

SIR ADAM NON-COMMITTAL AS TO FUTURE

BECK SUPPORTERS ARE TIGHT FOR POINT LINE WORK

Big Faction of Local Conservatives Eager For Provincial Fray.

SIR ADAM SILENT

Many Prospects About To Be Hoisted Onto Political Band Wagon.

Sir Adam Beck's chances are about 50-50 at the local Conservative convention, according to the political wiseacres and mathematical "dopesters." As would be anticipated, the "hydro knight" is frankly reluctant to discuss this phase of the local situation. Never inclined toward widespread publicity, unless his activities or those of his associates or underlings are being bombarded, Sir Adam is even more reticent than ever before—that is, for public survey.

"I have not considered the possibilities of a local nomination or the reported St. Catharines overture," he has advised The Advertiser. All of which leaves much for speculation on those who have both the time and the inclination to pick winners for a mere before the entries have even been registered.

For some weeks past a public statement has been anticipated from the "father" of the hydro endeavors, bearing the intelligence that he is bearing the brunt of the political "out fits" with political enterprise and would prefer to leave such fame and glory to others, basing this decision upon the belief "that it would be wise to keep hydro out of politics."

He Is Not Through.

Sir Adam states that he has not had any information in any quarter that such a declaration was on tap or en route. He does not say that such is or is not under contemplation, however. He says nothing, as a matter of fact.

As this prediction emanated from a section of the hydro endeavor, it is just probable that it is another instance of "the wish being father to the thought."

Open advocates of Sir Adam's candidature at the approaching rally, and their numbers are not to be ignored entirely, would appear after a closer survey, submit that there is no need to sound afar and near the "no politics in hydro" battle slogan. There never has been any politics in hydro—municipal or otherwise, they argue, despite the number of years that Sir Adam was involved in other provincial affairs while identified with the hydro enterprises. No patronage has ever been extended, they assert confidently, and employees of hydro were appointed and remained at their posts purely on their merits, not because of political inclinations at the ballot box.

Why then should the future differ, if Sir Adam did return to the house, his supporters question, quite frank and positive in their belief that he would carry the day in London, if nominated, as they reason he should be.

Lively Time In Prospect.

There is no denying the fact that a definite proposal to hustle Sir Adam before the reviewing stand would create an immediate subject for sparkling debate in Conservative circles. Members of the association practically acknowledge this, although they endeavor to cloak reported differences of opinion with the nonchalant comment that the "supposed" split at local headquarters is grossly exaggerated—more or less "a figment of the imagination," as it were.

That Aid. Albert Judd's nomination would provide an excellent and timely compromise is agreed by all, however reluctantly, although the different factions would certainly hate to abandon their favorite sons. Crowded into a tight corner, the contest would be accomplished, and other prospective nominees would necessarily be offered as the time-honored burnt sacrifices under the heading of "good and welfare."

There will be a stir over at the main tent before the week is out. Ex-Mayor J. C. Wilson, who moved into the "chief's" chair as it was vacated by "Ernie" Dennis, reports that the executive members will assemble in caucus within the next two or three days.

A date will be selected for the party "show-down" at the nominating convention, when all the horses will be led in from the training stable, the "darks" and the dapple grays as well. Ward chairman and campaign requisites will be listed and the task of detailed organization and enlistment of volunteers for front line and scout service will commence with a vengeance.

STOP YOUR WIFE THINKING SHE MIGHT HAVE DONE BETTER.

If you are anxious to please friend wife, and stop her thinking she might have done better, why, buy her the "April Birthstone—Blue-White Perfect Diamond—From John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas Street." Where you will eventually buy.—Advrt. xzv

THREE FREE TICKETS

—To—
Loew's Theatre

Everyday on the Want Ad pages are to be found three names and addresses with the invitation to call at The Advertiser Office to obtain a couple of tickets each to admit the lucky owners to Loew's Theatre. Watch the Want Ad every day; they contain bargains in every way.



ONE HUNDRED ADVERTISER NEWSBOYS ONE

Here's a crowd of young business-men who are real "go-getters" in their line. They are the hundred or more boys who deliver The Advertiser throughout the city every day.

YOUTHS ARRESTED ADMIT STEALING TIRE OFF MOTOR

Boy Previously Convicted Is Given Term in Ontario Reformatory.

CLAIM IT WAS JOKE

Other Offender Remanded For Week Until Court Decides Action.

While Walter Mallett's auto was standing in front of 142 Matfield street last night, two youths in an auto stopped alongside of it and removed a spare tire and rim. Even as Mallett was walking toward his car they took the tire and ran. Mallett obtained the number of their car and informed the police.

Within 45 minutes Sergt. James Oakley had placed the two youths under arrest at their garage in South London. During the 45 minutes they had returned the spare tire and when the officer arrived they claimed they had not been far away from the garage all evening.

Plead Guilty.

In court this morning both elected summary trial and pleaded guilty. One of the youths had served a month in 1917 for stealing former Detective-Sergeant Egleton's car. At that time he claimed his action was merely a boyish prank. Today the same plea was offered.

Both young men stated they had mistaken the car for one owned by a relative and had taken the tire merely as a joke.

"I haven't the power to suspend sentence on you," declared Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon to the boy who had been previously convicted. "You might be sent to the penitentiary. However, I am going to give you a chance to reform."

Sent to Reformatory.

"You will be sent to the reformatory," the sentence I impose on you is that you be confined in the Ontario Reformatory for a period not less than three months and not more than two years less one day. The time you spend there will depend on your own conduct."

"I will deal with you when you come up next week," he was told. This boy, like the other, had a good home but had left school early in the year and been loafing since. As it was his first offense, he was told he would be remanded for a week, in order that the court might determine if some care could be taken of him.

URGES RUSSIA EXCHANGE TRADE AGENT WITH JAPAN

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, April 30.—Tokio has proposed to Moscow the exchange of commercial agents between Japan and Russia, Vice Foreign Minister Tanaka announced today.

Will Urge Head of C.N.R. Improve North Service

Special Committee of Commercial Travelers Will Wait On Sir Henry Thornton on Arrival in City.

Feeling that there is ample room for improvement in the Ontario train service of the Canadian National Railways, the commercial travelers of the Forest City, numbering more than 1,000, will, through a specially appointed committee, interview Sir Henry Thornton, president of the road, during his sojourn in the city, to ascertain whether the officials are contemplating a reorganization or at least an adjustment in the service.

The matter of train service was formally discussed at a board meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held Saturday afternoon, and it was finally decided that good might be accomplished if the president's attention was drawn to the fact that the London travelers feel that the service should be bettered.

The committee appointed consists of J. H. Laughton, chairman; F. E. Harley, A. E. Barbour, G. C. English, and G. T. Hair, secretary of the association. The travelers have in mind particularly the service from London to Owen Sound, which in the past has been far below the standard that the travelers think should be maintained on so important a line. The committee will also ask that the service of other trains from the north be improved.

Sir Henry will arrive in the city at 11:30 Tuesday morning, and will address a joint dinner of the Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Club at 6:15 in the evening.

ROTARY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. W. S. Fox, dean of Western University, recently elected president of the London Rotary Club.

MATACHEWAN SHARES FOR PUBLIC OFFERING

F. C. Sutherland & Co., Toronto, are offering 600,000 treasury shares of Matatchewan Canadian Gold, Limited, at par \$1.00 per share.

This company is a merger of Matatchewan Gold Mines, Limited, Matatchewan Rand Gold Mines, Limited, and the United Properties group of claims, which include 810 acres of the district, a consolidated capitalization of \$5,000,000. Considerable development work has been done on the property, but it has been held back, awaiting the completion of the new power plant of the Great Northern Power Company, which is now under construction.

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DUNDAS STREET PLANT IS ROBBED BY SNEAK THIEF

Eighty Dollars Stolen From Acme Glove Company Saturday or Sunday.

ISSUES A WARNING

Detective-Inspector Nickle Declares Citizens Should Take Extra Precautions.

Thieves stole \$80 in cash from the Acme Glove Company's factory at 286½ Dundas street Saturday night for Sunday. The theft was reported to detectives early this morning.

This is the third of a series of thefts of a similar nature perpetrated in London during the past few months. The money was taken from the drawer of a small table in the office of the factory.

Detective-Inspector Thomas Nickle declared today that Londoners must be more careful as far as leaving money and valuables loose is concerned. He has been warned repeatedly, at this time of the year when windows and doors are not securely fastened.

It is believed that a gang of petty thieves are working in the city, stealing some property whenever an opportunity is presented.

TO PLACE IMMIGRANTS ON FARMS IN DISTRICT

J. Farrell, of Mount Forest, has arrived in London to look after the distribution of the party of settlers and farm immigrants which are expected to reach London on Wednesday next.

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HUNDRED PERCENT. "ON THE JOB."

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ST. GEORGE'S SPELLERS LEAD FIRST TWO ROUNDS

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will spell until nine of each ten are "spelled-down." The one remaining in each ten will be the champion of the whole city in his or her grade. These four city champions will receive first prizes. For girls these are white gold wrist watches and for boys solid gold watches. The thirty-six of the forty eliminated will receive the second prizes described above. All the prizes and certificates will be presented on the night of the finals so that the public may see the winners in person.

The spelling match has already produced results, from which interesting deductions may be made. It seems fairly definite, for example, that girls are generally better spellers than boys. Of the 805 picked in the first round, for example, 466 were girls and 339 were boys. In other words the girls took 58.4 per cent of the honors and the boys only 41.6 per cent.

This difference increased in the second round last week. Of the 200 second round champions 118 are girls and 82 are boys, or in percentages, the girls are 59 per cent, and the boys drop to 41 per cent.

On another page is given a table showing how this comparison stands in each of the four grades. In the first round the Grade V girls score highest, with 59.1 per cent of the winners. In the second round Grade VIII girls take the honors, with 62 per cent of the champions.

For the boys, Grade VI makes the best showing in the first round and also in the second round. In less than 20 of the hundred classes in the whole city have the boys beaten the girls. Among these are Pottersburg Grade V, where the boys scored 4 and the girls 1; Empress Grade V, Ealing Grade V, Victoria Grade V, Empress Grade VI, Ealing Grade VI, Ryerson Grade VI, Ealing Grade VI, Lorne Grade VII, Lorne Grade VII, Simcoe Grade VII, Talbot Grade VIII, Boyle Grade VIII, Talbot Grade VIII, Ealing Grade VIII, Tecumseh Grade VIII and Simcoe Grade VIII.

Boys Best In Three Schools.

Only three of the twenty-five schools showed more boys than girls in the totals. These were Talbot, where the boys won by 16 to 15; Ryerson, by 16 to 14, and Ealing, where the boys had the edge in all four grades, and in the total had 23 to 13. All these figures are from the first round results. The biggest single victory for the girls seems to be in Chesley, Grade V, and in Tecumseh, Grade VI, in each of which the girls scored 8 to 1. Of the schools, Aberdeen wins the palm for the girls. Of the 69 which Aberdeen returned as winners in the first round, no less than 52 were girls. This is almost 80 per cent.

The Central group has not been separated into schools in its returns because of the difficulty of smaller classes than the other groups. The girls win here, however, in the group totals by 48 to 43 in the first round, and 30 to 19 in the second round.

It is interesting also to discover the way in which some schools seem particularly proficient in spelling. The second round results last week, in which the various schools of each group met, demonstrated this peculiarity. It is quite impossible to attribute this to any deficiency or lack of effort on the part of the teachers. It is simply a characteristic of some schools and changes from one to another in different years and with different classes.

Rectory, for example, had the hard luck to have no winners in its group contest, and Boyle had only one, although it is well known that both of these schools possess principals and staffs of teachers who take second place to none both in endeavor and in efficiency, and that the pupils themselves are no less bright and intelligent than the boys and girls of other schools.

It is merely one of the freak conditions which the match has demonstrated, and is no less interesting because it is a freak condition.

Table Gives Details.

On another page is given a large table showing in detail the first and second round results of each grade and each school, with the exception of the seven schools of Central group, which are given only in aggregate form for the reason already stated.

The totals in the right hand columns of the table show clearly how some schools have this particular aptitude for spelling in their present classes. The last column is headed "School per cent." This means the percentage of its representatives picked in the first round who survived the group contest in the second round and won a place among the whole group's best spellers. For example, Lord Roberts, the first on the list, had 43 boys and girls entered against the other schools in its group. Of the 43, the second round saw 18 win places, or in other words 41.8 survived.

The average percentage of surviving from the eighteen schools listed is 22 per cent. Nine of the eighteen schools scored above the average including St. George's, with 47.9 per cent; Lord Roberts, with 41.8; Ealing with 38.9; Riverview with 37.8; Pottersburg with 33.3; Alexandra with 25.9; Talbot with 23.8; Tecumseh with 25.7, and Aberdeen with 24.4.

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There is no definite talk as yet regarding the choice of the Liberals. The names of Dr. Atkinson, of Embro, and Hugh Allan of Drumbo have been most freely mentioned.

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