

## E. R. DENNIS AS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR'S CHAIR

### City Trades Council Election Fight In Acute Stage

#### BUSINESS MEN'S SLATE HEADED BY E. R. DENNIS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Preparations Already in the Making To Run Mr. Dennis For Mayor's Chair in December, With Hand-Picked Council Candidates in Every Ward.

#### LABOR MAY ALSO FIGHT MAYORALTY

They've started to pick the mayoralty candidates earlier this year than ever in the history of the city. Preparations for a real old-fashioned "bang-up" municipal campaign next December are already under way. The Advertiser was informed today, and a determined effort is being made by one element to induce E. R. Dennis to enter the mayoralty race, with a businessmen's aldermanic slate behind him.

Questioned subsequently by The Advertiser, Mr. Dennis stated that he was leaving for Quebec on a vacation, and did not care to discuss municipal affairs at this moment, or at least until his return to the city. Mr. Dennis has long been prominent in municipal affairs, sitting first for two years as a member of the public utilities commission, and later for four years as a member of the board of education, of which organization he was chairman. During his stewardship on the school board he was interested in the administration of the London Technical and Arts School, and was chairman of the committee in charge of this phase of educational endeavor.

The prospective candidate is a past president of the local Builders' Exchange and the National Building Association, and is now a member of the London Housing Commission.

**Extensive Program.**

Those who are already urging him to prepare himself again for a general interest in municipal affairs outlined in detail to The Advertiser today their plans for the campaign.

They propose, if Mr. Dennis will accept their nomination, that there be at least eight aldermanic candidates in the field—at least two in each ward—upon the expectation that he would have working with him a number of the council. If he should decline the nomination, however, all plans would be temporarily upset it would seem, although his name would be offered, that they might seek elsewhere for a choice.

Those citizens behind the move hastened to explain further that there are of course certain members of the present council whose stewardship to-date has been quite satisfactory to them and who would be offered places on the slate, as contemplated. In fact it is known that two or three of them have already been casually approached in the past, but that although nothing definite has transpired, pending Mr. Dennis's decision.

**Won't Discuss It.**

No official statement has been forthcoming from these men, however, although it is further known that they were approached no later than today. The answer of one of them was identical with that of Mr. Dennis to The Advertiser, "I am going away on my holidays and will be back when the weather is cooler." There is naturally much speculation as to who those who will be groomed for the aldermanic race, exclusive of the favored ones now in the city council. And the question also arises naturally, why at this early date, should plans for the next campaign be so advanced.

**What Labor Will Do.**

The only answer has been that a number of happy taxpayers, representative of all classes, entertain the belief that a change should be made and in order to insure the success of their plans if possible, they are starting early upon the assumption that there is no time to be lost.

It is self-evident that Labor is destined to play its important role in the next campaign, although there is no assurance that a mayoralty candidate will be entered. Rather than be undismayed by their remarkably feeble showing at the recent election, representative Labor leaders insist that Labor is coming back stronger than ever and plans for a general re-organization for the municipal campaign will even be outlined at the next regular session of the party.

The Labor men assert that they also propose to stage a determined fight to send a majority of representatives into the city council.



E. R. DENNIS, Who is spoken of today as mayoralty candidate on "Business Men's" ticket in next election.

#### JURY TO INVESTIGATE DROWNING OF CITY GIRL

#### Coroner Ferguson Orders a Probe Into Death of Isabel Storey.

Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson has empaneled a jury to investigate the death by drowning of Isabel Storey, the 15-year-old girl who lost her life yesterday afternoon while swimming outside the lifelines at the municipal swimming pool at the foot at Grosvenor street.

A preliminary inquest was held at noon today at Killingsworth's undertaking parlors when the members of the jury viewed the remains. The jury then adjourned until Friday evening when a thorough investigation of affairs at the swimming pool at the time that the girl was drowned will be made.

The members of the coroner's jury are as follows: Foreman, Percy Ashton, Eli Bice, Herbert Thorne, Charles Finchamp, Walter Belton, Hugh Wilkins, Frank Smith, and Charles Sumner.

#### ASSURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AREA

Local improvements for London's industrial area are now practically assured, according to Ald. McKay's announcement at yesterday's session of the board of works.

The council has already "initiated" this work on a ten-year basis, but Ald. McKay explains that several of the ratepayers to be affected have told him they will not object if the cost can be extended over a 20-year period.

The committee, therefore, recommended to the council that 20-year debentures be issued in lieu of 10-year debentures as originally planned.

#### This Tiny Bit of Faded Silk Floated At Historic Boyne

Just a little piece of faded silk, battle scarred, wind swept, discolored with the Irish mist, and tinted with the smoke that floated across the fields at the Battle of the Boyne, it rests now in safe keeping in the locket shown. This relic of 1690 is probably without a peer in the country, and came into the hands of a Londoner in a most interesting way that is told on another page of this issue.



#### OPTIMISTIC OVER BUSINESS TREND IN CANADIAN WEST

Huron & Erie Officials Return From Survey of Commercial Conditions.

#### VALUE NEAR NORMAL

Victoria Only City Found To Be Still Suffering Depression.

M. Aylesworth, assistant general manager, and C. J. Clarke, treasurer of the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation, returned to London Monday from a five week's survey of conditions throughout the west.

They bring back tidings of a more optimistic feeling, more especially the prairie provinces. Their journey took them to Victoria, B. C., and they called at all of the cities between here and the coast and with the exception of in Victoria found that business is improving and that people are taking hold with a new feeling of hope based on better and saner values.

**Pleased With Conditions.**

Both Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. Clarke are particularly pleased with conditions in the wheat country. Here they find land value deflated to a normal level and basing business conditions on this fundamental index, they see better times ahead for the western provinces.

The wheat crop, they say, gives prospect of being the largest in the history of the Canadian west and unless something unforeseen occurs this alone should put the west once more on its feet.

Mr. Aylesworth said that each year the area devoted to mixed farming is increasing and that the time is not far ahead when a poor wheat crop will not longer be able to prostrate the west financially.

The surest indication of improving times is the common sense value that is now being placed on improved land. He said: "For the first time since the war it is now possible to purchase improved land in the west with some hope of being able to make a legitimate investment in the capital invested. Those who bought land at the foolishly inflated price that was asked following the war have been struggling to get out of it, but the fact still stands that the present values are a sure indication of returning stability."

When asked if he thought that the immensity of this year's wheat crop would not result in a falling off in price he said: "No, I don't think so. If a falling off takes place, it will be counterbalanced by the great bulk of the crop which the farmer will have to dispose of unless he can get a better price for it. I believe the farmers will emerge on a better footing than they have known since the war."

**Swung To The Opposite.**

Victoria was the only city of which Mr. Aylesworth was not optimistic. Here he said that the real estate market had swung to the opposite extreme and today property in Victoria can be bought at values which are very discouraging and the depression is still reflected in the business life of Victoria.



ONTARIO'S NEW SPEAKER. Hon. Joseph E. Thompson, speaker designate of the new Ontario Legislature, and Mrs. Thompson.

#### Six-Year-Old Cherub Owns Large Bump of Mischief

Works Well-Known Civic Official For Afternoon's Motor Ride and Winds Up in Juvenile Court.

At the tender age of six years, and with a face like a cherub, a bareheaded lad eyed and inspected the various equipment of the juvenile court this morning with a naive curiosity, apparently blissfully unaware that he had caused a prominent public official and several other persons numerous hours of anxiety last night and this morning.

Behaving in rather an obstreperous manner in one of the city's play parks the youngster, in spite of his age, showed sufficient ingenuity to "wangle" an hour and a half of very interesting motor ride about the various show places of the town, out of the public official. Offering to drive the kiddie home, the gentleman was given seven addresses in more or less rapid succession, with the result that the six-year-old enjoyed the comforts of a very modern coupe for a delightful journey. At the end he had to be taken to the Children's Shelter for the night.

Apart from the appeal of the handsome little boy, the case presented one of the most difficult with which the juvenile court has had to deal, since little solution to the difficulty offered itself. The mother was evidently wrestling with the responsibility of a family of small children. Unable to leave a small baby long enough to take the boy to Sunday school each week, she had been for the past weeks faced with the added responsibility of looking after him in hours when he might formerly have been at school. The youngster is already, endowed with a firm mind of his own, and minds his mother only to the extent that he returns home punctually every night.

The little boy has been placed under probation to Major Bradshaw, and an effort will be made to have him placed in a summer school in the city where for a few hours each day at least he will be out of mischief.

#### STORM IN MICHIGAN CAUSES TWO DEATHS

Laborer Overcome by Heat in Factory at Grand Rapids.

Canadian Press Despatch. Detroit, July 11.—A boy and a girl were killed and considerable damage was done to crops and farm buildings by an electrical and wind storm that struck several sections of Lower Michigan late today. One death from the heat occurred at Grand Rapids, where the maximum temperature was 91.

Dorothy Honan, daughter of a Toledo, Ohio, fire captain, was struck by lightning as she stood at a window in a cottage at Little Wolf Lake, near Jackson.

Wallace Vannot, 15, was killed while working in a field at his father's farm near Ashley. Joseph Cantill, 66, a laborer, was overcome by heat at work in a Grand Rapids factory and died a few hours later. Many prostrations were reported in Grand Rapids. A wind, rain and electrical storm that swept through that section did much damage to fruit trees and buildings. Many cherry trees were blown down, and crops standing in the field were ruined.

#### Unable To Swim, Tries Rescue, Dies

Grace McKenzie Drowns in Dam, Trying To Save Chum.

Canadian Press Despatch. Indian Head, Sask., July 11.—When Gladys Hood fell into the deep waters of the forestry farm dam near here yesterday, Grace McKenzie, seventeen, although she could not swim, plunged into the water to save her. Miss McKenzie was drowned, and the Hood girl was rescued.

#### TRADES COUNCIL COMMITTEE TAKES UP ELECTION ROW

Demand For Resignations of Secretary and Treasurer Will Be Pressed.

#### SPLIT IN RANKS

Representatives of Two Unions Threaten Secession If Their Demands Are Ignored.

The controversy among the labor men, centering around F. D. Burke and Fred Young, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the London Trades and Labor Council, is headed for a "show-down." The Advertiser was informed this morning.

A special meeting of the Trades Council grievance committee will be held tonight, when the demands will be heard from the Stove Mounters' and Carpenters' locals, who ask the resignations of these officials, charging that they "exploited" the name of the Trades Council for political purposes in the recent provincial election.

This question received certain attention at the last regular session of the council, but was referred to the committee for a definite recommendation. Just what the outcome will be is not known, although it has been learned that the members are divided in their opinion as to the rights of individual members of the council.

In the last campaign, the secretary and the treasurer, in public statements, explained they would find it impossible to support Dr. Stevenson, the Labor nominee. They contended since they had every right to vote as they chose and to support the same if they felt so disposed, basing their reasoning upon a communication from Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades Congress.

The Trades and Labor Council is a non-political organization, but members of the London Labor Party, the political labor movement, who were also identified with the trades union movement, have taken exception to this, demanding their immediate resignations.

The stove mounters and carpenters are two of the protesting unions to bring the question to a show-down, and they have already threatened secession from the Trades and Labor Council if their demands are not favorably received.

The fruit crop throughout Ontario promises to be a very heavy one, and unless more help is available for the later crops than was forthcoming to handle the cherries in the Burlington and Niagara districts, the season's crop harvesting will be attended with enormous waste, say the growers in the principal fruit districts.

Strawberries were a short crop in the London district on account of unusually dry weather preceding the harvest, but raspberries and the later fruits give every indication of being bumper crops and will require a lot of help if they are to reach the consumer in good shape.

The cherry crop is an extra heavy one, especially in the late varieties, and the price has dropped to the unprecedented level of 25 and 30 cents per six-quart basket at Toronto and Hamilton.

The labor shortage has made itself felt in the Niagara district, and this, coupled with the extremely low prices has caused many of the growers to leave the bulk of their crop on the trees.

Raspberries, according to government crop reports, will be a large crop, and the picking should be easier to get, as the children who form the bulk of the berry pickers are from the schools, now thus overcoming a difficulty at strawberry time.

Plums are reported as being only a light crop, but the quality of the fruit is excellent, and the fruit remaining on the trees being free from blight and the ravages of the plum curculion, a small insect which cuts crescent-shaped scars on the stem-end of the plums.

The apple crop is very fair, and the earlier varieties will be over two-thirds a whole crop, and with abundant rains falling now at the height of the growing season, it is expected that the size and quality of the apples will be good.

Grape growers say their vines are well loaded, but as this is a late crop it is too early as yet to give an accurate forecast as to size and quality at picking time.

#### Burford Burning

Special to The Advertiser. Burford, July 11.—With flames now under control, a disastrous fire broke out about 1 o'clock today in the village of Burford, nine miles west of this city. At 1:20 o'clock, the Burford fire department received an "S. O. S." call and Chief Lewis immediately dispatched the "motor" truck and a crew of men.

As far as is known here, Ruthersford's house, Mason's garage, a blacksmith shop and an adjoining house have fallen, prey to the flames. The whole populace of the village has formed itself into a volunteer fire brigade and is fighting the fire.

#### LOSES GUN AND MONEY IN CITY POLICE COURT

Chief Doubts Story of Youth Found With Revolver in Possession.

Francis Rosely, 712 Queen's avenue, is out an expensive gun and \$25, the result of an appearance in police court this morning, when he was charged with having a revolver in his possession without a permit.

Rosely, who works in a garage at 647 Dundas street, told the court that he had purchased the revolver from a man last night for \$7, the man telling him that he needed the money to go home. He had taken the revolver to the garage to show the other men when P.C. Pope walked in on them and arrested him.

Chief Birrell stated that it was a very expensive revolver and could not be purchased at anything less than \$50 and doubted the story of the youth having secured it for \$7. He quoted the section of the criminal code which said that no one shall "buy, sell, give or lend a revolver" without having permission to do so. A fine of \$25 and costs or 30 days was imposed, together with confiscation of the revolver.

#### POLICE RAID PARTY, MERRYMAKERS FINED

Participants Contributed \$65 to the Civic Coffers Today.

An expensive party was that staged by a citizen last night, with the result that four participants appeared in police court this morning charged with disorderly conduct. Fines totaling \$85 were levied by Deputy Magistrate Gladman.

No evidence was called for the party, all four members of the party pleading guilty to the charges.

The host, a married man, invited a male friend and two girls to his house last night after having met them at Springbank. Alcohol and refreshment was indulged in, and the party then grew rough, according to Sgt. Last, who investigated the case and found the defendants talking and carrying on in a loud manner.

#### NAME LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Canadian Press Despatch. Sydney, N. S., July 11.—At a convention lasting only 35 minutes, F. L. Kelley, of North Sydney, was chosen as Baddeck yesterday afternoon as the Liberal standard-bearer in Cape Breton North and Victoria.

#### OLD RESIDENT OF LONDON TO BE BURIED AT WINDSOR

Mrs. Margaret Brady, for many years a resident of this city, died in her 89th year yesterday afternoon at Mount Hope. The remains were forwarded to Windsor on the Grand Trunk Railway, and the funeral will be held Friday morning from the home of her son in that city.



SIR CHARLES FITZPATRICK will retire from the lieutenant-governorship of Quebec in the autumn, it is reported.

#### FRUIT GROWERS LOOK FOR HEAVY CROP THIS YEAR

Possibility of Difficulty Through Labor Shortage at Harvesting Time.

#### WEATHER GOOD NOW

Yield of Cherries and Raspberries Certain To Be Larger Than Usual.

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#### PALESTINE ARABS SEEK FREE GOVERNMENT

Musa Kasim Claims Britain Must Establish National Constitution.

Associated Press Despatch. Jerusalem, July 11.—An independent Arab government for Palestine is the minimum that will satisfy Arab aspirations, declared Musa Kasim Pasha, chairman of the Palestine Arab executive, in an interview here on the eve of his visit to London, where he will persist for British recognition.

"We shall strive in our demands," said Musa Kasim, "and cannot renounce anything. If England wants an understanding with us it must establish a national constitutional independent government."

#### THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today—Light to moderate winds, few scattered showers, chiefly in the southern portion, but mostly fair.

Thursday—Light to moderate winds, and mostly fair.

Pressure is lowest in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and highest over Manitoba and the Upper Lake Region.

Thunderstorms have occurred in Southwestern Ontario and a few showers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Maritime Provinces.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Vancouver	78	58	Clear
Calgary	78	59	Clear
Winnipeg	76	54	Clear
Port Arthur	76	56	Cloudy
Perry Sound	80	58	Clear
Toronto	78	65	Fair
Kingston	76	60	Fair
Ottawa	80	58	Fair
Montreal	80	68	Clear
Quebec	80	68	Fair
Father Point	58	48	Cloudy
St. John	66	50	Fair
Halifax	64	52	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 87; lowest, 63. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 74; lowest, 62. Barometric Readings. Tuesday—6 p.m.—30.15. Today—6 a.m.—29.19.

#### WENIGE DENIES HE CONDEMNED MINISTERIAL BODY

Mayor Still Maintains Swimming Pools Should Be Open Sundays.

#### OWN PRIVATE VIEW.

Believes Children Should Be Allowed Use of Authorized Bathing Places.

Notwithstanding the public announcement from the members of the Ministerial Alliance, and the action of the public utilities commissioners, who closed the city's bathing pools last Sunday, Mayor Wenige still maintains that they should be available on the Sabbath day as well as throughout the week.

**Voicing Personal Opinion.**

"I note that Philip Pocock has said that I was condemning the Ministerial Alliance," Mayor Wenige observed today. "He is wrong. I was not condemning the Ministerial Alliance at all. I was merely voicing my own personal opinion as the mayor of this city and voicing my opinion as to what I considered, after carefully weighing the facts, to be in the best interests of the majority of the people."

"I was not condemning the members of the Ministerial Alliance," he said. "The pools will be open Sunday again if Mayor Wenige's vote will help the move, he reiterated again today."

"I still maintain," he said, "despite all contrary opinions, that the underprivileged children of this city should be afforded the use of authorized bathing places on Sundays."

"There are scores of parents in the city who will not allow their children in any pool unless they accompany them there, no matter if there were a hundred supervisors on duty. And Sunday is generally the only day free from household and other duties that they have available."

"What then happens if you shut these pools? The children will swim anywhere, and they will be in danger and risk their lives in unguarded spots in the river or else be arrested for swimming."

**Parents Cannot Afford.**

"Every parent who has children these days to take his children to Port Stanley. The cost is too great. We take, for instance, a family of four, a mother, father and two children. Their fare to Port Stanley will be \$1.50. The use of the L. and P. S. bathhouse and necessities will require at least another dollar or so. All this is an expenditure that means something to the workers of this city, and it would be discrimination to close these civic pools available at little cost to the city as a whole."

#### FIND ERROR CHEATED DRURY OF 100 VOTES

Discovery Reduces Ford's Majority Over Leader of Farmers' Party.

Special to The Advertiser.

Milton, Ont., July 11.—As the result of an error by candidates agents in making up the election returns for Halton County, W. E. Ford, returning officer, stated today that George Hillmer's majority over Paddy Drury is 716 instead of 811, as given to the press a week ago.

Following are the correct official figures: Hillmer, Conservative, 5,166; Drury, U.F.O., 4,470; Dale, Lib., 1,760. Hillmer's majority over Drury, 716, and over Dale, 3,406. Total number of votes polled, 11,416.

#### FIRST DIVISION COURT WILL HEAR TEN CASES

Large Number of Suits Involving Small Amounts Will Be Heard.

Ten cases are down for hearing at the sitting of the first division court, scheduled for Friday, according to Clerk Graham. Amounts ranging from \$3.55 to \$203.88 are involved.

The following is a list of the cases: A. M. Wilson vs. Emma Halliday, \$30; Baling Garage vs. Johnston and Brooks, \$31.48; R. G. Wilson vs. W. Thomas, \$40; Bank of Toronto vs. George Murray, \$42.55; Taylor Electric vs. G. T. Hiscox, \$46.40; B. Ashby vs. J. D. Alper, \$53.22; D. Pallaria vs. Pure Meat Products, \$55.55; London Advertiser vs. R. W. Thorne and Aerial Carpet Cleaning Works, \$104; Reid Brothers, Limited, vs. Ontario Farmers' Drainage Company, \$203.88; Crawford Piano Company vs. Lester Corbin, \$124.