

VOTE OF NEARLY TWO TO ONE FOR SPRING WATER

HIGH PRESSURE MAKES GREAT RUN; KOMOKA SCHEME LEADS IN VOTE

Filtered River Water Secures 877 Votes on First Choice, But Komoka Gets Hold of Second Choice Votes.

Total Number of Ballots Cast Was Comparatively Small—2,417 Out of About 6,000.

By a vote of nearly two to one, the people of London, who took the trouble to vote by the mail order scheme of the commissioners, decided in favor of spring water as against river water. Out of about 6,000 or more persons entitled to vote on the question, only 2,417 voted. Had the entire vote been polled, the probability is that the vote for spring water would have stood nearer three than two to one.

Promptly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Chairman Darch, Commissioner Saunders, Secretary Nelles, of the board of trade, John D. Jacobs, of the Trades and Labor Council; Engineer Moore, of the waterworks department, and Secretary Ellwood, took the ballots upstairs and counted them in the general committee room.

The count of first choice showed that the filtered river water scheme proposed by Engineer Maury, had the advantage slightly, the vote being as follows:

River water	877
Komoka scheme	820
Independent high-pressure	628
Titus	77
Spoiled ballots	15

Total 2,417. The second choice, however, was in favor of the Komoka scheme, and it placed the plan of the commissioners in front place, as follows:

Komoka scheme	1,943
River water	941

The commissioners first credited to

each scheme all the ballots which were marked as a first preference for it. In order to understand this statement, it should be stated that in the voting the Hare-Spence system was used. That is, the people could vote for the four schemes, marking each one as they regarded it, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

It was when all the ballots marked "1" were counted and separated, that the filtration scheme took the lead. But under the system, consideration had to be given to people who voted for one scheme with the understanding that if that was defeated, they had the right to name another as a second choice.

Titus Second Choices. The Titus scheme having been found to be the lowest on the first count, it was dropped, and note was taken of the second choice on the 77 ballots recorded for that scheme. The analysis showed the following: Second choices:

High pressure	23
Komoka	15
River water	8
No second choice on ballots	31

Total 77. Fifteen choices for the Komoka scheme and 8 for river water, were then added.

High-Pressure Second Choices. Then the independent high-pressure scheme which also had been dropped because it was the next lowest, was taken up, and the second choices recorded on each ballot, were counted, with the following result:

For Komoka scheme	206
For river water	58
No second choice expressed	264

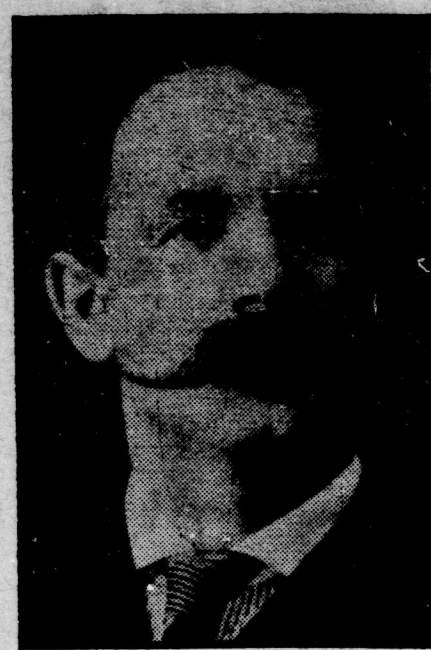
Total 264. The 206 votes, with the 23 from Komoka scheme, make 229. Continued on Page Eight.

ENTERTAINMENT OF THE BRITISH JOURNALISTS

Mayor Makes Arrangements for the Reception by City Council.

Mayor Judd today began the making of arrangements for the reception to the British newspapermen who will visit London on July 31. It is likely that the committee from the city council which will greet the Britishers will include the mayor, Ald. Gillen, Beattie and Stevely.

A trolley ride around the city at 8 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 1, is contemplated.



MR. GEORGE BURDICK, Of London, President of the Master Painters' Association. Now Meeting in the City Hall.

Hanged Six Then Herself

Copenhagen, July 23.—Griest-stricken by the receipt of a notification that her services would not be required after the end of this month, Mrs. Nielson, a housekeeper for a land-owner named Ullkjaer, of Jutland, yesterday hanged three of her employer's children, as well as three of her own, and then killed herself by hanging.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO CHANGE

Premier to First Have Consultation With His Party Friends.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, July 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier visited his office this morning and received several party friends who were in the capital to see him. No announcement of any contemplated changes will be made, however, until he has had an opportunity of consulting his party friends. The Premier leaves on Friday for a brief visit to his old home in Arthursville, when he will return to Ottawa.

MASTER PAINTERS IN CONVENTION

Fourth Annual Gathering of the Organization Now in Session in This City.

If you see anyone with a red badge, wandering aimlessly about the streets, don't have him arrested for wearing partisan colors, but take him firmly by the hand and lead the way to the city hall, for this is one of the master house painters, and that is his destination.

The fourth annual convention of the Master House Painters' and Decorators' Association of Canada was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by G. A. Burdick, president of the local association.

Mr. Burdick called on Mr. Andrews, of Memorial Church, to open the convention with prayer, after which Major J. C. Judd welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city. His worship especially welcomed the ladies who are attending the gathering, for, as he said, "even master painters will be improved by their refining influence."

"When we do anything in London," continued Mr. Judd, "we do it well, and we hope your convention will keep up this reputation."

Ald. Booth and Gillen also spoke briefly. As Mr. Gillen said, "The town is yours. The police are away, the chief is on a vacation, and the detectives are on the outskirts. You can paint the town as red as you like."

Mr. Brooke, the association's president, then took the chair, and after the routine business had been completed, he addressed the members. He pointed out the practical nature of the subjects to be discussed, and urged that the best attention be given to the papers, and that all join heartily in the discussion.

Mr. E. J. Lillington, of Toronto, was to read a paper on "Shellac," but like many other members of the association, Mr. Lillington had not arrived at the time, and the gathering adjourned to meet at 2:30 this afternoon.

The main hall in the municipal buildings presents a very attractive appearance at present, for the horse decorators have been exercising their skill on it to good effect. The galleries and pillars are tastefully hung with bunting, while many companies who manufacture such supplies as are constantly used by the painters have very fine exhibits.

Some of the goods displayed are particularly attractive. The Conedated Plate Glass Company, of Toronto, has some beautiful mirrors, which, however, are so shaped that they reflect anything but a beautiful image, no matter who stands before them. Despite the uncomplimentary things this exhibit shows up, however, there is an amused crowd before it at all intervals.

The local painters are bent on giving their guests a good time, and some excursions will likely take place tomorrow.

PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR THE FORELADY

Miss Annie Watts, of D. S. Perrin & Co.'s, Remembered By Her Friends.

A very pleasant surprise awaited Miss Annie Watts, forelady of the hand-dipping chocolate room of D. S. Perrin & Co., when her friends presented her with a very handsome suit case.

The address was read by Mr. James Baldwin, and expressed deep regret on the part of her friends, as she is about to leave for Manitoba.

The presentation was made by Miss Bea Brennan.

Condition of Mr. John Loney Grows Very Grave at Hospital

Patient Is Making No Progress Toward Recovery—Complications Are Feared.

Mr. John Loney, the Cartwright street man injured in the wreck of the Crystal Hall, is today in a very precarious condition at Victoria Hospital.

Though for the past few days Mr. Loney gave every sign of recovering rapidly, his condition today gives cause for much anxiety on the part of his physicians.

He was injured very badly in the wreck, and it is now feared that complications may set in, as he suffered a fracture at the base of the brain. Misses Ethel Earl and Libbie Smith were discharged from the hospital today. They were not seriously injured.

In the Brewster store wreck, though they were buried in the ruins. All the other patients are recovering rapidly.

The Advertiser today received the following letter of thanks from relatives of the late Joseph Long, who was killed in the wreck of the store of Hamilton, Long & Co.:

"Mrs. James Long and family desire through The Advertiser to convey to their many friends their heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy shown them during their sad bereavement."

Mr. F. P. Betts, the well-known local lawyer, who is summing in Quebec, wired Mayor Judd as follows:

"Little Metes, Que. July 22. 'To Mayor Judd: 'Universal sympathy felt here for London in her great sorrow; unbounded admiration expressed for bravery of citizens in rescue work. 'F. P. BETTS.'"

Good Start for Relief Funds Bishop McEvay Sends \$100

Subscriptions Will Be Received by Newspapers and by Fund Treasurer.

The Dundas street disaster brought privation to a number of deserving people. This fact has been ascertained by a number of gentlemen who have made personal inquiries, and they ask the citizens of London for aid in relieving immediate distress.

Some of the wounded will be unable to return to work for weeks. In most cases others were dependent in some degree upon them, and will suffer hardship, through being deprived of their earnings. In one or two cases the relatives of persons killed in the disaster are in need of help, though none have solicited it.

A committee of well-known citizens will attend to the distribution of the relief fund. The money will be placed where it is most needed, and with the most delicate regard for the feelings of the recipients.

The Advertiser and Free Press have been authorized to receive subscriptions in any amount. These will be publicly acknowledged. Today The Advertiser received a check from the Bishop of London for \$100 toward the relief fund. This example of generosity will no doubt be followed by many other sympathetic citizens. Subscriptions may be sent to The Advertiser by mail or left in the business office. The fund is starting off well, as the following list of donations show:

Bishop McEvay \$100
Dr. J. D. Wilson 25
Phillip Pocock 25
William Abbott 10
Subscriptions may be sent also to Mr. Phillip Pocock, of the London Shoe Company, the treasurer of the fund.

TAKING THE BODY HOME.

Boston, July 23.—On board the Cunard steamship Ivernia, which sailed today for Liverpool, was the body of the late Admiral John Pearce MacLear of the British Royal Navy, who died at Niagara a few days ago. The body is being taken to his old home in Chiddingfold, Surrey, for interment.

JUDGES PLEAD FOR BARRINGTON.

Ask Commutation of Death Sentence for the Bogus Nobleman.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 23.—Many telegrams have been received by Governor Folk urging executive clemency for "Lord" Seymour Barrington, under sentence to be hanged at Clayton, Mo., Thursday for the murder of James P. McCann. Two were received from Missouri Supreme Court, asking for a commutation of sentence.

The first was a telegram from Judge Valliant. In my opinion, the State of Missouri cannot face the world with that record and say she gave Barrington a fair trial. (Signed) L. B. Valliant.

The second is the form of a petition signed by Judges Valliant and Graves. It says: "We believe the ends of justice will be better served by a commutation of the death sentence imposed upon F. Seymour Barrington to imprisonment for life than would be his execution, and we therefore recommend such commutation."

Judges Valliant and Graves were the judges who handed in a dissenting opinion when Barrington's case came before the court. Governor Folk promises a decision in the matter today.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 23.—Governor Folk today granted a respite of thirty days to "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington, under sentence to be hanged at Clayton, Mo., on July 25, for the murder of James P. McCann.

NEW TRAIN FROM THE PORT

Will Leave the Resort Every Evening At 8:30 O'clock.

Beginning this evening, the Pere Marquette will put on a new train out of Port Stanley for the city. This train will leave the Port every evening at 8:30, and should prove a great convenience, as heretofore there have been no trains between the hours of 6 and 11. The service will be continued well into August, or until such time as the traffic justifies its removal.

KHEDIVE IN PARIS

Spends Two Days Incog. Without Parisians Learning of It.

Paris, July 23.—The Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi, has spent two days in Paris in such strict incognito that his presence did not become known until after his departure for Switzerland last night. He will visit England before returning to Egypt.



MISS FAY NORTHCOTT, Winner of the MacRobert's Medal in the High School Examinations.

ROW OVER STAR BOARDERS

Boardinghouse Competition Culminates in Assault Charge.

A free-for-all fight is alleged to have occurred in front of Mrs. Niosi's residence on Queen's avenue west, last night resulting in a charge of assault being laid by Mrs. Niosi against Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pasquale, and Mr. and Mrs. Vita. The latter couple deny having anything whatever to do with the affair. According to the story the whole trouble is due to competition for three star boarders between Mrs. Niosi and a neighbor, the former claiming that the latter has been enticing them to leave her place.

REV. DR. PIDGEON'S CALL REFERRED TO TORONTO

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, July 23.—The adjourned meeting of the London Presbytery, held at Knox Church, St. Thomas, this morning, referred the call of the First Presbyterian Church, London, to Rev. Dr. Geo. C. Pidgeon, of Toronto Junction, to the Toronto Presbytery, and appointed Alexander Henderson, clerk of the London Presbytery, to appear before the Toronto body to sustain the call on behalf of the First Church and London Presbytery.

VERY WARM IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, July 23.—Three deaths and eight prostrations from the heat were reported last night. The thermometer registered 93 degrees for four hours yesterday.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS ARE SATISFIED WITH VOTE

See Victory—In for Spring Water at Every Stage—Mayor Gives His Views.

Chairman Darch, of the water commission, was seen by The Advertiser today in regard to the vote on the water question, and he expressed himself as well pleased with the result.

"The result of the plebiscite taken by mail, shows the people to be overwhelmingly in favor of spring water," Mr. Darch said to The Advertiser. "The spring water vote was split up so that on the first count the river water had a slight lead, but this was soon overcome by the opinions expressed by the high-pressure voters and the Titus, in their second choices."

"It was plain to be seen that the people of London are still for spring water."

Mr. Darch also claimed that if the fight had been between the filtration scheme and the Komoka scheme alone, the former would have received its quietus.

ARE NOT DECIDED AS YET

Mr. Darch would not say anything in regard to what the commissioners intend to do until a meeting has been held, and the whole matter has been gone over.

He had a talk with City Solicitor Meredith this morning regarding the legality of submitting two schemes to the people.

Mr. Meredith pointed out that the two bylaws could not be submitted, but that it would be quite legal to submit two schemes, and then ask the Legislature to issue debentures to carry out the work of the scheme which had received the highest number of votes.

Only a majority of the votes cast would be necessary in this case, Mr. Meredith says, to carry the scheme.

Of course, if an informal vote, such as Mr. Meredith suggests, were taken, instead of putting a bylaw to the people for one scheme only, there might be trouble in getting the Legislature to sanction the issue of the debentures.

MAYOR JUDD SEES VICTORY FOR SPRING WATER.

Mayor Judd, like Mr. Darch, appears thoroughly convinced that the people are still strong for spring water. Had not there been three spring water schemes before the people, he felt that the Komoka scheme, which he and the commissioners championed, would have carried hands down.

The big votes cast for the Komoka scheme and the independent high-pressure scheme, as well as the second choices expressed on the latter, and also on the Titus ballots, are ample proofs for his worship that the people of London want spring water and will have no other.

MR. SAUNDERS IS WELL SATISFIED.

Commissioner Saunders is out of the city today, but it is understood that he, like Mr. Darch, is not prepared to talk until a meeting of the commissioners is held.

Mr. Saunders stated last night, however, that the vote upholds the contention of those who declare that the people of London will not drink river water.

"When you come to consider that out of 2,417 ballots cast, river water only secured 77 votes," said a prominent citizen to The Advertiser today, "it is quite plain that the people of London do not want river water at any price."

Grand Rapids Lawyer in London Looking After Smirlies' Interest

Latter Is More Likely to Look for Than Pay Damages, He Says.

Mr. Joseph Kirwin, of Carroll, Kirwin & Hollway, solicitors, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is in the city looking after the interests of Mr. Peter Smirlies, the Greek-American, whose proposed poolroom in this city was wiped out by the wreck of the Reid building on Tuesday last.

Mr. Kirwin states that it is not the intention of Mr. Smirlies to ask for an adjournment of the inquest.

Mr. Smirlies is ill, but will be in London just as soon as it is possible for him to get here, Mr. Kirwin said.

Asked if he had any statement to make on the matter of the wreck, Mr. Kirwin replied in the negative.

"We prefer to wait until the evidence comes out at the inquest," he said.

"Mr. Smirlies doesn't propose to be made liable for any of the damage if he can help it?" suggested the reporter.

"It's hardly likely that any men would under the circumstances," Mr. Kirwin replied, "and in the present instance, it is more than likely that Mr. Smirlies should look for damages to someone."

The work of clearing away the Reid wreck is proceeding daily. This morning portions of the old building were pulled down, and they made such a noise when they struck the sidewalk that people in the adjacent streets rushed to doors and windows, fearing another accident.

All Should Attend Concert in Park

Tomorrow night in Victoria Park a band concert will be given by the splendid band of the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Regiment of Light Infantry.

The concert is being given in aid of those who are in need of assistance as the result of the terrible accident in Reid's Crystal Hall.

It is not a money-making scheme in any sense of the word, save that it aims to make money for the wreck sufferers.

The bandmen will not receive a cent for their services, and the men at the gates, who are representative Londoners in all walks of life, are giving their services gratis.

Bandmaster Pococke has prepared a magnificent programme of choice music, and all who desire to help the sufferers of the Reid accident should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing a first-class concert, and of being able to place a few shillings on the plates for the sufferers.

It is expected that every citizen of London who is able to get out on Wednesday night will attend the concert and contribute his or her mite to the fund.

Among those who will sing at the concert are Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill, Mr. Gordon Hunt and Prof. Dump. Heinzmann & Co. have also consented to loan a piano for the occasion.

It is said the shot was fired at a deserter

United States Government for damages.