

MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS APPOINTED DEPUTATION TO FIGHT CITY OF LONDON BILL

Big Attendance At Meeting Called To Protest Against Council's Alleged Attempt To Override People's Wishes As Expressed At Polls—Fight To Bitter End.

For the purpose of fighting the city of London bill, which the city council has been accused of using to override the wishes of the people, as expressed at the last civic elections, a deputation consisting of Henry B. Ashplant, John Parsons, E. A. Pocock and George Henley was appointed at a huge mass protest meeting held in the East End Town Hall last night to oppose the bill, when it comes before the House. The deputation will proceed to Toronto within ten days, and will take the following resolution, which was drawn up and passed unanimously by the meeting:

That whereas the city council for a number of years have been abusing what is termed the London bill in the Provincial Legislature by having it passed with items for money, bonds or other debentures; that the qualified ratepayers have by their majority vote on bylaws submitted to the municipal election not approved, and others that have never been submitted.

That the council of 1919 are preparing to ask the Ontario Legislature to sanction a very large set of debenture issues that have not been submitted to the people, and which were not carried or approved.

That this meeting of ratepayers now assembled hereafter enter a protest to the Provincial Legislature, and request that body to refuse to sanction the bill, and every debenture set forth in said London bill that has not received the proper information of the qualified electors of the city of London.

And that our member, Mr. Hugh A. Stevenson, be asked to sustain the purpose of this resolution by opposing every section of said bill not in accord with this resolution.

Insult to Electors.
The meeting was well attended and there was much warm discussion. While few of the speakers attacked the individual clauses of the bill, they with one accord attacked the principle of using it as a means of passing measures that had not been submitted to the electors. In the general opinion of the speakers such methods were an insult to the electors of London, because it was alleged that they were not capable of knowing what they wanted.

George Henley, who occupied the chair, opened the discussion by a short talk on the Western Fair extension. He said that he did not want to see the city of London, but that when the vote had been taken on the question of the extension, he would respect the wishes of the ratepayers. Things looked as if the rich men were trying to do the bidding of the poor.

E. A. Pocock, the next speaker, brought the London bill to the attention of the meeting. He claimed that there was a clique of big men in this city who had certain pet schemes of their own, and they had sought to elect a council strong enough to put them through. This organization had played up some laws and supposed that they would carry, but the people had said no. He had seen the slashing of the playground estimates by the council after they had been passed by the people as an example of the kind of democracy which prevailed in this city.

The citizens of the city should protest against the overriding of their will. They should ask the Government to force the council to respect the desires of the people. Mr. Pocock said that even if the Government should pass the bill the fight should not stop, but be kept up for the principle of the thing.

Mr. Henley protested against Mr. Pocock calling the wealthy citizens the better class. He claimed the labor men were the better class.

John Parsons told of his efforts to kill all the bylaws at the elections because he felt that it was not the time for the city to be mortgaged for millions of dollars. He said that he did not believe the city council to put things in the bill that had been turned down. He thought that the trouble resulted from ignorance on the part of the members of the council as to the real intention of the municipal bill. When the London bill was created Mr. Meredith had said that the act was intended to be a bill of the people.

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to be used in order to secure backing from the Ontario Legislature for bylaws passed by the city, and thus making it easy for the municipality to dispose of debentures.

The speaker said that it was not common sense to ask men from other parts of the province who were entirely ignorant of the conditions in this city to warrant the expenditures of huge sums in this district. They could not do so intelligently. He said that the resolution that was adopted by the meeting, he wanted, he asserted, to keep the mortgage off the houses in London. Never in the history of the city had the tax rate come anywhere near the figures set for this year. During the war the citizens did not object to steps the council had taken, but they were bent on winning the war, but they expected when the war was over the tax rate would go down; instead it went up higher. With proper management the rate would have not increased.

He thought the Western Fair Board was doing a good business when it took steps to extend the grounds westward with the association's funds. He attacked the L. and S. B. Co. for the detriment to the city instead of a promised asset.

D. Stinchcomb said that the municipal bills had become a curse to all the councilors in London. He said that they had fought for democracy in the world war, but that they were facing a situation where some of the councilors were not interested in the people, and we have not noticed it, but we will feel it now. He said that the council might be taken up with Drury. It is an insult to ratepayers to tell them that they do not know what they want.

Fight To Bitter End.
"You should give these men behind the bill opposition when they brought up in the House. You should go to Toronto and fight it out there. There is too much apathy among you. What can you expect from the members in Toronto, who are strangers to you, if you do not take an interest in the matter?"

Mr. Ashplant stated that he strongly favored the resolution drawn up by Mr. Parsons, and that he strongly favored a deputation to ask the Ontario Legislature to cancel the bill. He thought that many meetings such as last night's should be held in order that the public might become educated regarding civic problems. The large attendance proved that the people were interested.

"We will let the men who have taken it upon themselves to put the bill through know that they cannot get away with it," he said. "It can be expected that the men in Toronto should know that Mayor Little and the council are not representing the will of the people if they are not told. There is a change, however, in the attitude of the members in the House. Deerevald will be found awake and Premier Drury has a mind of his own."

Joseph Lawrence spoke at some length on the subject of the bridge question. He said that the present structure only needed repairs, and that the work could be done for \$50,000. He said that the bridge was made of wrought iron which had a life of 100 years. He said that the bridge was made of wrought iron which had a life of 100 years. He said that the bridge was made of wrought iron which had a life of 100 years.

Willing to Bet On It.
"The city needs a new engineer. We do not want a sewer inspector. Braizer should go back to where he belongs," Mr. Lawrence said. He issued a challenge to the council to bet on the bridge. He said that the bridge was made of wrought iron which had a life of 100 years. He said that the bridge was made of wrought iron which had a life of 100 years.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Henley, Richardson, Buckingham and Thorne will wait on the city council to protest against the proposed closing of the public lane running between York and Campbell streets. The property is included in the proposed extension of the fair grounds westward.

Acting on the suggestion of Mr. Ashplant, lists are to be circulated throughout the city asking for donations, not exceeding 50 cents for the purpose of financing the sending of the deputation to Toronto.

Ald. C. Moorhead, speaking briefly, told of the stand he had taken regarding the including of certain items in the London bill. He defended the steps taken toward granting money to the L. and S. B. Co. He thought that the bridge street bridge might be repaired.

Ald. F. Watkinson strongly urged that the bridge be continued to the heavy drifting.

The first stage to appear on the local market for over a week made the trip today from Granton. This is the longest period the stages have been held up for some years.

H. BUTLER DIES SUDDENLY
One of North Dorchester's Most Progressive and Well-Known Farmers.

INGERSOLL, March 18.—By the death today of Henry J. Ingersoll, North Dorchester Township lost one of its most widely-known citizens. Mr. Butler's death occurred suddenly at Alexander Hospital, where he had been a pneumonia patient for about two weeks, from heart failure. "Bud" Butler, as he was universally known, had resided in North Dorchester for 40 years. He was in his 85th year and is survived by his wife and one son, Frank, at home.

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. E. CRAIG.
Scores of citizens today attended the funeral of Mrs. W. E. Craig at St. James Anglican Church, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Perkins of Chatham, a former rector, assisted by the rector, Rev. M. E. McKinnon. Employees of the Ingersoll Packing Company attended in a body. The pallbearers were: J. G. Cellist, Mac Wallace, Wm. Gumpell, E. E. Smith, Jack Clark and W. H. Beatty.

TENDERS WERE HIGH.
Owing to the tenders for the proposed new central school having been higher than anticipated, the town council has granted an additional \$50,000 to complete the building. Several months ago ratepayers carried a bylaw by a large majority for \$120,000 for the erection of the new school.

A Group of Easter Hats, \$7.00 to \$15.00



Three Candy Specials For Saturday

Fresh Coconut Toffee, half pound 28c
Cream or Coconut Dates, half pound 28c
Peanut Spanish Crisp, half pound 22c

This group of interesting new Hats has just come into the millinery salon. They usher in the spirit of spring. Especially smart are these little models, many combined with the new straws, wings, berries, ribbons and flowers are deftly employed as trimmings. The various sizes and shapes are well represented in this collection, which afford exceptional opportunity to procure a smart Easter hat at a price you probably did not hope for. You will be interested at once when you see the style and quality which stand out so prominently in this display, which demands your early inspection Saturday, and will demonstrate that after all your Easter hat need not be so extravagant in price; a wide variety. Price \$7.00 to \$15.00

Special—Chiffon Taffeta Silks, \$2.98

Come early for these fashionable taffeta silks at this special sale price for Saturday. Taffeta silks of good quality are not plentiful because of the great demand. The lot on sale Saturday comprise these shades only—navy, Quaker grey, taupe, reseda, and such splendid makes as Queen Quality are included; all are yard wide. Be here early (9 a.m.) if you wish to participate. Your choice \$2.98 yard

Also Imported Swiss Chiffon Taffeta, \$3.50 Yard

All the new, wanted spring colors, such as navy, taupe, reindeer, dark grey, sand and many others. These were purchased almost a year ago, but the manufacturer was unable to fulfill his contract until now, and we gladly accepted them because the saving is at least 25 per cent on an untearable, pure silk chiffon taffeta, yard wide \$3.50 yard

House Dresses Saturday, \$2.19

Five dozen Sample House Dresses, percale, gingham and chambray, some one-piece styles, falling loose from shoulder with belt regulating fullness at waist; others having regular waistline, stitched belt. These are all very smartly trimmed at cuffs and collar, and with a few exceptions have patch pockets on skirt; a variety of shades; sizes 36 to 44. Price \$2.19

Petticoats Saturday, \$2.19

Five dozen Petticoats, sample lines in sateen, heather-bloom and moreen, made with draw tape at waistline, double-stitched seams throughout, full-cut models, trimmed with acordion pleating, fancy stitching or pin tucks; in black, emerald, rose, purple, navy or open. Price \$2.19

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Five dozen Coverall House Dress Aprons, made of splendid quality print, neck, sleeves, pocket, belt and front opening trimmed with plain material. Special Saturday 98c
Ten dozen Bungalow Aprons, made of good quality print. Special 98c

CORSET COVERS, 50c

Ten dozen Corset Covers, made of fine white cotton, yoke trimmed with lace and insertion, sizes 34 to 44. Special 50c

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WHITE PIQUE, a bargain here for Saturday shoppers, double fold, nice firm cloth, excellent for washing and wearing, always popular for children's or ladies' wear; 36 inches. Very special 55c yard

8-4 SHEETING, full bleach and of even weave, clean finish and a weight you will certainly like; a good, sensible double-bed sheeting. Extra value 69c yard

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Purse Tops to make your own bag, to match suit or gown.
Folding Purse Tops, in oxidized or green gold. Price 50c each
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SALE OF SPRING OVERCOATS, \$26.95

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLE MODELS

Here are wonderful values for Saturday in good smart Spring Topcoats for men; every coat a genuine bargain and just when you will appreciate it most. Your heavy winter coat must soon be laid aside, and one of these dressy and useful topcoats will be the proper substitute; tweeds, chevrons and covert cloths, in light and dark greys, browns, greens and mixed shades, all well tailored throughout, shield lining. These coats will give you very satisfactory service, and the price is certainly low. Come early on Saturday for size; size range is from 35 to 42. Price \$26.95

Very Special Sale of Boys' Suits, \$9.95

Saturday we feature one special lot of Boys' Suits at a bargain that you will readily recognize. Parents will do well to bring their boys here and have them fitted up for Easter. Good wool tweed suits, in brown check effect, greys and choice mixed patterns, including yoke Norfolk style, with a few waist seams and other popular models. This is a rare opportunity and comes at a very reasonable time; sizes for boys 6 to 13 years. Price \$9.95 suit

BOYS' JERSEYS

Boys' Wool Jerseys, button on shoulder, English make, elastic ribbed, very durable, and just the proper garment for the early spring, a few with collars in the lot, navy blue and saxe blue shades; sizes for boys 3 to 10 years. Prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 each

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O'Clock, Tea Room,
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REAL ESTATE ACTIVE.

FOREST, March 18.—A. Rumford, who recently sold his harness shop to J. Duncan & Son, has bought the grocery and confectionery business of W. F. McLean of Moose Jaw, formerly of Forest, has been appointed a member of the commission selected by the Saskatchewan Government to investigate the feasibility of the South Saskatchewan water project, and its probable cost. Sam Adair has purchased the Alex

on the home farm; Mrs. G. McMillan, of Walkerville and Mrs. W. Cowie of Windsor. The services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Gazeley. The pallbearers were Angus, David, James and Thomas Greenleaf, Duncan McBean and Daniel Johnson.

ONLY TWO PATIENTS.
MELBOURNE, March 18.—The flu epidemic which was raging several weeks ago is nearly over, and the people are down to normal health, with the exception of one case of diphtheria and one severe case of rheumatism. Both patients are on the road to recovery. Some farmers in this district have started to make maple syrup, and others are busy preparing to start. It is reported that not nearly so many will tap this year as in former years. It is thought the season will be short. Mrs. Robert Tuckey has been at Glenworth for several weeks nursing her mother, Mrs. Stonehouse, who has been very ill.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.
RIPLEY, March 18.—Two professional ladies, Dr. Coburne and Nurse Jamieson, of the department of education, are making a medical inspection of the local public and continuation schools this week. The sad news of the death of Mrs. John I. Bowers, which occurred at Vancouver, B.C., was received on Wednesday. Deceased, along with her husband, had visited their daughter, Mrs. Alex. Patterson, of Vancouver, for the past six months. They were expected to arrive home, when the sad news of her death came. Her funeral will be brought to Ripley for interment. The Irish lecture delivered by Rev. Mr. Irwin of Lucknow in the Methodist Church Wednesday evening was a rare treat. The reverend gentleman is an enthusiastic son of the Emerald Isle, and gave a vivid description of conditions as they prevail in that land. Irish songs were sung by local talent.

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