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CLAIMS CITY 'SIDE STEPS' \$21,000 REVENUE

Building Permits Break Record In City History

PRESAGES ERA OF PROSPERITY IN ALL LINES

Inspector Piper Announces Construction Figures Total \$1,255,945.

ISSUES 912 LICENSES

Expects Further Boom During Balance of June.

London's building program up to and including Friday, surpasses all previous years in the number of permits issued during a similar period, and is within \$163,525 of passing the record figure of 1921 for the first six months of the year.

That the 1922 building program will eclipse the 1921 record during the remaining 14 days of the month is the assertion of Building Inspector A. M. Piper.

Building permits issued up to Friday total \$1,255,945 for 1922. The record hung up in building during the first six months in any year here was that of 1921, when permits totaling \$1,419,470 were issued.

Other big years were 1913 and 1914, which set \$1,063,567, and \$1,128,715 respectively as the building total from January to June inclusive. Both these figures have been surpassed this year with fourteen days left in which to beat the 1921 record.

One record for London has been made this year, and that is in the number of permits for buildings issued by the inspector. This total up to Friday is 912, and the nearest approach this record was made in 1914 when 829 building permits were issued during the first six months.

So far this month 132 building permits have been issued compared to 124 issued during the entire month of June, 1921. These 132 permits cover a total estimated cost of work of \$208,500.

Among the most important building permits issued Friday are: W. J. Wilker for a 1½-story brick veneer dwelling on Colborne street, costing \$4,000; Mrs. R. Gash for a 1-story brick veneer dwelling at 29 Kensington street, to cost \$3,000; Pure Gas Company for a 1-story metal-covered storehouse on Quebec street, costing \$1,100; Imperial Oil Company for a brick service station on Richmond street, estimated to cost \$6,000; D. Eldridge for a 2-story brick veneer dwelling at 25 Bellevue avenue, to cost \$4,800; Mrs. Firlie for a 1½-story stone dwelling on Chesapeake street, costing \$3,900, and a felt and gravel roof for the Bank of Toronto on Richmond street.

LASS OF 10 YEARS PICKS POCKETS

Sydney, N. S., June 17.—A demure little miss apparently about 10 years old, a country lass, appeared at one of the city banks yesterday and bashfully asked a lady clerk if she might wash her face and hands in the rest room. Half an hour later she departed, sweetly thanking the staff for their courtesy. Later still the staff donned hats and coats for lunch, only to find pockets cleaned out of cash and valuables. The police were telephoned.

"Hm! Hm!" said the voice on the other end of the wire, "You're late. She's visited three other places since then, and we'll investigate your case in turn."

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; a few scattered showers; northerly winds and cooler tonight.

Sunday—Moderate winds; fair and somewhat cooler.

The disturbance which was over Wisconsin yesterday has moved to Southern Ontario, attended by moderate to heavy rainfall over Ontario and Western Quebec.

The weather has been generally fair and warm in the West, and with a little higher temperature in the Eastern Maritime districts.

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

High. Low.
Victoria 68 46
Calgary 50 32
Winnipeg 54 32
Pt. Arthur 52 32
P. Sound 60 54
Toronto 67 56
Kingston 68 58
Ottawa 68 58
Montreal 70 58
Quebec 72 56
F. Point 86 44
St. John 64 46
Halifax 76 46

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 75; lowest, 53. The official temperature for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 77; lowest, 63.

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.05.
Today—8 a.m., 28.99.

Mr. Mars Has a Date With Mother Earth In London Sunday Evening

MARS is going to take a close look at London tomorrow night. And by the same token, London citizens are going to take a close look at Mars—the closest since 1909!

By Sunday night Mars will be 8,600,000 miles nearer the earth than it was a month ago. Proving Mars as a speck certainly stirs up the stardust!

But you needn't fear Mars will skid at some celestial corner and knock a fender off the earth. For Mars will come within only 42,000,000 miles of the planet to which we hold title before he curves away again.

If Mars were to hesitate at that 42,000,000-mile mark while you traveled from here to there on an airplane about 200 miles an hour, he would have to wait 42½ years for you to arrive!

Medium Visits Mars.
Only one earth-being ever thought seriously of traveling to Mars. Captain Claude Collins planned to ride a sky-rocket thither. But he couldn't get a rocket large enough.

However, a famous French medium, Mademoiselle Helene Smith, claims she projected her soul to Mars. There she saw:

"Carriages without horses or wheels, emitting sparks as they glided by; houses with fountains on the roofs; a cradle having for curtains an angel made of iron with outstretched wings."

She also brought back the latest fashion notes from the Martians:

"The people," she said, "were much like the inhabitants of the earth, save that both sexes wore the same clothes—trousers, very ample, and long blouses drawn tight about the waist and decorated with various designs."

Their language had a pleasant intonation, according to the mademoiselle. Four words that she remembered when she came down to earth were:

Metiche, meaning Mr.
Metache, meaning Mrs.
Metaganiche, meaning Miss.
Kin'tche, meaning four.

BEGIN PARTITION OF UPPER SILESIA

Berlin, June 17.—Today was the first "moving day" under the partition of Upper Silesia between Germany and Poland. The ceremonies, which will continue for 24 days, include the exchange of the various administrative offices and the replacing of the civil service personnel.

When the ceremonies are completed the inter-allied commission's flags, which have been flying in the various centers, will be replaced by German and Polish standards.

TO ASK CITY FOR SEWERS REBATE

London North Ratepayers Claim Improvements Ten Years Too Soon.

Ratepayers of London North, not satisfied with the action of No. 1 committee of the city council, which has offered to extend debentures for the cost of sewers on Richmond, Regent, St. George and Huron streets ten years, held a mass meeting Friday night and decided to appear before the city council Monday night and urge that greater concessions be granted them.

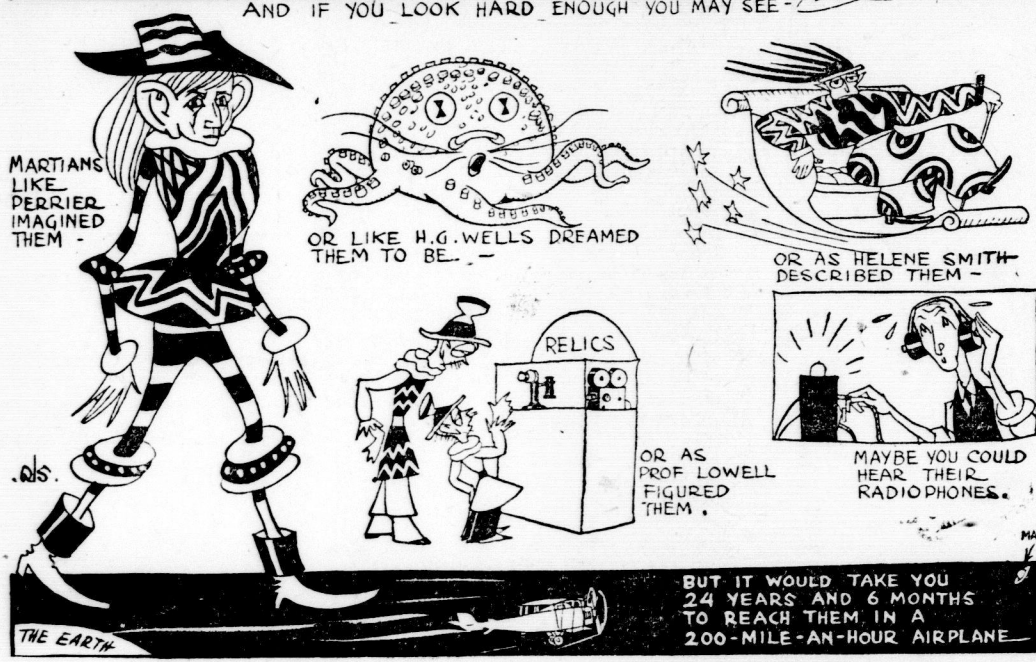
These citizens asked that the ordinary ten-year term of debentures for these sewers be extended twenty years, and that the cost of the Richmond street north pavement be spread over a 20-year term. The committee ignored the latter request but did recommend the 10-year sewer extension.

At the mass meeting Friday night it was decided to ask the city council for financial relief in the form of a 40 per cent rebate on the pavement cost, and a rebate on the cost of the sewers.

Those present at this gathering quoted the rebate granted ratepayers on the Pipe Line road as a precedent for their pavement request, and stressed the fact that the Richmond street pavement was laid against the wishes of the owners involved.

In the opinion of the meeting the pavement and sewers were laid ten years too soon.

MARS WILL BE 42,350,000 MILES NEAR THE EARTH—



But H. G. Wells evidently didn't think much of the psychic's description. In his "War of the Worlds" he said that the Martians resembled cuttlefish with round, gray bodies and "sort of faces."

Edmond Perrier, a Parisian scientist, constructed the most detailed picture of the inhabitants of our nearest planetary neighbor.

"Dreams are not a crime," he said, "and in this case contradiction is difficult."

The Martian, according to him, bore some resemblance to man, but had tremendous ears, a large chest and thin legs, with scarcely any neck at all.

The greatest exponent of the theory that Mars is inhabited was the late Professor Percival Lowell.

"The Martian folk," he wrote, "are possessed of inventions of which we have never dreamed. With them the telephone and kinetoscope are things of the bygone past, preserved with veneration in museums as relics of the clumsy contrivances of the simple childhood of the race."

But other scientists disagree. They think there is nothing but very little water and a thin layer of air on the planet.

"There has been absolutely no determination of life on Mars," says Dr. C. S. Brainin of Oxford University.

But Professor William H. Pickering of Harvard says that the weather there is fine—

Especially during the summer.

UNION MAY HURT THE METHODISTS

Winnipeg, June 17.—"As yet we have had no official interpretation of the resolution just passed by the Presbyterian General Assembly on church union, but if it turns out that the full extent of the union comes to be to explore the legal imports, Methodism will suffer a great sense of disappointment," declared S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, at the Manitoba conference here yesterday.

THINK MEMBERS BREED ANARCHY

U. S. Railroad Labor Board Majority Replies to Criticism of Minority.

Chicago, June 17.—Majority members of the United States Railway Labor Board, who yesterday ordered another \$27,000,000 slash from wages of the nation's railway workers, today replied to criticisms of minority members of the board with the charge that the dissenting members presented "incoherent arguments in a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the employees to strike against the decisions of the board."

The minority, constituting two of the three labor members, were accused of "sowing seeds of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy in Russia."

Yesterday's decision, which affected wages of 325,000 railway clerks, signalled a new era in the history of the industry.

JURY DISAGREES AS TO GUILT OF E. A. M'MULLEN

Deliberates Five Hours Before Informing Sarnia Court "There Is No Hope."

OPENS TRIAL OF AYERS

Crown Proceeds With Second Case in Wyoming Bank Robbery.

BY WILLIAM SHARMAN, Advertiser Staff Special.

Sarnia, June 17.—One lone jurymen yesterday saved Edward A. McMullen of London, alleged Wyoming bank bandit, from a sojourn in Kingston penitentiary.

After five hours deliberation, the jury at 8:45 Friday night returned to the courtroom and declared to His Honor Judge A. E. Taylor that they were unable to reach an agreement.

"This is a very expensive trial," declared the judge, "do you not think that if I sent you back you would agree?"

"There is absolutely no hope," replied the foreman.

Judge Taylor then formally dismissed the jurors and while Crown Attorney F. W. Willson requested that a new trial proceed at once, John M. McEvoy, K.C., of London, counsel for the prisoner, immediately requested that the supreme court be asked to make a "stated" case upon the question, thereby determining it, is explained, whether the testimony as to the prisoner's identification by H. S. Lambert, manager of the Wyoming bank and other members of his staff should be considered admissible.

While Judge Taylor announced that he would consider the request from the defence and announce his decision Saturday if possible, no reference was made to the question when the sessions re-opened this morning.

The case against William Ayers, another of the alleged bandits, is proceeding today, and while Mr. Bessie Hunt, the Wyoming widow, the only one of the crown witnesses who claims to have never been shown photographs of the suspects as at the Sarnia preliminary hearing ten days ago, declared the prisoner to be the one who had led the way from the bank with a gun in either hand, she did not appear to show to such advantage as on the first occasion.

Compelled to face the jury, Mrs. Hunt was subjected to a fusillade of questions by William R. Meredith and Norman Newton, counsel for the defence, and while she stated how she could not remember whether the bandit she saw wore an overcoat, she could not give any definite reason why she should recognize him again after several months. "I won't answer that question," she declared finally.

While Judge Taylor, presiding, advised the witness to state how she could identify Ayers, the question still remained unanswered.

William Westlake, the next witness called, identified Ayers also, and agreed with Mrs. Hunt that he led the quartet from the bank with a revolver in either hand.

It was definitely ascertained by The Advertiser, shortly after the return of the McMullen jury, that one man alone refused absolutely to say that he believed beyond all shadow of reasonable doubt that Edward McMullen was the man who directed the Wyoming robbery.

Retiring first to their room at 3:45 p.m., the jurymen returned to the court at 7:45 p.m., and asked to hear the evidence submitted by Dr. James A. Milne, London dentist, M. S. Lambert, manager of the bank, Vera McIntosh, clerk at the same institution, and Alpheus McKay, Wyoming undertaker and furniture dealer.

When Dr. Milne's testimony was read again the jurors announced satisfaction and retired again without hearing the evidence of the other witnesses, as requested.

There were but few spectators in court when the jury returned, and the prisoner appeared more cheerful than at any time since his first appearance in public following his arrest.

Throughout the evening, Mrs. Olive Myrtle Koehler, the crown's "star witness," awaited with impatience Turn to Page 3, Column 3.

Watch Car Back Up Block, Although Motor Set For Full Speed Forward

Baseball fans en route to the game at Tecumseh Park were accorded the unusual spectacle of a street car backing almost a city block, although all four wheels were revolving in the opposite direction.

Dundas street immediately west of the bridge in London West was oiled Friday. Street car No. 140, proceeding east, mounted the slight rise in the road west of the bridge quite easily, but a lone passenger caused the motorman to halt his vehicle on top of the incline.

The passenger boarded the car, and Mr. Motorman put on full speed ahead. To his surprise his vehicle proceeded in the opposite direction, with wheels spinning toward town.

The car backed almost a block before it stopped, the oil on the tracks reducing the grip of the wheels. Finally, after the tracks had been thoroughly sanded, the car mounted the incline and speeded over the bridge.

The crowd of spectators then proceeded to the ball game, their curiosity causing them to miss one inning of the league game.

Will Win Office



HENRY BERTRAM.

HENRY BERTRAM of John Bertram & Sons' Company, Limited, Dundas, Ont., will be elected second vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at the annual convention at St. Andrews, N. B., June 20.

Other prospective officers for the ensuing year are: President, John R. Shaw, Woodstock; first vice-president, C. Howard Smith, Montreal.

IRISH PRIMATE SEARCHED AT ULSTER BORDER

Cardinal Logue Experiences Third Hold-Up by Special Constables.

ALLOWED TO PROCEED

Ulster May Impose Penalty of Death For Incendiarism.

Belfast, June 17.—Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland, and his coadjutor, Archbishop O'Donnell, were again held up by members of the Ulster Constabulary last night, when their automobile was stopped near Newry by a patrol of specials.

The constables at first demanded the chauffeur's license, which he produced, at the same time informing them of identity of his passengers. The leader of the constables then ordered the prelates to alight and submit to search, to which they consented, although again giving their names. A number of bags in the car were searched and documents carried by the prelates were scrutinized, after which the party was allowed to proceed. This is the third occasion recently on which Cardinal Logue has been held up by constables.

Winston Churchill, British colonial secretary, following the second hold-up of Cardinal Logue, expressed regret in the House of Commons over the incident. He declared he had conversed with Sir James Craig on the subject, and that the Ulster premier desired him to say it was far from the wishes of the northern government that any want of consideration should have been shown to any high dignitary of the Catholic Church. Mr. Churchill also declared that "those concerned" had been officially rebuked.

IMPOSE DEATH PENALTY.
London, June 17.—The campaign of incendiarism in Belfast has become so alarming, says the Morning Post's correspondent, that when the Ulster Parliament reassembles on Tuesday, the northern government is likely to introduce legislation imposing the death penalty on persons convicted of setting fires. The writer ascribes the burnings to a plot to strangle the industrial life of Belfast by destroying manufacturing and business premises.

BURN LOYALISTS' HOUSES.
Belfast, June 17.—Four men and one woman were shot dead and two men were wounded this morning in the vicinity of Bess Brook, known as County Armagh's model village. The houses of three loyalists were burned. The affair is thought to have been in reprisal for the shooting of two men on Wednesday, one of whom lived in Bess Brook.

It is believed that two gangs participated in the massacre. The firing and explosions were plainly heard in Newry. Those killed were a man and his son, shot through the head, an aged couple who were slain together, and a young man.

RETURNS EXPECTED TUESDAY.
Dublin, June 17.—Complete returns from the election of 1922 are expected Tuesday.

Deny Delorme Tore His Collar From Throat

MONTREAL, June 17.—It was ascertained this morning that Adelard Delorme, who suffered slightly from a wound sustained at the conclusion of yesterday's court proceedings, had quite recovered and was now in his usual health at the county jail.

One report had it that the prisoner had torn his collar from his throat, and had vomited violently, but this is denied by officials, who explained that Delorme always removed his collar before being taken back to the jail from the court house, and that while the heat and close atmosphere of the court had slightly affected him for a few minutes last night, the accused man had quickly regained his composure.

ALD. ASHLANT BLAMES MAYOR FOR CIVIC LOSS

Charges Councillors With Lack of "Backbone, Sand Or Intention."

INSISTS WORK BLOCKED

Points Out \$200 Would Obtain Mandamus in High Court.

Asserting that the city of London is being deprived of a revenue of \$21,000 on exempted property in the annexed district every year, which can be collected in school taxes, according to the written opinion of City Solicitor Meredith, Ald. H. B. Ashplant charges that Mayor Cameron Wilson is to blame for the loss.

Ald. Ashplant further charges certain members of the city council, with lack of "backbone, sand or intention" of collecting these taxes, and states that any citizen prepared to guarantee \$200 for court costs can obtain a mandamus to have the \$21,000 collected.

"The court of revision and Judge Talbot Macbeth have plainly shown that the annexed property is liable," declared Ald. Ashplant Saturday. "If the city council had not obstructed the execution of the duties of the civic officials the tax would now have been collected."

"The city solicitor's opinion shows that this property is liable for the 14 mill rate school tax. Now it is left to such citizens as feel so disposed to get together at this end of the city as they are paying \$21,000 more than they would have to pay if the annexed districts were properly taxed."

"It would cost \$200 to take this thing to the high court for a mandamus. They seem to be waiting for me to take the lead."

"There is \$150,000 assessment in rough figures, of exempted property not assessed at all in the annexed district. That is the interest I have in this property is liable to school tax, which totals about \$21,000 per year."

"Secondly,"

"The city solicitor advises that all property in the annexed district is liable to a fourteen mill school rate, totaling thousands of dollars in taxes. Although I never advocated that, it is up to someone else to go after that legitimate revenue."

"A person building a residence in the annexed district now pays full taxes on the assessment of the city assessors, while factories and other exempted property pay nothing. One firm, the largest in the district, pays taxes on about \$1,500, while the assessed value of the premises is more than \$200,000."

"Because of Mayor Wilson's attitude," the alderman further alleged, "these interests pay nothing in school taxes. I am not after those who pay fifteen mills now, although the solicitor rules, as I have maintained, that they can be made to pay the school tax."

"What I am after is the taxes that the city is entitled to from the property in the annexed district paying nothing now, nor since annexation."

TRAIN HITS AUTO; TWO DEAD.
Cobourg, June 17.—Robert Sculthorpe and a man named Dawson were killed and Harry Rowson, all of Port Hope, Ont., was injured when the automobile in which they were driving was struck by a Toronto-Montreal flyer at the G. T. R. crossing during the thunderstorm of last night.

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