

TO RAZE TECUMSEH BARRACKS, FOR FEAR OF FIRE

Many Witnesses Ready For Fire and Police Probes

SAY TECUMSEH BARRACKS DANGEROUS FIRE HAZARD AND MUST BE TORN DOWN

R. C. R., Now Stationed There, To Move Into Wolseley Barracks, and Wooden Structures at Tecumseh Costing \$400,000 Will Soon Be Razed.

FIRST ERECTED AS TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Because they are regarded as extremely dangerous in case of fire and because of maintenance is very high, it was definitely announced today that Tecumseh barracks at Carling Heights will be torn down and the Royal Canadian Regiment removed to Wolseley barracks.

Until headquarters staff, now occupying Wolseley, have rented new quarters, however, the Tecumseh barracks will have to suffice. Military officials yesterday looked over six possible sites for the headquarters staff and one of these will probably be decided on within the month. As soon as the staff move out of Wolseley for their new quarters, the R. C. R. will move in.

According to members of the staff, the cost of building Tecumseh barracks during the year approached close to \$400,000. They were constructed as a temporary home for soldiers in training. In spite of the expense of raising the old structures, however, Lieut.-Col. Dean estimates the removal of the staff quarters in the business district of the city and the occupancy of Wolseley by the R. C. R., will mean a saving to the public of \$14,000 a year or more.

Col. Dean declared the cost of providing fuel for the R. C. R. alone is \$19,000 annually. Numerous other items of expense will be eliminated when the project is finally approved by the department of militia, and the saving, according to Col. Dean, will be substantial. He added that the local departments of public

works and militia were working hand in hand to further the proposition.

Of the six sites inspected by officers yesterday, two were considered impossible as military quarters. The remaining four are situated in the heart of the business district and can be rented for sums ranging from \$1,800 to \$5,100 a year. There is no prospect of building special quarters for the staff and the structure which finally meets their approval will be rented.

Fire Hazard High.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill, officer commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment, stated the fire hazard of Tecumseh barracks made continued use of them extremely dangerous. In addition to the monetary saving the removal of the regiment will involve, it is a most necessary precautionary measure. Major J. D. Corrigan said Brig.-Gen. King was in Listerwood today, but was expected to complete arrangements for renting new staff quarters in the near future. When a building is found which suits requirements, the proposition will receive the sanction of the militia department in Ottawa, unless something unforeseen develops.

A number of officers spoken to by The Advertiser this morning declared it would be little short of criminal to allow the R. C. R. to remain in their present inadequate quarters. The advantage of headquarters staff being situated right in the business section of London, would justify the move, quite apart from the big financial saving involved.



LADY GOLFERS IN JUBILANT MOOD. Here are the members of the Ladies Golf Club who participated in the driving contest, as they were snapped in a jubilant moment yesterday by an Advertiser staff photographer. Reading from left to right they are: Mrs. W. H. Kippen, Miss Margaret Harley-Brown, Mrs. W. H. Kippen, Mrs. G. W. Little (captain), Mrs. Mortimer Hunt, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Gordon Hunt, Miss Audrey Fraunce, Mrs. E. B. Manning, and Miss Whitaker.

DECLARES SUGAR GROWERS GETTING POOR TREATMENT

Canadian Refiners May Be Again Summoned Before Committee.

ISSUES COMPLAINTS

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 17.—Canadian sugar refiners may again be summoned before the agriculture committee of the commons to answer complaints of unfair treatment by the sugar beet growers of Ontario.

When the committee met this morning, William Elliott of Waterloo referred to complaints which had been made by the growers. He said that the growers received unfair treatment in the handling and testing of beets, and that the consensus of opinion among the sugar beet producers was that the refiners were a pack of scoundrels.

Chairman McMaster said he wished this matter had been placed before him when the refiners were here. He would have seen that they were confronted with the charges.

Mr. Elliott said that he was unable to be present at the sitting last night, when the examination of the refiners was concluded.

Mr. McMaster said that the primary purpose of the committee was to investigate agricultural conditions and the agricultural end of the sugar business must not be neglected. He requested Mr. Elliott to confer with representatives of the beet growers and ascertain whether the complaints were such as to necessitate summoning the refiners to appear again. If they were serious, representatives of both sides would be called upon to appear before the committee. This proposal was approved by the committee.

Veteran Fireman Resigns, Splendid Service Record

Lieutenant John W. Scott Is Forced To Give Up Work Owing To Ill-Health.

Fire Lieutenant John W. Scott of No. 3 fire hall, Bruce street, has tendered his resignation after seventeen years' continuous service in the London fire department. He has resigned on the advice of his physician, fearing that coming as the result of long service. He joined the fire department when Chief Clarke was in charge, and has fought some of London's worst fires since June, 1906.

Lieut. Scott informed The Advertiser that he proposed moving to San Diego, California, in the event of his resignation and superannuation going through.

Lieut. Scott has an enviable record as a fireman and a knowledge of his work that comes as the result of long service. He joined the fire department when Chief Clarke was in charge, and has fought some of London's worst fires since June, 1906.

Among some of the well-known fires at which Scott has taken an active part were the Westman Hardware fire, at which Chief Clarke was killed, and Lieut. Scruby, credited with the rescue of the Crystal Hall disaster.

Scott was one of the firemen who were buried under the debris of the old London Bridge Company plant when the roof of that building collapsed at the time it was burned.

He was also present at the John Chapman fire, the burning of the Kingsmill block, the fire which gutted the Dominion Savings building and the fire that wiped out William Gerry & Sons planing mill.



JOHN W. SCOTT.

SEEK TO ESTABLISH POLISH-TURCO PACT

Delegation Arrives at Lausanne To Negotiate Diplomatic Relations.

Associated Press Despatch. Lausanne, May 17.—A Polish delegation headed by Baron Mdzelski, Poland's minister to Switzerland, has arrived here to negotiate the establishment of diplomatic and consular relations with Turkey.

The Angora delegates to the near east conference recently refused the allied request that Poland, together with Portugal, Czechoslovakia and Belgium, be permitted to sign the Lausanne treaty. The Turks took no position that the nations had not been specifically invited to the conference.

There were no sessions today inasmuch as the day is devoted to the Festival of Baccarat. The allied decision on a recess in deference to the religious sentiments of the Turks.

STORMS WRECK FLAGS ON LONDON'S SCHOOLS

Board of Education Places Orders For Five New Ensigns.

The storms of the past year have worked havoc with the flags flown over the public schools of this city, and now the board of education finds itself face to face with the necessity of purchasing at least six new ensigns.

Orders were placed with a local firm this morning for five flags, measuring 12 feet by 5 feet, and one measuring 9 feet by 4½ feet. They will not be in the neighborhood of \$14 a piece, and will be delivered by May 23, in time for Empire Day exercises, which will be observed in all the schools.

A new flag, presented by Trustees Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, will be presented to the Preventorium School on May 22.

WILL EMBALM REMAINS OF GOULD AT MENTONE

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, May 17.—The body of George Jay Gould will be embalmed today, says a despatch to the Herald from Mentone and on Saturday the rector of the Mentone Episcopal church will conduct a service at the Villa Zoraida, where Mr. Gould died. The remains will then be taken to the mortuary chapel at Mentone.

The final service will be held in New York.

IN JAIL AWAITING TRIAL, YOUNG MAN HANGS SELF

Associated Press Despatch. Jamestown, N. Y., May 17.—Thomas Coshen, 29, of St. Catharines, Ont., awaiting trial on a disorderly conduct charge, committed suicide in the local jail last night. He used his suspenders for a noose to hang himself.

WANTS RETRIBUTIVE DUTY AGAINST FORDNEY TARIFF

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, May 17.—Speaking here last evening, Hon. C. J. Caron, Quebec minister of agriculture, urged the federal government to take measures of retribution against the United States by increasing the duty on coming American products to offset the losses Canadian farmers are facing through the Fordney tariff.

POSTPONES WEDDING WHEN GUESTS ARRIVE

Miss Nancy Hoyt Provides a Sensation For Washington Society.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, May 17.—Washington society has been provided with a new sensation by Miss Nancy Hoyt, whose sister, Mrs. Ellnor Hoyt Hichborn Wylie, has been the centre of a series of matrimonial sensations since 1910. "Indefinite postponement" of Miss Hoyt's marriage to Lieut. F. Wiseman-Clarke of the British navy was announced yesterday, a few hours before the time set for the wedding, and after many of the guests had assembled from distant cities for the ceremony.

At the Hoyt home it was said the postponement was due to Miss Hoyt's illness. Immediately after the announcement, however, the prospective bridegroom and his parents left New York with the apparent intention of sailing for England.

Mrs. Wylie, sister of Miss Hoyt, first started society in 1910 by eloping with Horace Wylie, from whom she recently was granted a divorce. At the time of the elopement she was the wife of Philip S. Hichborn, a member of another prominent Washington family, and soon after her departure he committed suicide.

WILL SEEK TO RETURN 'HAMMER MURDERESS'

Los Angeles Sheriff On Way to Honduras To Get Clara Phillips.

Special to The Advertiser. San Salvador, Ont., May 17.—Under Sheriff Eugene Bischoff of Los Angeles, with his assistants, departed for Tegucigalpa today on their expedition to fetch away Clara Phillips, the "hammer murderess," who was caught there.

Bischoff plans to bring Mrs. Phillips over the Honduras border into San Salvador, and take ship there for California. He anticipates no trouble in getting her away, as he believes his extradition request will be honored. However he is taking no chances on giving her a chance to escape and is constantly alert for an attempt at rescue by her friends.

Mrs. Phillips, after having been convicted of killing Mrs. Alberta Judd, a woman of the name of Clara Phillips, was taken to the Los Angeles County jail and made her way to Honduras by easy stages through Mexico and the Central American countries.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh westerly winds; cloudy, with scattered showers; danger of frost tonight.

Friday—Mostly fair and cool.

The depression, which has moved very slowly, is now central in the Ottawa valley, with reduced energy.

The weather is showery from Lake Superior eastward to the Maritime Provinces, and fine to the westward.

The temperature has fallen considerably in Ontario.

Temperatures.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Ottawa	62	46	Cloudy
Victoria	62	46	Cloudy
Calgary	68	38	Rain
Winnipeg	68	41	Clear
Port Arthur	54	33	Clear
Perry Sound	56	34	Rain
Toronto	68	49	Rain
Kingston	64	42	Rain
Ottawa	72	48	Cloudy
Montreal	72	52	Cloudy
Quebec	56	44	Cloudy
Father Point	52	36	Cloudy
St. John	50	34	Cloudy
Halifax	56	40	Rain

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 65; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 34.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 28.56.
Today—8 a.m., 29.04.

Londoner Gains High Marks In Results at Osgoode Hall

James F. McMillan Receives Word of Successful Graduation From Law School.

Among the London boys who graduated with high marks at Osgoode Hall this year is James F. McMillan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan, 295 Princess avenue.

Mr. McMillan was only a few marks behind H. C. Logan, the Forest City young man who tied with D. C. Martin of Hamilton, for the \$400 scholarship and gold medal, the award for first place in the third year at the University of Toronto Law School, "Jim," as he is known, to a host of friends in the city.

Mr. McMillan, who is but 25 years old, has joined one of the most prominent law firms in London, that of G. A. P. Brickenden & Co., and his college associates as well as his teachers who taught him while he was at Western University, predict for him a brilliant career.

Jim has lived in London all his life and in his youth attended the old Princess Avenue Public School and the Collegiate Institute. He was an honor graduate of political science at Western, later going to Osgoode Hall in Toronto. During his three years in the Queen City, he was connected with the legal firm of W. B. Raymond & Co., and his natural ability for law work won for him, praise in the Ontario capital.

Other Londoners whose names appear near the top of the list in the 1923 graduating class are: W. C. Dyer, F. E. Murphy, J. A. Morrison, and W. A. Anderson. Messrs. Martin and Logan, who tied for first honors, each received a percentage of 81.1-2. Each will receive a gold medal and probably the \$400, although the cash scholarship might be split between the two high men.



JAMES F. McMILLAN.

REMAINS OF VOROVSKY ON WAY TO MOSCOW

Communists Pay Respects to Slain Delegate as Body Leaves Berlin.

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, May 17.—The body of Vorovsky, the murdered Russian representative at the Lausanne conference, is on the way to Moscow today, having left this city last evening after a great demonstration. Forty thousand German Communists followed the casket from the Soviet embassy to the railway station.

Under Den Linden, Berlin's noted thoroughfare, was barred to regular traffic for the distance of two blocks as the marchers formed in line before the Russian embassy building, in which the body lay in state throughout the day.

URGES CITIZENS TO SEE IF NAMES ARE ON LIST

City Clerk Baker Announces Dates When Appeals May Be Made.

Now is the time for all real citizens to ascertain if their names are on the provincial voters' lists, announces City Clerk Sam Baker.

Appeals for this purpose or any possible changes will be heard at special sittings at the Middlesex County court, commencing May 25, when residents of the annexed district will file.

May 25 has been set for ward one; May 29 for ward two; May 30 for ward three, and May 31 for ward four.

As is customary, many changes will be noted. Many will be left off the list, and those who have moved from one section of the city to another after the assessor's call, may not find their name on the list of their residential subdivision.

All are urged not to leave this important matter until it is too late, and the city authorities expect a record vote this election.

ROUNDING 'EM UP TO TESTIFY FOR FIRE OR POLICE

Mayor Wenige Getting His Witnesses Ready For Projected Investigation.

15 FIREMEN READY

Reported That Former Londoners May Come to Testify Against the Police.

They are busy wheeling the batteries into position for the general attack. This time there will be no fake move. The boys are going over the top.

The Advertiser learned definitely at noon today that Mayor Wenige's contemplated investigation of both the fire and police departments will be undertaken in accordance with his worship's inaugural address and in response to the several demands in the city council for a final and complete "showdown."

No less than 15 members of the fire department, The Advertiser was informed from an authoritative source, have already affixed their signatures to a document (which was in the mayor's possession last night) upon the understanding that they were willing to testify at the coming probe. It is further explained that included in this number are several of Chief Aitken's lieutenants or captains.

It is proposed also, according to those in the city council familiar with the preparations, that before any investigation of the police department is opened the signatures of all prospective witnesses shall be secured in "black and white."

Police Ready.

"I understand that there are 26 members of the force who will sign when we are ready for them," one member of the council told The Advertiser this afternoon.

Mayor Wenige maintains a strictly non-committal attitude and has nothing to state for publicity other than to reaffirm that there will be a survey of both departments, as anticipated, directly circumstances are favorable and there is ample time available.

While the identity of those who will appear at the police probe—or at least have signed their willingness—is not for general publication at this time, it is hinted that there will be in attendance certain parties, even Londoners, now residing in other communities.

Even the most casual observer would note that there has been a definite move toward a superannuated Fire Chief John Aitken. Early in the year, at the time of the Thomas Alway fire to be precise, the members of the finance committee, at the instigation of Mayor Wenige, staged a hurried investigation of the department.

Exonerate Chief.

While his worship charged negligence and incompetence, the committee headed by Ald. Albert Judd, along with the lone exception of Ald. John Colbert, failed to view the situation as did the mayor and they exonerated the chief and his department.

In response to this verdict, Mayor Wenige challenged the committee that it was placing its "O. K." upon a service that was not up to the mark. He was supported throughout by Ald. Colbert.

Subsequently Ald. Colbert trained his guns in the general direction of Chief Birrell's department, alleging "petty persecution of the underprivileged citizens of this city," and he questioned the mayor when he would order an investigation.

At frequent intervals, Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, had urged his worship to hasten a complete probe in order to clear the air and remove the stigma from the officers and men of a department that was a credit to the province as well as the city.

From developments of the past few days, just now disclosed by The Advertiser, it can be clearly understood that Mayor Wenige and his supporters do not intend to go into the contest, if at all, without ammunition of some description.

SAY ALBERTA COAL GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR U. S. PRODUCT

Government Committee Issues Satisfactory Report on Investigations.

FREE FROM CLINKERS

Found, While Fuel Very Hot, Did Not Last So Long as Anthracite.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Ont., May 17.—The committee appointed by the Ontario government to try out Alberta coal reported this morning that the best grades of coal from Alberta would be a satisfactory substitute for United States hard coal. The committee was J. A. Ellis, fuel controller, C. H. Mitchell of the University of Toronto, and R. P. Fairburn, deputy minister of public works.

The committee states that it would be desirable if there was importation that only the best grades be brought in. Importation in the minds of the committee would not be satisfactory unless Alberta coal could be delivered in Toronto at \$12.50 a ton as compared with \$15.50 for United States anthracite. A ton of Alberta coal will not last as long as the anthracite and it takes 1½ or 1½ tons to equal a ton of hard coal.

The tests in private houses showed that there was little smoke and that there was no bad odor in the ashes and with a few exceptions there was no clinkers or slate. It was agreed by all who tested that the coal gave immense heat and responded quickly to draft. It must be remembered, however, states the report, that the coal was used in comparatively mild weather. About the only difficulty reported was that some had trouble in keeping the fire low until the draft was properly regulated.

CITY LABOR PARTY AMUSED AT STORY ABOUT CANDIDATE

Members Discredit Rumor Regarding Possible Split at Convention.

FEW DESIRE CHANGE

Members of the executive of the London Labor Party are more amused than alarmed with the lamentably obvious attempt by the Conservative press to create discussion and chaos in their ranks.

Scarcely a day passes but when another report is broadcasted to the effect that a determined effort will be made at the party convention, May 31, to oust Dr. Stevenson from office by the Labor Party.

Discount Report.

Members of the executive again today discounted the report that Ald. John Colbert would be shouldered into the fight for this purpose. There is to be no real battle, they say. From a general survey of the labor situation, it would seem that, while there may be a few of the rank and file who would welcome a change, their numbers are by no means formidable, and their weight at the convention will be negligible.

The Labor party generally has less fault to find, if any, with their representative than they would have with the Drury administration or others in the Labor bloc in the house. They contend that Dr. Stevenson has been always ready, and even eager, to further their interests at every opportunity, and has "always" attempted to carry out their directions.

Boiled down, the local Labor situation—as far as Dr. Stevenson is concerned—amounts to this: No other member of the party, who would be a decent race, would consent to stand as long as Dr. Stevenson remained in the field. No faction of the group at the Labor Temple is of sufficient strength to shuffle him into the discard at the coming convention.

In view of these facts—and The Advertiser has reason to know that they are facts—it can be safely added that if there is to be another Labor candidate, exclusive of Dr. Stevenson, he will have to run as a straight independent, or an independent Labor man, without the official indorsement of the party.

Would Bring Cheer.

A development of this description would certainly bring cheer to the boys over at Conservative headquarters, and they are trying to help at the Labor Temple to do so. It would be a serious blow to both Labor candidates as acknowledged, and the impression is that the "insurgent" group (if any does exist other than on paper) would barely be expected to "cut off their nose to spite their face," just because they didn't approve whole-heartedly of Dr. Stevenson's candidature.

SAY ALBERTA COAL GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR U. S. PRODUCT

Government Committee Issues Satisfactory Report on Investigations.

FREE FROM CLINKERS

Found, While Fuel Very Hot, Did Not Last So Long as Anthracite.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Ont., May 17.—The committee appointed by the Ontario government to try out Alberta coal reported this morning that the best grades of coal from Alberta would be a satisfactory substitute for United States hard coal. The committee was J. A. Ellis, fuel controller, C. H. Mitchell of the University of Toronto, and R. P. Fairburn, deputy minister of public works.

The committee states that it would be desirable if there was importation that only the best grades be brought in. Importation in the minds of the committee would not be satisfactory unless Alberta coal could be delivered in Toronto at \$12.50 a ton as compared with \$15.50 for United States anthracite. A ton of Alberta coal will not last as long as the anthracite and it takes 1½ or 1½ tons to equal a ton of hard coal.

The tests in private houses showed that there was little smoke and that there was no bad odor in the ashes and with a few exceptions there was no clinkers or slate. It was agreed by all who tested that the coal gave immense heat and responded quickly to draft. It must be remembered, however, states the report, that the coal was used in comparatively mild weather. About the only difficulty reported was that some had trouble in keeping the fire low until the draft was properly regulated.

CITY LABOR PARTY AMUSED AT STORY ABOUT CANDIDATE

Members Discredit Rumor Regarding Possible Split at Convention.

FEW DESIRE CHANGE

Members of the executive of the London Labor Party are more amused than alarmed with the lamentably obvious attempt by the Conservative press to create discussion and chaos in their ranks.

Scarcely a day passes but when another report is broadcasted to the effect that a determined effort will be made at the party convention, May 31, to oust Dr. Stevenson from office by the Labor Party.

Discount Report.

Members of the executive again today discounted the report that Ald. John Colbert would be shouldered into the fight for this purpose. There is to be no real battle, they say. From a general survey of the labor situation, it would seem that, while there may be a few of the rank and file who would welcome a change, their numbers are by no means formidable, and their weight at the convention will be negligible.

The Labor party generally has less fault to find, if any, with their representative than they would have with the Drury administration or others in the Labor bloc in the house. They contend that Dr. Stevenson has been always ready, and even eager, to further their interests at every opportunity, and has "always" attempted to carry out their directions.

Boiled down, the local Labor situation—as far as Dr. Stevenson is concerned—amounts to this: No other member of the party, who would be a decent race, would consent to stand as long as Dr. Stevenson remained in the field. No faction of the group at the Labor Temple is of sufficient strength to shuffle him into the discard at the coming convention.

In view of these facts—and The Advertiser has reason to know that they are facts—it can be safely added that if there is to be another Labor candidate, exclusive of Dr. Stevenson, he will have to run as a straight independent, or an independent Labor man, without the official indorsement of the party.

Would Bring Cheer.

A development of this description would certainly bring cheer to the boys over at Conservative headquarters, and they are trying to help at the Labor Temple to do so. It would be a serious blow to both Labor candidates as acknowledged, and the impression is that the "insurgent" group (if any does exist other than on paper) would barely be expected to "cut off their nose to spite their face," just because they didn't approve whole-heartedly of Dr. Stevenson's candidature.

Saturday's Advertiser

has another long list of features to interest every one in the family. Among them will be:

- Lloyd George**—An exclusive cable despatch commenting on France's latest move in rejecting Germany's offer. "No wonder," says he, "that Foch is touring Europe."
- Gene Stratton-Porter**—Author of "Freckles," in another of the twelve talks on the home which she is writing for The Advertiser.
- The Romance of Insulin**—How Dr. F. G. Banting, a young London doctor, solved a problem which has baffled science for six centuries.
- The Doo Dads**—Strange adventures of funny folk for little children.
- Russia in Berlin**—A brilliant article by F. G. Carpenter from Germany telling how Berlin is growing amid poverty.
- Bird Orchard Farm**—An intimate, readable chat from an Advertiser correspondent about a real Western Ontario home.
- Life's Little Comedies**—Frische's irreverent which are a story on humor.
- Four Colors**—Four of the continent and Mrs. Brings.