydro power. It is seen to have two beneficial results, the production of revenue to the extent of \$400,000 and a tempting invitation to the Ontario manufacturer to use more power in his own country.

Mr. Robb's attitude toward the coal situation is admitted to be courageous. It will certainly solve the problems of the maritime coal operators. The argument that it will mean an additional cost to manufacturers and users of coal is met by the statement that it will benefit Atlantic coal to Ontario, and that if this should be higher in price than the present price of American coal that the money will stay in the country.

Many businessmen declared that it is better to pay a little more for Canadian coal and keep the money in Canada than to pay the present price and allow all the money to go across the line.

Strong Approval.

The anti-dumping clause in the budget receives universal approval on all sides. As a help and a steady influence on business, the budget is recognized by men in touch with world conditions.

Business must build itself up on the foundation of facts as they are," said these men, "but this budget will give it a leg up. Mr. Robb's plans show real effort to make both ends meet."

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KING FUAD OF EGYPT, who this week opened the session of the recently-elected parliament at Cairo.

PROVINCE WILL INSIST ON FINES

Premier Says Legislation Will Be Passed to Defeat Toronto's Plan.

CREDITED TO SMITH

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, March 25.—The Ontario government is determined to see that the full proceeds of the fines imposed on Peter Smith and Aemilius Jarvis will come to the province instead of the city of Toronto, which has laid claim to them under a recent amendment to the criminal code.

"The fines will come to us," Premier Ferguson told The Advertiser emphatically today. "We are the ones who lost the money, and we are the ones who will get it back."

"Will special legislation be necessary to insure that?" "I can't say at present; but whatever is necessary will be done."

With regard to the \$4,800 province of Saskatchewan bonds and the \$15,000 stock in the Oshawa Refinery, held by Aemilius Jarvis, junior, in trust for Peter Smith, and subsequently turned over to the government, the prime minister explained that these amounts would be credited to Smith on account of his \$100,000 fine.

The Oshawa Refinery is at present in the hands of a receiver, and the amount to be credited to Smith will be of course depend on the amount realized by the government on the shares which it now holds.

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LONDON'S WHITE ROBIN HERE TO CHIRP JOYS OF SPRING



LORD RAWLINSON, commander-in-chief of the British army in India, today was operated upon for an attack of appendicitis, which he developed with unusual suddenness.

ARABS IN JERUSALEM PROTEST BALFOUR DECREE

Jerusalem, March 25.—The Mohammedan and Christian Arabs closed their shops today and ceased work on the occasion of the arrival of the Earl of Balfour as a protest against the famous declaration which he issued as foreign secretary, committing Great Britain to the support of the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The Arabs also withdrew all vehicles from the streets. No disorders have been reported.

HIGH TAX RATE DANGER SKIMS CREAM OFF HOPE OF EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Reductions to Date by Council Place Tax at Over 35 Mills.

SCHOOLS ARE NEXT

Meeting Tomorrow Night Will Decide on Stand For Present Year.

London East will not get a new high school this year if the city taxpayers are to have a tax rate of less than 35 mills.

Cuts made by the council last night reduced the tentative rate to 35.6724, or 1.6 mill less than the original rate. However, more than another mill will have to be lopped off before the rate is down to last year's figure.

Last night the council faced proposed expenditures of over \$3,000,000 of which about one-fifth was to be provided by receipts other than taxation. From the \$1,483,334.30 that was asked for general purposes, the council has already cut \$108,000, or a reduction of 1.6 mills.

Tomorrow night the council will tackle the board of education estimates and the building program of the board stands in some danger. School estimates for 1925 are now placed at more than a million dollars, or increased expenditure of \$56,000. If the council had power and inclination to cut off all this sum from the school board the mill rate would go down to last year's figure. However, the council can only apply cuts on the board's building program. A new east end high school and an addition to the technical school would be provided for by debentures. Interest on debentures for this year would amount to less than \$200,000. However, the council has already shaved \$108,000 from other estimates and if the tax rate must come below 35 mills, there is little chance of new schools for London.

COUNT KAROLYI PLANS TO ANSWER CRITICISMS

Pledged To Silence in U. S. A.—Must Come To Canada.

Canadian Press Despatch. New York, Mar. 24.—Count Michael Karolyi, former president of Hungary who is under a pledge imposed by the United States department of state not to talk or write politics while in this country, plans to go to Canada and from across the border will answer attacks made upon him by his opponents in the recent Hungarian government. He was admitted to the United States to see his wife who is ill, but only on condition that he maintain silence on political matters. Attempts by friends to have the gag, imposed by former secretary of state Hughes, removed have failed.

Count Karolyi declared that he will leave for Montreal on April 5. "When I get there I will answer the attacks that have been made upon me," he said, "and I will say why, in my opinion the state department believed it was obliged to 'gag' me."

TWO INSTANTLY KILLED BY SPEEDING LOCOMOTIVE

Associated Press Despatch. Longview, Wash., March 25.—Two men, believed to be George E. Wiley, address unknown, and E. Eastman, Springfield, Oregon, were instantly killed yesterday when they stepped from behind a freight train directly in the path of a speeding north-bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific tracks in Cowlitz county.

In order to give readers of The Evening Advertiser a full report of Hon. J. A. Robb's budget speech, the fiscal statement of the acting finance minister is published verbatim on page 11.

To avoid destroying continuity, a portion of the speech, which appeared in yesterday afternoon's Advertiser, is repeated. Additional statistics in concise form will be found on page 2.

Child Dies After Eating Tablets

Canadian Press Despatch. Mountain, March 25.—Five-year-old Lyla Wood, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hosias Wood, is dead, as the result of eating poisonous tonic tablets containing strychnine, which she had obtained from a high cupboard by climbing on some potato sacks piled in front of the cupboard.

CURZON FUNERAL HELD IN ABBEY

British Nation's Highest Tribute Is Paid to the Famous Statesman.

KING REPRESENTED

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 25.—The highest tribute possible for the British nation, to offer to the memory of one of its statesmen was paid at noon today to the late Marquis of Curzon, when his funeral services were held in Westminster Abbey and attended by the representatives of the sovereign, the British prime minister, cabinet members, leading statesmen and foreign ambassadors.

A casket of oak, from trees near Kedleston Hall, Lord Curzon's ancestral home in Derbyshire, was brought from Curzon House terrace to the ancient abbey just as a motor hearse, which was followed by other motor cars, carrying Lady Curzon, Lord Curzon's three daughters and other relatives of the family, arrived at the abbey just as the chimes of "Big Ben" in the tower of the parliament building marked the hour of 11:30. The abbey was filled with representatives of all classes of the British public. The doors were closed a few minutes before the services began.

A detachment of mounted police headed the funeral procession, which arrived at the abbey just as the chimes of "Big Ben" in the tower of the parliament building marked the hour of 11:30. The abbey was filled with representatives of all classes of the British public. The doors were closed a few minutes before the services began.

OPERATION PERFORMED ON LORD RAWLINSON. Associated Press Despatch. Delhi, British India, March 25.—Lord Rawlinson, commander-in-chief of the British army in India, today underwent an operation for appendicitis, which is declared to have been successful.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Today—South-west winds; fair and mild. Thursday—Southwest winds; continued mild. Pressure is quite low over northern Canada, and a relatively high over other portions of the continent. Showers have occurred fairly general in Ontario and Quebec, and the weather continues mild throughout the dominion.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	40	Clear
Calgary	54	30	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	36	Fair
Port Arthur	44	30	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	56	26	Cloudy
Toronto	56	34	Clear
Kingston	50	36	Fair
Ottawa	52	34	Clear
Montreal	44	34	Clear
Quebec	54	30	Rain
St. John	46	32	Fair
Halifax	45	28	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 55; lowest, 30.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 41; lowest, 33. Sun rises at 6:13 a.m. and sets at 6:38 p.m.

Barometric Readings. Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.18. Today—8 a.m., 29.35.