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JOHN M. PARSONS LOSES HIS CASE
CITY COUNCIL MAY SELL CITY HALL

Judge Middleton Says the Price Obtained Was a Fair One.

AN APPEAL IS LAUNCHED

Matter Will Hang Fire Until Some Time in January at Least.

At Osgoode Hall, this morning, Mr. Justice Middleton, who presided at the recent fall assizes, gave judgment, dismissing the suit of Mr. John M. Parsons against the city of London for an injunction to prevent the council from selling the city hall to the Royal Bank.

An appeal was immediately entered on behalf of Mr. Parsons by Jarvis & Vining, the latter's solicitors, and the case will be carried to a higher court. The application for leave to appeal comes up in January.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Middleton finds that the city of London bill of 1911 is sufficiently explicit to include that portion of the city hall site now used as a market. He further finds that the council acted with reasonable care in the matter, and that the price was a fair one.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 4.—The city of London may sell its city hall and the property adjoining it to the Royal Bank of Canada for $100,000 despite the attempts of Mr. John M. Parsons, a ratepayer of that city, to frustrate the city council.

Mr. Justice Middleton this morning at Osgoode Hall gave judgment in the case which was argued before him at London a few weeks ago.

His lordship dismissed the action on all grounds.

The case, which has been at Osgoode Hall before on various motions, arose from the point of the fact that Mr Parsons claimed the city had not the right to sell all the property inasmuch as ther was a passage through the city hall leading to the market place which the purchasers would close.

He further objected to the price as being too small and claimed that the Merchants Bank had been willing to pay a higher price.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Middleton says in part:

The Judgment.

"They, the council, received from the bank an offer for the property of $100,000, which upon the evidence I find to be not only a good price but a price equal or excelling what would reasonably be expected to be realized.

"The offer was made upon the express terms that it should be either accepted or rejected, and that it should not be made the basis of competition. The bank was ready to give that sum if at once accepted or to take a chance in open competition. The highest offer made for the property for some years was $85,000.

"There is some evidence that the Merchants Bank, after its rival had secured the site, would have given the same price for the building without the portion of the market place. This offer was only made after the council was bound in honor, and probably in law, to do business with the Royal Bank, and no binding offer was made by the other bank. Some experts, no doubt thought that $110,000 should have been received," but this is only an opinion against actual money."

A Rebuke.

His lordship at the same time takes the opportunity of rebuking those too zealous citizens who rush to the courts to interfere with the acts of municipal councils.

"Municipal councils are now recognized as occupying a far more important function than formerly. They have important legislative powers and are supreme both in legislation and administration, so long as their acts are not ultra vires.

"If the 'powers above,' to which municipal councils are to be subjected are the civil courts, then the courts have been steadily abdicating their jurisdiction and declining to sit a san 'upper chamber' of the municipal council and to interfere with the people through their elected representatives."

COUPLE ARE SAID TO HAVE ELOPED

West London Suburb Is Agog With a Sensation These Days.

POLICE ARE NOTIFIED

A Boy of Sixteen and a Woman of Thirty Are Alleged to Have Taken a Trip East.

An alleged elopement in which the names are mentioned of a boy of 16 and a young woman of 30, who is said to have a husband in England, has been reported to the police by relatives of the lady who reside in West London.

The story as corroborated by Mrs. Winson, of 16 Wilson avenue, West London, who is a sister-in-law of Miss Fanny Winson, the lady in the case, is to the effect that Miss Winson came to the city some weeks ago and took up her residence as a boarder at the home of Mrs. Winson.

While there she met Wesley Culbert, a Centralia lad who has been in London some time, as an employee of the D. S. Perrin Company.

Miss Winston left her brother's home on Saturday, stating that she had secured employment at a local store, but later in the day when her suitcase was missed, inquiry at the store elicited the information that she had not been heard of.

It was then discovered, it is alleged, that the Culbert boy was also missing, and the matter was reported to the police, who are working on the case.

It is reported that the couple left on the Grand Trunk for Kingston.

Mrs. Winson takes the matter very seriously, as she claims that she paid the passage out to this country for her sister-in-law and befriended her in other ways.

While here, it is alleged, that Miss Winson told her relatives that she had been secretly married to a young man in England, who holds a position as town clerk in a small municipality there. She said that she had left him to return to her mother's home, as the latter was an invalid and required attention.

Later she quarreled with her husband, she said, and took advantage of the opportunity to come to Canada.

Mr. Rowell's Meetings

Mr. Rowell will address meetings this week as follows:
Monday, Dec. 4—Woodstock, afternoon (after nominations); Innerkip (evening).
Tuesday, Dec. 5—Brantford.
Wednesday, Dec. 6—Sarnia.
Thursday, Dec. 7—St.Thomas.
Friday, Dec. 8—Palmerston.
Saturday, Dec. 9—To be announced later.

TURN IN BOOKS FOR YORK CASH

Ten Thousand Shareholders Who Have Not Yet Applied For Dividends.

BIG SUM AS A RESERVE

Over One Hundred Thousand Checks Sent Out by the National Trust Last Week..

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4. — As liquidators of the York County Loan, the National Trust sent out on Friday 102,000 checks to persons now residing all over the world, some of the checks having been directed to China, Japan, Austria, France and Sweden, whither shareholders have returned from their temporary homes in Canada. The amount of the dividend was $741,000, and the immense mass of postal matter required over $1,500 in postage.

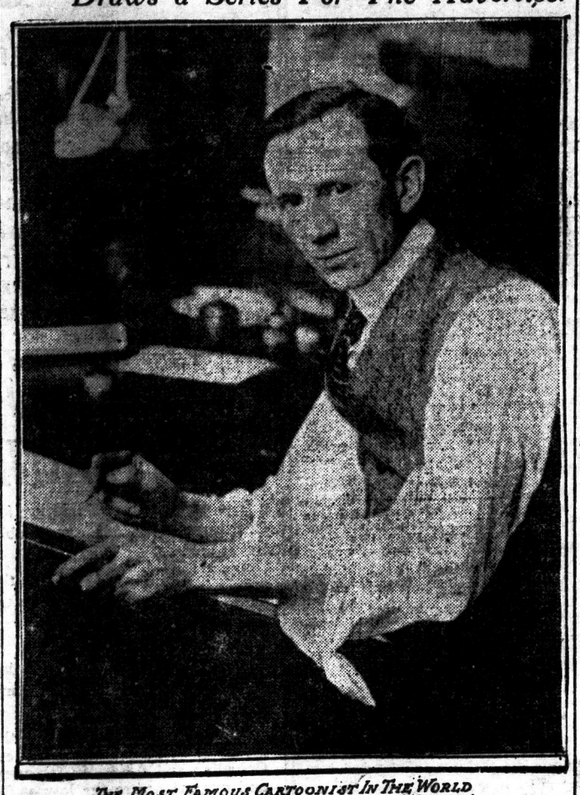
There are still about 10,000 shareholders who have never turned in their books and who have consequently received nothing. There is some $150,000 reserved for them in case their books turn up. Those who sent in their books have not all received their first checks because their addresses were insufficient. Checks for about $25,000 have been returned to the liquidator or have never been cashed. If the same proportion of bad addresses is found on the second dividend, this will add to the fund, as to the disposition of which an order must be made by the official referee.

It may have to be divided among the shareholders whose addresses are known. It is not too late for anyone who has a book to send it in. As soon as it is received their dividends, first and second, will be forwarded to them.

GANG LEADER KILLED.

Amoy, China, Dec. 4.—The leader of a band of roughs, which has been terrorizing the country in the vicinity of the city of Chang Chow, has been killed, and his followers dispersed. No resistance has been opposed to General Liu, who went from here to Chang Chow to restore order. The measures he has taken have been effective.

World's Most Famous Cartoonist Draws a Series For The Advertiser



THE MOST FAMOUS CARTOONIST IN THE WORLD
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The London Advertiser wishes to announce to its readers that it has secured the rights in this district for the cartoons of John T. McCutcheon, "the most famous cartoonist in the world."

Though Mr. McCutcheon is an American, his subjects are those that might just as well be chosen were he employed in the office of The Advertiser. They are known the world over because of their general interest. McCutcheon's humanity has become a national influence in the United States, and as will be seen by those who follow the service, there is nothing but that which goes to the hearts of the people in the pictures.

The first of the series will be published tomorrow, and the cartoons will be continued at intervals.

One can hardly pick up a magazine or large newspaper without seeing a McCutcheon cartoon reproduced. His work has commended itself to all classes, and The Advertiser feels that the cartoons will be a splendid feature for its readers.

MR. BECK BY ACCLAMATION BECAUSE SOMEBODY FORGOT

Mr. H. B. Ashplant Would Have Been a Candidate, But Time Limit Had Expired Before Persons Had Been Secured to Nominate Him—Returning Officer's Explanation.

Hon. Adam Beck might have had an opponent for his seat in the Legislature had not somt person forgotten when nominations closed. There is no doubt that Mr. H. B. Ashplant would have been a candidate.

Those who were behind Mr. Ashplant's candidature thought that they had until 2 p.m. to make nominations, when, according to law, the nominations closed an hour after Mr. Beck's name was submitted. To be exact, Mr. E. T. Johnston closed the nominations at 10 minutes after 1 o'clock, an hour and 5 minutes after Mr. Beck's name was put in.

"In the meantime, Mr. E. Spence and others were endeavoring to secure persons to nominate Mr. Ashplant, but the time had elapsed before they succeeded.

Intended To Nominate.

"Mr. Ashplant was to have been nominated," said Mr. Spence. "We did not know that the nominations closed so soon, and while we were endeavoring to get people to nominate him, Mr. Beck was declared elected. I am sure Mr Ashplant would have run."

In conversation with The Advertiser, Mr. Ashplant stated that he probably would have been a candidate.

"I declared myself on Saturday, that I would not be a candidate," said Mr. Ashplant. "I did so that I might not

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FROM A LITTLE BLIND GIRL.

Dear Santa: We take The Advertsr and noticed about Santa I am a little Blind girl 10 years old I dont care for toys for I can't see but would like some nice fruit or something nice to eat. My parens are working people My name is pearl
My address is 516 Talbit st

COUNCILLORS MAY HAVE TWO-YEAR TERM IN LONDON TP.

Electors Will Also Vote On Bylaw to Raise $50,000 for Bridges.

The London Township electors will vote on two important bylaws on Jan. 1—one to issue debentures to the amount of $50,000 for building bridges throughout the municipality, and the other to extend the term of councillors from one to two years.

At the meeting of the township council at Eastmount this morning, both bylaws passed their second reading without opposition from the members of the council.

The question of extending the hydro-electric lines through the township was not discussed at the meeting.

The bylaw providing for the extension of the councillors' terms, if carried, will come into effect in January, 1913.

HOUSE SURGEONS AND NURSES PLACED UNDER QUARANTINE

More Than a Dozen Employees of Victoria Hospital Are Being Watched.

More than a dozen employees of Victoria Hospital, including house surgeons, nurses and others, are in quarantine in the Isolation Hospital, as a result of what is believed to be an epidemic of diphtheria which broke out Sunday evening.

During the afternoon a number of those who were afterward quarantined, complained of feeling a soreness in the throat.

Nothing much was thought of the matter at the time until later in the evening some of those who had complained were taken with a high fever.

Examination of the throats showed that they were covered with little white spots. Those affected were at once ordered to the Isolation Hospital, and every possible measure taken to prevent the disease from getting a serious hold on them.

The Worst Is Over.

During the night many of those taken ill were in a high fever, and suffered greatly with their throats. It is believed, however, that the promptness of the treatment has been effective, and that the worst is over.

However, at the hospital today there are a number of temporary house surgeons and nurses on duty, and they will remain until the others return, which will not be for several days, as every precaution will be taken to prevent the epidemic spreading among the patients. No new cases were reported today, but a close watch is being kept, and any suspected cases will at once be given treatment in the isolated wards.

MERCURY DOWN TO 4 ABOVE SUNDAY COLDEST NIGHT YET

Weather Was Much Milder On the Same Date a Year Ago.

"Old King Winter" is "hoofing" it in this direction at a clip that threatens to break all speed records. Just when the weather of last week was wooing everyone into the belief that the "old gent" was giving this fair city a wide berth, along he comes with a brand that leaves no doubt as to what season of the year it is.

Last night was the coldest registered this season, the thermometer sinking to 4 above zero.

The highest temperature registered in the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning was 27.5 degrees.

The figures for the same date last year show that the weather was very much milder, the highest at that time being 29.5 ,and the lowest 17.5.

The coldest weather that London has experienced so far this season, with the exception of Sunday evening, was on Nov. 13, when the thermometer registered 13 above zero.

The Indications.

The weather indications show that evidently a cold wave has set in, and it is likely that the present cold spell will continue all week.

The weather in the western provinces has been very cold, but milder conditions are setting in there at present.

Ontario and Quebec and the Maritime Provinces are getting the cold wave at present, while it also extends into Michigan, New York State, and the northeastern parts of the United States.

Write to Santa Claus, Care of Advertiser

A large number of Santa Claus letters from London and the nearby towns and villages will be found on Page Ten of tonight's edition. More have been received, and will be published in plenty of time for Santa Claus to see them.

The Advertiser desires to have it known that in publishing the letters it is not promoting a charitable movement. As will be seen by the letters, practically all of them are from children in good circumstances. Any deserving cases will be placed in good hands.

For instance, half a dozen persons called on The Advertiser this morning, volunteering to take care of the case of one child whose letter indicated that its Christmas might not be a cheerful one.

Read the letters on Page Ten today, and have your children address their letters as follows:

SANTA CLAUS,
Care THE ADVERTISER,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Liverpool, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Celtic, from New York.

Plymouth—Called: Oceanic, New York.

New York—Arrived: Cedric, Liverpool; Campania, Rotterdam.

Southampton—Arrived; Philadelphia, New York.

Gibraltar—Passed: Perugia, New York.

Halifax—Arrived: Empress of Britain, St. John; Megantic, Liverpool.

St. John—Arrived: Victorian, Liverpool.

Montreal—Arrived: Bray Head, Belfast.

Sable Island, Dec. 4.—The steamer Olympic, from Southampton for New York, was in wireless communication here when 1,430 miles east of Sandy Hook at 4 a.m. Dock about 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

N. OXFORD NOMINATES THE LIBERAL LEADER

Mr. Newton Rowell and Mr. Robert Lockart to Contest Riding for Legislature.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Dec. 4.—At the nomination meeting for North Oxford held at noon today, Mr. Newton W. Rowell, K. C., the Liberal leader, was nominated to contest the riding on behalf of the Liberals. Mr. Robert Lockhart was named by the Conservatives. There is no question as to Mr. Rowell's election.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.
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FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 4—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate winds; fair and cold, but some snow flurries.

Tuesday—Fair, with rising temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	27.5	4	Snow
Calgary	43	32	Fair
Winnipeg	22	20	Fair
Port Arthur	14	13	Cloudy
Parry Sound	12	4	Snow
Toronto	10	2	Clear
Montreal	10	0	Clear
Quebec	16	4	Clear
Father Point	14	10	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Since Saturday much colder weather has set in over Ontario and Quebec, while in the Western Provinces there has been comparatively little change in temperature.

BODY UNCLAIMED IN MORGUE MAY GO TO MEDICAL COLLEGE

Remains of George Vince, of Thorndale, Await Some One to Take Charge of Them—Man Apparently Had No Relatives or Friends in Canada.

The body of George Vince, an Englishman, lies unclaimed at Ferguson's undertaking parlors, and it will be turned over to the medical school if some person does not take charge of it within a reasonable time. So far as can be learned Vince had no friends in Canada. The only relative of which anything is known is his mother, who lives at Combe Lane, Croydon, Eng. The authorities will communicate with her at once.

Little is known of Vince's life. About six weeks ago, he was sent to Victoria Hospital from Thorndale. He had been employed by Dr. Armstrong for about a week, and his condition was such that he ordered the man to Victoria Hospital. He continued to get worse until last evening, when he died.

Inspector of Anatomy John Ferguson took charge of the remains, and they are at his undertaking parlors.

"Apparently the man had no friends in Canada," said Mr. Ferguson. "We will communicate with his mother in England, and find what is to be done with the body."

300 Horses Lost In Jersey City Fire

[Canadian Press.]

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 4.—Fire early today swept the plant of the United States Express Company here, stables and other buildings, occupying nearly a full city block, were burned, two hundred wagons and auto trucks being destroyed, and three hundred horses perished. Two firemen were seriously injured before the blaze was under control at 4:45 o'clock. The loss will probably reach $400,000.

DROWNED AT PRESTON

Ice Broke When Edwin Reidel Was Skating on River.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Preston, Dec. 4.—Edwin Reidel, aged 12, son of Peter Reidel, was drowned yesterday when as he was skating on the river at the Rock Brewery dam the ice broke. Although the remains were recovered in a few minutes, nothing could be done.

WELSH POET DEAD.

New York, Dec. 4.—William Jones, well known as a writer of Welsh verse, is dead at his home here following an attack of apoplexy, with which he was stricken at a church service on Thanksgiving night. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Jones was spoken of as "The Grand Old Man of Wales," and had been prominent in connection with endeavors to better conditions for immigrants.

MANY CANDIDATES PLACED IN FIELD

Hon. Adam Beck Elected by Acclamation for the City of London.

WARM FIGHTS AHEAD

Contests in the Middlesexes, the Elgins and the Lambtons.

Hon. Adam Beck was elected member for London in the Legislature at the nominations today. No other name was proposed.

Promptly at 12 o'clock, Mr. E. H. Johnston, returning officer, asked for nominations.

At 12:05 o'clock, Mr. Geo. White and Mr. T. W. McFarland moved and seconded the nomination of Mr. Beck.

At 1:05 o'clock, no other nominations being received, Mr. Johnston declared Mr. Beck elected by acclamation.

The meeting is supposed to be open from 12 o'clock until 2 p.m., but if there is no nomination within an hour after one man has been named, the law says that the returning officer must close the meeting.

The time elapsed when Mr. Johnston closed the meeting. He asked if there were any other names to be submitted, and receiving no answer, he settled the question as to who will be the member for London for the next four years.

No Speechmaking.

The gathering was extremely quiet. At no time was there more than 20 people in the city hall, and practically all of them were Conservatives.

Mr. Beck arrived at 12:30 o'clock, and remained until after the poll closed. He did not make a speech, merely thanking some of the prominent members of the Conservative party for an acclamation.

"I am not going to make a speech," said Mr. Beck "I am very much pleased that there was no contest."

Mr. H. B. Ashplant, who was mentioned as an independent candidate, had a short talk with Mr. E. H. Johnston, the returning officer, informing him that he would not be a candidate.

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EGGS ARE STILL GOIMG SKYWARD

Selling Today at 35 to 45 Cts. a Dozen, and Will Go Up to 50 Cts.

THE CAUSE OF THE JUMP

All Foods Are Up, and Eggs Are Naturally Sympathetic—Ten Cents For a Sandwich.

Eggs continue to advance in price with such activity that before long the bird that laid the golden egg may not be as much of a myth as is commonly supposed.

At present eggs cannot be bought in London at retail at less than 35 cents per dozen. All sorts of eggs, good, bad and indifferent eggs, readily bring 30 cents in crate lots.

The experienced buyer may be able to get nice eggs at 35 cents per dozen, but he is more likely to pay 40 cents.

Extra fancy eggs in the dairy hall on Saturdays sell at 45 cents per dozen, and it is almost certain that they will be 50 cents within a week or two.

Indeed it would not be surprising if eggs were worth an even five cents apiece before New Year's.

The ever popular egg sandwich, so dear to the heart and appetite of the lunch counter habitue, is also dear to his pocketbook, and can no longer be purchased for a mere nickel. Now the [illegible]ter diner is confronted by [illegible] possible advance on [illegible]dwiches to 15 cents [illegible]

[illegible]oking eggs may [illegible] the price of [illegible] and holiday dainties. [illegible]ity of eggs is apparently [illegible] season than in other [illegible] coupled with this fact [illegible] food prices and produce values [illegible] a trifle higher. With this coincidence of circumstances, eggs are bound to sell at high prices.

The Advertiser's Private Switchboard

The Adveriser has just installed a Bell telephone private switchboard, and with its own operator will handle all calls from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Advertiser is the first newspaper in London to take this progressive step. With several trunk lines entering the building, and with branches in all departments, these facilities will enable the public to immediately reach the person or department required.

DAY CALLS.

Call No. 3670 for all departments.

NIGHTS AND HOLIDAYS.

3670—Business Department.
3671—Job Printing Department.
3672—Editors.
3673—Reporters.