

CITY LOST \$2,600 IN SALE OF REGISTRY OFFICE

Ferguson Changes His Mind—Admits Liquor Vote Oct. 23

WHY WERE TENDERS JUGGLED AROUND IN OFFICE SALE?

Public Utilities Commission Made Two Bids of \$10,100 and \$8,000 For Old Registry Building—But Sale Was Made to Private Citizen For \$7,500—Explanation Wanted.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOWER BID COST CITY \$2,600

Why did the finance committee of the city council turn down a \$10,100 bid of the public utilities commission for the old registry office and recommend later the acceptance of an offer of \$7,500 from a private individual?

What profit is apparent to the powers that have the say-so in matters of city finance when a matter of \$2,600 is allowed to slip through their fingers for all time?

Is it visions of a three-story office building that will increase property values around the corner of Carling and Talbot streets that have forced this action?

If so, is there genuine guarantee that such a building will be erected immediately and the property not held for speculation?



E. V. BUCHANAN,
general manager of the public utilities commission, who demands explanation why the finance committee ignored the utilities tenders for the old registry building.

MAY INSURE JOBS FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Commission Predicts Industries May Be Compelled To Employ Veterans.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 18.—Final report of the Halston commission on pensions and re-establishment of ex-service men was tabled in the House of Commons today. It reviews its work and suggests before it, and makes certain recommendations.

With regard to employment of ex-service men, it says: "If the various methods of dealing with the situation in the government service, sheltered workshops, employment bureau service, the king's honor roll scheme, the Toronto rehabilitation scheme, and any other arrangements with, or inducements to, civilian employers, all prove inadequate to permanently absorb into industry disabled ex-service men, who after diligent effort have failed to find employment, there appears to be no other solution than a compulsory employment enactment which would require all industries to employ a certain number of these men."

The commission points out that such legislation exists today in practically all continental countries and the British House of Commons is now considering similar compulsory laws.

The commission found justification for complaints which had been made about the method employed in investigating alleged misconduct on the part of widows receiving pension. The commission recommends that no person should be cancelled unless the woman has been given an opportunity to refute the charges against her.

The commission recommends that helplessness allowance for the blind be increased to \$400, and that free transportation for 1,000 miles per year be allowed between the pensioner and his escort. The commission recommends discharge of tubercular patients from the sanatorium after one year if the patient so desires, with 100 per cent pension for two years, and no reduction of pension of more than 20 per cent half yearly.

The commission was unable to find any ground for the charges that ex-service men are privileged in the eyes of employers. "Discrimination does not apply today," it says.

The D. S. C. R. is suggested should take responsibility for the burial of indigent ex-service men.

A careful study of Advertiser "Want" Ads leads to the accomplishment of many desires.

Explanation Lacking.
Explanation of the move of the finance committee is lacking. The public utilities commission is at loss to know just why their offers were never considered. Neither was reply ever given to correspondence of the utilities department.

"It all started last January," E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission told The Advertiser today. "The commission heard that the old registry office was to be vacated in the course of a month or six weeks. The commission found it necessary to erect a sub-station in the vicinity of Carling and Talbot street. The registry office site was considered very suitable."

"And what was done about it?" he was asked.

"We wrote to the city clerk, pointing out our plans, and asking that the council state terms upon which the commission would be allowed to occupy the property. The letter was sent on Jan. 31, and we asked for an early reply as the commission met next on Feb. 7."

"Did you get an answer to these requests?"

"No, we never heard from the city clerk."

"What did the commission do then?"

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SHE LIVED WHILE TWO MEN DIED.
Fifteen-year-old Margaret Murchison's feat of surviving through 72 hours' terrible ordeal in an open canoe on Lake Simcoe, while her two male companions died, raises the interesting question of relative endurance and fortitude possessed by women and men. The Advertiser has received the letter appearing below, which supports the theory that women are more enduring than men. Opinions from other readers, illustrated by personal experience, will be welcomed.

Have Women More Pluck Than Big-Muscled Men?
Margaret Murchison and Ada Blackjack are cited as proof of women's greater endurance—what is your opinion?

Have women greater courage than men?
Can the weaker sex endure hardships with more pluck than the lords of creation?
Was Kipling Right?

The Advertiser has received the following interesting letter, raising these points, and the editor will be glad to receive further opinions on the subject:

"Editor of The Advertiser:
Dear Sir—I have been very much interested in reading about 15-year-old Margaret Murchison of Barrie, who clung to life through 72 hours of desperate peril in Lake Simcoe, while the two men with her died."

"The story of Ada Blackjack, sole survivor of the Wrangell Island tragedy, who lived through terrible hardships which killed all the men of the party, is a similar case."

"Together they support a theory that I have long believed. I believe that women are capable of greater endurance and fortitude than men, and that they can stand pain with greater courage."

"Endurance does not seem to be a matter of physical strength, but of an inner spirit, and women have more of that spirit than men."

"J. B. R."

The Advertiser invites its readers to give their opinions, illustrated by stories of great endurance of which they have personal knowledge.

What is the greatest example of pluck you have encountered?

Was it a woman or a man?

Send your story to The Advertiser.

U. S. REFUSES REDUCTION ON WESTERN GRAIN RATES
Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, July 18.—Reductions in western railroad rates on grain, grain products and hay, sought by ten states of the Mississippi-Missouri valley cereal-growing region under the leadership of Kansas and supported by most farm organizations concerned, were definitely refused yesterday by the United States interstate commerce commission.

ARREST OVER PIPE LINE ACCIDENT EXPECTED
High Constable Wharton Has Clue to Driver of Second Car.

High Constable Wharton, who has been investigating the automobile accident on the Pipe Line road, near Hall's store, Wednesday night, in which Alex. Febray was rendered unconscious, reports that he has a clue to the driver of the other car which did not stop, and expects to make an arrest within a day or two. Febray, who is 19 years of age, was driving along the Pipe Line when another car shot out of a laneway directly in his path. The young man swerved to the far side of the road to avoid hitting the car, and his own vehicle toppled into the ditch, pinning him underneath.

Dr. Schaeff, who attended the youth, reported this afternoon that Febray's condition was greatly improved.

ITALIAN TANKER SINKS OFF COAST OF ROME
Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, July 18.—The tanker Onanto of 250 tons, belonging to the Italian navy has foundered in a violent storm off the Calabrian coast. The crew was rescued by a Japanese vessel.

BRITISH AVIATOR IS SAFE IN JAPAN BAY

Destroyers, After Two Days' Search, Get News of Intrepid Fliers.

A NEW ENTRY
Argentine Airman, Just Starting, Says He Can Outrace Other Planes.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokyo, July 18.—A Stuart MacLaren, the British aviator on a flight around the world, who has been missing since he left Lake Tooshimov, Jatorofu Islands, for Paramashiru, Kurile Islands, early Wednesday morning, has been found.

MacLaren and his companions were found safe in a bay on the southwest shore of Urrup Island, the island adjoining Jatorofu Island, from which the aviators started Wednesday morning.

The news was received in a wireless message from a steamer off Urrup Island, picked up by the Japanese destroyer Isokase this morning. The Isokase is proceeding to Urrup Island.

The British community and Japanese authorities, especially of the air services, took a deep breath of relief today when the news filtered down by wireless from the Kurile Islands of the safety of the MacLaren party.

The party, headed by A. Stuart MacLaren, homed off from Lake Tooshimov, on Jatorofu Island, for Paramashiru Island, last Wednesday. And until a Japanese destroyer, combing the rugged coasts of the Kurile Islands, picked up a wireless report from a commercial steamer that the party had landed on Urrup Island, near the starting point of their hop, no word had been received from them. Nor has word as yet been received concerning the reason for their landing at that point. Two Japanese destroyers spent almost two days searching for them.

While in many quarters it was asserted there was little reason to fear for the fliers' safety, as the weather has been good, nevertheless, definite information that they were alive and well was very welcome to many here.

ARGENTINE ENTERS RACE.
Associated Press Despatch.
Amsterdam, July 18.—Major Pedro Zanni, the Argentine aviator, who plans to start on a world flight next Tuesday, intends to follow the route of Stuart MacLaren, the British flier. The Argentinean anticipates that the superior speed of his machines will enable him to overtake his rivals in the globe-encircling contest.

Unloads 20 Tons Of Overdue Mail
Ship Held in Ice Fields Arrives at Alaska.

Associated Press Despatch.
Nome, Alaska, July 16.—The United States coastguard cutter Bear, which has been held in Bering Sea ice fields since early May, arrived here this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Officers of the ship state no suffering was experienced by anyone on board during the long tie-up. Work of unloading twenty tons of overdue mail is under way.

20,428,396 BUSHELS OF WHEAT EXPORTED
Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 18.—During the nine months ended June, Canada exported 20,428,396 bushels of wheat to the United States, in comparison with 13,167,301 bushels during the corresponding nine months of the corresponding year. Exports of Canadian farm products to the United States were valued at \$33,854,420 in the nine months ended June and \$32,208,181 in the corresponding nine months of two years ago.

TWO KILLED IN STORM AT FITCHBURG, MASS.
Associated Press Despatch.
Fitchburg, Mass., July 18.—Two persons lost their lives in a tempest that tore through this city yesterday, unroofing mills and houses, toppling chimneys, uprooting trees and breaking windows.

Advertiser "Want" Ads point the way to many successes—make full use of them.

"On-Again, Off-Again, Ferguson!"

Liquor Plebiscite on October 23 Receives Written Confirmation From the Premier After Various Contortions.

Premier Ferguson has wobbled back again—or perhaps some one has pushed him. He now admits that October 23 is the date of the liquor plebiscite in Ontario.

Yesterday Mr. Ferguson said that this date was "a pure guess." During the day he apparently encountered trouble among his friends and before he went to bed he gave a written statement confirming the announcement. The statement appears on page 7, column 4, of this edition.

Mr. Ferguson has entertained the public with an "On-again, off-again, Finnegan" performance during the last few days. Last week he said he would make an announcement on July 16. Then he said he was "only joking."

The announcement came on the night of July 16. Mr. Ferguson said it was "a guess" and that he had nothing to say.

A few hours later he contradicted himself, and admitted that the announcement is correct.

"On-again, off-again, Ferguson"

LONDON METHODISTS WILL STAND BY O.T.A.
Bishop Williams, on Other Hand, Declares Law Should Be Removed.

OPINIONS VARY
Rev. H. J. Uren Fails To See Any Reason For Coming Plebiscite.

Methodists of London, in the opinion of their head, stand ready to renege their fight to retain the O. T. A. Bishop Williams, on the other hand, voices his approval of the coming plebiscite, and declares that the temperance law should be removed from the provincial statutes.

The head of the Salvation Army in London and Dr. Clegg, superintendent of Victoria Hospital, present new angles to the question for consideration.

Rev. H. J. Uren, president of London Methodist Conference, an organization which in its various districts has repeatedly gone on record as upholding the principles of the Ontario temperance act, stated this morning:

"It has all along been the general expression of our church, by letter, by outspoken opinion, and by resolution, that a plebiscite was unnecessary. But since it has come, there will be a united effort on the part of everyone to protect what we have gained in this province for temperance legislation. Sufficient time has been given us to compile our organization, and the temperance forces, when the time comes, will make a good showing. I am not able to state what we are doing in connection with the plebiscite, but from his pre-election reference, it would appear that he is simply keeping trust with those who urged a plebiscite for the province."

Bishop of Huron.
Right Rev. David Williams, bishop of Huron, in his annual charge to the synod last May, made public his opinion that the Ontario temperance act was not the most efficient means of obtaining the best in actual temperance conditions throughout the province.

This morning he simply voiced the opinion that the provincial government was acting in accordance with the synod last May's mind, and a wide-spread public opinion that the Ontario temperance act should be removed from the statutes of the province.

"We need go no farther to find upon Please See Page 4, Column 1."

MAN WITH BACK BROKEN WAGES VALIANT FIGHT
Andrew Johnston, who had three vertebrae in his back broken when he was caught in a slide of gravel while working in a pit in Manor Park last Thursday, is waging a strong fight for life. He has shown some improvement in the last two days and this is remarkable, considering the fact that he also had a leg broken and three ribs fractured in the accident.

Little hope was held out for his recovery when it was learned how serious his injuries were, but even if he does recover he will never be able to work again.

SENATOR WATSON RAPS DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES
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