

## WEST LONDON HURLS ATTACK ON ADVERTISER BY MAYOR AND FREE PRESS BACK INTO THEIR FACES

Newspaper and Mayoral Opponents of Breakwater Launch a Boomerang—Offensive Articles Quickly Withdrawn After Sentiment Is Aroused.

### PROGRESSIVES AND OTHER RESIDENTS QUICK TO PRAISE THE ADVERTISER

For some time The Advertiser has sought to bring before citizens what it regarded as one of the first needs of the city—adequate breakwater protection for West London. Interviews with citizens—genuine interviews—have been the basis for the agitation.

#### PRESENT BREAKWATER INADEQUATE.

Recently an article was printed in which the statement was made by a well-known scientific man that in case of cloudburst or any unusual occurrence to cause the River Thames to rise abnormally, the earthen breakwater would not provide protection. West London has had one experience with floods that will never be effaced from the memory of its residents, and every resident feels that his home should be protected, and is ready to pay for it.

#### BOTH WAR AGAINST THE BREAKWATER.

Mayor Graham, whose attitude toward the breakwater proposal is well known to West Londoners and the Free Press, which is willing to sacrifice any needful work on the altar of electrification, Wednesday night attempted to discredit The Advertiser in the eyes of West Londoners by minimizing the situation and endeavoring to prove that The Advertiser sought to injure West London. It is worthy of note that after Free Press reporters had learned the sentiment in West London in the matter the articles were taken out of the morning edition of the paper. The interviews and statements accompanying will show the feeling of West London in the matter.

## SLANDERS OF THE FREE PRESS BRING SHARP REBUKES AT MEETING OF PROGRESSIVES

A Free Press Reader for Twenty Years Says The Advertiser Has Done West London More Good Than Any Other Agency.

Following an article in which The Advertiser was violently attacked by the Free Press on Wednesday evening, the members of the West London Progressive Association, at the meeting held the same evening, accused the Free Press of attempting to make a political issue out of the endeavors of The Advertiser to obtain a permanent protection for that section of the city from floods.

Mr. A. E. Pocock, secretary of the organization, brought the attention of the meeting to the articles in the Free Press of Wednesday evening.

"I would like to ask the residents of West London who are present tonight what they think of these articles," he said. "The Advertiser has been frequently commended by this association for the work they have done towards the securing of a breakwater, yet the Free Press accuses its contemporary of attacking and doing harm to West London."

"A Scurrilous Criticism." "Such an article I class as a scurrilous criticism, and I think the Free Press is attempting to make a political issue out of the endeavors of The Advertiser. The assertions made in the Free Press this evening are entirely foreign to the intentions of The Advertiser."

"There is no doubt," he continued, "but

what The Advertiser has done a lot of good for West London during the agitation for a permanent protection against floods. Property in West London was never in better shape than at the present time, and this is due to the fact that we are hopeful of obtaining a breakwater, but it is impossible to obtain a loan on West London property at present from any of the banks because of the danger of a flood.

"Despite the vain attempts of a Free Press representative present at the meeting to belittle Mr. Pocock's statements, the members of the association, with the exception of the Free Press, Mr. Pudney, agreed with the speaker. On several occasions when the Free Press was being criticised the chairman attempted to apply the gag, but was unsuccessful."

"What a F. P. Reader Said." Mr. Churchill said that he had been a reader of the Free Press for nearly twenty years, but that that paper had not done much for West London. "The Advertiser has done more good for West London than our Progressive Association, the city council and the Free Press combined. It would be a good thing if the residents of West London would boycott the Free Press because of its actions."

The chairman again applied the gag, and at his suggestion the stand of the two newspapers was dropped from the discussion.

## GOOD, NOT HARM, BEING DONE FOR WEST LONDON

The Advertiser's Efforts to Secure Breakwater Commended by Many Prominent Residents of District.

Residents and ratepayers of West London do not appreciate the attack made by the Free Press on the efforts of The London Advertiser to show the people of the city the absolute necessity of a permanent and safe breakwater to protect the homes and lives of residents of that section.

A canvas of ratepayers and residents of West London was made by an Advertiser representative, the citizens being selected indiscriminately, and in every case they said that they appreciated the efforts on behalf of The Advertiser made for West London. They pointed out that property values were never higher than they are at present in West London, but that they could not receive proper value for their property on account of the insecure feeling of residents over the condition of the breakwater.

Following is what some of the people had to say:

"Showed the Crying Need."

Mr. D. Gilmour—"I certainly do not think The Advertiser has been hurting West London or had any intention of doing so. It simply showed the crying need of a permanent breakwater for this section, and that is what we need to do. West London must have a permanent breakwater, and I think The Advertiser has been doing all it can to get one for us."

"Unfair and Uncalled For."

Mr. W. V. Charlton—"I certainly do not think The Advertiser has been hurting West London. Rather do I think it has been doing a lot for us. Wednesday night, and I certainly think that it was unfair and uncalled for. We need a breakwater to protect our lives over here, and until we get one property will not advance to its proper value."

Foreign to the Sentiment.

Mr. E. A. Pocock—"I think the attack in the Free Press was quite uncalled for, and foreign to the sentiment of ratepayers and residents of West London. The Advertiser has

done all in its power to show the people the crying need of a permanent breakwater, and instead of being censured it should be commended."

"We Need a Breakwater." Mr. John A. Glen, 13 Blackfriars street—"We need a breakwater very much over here, and The Advertiser has been doing a lot towards securing one for us. I read the article in The Advertiser, to which the Free Press took exception, and I think it was very truthful. We certainly need a breakwater to build London West up."

Pay No Attention to It. Mr. George Finnigan—"I surely think The Advertiser has been doing a lot for West London. We need a breakwater badly, and you can rest assured that the people of West London will pay no attention to the attack of the Free Press."

Keep It in the Limelight. Mr. R. Collins, ice dealer—"I think the more you can keep the condition of the breakwater in the limelight the better chance we will have of getting a permanent and safe one. I certainly do not think The Advertiser is doing any harm to West London."

"Doing All in Its Power." Mr. George Churchill, builder and contractor, 194 Wharfedale road—"I do not think The Advertiser is trying to harm West London. As far as I can see The Advertiser is doing all in its power for West London. At the last meeting of the West London Progressive Association I suggested that if the Free Press did not do a little more for us that we stop reading it, but they never published it."

"Nothing Less Than Criminal." Mr. Erward Cushing—"In my opinion it is nothing less than criminal to allow the breakwater to stay in the condition that it is. I can't see why the people cannot understand. Building will not go on in West London until we get a permanent and safe breakwater. Until we do we will have to invest our money some place else. I certainly do not think The Advertiser has been harming West London."

#### HO! FOR BRANTFORD!

The London motorcycle fleet will embark Sunday for Brantford, 60 or 70 strong, where arrangements are to be completed for the big meeting of Ontario riders in May. At the present time there are nearly a hundred riders in London, and various outings for the summer are being arranged. The Sunday spin to Brantford will be the first big run of the season.

## 40 AUDITORS FOR THE BANKS

Chosen Yearly by General Managers, Subject to Minister's Approval.

### MR. WHITE'S PROPOSAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 8.—Finance Minister White today outlined his plan for bank auditing to the banking committee. The general managers of the bank would annually select 40 persons qualified to act as auditors and the names would be submitted to the minister for approval.

The proposal was adopted, subject to its being discussed later in the House. The bill was then reported.

#### BYLAWS CARRIED.

Calgary, May 8.—The ratepayers approved five bylaws at a special election yesterday, totalling \$876,160, and including the sunk sewers \$527,600, street railway equipment and extensions \$250,000.

## BIG CONCERN OF PITTSBURG IS LOOKING OVER LONDON

Representative Seeking Suitable Location for Branch Factory in Canada, and Is Favorably Impressed With Conditions in the Forest City.

The representative of a large Pittsburgh concern came to The Advertiser this morning to secure information as to the location of people who own their own homes. "His company is desirous of securing a suitable location, as at the present time it does in the neighborhood of \$100,000 business yearly in Canada, and believes it can greatly increase the amount and save duty by having a plant on this side of the line."

The gentleman was introduced to a number of prominent businessmen, who gave him a large amount of encouraging information regarding his line of business, and impressed upon him that for labor conditions such as he desired, London could not be equalled in Ontario. They were confident that he could not secure a better location, and that his firm would not find better transportation facilities any place in the country.

Not Seeking Favors. "We are not looking for favors of any kind," said the representative. "We are prepared to pay our way, and we have ample capital and would not ask for local contributions. I have been looking over other places, and

## Chimney Spark Fires Y. W. C. A. Building

Clergyman's House Sold for \$18,000

The Y. W. C. A. property on Wellington street was sold yesterday to Messrs. Selch & Smith, Montreal, for the sum of \$18,000. The buyer gave the Y. W. C. A. the privilege of remaining in the building until November, 1914.

#### GORED BY BULL.

[Canadian Press.]

Agassiz, N. C., May 8.—James R. Bean, a prominent farmer, who was fatally gored by a Holstein bull, died last night.

#### STEAMER WAS LOST.

[Canadian Press.]

Valparaiso, May 8.—The Italian steamer Armando arrived today at Punta Arenas, with the captain and crew of the Norwegian bark Brunel, which was totally lost, with her cargo of nitrate, on April 26, on the Pasture Peninsula, while on her way to the English Channel.

## WHITE PLAGUE FIGHT IS RETARDED BY FRIEDMAN

President of National Association Scores Alleged Cure as a Adverse Factor in the Real Work That Is Being Done to Wipe Out Tuberculosis.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, May 8.—"One of the adverse factors that are retarding the prevention of the white plague," was the characterization applied to Dr. F. F. Friedman's tuberculosis vaccine by President Homer Folks in his opening address today at the meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. "Nothing like the series of events," said the speaker, "when making the announcement of the Friedman cure in Berlin, has hitherto occurred in the tuberculosis campaign. Only those who have been engaged from day to day in inducing state and local authorities to appropriate funds can appreciate how vastly more difficult this task has been made in the last few months by the extremely effective press agents of Dr. Friedman. Thus far it has not been evident to me as a layman that any of those who have had to do with the subject in this country have won much credit. When the Friedman cure has taken its place and persistence has been forgotten, we shall remember those processions coming from everywhere whom the announcement of the cure summoned to our vision."

## FARMER'S BANK SHAREHOLDERS WANT PROMISE MADE GOOD

Ottawa, Ont., May 8.—A big deputation, representing shareholders and depositors in the late Farmers' Bank, came to Ottawa today and presented their demands to Finance Minister White and Premier Borden. They declared that they were entitled to reimbursement, and that they had been promised by Hon. Mr. Crothers that their loss would be made good. Hon. Mr. White stated that the question was one which involved many difficulties, but that every attention and consideration would be given to the request.

## CHARGED WITH STEALING AUTO

Two Are Said to Have Taken the Machine From a Local Garage.

### ASK FOR A JURY TRIAL

Peter Belcher, a chauffeur, employed at the Mitchell garage, and Ernest Hay, a companion, were charged in the police court this morning with stealing a Colby automobile, valued at \$2,600, from the former's employer on the night of May 6.

The jury was by jury on this charge, and a second charge of unlawfully taking a car from a garage with intent to operate it without the consent of the owner, was registered against them. The latter charge admits only of summary hearing, and the men pleaded not guilty to it.

Crown Attorney McKillop is undecided as to which charge to press, and is waiting for more information. In order to get this he asked for an adjournment and the young men were remanded until Saturday. The men are alleged to have taken the car from the garage on Tuesday night, and to have driven to Pottersburg, thence to the road from there to St. Thomas. Mr. F. G. Mitchell, the owner, claims that about \$150 damage was done to it.

The police were notified by him on Wednesday of the alleged theft, and word was sent out to the police of this section of the country, asking them to be on the watch for the men. It occurred, they were captured in St. Thomas Wednesday afternoon.

## WHITE SLAVERS BUSY IN CANADA

Moral Impurity Steadily Growing, Mrs. Gordon Tells National Council.

Urges Employment Bureaus in Cities, and Watching of Stations.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, May 8.—The prevention of the traffic in women was the principal subject discussed at today's session of the convention of the National Council of Women being held in St. James' Methodist Church.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, handled the report on equal moral standard and prevention of trafficking in women which showed that the operations of the white slavers had reached appalling proportions and covered the whole of the Dominion.

On this continent it had been estimated there were 300,000 "girls and women of the night" and for every one of them there were ten men of a similar character.

All over Canada, the life of the women was so short it required sixty thousand victims each year to supply the demand. Many of these victims came from Canadian homes. Moral impurity, she said, is growing in this country.

#### Costs \$125,000,000.

The moral reform committee of the Methodist Church in Canada estimated that the sum of \$125,000,000 was paid out in social vice. While concentrated work against the traffic was being done by the church, the report stated, the organization was better suited for the work than the National Council of Women with its 125,000 members, because women could be restricted to a vice area and men could range at large. It was necessary, she said, that should be punished more severely than women.

The men spread the diseases contingent on the traffic and doctors had proved that 60 per cent. of the operations performed on respectable women in the hospitals were the result of this class of trouble.

All over Canada, in the cities and the villages, the report continued, there were palpable evidences of the operation of the traffic and spread of disease.

#### Provide Honest Work.

As a practical suggestion for combating the vice, Mrs. Gordon's reports stated that a careful investigation of the condition under which the women lived must be made and honest work provided for them, because it was known that parents and environment were largely responsible for vice conditions. The church should do something to vary the monotony of village life for girls.

In the cities employment bureaus should be established and conducted in such a manner that girls coming in from the country would not fall into the hands of panders when they sought work.

#### Watch Stations.

The railway stations and docks should also be carefully watched, and the operations of white slavers there checked.

Mrs. Stead presented the report of the committee on feeble-minded. It said there were now six thousand in Ontario alone, and the numbers were increasing. Remedies recommended by the report were prevention of the marriage of the feeble-minded, medical and psychological clinics, Government institutions for the permanent care of mental defectives, stricter immigration laws and school classes for backward children.

## Graham Flour Must Be Labelled Properly

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, May 8.—Having learned that many so-called "graham flours" on the market contain the sweepings from the mill, and that they often contain "red dog," the lowest grade of flour produced, as well as bran and other by-products, the United States bureau of chemistry has defined true graham flour as "unbolted wheat meal made from sound, clean, fully matured, air-dried wheat." This is the result of an extensive investigation just completed.

The bureau holds that mixtures should be labelled "imitation graham flour." This distinction is not compelled by pure food decision, but is advised by the bureau of chemistry "to maintain the integrity of the trade."

## Regrets Slaughter of Estimates for Many Improvements

"We will have to get along as well as we can," said City Engineer W. Norman Ashplant today, referring to the wholesale slaughtering of the estimates of the engineering department and the board of works by the finance committee Wednesday, "but certainly we needed all we asked for to put the streets into proper shape, and new sewerage beds are badly needed at the sewerage farm. The entire underground drainage system is in a very bad condition."

MISS MARION BEAL, of London, Ontario, who won a scholarship at the nursing school of the John Hopkins University.



## OVER \$5,000,000 DAMAGE CAUSED BY SUFFRAGETTES

Bishop of London Scores Attempt to Blow Up St. Paul's Cathedral.

Leaders Say a Campaign of Greater Violence Than Ever Will Be Waged.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 8.—The damage to property in the British Isles caused by the militant suffragettes during the past three months amounts to upwards of \$5,000,000, according to the estimate made by the authorities at police headquarters in Scotland Yard.

To this sum they say must be added the increased cost of protecting lives and property. Three detectives have been assigned to watch over each member of the cabinet at all times, while all suspected persons are shadowed by plain clothes men, and all public buildings have been placed under special guard.

#### BISHOP OF LONDON.

London, May 7.—The Bishop of London, his voice betraying deep emotion, made a reference to the outrage at the Church Army service in St. Paul's Cathedral this evening—to the attempt made to wreck the cathedral with a bomb. It would be sheer want of gratitude, he said, if they did not first stand up after their thanks to God for taking care of his own cathedral against the machinations of the miscreant who tried to wreck it. We say in our way, in a human way, that it was only by accident that the lever of the bomb was turned by mistake to the right instead of to the left, or the chance would have been wrecked today, and therefore, those who set themselves to do the devil's work often cannot do that right; but we ought to look away from that, to leave that to the judgment of God, and to render thanks to him for his over-ruling providence in saving the cathedral and preventing, perhaps, many innocent lives being sacrificed.

#### MORE VIOLENCE.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 8.—The militant section of the British suffragettes intends to inaugurate a campaign of greater violence than has hitherto been used in order to avenge the defeat of the woman's suffrage bill in the House of Commons on Tuesday night and the prosecution of the officials of the Women's Social and Political Union, the central militant organization. The more advanced members of the fighting sisterhood promise vast acts of violence in the last few days are to be eclipsed by worse things to come.

Notes for Women, the woman suffrage newspaper, edited by Mr. and Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, says in its latest number:

"We see before the country a period of disorder such as has not been known for decades, perhaps for centuries. We see a prospect of violence being answered by violence in a terrible crescendo. We foresee the likelihood of crimes being sympathized with, if not condoned and approved by many of the most respected law-abiding members of the community."

#### Police Worried.

The police authorities are greatly concerned about the increase of violence and bomb attacks, which are being carried out which occurred at Tottenham, in the northeast of London, this morning. Like that, the bomb was discovered before it had time to explode. It was found by a caretaker outside the door of a pawnbroker's shop.

The authorities have secured evidence that many of the former constitution suffragettes have joined the militant body since the defeat of the woman's suffrage bill, and they say there is no way to tell who may happen next.

#### LEADER COLLAPSED.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 8.—"Gen. Mrs. Flora Drummond suddenly collapsed and fell in a heap on the floor of the prisoners' enclosure at the Bow street police court today, when proceedings under the malicious damage to property act were resumed against the seven militant suffragette leaders of the Women's Social and Political Union and their chemical adviser. She was practically carried out of court by a jailer and a wardress.

The revelations made during previous hearings had whittled the public appetite, and the court was filled to overflowing when the "conspirators" were brought in. They comprised, besides the "general," Miss Harriet Koor, Miss Agnes Lake, Miss Rachel Barrett, Mrs. Beatrice Saunders, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Laura Lennox and the analytical chemist, Clayton.

#### Planned Big Things.

Evidence was produced by counsel for the treasury, in which the accused advocated "big things," such as a general raid on the public letter boxes throughout the country, and the House of Lords. It was suggested that the attack on the peers could be accomplished by means of a suffragette typist, who could secure a position on the reporting staff of the Upper House.

According to Archibald Bodkin, the treasury counsel, a circular had been found in Miss Laura Lennox's residence, announcing the formation of a branch society called the "Y. H. B." This caused amusement when Inspector Lawrence, of Scotland Yard, explained that the initials stood for "Young Hot Bloods." The society was to be composed of the younger members of the Women's Social and Political Union, and no married women were eligible for membership.

#### All Were Bailed.

The case was adjourned until May 13, all the women being allowed out on bail of \$5,000 each owing to their condition of health.

"Gen." Mrs. Drummond had a collapse just before the adjournment.

## Raised \$4,778 to Help New London Seminary.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, May 8.—Complete returns of the collections taken up here on Sunday to aid Bishop Fallon in his seminary project show that \$4,778 was received. Bishop Fallon will continue his canvass through the district until \$200,000 is received.

## \$50,000 IS LOPPED OFF ESTIMATES FOR CITY IMPROVEMENTS

Finance Committee Cuts Out Some Needful Street and Sewer Works.

Street Cleaning and Many Other Items Reduced or Cut Down.

Despite the vigorous objections of Chairman Bennett, Ald. Saunders and Ald. Glass, of the board of works, the finance committee of the city council cut \$50,000 off the estimates of the board of works Wednesday night, reducing the estimates for streets and general improvements by \$17,755, lopping off \$18,226 for badly-needed improvements at the sewerage disposal plant, \$1,574 off the cost of repairing the department went off without much discussion, and the board of works were quite satisfied to have \$10,150 for Spencer block repairs block repairs eliminated. It was pointed out that this should come out of the city hall funds in reserve, \$55,000 being held from the sale of the city hall to the Royal Bank.

#### A New Breakwater, Then?

With the prospect of the West London permanent breakwater being built \$2,500 inserted as the cost of repairing the old breakwater was chopped off. The board of works had intended this alternative plan to be available for repairs to the Front street breakwater, but it went down before the finance committee.

Replanking of Oxford street bridge was cut out, the bridge accounts being reduced by \$1,574. York street bridge will be replanked, as will Adelaide street bridge leading to Chelsea Green, the West London bridge suffering on account of antiquity, which transferred the Chelsea Green bridge to the city. All three bridges need replanking, as the members of the board of works present pointed out, but the finance committee were bent on economizing.

#### Mayor Opposes It.

Street cleaning estimates cut to \$12,000, \$450 going off. The need of an additional filtering bed at the city sewerage farm was urged by Ald. Bennett. The amount of \$8,000 for the sewerage is running into the river unfiltered, Mayor Graham could not see that the new bed was necessary. The amount of \$4,000 for the sewerage farm equipment. The proposal was made to meet again with the board of works and further reduce their estimates.

#### LEGISLATURE CALLED.

[Canadian Press.]

Albany, N. Y., May 8.—The Legislature will be ordered by Governor Sulzer to meet in extraordinary session on Monday, June 16, at 8:30 p.m., instead of Wednesday, June 18.

#### THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR.

Forecast.—Toronto, May 8.—8 a.m.

Today.—Moderate easterly winds and cool today; a few scattered showers tonight.

Friday.—Mostly fair.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	49	22	Clear
Peterborough	56	30	Cloudy
Victoria	56	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	52	22	Clear
Port Arthur	54	30	Cloudy
Port Sydney	52	30	Cloudy
Toronto	59	35	Cloudy
Port Arthur	56	32	Cloudy
Quebec	54	30	Clear
Father Point	46	26	Cloudy

Pressure is low in the Pacific States. Elsewhere it is generally high. Fine, cool weather prevails in Canada, except that a few showers have occurred in the Lake Superior district.