

LONDON'S POLITICAL POT ALREADY SIMMERING

Conservative Opposition to P. R. May Delay Closing House

ADVERTISER'S PLAN FOR GREAT SPELLING MATCH INDORSED BY CITIZENS

Next Week 3,500 Boys and Girls in Upper Grades of Public Schools Will Be Trying for Fine Prizes—Parents Also Interested in City-Wide Competition.

LONDONERS GIVE FAVORABLE OPINIONS

Unless you're among the 3,500 boys and girls in the four top grades of London's public schools you can't take part in The Advertiser's big Spelling Match, which starts next week.

But that restriction hasn't prevented the fathers and mothers from catching the idea of the thing.

The Spelling Match has caught on everywhere and everyone is talking about it.

The boys and girls like it because it's a good clean contest with some worthwhile prizes if they do well.

Mothers and fathers like it because they're all perfectly sure Johnny is a champion.

Businessmen and everyone else like it because they see in it a constructive idea which will raise real interest in one of the big requirements of today's activities—ability to spell.

Mayor Wenige, for instance, thinks there should be a similar scheme for adults.

Here are some opinions from well-known Londoners:

James Gray, President of the Chamber of Commerce:

"Spelling is certainly one of the essentials of education for all boys and girls going into business today. The need of accuracy in this respect is evident every day in most offices."

E. R. Dennis of the Dennis Wire and Iron Works:

"I don't display their ignorance more by poor spelling than in any other way. There is no question as to the necessity of sound and accurate spelling in any business office."

Mayor Wenige:

"We get so many letters every day, fairly well composed and mightily poorly spelled, that the need of greater care in spelling must be obvious to everyone. I think your spelling contest a fine affair and I should make it an annual affair and admit adults. That would keep us all up-to-date, and I would have a try at it myself, even if I were spelled down now and then."

A. T. Little:

"Correct and accurate spelling is one of the essentials for all young people going into business. In fact, unless they can spell properly, they are entirely out of it."

Philip Pocock of the London Shoe Company:

"There are, I think, too many frills in the present education of a child, and the fundamentals of which spelling is certainly one, would be a great benefit. As for the Advertiser's scheme, I think it is a fine idea and I very much approve of it."

Gordon Philip, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

"The ability to spell correctly is one of the fundamentals of an education, and is absolutely essential for the office man and girl."

Alderman McKay:

"I think the Advertiser is to be congratulated for the initiative shown in staging a contest of this kind. A tasteful and I think this scheme should be extremely beneficial to the children in London."

Morley Aylesworth, assistant general manager of the Huron and Erie Mortgage:

"There is a good deal of slackness in the way of spelling in the part of many stenographers and office workers."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Fresh to strong northeasterly to easterly winds; fair today; rain during the night and on Saturday.

A depression is developing in the Mississippi Valley, and pressure is highest over Northern Ontario and in the North Pacific States.

The weather has been fair over the Dominion, with the exception of a few local snow flurries in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	54	42	Clear
Calgary	58	34	Fair
Winnipeg	50	26	Clear
Fort Arthur	44	16	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	48	16	Clear
Toronto	44	22	Fair
Kingston	32	30	Fair
Ottawa	40	24	Fair
Montreal	38	24	Clear
Quebec	30	22	Fair
St. John	38	30	Fair
Halifax	44	28	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 47; lowest, 13.



FERGUSON CAMP WILL OPPOSE P. R. IN ONTARIO HOUSE

Predict Drury Will Be Unable To Dissolve Parliament on May 4.

Toronto, April 13.—Three meetings of the legislature committee scheduled for this morning, were cancelled because of party caucuses.

All the talk at the parliament buildings today is on the possibility of Premier Drury getting through his electoral reform bills and dissolving on May 4.

The opinion was frankly expressed this morning that the premier would not be able to complete his announced program by the date mentioned for dissolution.

The Conservatives, it can be stated on good authority, will oppose the proportional representation and the single transferable vote, features of the proposed legislation.

Ordinary redistribution might be accomplished, although it is admitted that it alone would be a big job to finish in three weeks.

The government caucus this morning, the eleven members who will sit for the farmers and labor on the redistribution committee, were appointed. The prime minister declined to make known the names, saying they would be announced in the house.

The Liberals also met this morning and appointed their five members. The Conservatives will do so later.

It is prophesied by some members that if the legislature is dissolved by May 4, the appeal will be made to the people on the present ridings, and that the government, in recommending dissolution, will place the blame on opposition members for preventing redistribution by holding up government bills of electoral reform.

It is a certainty that proportional representation is to be vigorously opposed.

The three bills the premier introduced yesterday are scheduled to come up, for second reading this afternoon.

Andrew Hicks (former U. F. O. whip), who spoke against the prime minister and then against the resolution of want of confidence, explained his attitude this morning by stating that even from the start he had no intention of asking that the government be defeated.

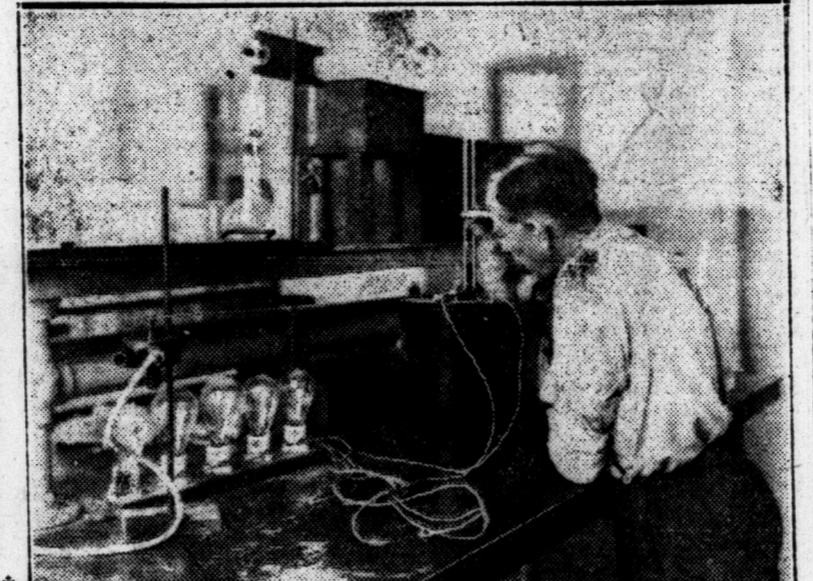
"We could not hold up business. All the estimates remained to be passed. We could not defeat the government. It was up to us to get through the essential business and dissolve," he said.

Rev. W. Leslie Armitage, St. James' Church, South London:

"Spelling is an all-important subject, and many a businessman has been put about through the incompetence of his stenographer as a speller. I am sure that a contest of this sort would intensify the interest, and there is no doubt that mistakes made in public are impressed indelibly upon a child's mind so that they are not readily made a second time."

J. Bevan Hay, president of the Kiwanis Club:

"I think the spelling contest is a fine idea, and when you have finished with the match amongst the school children, hold one for city stenographers."



TESTING ALBERTA COAL FOR HEAT POSSIBILITIES.

E. J. Larsen, chief chemical engineer at the St. Marys Cement Company's plant at St. Marys, Ont., is shown here conducting a delicate experiment to determine the number of heat British thermal units that are contained in the Alberta coal received from the west by The Advertiser.

Mr. Larsen is shown reading the thermometer with the aid of a microscope. A reading must be taken once every second during the test. In the smaller picture samples of the coal are shown just as it comes from the car and after it has been ground to a fine powder in preparation for the analysis.

TEST OF ALBERTA COAL SHOWS FAIR HEAT VALUE

Consignment Brought to London by The Advertiser Falls Below American Anthracite in This Respect—Has Very Little Ash and Will Not Coke.

The most efficient tests known to science were applied to samples of Alberta coal supplied to The Advertiser in the chemical laboratory of the St. Marys Cement Company's plant at St. Marys, Ont., yesterday to discover the true value of the coal as domestic fuel.

Through the courtesy of J. G. Lind, superintendent of the plant, a complete analysis was made of the samples by three expert chemical engineers who specialize in testing fuel. The analysis revealed every element in the coal as well as the number of heat units.

In the presence of an Advertiser reporter, E. J. Larsen, chief chemical engineer, and the St. Marys authorities on coal on the American continent, assisted by two other engineers, R. Grosch and J. N. Robinson, a series of delicate experiments and then worked over a long list of mysterious figures so that they could give to the public their findings in tabulated form.

The tests were made in one of the most up-to-date laboratories in the whole Dominion. It is fitted especially for analyzing coal, and it is used for that purpose continuously by the coal used by the St. Marys Cement Company is tested every hour.

At the conclusion of the experiments and after figures had been compiled, Mr. Larsen informed The Advertiser that the coal was western bituminous. He stated in the way of explanation that all coal containing from 55 to 75 per cent fixed carbon was placed scientifically in this class.

The samples tested contained 55.83 while still retaining moisture and ash.

Result of Tests.
Separate tests were made to reveal the number of heat units, the percentage of ashes, moisture, volatile carbon, fixed carbon, and sulphur contained in the samples.

The results were:
Heat, British thermal units..... 12,495
Ashes..... 7.37%
Moisture in air dry coal..... 3.75%
Total moisture..... 8.00%
Fixed carbon..... 55.83%
Sulphur..... 1.94%
To classify coal, it is necessary to

find out the percentage of volatile and fixed carbon and the number of heat units contained after moisture and ashes are extracted. From the foregoing figures, Mr. Larsen declared that the composition, when free of moisture and ashes, would contain:
Volatile carbon..... 37.13%
Fixed carbon..... 62.81%
Heat..... 13,957 B. T. U.

So that a comparison could be made between the fuel value of Alberta coal and Pennsylvania anthracite coal, Mr. Larsen offered the following table, which was compiled after experiments had been carried out on an exceptional high grade of anthracite coal:
Ashes..... 11.30%
Volatile carbon..... 8.81%
Fixed carbon..... 81.14%
Sulphur..... 1.55%
B. T. U..... 13,040%

By far the most important factor as far as consumers are concerned, Mr. Larsen explained, is the number of heat units contained and the amount of ashes.

Shows Fair Heat.
The tests proved that the Alberta coal, with its 12,495 British thermal units, which put into every-day language the number of pounds of water one pound of coal will heat to one degree, contains a fair amount of heat, but falls slightly below American coal in this respect.

Mr. Larsen stated that good anthracite coal will contain that much or more, but he doubted if the coal sold generally last winter would contain that much.

The test for heat units is a delicate one, and it was carried on by Mr. Larsen personally.

Before any experiments were begun the samples were carefully weighed, and then in a mill used to grind all the coal used in the plant, they were ground to a powder as fine and as soft as wheat flour.

A small quantity was placed in a minute nickel retort operated by electricity, and this was lowered into a vessel containing distilled water.

All thermometers capable of registering a hundredth part of a degree gave at all times the amount of heat in the distilled water, the temperature being noted.

Loss Reached \$50,000.
An inventory made by Quartermaster M. Ryan placed the loss at approximately \$50,000. Cherished band instruments, medals, thousands of dollars in cash and equipment of all sorts were reduced to dust.

Quartermaster Sergeant Stirling had his seven medals for war service stolen a year ago, and last night decorations recently received in place of the stolen ones were destroyed in the flames.

Driver Gagnier had just drawn \$500 from the bank, which he left in a wooden box besides his bunk. The fire spread with such fury he had no time to save the money, although sitting on his cot just beside it when the alarm was given.

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MAJOR ON WARPATH FOR LIST OF SALARIES
Desultory firing continues along the public utilities front.

At 11:30 a.m. today Mayor Wenige threw a "box barrage" about the utility building, directing Manager Buchanan to surrender with the pay list along in the afternoon.

"I'll be after it and I don't want to have to wait around and explain to Battery Commander Wenige."

Just before noon the latter lifted his barrage, encircling the Port Stanley commission offices.

"Buck-Shee"!

If You Want To Be a Pal To Some of the R.C.R. Boys In Hard Luck Here's Your Chance

"Buck-shee" That's an old army word. It means an unexpected gift—something extra in the rations, a big pay day, a bit of good luck.

"Buck-shee" is a ray of sunshine on a dreary day, a pat on the back when you're feeling blue.

Some of the boys of the Royal Canadian Regiment are feeling a bit blue today, because the big fire last night wiped out everything they owned except the clothes on their backs and a plucky disposition.

Several men lost all their savings, some lost war medals, most of them lost all their clothing and personal property.

They need a pat on the back from a pal—a bit of "buck-shee."

There are plenty of good sportsmen in the city who would like to give it, too, and so The Advertiser is offering a chance to everyone who feels that way.

It's a "Buck-shee Bag" for the boys. It's open to everyone, to be filled by public subscription, and the total money collected will be turned over to Col. C. H. Hill, officer commanding the regiment, for distribution as he sees fit.

The opportunity was made known in The Advertiser office this morning, and so appealed to the members of the staff that \$83 was in the Bag in a few minutes.

So here's your chance. The "Buck-shee Bag" for the boys is open! Fill it!

If you've got that sporting feeling, send in your money to The Advertiser. Just put it in an envelope, mark it "Buck-shee," and drop it in the mail or at The Advertiser office.

The complete list of amounts with names, either real or anonymous, will be published in The Advertiser, and this will constitute your receipt.

The "Buck-shee Bag" Is Open!

ASHES AND DEBRIS MARK FIRE SCENE, VALUABLES LOST

Micky, "C" Company's Mascot, Only Casualty in the Tecumseh Barracks Blaze.

Much Cash Burned Several Thousand Dollars in Money, Property of Soldiers.

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LONDON PARTIES BEGIN TO RALLY AT BATTLE CALL

Liberals Hold Rousing Session of Ward One Adherents in Hyman Hall.

Conservatives Next Labor Will Stage Weekly Session for Educational and Organization Purposes.

E. C. Drury's clarion call for battle finds the defenders of the three local political camps willing, if not actually prepared, for an early engagement.

Enruling to remain solely on the defensive, the Liberals galloped into the fray last night with a rousing session of Ward 1 adherents in Hyman Hall.

The gathering storm caught a group of Labor supporters in regular session at the Labor Temple.

Recovering their composure, they rushed for the attack, setting Thursday next as the day when the "buck-shee" fund will be distributed.

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The local Conservatives wheel into action tonight with an informal gathering of the members of their executive.

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"HAVERGAL" WING GUTTED BY FIRE, DAMAGE \$10,000

Over One Hundred Students Escape With But Loss of Clothes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, April 13.—While one hundred and twenty girl residents of Havergal College were at breakfast this morning, the fire bell sounded and all paraded out as per the usual detail for fire drill.

The spirit of the students was exemplified by one of the youngest of them who exclaimed joyously to the bystanders: "Well, I may have lost all my clothes, but I saved my teddy bears." Defective wiring is given as the cause of the fire.

Optimism Prevails. Optimism prevails at Conservative headquarters despite the conflicting reports of a cross-current of opinion as to the relative merits of prospective standard-bearers.

The latest advice from Toronto to the local chiefs indicates that Sir Adam Beck, former member for London, and backed again by a faction of the party, will within a few days announce publicly that he will not entertain the candidature and that it is his intention "to keep hydro out of politics."

Should this transpire, it will undoubtedly simplify matters for the local Conservatives. No longer would there be any dissension among them, they assert.

Aside from this phase of the situation, E. R. Dennis, chairman of the Western Ontario Liberal Association, is still in favor throughout the riding, and while Mr. Dennis states that "his time should be devoted to his own business" there is a firm belief prevalent that he could be persuaded to carry the blue banner into the fight.

Everything hinges seemingly upon Friday night next.

Significant Rustle. There is a significant rustle of activity within the local Labor camp. The latest despatch from the front finds Mr. Stevenson's followers willing, if not exactly prepared for the conflict.

Preliminary manoeuvres were noted at the Labor Temple last night, when members of No. 1 Branch of the London Labor Party concluded that in view of the approaching election, they would stage sessions each week for both educational and organization purposes.

The members appreciated fully that their first move should be to determine the attitude of the party relative to their policy during the campaign. In brief, how does Labor view the past alliance with the U. F. O. government of the past four years, and therefore must answer for the misdeeds of that administration, if any there be, if it comes to accept joint credit for any achievements that may have been recorded.

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