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850 VOTERS ADDED TO CITY LIST

City Vote Arranged On Principle of School Cadet Work

CITY RIDING HAS 34,900 NAMES NOW

Registrars Add 850 in Six-Day Period at 14 Divisional Points.

RUSH ON LAST DAY

Returning Officer Regards Registration as Satisfactory Effort.

The six-day registration period, which closed at 9 o'clock last night, added approximately 850 names to the city voter's list for the federal election of Oct. 29, figures received today from special registrars show.

With the addition of those who took advantage of the facilities offered by the fourteen registration stations, the city's voting strength is expected to reach 34,900, though a final figure could not be supplied today by Chief Returning Officer Gordon L. Tennent.

At the last federal election, approximately 15,000 Londoners voted. The unrevised list, to which 850 new names have now been added, contained 34155 names of eligibles.

Effort Worth While.

Returning Officer Tennent considers the results well worth the efforts put forth by the local election staff to bring the registration in this riding nearer completion than it has been in any previous federal race.

While registrations were spread over a period of six days, at each of the fourteen stations the registrars report that the bulk of new voters appeared during the last two days. In many cases yesterday's registration far exceeded the total of the five preceding days.

Starting in the early afternoon, each of the registration points saw a hum of activity that reflected a wide interest in the election, even if it was belated. Last night saw the only rush of the week, and several registrars report the addition of from 10 to 20 new names during the evening.

85 at One Booth.

Booths had an average registration of about 60 during the week, with one registrar noting the addition of 85 new names. Others averaged the 50 mark, with a few in the 40's.

Those in charge of the registration work were: North of Dundas street—Revising officer, Frederick W. Gladman; registrars, Fergus Murphy, Ed. H. Braund, M. P. McDonagh, R. D. McDonald, Melville Gladman, John Lochead, Bloss Van Tuyl. South of Dundas street—Revising officer, E. W. Flock; registrars, Fred H. Greenlees, Chas. A. Houghtby, Llewellyn Purdom, Walter A. Thomson, James A. Morrison, Donald Menzies, James F. McMillan.

Further applications to have names placed on the voters' list will be considered from Oct. 8 to 14, when the two revising officers will hold daily sittings in the county court house.

WILL OPPOSE FORKE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Sept. 30.—The Conservatives of Brandon constituency will nominate a candidate to oppose Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives, it was announced here today.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Easterly winds; fair.

Friday — Moderate winds; mostly cloudy, with a little higher temperature.

The high pressure which was far north yesterday has moved to the northwestern states and the great lakes, while the low, which was over the middle west, has almost disappeared. The weather has cleared in western provinces and remains fair from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures from 8 to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	62	46	Clear
Calgary	36	20	Cloudy
Winnipeg	44	34	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	44	Cloudy
Parry Sound	52	32	Fair
Toronto	50	42	Clear
Kingston	52	36	Clear
Ottawa	54	30	Clear
Montreal	50	36	Clear
Quebec	52	34	Clear
Father Point	46	38	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 54; lowest, 44.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 48.

Sun rises at 6:15 a.m., and sets at 6:01 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.47.

Today—8 a.m., 29.50.

First Gasoline Rail Car of District Runs Between St. Thomas and Woodstock

C. P. R. Adopts New Type of Vehicle For Shorter Branch Lines.

77 HORSEPOWER

Modern Travelling Conveniences Are Part of New Car's Equipment.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Oct. 1.—A new and important departure in railroad development, the rail gas car, made its initial trip to Woodstock out of the Canadian Pacific branch of the M. C. R. station at 12:10 noon today. The rail car will undoubtedly be the means of saving railroad companies thousands of dollars on branch line work and afford the people of the province better, cleaner and more up-to-date service.

The new car was made by the Kinkley company of Detroit, and constructed specially for the use of the C. P. R. railway. It was brought to this city from Toronto yesterday by railroad officials and returned to Woodstock today on its trial trip. Officials who are making the trip today are William Fulton, district passenger agent at Toronto; Master Mechanic Ronaldson of Toronto, Master Mechanic Bowie of London, Assistant Superintendent Bowie of London and George Whitley, assistant superintendent of motive power from Montreal. The train was in charge of Conductor D. A. Prince of Toronto London.

Heated by Coal Stove.

The car is constructed to operate from one end only. The main first-class apartment seats 34 people, while a smoking-room with accommodation for ten people is found in an apartment across the rear of the car, making a beautiful inclosed observation car. Entrance is gained from the side of the coach well forward to the front. A vestibule gives baggage accommodation, while the motorman has the front of the car to himself. The seats are wicker. The car is heated with a coal stove, equipped with electric fan to drive the hot air through tin ducts on either side of the car.

Every convenience is provided, consisting of a lavatory and drinking tank. The car is driven by a 77-horsepower gasoline motor. Yesterday in its trial trip it maintained an average speed of 27 miles an hour, but is constructed to do 40 miles an hour. The trial trip yesterday was made at the rate of 5½ miles on the gallon of gas. Accommodation is provided in the engineer's vestibule for a tank of 54 gallons of gas. They are equipped with electric fixtures. An air pump on the back of the engine operates the whistle, bell, brakes and doors. A hand-brake is furnished for emergency purposes. The engine has three reverse speeds and four forwards, the extra overspeed gear being furnished for greater speed. In reverse the same speeds, low, intermediate and high, as in forward speeds, is available.

Easy to Ride In.

The coaches are surprisingly easy to ride in, a longer elliptic spring being found especially serviceable. Mr. Whitley, who is accompanying the car on its first trips, in discussing the vehicle with The Advertiser, declared that the efficiency of the gas car was assured both from the accommodation it would afford travellers to Toronto, Montreal and Chicago, and for the service afforded to intermediate points along the line. The people along the route are enthusiastic about the new service and a goodly patronage is assured.

NEW GAS RAIL CAR.

Above The Advertiser photographer shows the new C.P.R. gasoline rail car put in operation this morning on the company's branch line between St. Thomas and Woodstock. Equipped with a 77-horsepower motor, it is constructed to carry 34 passengers and baggage.

CUSTOMS MONEYS SLUMP WITH 4.4

Beer Tax Drop Brings Collections Down to $105,745 For September.

Customs and excise receipts for September show a decrease in every department, though it is less than one per cent. For a time the taxes on four-point-four beer raised the revenue to the point where it helped to turn decreases into increases, but last month the revenues so collected dropped slightly.

The customs totals as issued by O. H. Talbot, collector of customs and excise show that the receipts last month were $105,745.21. The excise receipts were $110,743.58. The income taxes amounted to $113,697.81.

The decrease in the customs totals was $926.55 from the corresponding month last year. The excise totals showed a decrease of $21,794.67 from September, 1924. The total decrease in moneys collected was $22,721.22.

The imports duties for September were $91,260.98. This was $689.12 less than in September last year. The sales tax on imports amounted to $14,117.55, a decrease of $140.08. The excise tax imports was nil. Last year it was $913.

The dominion excise taxes for last month were $88,327.46. This was $21,274.85 less than a year ago. The dominion excise tax duties collected were $22,416.12. The decrease was $519.84.

HARRY LEADER TO AGAIN OPPOSE ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Canadian Press Despatch.

Portage La Prairie, Sept. 30.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, will be opposed for election in this constituency by Harry Leader, Progressive member for the constituency in the last parliament, who defeated Mr. Meighen in 1921. The choice was unanimously approved by a Progressive convention here today.

FOUR SPANISH MAIDENS.

This quartet of Spanish maidens will dance in the charming I. O. D. E. production, Marcheta, which is being presented in the city this week by a cast of clever local talent. From left to right they are: Miss Connie Fisher, Miss Jean Tambling, Miss Dorothea Kitchen and Miss Nonie Nash.

PROPOSAL OF FRENCH REJECTED

United States Debt Commission Find Terms Not to Liking.

UP TO CAILLAUX

Secretary Mellon Denies Coolidge Called Up To Act as Referee.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The French proposal for settlement of her war debt to the United States has been found unacceptable.

This was indicated in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon this morning, which declared "no proposal acceptable to the United States commission had been made."

Mr. Mellon's statement denied that President Coolidge had been called upon to referee a difference of opinion among the members of the United States commission as to acceptance of France's latest offer. Reports which had been circulated to the effect that an agreement had been reached were also denied.

The statement said:

"The representation in the press on the supposed authority of a member of the French commission that agreement has been reached and purporting to give the terms is entirely incorrect. Such a statement obviously did not come from M. Caillaux, because before the adjournment of the sub-committees last evening the French members were informed by the United States members that their proposals were not likely to be accepted.

No Proposal Acceptable

"There have been no differences of opinion whatever amongst the American commission. The visit to the president this morning was to inform him of the position of negotiations. No proposal has been made acceptable to the American commission, and one has been submitted to the president for his approval or disapproval."

Some members of the American commission were of the opinion that no possibility of an agreement with the French was apparent at this stage. One member felt that the two commissions were as far apart as they were upon presentation by Finance Minister Caillaux of his first settlement proposal last Thursday. The United States commission immediately went into an executive session. It was believed that the United States commissioners will wait for the French to move next.

Left to Caillaux.

Those members who refused to consider negotiations at an end based their hope on the slogan, "We never quit trading until the game is ended." It was pointed out that changes may develop in the general situation as a result of the conversations to be held today. It was noted that Secretary Mellon's statement did not indicate the width of the gap separating the two commissions.

The French mission, informed unofficially of the statement by the United States secretary, left to M. Caillaux the determination of its course. One of the members described the memorandum as "tragic," but would not comment at length.

UNIVERSITY HAS INCREASE OF 110

Registration Shows Substantial Gain Over Last Year's Enrolment.

Registrations at the University of Western Ontario show a substantial increase over last year. Although the records will not be completed for two weeks, Dr. K. P. R. Neville, M.A., F.A.G.S., registrar, said today that there are now 800 students studying at Western. This is an increase of 110 over last year.

Last year 140 freshmen registered. This fall 160 enrolled. Of these, 94 are men. Since the last day of registration does not fall until Tuesday next, a few late comers will increase the present number.

600 ADDED TO FIRE CREW IN FRASER VALLEY, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 30.—Six hundred men were pressed into service late last night in efforts to stem a forest fire spreading over logged-off lands north of Port Haney in the Fraser valley. The fire is stated to be one of the most serious on the lower mainland this season. It is burning on an eight-mile front, and two small bridges have been destroyed.

Giant Dirigible Shown With Shenandoah's Remains

AMERICA'S ONLY NAVAL AIRSHIP, THE LOS ANGELES.

In grim contrast at the Lakehurst hangar, the huge dirigible Los Angeles is pictured above all that remains of the Shenandoah. The debris of the Shenandoah, as shown in the foreground, is being inspected by the special inquiry commission ordered by the Washington government to make a thorough probe into the causes of the disaster.

TRUSTEE MURRAY REVIVES PROPOSAL OF UNIFORMS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS

Trustees Copeland and Mrs. Hunt Agree With Scheme and Will Support It.

ADDS TO EFFICIENCY

Board Has No Power to Compel Wearing of Uniforms, But Can Recommend It.

A simple uniform of blue skirt and white or blue middy blouse for all girls attending collegiate and the technical school is the proposal that Trustee W. G. Murray will bring before the board of education at next week's meeting.

While the proposal is nothing new in London school circles, and other trustees state that the board has not the power to dictate what shall or shall not be worn by the girls, it will undoubtedly find considerable favor with members of the board who will likely pass a motion asking the parents to garb their daughters in the conventional middy and blue or gray skirt.

Trustee G. F. Copeland and Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt both agree with Mr. Murray and will support his efforts in the board.

Too Much "Primping."

"There is too much of this 'Keeping up with the Joneses'" declared Mr. Murray. "The girls who do not come from wealthy families and cannot afford to wear silk dresses and stockings, feel their position in school life most keenly, more so than the average person imagines. They don't want to go to school, and while they are there, their minds are attracted to the dresses of other girls. I am told that some youngsters spend over an hour every morning primping in front of their mirrors. It is a good thing to have a girl careful about her personal appearance, but it can certainly be carried too far.

"A father with two or more girls attending school will have a mighty hard time buying silk stockings for all of them. In addition to the uniform I have suggested, I would add cashmere or woolen stockings. The girls would then be all dressed the same, and the poorer girl would not be subject to the humiliation she believes is her lot at the present time. I am in favor of seeing what can be done to bring about better conditions."

Matter for Parents.

Mrs. Hunt declared that she had taken up the matter five years ago. She didn't think that legislation was

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VENIOT DECLARES AUDIT WILL CLEAR UP AFFAIRS

Former Premier of New Brunswick Declares Baxter's Charges Unfounded.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Bathurst, N. B., Oct. 1.—Hon. P. J. Veniot, former premier of New Brunswick, yesterday issued a statement in reply to that made a few days ago by Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., the new premier, in which Dr. Baxter declared that the debt of the province now stood at $32,364,909, and that outstanding bills would send it up another $1,744,223, with this figure to be still further increased, perhaps, hundreds of thousands of dollars by bills for roads and bridges chargeable to capital account which were still to come in.

September in the City of London.

September building in London showed $32,000 increase over the same month of last year with a total of $152,635. The total for the first nine months this year is $1,721,320, compared with $1,637,380 for the corresponding period in 1924. Permits issued to date number 1,069, a decrease from last year.

The weather during September varied little from last year. Last month had the highest temperature at 86, but September, 1924, registered the lowest mark with 32 degrees. Rainfall was 4.71 inches. Last year the amount was 4.54 inches.

Eighty-six deaths occurred in London during September. In the same month of last year 84 residents died. There were 133 births and 75 marriages, being decreases of 7 and 1, respectively.

Increases were noted in the number of cases of summer complaint and summer flu, but the medical officer of health reports that the general health of London is fine.

Customs collections for the port of London were $105,745 last month, which is a decrease of $22,721 from September, 1924.

Only ten fires occurred in London during the past month, with a total loss of $4,000, the lowest fire loss for the city this year. Thirteen alarms were received, two of which were false.

Few motor accidents happened in the city during September. There were no fatalities.

HOSPITAL SECRETARY DEAD.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Edward Alfred Barton, chartered accountant, for fourteen years secretary-treasurer of the Alexandra Hospital, is dead at his home here in his 81st year. Mr. Barton formerly lived in Hamilton, Ont.

BANK BANDITS' PLAN IS FOILED

Two Are Placed Under Arrest Near Windsor as Robber Suspects.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Oct. 1.—Two men, whose names are withheld by the police, are held at the Windsor police headquarters in connection with an alleged plot to hold up the Stoney Point branch of the Provincial Bank of Canada. Stoney Point is a village a few miles east of Windsor.

Sitting in a room, the location of which the police declined to disclose, two detectives late Wednesday night overheard several men discussing details of the plan to rob the bank.

According to the police the bandits proposed to arrive at Stoney Point just as the bank was opened this morning at 10 o'clock. The route to be taken, and even the methods to be used if resistance was attempted by the staff of the bank, were talked in earshot of the two officers, who communicated the information to Inspector W. H. Loughheed, head of the provincial police here.

All roads to the village were watched from 8 o'clock this morning until 9:30, and at this time Detectives Bower and Maxwell halted a speeding car on Tecumseh road near the east city limits. The officers barred progress of the alleged bandits' car by drawing their automobile across the road, at the same time ordering the suspected holdup men to throw up their hands.

At headquarters, search of one of the men brought to light a .42-calibre revolver fully loaded. This man, the police intimated, was assigned to drive off the bank clerks while his confederate scooped in the money.

Arrests of three other men are sought and for this reason, the police said, they could not disclose the names of the men held.

Building Runs Far Ahead of Pace Set Last Year

Construction Conditions in Dominion Are Healthy—Quebec Leads in Total, But Ontario Highest in Ordinary Building.

Positive indications of strong upward tendencies in Canadian construction are shown in the fact that for the second month in succession the construction awards have exceeded those for the corresponding months of 1924, according to MacLean Building Reports, Limited. Last month's figure is the second largest September total since 1913.

The contracts awarded totalled $29,746,400, compared with $22,506,300 for September a year ago. Residential building accounted for 25.7 per cent of the August total and amounted to $7,651,300. Business buildings totalled $7,376,800, or 24.8 per cent; industrial buildings, $354,000, or 1.2 per cent; and public works and utilities, $14,364,300, or 48.3 per cent. The activity was distributed among the provinces, as follows: Quebec, 51.8 per cent; Ontario, 33.4 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 10.9 per cent; British Columbia, 2.6 per cent, and the Maritime Provinces, 1.3 per cent.

To Quebec goes the credit for the large contracts awarded totals recorded during the past two months. The increase of more than six million dollars is due to greater development in the pulp and paper industry and in bridges, roads and other engineering projects. Ontario lags behind last year when grand totals are compared, but in the building classifications, emitting engineering contracts, an increase of more than seven million dollars is shown.

With prices of building materials and labor on a level with August a year ago, with practically no fluctuation in the meantime, MacLean's Reports believe that prices have reached a working level where they will remain for an appreciable time.

TO BALLOT ON CADET QUESTION

Mandate to Board of Education Will Be Obtained at the December Election.

BYLAW PREPARED

Vote Comes as Climax of Long Dispute Over Cost of Training.

Will London schoolboys continue to parade with rifles, take part in cadet manoeuvres under army officers, be instructed in markemanship and wear brass buttons and khaki uniforms?

Ratepapers of the city will decide in December. Whether or not cadet training shall exist in the schools of London will be decided by a battle of ballots. Forces are already lining up with brotherhoods, church organizations and labor men on one side and some prominent educational and military authorities on the other.

The ballot will take the following form:

"Are you in favor of the support of cadets in municipal schools?"

A bylaw has been drawn up by T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, and last evening was submitted to No. 1 committee of the city council.

Blow at Militarism.

According to Ald. Frank McKay and other opponents of cadet training, the movement is not designed to cut off expenditure for training boys in athletics at schools. It is meant as a blow to militarism and labor men here have always declared that the cadet movement is military.

The cadet movement has long been a controversial issue in London. Before the war, uniformed schoolboys were drilled in every city of the province, held great summer camps and annual prize shoots. The Niagara-on-the-Lake camp annually brought from 4,000 to 5,000 cadets from the public schools of Hamilton, Toronto and other cities. At Carling Heights several thousands of boys were under canvas during training camps. Harriston, Woodstock and other centers held similar camps.

But even then the movement against cadet training was determined, and following the war and concentrated efforts of many organizations in favor of perpetual

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BRITISH WILL KEEP FORCE IN NEAR EAST

Amended Instructions Have Been Issued to Mediterranean Fleet.

Canadian Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 1.—Strong British naval forces will be maintained in Near Eastern waters during the next few weeks, under amended orders issued by the admiralty to the Mediterranean fleet.

Under the new instructions the third battle squadron, the third cruiser squadron and the first and third destroyer flotillas will concentrate in Suda Bay, Crete, on Oct. 8, to remain a week.

After their departure for Malta the battleship Queen Elizabeth will arrive at Suda Bay, and she, in turn, will leave for Malta Oct. 20.

ONLY A COINCIDENCE.

Associated Press Despatch

London, Oct. 1.—The report from Constantinople that the Turks are calling troops to the colors and the announcement in London that the British will maintain a strong fleet in near eastern waters for the next few weeks are explained in British official quarters as being merely a coincidence and as having no significance. As far as the fleet is concerned, it is only engaging in manouvres, the officials say.

INDIAN, 75, AND SON, 17, KILLED BY GAS FUMES

Associated Press Despatch.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 30.—John B. Noah, 75, and his son, Clarence Noah, 17, both Indian Indians from Chatham were asphyxiated early today by escaping gas fumes in a room in Hotel Scriebener here. The man with his son, a boy and infant son and a [illegible] stopped here late [illegible] way to White Cloud.

The limp forms were discovered by a [illegible] law, Mrs. Albert [illegible] Mich., who w[illegible] men for bre[illegible]