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#### The Reason For It.

A tourist from far-off Texas pulled his car up close to the curb in London on Tuesday Liberal nomination is that he can see no reason shortly after one o'clock. He wanted to know why the Progressives and Liberals should divide what the crowd was doing. A man driving a truck, who had also paused in his rounds for a point of vantage on the street, told him in three for years brought strength to Liberal governwords, "Sir Adam's dead." And the Texan ments from the rural ridings, and were in this asked who he might have been. Once more the way able to wisely interpret the needs of Cananswer: "He built the sanatorium out at Byron, ada's basic industry to those who were charged and I was in it and got cured."

been told that Sir Adam developed electrical lems of the people of South Oxford and is well energy at Niagara Falls so that the people might have power and light at cost price. He was an observant stranger, for he remarked: "Well, they're all here today, the high hats and the homespun."

He was right. London never paid such tribute to a departed son; never before was there such a gathering of premiers, cabinet ministers. leaders in national life, captains of industry, those whose capital is computed in dollars and those whose capital is figured in their capacity e plant as lines between this man and that had disappeared. It was as though the city had poured forth its men and women, its boys and girls, all of them eager by personal attendance to pay mute homage, to add some small quota to the sum total of genuine grief that had gripped the hearts of the people.

There must have been a reason for this. There is, and it is that Sir Adam built greater estates for the people than he constructed for himself. When he and Lady Beck undertook the erection of Queen Alexandra sanatorium at Byron there was nothing selfish about it-it was expression of a desire to provide a place where those threatened with tuberculosis could fight for health with some reasonable prospect of victory. It put new hope into lives that were facing defeat, and the hundreds who have passed through the sanatorium and the hundreds who will go there in years to come have been and will be living witnesses to the humanity and thoughtfulness of the late Sir Adam and Lady Beck.

Had Sir Adam organized a private company for the exploitation of Niagara power his passing would have been regarded as the departure of a successful promoter, a keen businessman. Instead of that his death is referred to as the loss of a public benefactor and a friend of the people.

Sir Adam could undoubtedly have succeeded as a private promoter in the development of extremely practical; he knew enough to surround himself with competent executives; he colossal piece of cheek." of dollars. Yes, he had the qualifications that it, but reverse the tables, and send 125 people road toward what we call success.

property of the people, and not of Sir Adam did land the reception accorded them would terian church there: "What Is Hell Like?" associated in private enterprise. As in the United States would look upon it as a rank erection of the great buildings at Byron, his piece of impertinence, and it would be resented hydro accomplishments are for the use and profit as such. of others, and therein is the explanation of the has ever paid to the memory of a distinguished are excursion trains leaving New York each ket. This is another red-letter sign of returning

### The Sixth to Fail.

Gertrude Ederle, the eighteen-year-old American girl, did not swim across the English channel. She had to be taken from the water twothirds of the way across. She makes the sixth woman to attempt the task, but to fail in its accomplishment.

France, some seventeen or eighteen miles. There the dominion. are many swimmers who could do that distance. but the tide must be considered and so must the currents of the channel, and the actual distance to be covered is almost thirty miles.

Men have crossed the channel, but women the thrill of a lifetime. have not. The failures of those who have attempted it simply beckon others on to come and test their strength and endurance.

it's nonsense for a woman to attempt such a they are going to put the cars on a track. thing. It may have urged that it was nonsupreme attempt, that has battered down doors deaf ear. that have been apparently closed in all walks

The fact that no woman has yet been able to swim across the channel, and that many bedrooms and eight bathrooms. Occupants of competent critics express doubt that it can be the other twelve rooms can wash in a tin dish done, means that others will come along and at the woodshed door. try it. Some day a woman swimmer will probimpossible will have become possible. It gen- of the Canadian dollar is due to the general derd and forty-five members in the house, inably crawl out of the water at Dover, and the erally works out that way.

## In South Oxford.

This seat has Liberal tradition behind it, in ditions in Canada."

that it gave to the country the services of the late Sir Richard Cartwright, who was elected there in the contests of 1887-91-97 and 1900. It returned Liberal members from the time of Confederation up to the reciprocity election of 1911, when it went to Donald Sutherland, the present member, by a margin of twenty-four votes. Liberal members returned from South Oxford include the names of such stalwarts as E. V. Bodwell, who held the seat from 1867 to 1874; James A. Skinner, 1874-1882; M. S. Schell in 1904 and 1908.

In the last contest, Donald Sutherland won because the vote was split into three sections. Out of a total vote of 11,208 the present Conservative member secured 4,476; sc there were 6.732 who voted against him.

Warden Innis, the Liberal candidate, has had much to do with the Progressive movement in Ontario, and is still identified with that organization. His reason for accepting the their forces, when they have more things on

which to agree than disagree. Warden Innis is the type of candidate that with the important duty of shaping national Had the stranger asked others he might have policies. Mr. Innis knows intimately the probqualified to represent them and express their views at Ottawa.

#### Something Definite Needed.

Sufficient importance has not been attached to the work of the traffic commission in London. True, that body, as well as the police commission, makes and remakes parking regulations, but that is not sufficient. We need something definite to regulate the cars that do a day's work. The little barriers that we are moving far more than we do more regulaaild between people, and the small hedges that tions for those that intend to stand still for a

Broadly speaking, the only supposition is that the driver on the right has the right-ofway, but when it comes to practice that rule amounts to nothing at all. Very often it is the driver who gets to the corner first and signifies his intention to keep on going who has the right-of-way.

London needs "through" streets, and there are thoroughfares carrying so much traffic that they should be know as "stop" streets. Take Waterloo street, as an example. It is, although not so designated, a "through" street; along following were the rinks: London-Udy, Blabe nothing definite to determine the right-of- Raymond, Gardner, Millman. way, except the old theory, that the driver on the right is supposed to have the preference.

cut and definite. We need to have a careful 64; J. Ferguson, 57; D. Steinhoff, 52; J. Oliver, survey of the city with the view of getting 51; F. Harrison, 51; A. Steinhoff, 49; J. Armitt, away from this "think-so" business and putting 47; R. Robinson, 47; J. K. Morris, 46; W. Kitchin force a reasonable degree of regulation. It ing. 43; C. Harrison, 35. should be done quickly, because it has been under way long enough now.

### Can Find Work at Home.

Britain, 125 of them, with the idea of preaching Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell. City to which he might have turned his hand. He prohibition to the people there. Some of the o which he might have turned his hand. He British papers do not take kindly to the idea on the local boxessed in generous degrees the very qualities British papers do not take kindly to the idea on the local boxes and was granted permission, one of the local boxes and local boxes. "big businessmen." He was visionary and yet what they should do and why they should do it, the proceeds to be devoted to the furnishing of

That is probably an extreme way of putting would have carried him a long way down the from Britain to the United States to tell the republic how to enforce law and build up a respect for it. In the first place it is very doubtpowers to build an estate that would be the ful if they would be allowed to land. If they seeing the following notice in front of a Presby-Beck and those with whom he might have been not be cordial, because the residents of the

their efforts first on the people at home. There sixteenths of one per cent in the New York marweek-end for Montreal, plain, open booze specials, prosperity. and thousands travel thereon. These U. S. speakers might very well pluck the mote out of their own eye before attempting to operate on the eyes of others.

## Note and Comment.

There's one chap in town who can't keep the weeds out of his own backyard, but he It is not far from Dover to Cape Griz-Nez, knows how to run the city, the province and

> Only two houses have been destroyed by fire in Galt in the last 35 years. Thus the small boys of several generations have missed

Peterboro is to have automobile races for the first time, and the Examiner of that city No doubt the remark will be made that hastens to add that the "first time" means that

pole in an aeroplane; nonsense to try to climb he's through with the business of rescuing cats sibly our preachers have fallen into the same Mount Everest. It's that sort of nonsense, that spirit that will not take a dare without a chief hears any cat calls, he'll simply turn a spirit that will not take a dare without a chief hears any cat calls, he'll simply turn a

> William Randolph Hearst, U. S. publisher, has purchased a castle in Wales that has twenty

Says the South Bend Tribune: "The climb prosperity of business in Canada and to the increase in export trade. Recent reports of better served if the number in the house could prosperity in Montreal, Quebec and Toronto de-prosperity in Montreal, Quebec and Montreal, James W. Innis, warden of Oxford, has ac- rived from tourist traffic from the United States cepted the Liberal nomination in South Oxford. have emphasized the soundness of business con-

# Weather Prophet

Where is the chap who wrote the stuff about cold weather for this year? I'd like to get my musket out and shoot rock-salt upon his ear.

I'd surely like to meet the jay who wrote about six months ago, when sleet was stickin' to our ohin and feet was stuck within the snow-'twas then he writ a piece to say no summer would be here at all, that we would have a backward spring and tumble henceforth into fall.

Just how he knew I never guessed, just why he wrote I do not know, but I've been lookin' round the town inquirin' of the way

For week on week great drops of dew have camped upon my noble dome, and there's been flies around the shop, and flies that dwell inside my home.

And when I look upon the probs to see the news what he has got, I find the message reads like this, as how she will be dry and hot. And next day, too, I grab the page to see if some relief be nigh, and see that for the next day come the weather will be hot

And when I grouch about the heat and say it's 90 at the door, the weatherman he says nay, nay, it's not but touching eightyfour, and then he says my ways are old and tainted with stupidity, because it ain't the heat I feel but just the durned humidity.

But drat the jay that wrote the stuff about the weather for July, how that there wouldn't be no heat, no sun a-blazin' in the sky-how that in August I would go with blankets wrapped about my knees, and at the noontide hour my spine would shiver in the northern breeze.

Instead of that I cook all day and stew upon my trundle bed, I sit upon a cake of ice and tie another on my head.

If other prophets come along and tell me trashy tales, forsooth, I'll bounce a crowbar on their head and part them from their middle tooth. For I had bought ten flannel shirts to keep me from the freezin' air, and as I sizzle in the heat I've nothin' else that's fit to wear .- ARK.

# 25 Years Ago Today

London bowlers played in Woodstock. The with Talbot and Richmond, but more particu- keney, Spry, Kent; Powell, Sutherland, Weld, larly the latter, it is the logical route for north Stevenson; Riddle, Gartshore, Herbert, Carrie. and south traffic. If a car on Queen's avenue Woodstock-McKay, Pathullo, Scarff, O'Grady; E. met one at the corner of Waterloo, there would M. Karn, Wallace, Pascoe, D. W. Karn; Holmes,

The Melrose Rifle club made the following scores at their last shoot: E. J. Shaw, 75; J. goes back into the history of power The trouble is that there is nothing clear- Harrison, 66; T. J. Murphy, 65; J. A. Clare,

The street railway track on Richmond street is being double-tracked between Oxford street

and the C. P. R. crossing. The regular meeting of the board of works took place last night, those present being Ald. United States "dry" advocates have invaded Winnett (chairman), Brener, Dreaney, Gerry, tion of \$34,700, there has been paid out \$28,098. to take up a collection at the next band concert.

# Editorial Opinion

#### A WARM INVITATION. (Brantford Expositor.)

A young visitor in Toronto recently reports

#### RETURNING PROSPERITY. (Brantford Expositor.)

The growth in Canada's export trade has sent The 125 United States speakers might try Canadian exchange up to a premium of three-

### NOT A FISH STORY.

(Vancouver Province.) British Columbia visitors to the Ascot races were thrilled with local pride when a horse named Salmon Trout won one of the leading

### STREET CAR HABITS.

(Mail and Empire.) Women may smoke in the rear sections of trailers of Detroit street cars. Day by day, in every way, the rear sections of trailers of Detroit street cars are becoming more like everywhere else.

### ARE SERMONS TOO LONG?

(New York World.) The most eloquent sermon ever preached contains less than 2,500 words and can be read aloud in fifteen minutes. It was preached by a carpenter, from a mountain, and seems an excellent model. Indeed it gives a hint on this very subject. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think they The chief of the London fire department says shall be heard for their much speaking." Pos-

### A WISE GOVERNOR.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.) The governor of Arizona refuses to extradite a man wanted in Texas for making liquor. It must be pretty good stuff.

## SHOULD CUT THE HOUSE.

(Western Producer, Saskatoon). Next session, if there happens to be an election in the meantime, there will be two hunpresent. The interests of the country would be justify the machinery used to do it. It is not good business to use a ten-thousand-dollar threshing machine to shell a bag of peanuts.

# THE PASSING OF SIR ADAM

Editors of Western Ontario Papers Mourn the Death of Public Benefactor-Public Service Was the Passion That Led Him On To Success.

voice their appreciation of the ful practical realization." references made to the worth of Sir Adam Beck. It was Western Ontario of this district were in a position to speak because they knew the man and the work he had done.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal the sense of personal loss. In his early advocacy of Niagara development, St. Thomas was given a place; the electrification of the L. & P. S., the building of the station, and the beautifying of the grounds made St. Thomas regard Sir Adam almost as townsman. The Times-Journal oncludes: "In his passing, we feel that we have lost a friend-the kind of a friend who rejoiced with us in our victories, great or small, and consoled with us in our sorrows, no matter how minor their importance. It is little wonder that a man who could be so human was able to climb to the highest pinnacle of fame and in small things that enabled him to all classes." accomplish great things."

THE Hamilton Spectator recalls I some of the fights that were centered in that city, when Sir Adam showed himself to be a "strange mixture of ruthlessness and tenderness, a two-fisted fighter, who neither gave nor asked for quarter . . . . and yet such was this man's personality, it is doubtful if he ever made a lasting enemy. You might take issue with Sir Adam Beck's policies, but you had to respect the man, even when he was peeling the epidermis from you, inch by inch, by his lashing tongue on the public platform. The Spectator adds: "Sir Adam had a remarkable hold upon the hearts of the people of Hamilton, and it is fitting that the remains of the man who did so much for this city should be interred here beside the body of his beloved wife. There will be no more revered plot in Hamilton ceme-

tery than that in which Sir Adam

and Lady Beck sleep the sleep that

passeth understanding."

HE Kitchener Record refers to I Sir Adam as "Western Ontario's best friend," and classes him as "the benefactor of Ontario." The Record development and says: "Waterloo county may well be proud of the fact that three of its sons are intimately connected with the initiation and early development of hydroelectric power. It was E. W. B. Snider of St. Jacobs who had the first vision of the public benefits to be obtained; it was D. B. Detweiler of Berlin who took the steps which resulted in the idea taking practical form, and it remained for Adam Beck of Baden to supply the energy and management necessary to plan and

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ITIZENS of London, were they | construct the monster enterprise and able to do so, would readily to see it brought to a most success-

taken to bring about the develop- a popular leader so passionately dement of Niagara power for the people, and in so doing giving generous gives first place only to London in praise to the part played by Sir as he was, and adds: "Sir Adam did not attempt and did not possess the suavity with which some men secure success. From early manhood he was cast in the mold to carve his own way, and this he did with the greatest self-reliance in whatever he undertook. With exceptional ability to supplement his own confidence, the inevitable success was a notable and noteworthy career. In the handling of hydro affairs, true to his nature, he was prone to be dictatorial, but it was a dictatorship without self-interest and born of the sincere desire and determination, on to the highest philiagle of fame and behalf of the common good, to fur- township, was run into from the rear public rights. It was his humanness nish cheap light and cheap power to

> T HAT Sir Adam created a great enterprise for the people, and that it must be continued and developed on the same lines is the idea Herald. The Stratford paper conwill must be carried on and still companion, further developed. As the years progress it will be seen that Sir fied of the occurrence, and his genius, is really one of the world Arnold on Wednesday.

> > Headache Neuralgia

T HE Hamilton Herald says that to few great men has it been given to see the fruition of their efforts as was granted to Sir Adam. "He lived to see his dreams realized far beyond his expectations, almost all his predictions fulfilled, and his early opponents silenced." Public service, the Herald considers, was the one thing that became an obsession to Adam Beck. It was western charled that knew him best, and the papers that knew him best, and the papers T HE Brantford Expositor, after Sir Adam. "Very seldom," says the various steps Herald, "has there arisen in Canada voted to the public weal as was Si Adam Beck. Public service was to him as the very breath of life."

wonders of the past two decades, and

Wallaceburg Youth Alleged To Have Caused Serious Accident.

ing on the 17th concession, Chatham by a car driven by Robert Harron. The horse-drawn vehicle was carried a distance of 100 yards. Other occupants of the buggy were Miss Lela Templeton, Mrs. Collins, a daughter of Mrs. Templeton, and her son, of Orangeville, who are on a visit. Mrs. Collins was thrown into the ditch expressed by the Stratford Beacon- and received a nasty cut on her head and other occupants were badly tinues: "Sir Adam's work has not shaken. Without stopping to render ended. When he created through his any assistance, Harron, who is a clear-sighted vision and indomitable Wallaceburg young man, and his companion, Oliver Churcott, jun., drove on. Provincial Constable Oliver, of Wallaceburg, was noti-Adam Beck merely paved the way. local police investigated the facts, The great hydro-electric system of this province, largely the product of the will be brought before Magistrate. Harron early on Tuesday morning He will be brought before Magistrate

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