

RUMORS OF A BIG SHAKE-UP IN LONDON LICENSE BOARD

Messrs. Greer and Yates to Step Out for Messrs. John R. Minihinnick and Geo. F. Morris.

LIQUOR MEN WILL FIGHT THE LICENSE REDUCTION

City Clerk Baker today received the request of the London Temperance League to have the number of hotel and tavern licenses in the city reduced to 25. The council is asked to give the bylaws two readings and then submit it to the people for approval at the January election.

Just at this time rumors of changes on the license commission are afloat. As Mr. William Yates, of the London Machine Tool Company, will be compelled to spend more or less of his time in Hamilton, where his firm is now building a factory with a view to removing at once, it is expected amongst his own friends that he will not be a member of the license commission here for many months longer. To The Advertiser today, Mr. Yates said that for a time at least he will remove his family, and he says he has

subjected will result in his resignation at the end of his term, which will be in May next.

To fill these prospective vacancies, the names of Mr. J. R. Minihinnick, a well-known manufacturer of London, and Mr. George F. Morris, the wholesale butcher, are mentioned. The former would meet with the approval of the liquor men, and Mr. Morris, it is said, would not be out of place with the temperance people who have confidence in him.

It is said that some years ago, Mr. Minihinnick was defeated for the mayoralty principally through the temperance vote, that he would now like to get on the commission, and would be strongly backed by the liquor interests.

It is understood that the liquor men of London intend to make an organized fight against the demand of the London Temperance League for the submission of a bylaw to the people to reduce the number of liquor licenses.

Organizer To Be Brought Here.

It is said to be the intention of the liquor men to bring an organizer from Toronto, who will take up his residence in London, until next election, and fight the proposal in a systematic manner.

The hotelmen point out, that according to population, London has fewer licenses than any other place of importance in Canada, and they naturally cannot see any reason for the cutting off of half a dozen more licenses. It is understood, too, that the manager in which certain "hotels" in this city are being run is not pleasing these hotelmen who run their places properly, and who feel that hotelkeeping is capable of being made just as respectable as any other occupation.

It is alleged that in the face of the fact that the trustees made in the spring by the Tory license board, "stall" business is being worked to death.

It will be remembered that in the spring the commissioners announced that the stalls or drinking-rooms in connection with the bars must go, but the declaration proved to be merely a play to the gallery. The commissioners did not mean it, apparently, for the stall business is being worked in London, it is alleged, as if never was worked before. The "pull" appears to have had its effect on the commissioners, whose early convictions appear to have undergone a revision with party exigency.

Hotelmen who are above-board have no time for this kind of business, and they will, it is said, use their influence to put a stop to it.

WEST LONDONERS NEED NOT WORRY

Mayor Says They Will Be Protected Against the Flood, Regardless of Overdraft.

Mayor Campbell, in reply to a question, today stated that anything which the city engineer declares to be necessary to protect West London from floods next spring will be done this year by the city, no matter whether the overdraft caused by the work be large or small.

"The city will see that the people of West London are protected," his worship declared. "Of this, the people may feel assured. And the city will not leave any part of the breakwater in such a position that it will be liable to be washed away by the spring freshet. This would be an idle waste of money. But anything which the engineer says must be left over to next year will not be gone on with."

When the contracts which have been let are carried out there will be an overdraft of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,100.

Pope and Labor Day.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 31.—Archbishop Bruchési, today received a letter from His Holiness the Pope in reference to the Labor Day celebrations held here last Labor Day, and in reply Plus X expresses his commendation of the practices as a means of bringing the laboring men into closer touch with the church.

Will Mean a Reduction In Insurance Key Rate

Proposed Extension of Water-works System Will Lower It 25 Per Cent.

Mayor Campbell said today that after going over the insurance key rate, he is of the opinion that the construction of another main, the securing of new springs and the purchase of another fire engine will result in a reduction of the key rate by at least 11 cents. As it is now 40 cents, this will mean that it will be 29 cents after the improvements have been made.

The key rate is a basis for insurance on an average business property. It is made up by the underwriters by assessing the city according to what it

lacks in the way of fire fighting appliances and the like.

At present the business men of London are compelled to pay in the key rate 2 cents for lack of pressure from the hydrants, 3 cents because the city has only one water main to Spring-crooks the cover, and 10 cents for lack of pressure, or because the city has not four fire engines, as demanded by the insurance men.

The mayor figures that if the city had another fire engine, or half of what the underwriters demand, the key rate would be reduced to a reduction of one-half of the 10 cents charged up in the key rate, the entire reduction on all counts resulting from the building of the main and the purchase of another engine, totaling 11 cents.

The mayor intends to bring the matter before the people in connection with the proposal to increase the efficiency of the present waterworks system.

NO TARIFF CHANGES THIS FALL; WILL BE READY NEXT NOVEMBER

If Introduced This Session It Would Prolong Sitting for Many Months.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—It is very possible there will be no tariff changes announced in the next budget speech. While the matter has not been considered by the tariff reform commission or by the Government, it is understood that a number of Liberal members think the tariff could well go over until the November session. This would enable Parliament to pass estimates and dispose of immediate business at a short session opening in January, and would give the Government the entire summer to go into the various complicated questions involved in

making up a tariff. The only opposition to this course is likely to come from cotton manufacturers, who feel that their products should be immediately dealt with by the tariff makers. The greater portion of the country would not object to the tariff being delayed until the November session.

If this course is not followed, the winter session is likely to be both late and long. It will take the commission from now until the holidays to complete their inquiry on the tariff in Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, and Manitoba. After that the Government would have to go over the evidence and prepare schedules. That is a two months' task, so the tariff could not be brought down until early in March. The debate which would follow would continue until almost the time planned to have Parliament called for the autumn session.

New Manager Is Named For the Street Railway

C. B. King, of Detroit, to Take the Place of C. E. A. Carr in This City.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. C. E. A. Carr as manager of the London Street Railway Company, has been filled at last.

At a recent meeting of the directors the position was offered to Mr. C. B.

King, of Detroit, and today he notified the company of his acceptance.

Mr. King was expected in the city today, but up till 3 o'clock he had not arrived. It is his intention to take over the management at once.

Mr. King is about 35 years of age, and he has been for some time connected with the Detroit Street Railway Company.

His appointment is considered a

very desirable one, and it is expected that the London system in the shape it should be to please the citizens and make money for the company.

BLEW OUT BLOCK

Explosion Causes \$200,000 Loss in Pensacola, Florida.

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 1.—During the progress of a fire which broke out early today in a large business block on Palafox street, an explosion of powder blew out nearly the whole front of the block. Among the property burned were several of the largest stores in the city, together with the Osceola Club, a favorite resort for naval officers, and one of the oldest clubs in the South. Loss is about \$200,000.

READ IT INNOCENTLY

Kidd Got Another Kidd's Letter by Mistake—Lawsuit Follows.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—This afternoon there was mailed to London, Ont., evidence taken in the examination for discovery before Mr. W. Scott, master in chancery, Ottawa, in the case of R. J. Kidd, Peterboro, vs. J. N. Kidd, M. L. A. for Carleton County. The plaintiff sues for damages for \$10,000, charging that defendant converted property to his own use, and also for libel. The facts were published some time ago, and that in handing it over to Provincial Secretary Hanna, he did so, not with any idea of getting the plaintiff dismissed from a Government position, but in order to find out who the letter belonged to.

E. R. Stoen, London, is acting for the plaintiff, and he and Mr. Scott, closely questioned the defendant. The latter swears that when he read the letter he did not know it was for another man, and that in handing it over to Provincial Secretary Hanna, he did so, not with any idea of getting the plaintiff dismissed from a Government position, but in order to find out who the letter belonged to.

ALBERTA NOMINATIONS

Rutherford Makes Good Start, Getting Three by Acclamation.

Edmonton, Nov. 1.—In spite of the strenuous efforts of Conservative Organizer Walsh, St. Albert went by acclamation to the Government in Alberta nominations yesterday, thus giving Premier Rutherford three seats. The other two acclamations are Peace River and Athabasca. Mr. Walsh spent Monday in Strathecona and succeeded in prevailing upon Dr. Craig to stand up to be knocked down by Premier Rutherford. In Pincher Creek all four candidates will go to the polls. The nominations otherwise passed off quietly.

DISASTER IN NORTH SEA

Two Ships Collide and Founder and Twenty-Six of Crew Perish.

London, Oct. 31.—The Swedish steamer Johan, of 1,724 tons, and the Russian bark Antares, of 340 tons, both founded recently in the North Sea after a collision. Twenty-six men of the two crews were drowned. The captain and carpenter of the Johan were landed at Helsingborg by a German steamer, while the captain and cook of the Antares were landed at Stockholm by a steam trawler, which picked them up soon after the collision.

IRREGULAR, SAYS JUDGE

Court Decides on Charge Proved in Pense Election Trial.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, Nov. 1.—In the election trial proceedings here to unsettle E. J. R. Pense, one of the charges was decided by Judge Street as having been proved this morning. It was the Short-Halliday charge, and only involved the hiring of a rig. Halliday engaged the rig from Short, a Portsmouth hotel-keeper, and paid \$15 for it. The judge held this to be irregular. Charles J. J. James admitted having been bought by both sides.

POBEDONOSTSEFF OUT

Chief Procurator of Holy Russia Synod Has Resigned.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—Constantine Petrovitch Pobedonostseff, chief procurator of the Holy Synod, has resigned.

BIG GALE HITS BUFFALO

Accompanied by Rain and Snow and Going at Sixty Miles an Hour.

Buffalo, Nov. 1.—A blustering gale from up the lakes, accompanied by rain and snow, struck Buffalo early today. The wind reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour, as measured by the local branch of the weather bureau. The schooner George G. Blaine ran ashore near the end of the government pier, but was pulled off without serious damage.

FIRST CONSULT TEACHERS

No Deputy Minister of Education To Be Appointed Just Yet.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Premier Whitney intimated today that there would be no appointment made of a deputy minister of education to succeed the late John Miller until there had been a consultation with a body representing the teaching profession. Changes in the law are also contemplated.

RODNEY MURDER TRIAL ON

Jury Being Empaneled for Trial of Alex. Willis.

St. Thomas, Nov. 1.—The trial of Alex Willis for the murder of Miss Eliza Lowry opened this afternoon, and the jury is now being empaneled. J. Lynch Stanton, of Hamilton, is the crown prosecutor, and C. St. Clair Leitch, Dutton, appears for the accused.

CASE HANGS FIRE, REPORTER MISSING

Until Latter Is Found, Slander Case Against Dr. English Cannot Proceed.

The action which was brought against Dr. English, chairman of the London Board of Health, by the Village of Port Stanley, and by Dr. Mothersill, medical health officer of that village, for alleged slander in declaring that the village had done nothing to improve the water supply there, is hanging fire because the iron grip of the law cannot lay its hands on the man who is alleged to have interviewed the doctor when the alleged slanderous statements were made.

It will be remembered that the London Board of Health traced (to its own satisfaction) the typhoid fever epidemic in this city to alleged bad water at the Port Stanley reservoir, and declared that London should look around at home, preferably at Springbank, where the ground adjacent to the reservoir and springs is used as a public park.

Subsequently officials of the Ontario Department of Public Health, though they did not say that London's water supply was contaminated, declared that the supply was not free from suspicion, and of course, Port Stanley at once sought redress. Thus the action against Dr. English was brought, as was also an action against the Board of Health.

And now the whole business is laid up in dry dock because the reporter who interviewed Dr. English cannot be located.

It was away back in June that the alleged libelous article was published, but the man who wrote it cannot be found. Reporters are elusive chaps, anyway, and it is no wonder that a whole army of lawyers employed on the case have been unable to find the pencil pusher.

So many articles appeared in the papers at the time that it is difficult to ascertain anything definite about the particular one which drew down the wrath of Port Stanley.

In the meantime until the much-wanted scribe is found, there will be nothing doing.

BY-ELECTION WRITS

Nominations Are Fixed for Nov. 15 and Polling Nov. 22.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Writs for new elections in North York, West Lambton and Wentworth, Ontario and Antigonish, N. S., were issued today. Nominations are fixed for November 15, and polling for November 22. The returning officers are: North York, Sylvester H. Lundy; Aurora, Wentworth, W. E. S. Knowles; Dundas, West Lambton, William Douglas; Camlachie, Antigonish, Sheriff D. D. Chisholm. The voters' lists are not ready in Saskatchewan, and the elections cannot therefore take place in these constituencies until later. There will be a vacancy in Quebec as soon as Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux formally elects to go to Nicolet or Gaspé. Up to the present he has given no official intimation which constituency he will represent.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 1. Sun rises, 6:53 a.m. Moon rises, 11:23 a.m. Sun sets, 5:10 p.m. Moon sets, 3:15 p.m. Wind, S.W. 4 to 8 p.m.

A disturbance of considerable energy is moving eastward across Northern Ontario and stormy weather is indicated both for the great lakes and the Atlantic coast. The weather continues very cold in Manitoba, but has turned milder further west.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 20-25; Victoria, 42-50; Vancouver, 28-43; Kamloops, 22-32; Calgary, 16-24; Edmonton, 20-24; Prince Albert, 18-20; Qu'Appelle, 20-25; Winnipeg, 12-23; Port Arthur, 30-35; Parry Sound, 24-44; Toronto, 32-42; Ottawa, 23-24; Montreal, 30-35; Quebec, 26-34; St. John, 32-50; Halifax, 32-52.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, Nov. 1-3 a.m. Today—Westerly winds and northwest gales, becoming much colder, with snow flakes.

Thursday—Westerly winds, fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 44, 24, Fair. Winnipeg, 40, 20, Fair. Parry Sound, 24, 22, Rain. Toronto, 35, 20, Rain. Fair. Montreal, 40, 30, Rain. Quebec, 30, 28, Rain. Father, 30, 24, Fair.

WEATHER NOTES. The storm is now centered over Western Ontario, and will move eastward. The weather has turned very cold in Manitoba and near Lake Superior, and heavy westerly gales are blowing on the great lakes.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 42.5°; lowest, 3° above.

The Cities of Russia Still Afire With Revolt

Students Clamoring for a Republic—Hundreds Killed in Odessa Riots—Mobs Free Political Prisoners.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—A light fall of snow covered the city with a white mantle during the night, but today a drizzling rain helped to put a damper on the ardours of the crowds already exhausted by the delirium of yesterday. General Trepoff's warning to the manifestants that he will use energetic measures to prevent disorders, coupled with the reappearance of patrols of horse and foot soldiers, also had a restraining influence, and the agitators experienced difficulty in again arousing the proletarian. Many strikers among the workmen are ready to return to work, and those in favor of continuing the struggle have difficulty in holding the majority.

The student and Socialist leaders who continue to declare that nothing but a democratic republic will suffice, are using every means in their power to keep up the enthusiasm and drive the people into armed collisions with the troops. A score of big meetings are announced for today. An official thanksgiving service is announced to take place at the Kazan Cathedral at 2 o'clock.

The news from the provinces shows that the whole empire must have been plunged in great excitement yesterday. Everywhere the announcement of the issuing of the manifesto granting Russia a constitution aroused the people to a high pitch of enthusiasm, but everywhere the population was divided into camps, as in St. Petersburg, those who accepted the boon of freedom with intense joy, and who are now denominated loyalists, and the extreme radicals under the leadership of the students, Socialist and revolutionary organizations, who used the opportunity to preach the complete overthrow of the Government. Clashes and sanguine conflicts occurred at many places. In some towns the mobs obtained control, and the authorities were forced to obey their demands for the release of the political prisoners. This was the case at Byelostok. Cossacks were turned loose, and beat the crowds at Kasin, Kishineff, Kieff and other places.

Many Clashes at Warsaw. Warsaw, Nov. 1.—Disorders continue throughout the city. Conflicts between the populace and soldiers are frequent. The authorities are charged with ignoring the imperial manifesto. There is a complete suspension of business. The streets and squares are full of troops. The people are attempting to organize street meetings but they are promptly dispersed by bayonet charges.

Crowds are flocking to the cemeteries on the occasion of All Saints' Day. The workmen have organized an anti-Government demonstration at the Powozny Cemetery.

Mob Frees Prisoners. Ekaterinoslav, Nov. 1.—The governor

yesterday was compelled at the dictate of a mob to open the doors of the prison.

Hundreds Killed at Odessa. London, Nov. 1.—A dispatch from Odessa says mobs of rioters have broken loose in various parts of the city, and have been in conflict with bands of students, resulting in much bloodshed. It is estimated that fully a hundred persons have been killed.

The governor-general of Odessa, General Kaubars, today again called out the patrols which yesterday were taken off the streets. The foreign consulates and government municipal buildings are guarded by troops. There was a lull in the fighting at about three o'clock but the people are panic-stricken, fearing another eruption.

Many Killed at Kieff. Kieff, Russia, Nov. 1.—The populace seized the town hall yesterday, and delivered to the crowd from the balcony when Cossacks appeared. Some of the people inside were armed, and a regular engagement followed, resulting in many being killed or wounded on both sides. The Cossacks finally routed the crowd and captured the building. After dark the Jewish quarter was sacked.

Elizabeth, Grad, Russia, Nov. 1.—The crowds here yesterday turned on the Jews and plundered their stores.

Byelostok, Russia, Nov. 1.—The political prisoners were given up to the crowds here yesterday, which threatened to storm the local prison.

Kishineff, Nov. 1.—The troops fired on the crowds during the manifestations here yesterday in celebration of the granting of the constitution.

Poltava, Nov. 1.—An army of people surrounded the prison yesterday and howled for the release of the political prisoners. They were driven off by Cossacks and infantry, who fired several volleys. Many persons were killed or wounded.

Vitebsk, Russia, Nov. 1.—Troops were employed to disperse red flag crowds here yesterday. Seven persons were killed, among them being two Jews and many people were wounded. Representatives of the social democrats appeared before a special session of the council and presented a demand for the withdrawal of the military.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—The correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger at St. Petersburg says he has learned from a well-informed source the following details of Count Witte's interview Monday with Emperor Nicholas: during which he prevailed upon his majesty to sign the Rescript.

The court party had been working upon the Emperor to prevent his signing the rescript, when Count Witte appeared. His majesty asked the count if the imperial signature could not be postponed. The count thereupon called attention to the frightful condition of affairs within the empire, especially to the last mutiny in the Black Sea fleet, and also pointed to an important dispatch from Berlin announcing a heavy drop in Russian bonds. Count Witte said that an hour must be lost and that the delay of a day or two would usher in a revolution with all its horrors. Only then would the Emperor consent to sign.

How Witte Secured Signature. Continued on page 8.

CUSTOMS REVENUE IS STILL GROWING

London Last Month Beat October, 1904, When Collections Were Exceedingly Large.

The returns of the London custom house for October show total collections of \$71,199 58.

In October, 1904, the collections amounted to \$65,517 85, showing an increase of \$5,681 73 for last month.

The increase is not quite as large as was expected, although it is very satisfactory, because the revenue for October, 1904, was exceptionally large. The collections for the Dominion for October are estimated at \$320,000 in advance of a year ago.

Lost His Wife and Baby, Then Rosa Took to Crime

Julius E. Rosa, alias Morrell, was sentenced by Judge Elliott this morning to one year in the Central Prison at Toronto on a charge of false pretenses. Rosa is the young Frenchman, who passed the forged check, purported to be signed by Mr. Christie, of Toronto, on Gilleen, the jeweler, not long since.

When asked by the judge whether he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be passed, Rosa begged his honor to be lenient. It was the first time he had been arrested, he said. He had not touched liquor until three months ago, when his wife and

baby died. He spent all his money, and in a drunken stupor he passed the check. He had not given his right name, because he did not desire to disgrace his parents, who knew nothing of his present predicament.

Judge Elliott said that he did not credit the story that the crime was the outcome of a drunken bout. It was too deliberate and well planned. There was the other fact that he had tried the same thing in other places. Passing forged checks was becoming too prevalent, and must be stopped. Rosa has no criminal history as far as could be learned.