

THE WEATHER:
SOUTH WINDS, FINE AND WARM.
FRIDAY—FINE.

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LONDON FINANCIERS PRAISE MERGER OF BANKS

British General Election Predicted Before Christmas

MEANS MORE COMPETITION FOR BANKS

London Financiers Approve Action of Standard-Sterling Officials.

NO OVERLAPPING

Fourteen Londoners Hold Shares in Standard Bank.

London financial men, interviewed today regarding the amalgamation of the Standard and Sterling banks, were all of the same opinion—namely that it is a good thing not only for the banks themselves but for their shareholders and depositors.

"I am very glad to see it," said one man interested in a trusts company. "It will mean more competition for the larger banks and under the merger the Standard-Sterling combination will be very strong."

"I understand that their branches do not clash at any Western Ontario points and it will mean for them a greater volume of business in this part of the country. Personally, I am very pleased to read of the amalgamation and I feel that it will be a great benefit all round."

Other financial men of the city expressed exactly the same views, deeming the merger would be of special benefit in Western Ontario.

There is no branch of the Sterling Bank in London, the nearest branches being at Port Stanley and Amherst.

The Standard Bank conducts business at 382 Richmond street, H. F. Clarke being the manager. Mr. Clarke stated that he had nothing for publication regarding the merger, which would not come into effect until ratified by shareholders of both banks and the minister of finance.

Shares in London.

According to the 1924 annual report of the Standard Bank, 110 shares are owned by 14 Londoners. Following is a list of the names and shares owned by each: Miss Marie Aust, 8; Miss Mary Aust, 8; George Campbell, 11; Dr. Edward M. Copeland, 8; Miss Mary J. Ferguson, 3; Miss Ada M. German, 7; Dr. James L. Huffman, 5; London and Western Trusts Company, trustees for Mrs. Constance Hope Clark, 14; London and Western Trusts Company, trustees for George C. Moncrief, 5; Morris M. McKenzie, 3; Mrs. Annie G. McMechan, 3; Edward C. McMurry, 16; Hugh P. McMahon, 29; Mrs. Margaret Tamblin, 4.

Fifteen Branches.

There are 15 branches of the Sterling Bank in Western Ontario. They are situated at Port Stanley, Watford, Sarnia, Bayfield, Hensall, Port Dover, Port Rowan, St. Williams, Sheddin, Sombra, Stratford, and Sandwich.

Western Ontario branches of the Standard Bank number 26 and are situated at London, Ailsa Craig, Arkona, Blenheim, Bradford, Brantford, Bright, Brocksburg, Brussels, Chatham, Dublin, Durham, Forest, Hartston, Hickson, Ilderton, Ingersoll, Lucan, Parkhill, Plattsville, Shakespear, Staffa, Strathroy, Tavistock, Tillsonburg and Tilveston.

LISTS OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Special to The Advertiser. According to a 1924 list, the following are the shareholders. Please see page 3, column 1.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

South and southwest winds; fine and warm today and Friday. The pressure is now highest over the middle states and far western states, while a trough of low is moving eastward toward the great lakes. The weather is fine from Ontario eastward, and somewhat unsettled in the west.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Vancouver	53	50	Rain.
Calgary	50	30	Clear.
Winnipeg	54	48	Fair.
Port Arthur	52	42	Cloudy.
Fort Smith	52	42	Clear.
Toronto	50	40	Clear.
Kingston	52	44	Clear.
Ottawa	46	36	Fair.
Montreal	50	42	Clear.
Quebec	50	40	Clear.
St. John's	54	44	Fair.
Halifax	56	44	Clear.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 61; lowest, 37. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 59; lowest, 40.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—29.27.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.32.



SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN BATTLE IN ANNUAL INITIATION.

The above pictures taken on the campus of the University of Western Ontario show "Sophies" and "Freshies" in action in their annual rough and tumble. Snapped by an Advertiser staff photographer they show the

"fresh" after they had been subjected to the horrors of initiation by older members of the university. At the top are the ring leaders of the freshmen class whom it took more than two hours for sophomores to sub-

due. Below to the left shows sophomores binding and gagging an unruly member of the university. The "Freshie" after the battle the beaten Freshmen boarded an idle street car in front of the university grounds. They can be seen in the fourth pic-

BRITISH MINERS FEAR DAWES PLAN EFFECT

Possible Boom in German Trade Discussed at Downing Street.

Canadian Press Despatch. London, Oct. 2.—The effects of the Dawes plan on the British coal trade was under discussion for two and a half hours yesterday at a conference in Downing Street between the full executive committee of the miners' federation and Premier MacDonald and members of the cabinet. The fear of the miners is that the Dawes plan for securing reparations will stimulate German coal exports to the injury of British mining interests, and more especially if the German miners are forced to work long hours.

No report of the proceedings was issued, but it was stated that Premier MacDonald, while indicating the impossibility of interfering with the Dawes plan, discussed the entire situation sympathetically with the miners' representatives. He added that the whole situation as it affects the miners, as well as other industries, would be discussed by a board trade committee, which the government would appoint.

MANITOBA SHOWS PROFIT FROM LIQUOR CONTROL

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Oct. 2.—Manitoba's gross profit from the first year's operation of the liquor control act amounted approximately to \$1,200,000, according to figures announced yesterday by the provincial audit department. Out of the total revenue the city of Winnipeg will receive as its share about \$175,000, while the municipalities in the province will also receive appropriate share of the net profits.

Let Police Books Tell The Story In Manitoba

Police Court Records Show 38 Per Cent More Drunks in Winnipeg Since Government Sale—See Page Two.

Do you believe that government sale will stop the bootlegger, control drunkenness and encourage temperance? Do you just hope it will, or have you studied the facts of government sale results in other provinces?

The Advertiser wanted the facts instead of hopeful theories and in a series of twenty articles now appearing daily on page two is giving the report of an impartial and first-hand investigation by a staff representative.

Previous articles have told what has happened to bootlegging in Manitoba, with opinions from wets and dries in equal emphasis. The fifth article, appearing today, gives the results of inquiries regarding drunkenness, with figures from Winnipeg's chief of police.

Later articles will tell what The Advertiser found in Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec.

VANCOUVER RECOUNT IS AGAINST BEER BY GLASS

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, Oct. 2.—As a result of a re-check of the votes cast here in the "beer by the glass" plebiscite held in June at the time of the provincial general election, this city records a vote against beer by the glass of 18. The pro-beer majority prior to the recount was 53.

SEEKS UNSTATED DAMAGES.

Menzie & Clark have issued a county court writ on behalf of Arthur Bradley against Arthur N. Coe. The plaintiff claims unstated damages as a result of an alleged assault occasioning actual bodily harm to the plaintiff by the defendant on May 20 last in the city of London.

SPANIARDS REPULSE MOORS AFTER CLOSE FIGHTING

Madrid, Oct. 2.—An attempt by the Moorish rebels to break the Spanish line in Morocco, between Tetuan and Xauen, was checked yesterday after sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting, says an official communique issued this morning. The Moors abandoned 118 dead, among them three Caidas, and the Spaniards took much booty in war material.

PREPARING STATISTICS.

Statistics of civic insurance are being prepared by City Treasurer Bell and will be available in a day or two. Mr. Bell has been going over various insurance policies held by the city, and will present a summary of companies, risks and premiums paid.

POCOCK DENOUNCES KEEPING JOBS IN CITY

Will Oppose Council's Move To Limit Scope of Employment.

At the meeting of the public utilities commission this afternoon, Commissioner Philip Pocock will strongly oppose the move or request of the city council that the commission employ only those who reside within the city limits.

"We used to pride ourselves with being the metropolis of Western Ontario," said Mr. Pocock, "and now the council would have us trade only with ourselves. There are over 100,000 people residing in York township just outside of the city of Toronto. You can't expect London to be any different from other cities."

Mr. Pocock expressed the opinion that the commission was not controlled by the council in any way as to those whom it employed, whether those employees lived within or beyond the city limits.

OUSTED CITY FIREMAN IS BACK ON PROBATION

Fireman B. Graham, who was dismissed from the force some time ago because of disorderly conduct, has been reinstated and will commence work at the local fire department upon probation, Fire Chief Aitken stated today. Graham's reinstatement met with the approval of a committee of the city council, meeting last night.

ATTENDING SCHOOL FAIR.

Middlesex department of agriculture officials are attending the school fair at Caradoc township today and once more have splendid weather for the exhibition. The regular Caradoc fair is being held tomorrow.

MOLASSES FEATURES INITIATION

Annual Initiation of Western Students Is Held This Morning.

UNIQUE ATTACK

Freshmen Borne Away Separately—Parade Is Held Through Streets.

Life is not all pie for college freshmen. It is molasses, grease-paint and hard knocks.

Sixty-five University of Western Ontario "freshies" learned this to their sorrow this morning. Meandering up to the university campus with characteristic "freshie" savoir faire, they were pounced upon by hordes of sophomores and subjected to all the horrors that go to make a freshman's initiation the real thing.

They were gagged and bound. Molasses was applied to them as a hair tonic. They were stuck with adhesive and fly paper. Embryo mustaches were pulled out, shirts torn from backs, faces painted with chemical compounds and minor casualties suffered.

It was a weird and wild fight waged upon the new university campus. The sophomores, realizing the importance of the first initiation to the life of the new arts buildings, were relentless in their efforts to make it a good one that it might be a precedent for "sophies" of future years to follow.

Although the "freshies" commenced the fray with timidity, they were not long in discovering that might is right. They outnumbered their seniors, and when herded together in a barn at the rear of the science building, pushed, squirmed, shouted and fought that they might be loosed.

VETERANS PLAN LEGAL DEFENCE FOR PIRIE

Self-Confessed Murderer Will Be Given a Preliminary Trial Next Wednesday.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Oct. 2.—John Buchanan Pirie, self-confessed murderer of his wife, Caroline, aged 35, and his two children, Kathleen, aged 7, and Joan, aged 5, is not lacking for friends. Members of the Great War Veterans Association and the St. Andrews Society are, it is stated, engaging a prominent lawyer to defend the prisoner when he comes up for preliminary hearing next Wednesday.

Pirie, who was at one time a captain in the Royal Air Force, and who suffered severe injuries in an aeroplane crash during the war, will be closely watched day and night at the county jail, extra precautions having been taken to have him constantly guarded.

While it has been determined that Mrs. Pirie was slain by a heavy blow on the back of the right side of the skull, Dr. C. J. McPherson and Coroner Dr. J. E. Craig, after working for several hours, were forced to admit that the two little girls came to their deaths by inhaling some strange drug which is so far unidentified.

Their internal organs will be sent immediately to Toronto for analysis. Pirie, according to the journal, was a medical student before joining the imperial army, in which he served for 20 years. He has dabbled in medicine all his life and is believed by the newspaper to have studied the various drugs common to the Orient during the 12 years he spent in India as a member of the British army.

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SIR WILLIAM PRICE, president of Price Bros. Company, paper manufacturers, was killed this morning at Kenogami, Quebec. Sir William met his death in a landslide while inspecting some construction work at a new plant.

SYNOD SESSIONS COME TO CLOSE

Plea Is Made For Greater Spiritual Emphasis in Work.

A joint session of the house of bishops and the lower house, in which the blessing of God was asked by the primate on the endeavors of the church in the future, and thanks given for the progress made in the past, brought to a finish the sessions of the tenth general synod of the Church of England in Canada, which has been sitting for the past week in London.

The last session of the lower house was lifted for a moment out of the rut of routine business, which has enveloped it for some days into a higher and more serene atmosphere by the appeal by the prolocutor, who is the speaker of the house for greater spiritual emphasis in the work of the general synod.

Following the remarks of J. H. McGill of Vancouver last night, it expressed a desire for less material business on the agenda of the house, and that a larger proportion of the time of the synod might be devoted to things spiritual.

Meets Defeat. The house had dwindled down to less than half its members, and a

Women In Synod Still Possible

House of Bishops Has Not Considered Problem.

The House of Bishops, which is the upper house of the General Synod, announces today that it has not considered the question of the admission of women delegates to the General Synod and that it has passed no opinion on this question.

Their lordships wish it to be made plain that the decision to refuse admission to women was the opinion of the Lower House only, and not of the whole synod.

The matter was raised, discussed, and settled in the Lower House, without consultation of the House of Bishops, and according to the official statement of the upper house is not to be considered by the public as the decision of the General Synod.

CANADA AND BRITAIN FEAR CATTLE DISEASE SPREAD

Washington, Oct. 2.—Importation of live stock, hay and straw into Great Britain from the United States has been prohibited by the British government because of the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in Texas. Canada also has placed a similar embargo against shipments from Texas.

The situation regarding the anti-treaty motion is much clearer, as it is inconceivable that the Conservatives will obtain from supporting a motion directly aimed at defeating the Russian treaty, and the government is regarded as certain to be outvoted by a big majority.

The treaty, however, will not come up for discussion for nearly another month, so the government is certain of that much lease of life if not defeated meantime on the Horne resolution.

The Daily Herald, Labor organ, which presumably derives its information from the best governmental sources, says the premier will appeal to the country if defeated on either issue. The paper speaks as though the Labor party would welcome an opportunity to test their strength at the polls, believing the electorate would return them to parliament with a majority which would give them power as well as office.

MACDONALD GOVERNMENT FACES CRISIS

General Election in Great Britain Before Christmas Now Predicted.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Conservatives and Liberals Give Notice of Coming Motions of Censure.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Oct. 2.—Talk has again arisen of the "imminent fall of the Labor government" and the probability of a general election before Christmas. It may be recalled that similar expectations have been raised more than once since the Laborites assumed "office without power," but this time the forecast is declared to be the real thing.

The crisis—for so it is regarded on all sides—came suddenly late last night when notice was given in parliament of two motions against the government. One by the Conservatives censured the government's conduct in reference to the abandonment of criminal proceedings against James Ross Campbell, acting editor of the Workers' Weekly, a communist publication.

The other, by the Liberals, voices disapproval of the Anglo-Russian treaty, which, according to the wording of the motion, instead of providing a genuine contribution toward dissolving the problem of unemployment, threatens to divert resources which are urgently needed for national and imperial development and contemplates that the British taxpayer should be made liable for further loans to the Russian state, raised by means of a guarantee of the British government, as the condition upon which the private claims of certain British creditors should be recognized or met by the soviet republic.

Motions Create Crisis. Of the two motions, the latter is regarded for the moment as more certain than the former to bring the government down, because the attitude of the Liberals towards the Conservatives' censure motion is yet rather obscure. Mr. Asquith, addressing yesterday a Liberal party meeting at which the anti-treaty resolution was approved, said that if the Conservatives submitted a "reasonable" motion respecting the handling of the Campbell case the Liberals should support it. Whether Sir Robert Horne's motion can be considered to fulfil this condition of reasonableness is yet undetermined, and it is understood that the Liberal leaders will decide the matter today.

It had been recently understood that the Liberals were prepared to support a motion extending a new-General Patrick Hastings for mishandling the case, but doubted whether to support it if it involved the withdrawal of government.

It had been further believed, moreover, that Premier MacDonald was determined to stand by the attorney-general and that if the latter were censured the premier would not allow him to resign while the rest of the government continued in office, but would retire with him. The distinction, therefore, seems a fine one for the Liberals to make.

One supposition is that they will refrain from voting on Sir Robert's motion, leaving to the Conservatives the task of turning down the government, while the Conservatives are sufficiently numerous to do so if the Liberals leave the Laborites to their fate.

Confident of Return.

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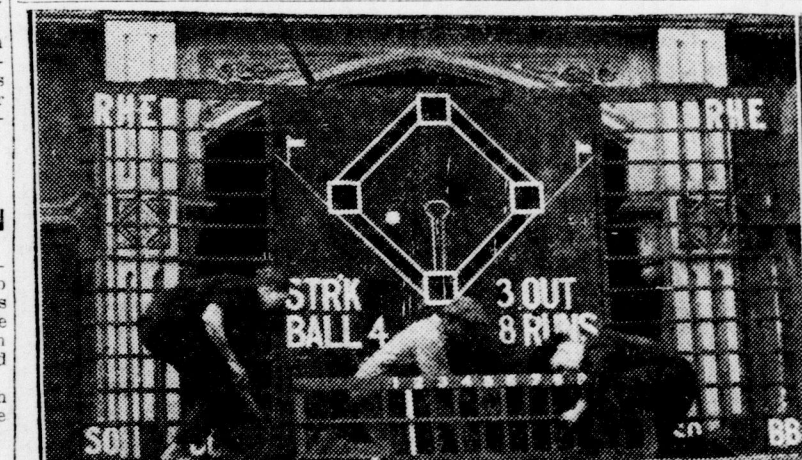
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LORD CARSON TO ACT ON BOUNDARY BODY

Associated Press Despatch. London, Oct. 2.—Lord Carson (formerly Sir Edward Carson), the Unionist leader in Ulster, will be the British government's nominee as its representative on the Ulster boundary commission, says the Daily Express.

The newspaper adds that the appointment of Lord Carson will be calculated to give Ulster the greatest possible confidence in the commission's decision.



WORKMEN PREPARE PLAYOGRAPH.

Here a group of workmen are shown putting The Advertiser's playograph in order for the world's series. Play by play, the playograph will give Londoners the whole account of the world's series games a half minute after it happens.