

HAYDEN APPEALS FOR SALE OF FEDERAL SQUARE

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PRESENT HALL SITE WILL DO IF ALTERED, SAYS HAYDEN

Would Sell the Federal Square Immediately and Start Work.

WOULD COST \$125,000

Believes New Building Not To Be Constructed For Ten Years.

Ald. Edmund Hayden recommends the immediate sale of the "federal square" and added improvements to the present city hall. He will move to that effect at the first favorable opportunity.

It is his belief that for \$125,000 or even less, the present city hall could be "made over" to permit its use by the municipality for another 10 or 15 years at least, when it could be then sold for a substantial figure.

He points out that there is money available for city hall purposes that could be diverted, he thinks without any further preliminaries and without a vote of the people and application for permission to the Ontario Legislature.

"We could also sell such portions of the federal square as would be deemed expedient," he urged. "We have already received the franchise of the legislature to do that and as a matter of fact I say that we should dispose of the entire federal square. From present indications there is going to be no new city hall for another 10 or 15 years and it would be a shame to allow that valuable property to lie idle any longer. It has remained vacant long enough as it is."

Ald. Hayden maintains that the present city hall, with a new front, similar to the public utilities building adjacent, would be suitable for years to come. The present structure is a disgrace, he declares.

ABOLITION ASKED CURB GAS PUMPS

Inspector Piper Urges Legislation To Direct Removal.

Building Inspector A. M. Piper recommends the abolition of curbstone gas stations, of which there are more than 50 in the city, with applications on file for several others. The inspector states that the time has come for legislation to direct the removal of these stations from public to private property. It is his contention that gasoline stations on public property have become not only a nuisance, but dangerous. He states further that no satisfaction could be derived by having limits described, as there is no section of the city without its dangerous corner.

EXPECT BIG GATHERING.

Mayor Wenige expects a large gathering of Ruggles' shareholders at a mass meeting called for tomorrow night in the city hall. He has received many assurances from out-of-town shareholders, he states.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

East and southeast winds; snow to night and Thursday; colder Thursday night.

Pressure is highest over the Great Lakes and Middle Atlantic States, and in the West, while a low area is developing in the Mississippi Valley.

The weather is cold throughout Canada, and in the Western Provinces the temperature is very low.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	25	18	Snow
Calgary	4	-16	Clear
Winnipeg	2	-16	Clear
Port Arthur	4	-14	Pair
Ferry Sound	6	-2	Snow
Toronto	25	8	Pair
Ottawa	6	-4	Pair
Montreal	2	-14	Pair
Quebec	10	-8	Pair
Father Point	18	-8	Clear
St. John	42	-2	Clear
Halifax	42	-2	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 33; lowest, 9. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 6.

Barometric Readings.

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HON. L. P. BRODEUR, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, who died at his official residence in Quebec city this morning.

DAMAGE ACTION IS FIRST ON LIST

Judge Macbeth To Preside at the Special Non-Jury Sittings.

Judge Talbot Macbeth will preside at the special non-jury sittings of the county court scheduled for Monday next. The \$500 damage action brought by Colin C. Gordon against R. M. McLeod as a result of a motor crash on the Springbank drive Sept. 15 last, is the first case on the list.

Mr. Gordon alleges McLeod's car was driven recklessly and caused \$500 damages to his machine.

McLeod denies an negligence and accuses Gordon of driving improperly. He counterclaims \$500.

Flock & Flock will appear for the plaintiff and Phelan & Richardson of Toronto for the defendant.

MAN REFUSES TO ENTER HOSPITAL

Tree-Trimmer Puts Up Fight When He Recovers From Fall.

A strenuous fight against being taken to the hospital was made this morning by one of the unemployed engaged in tree-trimming, following a fall from a tree.

According to E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the utilities commission, the man fell from the tree and was knocked unconscious. Arrangements were made to admit him to St. Joseph's Hospital and a doctor was asked to be on hand. The man was picked up and put into a car. On the way to the hospital he regained consciousness and putting up a strong argument, absolutely refusing to enter the institution. He was then taken to his home, apparently none the worse for the escapade.

REMAND FORGER TO JAIL FOR WEEK

Fred Fowler, Mt. Brydges, Passed Check For Fourteen Dollars.

Fred Fowler, 24, Mount Brydges, pleaded guilty in police court today of forging a check for \$15. He was remanded to jail one week at the request of Crown Attorney Gillanders who wanted more time to delve into Fowler's past operations.

"I forged it myself," stated Fowler, a well-dressed youth.

The check was issued on the market branch of the Bank of Montreal. Fowler forging the name of Stanley Merrill, a Delaware farmer. It was made payable to E. Walker.

The prisoner tendered the check to T. Fox last Saturday, and when it reached the bank teller he detected the forgery. Police headquarters were notified and after securing a description of Fowler, Detective Walsh arrested him in a local hotel on Monday afternoon.

Fowler was charged with forging of two counts and one of fraud. He was not represented by counsel.

MORE THAN HUNDRED SALES TAX LICENSES NOW ISSUED

More than a hundred licenses for manufacturers and producers have been issued by the local customs house in connection with the new sales tax regulations. The new licenses are given free of charge and are good until March 31st. Two hundred and fifty local producers have applied at the customs house for licenses.

DEATH CALLS BRODEUR ONE MONTH AFTER TAKING POST

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IN LAURIER CABINET

Well-Known Canadian Statesman Taken Ill Following Trip to Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—After being in office as lieutenant-governor of the province of Quebec only a month, Hon. Louis Philippe Brodeur died this morning at his official residence, Spencerwood. Mr. Brodeur was taken ill on his return from a trip to Montreal last Friday. He rallied slightly from time to time, but last night it was seen that the end was not far off and the last rites of the church were administered.

L. P. Brodeur was born at Beloeil on August 21, 1862, the son of Louis-saint Brodeur, one of the patriots of the rebellion in 1837. He studied at the seminary at St. Hyacinthe, and later at the University of Montreal. Called to the bar in 1884, he was created queen's counsel in 1890. In 1891 he was elected to represent Rouville in the House of Commons, and re-elected at all the succeeding elections till 1908. He was deputy speaker from 1899 to 1906 and speaker from 1906 to 1904. He then took over the portfolio of minister of the interior in the Laurier administration, and was later minister of marine and fisheries. He was one of the representatives of Canada at the imperial conference in 1909. In 1909 he introduced the first naval bill, establishing a naval service in Canada. He next represented Canada at the conference in Washington, following the Hague decision relative to the North Atlantic fisheries. He was appointed to the supreme court of Canada 12 years ago. Mr. Brodeur married Emma Brillion, daughter of J. H. Brillion, Beloeil, by whom and five children he is survived.

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RETAINS COMMAND. Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill, D.S.O., commanding officer of the R. C. R., who will not relinquish his office for 14 months yet, despite a report that he was to retire immediately.

DOUGLASS DENIES "GRANDSTAND" ACT

Contends He Did Right in Criticizing 1923 Board of Education.

While one member of the school board credits him with "grandstand play," Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, insists that he adopted the proper attitude last week respecting the construction of the new public school in West London, and when he criticized the 1923 members of the board of education for "apparent tardiness," "They waited until the last minute in 1923 before they took definite action," Ald. Douglass stated, "and much time was saved, as another delay would have been occasioned waiting for action by the new school board. My stand may have looked like 'grandstand' work to one member of the board, but I don't think so. This school should have been started long ago."

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William Turnbull Points Out New Act Prevents Pyramiding.

PRODUCES BURDEN

Government Will Consider All Reasonable Objections Presented.

The new sales tax, in the opinion of retailers, wholesalers and jobbers, is infinitely preferable to the old. Of a dozen representative merchants and manufacturers questioned this morning about the new system, only a small proportion of the manufacturers voiced objection to it. For the majority of business concerns affected it is unquestionably a great improvement over the sales tax of the past year.

Wm. Turnbull, president of Edwards, Adams & Co., and president of the Ontario Wholesale Grocers' Association, expressed the attitude of jobbers and wholesalers generally when he said the new tax simplifies collection and tends to prevent pyramiding.

"Only the manufacturers are against the new system as compared with the old because the burdens falls on them," Mr. Turnbull said. "Of course nobody is in love with any form of taxation, but the 1924 sales tax is a decided improvement over the tax of 1923."

Now that hope for a modification of the tax, from a manufacturer's point of view, has been abandoned, the latter have assumed a more or less compromising attitude. They appreciate the necessity and benefits of the government's policy of collection on one class of the business community. Although that class is put to additional bother and is called upon to wrestle with inevitable complexities and ambiguities, other classes are freed of practically all responsibility.

The government has given assurance that all reasonable objections to the new system will be looked into. With this in mind, local manufacturers have decided not to petition the government for changes in the procedure, but as each individual problem comes up which requires investigation, Ottawa will be asked to handle it separately. Numerous amendments, therefore, are anticipated before spring.

The Manufacturers' Association, with headquarters in Toronto, it was learned today, has decided not to bring pressure to bear on the government to rescind the recently inaugurated system. Some time ago the manufacturers met and aired their opinions, many of which were unfavorable to the new sales tax, but they have definitely decided not to seek any modification through the Manufacturers' Association.

FRIDAY UNLUCKY? MAYOR DENIES IT

Chief Magistrate To Dine Aldermen and City Clerk on Superstitious Day.

While Friday is considered by many as an unlucky day, Mayor Wenige professes nonchalance, and today he issued invitations for a "Co-operation" supper at his residence Friday evening next.

It is noted incidentally, however, that whether by foresight or accident, the mayor has made arrangements to offset the sitting of 13 participants. Covers will be laid for 14, the mayor and his 13 guests, twelve aldermen and City Clerk Sam Baker.

The mayor adds that representatives from the press will be largely conspicuous by their absence. They will dine together later, he says, but he doesn't define clearly when and where. He may mean after the aldermen or at a later date.

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PUPILS ANXIOUS ABOUT OPENING

Inspectors Besieged With Phone Calls From School Children.

So enthusiastic have the children of London become in the matter of school attendance that the inspectors, V. K. Greer and G. A. Wheable, were overwhelmed with telephone calls both last night and this morning by persons seeking to find out whether school opened today.

Inspector Wheable stated that one youngster telephoned him at 6:45 this morning and asked the same question. He said he was glad to be able to reply in the negative and was rewarded by the small whoop of joy that was heard as he said no.

The term does open tomorrow morning, however, and from then until Easter the boys and girls will grind away. In April the next break in the season comes, and then the summer holidays.

DAMAGE BY FIRE TOTALS \$75,000

Loss For December Is Placed at Average of \$3,900.

Estimated, fire loss for the past month in London shows damage of \$75,000 to buildings and contents for nineteen fires, making an average loss of about \$3,900. Twenty-four alarms were received, of which 23 came by telephone route, only one box alarm being received. Of the 34 alarms, two were false alarms, nine actual fires, two drowning accidents, and one emergency call.

The heaviest loss of the month was to the bakeshop of the McCormick Manufacturing Company which amounted to approximately \$15,000. The next largest fire and loss was to the Royal Millinery Shop, which amounted to approximately \$5,000.

The month of December, according to firemen, was one of the quietest they have ever experienced, comparatively few calls being received.

NOTICE NOT SENT TO ALL CITIZENS

The Assessment Commissioner Warns Against Non-Filing Civic Income Returns.

Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett warns today that persons eligible for income tax are not relieved of the penalty for non-filing of returns should they not receive due notice from his department.

"We are sending out blank returns," the commissioner states, "but if we overlook any person, that person is not exempted from payment of the tax or for the penalty that could be imposed for non-payment. As a matter of fact we are not bound by law to send out any notices whatever. The income tax-payers would have to file in any event. We are merely sending out these notices to help the probable congestion in our department and to help the people as well."

More than 5,000 notices have gone out, principally to ward four residents. The commissioner points out that even now there appears to be considerable misunderstanding among the people, and including a few businessmen, as to the city income tax.

"All are required to file in 1924 the amount of their earnings in 1923, and they will pay their tax upon this in 1925," he explained.

RAILWAY IS NOT WILLING TO CUT COST OF PURCHASE

Officials Not Disturbed by the Plans To Reduce Present Fare.

FAVOR ARBITRATION

Believed Lower Price Could Be Forced If the City Acts.

The London Street Railway Company is not prepared to reduce its purchase price in 1924.

This is the assurance from R. G. Ivey, vice-president of that corporation, and the company seems unafraid of the threat from certain quarters to force it back to the former fare—7 and 9 tickets for 25 cents.

"We are still willing to arbitrate in accordance with the provisions of our agreement with the city bylaw 916," the vice-president stated. "But I am not in favor of any reduction in the purchase price discussed during the latter part of 1923."

It is generally understood that an attempt will be made at the first sitting of the Ontario Legislature to pass legislation ordering the railway company to return to the old rate of fare in March, 1925, the date of the expiration of the franchise. Permission was granted the company by the late Drury administration to charge a straight 5-cent fare, testing that it could never survive with the old fare of 7 and 9 tickets for a quarter.

In the meanwhile the company is presenting a bold front, disclaiming naturally all knowledge of the suggested move in the legislature.

WILL COMPLETE SCHOOL DEC. 31, '24

Contract Is Let For the New Empress Avenue Building.

Empress avenue school, the contract for which was let on Monday to John Petherborough, will be completed by Dec. 31, 1924, according to information received by The Advertiser this morning.

It is understood that the contract date is set as the end of the year, and that a penalty clause will be inserted. It was rumored that the building could not be completed before September, 1925, but it has been confidently stated that it will, in all probability, be turned over to the board of education, complete, on Jan. 1, 1925.

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