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## CITIZEN SAVES \$300 TO \$400 BY BUILDING OWN PINE LAWN HOUSE

A. E. Johnson Has Six Real Rooms in Place of Five "Cigar Boxes"—Glad He Did Not Buy Commission House.

"I haven't any axe to grind with the housing commission or anyone else, for that matter, but I can easily build one of those over there for \$3,000," vouchsafed A. E. Johnson, Monday afternoon, pointing out one of the 23,700 Pine Lawn cottages to the inquiring Advertiser man. Mr. Johnson is building a two-story house on the Pine Lawn area, but independent of the London housing commission, and at a greatly-reduced figure.

**Rooms, Not Cigar Boxes.**  
Pointing out a nearby \$4,200 house (one of the five-room type), he proceeded to compare it with his own, which is fast nearing completion. "Mine is costing me a good deal less than that one cost," he commented. "And I have one more room. But then mine are rooms, not cigar-boxes. I have a good-sized living-room and a good kitchen and dining-room. They were just following the line of reasoning when I decided to build. I could have purchased one of these commission houses, but I saw where I could save money by constructing one myself."

**Cost \$400 Less.**  
"Yes, I can safely say that I can turn out one of those four-room type for at least 25 per cent cheaper than the commission house. I couldn't have the location over on Queen's avenue or in the city town. I certainly followed the right line of reasoning when I decided to build. I could have purchased one of these commission houses, but I saw where I could save money by constructing one myself."

**Mortar Was Frozen.**  
"Well, that is nobody's fault," he continued, directing attention again to the foundation work of the house. "There where a couple of workmen were busy with trowels. The mortar used on that foundation has been allowed to freeze, and the result, of course, is not perfect. It was not the fault of the workmen. The trowels were frozen. They were using out orders when they put it on." Asked for a general opinion of the commission houses, Mr. Johnson considered them an average type from passing observation. "They were built when prices were at their peak, that is one fact," he commented, just as Architect McBride and his assistant, evidently busy on a "checking-up-of-defects" tour, passed.

## MOST PESSIMISTIC REPORT EVER MADE ON PINE LAWN HOUSES AWATS COMMISSION'S STUDY

Statement Made to The Advertiser by Reliable Authority Is Practically Confirmed by Inspector Piper's Replies to Questions Put to Him in an Interview Today—Report of Toronto Inspector Not Yet Received.

Information received by The Advertiser from an authenticated source, declares that the report of Building Inspector A. M. Piper, following his inspection of dwellings erected on Pine Lawn for the London Housing Commission, "will prove a decided jolt to those who say or think that the contractors have lived up to specifications."

### TEN PRINCIPAL FAULTS.

1. That there are no drain pipes in the cellars of any one of the 41 houses on Pine Lawn, although the specifications call for same.
2. That the shingles used are of inferior quality to the Brantford shingle specified in the contracts.
3. That the shingles are laid "between four and five inches to the weather" (in some cases five inches) instead of four inches, as required for the type of shingle used.
4. That there is no roofing paper beneath the shingles, although specifications declare that it should be.
5. That one house had to be re-stuccoed. This was done since the complaints laid before the commission by Commissioner D. N. Tallant.
6. That as a result of re-stuccoing the exterior woodwork trimmings of this house must be re-painted.
7. That beams 8x10 inches had been erected in the 41 dwellings instead of 8x12, as required by specifications. Insertion of planks 8x12 inches will be necessary in each case in order that these beams may become of the proper strength.
8. That there is no picture molding in the houses, as specified.
9. That medicine cabinets in bathrooms have been omitted, although specifications call for them.
10. That the plaster is cracked on the walls of many houses.

Only Pine Lawn Houses.

The above are the main defects and apply to Pine Lawn houses only, regarding which the complaints were made. As for Garfield avenue, it is understood that there are minor defects of routine nature in new houses, which can be repaired. One Garfield avenue dwelling has timbers in its construction eight by eight inches instead of the required eight by ten inches.

The informant further declared that E. W. Hammett, provincial housing inspector, sent here by Housing Director J. A. Ellis of Toronto, will in his report criticize the workmanship as seen by him in the Pine Lawn houses. This report has not been received, but is expected here this week.

**Wait For Report, Says Piper.**  
Seeking confirmation of this information, The Advertiser reporter interviewed Building Inspector Piper this morning.

"Better wait until the report is read by the housing commission, he counseled. "No one saw the report when it was in my hands, not even the commissioners themselves. Any information given out, if such is the case, must have been given by the city clerk or his staff, as that is where the report is now."

"Do the specifications call for drain pipes in all the cellars?" he was asked.

"Yes," replied Mr. Piper.

## CONVICT THREE OF SELLING TO GOVT. SPOTTERS

Paul Jakob, Annie Walzak, I. Matthews To Be Fined Today.

**MORE CASES BOOKED**  
**Blackest Perjury Committed in One Case, Declares Magistrate Graydon.**

Paul Jakob, 512 Philip street, Annie Walzak, 508 Nelson street and I. Matthews, 251 Clarence street, were convicted of "bootlegging" by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning. They will be fined when a number of other cases of alleged illegal selling have been heard. John Martin and Michael Stronger, two Government special officers, who are natives of Ukraine, secured the evidence by buying liquor from these people. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon court adjourned until 4 o'clock when charges against Myers Gootson and Charles Hamilton will be heard.

During the case of Matthews, two witnesses for the defence contradicted each other. Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon declared that the blackest kind of perjury had been committed at other times in the court. He added that the crime of selling whiskey faded into insignificance when compared with the crime of perjury. He thought that the crown ought to take some action.

**Bought Drinks.**  
Martin and Stogner declared that on July 14, they went to Matthews' home and inquired for a room which was advertised as to let. They had a drink of water, and said \$5. They had a drink of water, and said \$5. They were told that they could have whiskey and purchased four drinks at 75 cents a drink. Later Mrs. Matthews Continued On Page Three.



Centre—Contesting east and west-end ball teams, the east-enders, the upper group in the picture, were winners in a closely-contested game by a score of 18 to 17. Top left hand—Ferguson, megaphone man and special policeman. Top right hand—Director Mel Brock in action. Bottom, left and right—Girls' races. Bottom centre—General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities commission.

## NEW ENTRY FEE ARRANGEMENTS --SPEED EVENTS

Western Fair Board Eliminates Percentage System For Single Fee.

**IMPROVED LIGHTING**  
**Entries of Live Stock Are Far Ahead of Previous Years.**

Something new is promised by the Western Fair board in the speed events at the exhibition this year. In past years race horse owners had to pay five per cent of the purse and five per cent of the winning money. This year the only fee charged will be \$10 for each stall in use and those renting stalls will be allowed to enter as many events as their horses are eligible for. There will be ten events and the week and the purse for each event will be \$300. All applications for stalls must be made in the regular way and stall fees must be in the hands of the secretary before the horse will be allowed to start. Entries will be received up until the night previous to the first day of the racing.

According to present indications, Secretary Hunt states that the entries will be much larger than in previous years. Numerous inquiries are coming in daily from the surrounding districts. Intending exhibitors are warned to get their stock entered and not wait until the last minute. All livestock entries must be in by September 3, at the latest, so that the catalogue may be prepared. Under the terms of their contract with the public utilities commission the fair board is providing excellent lighting facilities for the new grounds and around the stock pens. Ten poles will be added in this section with high-power lamps, and the lights will be extended to the ends of the barns.

## DENIES THAT PUPILS CANNOT BE ADMITTED

Principal Mooney Declares He Can Accommodate 400 New Pupils at Collegiate.

Rumors, spread throughout the city to the effect that accommodation for pupils of the London Collegiate Institute will be at a premium in September, that late comers will be denied admittance for this reason, were denied by Secretary W. A. Tanner of the board of education and Principal W. H. T. Mooney of the Collegiate Institute today.

"There will be ample accommodation," commented Mr. Tanner, when informed of the rumor. "We are getting ready for eleven or twelve classes in the first year of the general courses, which mean accommodation for between 350 and 400 new pupils," said Principal Mooney.

"We do not expect that many new ones, but you cannot tell anything about this game."

"There will be six middle school classes, eight in the second year, and one upper school class. It is just like a horseshoe, and the classes are like street cars. They both have rubber sides and are flexible. We would like to have 30 pupils in each room, but we have had 48 in a room."

"With such flexible classes, we can accommodate them all," he concluded. "The commercial classes are being looked after by Mr. Dickinson."

## LONDON RESTAURANTS ARE SLOWLY BRINGING THEIR PRICES DOWN

Pre-War Thirty-Cent Meal Still Conspicuous by Its Absence—Prices Range from 35c to 65c—Board Varies From \$5 to \$8 Weekly—A La Carte Diner Must Pay Stiff Prices, With Pie at 15c Per Cut.

Restaurant prices are coming down in London—very slowly. The 35-cent dinner has returned, but not very strongly. It may be rediscovered over around the market square in one or two restaurants, but elsewhere it is operating a 35-cent restaurant and getting a fair patronage. Soup, a choice of a number of kinds of meat, with vegetables, and dessert are included in the menu, which is sold at 35c, and are getting a fair patronage. Soup, a choice of a number of kinds of meat, with vegetables, and dessert are included in the menu, which is sold at 35c, and are getting a fair patronage.

At the Syrian and Greek restaurants, one may enjoy a 35-cent meal if he is content with sausage and mashed potatoes, beef spare-ribs, spaghetti or fried eggs. Otherwise, meals at the Syrian and Greek eating places cost from 40 to 65 cents, with the widest range of choice around the 45-cent figure. For several weeks, one may have chicken or creamed lobsters.

**Fifty-Cent Lunches.**  
The better class Chinese restaurants are once again featuring business lunches, one may enjoy a 50-cent meal if he is content with sausage and mashed potatoes, beef spare-ribs, spaghetti or fried eggs. Otherwise, meals at the Syrian and Greek eating places cost from 40 to 65 cents, with the widest range of choice around the 45-cent figure. For several weeks, one may have chicken or creamed lobsters.

## ACTION OF CENSORS CAUSE OF SURPRISE

Social Service Secretary Is Unable To Explain the Situation.

Although the Ontario Board of Censors quite recently heard the moving picture views of the Dempsey-Carpenter battle, it is now known that the "Flight of the Ages" depicting this big engagement has been shown in Port William theatres for several nights past and apparently within the law.

It develops that although the provincial board supposedly speaks for all Ontario, it has for some obscure and general reason, decided to remove to a criminal institution for the insane. Mrs. McCallum a couple of months ago saw her three-year-old child when suffering from lunacy. The coroner's jury found her guilty of murder while temporarily insane. Since then Mrs. McCallum has been committed to the institution at London.

## INJURED ON A FISHING TRIP.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Suffering from a broken leg, a man named Laing, of Kitchener, Ont., was admitted to Water street hospital last night. Mr. Laing was on a fishing trip twenty miles east of Buckingham, when he slipped and fell upon the rocks. His condition is not serious.

## TROOPERS WATCHING FOR SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN LIQUORS

U. S. Authorities Report That Big Consignment Not Taken Over.

**MUCH GOES TO TOLEDO**  
**Michigan Police Raid Near Beer Saloons in Detroit's Suburbs.**

Detroit, Aug. 15.—Michigan state troopers today were watching for a consignment of Canadian rye whiskey reported to have reached Windsor from Eastern Canada for shipment into the United States across the Detroit River. No trace of the reported shipment had been found on this side of the river today.

State officers redoubled their efforts to stop the flow of liquor early today, when they made a surprise raid in Detroit's suburbs, seizing beer and whiskey, and placing several men under arrest. John Corrigan, sen., and John Corrigan, jun., proprietors of the near beer saloon Wyandotte, and their bartender, John O'Connell, were among those arrested. A quantity of beer and whiskey is said to have been confiscated in the Corrigan place. The three men were held without bail today.

State officers today began a check of reports that a large part of the liquor reported as being brought across the river was finding its way to Toledo and other cities by automobile over the Dixie highway. It was announced today that authorities were to be "stopped and searched along the highway."

## REFUSES TO REVEAL NAME OF ASSAILANT

New York Italian Dying From Wounds Inflicted At Picnic.

New York, Aug. 15.—Joseph Sileo was reported by the police today to be dying with sealed lips, a victim of the bootlegger wars in the Italian quarter, which has rolled up a casualty list of twenty in the last three months.

Despite the fact that the attack on Sileo was made in the midst of a crowd of 50 picketers at Newdorp Beach, Staten Island, detectives were unable to gain a single clue as to the assailant's identity.

## SASKATCHEWAN'S WHEAT YIELD WILL RUN OVER FORTY BUSHELS TO ACRE

Prince Albert, Sask., Aug. 16.—Ideal harvest weather prevailed over the northern area, and wheat-cutting is general. In some cases the yield is expected to run well over 40 bushels per acre for wheat, 75 for oats and 40 for barley, and the general average is expected to be well above last year's yield and equal to or better than any former year.

**BANDITS ROB "L" STATION.**  
New York, Aug. 15.—Six automobile bandits held up an "L" station in the Bronx early today, locked the ticket agent and chopper in the former's booth and escaped with \$513.

Two of the band remained at the foot of the station stairs, and coolly advised prospective passengers not to go up, expected to be well above last year's yield and equal to or better than any former year.

## HONORARIUM UNCHANGED.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Ottawa aldermen's honorarium will remain at \$300, the city council decided last evening, when the board of control's recommendation for a \$200 increase was defeated by a vote of 12 to 9.

## DE VALERA CASTS OFFER ASIDE; AGAIN DEMANDS IRISH INDEPENDENCE

Leader of "Republicans" at Opening of Dail Eireann Declares That the Only Government His People Recognize Is That of the Sinn Fein Parliament—Maintains That "Virtually Impossible Conditions" Surround Negotiations With the British Government.

**LEAVES ARE CANCELLED.**  
London, Aug. 16.—All soldiers on leave from Ireland in Alder shot and Farnborough have been ordered by telegram to return to their regiments immediately.

Belfast, Aug. 16.—It is reported here that the military authorities in Ireland have cancelled all leaves of absence for both officers and men, and that all officers and men who are away on holidays have been recalled. It is said this step was taken merely as a precaution against surprise and has no other significance.

Dublin, Aug. 16.—In opening the Dail Eireann at its first public session here today, Eamonn De Valera, the Republican leader, reiterated the Sinn Fein claim for separation from Great Britain and claimed the only government the people recognized was the ministry of Dail Eireann, the Irish Republican Parliament. He and his colleagues, the head of the Republican cabinet said, had adopted toward Great Britain the principle laid down by Cardinal Mercier of Belgium towards Germany—the principle that external authority was unlawful.

Mr. De Valera provoked laughter by describing the British attitude as that of a great nation demanding its safety from a small one in that it should be a big nation guaranteeing safety to a small state.

The cabinet had sent the reply it did, Mr. De Valera declared, because it did not think the British proposals were just. Mr. De Valera said that "virtually impossible conditions" surrounded negotiations with the British Government, for the position, he said, was that of a man unarmed facing a man pointing a pistol.

There were people who wanted to negotiate to save their faces, he continued, but the Sinn Fein would not negotiate to save faces, but to save, if possible, bloodshed, and for right and justice. Mr. De Valera said that at tomorrow's session besides recounting the negotiations between the Irish and British Governments he would in a general way give an account of his own department, and that afterwards the other ministers would give accounts of their departments.

The proposed reply to Prime Minister Lloyd George, continued the president, would be considered in private. Continued on Page Three.

## PRACTICAL BROTHERHOOD SHOWN BY EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL G. T. R. CARSHOPS

Unanimous Decision To Accept Three Weeks' Work a Month To Aid Fellow-Workers Recorded by Vote Taken On Monday Night—Not First Time Similar Action Has Been Taken.

The spirit of brotherhood often adorns a panacea for the unrest and the sins of this old world, was manifested in a practical form on Monday night, when at a meeting of the Carmen's Union in the local Labor Temple the employees of the local G. T. R. carshops voted almost unanimously to work only three weeks out of each month from now on, in order to protect 20 per cent of their number from losing their jobs.

Owing to the retrenchment policy of the railroads, especially of those government-owned, it was decided recently by the officials of the G. T. R. that the shops in all parts of the system must be closed for one week out of each month or the staff were to be reduced. The men were asked to decide which course should be adopted. To settle the question a mass meeting, attended by several hundred of the employees, was held on Monday. The matter was thoroughly discussed and debated, and when the vote was taken it was found that almost without a dissenting voice the men, the

majority of whom were sure of their jobs, voted to share their fortune with the younger employees who would suffer if the staff was reduced.

Beginning on August 19 the shops will be closed for one week. It was announced today, and this policy, it is expected, will be followed each month following.

It is not the first time that the employees of the carshops have voted to help their more unfortunate employees. Although the men last winter expressed their willingness to work shorter hours and a shorter week to assure work for all, cuts of 10, 15 and 20 per cent were put into effect from time to time. To help those of their numbers who were unable to find employment the members of the permanent staff established a fund supported by regular contributions, which was used to relieve cases of hardship.

As the result of Monday night's vote the carshops will be working eight hours a day, five days of the week and three weeks of the month until further orders.

## Foreigners Are Swindled Out Of Their Cash

Washington, Aug. 16.—Best estimates available at this time show that 5,735,000 persons are out of employment in the United States, Secretary of Labor Davis reported to the Senate today in response to a resolution calling for figures.

## THE WEATHER

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**  
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 77; lowest, 47. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 51.

**BAROMETRIC STANDING.**  
Monday—8 a.m., 29.5; 8 p.m., 29.37. Today—8 a.m., 29.35.

**TOMORROW—CLOUDY, UNSETTLED**  
Toronto, Aug. 16—8 a.m. Forecasts.