

BEAT BECK AND SAVE HYDRO" SAYS WENIGE

Children By Thousands At London City School Picnic

LIBERAL PARTY WILL BATTLE TO SAVE HYDRO FROM POLITICS

Domination of Strong Candidate For City To Protect People's Rights.

JUST DEFEAT BECK

London's Interests Must Not Be Handed Over to Tory Political Machine.

The battle is on in deadly earnest. The Liberals of London are determined to the fact that they have become the dominating factor in the four-cornered contest.

With the entrance of U. A. Buchner into the provincial arena last night as the Liberal standard-bearer, the Liberals of London are rejoicing in the knowledge that once again the party is in a position to present a solid front to the enemies of hydro and all other public-owned enterprises—notably those who lay in waiting behind Sir Adam Beck at Tory headquarters.

Sir Adam Beck must be defeated at this election if public ownership is to survive as the success that non-partisan people of this province have made it—whether they be Liberal, Conservative or otherwise.

There are Conservatives who declare that hydro shall not be sacrificed for the selfish sordid interests of a little clique that has banded itself together behind Howard Ferguson, the leader of the Conservative party, and represented in London by Cameron Wilson, Ald. William Wilson and companions at the Tory hotel.

Sir Adam must be defeated in order that hydro shall survive. Mayor Wenige declares today in a solemn warning to the good people of this city, and he leaves it to their judgment to act accordingly.

The Tories for the race are now in the hands of the judges. Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson is going to the electorate as the only candidate in Ontario who has pledged himself to a government that has plunged this province into debt over hydro during the last four years.

M. Donahue, the first to enter the ring, enjoys the unique distinction as the only candidate in Ontario who has pledged himself to a government that has plunged this province into debt over hydro during the last four years.

O. T. A. stand.

NEW CARS OBTAINED BY STREET RAILWAY

Five Double Truck Trolleys Expected To Augment Present System.

The London street railway corporation is adding to its rolling stock. The Advertiser was informed today that new cars, of the double-truck type, are expected in the city in a few weeks or so. It is stated that representatives of the local transportation lines are in Cleveland making arrangements for transferring the cars to the city.

The cars are of the latest double-truck type, such as were in use in Cleveland before the street railway authorities of that city introduced the New York City surface lines. They have been in service for a year, and are far superior to any car in use in London. The addition of these cars will naturally improve the local service substantially. Several weeks ago the company proposed to purchase these cars upon the condition that the council would grant it permission to convert fifteen of their present public-truck cars into one-man cars.

This the council declined to do, and the company stated it would be unable to carry out its intentions in respect. Since that time, however, President Charles Currie visited the city and an agreement was made whereby the company would undertake all paving enterprises as directed by the city, upon the condition that the council would grant it permission to convert fifteen of their present public-truck cars into one-man cars.

DECLARES MOTOR THEFTS ARE NOW ON THE WANE

Motor stealing is on the wane, according to Inspector of Detectives Nickle. Inspector Nickle told The Advertiser this morning that fewer and fewer cars are being stolen every year, the number taken in this city since the beginning of the year being only a small fraction of the number in previous years. He said that the reason for this is that the part of those who are caught is made a practice of this, is sentences meted out to them. He said that all cases now fall sentence of some



TO PROTECT PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

This is Urban A. Buchner, who was unanimously chosen as provincial candidate by the Liberals of London in open convention last night. Mr. Buchner declared his willingness to fight in order to protect public ownership of the people's hydro from being handed over to the manipulations of Howard Ferguson and his followers, through the election of Sir Adam Beck as a Tory candidate. Mr. Buchner is out to fight for fair play for the people of London and the safeguarding of those interests and reforms which the people of Ontario hold dear.

WHY WENIGE BELIEVES BECK MUST BE BEATEN

Sir Adam Beck, as Tory candidate in London, should not be endorsed by the people, declared Mayor Wenige today.

In explanation of the stand which he took at the Liberal convention last night to protect the people's rights in public ownership, Mayor Wenige makes the following clear-cut statement:

"Sir Adam Beck has no business mixing in party politics because he is a paid servant of the government."

"This means, of course, that he is an employee of the people of all, any or no political affiliation—Liberal, Conservative, Labor, and so forth."

"Sir Adam Beck's entrance into the local field has brought hydro into politics beyond all shadow of a doubt, and he would only be recognizing his duty to the people of this province, of all classes, if he resigned immediately from his seat as chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission."

"There is still another point to be carefully considered by the people of this city before they mark their ballots, June 25 next. They should satisfy themselves that they have had at all times such information of the internal management of their public utilities as they would consider imperative."

"The pay list episode and controversy, which has raged since the first of the year and was only brought to an abrupt termination by Sir Adam's entrance into the political arena, has prompted me to think that it would not be unreasonable to suppose that the same thing could happen, if it has not happened already, with respect to our provincial utilities; notably the vast hydro undertakings at Niagara Falls."

"We'll suppose that at some future time the people demanded, as they have in London this year, certain information about their own hydro plants. What would happen? Would they receive it without hesitation on the part of Sir Adam and his political advisers?"

"The time for autocracy in this country has long since passed. We ask for, and shall have, democratic administration, and we do not want a return to the day when the citizens of this country who pay the bills were ordered to wipe their feet carefully on the political door-mat before they could be granted the privilege of entering the offices of their own employees. The time for that has passed. This is and must be kept as a democratic province, in a true democratic country."

THREE LONDONERS ARE VICTORIOUS IN GOLF PLAYOFF

Miss Marion Beck Captures Consolation Championship From Miss Thompson.

POPULAR WINNER

Miss Audrey Farncomb Takes Her Game—Mrs. Williams Defeats Miss Phin.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brantford, June 8.—The players in the finals of the seven flights that were played this morning encountered the worse weather conditions of the week, a cold, raw wind from the north putting them up a severe handicap. Despite this some very good golf was turned in. Miss Marion Beck won the championship consolation from Miss Dorothy Thompson, 2 and 1.

Miss Beck played great golf for the first six holes, having the first and winning the next five. Five holes down after only six handicap played was enough to put most players off their game, but Miss Thompson staged a great upshot fight, winning both the seventh and ninth and halving the eighth, made the turn only three in arrears. She won the tenth and eleventh and halved the twelfth. Miss Beck took the thirteenth, but Miss Thompson squared the match by winning the next two. On the sixteenth Miss Thompson found the gully and Miss Beck won. On the next hole trouble still followed Miss Thompson and she drove out of bounds. Miss Beck winning the hole and the match. Miss Beck made a birdie on the sixteenth.

Mrs. Henderson Wins.

Mrs. Henderson of Rosedale was given a great argument by Miss Marion Beck. Cockshut of Toronto in the first consolation for the first nine holes, but after that the more experienced player drew away and won. 4 and 3. Miss Cockshut was one up at the eighth, but they made the turn on even terms. Mrs. Henderson continued her streak of winning golf and won the 12th, 13th and 14th, and ended the match with a birdie 5 at the fifteenth.

Miss Louis MacDonald of Toronto won the third consolation final from Miss L. Jackson of Paris, 6 to 5. The winner had greater length in her drives, and also was better playing up to the pin. She made the turn 2 up, and won the first four holes of the homecoming play to end the match on the thirteenth.

In the second consolation, Mrs. W. Forsyth of Lakeview won from Mrs. Margaret Findlay of Lambton, 3 and 2, after being 2 up at the ninth.

Londoner Wins.

One of the most popular victories of the day was that of Miss Audrey Farncomb of London in the first consolation (Beaten eight). She is the youngest and smallest player in the tournament, and despite her lack of experience, this being her first tournament, she played good golf. Her opponent, Mrs. Dalton Davies of Toronto, was also good, and while the lead was never greater than one, Mrs. Davies always won the odd hole. Mrs. Davies made the turn one up, and halved the next three, but Miss Farncomb squared the match at the 13th, and won by winning the fourteenth and seventeenth and halving the intervening holes. Miss Farncomb laid her opponents seven stymies, two on one hole.

London players continued their winning ways when Mrs. L. Williams (Rosedale) defeated Miss M. Cockshut (Toronto) 4 and 3. First consolation—Beaten eight—Miss A. Farncomb (London) defeated Mrs. Dalton Davies (Toronto) 2 and 1.

Second consolation—Mrs. W. Forsyth (Lakeview) defeated Miss M. Findlay (Lambton) 3 and 2.

Third consolation—Miss L. MacDonald (Toronto) defeated Miss L. Jackson (Paris) 6 and 5.

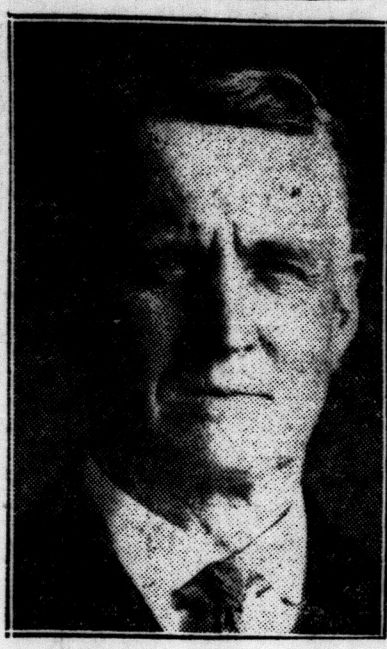
Fourth consolation—Mrs. E. McCoughy (Glendale) defeated Mrs. D. W. Brown (Simcoe) 7 and 5.

Fifth consolation—Mrs. E. L. Williams (London) defeated Miss Vera Phin (Hamilton) 5 and 3.

LONE VAGRANT APPEARS, REMANDED FOR WEEK

One lone vagrant greeted Magistrate Graydon this morning in court opened, and after a few minutes conversation the court remanded him to jail for a week in order that he might get in touch with an uncle at Embro.

John McDonald was the culprit's name, and he was picked up at the corner of York and Wellington at 5:15 this morning. He stated that he had no name but that his uncle would look after him.



DECLINED NOMINATION.

Andrew Tobson, president of the London Liberal Association, who by order of his physician was forced to decline the Liberal nomination at last evening's convention.

OAKS STAKES WON THIS AFTERNOON BY BRUNHYLDA

Sir Edward Hulton's Shrove Is Second in Great Turf Classic.

THRILLING RACE

Leader Crosses Tape Neck Ahead of Second—Third Head Behind.

Associated Press Despatch.

Epworth Downs, June 8.—Brunhylda, by Siedfast out of Valkyrie, owned by Vicomte De Fontenay, won the Oaks Stakes, the classic event for 3-year-old fillies run here today.

Sir Edward Hulton's Shrove was second, and H. H. Agz Kahan's Teresina was third. Twelve horses ran.

The betting on the winner was 10 to 1 against; on Shrove 100 to 7 against and on Teresina 7 to 1 against. Brunhylda won by a neck, and Teresina was only a head behind Shrove.

Lady Torrington's Polydora, with Steve Donoghue, the winning Derby jockey, up, was unplaced.

This was the 141st renewal of the Oaks Stakes of £12,000 with extras, run over a course of about one mile and a half.

Seldom has there been a more thrilling finish to a race run on the flat.

Twelve horses, the smallest field since 1912, started.

The Oaks is the fourth of the five classics for 3-year-olds, and like the one thousand guineas at Newmarket, it is confined to fillies alone. It is run over the Derby course of a little better than a mile and a half.

DENIES RUM-RUNNERS ACTIVE ON COUNTY ROADS

All this talk of rum runners making nightly drives through the county at high rates of speed is much exaggerated, according to License Inspector Bolton, who a few days ago under took to visit several residents and find out their views on the matter.

He stated that while there are some persons running liquor over the county roads, there are not nearly so many as popular opinion believes. Most of the reports are merely hearsay and on investigation prove to be untrue.

GETS £74,000 FIRST PRIZE FROM THE CALCUTTA DERBY

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 8.—First prize in the Calcutta Derby sweepstakes, amounting to £74,000, was drawn by a resident of Zanzibar named Poole, who sold half his chance before the race, according to a Calcutta despatch to the Morning Post.

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LONDON RECEIVES GOOD PRICE FOR ITS DEBENTURES

City Treasurer Gets 97.33 For \$180,000 Western Fair Securities.

COMPETITION KEEN

Municipal Bankers Offer Highest Figure of Fifteen Tenders.

Another safe indication of London's superior place in the financial world was evidenced today by the price secured by City Treasurer James Bell for the £180,000 Western Fair debentures—97.33—from the Municipal Bankers' Corporation of Toronto.

No less than fifteen financial concerns tendered, which is further proof of the city treasurer's points out, that they are all only too anxious to purchase City of London securities.

Mr. Bell and Mayor Wenige are both particularly impressed with the excellent tenders, which were opened this morning by the treasurer in the presence of representatives of the several firms bidding.

The treasurer is well pleased with the transaction, pointing out that the price secured is 10 cents less than a 3 1/2 basis.

Following is a complete list of the other firms and their tenders: Aemilius Jarvis & Co., London, 96.45; S. Ames & Co., 96.44; Nesbitt Thomson & Co., 96.31; Wood, Gundy & Co., 95.25; Stewart Scully & Co., 95.93; Dymott, Anderson & Co., 96.76; Bell, Gouninck & Co., 96.45; McLeod, Young & Co., 96.17; Murray & Co., 97.03; C. H. Burgess & Co., 95.38; Matthews & Co., 95.92; A. D. Morrow & Co., 95.78; W. A. Mackenzie & Co., 95.93; and Bain, Snowball & Co., 97.02.

ENTER CLAIM FOR COST OF MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Unusual Case Aired Before Judge Macbeth This Morning.

One of the most unusual cases ever heard in the local county court was opened this morning when Judge Macbeth heard the claims of Jane Clark against Frances George Clark for the funeral expenses of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Clark.

The plaintiff claimed that the defendant, her brother, had in a lease agreed to be responsible for the funeral expenses of the mother. The defendant, while not disagreeing with this claim, that the expenses were too high, (\$600) and that he had never been consulted as to the form of burial or any of the other incidents. When the bill had been presented to him he refused payment.

Evidence was brought forward to show that Mr. Clark had not been on friendly terms with his parent and that he had at one time been bound over to keep the peace with her.

Miss Jane Clark, giving evidence, said that her mother had first expressed a wish to be buried in a brick vault but that later on she had wished for a steel one. When she had died, all the members of the family had been consulted, but although living but a few miles distant, the notification of the death was left to be delivered to Mr. Clark by a country doctor. The reason for this was that following a heavy storm telephone wires were down. Mr. Clark had attended the church service and interment.

Thomas Coleridge is acting for the plaintiff and Gladman and Stanbury for the defendant. The case is continuing this afternoon.

DAMAGES FOR PLAINTIFF.

Damages totaling \$328 were awarded Forest Durbin in his case against Leo La Fortune, after the jury had been out for an hour this morning. The damages were made up as follows: Damages to car of Durbin, \$147; Adam Finch, doctor's bill for attendance to Mrs. Madeline Finch, \$81; Mrs. Madeline Finch, injuries received in accident, \$100. The costs were also assessed against the defendant. J. M. McEvoy K.C. for the plaintiffs, and Menzies & Cluff for La Fortune.

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9,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN CAPTURED SPRINGBANK IN ANNUAL CITY PICNIC

Happy Youngsters Throng to London's Pleasure Resort For Their Gala Day—Weather Cold But No One Cared, For Blood Was Warm.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL RACES TO NOON

Young blood is warm and young hearts beat fast, so what is a keen

east wind or a few black clouds when there is a picnic in view? The London kiddies are all healthy little people, and today being their picnic, nothing daunts them. Early this morning, long before the break of dawn, they rivalled the birds in the daylight saving idea, and by the time the first street car was ready at 8:50 they had lived a whole week of picnic days in happy anticipation of the time they were going to have at Springbank. It is estimated 9,000 children were in attendance.

The rumble of the cars filled the city from the time when the busy man is having breakfast, along to noon, and down at the park they were pouring their laughing and singing freight over the green fields in a continuous stream. In spite of the excitement and the determination of all the small boys to see how easy it was for anyone to travel on London's street cars simply by hanging on to some projecting bar as handle with one hand, there were no accidents, and the long record of the company of taking the youngsters down to the annual picnic without a single accident was maintained unblemished.

Did they chant their school war cries in every key in the musical world? Did they roar and cheer every time they passed a school waiting at a corner for their respective car? The conductors on the cars, surely chosen for their wonderful good nature and their patience with the children, could hardly make themselves heard, but they manfully went around taking tickets, even though they had to wait once in a while for some budding Caruso had finished his solo. Yes, they started well, if ever any picnic was blessed with the energy of enthusiasm and the laughter of absolute happiness, this was one.

Packagers, Rolls Royces, Studebakers, away with them; youth needs no other entertainment than its own strong and sturdy faith. Some of the cars were rather elderly, but it mattered nothing to the tough boys, who were not so much interested in the eyes of the citizens of tomorrow. Springbank smiled gladly at the new arrivals; the grass had dried up well, and down by the river the wind seemed much softer and warmer.

A Minor Accident.

Only one minor accident marred the forenoon. A ten-year-old girl was seized with convulsions for a few minutes, but after being taken into the Red Cross tent and being attended to by the nurses she was able to go back to her school again. Two small boys were faced with a tremendous problem. Rover, their dog, had persisted in coming down with them and they wanted to send him back in case he got lost. So they pulled him down to a returning car and offered him to the conductor. "Please take him home for us. Just put him off at Dundas and Richmond and he'll go home himself." "Does he want a transfer?" asked the lord of the nicker bin. "Oh yes, ain't you smart, sure he wants a transfer, but if you put him off Turn to Page 2, Columns 4 and 5.

COUNCIL WILL FIGHT DELINQUENT CONCERNS

Industries Who Refuse Additional School Taxes To Be Sued.

Industries located in the annexed districts of East London will not evade their additional school taxes levied by the 1923 city council without a fight, Mayor Wenige declared today.

"We'll fight them in the regular way," his worship stated. "We'll just have to make a test case of one of them. I don't know which one. It doesn't make any difference for that matter. We just select one at random and ascertain through the courts if necessary whether the city or the industries are in the right."

Questioned as to the "customary procedure" when one fails to pay taxes, City Clerk Bailey explained it is usual to leave the matter in abeyance until the following year, when the delinquent tax is charged against the property. And eventually if it becomes imperative, there is no alternative, but to sell the property and deduct the taxes.

That the controversy will ever reach that stage is extremely doubtful, and while the mayor is determined this money, approximately \$20,000, shall not be lost to the city without a fight, he is conferring with City Treasurer Bell and other officials as to the best method to pursue.

FALLS FROM VESSEL AND LOSES HIS LIFE

James K. Wilson of Brantford Drowned on Way to Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, June 8.—James Kenneth Watson, aged 37, of Brantford, Ont., a coal trimmer on the Canadian Pacific steamer Minnedosa, was drowned by falling overboard above Sorel, when the vessel was outward bound from Montreal on Wednesday.

Watson is a son of E. P. Watson, of the Watson Manufacturing Company, Brantford, and well known there.

The remains were brought to Quebec yesterday when an inquest was held by Coroner Jolicoeur. The verdict of the jury was accidental drowning. The body was shipped to Brantford for interment.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong winds or moderate gales from the northwest; clearing and quite cool tonight.

Saturday—Moderate winds; fair and becoming a little warmer.

A well-defined disturbance is centred over Eastern Ontario, while pressure is high over the Gulf and to the westward of the Great Lakes.

Showers have occurred in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Western Quebec, and heavy rains have been fairly general in Ontario.

Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	Highest.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	70	52	Fair
Calgary	75	41	Clear
Winnipeg	75	41	Clear
Port Arthur	75	41	Clear
Parry Sound	76	48	Rain
Toronto	63	34	Cloudy
Kingston	68	39	Cloudy
Ottawa	76	54	Rain
Montreal	76	56	Rain
Quebec	61	29	Cloudy
Father Point	58	28	Cloudy
St. John's	58	45	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 72; lowest, 62.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 47.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—3 p.m., 29.02.

Today—8 a.m., 29.05.



SNAPPED AT THE SCHOOL PICNIC.

Cold! not at all, if you had been running races all morning and were just as warm as a bear. Some thoughtful parent sent this melon down to the picnic. It lasted for about five minutes and caused more

real fun than any other melon in London. The Advertiser shows that you can't beat a melon for enjoyment even if you do set your ears wet.