

THE WEATHER:
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TUESDAY—COOL.

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SETTELL REFUSED BAIL IN HAMILTON COURT

Gasoline Price Drops To 24 Cents In London District

BAIL APPEAL FOR SETTELL IS REFUSED

Former Secretary to Sir Adam Beck Remanded to Jail For Week.

ILL ON SUNDAY

Broken in Spirit, Prisoner Assumes Sole Responsibility For His Trouble.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Oct. 6.—(Clarence) Settell, former secretary to Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario hydro-electric power commission, accused of fraudulently obtaining \$29,925 on a check purporting to have been signed by Sir Adam and W. W. Pope, secretary of the commission, was before Magistrate Jeffs this morning and at the request of the crown was remanded for one week.

The magistrate refused to grant bail, though assured by J. D. Sullivan, acting for Settell, that prominent officials at Toronto were prepared to put up bonds by application to a county judge.

Settell, who was quite ill on Sunday, was better today. A doctor was called when he suffered a nervous breakdown.

SUFFERS BREAKDOWN.
Special to The Advertiser.
Hamilton, Oct. 6.—Realizing the blunder he has made, E. Clarence Settell, one of Sir Adam Beck's private secretaries, in jail here on a charge of securing \$29,925 in cash from the Ontario hydro-electric power company, is a broken man on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Brought here from Niagara Falls Saturday afternoon, Settell has realized his mistake in carrying out his hasty action that landed him behind prison bars.

So-called friends have a short memory when a man is in trouble. Settell has hundreds of friends in Toronto who were always ready to accept his generous hospitality and company. In his 32-year-old company, however, he has remembered his mother and his father, and his friends, and seen that he secured good meals, while his aged mother sent her boy touching telegram that he had not forgotten him in his hour of trouble and still believes in him.

Feels Positive Keenly.
None of the hydro officers have called to see him. In his cell, Settell has been reading the exception of Toronto newspapermen and his solicitor, no person has come forward to help him, and Settell feels it, yet, as he told the reporter last night, he is loath to ask any friend to help him.

After the strain of the past two days, Settell collapsed in his cell Saturday night and medical aid had to be secured. He took a weak spell, his heart went back on him, and Dr. George Greenway had to be rushed to his cell at police headquarters, to quiet his nerves and let him have a good night's sleep he was given sleeping powders. He was weak again on Sunday and had to be given further medical aid. His only company were three "drunks."

When the reporter called on Settell yesterday he was feeling blue, his magnetic smile and carefree attitude had disappeared.

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate to north west winds; fair and a little cooler Tuesday and Wednesday.

The pressure is high to the west and south of the great lakes, and low on the Pacific coast and over northern Quebec. Showers have occurred from Manitoba to Quebec, while in the Maritime Provinces and in Saskatchewan and Alberta the weather has been fair.

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

Sitons. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 64. 44. Clear.

Vancouver. 64. 44. Clear.

Winnipeg. 64. 44. Clear.

Port Arthur. 59. 34. Clear.

Park Sound. 72. 50. Fair.

Toronto. 72. 48. Clear.

Kingston. 70. 56. Clear.

Ottawa. 76. 52. Fair.

Montreal. 68. 60. Clear.

Quebec. 68. 56. Fair.

St. John. 56. 50. Foggy.

Halifax. 70. 42. Cloudy.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 74; lowest, 52.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 66; lowest, 45.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday, 8 p.m.—29.29.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.45.

Street Railway Ballot Must Have 4 Questions

Proposal to vote only on purchase at company's price of \$1,295,000 or new 20-year franchise is dangerous and unfair—four courses are open.

When the city council meets tonight there is probability that a letter from President Charles Currie will introduce consideration of the street railway situation.

There appears to be possibility that the council may be asked to approve a ballot to go to the ratepayers of London in December bearing only two questions:

1. Are you in favor of purchasing the London street railway at a price of \$1,295,000 plus inventory and the value of improvements made during 1924?

2. Are you in favor of granting the company a new franchise for 20 years with a minimum five-cent fare?

Against council's approval of such ballot and against precipitate action of any kind, The Advertiser wishes to offer warning. The two-question ballot described above is both dangerous and unfair. It would operate entirely to the company's advantage and give no opportunity for expression of opinion on other courses. Voters would be obliged to accept either purchase at \$1,295,000 or the new franchise, or else refrain from voting.

In the present situation there are five courses open to the city. These are, in brief form:

- (a) Purchase at \$1,295,000—the price offered by the company.
- (b) Arbitrate on the price.
- (c) Stand pat, i.e., do nothing and permit the present franchise to renew for five years next March.
- (d) Cancel the franchise on grounds of failure to fulfil contracts.
- (e) Grant a new 20-year franchise by negotiation.

Of these courses, the fourth may be eliminated because inquiry has indicated that cancellation of franchise would be so involved and so drawn out in the courts as to be legally impractical.

Of the remaining four, the railway company quite naturally favors either purchase at its own price of \$1,295,000 or a new 20-year franchise and these, strangely enough, are the two questions which council appears to be considering as the basis of a ballot. The two courses which the company least desires are continuance of the present franchise (bylaw 916) for five years and, to a less extent, arbitration on the purchase price. Obviously, then, these two courses are more favorable to the city and if there is to be a ballot there must be opportunity for the voters to consider them.

The Advertiser urges that any ballot dealing with the street railway question ask expression of opinion on all four courses. Anything else would be unfair to the city in one case, or to the company in the other case.

The Advertiser suggests that the street railway ballot must include the following four questions, with one cross to be marked against the course favored by the voter. The two-question ballot described at the beginning of this article must be condemned.

1. Are you in favor of purchasing the London street railway at a cost of \$1,295,000 plus inventory and the value of improvements made during 1924?

2. Are you in favor of purchasing the London street railway at the value of its physical properties as determined by arbitration?

3. Are you in favor of granting the company a new franchise for twenty years with a minimum five-cent fare?

4. Are you in favor of continuing under bylaw 916 for another five-year period?

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JUDGE E. L. NEWCOMBE, who was presented with a handsome silver loving cup by the staff of the justice department in recognition of his 31 years service as deputy-minister.

FRENCH MINISTER SCORES ANTI-CLERICAL MEASURES

Associated Press Despatch.
Tours, France, Oct. 6.—The growing agitation in France against strict application of anti-clerical legislation was denounced by Minister of the Interior Chautemps, in a speech last night at a local political association banquet.

The government is responsible for the maintenance of peace in the interior, and its duty is to invite agitators to reflect and to warn them solemnly that, however highly placed they may be, they will not be allowed to disturb the public order with impunity," he said.

Continuing, he charged that under the cover of the sacred union congregations were being reconstituted in France with an amplitude recalling that of 1900, and notwithstanding the formal assurance of the Holy See to the French ambassador.

WOMEN ARE ALARMED AT MEN'S PRESENCE

Hammer Now Believed To Have Left District Around Byron.

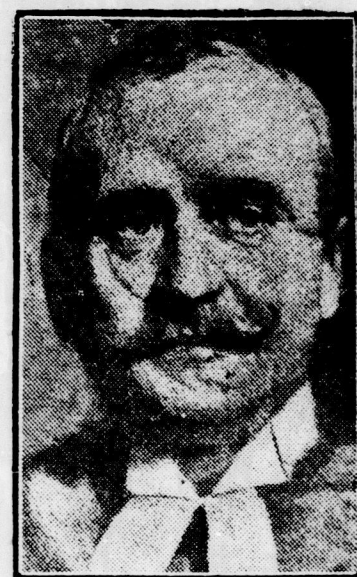
Several women in the vicinity of Byron are on the verge of a nervous breakdown as a result of the presence in the neighborhood of two men one believed to be John Hammer, wanted in Elgin county for robbery and assault.

One woman is under the care of the doctor, and an extremely nervous condition, a resident of the village stated this morning.

County police again combed Byron and district over the week-end in the hope of finding some trace of the men, but their efforts were without avail.

It is now believed in county circles that the man hopped a freight train near Hyde Park and made for the border.

BRIDGE STILL CLOSED.
Wellington street bridge over the Thames, between Wellington street and Wellington road, is still closed, but will be opened within a few days. Paving operations on Wellington street south have kept the bridge closed for some days.



MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL, judge of the supreme court of Ontario, who will preside at the fall assizes in London which opens at the court house on October 13.

JUSTICE RIDDELL TO PRESIDE HERE

Sheriff Donald Graham Receives Definite Assurance of Judge to Preside.

Sheriff Donald Graham has received definite assurance from His Lordship Mr. Justice Riddell that he will preside at the fall assizes of the supreme court, which open at the court house on Oct. 13.

There are four criminal cases set down for trial, two of manslaughter, one of attempted rape and one of indecent assault.

Five jury and eleven non-jury cases are also listed, the last day that cases may be set down for trial being tomorrow.

It was stated on god authority this morning that six of the non-jury cases scheduled for hearing will be traversed to the next court.

PERPETUAL MOTION IS NOW THOUGHT SOLVED

French Inventor Finishes Clock After 36 Years of Toil.

Paris, Oct. 6.—The search of that which fortune has been spent on and for which great minds have been sapped of their sanity—"perpetual motion"—may be ended.

Monsieur Monnier, a French inventor of some repute, has completed a perpetual motion clock, entailing the labor of 28 years, the gathering together of 12,000 pieces of mechanism and metals and others substances weighing a thousand pounds.

M. Monnier has passed his 62nd birthday and has spent half his life on the wonder of the clock world.

Two other inventions of his, one for royalties from his other inventions, are now in use in some foreign countries.

He is a poor man, having no royalties from his other inventions, and his only income is the one franc fee which he charges of those who wish to see his great clock. A movement is under way to have the government inspect the invention.

ESTATE OF \$700,000 LEFT BY ELLA BEATTY HARRIS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Oct. 5.—An estate of approximately \$700,000, about one-third of which is situated in the province of Ontario, has been left by the late Ella Beatty Harris, wife of Dr. Charles A. E. Harris, director of the Empire choir at Wembley Exhibition, England, according to the will probated yesterday.

Mrs. Harris died on May 12 last and bequeathed approximately one-fifth to her husband and family residence at Earncliffe, formerly the residence of Sir John A. Macdonald, first Canadian premier. A number of beneficiaries reside in Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

ST. THOMAS CITIZEN DIES IN DETROIT HOSPITAL

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Oct. 6.—Edward Anderson, age 30, of 2147 Second boulevard, who came here recently from St. Thomas, where he was employed in the hydro-electric plant, died early this morning at the receiving hospital after the amputation of his left arm.

His two legs were severed below the knee when the wheels of a five-ton motor truck passed over him early Saturday. John Ling, 2881 Central avenue, is held pending an inquest.

He has relatives near London and they can communicate with Ernest Laing, 5752 Wabash avenue, Detroit, for particulars.

GASOLINE PRICE CUT ONE CENT

Retail Cost Per Gallon in London Is Now 24 Cents.

CUT OF OIL PRICE

Believed To Be Lowest Price in This District Since 1917.

Gasoline is selling today at the service stations of the British-American Oil Company at 24 cents per gallon, or a reduction of one cent per gallon. It is understood that the same reduction will go into effect tomorrow at the service stations of the Imperial Oil Company.

Asked as to the reason for the reduction, Vincent Colgan, local manager of the British-American Company, reiterated the statement made in Toronto yesterday by S. R. Parsons, president of the company, that the cut was due to a continued drop in the price of crude oil in the United States since the first of the month. Crude oil dropped 25 cents a barrel last Wednesday in the United States. The wholesale price of gasoline today is 29 1/2 cents per gallon.

Manager Colgan intimated that to the best of his memory today's retail price of 24 cents per gallon was the lowest since 1917.

RESIDENT OF HAMILTON ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Oct. 5.—George Williamson, Mount Hamilton, ended his life Saturday afternoon by slashing his throat with a razor. He was rushed to the Mount Hamilton hospital, but died shortly after being admitted.

Williamson was 49 years of age and a widower. He lived alone. After inflicting the wound, which extended almost from ear to ear, he walked to the front of a side window. Blood was streaming down his arms and body. A woman who saw him screamed and fainted. Her cries attracted other residents, who rushed into the house. Williamson was unconscious on the floor when found.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS ROBBED BY BANDITS

Associated Press Despatch.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Two masked men invaded a social club at Niagara Falls yesterday morning and robbed sixteen men whom they found in a dice game, of \$7,000 in cash and valuable jewelry.

The victims were lined in a row and forced to kneel with their heads against a wall.

SEEKS MORE LAND.

F. J. Pinder has offered to buy eight feet from the easterly side of lot 71 on the south side of Windsor avenue, now city property. City Engineer Near has indicated the sale of the property, which will give greater breadth to Mr. Pinder's holdings.

MANAGER LEAVES.

Leonard Tait, general manager and secretary-treasurer of the London Street Railway Company, has left for Atlantic City. He will attend the sessions of the American Electrical Railway Association, now holding an annual convention.

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