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Allege Irregularity in Board of Education Tenders

TRUSTEE EDWIN SMITH DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

Claims Insufficient Time Was Not Allowed by the Members.

ONE CONTRACT ALLOWED London Stationer Asks What Right Member Has To Get Sale of Supplies.

A special meeting of No. 3 committee of the board of education will convene this afternoon to go into the matter of tenders for supplies. It is not properly placed, so as to give all firms a chance to tender on them. There may also be some questions asked in regard to members of the board selling supplies to the board.

Edwin Smith, a member of the board, told the electors of Ward 2 last night that he and the chairman of the board had brought about the meeting over the rushing through of tenders for high school furnishings. Proper time was not allowed, he contended.

C. R. Smith, a stationer, was at the meeting at the Talbot Street School, armed with a bluebook of the board. He asked if it was right that a member of the board should sell large supplies to the board. He read off items. He did, A. A. Langford was the name given.

Trustee Edwin Smith said he was pleased to get the information, and would look into it.

The trouble comes over the short time allowed for the submitting of tenders. It was alleged that tenders advertised on Wednesday have already been let.

This is the principal matter for discussion and airing this Thursday afternoon.

One Contract Allowed.

This matter was brought to the attention of No. 3 committee at the time the tenders were opened, and Trustee Harry Hayman held otherwise, and Trustee Clark was absent. After discussion Trustee Hayman moved that no time limit be extended. There was no opposition.

To date only one contract has been allowed, that of electrical supplies to the approximate value of \$500 to a Galt firm. This announcement has met with considerable adverse criticism from those who contend that a local firm should have received the contract. E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities, is highly indignant.

ported as one of the special meeting of No. 3 committee to be held this afternoon many tenders for various types of equipment, desks, chairs, etc., will be considered. Whether Trustee Smith will, as he is reported as having promised at Wednesday night's meeting, "look into matters" is undetermined at this moment.

W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board of education, who has already been reported as having charged members of the board of education with having been hasty in their closing of contracts, explains that he did not make any charge, but simply remarked that such complaints have been made by representatives of firms.

Other Lights Installed.

J. B. Wright, a member of the board, called The Advertiser to protest against the letting of the electric wiring contract to an outside firm.

"Hydro people did not get a square deal," he said.

Mr. Wright declares that the board's method of doing business is wrong. It's a loose way of doing business.

A committee, with perhaps only three men, lets large contracts, and no one knows about them. The board has no say.

He instanced a case where a meeting of his committee, with three present, placed the contract for seats for Victoria school. The contract ran into thousands. The board had no say.

He pointed to Wortley Road School. The committee went over and inspected a room fitted with desks placed by five persons who were aboard were found floating in a yawl in Lake Ontario.

"I learned to my surprise later that these lights were never purchased. That other lights were installed by another firm. On whose orders I don't know. I know that the committee decided on the lights of the hydro shop."

THINK WRECKAGE FROM MISSING SHIP—NEW YORK

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Belief that the wreckage washed ashore at Ford Shoals, near here, yesterday came from the foundered steamer City of New York was expressed by coast-guardsmen today. The City of New York disappeared after leaving here for Trenton, Ontario, Thanksgiving Day, and two days later the bodies of five persons who were aboard were found floating in a yawl in Lake Ontario.

Part of the wreckage included a boat bearing the name "Pennington," but the coast-guardsmen did not believe that it came from the tow barge "L. Pennington."

DR. LLOYD APPOINTED SASKATCHEWAN BISHOP

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 1.—Rev. Dr. George Exton Lloyd, formerly archdeacon of the province, and subsequently principal of Emmanuel Divinity College of Prince Albert and Saskatoon, was elected bishop of Saskatchewan at a special meeting of the diocesan synod last evening.

"How We'd Make London PUPILS SUBMIT THEIR IDEAS A Bigger and Better City"

BY HELEN McMillan.

"Out of the mouths of babes" is a biblical saying which surely has some verification in the multitude of suggestions offered by children of the city for the making of a bigger and better London. Extremely democratic in my views, and having consulted the businessman, the craftsman, the professional man, the mothers and the youth of the city on this most important of questions, I thought it was only fair to ask the little children.

I had a most sympathetic helper in W. H. Liddicoat, principal of the Talbot Street School. Mr. Liddicoat is a keen lover of these smaller citizens of London, and he believes in their intelligence. And so it was not a surprise to him when they responded to my request so generously and so intelligently, so generously, in fact, that it will be necessary to give their views to the public in three instalments.

"What I would do if I were mayor of London in 1922," was the hypothesis upon which they based their suggestions for a better London.

I should get everyone living in London to be well educated by building schools and universities for them to learn from. I should build better houses and have the streets kept cleaner, so that people would not get diseases. And I would advise people to look before crossing the roads to see that no autos were coming to knock them down.

EARL CHAMBERS.

The first thing I should ask the people would be to keep their lawns and streets tidy. And I should ask the factories to start back to work. This would give Londoners a chance to have some money, and to have lovely homes, and this would make the streets look lovely. Then I should tell the people to clean out all their old attics. This would stop so many fires. Then I should ask the country to fix the roads. Then I would fix the dam at Springbank, and especially pave the road to Springbank.

GORDON BOYCE.

I should hire about fifty more men to keep the streets clean, and have some to go out and inspect every yard in London, and if it is not clean, have these men to clean it all up. And have the people arrested that will not let them clean their back yards.

I should hire more men for the police force to keep the drunken men out of the city, and the men and boys, ladies or girls that swear, to have them arrested.

LEXIE HOEHN.

I should build an extremely wide road in the center of this road I should have grass and lovely flowers and trees for the children and people, so they could sit there when they have no other place to sit. To make it pleasant, I should have an amusement park with a swimming pool, a merry-go-round, a roller-coaster, and all the amusements that I could think of. I should have two or three parks built for the people, so they could go skating and so on.

ALFRED EDWARDS.

I'd work very hard. I'd make farmers work hard. I'd get good food. I'd keep Turn to Page 9, Column 1.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED!

ON CHRISTMAS MORN

"Only a poor little nickel, It's all I have to give. But as nickels make the dollars, It may help some child to live."

—MALCOLM.

THIS is a wee note which came slipping into the "Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Fund" today on a crumpled little scrap of paper, very carefully wrapped about a shining five-cent piece.

And the mite of a five-cent piece was lovingly added to the fifty-cent pieces, to the dollar bills, and to the hundred dollar checks, which are all being funded together to make sad hearts happy and shivering bodies warm on Christmas Day.

The mites are needed just as much as the bigger amounts, for a whole lot of mites can do even more than a single big sum, because they bring with them a great many love messages. The big sums are needed desperately, but so are the mites.

Here's to the mites, then! As the days go on, may you come tumbling into our fund like soft summer rain patters on a tin roof, singing your love messages as you come.

May you come bringing gladness to all folk at Christmas time, overflowing the treasury of the "Goodfellows' Fund" as your hearts overflow with good wishes and eagerness to help.

24 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

THE London Advertiser is mounting steadily and continues to create added interest wherever the vote of any large gathering is solicited.

THE men of the G. T. R. carshops today showed a keen appreciation of this newspaper's efforts to size up the trend of public opinion, when they were asked during their lunch hour to mark ballots.

THE contribution of the workers of this large institution, added to those gathered by reporters in other parts of the city, added very materially to today's total.

JUST PLAIN FACT

THE Meighen organ in London carried on its front page a disgusting cartoon, in which the mangled form of a soldier was used in order to create political sentiment for the Meighen candidate in London.

In introducing the matter these words were used:

"The Khaki Call, official organ of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, has the following to say regarding Mackenzie King."

Then followed an attack on the Liberal leader, unfit for republication.

The following wire from the Dominion secretary of the Army and Navy Veterans, Capt. Colebourne, of Montreal, gives the lie direct to the organ's premises:

To the London Advertiser:

"The Khaki Call" is not the official organ of the Army and Navy Veterans."

CAPT. COLEBOURNE, Dom. Secretary A. and N. V., Montreal.

"To the London Advertiser:

"At the Army and Navy Veterans' Association convention the Army and Navy Gazette was chosen as the official organ of the Veterans in the Dominion of Canada. The 'Khaki Call' ceased to have any connection with the Veterans on the 4th of October last, and according to our constitution our official organ cannot be used for political purposes."

J. RAWLINS.

Past President London Unit, First Vice-President Provincial Command, A. and N. V. Association.

DELAYS DECIDING LONDON WILL CASE

Toronto Judge Reserves Ruling On McCormick Bequests.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—Justice Middleton this morning recognized the "very difficult and delicate" position in which Mrs. McCormick, wife of the late T. P. McCormick, manufacturer, of London, found herself by reason of a clause of her husband's will, which left \$10,000 to be distributed among charities, such as certain named organizations, and among certain named relatives and other, in the manner and at times which Mrs. McCormick might advise.

Justice Middleton suggested that the court might relieve her of criticism by the disappointed by directing a distribution, to which she would give her consent, so as to technically comply with the will.

J. D. Montgomery, for Mrs. McCormick, declared that she would like to distribute the fund if she was relieved of the embarrassment of distribution. Organizations identical in name with those named in the will existed throughout the world and he raised the question as to which of these organizations of the same name should share in the fund. She admitted that there were organizations such as those named in London, and that Mr. McCormick had identified himself with their foundation and maintenance.

"The natural place to start from is from the testator's armchair, as a center, and to examine his neighborhood," said Justice Middleton, intimating that he thought it clear that the London organizations were intended to share, and not charities of the same name in Toronto or elsewhere.

"No one who knew the man and who knows London would think otherwise," said J. M. McEvoy, K. C., who appeared for the relatives.

Mr. McEvoy cited authorities to show that half of the fund should be devoted to the charities and the other half to the relatives and others named. Judgment was reserved.

SETS FREIGHT RATE OF EXCHANGE AT 93.8 P. C.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—In accordance with the order of the board of railway commissioners, dated January 14, 1921, the rate of exchange in connection with shipments of freight between points in Canada and the United States from December 1 to December 14, inclusive, will be 93 per cent and the surcharge on international passenger business will be based on 9 per cent exchange.

Provided Thrills.

The mayoralty candidates provided the thrills, especially Ald. Wenige. He launched out in reply to what he termed personalities used by his opponents, when, as he said, it had been agreed that personalities would be barred with personalities, and he started a real uproar, although practically his whole speech was marred by more or less of an uproar.

Wenige's personalities, as he himself termed them, consisted of charges against the men whom he said were responsible for the whitewashing of the engineer, as they had placed him (Wenige), not the engineer, on trial for the charges against the engineer's department.

Wenige spoke to the meeting as the second mayoralty candidate. He followed Ald. Harley. The latter got a good hearing, but both Harley, J. C. Turn to Page 16, Column 2.

The London Advertiser Straw Vote

The straw vote of The London Advertiser is mounting steadily and continues to create added interest wherever the vote of any large gathering is solicited.

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FOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

C. R. SOMERVILLE 1,168
J. FRANK WHITE 941
ARTHUR MOULD 1,143

FOR MAYOR.

J. C. WILSON 1,344
G. A. WENIGE 825
F. E. HARLEY 508

Liberals Not Free Traders

THE BIGGEST ISSUE in the campaign, which closes on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, is the success of Liberal principles in the contest that is being waged more bitterly and more unfairly than ever before to destroy them.

The London Advertiser holds firmly to the belief that no local issue, great or small, personal or otherwise, can be allowed to be brought in at this late hour in order to becloud the issue.

In London there has been a peculiar development, and of that this paper can speak frankly. The Advertiser published pictures of graves of Canadian soldiers in France. This form of campaign was called into question, and Mr. C. R. Somerville saw fit to repudiate this material, using the columns of his opposition paper to do so. The London Advertiser takes full responsibility for the publication of all material appearing in these columns. This paper was willing at the time, and is willing today, to relieve C. R. Somerville of any responsibility for the appearance of that material in the columns of this paper.

Those pictures were absolutely genuine. They were taken by a London father at the grave of his own son, and furnished by him to The Advertiser.

This paper is sincere in its advocacy of Liberal principles. It believes this is a fight for the rights of the people, otherwise it would not be in it. The London Advertiser still believes that C. R. Somerville is the man to represent the city of London in the next House.

His principles and his idea of tariff regulation are in accord with the principles and ideas of this paper.

This city is honeycombed with a campaign to represent C. R. Somerville as a free-trader and the follower of a free-trade party. The campaign is carried on openly and by whispers. It is used in the personal appeal in a way that it would not dare to appear in the open.

The campaign ignores facts. The speakers on the Meighen platform in this district make direct appeals on the assumption that C. R. Somerville is supporting a party that will wipe out the tariff.

The Liberal party is not in favor of Free Trade. Its leader is not a Free Trader, neither is C. R. Somerville, the London candidate.

IN THE LAST few days of the campaign everything possible is being done to scare the voters into believing that their safety lies in voting for the Meighen candidates. This campaign is nation-wide, and it is being pushed to the extent of intimidation.

The following case comes to light today from Guelph. It is in the form of an advertisement in the Guelph Herald, and reads as follows:

JAMES STEELE, LIMITED.
Manufacturers of Wire Springs.
Guelph, Ont., Canada, Nov. 24, 1921.

TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THIS COMPANY:

THE BONUS AND PROTECTION.

The bonus for October, 1921, averages 7c per hour worked for each man in the shop.

In this bonus you are reaping the benefit of a 10 per cent protection this industry has against foreign competition. Give us a 10 per cent protection against foreign competition on implement springs and we will immediately commence their manufacture, which action would automatically and considerably increase the amount of this bonus.

Remove the protection we now have against foreign competition and you remove the bonus also.

Both the U. F. O. and Liberal parties have made it plain they will reduce the present tariff, and will put many items, including farm implements and parts, on the free list.

Don't vote your bonus away. Vote for protection and thereby assist us to increase it.

This company will support Guthrie.

Yours truly,
JAMES STEELE, LIMITED.

JAS-HF J. A. Steele, Manager.

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MACKENZIE KING, where do you stand on this matter of Free Trade?

Speaking at Brantford a few nights ago, Mackenzie King said:

"I AM NOT, THE LIBERAL PARTY IS NOT, IN FAVOR OF FREE TRADE."

"What the country needs is a group of the ablest men we can get whose collective wisdom will guide the ship of state through the years of stress. Should I be entrusted with this higher office—and I believe I will—I will do as Sir Wilfrid Laurier did, surround myself with the ablest men and seek to restore confidence in this country. I will not tell the people I am going to plunge ahead without caring for conditions in years to come. 'It is the letter that killeth; it is the spirit that maketh it whole.' That is the case with the Liberal party. That is the point of view from which the affairs of the country are going to be conducted by the Liberal party if I am prime minister."

THE ISSUE OF PROTECTION VS. FREE TRADE IS BEING TAKEN AS AN INSULT TO THE PEOPLE WHICH WILL DESTROY THE GOVERNMENT.

No legitimate industry earning legitimate profits need have any fear of injury from a Liberal tariff. What is needed is government by a party which has all classes and creeds, from all parts.

WHERE DOES C. R. Somerville, the Liberal candidate in London, stand?

"Let me reassert my position. I AM NOT A FREE-TRADER. THE LIBERAL PARTY DOES NOT STAND FOR FREE TRADE. I do believe in tariff revision in the interests not only of the consuming masses, but also in the interests of the manufacturer himself, because on the general prosperity of the great mass of the people—the toilers in the cities, the farmers, the workers in all lines of production—depends also the prosperity of the employer. That is in essence the Liberal policy."

INSISTS THAT CAPITAL SHIP FIGURES STAND

Ratio Question Has Created Deadlock Among Naval Experts of Two Nations.

AMERICANS CONFIDENT

Chinese Delegates To Bring Shantung Issue Before Conference.

Washington, Dec. 1.—(By Ben Deacon, staff correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—The Washington conference assumed a new aspect today. It has developed, temporarily, into a series of two-nation discussions upon questions of major importance in connection with both the naval armament and far eastern problems.

The delegations of the United States and Japan picked up the work which the naval experts were compelled to abandon yesterday—the settlement of the capital ship ratio question. Japan, it is understood, entered the discussion still determined to maintain her position in regard to the computation of the naval figures. This is that ships under construction should not be included. It would bring her a higher ratio than that allotted her in the United States proposals. The United States delegates are determined that the United States figures must stand, and in this they are believed to have the support of the British delegation, though the latter are leaving it to the United States to persuade Japan that her position is wrong.

British Ready To Accept.

The British, it has been indicated, have reached a decision on the point, and are prepared to accept the proposed ratio at the plenary session to be held next week. Meanwhile the United States and Japanese delegates will thrash the matter out. The naval experts yesterday reported it was impossible for them to reach an agreement, and this put the matter up to the delegates themselves for settlement.

That the United States delegates are likely to win their point is the general opinion of observers here. There are indications that they are becoming impatient at the delay, and will make no concessions in Japan in the matter of the ratio. The question has been raised as to whether the Japanese are not merely bargaining, and there is an impression they will give in when they see further argument on the point is useless. A spokesman for the United States delegation has indicated very clearly that the figures in the Hughes proposals must stand.

Two Nations Involved.

The Shantung question was definitely launched as a development of the conference today. In this also only two nations are directly involved in the discussions, though the representatives of two other nations—Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes—will refer to the matter, clearly that the figures in the Hughes proposals must stand.

The first meeting of the Chinese and Japanese representatives is scheduled for this afternoon. Messrs. Balfour and Hughes will be present and will see the discussion started.

UNVEILS MEMORIAL TABLET.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—His excellency the governor-general this afternoon unveiled a tablet at St. Andrew's College in memory of 99 students who fell in the war.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—8 a.m. Today—Increasing south and south-west winds; a few local showers, but mostly cloudy and mild.

Friday—Cloudy and mild, with occasional showers.

The Atlantic disturbance is centered over Newfoundland this morning, with increased intensity.

A trough of low pressure extends from Manitoba to Texas.

Pressure is high over the South Pacific and South Atlantic coasts.

Northeast and north gales with snow have been prevalent over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been mostly cloudy and for the most part mild.

Temperatures.

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

High. Low.

Victoria 50 40
Calgary 36 10
Winnipeg 32 25
Edmonton 35 20
P. Sound, 34 30
Toronto 41 34
Kingston 42 32
Ottawa 26
St. Lawrence 38 28
Quebec 28
P. Point 38 36
St. John 32 26
Halifax 38 30

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 43; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 43; lowest, 32.

Barometric Standing.

Thursday—8 a.m., 29.13.

Today—8 a.m., 29.16.