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BYLAWS CENTER OF ELECTION DAY INTEREST

Mayor Makes Final Appeal For New City Hall Bylaw

SHARP BATTLE RAGING AT CITY POLLS TODAY

Close Vote Expected in Case of City Hall and Springbank Dam Bylaws.

FAIR ATTENDANCE

Turnout of Voters Light in Morning, But Rush Expected in Closing Hours.

Once again the people of London are picking their representatives for the municipal ship of state, and a remarkably good vote is being polled, considering that no contest is necessary for the mayor's chair.

Undoubtedly the money bylaws, more particularly the new city hall project, are taking the day with regard to a decent attendance at the polling booths. The proposed expenditures, calling for a mandate from the property owners only, is having the desired effect. It is bringing them out to register their opinion.

And scattered reports available early this afternoon give ample indication that the people of London—the people who have their homes and interests here have not been swayed by the "Blue Ruin" propaganda of the past few days, used in a frenzied last minute effort to defeat the bylaw.

It was frankly conceded early this afternoon that the vote will be close. As a matter of fact one member of the city council, who has distinguished himself more or less throughout the year by his consistent opposition, conceded that the bylaw would carry despite all efforts to the contrary.

It is further expected that East London will support the bylaw wholeheartedly and in a manner sufficient to offset any contrary vote, perhaps registered in the downtown district, where opposition to a new city hall on the McCormick site is supposed to be keen. As would be expected, however, the outcome hinges largely upon the extent of the vote, and it had been light until early this afternoon there is promise of a big turnout in East and Southeast London after 5 p.m.

The city hall bylaw claims general interest throughout the city, the fight for the two vacancies on the public utilities commission taking second place. Ald. P. J. Watt and D. J. Tallant are seeking to replace Philip Pocock and Jared Vinig, and there is every indication at this hour, however, that the incumbent members will be returned to office with little or no difficulty. Their election was practically conceded as early as noon today.

Keen aldermanic fights are in progress in every ward, and the outcome is problematical. But five members of the present council can safely depend upon reelection, according to reasonable reports at the city hall. Four other members again seeking seats are encountering the battle of their career, they acknowledge.

Fights in Ward Two and Three are unusually interesting in view of the fact that as many as nine candidates seek election in each district.

CLOSE VOTE PREDICTED IN SEPARATE ELECTION

Keen interest is being shown in the election of separate school trustees, in ward 2, where Messrs. Secker and Nolan are contesting the seat, approximately 200 voters having registered by noon.

The secret ballot is being used, and the final vote, according to those who express opinions, will be close. The polling booth is located in St. Peter's school, Clarence street, and will close at the same time as the civic polls. In ward 1, 3 and 4 there is no election, the representatives from these having been returned by acclamation.

PREMIER KING RETURNS TO CANADIAN CAPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Premier Mackenzie King, after two months' absence attending the Imperial conference in London, returned to the capital this morning. A large delegation of cabinet ministers, government officials and friends were on the platform to bid him welcome.

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Polls Open Until 7 P.M.

The polls are open in every subdivision until 7 p.m., notwithstanding all reports to the contrary. City Clerk Samuel Baker makes this further announcement this afternoon in view of the fact that scores of people have been misled by reports that the polls closed at 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. Seven o'clock is the final closing.

TURKEYS NO LUXURY THIS CHRISTMAS

Dealers Believe Supply Will Be Large and Price Lower Than for Several Years.

WESTERN BIRDS

Expected 10,000 Will Have Reached London by Christmas Eve—Enough for All.

More than 10,000 turkeys will arrive in London in the next three weeks for a Christmas buying spree, which dealers expect to eclipse anything yet experienced locally.

Unlike other years, the Christmas cackler this season is very easy procurable. The demand is big but the supply is even bigger. It is estimated that 10 to 15 cents lower than it has been for several years.

The Thanksgiving demand was comparatively poor, citizens are apparently foregoing the luxury of a gobbler so they could better afford the Christmas bird. Abrupt drops in the range of prices have been recorded in the United States, where turkeys declined from 50 cents to 40 cents in one day. Here it is expected the average figure will be around 30c where it is today.

C. Mann, local produce merchant, explains the influx of turkeys here as a result of an extraordinary crop in the United States, where turkeys are being raised in carload lots. By the 24th of the month at least 10,000 will be on hand, which means that practically every home in London will have a turkey, providing, of course, they have the price.

You can buy a ten-pound bird for \$3.00. The average size is between 12 and 15 pounds. Few of the "whoppers" which used to adorn butcher and poultry stores in the old days will be seen. Gigantic proportions have apparently been sacrificed for quality.

"There will be plenty of turkey for the holiday," Mr. Mann said. "The market is flooded with birds, and the price will likely be about 30 cents a pound or a little more. Old goblies fetch 25 cents a pound."

ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS SPOIL RADIO ATTEMPTS

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 2.—Attempts to listen in on American radio broadcast Sunday morning were unsuccessful, owing to atmospheric conditions and stations in the United States were heard only intermittently.

VENIZELLOS REFUSES TO STAND IN ELECTION

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 2.—An Athens despatch says that the former Greek premier, M. Venizelos, has sent a message from London refusing all offers made to him to stand as a candidate in the forthcoming Greek elections. With the exception of the Venizelists most of the other parties are abstaining from entering the elections.

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Lovely London Children



MARGARET McMEHEN AND BOBBIE WALKER.

Margaret McMeheh and Bobbie Walker are two more of the children in The Advertiser's search for the Loveliest Child in the western counties. Margaret, on the left, is five years old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McMeheh, 43 Becher street, London. Bobbie, on the right, is the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker, 13 Edward street, London.

Change Hair With Gown Latest Fad—Says Expert; "Glass Wigs" On the Way

Madame Pinard in London With New Wrinkles for Devotees of Fashion.

"BOB" DUE TO WAR

Women Truck Drivers First to Shear Their Flowing Tresses.

Glass hair, red, green, purple, yellow, orange, blonde and even brunette. This is the next epoch in hair style history, says Madame Pinard, of Toronto, who has with her in London a glowing green glass wig which she shows customers here.

And just to get the bad news out of the way as soon as possible, know that such a wig costs but \$10 or \$15 and cannot be recurred or washed. It, like the male wig, is made of a synthetic material, and allows the patient to breathe, it was learned yesterday.

The pump is the invention of the late Dr. Henry L. Lynah. Doctors at the Kingston Avenue and Willard Parker hospitals credit it with reducing their diphtheria rate from 35 per cent to 10 per cent. After the diphtheria membrane has been removed by the pump a silver tube is inserted in the throat, through which the patient breathes until the crisis has been passed.

DOOR HANDLE REPAIRS FOOL SEVERAL VOTERS

"Early Birds" Have Visions of New City Hall, But Dreams Are Shattered.

Voters arriving at the city hall early this morning thought that the city hall bylaw had already passed and that workmen were already taking the old building down.

It developed, however, that a new handling was being placed on the door leading to the city's treasury department, the old handle having become obsolete and beyond repair.

From all reports, it will be necessary next year to spend much money in general repair about the city hall if the people decide that a new building shall not be constructed for a considerable period.

Election Returns First Flash of the Vote—Movies, Speeches—Cartoons By Hav. Nash

The Advertiser will give the most rapid service possible on the election returns tonight. Results will be flashed on a big screen opposite The Advertiser building as quickly as the vote by wards is counted. An extra edition will give summaries.

Between bulletins there will be moving picture comedies, clever cartoons by Hav. Nash, based on the results, and speeches.

There will be action every minute from 6:45 on. Come early and get the news first. If you can't come downtown The Advertiser will give you the returns by telephone—call 3670.

STEAMER ARRIVALS: New York, Dec. 1.—Orbita, Southampton; Ausonia, London; Rotterdam, Rotterdam.

New York, Dec. 2.—Aquitania, Southampton; Dec. 1.—Minnesoda, Montreal.

"DON'T HALT" PROGRESS IS LAST PLEA OF MAYOR

Wenige Declares City Hall Question Should Be Cleared Up Now.

UNREASONABLE DELAYS

Points Out How Immediate Construction Would Relieve Unemployment.

At noon today Mayor Wenige issued a last final appeal for the people of London to support the city hall bylaw.

"Don't halt progress," he urged. "Let's clear up this city hall question for once and all. It has been a 'political football' for a good many years now. Let's build the hall where the people want it and not where the politicians want it. The people have said four times, and quite decisively, build it on the McCormick site. We can't build a city hall in every ward or in every alderman's front yard."

"The city hall project has been held up this year for no real good reason. It's a losing game the way it is now. The people have lost money every day that the construction is delayed. They stand to lose a great deal more. Let's make it a great deal more. Let's make it a city hall that will not only be a credit to a city the size and importance of London, but will permit more effective handling of the affairs of the municipality."

Mayor Wenige also directs attention to the fact that many residents of London are without employment at this very moment. When the people sanction the construction of this building much work would be afforded with but little delay, the mayor reminds.

The plans and specifications are ready. The city council of 1923 has by formal resolution stipulated that the cost shall not exceed \$600,000, and there should be nothing to prevent the immediate excavation of the foundation.

And if this is done it is proposed that the "day labor" scheme shall be placed in effect.

FRED ZOLLER RECOVERS FROM ELEVATOR MISHAP

Fred Zoeller, an employee of the Seaman-Kent factory in West Lorne, where he met with an accident in an elevator shaft several weeks ago, is now home, and is expected to be able to leave by the end of this week.

WILL ASK VENIZELLOS TO RECONSIDER PLANS

Athens, Dec. 2.—Notwithstanding the decision of former Premier Venizelos not to return to politics, a great demonstration was held Sunday with the object of inducing the statesman to reconsider. Attendance at the meeting was large. Observers assert that the popularity of Venizelos was never greater than it is today.

BURNS DOWN HIS HOME PREPARING FOR WIFE

Misfortune Pays Early Visit to Ernest Blanchard of Giles Street.

HOUSE IS BURNED

Blanchard Loses Furniture and Clothing in Early Morning Blaze.

While putting his home in order to receive his wife, who had just got out of the hospital, Ernest Blanchard, of Giles street, accidentally set his kitchen on fire, and his house burned to the ground, with spectacular rapidity, at five o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Blanchard will leave the hospital this afternoon. Her husband arose particularly early today and cleaned up his home to have it in good order when his wife arrived. He lighted a fire and put water on to boil. Then he went into an adjoining room to dress his baby. Coming back to the kitchen again, he was startled to discover it in flames.

Firemen arrived a few minutes later, but the task of putting out the fire was hopeless from the beginning. Every piece of household furniture and clothing was burned. Realizing the futility of any effort to fight the fire, Mr. Blanchard seized his child and rushed to safety.

Blanchard was released from Byrom Sanatorium recently. He has no money to buy food or wearing apparel. The kind offerings of friends and neighbors close saved his nine-month-old baby from the cold.

In view of the man's plight, acquaintances are appealing to big-hearted Londoners for contributions in the way of food and clothing. One of Blanchard's friends asked The Advertiser this morning to inform its subscribers that any assistance rendered the unfortunate family will be gladly accepted.

BOARD DESIRES 24 CHRISTMAS TREES

Plans Being Made for Annual Festivities in School Kindergarten.

Sure sign of the approaching holiday season is the apparent fact that the board of education is already in the market for Christmas trees, no less than 24 of these being advertised for.

Secretary W. A. Tanner stated this morning that the trees were for use in the kindergarten and auxiliary classes, when the kiddies will have their closing exercises, about five days before Christmas. The plan has been to have the children make some little gift for their parents and then to hang it on the tree. On the day set aside, the parents will be invited and the gifts distributed, while short programs will be given by the pupils.

The ideal underlying the scheme is the teaching of the significance and spirit of Christmas to the young children. It was at one time proposed that this be done away with and the board contemplated doing so, but such a storm of protest was raised by parents, children and teachers that it was decided to continue.

COL. LANGFORD TO MOVE TO TORONTO COMMAND

Col. Langford, head of C company of the Royal Canadian Regiment stationed at Wolesey Barracks, will shortly be removed to Toronto, according to General King, O. C. M. D. No. 1. Major Keith Hemming who several years ago was stationed in London, but who has recently been in charge of B company of the R. C. R. in Toronto will take Col. Langford's position in this city. The change will take place on December 5.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Forecasts—Moderate to fresh south-west wind; mostly cloudy and mild today and on Tuesday.

Stations	Low	Weather
Victoria	40	44 Raining
Calgary	40	30 Clear
Winnipeg	38	22 Fair
Port Arthur	40	36 Cloudy
Parry Sound	40	36 Cloudy
Toronto	40	36 Cloudy
Kingston	44	38 Cloudy
Ottawa	40	36 Cloudy
Montreal	40	36 Cloudy
Quebec	36	32 Cloudy
Father Point	42	40 Cloudy
St. John	40	38 Cloudy
Halifax	40	38 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 48; lowest, 36. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 31.

Barometric Readings. Sunday—5 p.m.—29.51. Today—8 a.m.—29.30.

EARLY POLL FORECASTS SUCCESS FOR DAM PLANS

Railway and Traveler Vote Said to Favor Springbank Project.

WOULD COST \$150,000.

Assurance Given That Structure Would Not Cause Floods.

Reports from various sections of the city indicated this afternoon that the proposal to build a dam at Springbank is meeting with the general approval of the ratepayers. This undertaking will involve an expenditure of \$150,000, of which \$10,000 has been estimated for the purchase of necessary land at the park down the river.

City authorities base their forecast upon the advanced railwaymen's and commercial travelers' poll of last week, which has been favorable toward the project, it is generally understood, although no actual figures can be available for publication until after the polls close at 7 p.m. tonight.

But little has been said during the present campaign about this bylaw. Ald. P. J. Watt, aspirant for the public utilities commission being the only candidate to deal with the question at any length.

It was generally conceded by all that the greater number of the ratepayers favored the construction of the new dam. The only argument that presented itself involved the time. Would the expenditure be justified at this moment, was asked, and then judiciously left to the citizens to decide.

But little discussion was noted in the city council. The project was launched definitely at the eleventh hour, as it were, and three members opposed it strenuously, to the extent of sending the issue to the electors for a mandate, the representatives from ward 2. These aldermen asserted that it was their understanding that the people of West London did not view the proposal favorably.

Assurance has been given, however, that should the bylaw carry, the construction will be modern in every detail and all danger of a flood in the district will be entirely eliminated.

TWENTY-FIVE AIDED BY WORK ON SEWER

Engineer Expects Number To Be Increased on Wellington Street Job.

City Engineer Near reported today that the work on the Wellington-High street sewer is progressing favorably, about 25 of the unemployed have been given work, and this gang will be relieved Wednesday and another 25 men will be placed on the job. The men will work alternate weeks, as suggested by Mayor Wenige.

The engineer expects that this number will be substantially increased within a reasonable period. He has received by wire quotations for the large-sized piping and the arrival of this material will permit the employment of many more.

"BLUE RUIN" NOT APPARENT IN CITY BUILDING TRADES

"Blue ruin pessimism" is having no apparent influence upon the building trades, according to a report today from Inspector A. M. Piper. This is the third day of the month, and yesterday was Sunday, but seven construction or alteration permits have already been granted, representing an estimated expenditure of about \$10,000.



This beautiful memorial, unveiled today, was erected in the head office of the Bank of Montreal in honor of the 330 members of the staff who fell in the Great War.

YOUNGEST IMMIGRANT ARRIVES

Eric Boulton, 3-Year-Old Scotch Lad, Makes Trip All by Himself.

FAIR-HAired, TOO

His Mother, Who Came to Canada Two Years Ago, to Join Son Here.

A little bundle of humanity in the person of Eric Boulton, arrived in the city last night all the way from Scotland. He is three years old, the youngest immigrant, to the knowledge of Salvation Army officials, who ever came to Canada all himself.

Fair haired, blue eyed and with a broad Scotch baby accent, this morning he voiced his opinion of the country which will be come his home. He told Adjutant and Mrs. Smith of Millfield Lodge of the Salvation Army where he stayed last night, that this was a pretty good place, better than Scotland.

Two years ago in Glasgow, Eric's father, a veteran of the great war, died. His mother was left penniless and decided to come to Canada, but she was unable to bring her baby son with her. Eric was left with relatives. Mrs. Boulton came to this country and received a position with a family in Amherstburg as housekeeper. She is one of the many Scotch immigrants brought over by the Salvation Army, who have made good in Canada.

Mrs. Boulton longed for the baby she had left behind, and through the kindness of the Salvation Army arrangements were made whereby Eric could join his mother in Canada. Tonight his mother will call for him at Millfield Lodge. She will take the boy to Amherstburg, where he will be educated in a Canadian school.

Eric made the trip from Scotland with a party of 58 Scotch girls, with Captain Clarke of London, England, head of the party.

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of King Street Presbyterian Church.

"Everybody in London, I am sure, is pleased to note the extraordinary enterprise put into The Advertiser the last year or so. Its improvement has been so marked, in fact, that it is comparable to the very best in journalistic endeavor on the continent.

"There is no doubt but that the present policy and initiative of The Advertiser will reap widespread and permanent results. I congratulate it most heartily and wish it all prosperity.

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