

OIL MEN FIGHT TO HOLD BOUNTY

Producers Threaten To Close Wells If Money Is Cut Off.

SURPRISED AT ACTION

Oil producers in the Petrolia field have decided to make another appeal to Ottawa for the retention of that section of the bounty which stands in danger of being removed at the end of June.

The first step was a meeting of producers called in the town hall, Petrolia, presided over by Mr. Green, president of the producers' association. In his remarks he told of the steps that had been taken to get the dominion authorities to send representatives to the Petrolia district to secure information about the situation. This had been done, and Mr. Russell had visited the field and gone carefully over the situation, and Petrolia men were satisfied that his report would be such as to strengthen their case. Considerable surprise has been caused by the fact that so far there is no evidence of his report having been submitted or considered. Dr. Hume of the geological department also visited Petrolia some time ago, and was prepared to make a report on the effect of the removal of the bounty, which had been put on in the first place by Messrs. Fielding and Peterson in place of a duty on the American product.

Viewed With Alarm.

A committee appointed at the meeting yesterday drafted the following message, which was sent to the premier, Hon. James A. Robb, Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. Arthur Meighen and R. V. LeSueur, M.P.:

The following resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Crude Petroleum Producers' association of Canada at Petrolia, Ontario, May 4:

"This meeting views with alarm the failure of the government to introduce legislation restoring the bounty on crude petroleum and the further failure to produce to the House any report of the information secured by Dr. Hume and James A. Russell of the effect of the removal of the bounty, and are unanimously agreed that removal of the bounty will bring financial ruin to hundreds of people directly and indirectly dependent upon this industry, as operations cannot continue to be carried on in competition with United States oil admitted free of duty, and under the further handicap of having to purchase such supplies and equipment as are used in the business subject to a protective tariff."

Costs Are Doubled.

The price of oil now is \$2.63 per barrel, plus 25¢ cents government bounty, making \$2.88½. A number of the producers in the district some time ago filed statements showing their cost of operations, and the average taken then showed that the cost of producing a barrel of oil was \$3. One producer stated that he was operating the same property now as before the war, and his costs were \$240 per month today, as against \$120 at that time.

Petrolia producers say that if the entire bounty is removed it will mean the closing down of most of the wells in the district, as otherwise they would be running at a loss. It is the intention of the association to hold another meeting as soon as there is any definite word from Ottawa.

MURPHY CHAIRMAN OF REVISION COURT

75 Cases Handled First Night—Two Dozen Appeals Granted.

Albert H. Murphy was last night elected chairman of the court of revision for the 1925 term. The court sat for the first time this year and cleared away many cases laid over from last November. Mr. Murphy was a popular choice for chairman, and Sheriff D. Graham and George Hyatt, other members of the court, offered their congratulations and support.

More than 75 assessment and tax cases were handled, with some 25 citizens appearing in person. About two dozen appeals were granted. Besides these 60 statute labor statements were ordered written off as bad debts, people named in these statements having left the city.

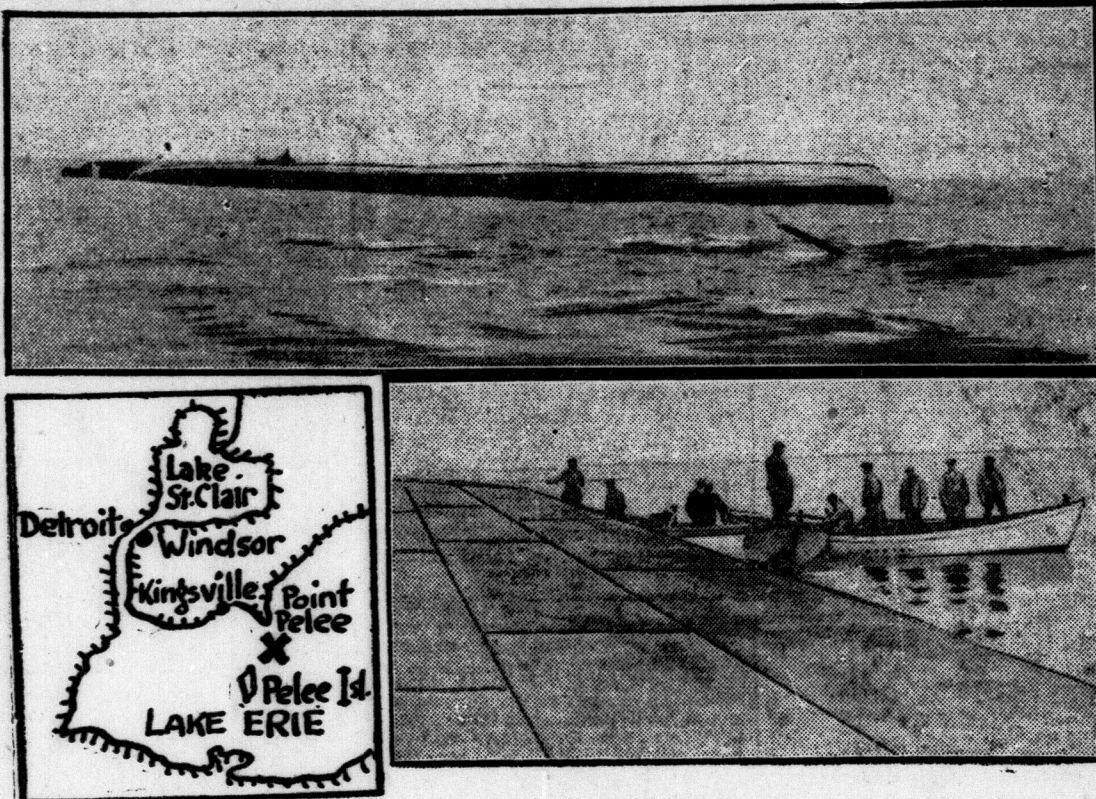
St. George street property, sometime the object of much litigation, was discussed by the court last night because of an appeal entered by Miss Margaret Morkin against payment of taxes. The appeal was dismissed.

Brother Has Title. Miss Morkin wanted remission of taxes. She said that she did not own the property at No. 130. She only resided there, and the title was in the hands of her brother. She had been given possession of the property for her lifetime.

But the brother, John Morkin, told that he and Miss Morkin had been left an estate. He had seen that she received a cash part of the legacy, and had then proceeded to repair and renovate the house and premises at No. 130.

The woman then commenced legal proceedings and had Mr. Morkin

Overtaken Sandsucker After Point Pelee Disaster



The upper photograph shows the overturned hull of the ill-fated sandsucker, Kelly Island, as it appeared on Sunday afternoon, two miles off Point Pelee, in Lake Erie. Nine of the crew of sixteen were drowned. The lower view shows small boats, which had been searching for bodies, moored alongside the overturned craft. The map shows where the accident happened in Lake Erie.

Bare Demands for Bears, London Helps Zoo Sale

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, May 5.—A bullish tendency in the bear market was indicated at the city council meeting this evening. The council has been attempting to sell the bears at the local zoo for some time without success, but tonight a communication from London advised the council to get in touch with Owen Sound. That city, according to advices, has a zoo, and there is a bare possibility that bears are in demand there.

"The matter will bear investigation, at any rate," remarked City Solicitor Doherty as the letter was referred to committee.

evicted, bag and baggage. He and his furniture went out in the street, and Miss Morkin gained possession of the property for the duration of her life.

"I can do nothing with all this land," she complained, "and I don't own the property. I don't see why I should pay taxes on it."

The court told her that she would have to arrange the matter with her brother, sell the property if they wished, but certainly that she must continue to pay the taxes as long as she occupied the premises under the present circumstances.

Board Laneway.

Florence street residents complained of private lane frontage taxes on their property. While they admitted that the land which they held was bounded at the rear by a laneway, they claimed this as property of their own. The court advised them to put up a board fence and prevent traffic across the back of the lots. Otherwise they must continue to pay taxes.

The sitting was not complete without an offering from the Speltz dairy, the thorn in the side of south Clarence street residents. Three ratepayers in the district asked cuts in assessments because their property had depreciated since the coming of the dairy. It is too late in the year for the court to take action on this assessment.

THAMESFORD GETS FINGAL MINISTER

Presbytery Sustains Call To Rev. John Anthony—Deputation Heard.

London presbytery yesterday afternoon approved the call of Thamesford Presbyterian church to Rev. John Anthony, B.A., Fingal, the transfer to be made the latter part of this month.

The presbytery recognized as a gospel call the invitation of Glencoe church to Rev. John Galloway, B.A., at present pastor of Ilderton, Bethal and Brynaston charge, and arrangements were made to cite Mr. Galloway's charge to appear at the regular meeting of the presbytery on May 19.

Rev. T. A. Symington, M.A., moderator of presbytery, and Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., moderator of the synod of Hamilton and London, were appointed a committee to convey to the provincial Presbyterian women's missionary society, now in session at St. Andrew's church, the greetings of the presbytery.

Mr. Anthony, formerly moderator of the Presbytery, who has been pastor of Knox church, Fingal, for the past seven years, will be inducted into the Thamesford charge on May 20. Mr. Symington will preside at the service. Rev. W. A. Gardiner of Ailsa Craig will preach. Rev. I. H. MacDonald of Kintore will address the minister, and Rev. W. R. McIntosh will address the people.

Those who spoke in connection with the Thamesford call, as members of the Fingal church, were, Henry Best, George Moore, James Johnston, William Dewar, James McIntyre, D. B. McPherson, A. Stevens, J. Love. The first four, anti-unionist members of the church, which voted to remain out of the United Church of Canada, expressed appreciation of Mr. Anthony's work, but voiced the opinion that it would be best for the call to go forward. Mr. McPherson tabled a petition signed by 30 unionist families of the Fingal church, and by a large number of other people in the community, amongst whom were

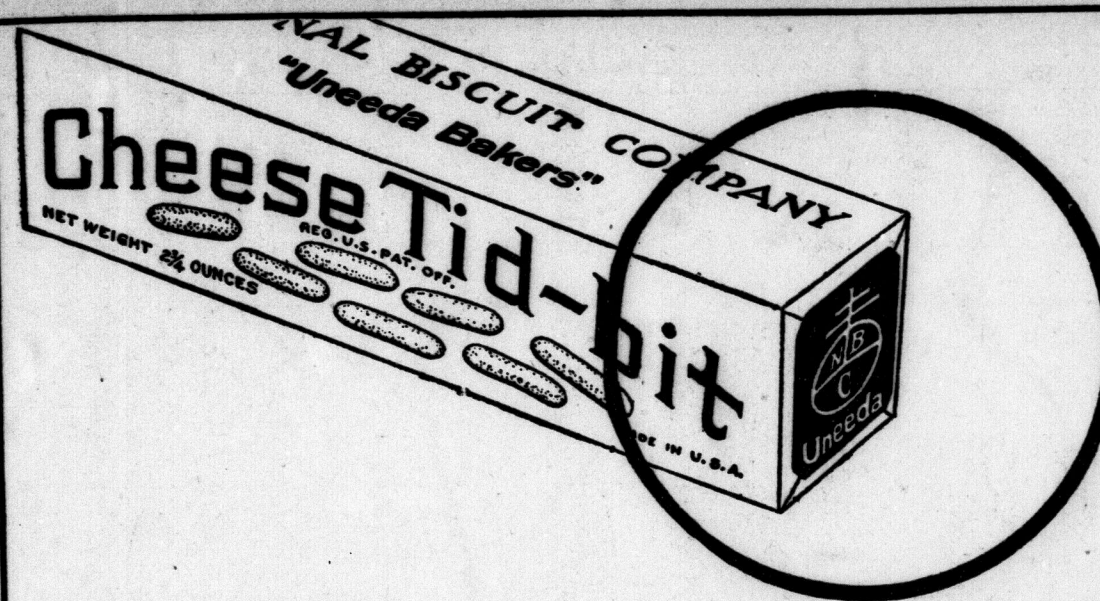
of the Fingal church, while Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., was appointed to have the oversight of the unionist group of the Fingal church.

Acting on behalf of Rev. N. Stevenson, Appin, moderator of the Glencoe church, Rev. James MacKay, B. D., tabled the call from the Glencoe church, signed by 288 members and adherents to Mr. Galloway. Commissioners from the Glencoe church who spoke in support of the call were Allan McAlpine, Samuel Irvine, Herbert Jamieson, Frank Abbott, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Irvine. In the absence of Mr. Symington the chair was taken for the meeting by Rev. J. W. M. Crawford, Westminster.

MACMILLAN WILL CARRY TWO DIFFERENT RADIOS

Washington, May 5.—Two different radio sets designed to cover all possible contingencies will be used by the seaplanes of the Macmillan arctic expedition this summer.

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