

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OPPOSE ELECTRIFICATION OF LINE TO THE LAKE

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Proposition.

LAKE ERIE COMPANY IS AFTER LEASE

Coal Firm Offered To Pay City
\$400,000 For 25 Year
Lease and Negotiations
Being Prepared.

The electrification of the London and Port Stanley and its environs as a civic enterprise did not meet with unanimous favor at the meeting of the London and Port Stanley Board Friday evening. In fact, the aldermen present thought the expenditure of from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for this purpose at this time would be unwise. In the meantime, a small committee will receive tenders for leasing the road. The report of the hydro-electric engineers on the cost of electrification will be presented to the committee at once.

Mayor Graham outlined what had been done towards disposing of the lease up to the present time. The Lake Erie Coal Company had made a bona fide offer to lease the road. Representatives of Mr. Harold Richardson had come to the city, but had reached the conclusion that the L. and P. S. was too small a property for the company to handle. The company was offering several of the trunk lines, including the G. T. R., C. P. R. and C. N. R., had made inquiries regarding the proposition, but had not made a bid.

Lease It Or Electrify.
"We have to decide shortly what disposition we will make of the road," said his worship. "We must either lease it, or electrify it, and operate it ourselves as a municipal enterprise."
"The road is not for sale. I could have had several bids for the purchase of the line, but I have given no thought that under no circumstances would the road be sold."
"As for electrification, the report on this feature was ready and can be seen at any time. I have given the matter a great deal of consideration, and I do not think it would be wise to electrify the line and operate it as a civic enterprise. There is no hiding the fact that the railway corporations are opposed to such a proceeding. In fact, they would open hostilities against us, and would practically ruin the line. They would give us no freight whatever, and all that the city would have would be a good passenger business in the summer, and little for the remainder of the year. I do not think it wise on our part to expend \$500,000 or \$750,000 on this enterprise under present conditions. It is a step too far in advance."

Ald. Ashplant concurs.
"I think you are right," declared Ald. Ashplant.
"There is the question of leasing the line," continued his worship. "The trunk lines are not for sale, and other, and do not want the other to get the L. and P. S. They are all willing to allow the Lake Erie Coal Company to have it. The offer of the latter company is very favorable, and should be considered. A small committee should take the matter up at once and secure tenders. But no definite proposition," answered Mayor Graham.

"I am surprised," declared Ald. Wright. "I had a long chat with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and he informed me that the L. P. S. would make an offer for the line."
"I am not in favor of leasing the London and Port Stanley to any trunk line," declared Ald. Cole.
"I would not give to the C. P. R.," said Ald. Ashplant. "We had an experience with the Grand Trunk."

Port Stanley as a Harbor.
Ald. Spittal, raising the question, thought that the board should bear in mind the possibility of making Port Stanley a harbor such as was in Montreal, handled by a harbor commission. This would regulate freight, and the like, and would assist greatly in solving the problem.
Ald. Rose then moved that a committee composed of Ald. Spittal, Ald. Wright, Ald. Moore, Ald. Cole, and Mayor Graham, be appointed to open negotiations with the Lake Erie Coal Company, or any other company desirous of leasing the London and Port Stanley line. The Lake Erie Coal Company offered to pay the city \$400,000 for a 25-year lease, or to spend the same amount in the electrification of the line.

There was no objection to this motion, and the committee will begin at once on the negotiations.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Forecast.
Toronto, Sept. 7.—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate northwest to west winds; fine and warm, but a few scattered thunderstorms, chiefly in the eastern portion.

Sunday—Light, variable winds; fine and warm.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 62..... 52..... Rain.
Vancouver..... 62..... 46..... Cloudy.
Calgary..... 62..... 46..... Clear.
Port Arthur..... 62..... 46..... Fair.
Perry Sound..... 62..... 46..... Clear.
Toronto..... 62..... 46..... Clear.
Ottawa..... 62..... 46..... Rain.
Montreal..... 62..... 46..... Rain.
Quebec..... 62..... 46..... Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
Since yesterday morning the weather has been fine and calm, except that a few scattered thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Western Quebec.

THIS YEAR'S FAIR A BANNER ONE

Evidences That the Western
Will Eclipse All Former
Efforts.

IN FULL SWING MONDAY

As Regards Both Quantity and Quality All Exhibits Are Better Than Ever.

That the Western Fair will eclipse all former exhibitions is the unanimous opinion of all who have had the privilege of visiting Queen's Park Friday and today.
Although the exhibits are not all placed, there is sufficient evidence that the Western will show better results than during any year since its inauguration.
Every building is crowded to capacity. In many there was not sufficient room, and numerous exhibits are being placed in tents on the grounds. The exhibit list is larger in every department. Not an empty stall can be found in the cattle, sheep, and hog departments. Some of the finest horses in the Dominion of Canada will be placed on exhibition. When it comes to poultry, the Western is famous among fairs, Canadian and American, for the quality and quantity, and this year is no exception. All the prominent Canadian breeders are represented, and London's poultrymen will again be to the fore.

The Main Building.
The Main Building is a wonderfully improved place. For some years this was considered one of the weak spots, but things have changed, and it is now one of the best. The exhibits are well selected and artistically arranged.
The machinery display is well chosen also, and an infinite variety of apparatus is being shown. In the carriage department, a splendid display of motors of all descriptions can be seen.
In the agricultural and horticultural buildings the space is all taken up. Continued on Page Eleven.

INCINERATOR DELAYS SENDS ENGINEER TO MONTREAL

Agreement Was to Have Plant
in Operation by First of
December.

City Engineer Wright left for Montreal today to confer with Laurie & Lamb, contractors for the public incinerator, regarding the building.
The contract was let some months ago, but nothing has been done. It was stipulated in the agreement that the incinerator should be in operation by Dec. 1, but not a sod has been turned as yet.

The trouble was over the specifications which City Engineer Wright could not sign. After a conference with Mayor Graham it was decided that the engineer should go to Montreal and find out what the trouble is. Mr. Wright will be home Monday night.

WOULD HAVE CITY BUY LAND NEAR POND MILLS

Ald. Wright Thinks Big Amusement
Park Will Be There Some Day.

Ald. Wright is of the opinion that a big park will some day be established along the line of the Pere Marquette in the vicinity of Pond Mills. He is in favor of the city purchasing 200 acres or so there, and establish a park.

A big amusement park will some day be established in the vicinity of Pond Mills, said Ald. Wright. The location is ideal. It is a wonder to me that it has not been selected before this. My idea is that the city should purchase this property, and hold it for a time. Later it would be an easy matter to turn it into a magnificent picnic grounds. It is along the line of the London and Port Stanley, within easy access of the city. It could readily be made a fine revenue producer. I think it could be financed without difficulty.
Judging from conversation with a number of the members of the London and Port Stanley Board the idea does not meet with much favor, and it is not expected that any action will be taken this year.

CAMPAIN TO START AMONG THE POLACKS

Board of Health Will Conduct Determined Cleaning-
Up Agitation on Insanitary Houses. As Past
Operations Have Been Futile.

A special meeting of the board of health has been called for Tuesday next at 11 o'clock to discuss the insanitary houses throughout the city.
For some time, the board has been endeavoring to clean up insanitary houses, commencing with the Russian and Polish colonies in the southeastern section. The results have not been satisfactory, although a number of property-owners have been summoned. These cases, as well as many in other portions of the city, will be discussed, and steps will be taken to enforce the law.

POLACK LODGING-HOUSE KEEPER SENT TO JAIL

Convicted of Selling Liquor After Recent Raid When
Police Found Many Men Lying in Stupor
of Intoxication.

Police Magistrate J. C. Judd this morning imposed a fine of \$100 upon Adam Berezek, who was found guilty of keeping liquor for sale without a license at one of the Polack shanties, No. 66 Mainland street, and in default the defendant was committed to the county jail for three months. This is the minimum penalty provided under the liquor license act.
Mr. Judd prepared a written judgment in which he carefully reviewed the case. He found that Berezek rented the place from Samuel Leff, paying \$8 per month rental. He had regular boarders, according to his own evidence. On a certain date it had been shown that Berezek purchased three cases of lager, a bottle of whiskey, and a bottle of gin, and the defendant's explanation that he had secured the liquor for Hamilton visitors who could not speak English was not accepted. The police raided the place on the morning of Aug. 12, when they were called to the scene to suppress the riotous occupants. Four dozen full bottles of lager, several cases of "empties," and bottles of liquor were found. Six men were drunk in bed, four more were drinking about a table, and four or five were asleep in a barn at the rear were intoxicated. In all there were nine strangers in the place. The law provides that any person who is in possession of more liquor than may reasonably be supposed to be for the use of his family and household employees is guilty of keeping it for sale. No court remains, therefore, but to convict Berezek, the minimum penalty being inflicted.
Samuel Leff, the owner of the place, and John Trustic, one of the occupants, who were also charged in the same manner as Berezek, were discharged. Even had they been implicated only one conviction could have been returned for the one offence.
The decision of the police magistrate under the liquor license act.

STRUCK IN FACE WITH POPBOTTLE

Arthur Fawcett Was Seriously
Injured by Action of One
of His Playmates.

Alfred Fawcett, a 10-year-old lad, residing at 3 Chester street, East London, is in a very serious condition in Victoria Hospital as a result of being struck a heavy blow in the face with a popbottle in the hands of a playmate.
The blow was of sufficient force to split one side of Fawcett's face open, and many stitches were required to close the wound. He is suffering considerably from the shock. Dr. Mason attended the boy.

EORDEN AT THREE RIVERS.
Three Rivers, Que., Sept. 7.—The Prime Minister of Canada Right Hon. R. L. Borden, arrived here this morning from Quebec on the Lady Grey, accompanied by Hon. C. H. Fife, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, Hon. C. J. DeLoach, minister of justice, Hon. A. T. Nantel, minister of inland revenue, and Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways.

LONDON'S POPULATION IS INCREASED BY A THOUSAND

Assessment Commissioner Marks His Thirtieth Year of Service
in City By Presenting Report of a Prosperous Im-
port—Assessment Advances Materially.

Assessment Commissioner Grant has completed the thirtieth assessment of the city under his guidance, and his report shows a substantial growth during the year. Values have increased in every ward, and a general tone of prosperity prevails. The population increased almost 1,000 during the year.

The assessment is now over \$30,000,000, or to be exact it amounts to \$30,829,570. This is an increase of more than two million dollars over last year. The figures then were \$28,831,659, a difference of \$2,067,911 over 1911. Land values for the city have gone up from \$10,260,681 to \$11,200,913, a difference of \$940,232. Buildings have also increased from \$14,560,677 to \$15,174,395, Business and Income assessments having increased \$453,711.

Nearing 50,000 Mark.
The population of the city of London is now 49,103, a gain of 979. Every ward shows a substantial growth. According to the Dominion census taken last year, the population was fixed at 46,300, but this is considered too low. Mr. Grant's figures are taken to be more nearly the truth.
"We find the city in a very prosperous condition," said Assessment Commissioner Grant, "no vacant houses can be found. Desirable building lots are in great demand, and a

REPORT OF ASSESSMENT MADE IN 1911 FOR 1912.							
Ward.	Section.	Divisions.	Land.	Buildings.	Business.	Income.	Total.
1	A	1 to 4	\$1,912,448	\$1,884,762	\$1,299,205	\$386,432	\$5,483,847
1	B	5 to 10	800,265	1,353,210	130,485	43,304	2,327,264
1	C	11 to 16	680,465	1,211,250	15,676	65,295	1,946,046
1	D	17 to 20	1,601,020	1,601,020	744,180	239,771	3,985,911
1	E	21 to 24	710,721	1,911,765	10,590	29,692	2,122,177
1	F	25 to 28	256,305	439,395	8,220	3,264	707,030
1	G	29 to 32	988,985	1,088,985	16,420	1,859,085	3,163,475
1	H	33 to 38	796,670	1,223,010	155,520	20,896	2,835,096
1	C	39 to 44	411,235	804,615	73,270	12,193	1,301,313
1	D	45 to 50	1,226,460	1,226,460	11,793	22,442	2,486,715
1	C	50 to 55	846,175	1,464,200	17,725	67,168	2,995,268
1	C	56 to 62	707,081	1,121,135	16,228	29,935	1,873,379
Total City			\$10,260,681	\$14,500,677	\$2,898,595	\$1,171,742	\$28,831,695