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## Just Today

In West York.  
In Brantford.  
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### EDITORIAL

AS was expected, Sir Henry Drayton took the two Tory candidates in West York, bundled them off under the barn, and grabbed the nomination himself.

It was a splendid example of how the Meighen road-roller can work when it gets started.

The regular convention weeks ago chose Anderson. Another faction chose Wallace.

But the Tory machine chose Sir Henry Drayton at a time when it looked as though he were going to have nothing better than a seat on a park bench with winter coming on.

And so the manipulators simply knocked the head of Anderson against the head of Wallace, and handed the nomination over to Sir Henry.

It is a sad comment on the prestige of the Meighen Minister of Finance.

W. G. Raymond of Brantford surprised the government when he resigned as postmaster of Brantford to run for the Federal House.

It may have been regarded in the past that once a man got a government appointment he was through.

W. G. Raymond believes it is worth a big fight to serve Brantford in the Ottawa House.

He wants no perpetuation of a privileged class in Canada.

As one of the keenest students in Canada of British and world history, W. G. Raymond knows what this has meant to other nations, and he realizes the necessity of avoiding like happenings in Canada.

He wants no autocracy or tyranny that drive men to extreme measures.

W. G. Raymond is not a free trader, neither is he a protectionist for the sake of protection. He believes Canadian raw material should be developed and made into the finished article as nearly as possible in this country.

Liberals of Brantford know their man. They are taking no chance in putting their every last ounce of energy into the campaign to elect W. G. Raymond Liberal member for Brantford.

DOES Canada need Meighen? When we're at it why not ask more questions?

Let us deal with conditions as they are under Meighen rule.

Does Canada need thousands of men out of work?

Does Canada need powerful corporations paying taxes with promissory notes, while the less able citizen pays hard cash?

Does Canada need a yearly deficit of \$100,000,000 on her National Railways?

Does Canada need a tariff that protects the few and not the many?

Does Canada need to pay high freight rates when the pay of the men has been cut?

Does Canada need a Merchant Marine run at a loss, at present ready to do run-trucking to the West Indies?

All these things—desirable or undesirable—we have along with the Meighen rule.

So if Canada needs these things she needs Meighen. But not otherwise.

"MEIGHEN will lead you through," quoted the man on the street as he gazed critically at the melodramatic picture on the billboard depicting Our Hero rescuing Miss Canada, and bearing her through the breakers to a rocky shore.

"Well," commented the Man on the Street, "who piloted her into the breakers, anyway? Hasn't little Arthur been at the helm himself for the past two years?"

"Canada didn't need any rescuing when Laurier and Fielding were at the helm. And I reckon Mackenzie King still has the same chart and compass. It's a poor-looking shore he is leading her to, anyway. I'll bet there are pirates there."

# NOMINATE 7 IN MAYORALTY RACE

## City Bereft of Eminent Jurist and Pastor

### SUSTAINS LOSS OF 2 LEADERS IN CIVIC LIFE

Rev. William Sparling and Edmund Meredith, K. C., Pass Away Unexpectedly.

#### BOTH WERE WELL KNOWN

Minister Is Stricken Following Sunday Evening Service.

Rarely has the city of London had cause to mourn the loss of two of its most prominent citizens on the same day. Yet today London mourns for Edmund Meredith, K. C., who died at his home, 504 Colborne street, Monday morning, and Dr. William Sparling, who was stricken at the close of the services in the First Methodist Church Sunday night.

Both men were prominent personalities not only in the city, but throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Meredith was well known in London, having lived here throughout his life and having helped to build up the community.

Dr. Sparling, although he came to the city but six weeks ago, was already considered an outstanding figure in the city, and had begun to wield an influence on the trend of affairs in the community.

Mr. Meredith, who was in his 77th year, had been ill for some time, but his death was quite unexpected.

He was born in London, March 1, 1845, and was a son of the late John Cook Walsingham Meredith and the late Sarah Pegler. He received his early education in the grammar schools of the city, later attending Woodstock College.

Began Study of Law.

Upon graduating from the latter institution he began the study of law in the office of Scatcherd & Meredith.

After his admission to the bar, he practiced for a short time by himself, later becoming associated with his brother, the present Chief Justice R. M. Meredith.

Associated in law practice with Mr. Meredith were E. R. Cameron, the late George Dromgole, Judge J. C. Judd and Judge Moorehead, now of New York.

At the time of his death, Mr. Meredith was the senior member of the firm of Meredith & Meredith, of which his son, William, is the junior partner.

During his long legal career, Mr. Meredith was a member of the bar, a high reputation in both criminal and civil cases, and was particularly eminent as counsel in jury cases.

On several occasions he was appointed crown counsel at assize courts in various parts of the province, and on a number of occasions acted as counsel in criminal cases of great importance and celebrity.

A Conservative in politics, he took a keen interest in public affairs.

In 1880 and 1881 he was a member of the city council of London, and was mayor in 1882 and 1883.

Opposed John Waters.

On one occasion he was candidate in the Conservative interest in North Middlesex, when he opposed the late John Waters in a contest for the Legislature.

Mr. Meredith was a lover of nature, flowers being his particular hobby. He was also an ardent fisherman, and gratified his taste in this regard during the summer months at Muskoka.

For some years he was a director of the London and Western Trusts Company, Limited, and was counsel for a number of municipal and other corporations.

Mr. Meredith was married in 1876 to Miss Teresa, Clare McCann, daughter of the late Peter McCann of London. Mrs. Meredith pre-deceased him on the 27th day of April, 1915.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, namely: E. M. Meredith, Toronto; Sir Vincent Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, Montreal; T. G. Meredith, K.C., Brantford; and Llewellyn Meredith, London, and one daughter, Miss Mary Meredith at home.

His surviving brothers are Chief Justice Sir William Ralph Meredith, Toronto; Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, London; Sir Vincent Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, Montreal; T. G. Meredith, K.C., Brantford; and Llewellyn Meredith, London, and one daughter, Miss Mary Meredith at home.

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### Ends His Labors

Popular London Methodist Minister Stricken Following Sunday Evening Service.



REV. WILLIAM SPARLING.

### 17 NOMINATED FOR TRUSTEES

Largest Number of Nominees for Board of Education in Some Years.

#### LABOR NAMES WOMAN

Seventeen were placed in nomination for the six vacant seats on the board of education, when the nominations were held between 12 and 1 o'clock on Monday at the city hall.

The winners will sit on the board for two years.

Three women are among the seventeen, one of these is a representative of the London Labor Party, and the other two being put up by women. It is to be noted that the citizenship committee of the Local Council of Women have a complete slate, besides nominating two women, they have also put up four men for the other seats. Labor, besides nominating one woman, has also three male candidates in the running.

Five of the old members of the board are again in the field. Those, Coleridge, chairman of the 1921 board, dropped out. The other board members seeking to retain their seats are Messrs. Eggett, Rowe, Smith, Wright and Mrs. Tanner.

The field is one of the largest to go to the polls since the law was changed, splitting up the board so that only six left office at the one time.

The nominations:

Ellen M. Burnard, 628 Princess avenue, housewife, nominated by John Colbert and seconded by W. A. Stewart.

Bryden M. Campbell, 914 Richmond street, fire insurance agent, nominated by Mrs. J. R. Henderson, seconded by Lillie Henderson.

Ward A. Casselman, 498 Dufferin avenue, merchant, nominated by A. A. Langford, seconded by A. A. Bice.

David Eggett, 571 Ontario street, plumber, nominated by John Colbert, seconded by W. H. Stewart.

Walter Ellis, 20 Alexander street, Turn to Page 3, Column 6.

### FRANCE WANTS PEACE, BRIAND TELLS PARLEY

Fears To Disarm, However, While 250,000 Germans Are Training Daily.

#### LUDENDORFFS REMAIN

French Premier Holds Washington Conference Rapt During Dramatic Speech.

Washington, Nov. 21.—M. Briand, seven times premier of France, held the arms parley in a rapt hour today, while the world for his audience, while he told of the needs of France for a large army.

The picturesque "strong man of France," acknowledged by Mr. Lloyd George as having "the finest parliamentary voice in Europe," was the drawing card which packed Memorial Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution with such a gathering of distinguished notables as seldom is found under the roof of one building.

Germany, while apparently disarmed, Premier Briand told the armament conference, could, with her present machinery, raise an army of 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 men.

At least 250,000 Germans were receiving daily military instruction, he said.

Although a part of Germany evidently wants peace and is ready to get back to peaceful pursuits, the French premier declared another portion headed by the Ludendorffs and others of the military caste is continuing to preach the old Prussian doctrine.

France Wants Peace.

In a dramatic speech of an hour the French premier outlined to the conference "what is being said at the door of France," which, he added, wants peace.

France, Premier Briand said, proposed further reductions in her army, which would bring it to half of its former strength, but still leave, of course, the force which he contended was necessary to assure her security.

"How can anyone ask France to disarm under such conditions?" he asked.

In introducing the subject of armament, Secretary Hughes said there was no problem there for the United States, whose traditional policy was to maintain a small army.

Hughes said he took pleasure to state that "gratifying progress had been made during the first week of the conference."

Keeps Small Force.

The United States fully recognizes, however, the apprehensions and difficulties of foreign powers regarding land armament, he said.

The traditional policy of the United States, however, had always been to have a regular military establishment with the smallest possible basis.

At the time of the armistice there were upwards of 4,200,000 men of the United States under arms. Today the regular establishment numbers less than 150,000 men.

Messina, Sicily, Nov. 21.—Cloudbursts have devastated the whole countryside in the region of this city, entire villages being swept away by the floods, and the lines of communication broken. Hundreds of persons are homeless, and several are reported dead.

### Tells Civic Needs

Urges Novel Treatment To Preserve Health of City's Young People.



DR. HUGH STEVENSON, M.L.A.

### TO REPRESENT LONDON LABOR

William Tite Nominee For Provincial Employment Service Council.

#### POST UNREMUNERATIVE

There is little doubt but that William Tite, a representative of the metal trades of London, will be the Western Ontario representative to the Provincial Employment Service Council which the Ontario government proposes to establish immediately.

During the last session of the legislature legislation was enacted as an amendment to the Provincial Employment Service Council, providing for the establishment of a provincial and local employment service council to seek the advice and co-operation of the general public relative to the employment problem.

Two Nominated.

Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M.L.A. for London, was in receipt of a communication on Monday morning from H. H. Balantyne of Toronto, deputy minister of labor for the province, informing him that it is proposed to establish the provincial group at once.

William Tite and A. F. Vinen were nominated some time ago by the London Labor party, one of whom will sit on the council. It was understood Monday morning, however, that the appointment would go to Mr. Tite.

Following is a tentative outline of the council's functions:

1.—To make recommendations to the general public in such matters as number and type of employment offices of which at the present time there are 26 in the province.

2.—Advise on organization and general promotion of efficiency in administration.

3.—Consider methods and devise plans for preventing or alleviating unemployment in the province.

4.—Advise in regard to the bringing in or sending out of the province any considerable body of labor.

5.—To secure the co-operation and advice of all employers of men, the employees and the public in general.

Serve Without Pay.

The council is to be appointed by order-in-council, and the members will serve without remuneration. Provision will be made, however, for a daily allowance for expenses for such time as they are transacting the council's business.

One representative will be from Western Ontario, and the department of labor has intimated that it prefers a man from the ranks of the metal tradesmen.

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 39, lowest 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 39, lowest 28.

BAROMETRIC STANDING.

Sunday—29.56.  
Monday—29.39.

TUESDAY—RAIN OR SNOW.

Toronto, Nov. 21—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Moderate winds; mostly cloudy today and Tuesday; light rain or snow.

### HOW I'D MAKE LONDON BETTER FOR POSTERITY

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M. L. A., Believes Health Is City's Greatest Asset.

#### URGES UNIQUE REMEDY

Would Have Iodine Administered To Prevent Thyroid Gland Enlargement.

BY HELEN McMILLAN.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson is an elusive sort of person. You catch him on the telephone here, on the street there, but when you want him he may be anywhere.

He seemed to be "everywhere" when I undertook to get his views on London's needs.

On my first attempt he was just starting for Komoka to speak there. Then he was rushing to Toronto in response to an urgent professional call. Finally I cornered him last night and managed to hold him long enough to get his views.

Dr. Stevenson believes that the health of its people is the most important asset of a city. And, with this in mind, he makes an altogether unique suggestion—that the city adopt a systematic administration of iodine to its young people, in order to prevent enlargement of the thyroid gland and all the ills which follow in the trail of that condition.

Laying a great deal of the blame for tuberculosis, enlarged tonsils, bad teeth and mental deficiency at the door of the abnormal thyroid gland, so prevalent in this district, Dr. Stevenson would advise the city of London to watch the children's health.

In the State of Ohio, where iodine is being administered twice yearly to prevent and lessen this condition, Dr. Stevenson has already broadcast the matter in the Ontario Legislature, and hopes to carry it further there at an early date.

Advocates Investigation.

Feeling that London might well lead an investigation along this line, Dr. Stevenson suggests that two experts on the thyroid gland be brought to the city to make a survey of the school children to determine the extent of abnormal thyroid conditions here.

"Such a survey taken in the State of Ohio has shown that approximately half of the young girls in the region of the great lakes have abnormal enlargement of the thyroid," says Dr. Stevenson.

"It is only logical to conclude that great lakes children are likewise affected, London included."

"Experimenting along this line, David Marine and O. P. Kimball of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, administered to school girls of Ohio a dose of three grains of sodium iodide daily for ten consecutive days, repeated each spring and autumn. The result was a striking difference between those taking and those not taking iodine. The difference was manifested in both prevention of enlargement and in decrease in size of existing enlargement."

"Speaking of it, the Journal of the American Medical Association says: 'If the simple matter of adolescence can be prevented easily and cheaply in otherwise normal persons, it merely remains to secure public approval and systematic introduction of the procedure in those places where it seems indicated.'"

Dr. Stevenson would stimulate such public opinion here in London, should investigation show that thyroid enlargement is as prevalent in Ontario as in Ohio.

"The theory is that thyroid trouble is commonest where people are far removed from the sea," he says. "And that it will be more prevalent with succeeding generations. The thyroid must be hard to fill in the land courts."

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YANG SHU WEN, CHINESE FORMER CONSUL, DIES

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—David Loughman, Independent Progressive candidate for Ottawa in the forthcoming elections, has just received a striking token of approval of his candidature.

A prominent citizen of Ottawa, who is not a voter in this constituency, has forwarded a check to the association headquarters for \$200, to cover Mr. Loughman's election deposit. In making this gift, the donor, who requests that his name be withheld, says that it is made in memory of his son, who was killed in the war.

### Called by Death

Distinguished Member of London Legal Profession Passes Away Unexpectedly.



EDMUND MEREDITH, K.C.

### Laud Earthly Labors of Two Claimed by Grim Reaper

The following tributes were paid to the memories of Rev. William Sparling and Mr. Meredith today:

A resolution expressing the sympathy of the local clergy was sent from the Ministerial Alliance meeting Monday morning to the family of Dr. Sparling, and to the congregation of the First Methodist Church.

Rev. T. B. Copeland pays tribute to Dr. Sparling as a man who was beloved by all his congregation, although he had been with them for such a short time, he told how he had preached very forcible sermons on Sunday, and noticed that he seemed very tired at the end of the evening service.

Rev. A. E. M. Thompson, in speaking of Dr. Sparling's death said:

"Dr. Sparling was an outstanding man, not only in the pulpits of Canadian Methodism, but was in the front ranks of all denominations. His preaching had a statesmanlike quality that attracted wide attention wherever he was pastor. With a broad vision, splendid mental powers, a heart big with sympathy and confident with faith in the Christ whom he loved and served, he became a tower of strength to all the forces for righteousness in a community."

Although in his present charge only two months, he was already much beloved by his congregation. His death is a great loss to the Christian church of the day."

Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop: "Mr. Meredith was probably the best known leading criminal lawyer in Western Ontario, and retained that pre-eminence for a greater number of years than any other lawyer I have ever known."

As crown attorney I came into contact with him more than others. I always found him a strong counsel, both in civil and criminal cases, and his usually successful career was a credit to his profession. It is just 40 years since I entered Mr. Meredith's office. I was with him five years as a student, and for 25 years as a partner.

"He was one of the best jury criminal lawyers I ever knew, and a man who was always conscientious and painstaking with clients' affairs which were entrusted to him. I regret very much to hear of his death. His place will be hard to fill in the law courts."

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"Thank you, gentlemen," said James Gray, when his return by acclamation to the hospital trust was announced. He advised that two years ago when I was returned by acclamation I told you that I would have a place prepared for you down at the hospital. It is still there, though few of you have taken advantage of it."

The nominations proceedings were well attended. City Clerk Baker remarking that the turnout was the best in years.

Nominations for aldermen take place in each of the four wards between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 tonight.

Ward 1 electors will meet in Simpson Street School, 1000-1010.

Ward 2, Talbot Street School.

Ward 3, East End Town Hall.

Ward 4, City Hall.

Liberal Leader Wires Congratulations To Mayor D. C. Ross

The following message was received today by Mayor Duncan C. Ross, the Liberal candidate in East Middlesex:

New Liskeard, Nov. 21, 1921.

Major D. C. Ross, Lucan:

Please accept for yourself and I best of wishes for every success in the campaign.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

## VOTERS HAVE WIDE CHOICE IN CANDIDATES

Three Aldermen Already Certain To Stand For Chief Magistracy.

### E. S. LITTLE NAMED AGAIN

Six Nominees For Two Vacancies Also Assure Public Utilities Fight.

London may have a spirited mayorality contest. Seven candidates were placed in nomination Monday morning at the city hall, two or three aspirants not heretofore mentioned for the chief magistracy's job were placed in the running and anything may happen.

Ald. F. E. Harley, Ald. J. C. Wilson and Ald. G. A. Wenige are the only ones who so far have signified their intention of standing. Mayor Little's name is among the seven, as are those of two other aldermen, J. C. Childs and W. A. Wilson, and it would not be at all surprising if some of them stand. Edwin Smith of the board of education is the seventh nominee.

The field will narrow down Tuesday night after the expiration of the qualification period.

Six candidates are out for the two vacant posts on the utilities commission. Commissioners Pocock and Vining are again in the running, with four others accompanying them. The term for each post is two years.

James Gray was given his second acclamation for the hospital trust, no one opposing him. Therefore, he goes back for another two-year term.

Mayor.

Frank Edwin Harley, 42 Gerrard street, lumber merchant, proposed by W. M. Garthshore, seconded by W. A. Abbott.

George Albert Wenige, 27 Erie avenue, merchant, proposed by C. R. Rowntree, seconded by W. T. Clark.

Edwin Smith, 582 Dufferin avenue, wholesale grocer, proposed by Charles Hollins, seconded by W. T. Clark.

John Cameron Wilson, 355 Dundas street, surgeon, proposed by Thomas Jones, seconded by A. McLaren, and a second nomination by T. A. McLachlan and J. B. Wright.

William Arthur Wilson, 234 H