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SHOWS LONDON'S CREDIT RANKS WITH HIGHEST

Clarence Topping Charged With Murder of Sweetheart

KING SAYS **CANADIANS** CAN ASSIST

Dominion Premier Gives Impressions on Return From Imperial Conferences.

GETS BIG RECEPTION

Will Address Meeting Tonight in Interests of Halifax Liberal Candidate.

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 30.—
"Realizing more than ever that
my country is my home, I humbly
pledge myself anew, under the
sure guidance of God, to place
whatever energies and capabilities are mine on the altar of the

n these words Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada, expressed his emotions on returning to the Dominion after an absence abroad of two months spent in attending the imperial conference, at a reception tendered him at noon today in Nova Scotia's historic Prov-

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 30 .- Looking the picture of health, Canada's premier, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, returned to his homeland this morning from his first imperial this morning from his first imperial conference in London. The hour set for the arrival of the steamer Month clare, on which the premier made the passage out, found the harbor enveloped in thick fog, but this failed to hinder the progress of the vessel. and she anchored off Quarantine on

schedule time. The boat containing a local reception committee, consisting of Hon. R. E. Finn, M.P., and Gordon B. Isner, president of the Halifax Liberal Association, did not fare so well in the thick weather, and stranding on Point Pleasant Shoal with the premier aboard, wa sheld up for upwards of an hour. At 9 o'clock, however, the sun struggled through the haze and the premier was brought ashore and taken to his hotel. In response to wireless message sent him yesterday the premier had prepared a state-ment for the Canadian Press, which

he handed out on his arrival.

At noon today a reception will be held for Mr. King in the historic Province Building, and tonight he will address a mass meeting in the interests of George A. Redmond, Liberal candidate in the by-election to be held in the constituency next

PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

Sir Lomer Gouin, to have had the great honor of representing Canada at the imperial and economic conferences in London. However, after an absence of two months, full of interest, but also of v ed and intense activity, I can assu you that great as has been the w fome extended everywhere in Brit h and the cordiality of the hospitality of, the old land, there is no joy equal to that of being, again at home, and sharing once more the daily life of one's fellow-citizens.

"It would be impossible at the moment of landing to give any review in the mayor down to their way of the mayor down to their way of

ment of landing to give any review of the many events incidental to the conferences or even of the many events incidental to the conferences or even of the many events incidental to the conferences or even of the many events incidental to the conferences or even of the many events incidental to the conferences or even of the many events incidental to the conference or even of the conference or even of the conference or even of the conference or events incidental to the conference or even of the conference or even salient features of those very important gatherings. Such a review must await a more favorable place and time. Out of the great mass of impressions gained amid the quite exceptional opportunities the confer-Turn to Page 8, Column 2.

THE WEATHER

Today—Moderate to fresh winds; showery. Saturday—Mostly fair and mild.
 mild.
 Stations—
 High Low Weather

 Victoria
 46
 38
 Fair

 Calgary
 32
 22
 Snow

 Winnipeg
 36
 22
 Cloudy

 Port Arthur
 46
 32
 Cloudy

 Parry Sound
 38
 32
 Cloudy

 Parry Sound
 38
 Rain

 Kingston
 40
 30
 Snow

 Ottawa
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 30
 Rain

 Montreal
 36
 30
 Rain

 Quebec
 34
 26
 Cloudy

 Father Pt
 34
 24
 Cloudy

Cloudy fax 44 22 Foggy LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest tempera-ares recorded in London during the

tures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 47; lowest, 35, Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m.—29.22.
Today—8 a.m.—28.98.

HAS LONDON GONE BANKRUPT DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS?

Until Last Week The Free Press Thought London Could Have Street Railway, Nurses' Home, Springbank Dam and City Hall. Today the Free Press Says London Is Ruined. Why? Here Is the Story of Petty Spite Behind It.



ARRIVED HOME TODAY. Hon, W. L. Mackenzie King, prime Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, printe minister of Canada, who gave an outline of his impressions gained at the imperial conference on his arrival in Halitax this morrow. Tremier King was the picture of health.

"Corner-Stone" Jealousy of the Free Press Damaging to London, Is Wenige's View.

Mayor Wenige doesn't care a hang whether his name will be on the cornerstone of the new icty hall, just as it is built as requested by the majority of the ratepayers of this com-

"I don't care about that part of it although I understand that is why we are encountering this resistance Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, Nov. 30.—"I am glad to be home again, glad to have had the privilege of being in England at this started out early in the year to get me, because I would not 'hook in' particular time, and, in company with my colleagues, Mr. Graham and with their ideas. Why should this Sir Lomer Gouin, to have had the great honor of representing Canada at the importal and consuming and consuming the state of the mineral and consuming and consuming the state of the mineral and consuming and consuming the state of the mineral and consuming and consuming the state of the state

ANOTHER APPLICATION FOR HIGH CONSTABLE'S JOB

One more application for the position of high constable of Middlesex county has been received by John Stuart, county clerk. This makes 18 applications to be gone over by the county councillors when they meet Monday afternoon for the December

While there are a number of city and county applications there are also several men from outside points

Stop the City's Knockers, Build Your City Hall Now

Small town politics are hurting London-forget them -show faith in your city—do today's job today vote "yes."

> Have you faith in London? Does London need a city hall?

Is London down-and-out? You must answer these questions on Monday when you mark your ballot on the city hall bylaw.

The city hall question has become a bigger issue than the city hall alone. As it now stands it means thumbs-up or thumbs-down on London itself.

It means thumbs-up or thumbs-down because of the regrettable character of the argument which is now being created in opposition to the city hall bylaw.

The argument comes from the London Free Press. The Free Press says: "We need a city hall, but London can't afford it-London is in very bad shape-London has no money, and no one now will lend us any-London is so poor that it can't even build a house for itself."

BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST.

This argument is hurting London. Bad news travels fast. They are talking about it in Toronto and Hamilton and Ottawa. And they are waiting to see what London will say in reply on Monday. It is bad now. It will be infinitely worse if, by voting "no" on the city hall bylaw, the people of London confirm the blue-ruin talk of the last

The blue-ruin talk of the Free Press and its group of ward politicians must be killed, and killed now. Strip this pessimistic talk of its camouflage and insincerity and see the real motive behind it all.

The REAL MOTIVE.

The real motive is a petty dislike for Mayor Wenige. Until two weeks ago the Free Press hoped to secure the election of another man. No one appeared. And now the back-room schemers have come together and they say: "We'll not have Wenige's name on the cornerstone of the city hall. Let's knock it."

That is the whole story. It is petty spite. To knock Wenige, these people are willing to knock the city hall, to knock London's credit, to knock business, to knock labor, to knock anything.

SMALL TOWN POLITICS.

It is contemptible. It is small town politics. London has outgrown such little stuff, and these knockers must be

London needs a city hall. Everyone knows it. Everyone says so-even the Free Press.

London has the money. Ask the city treasurer. He said yesterday that "the city of London was never considered in better shape financially than at the present time." Ask the bond dealers who place London's securities above those of Toronto. Ask the businessmen who have built London's trade. Ask the home-owners who have given London its reputation of prosperity. Ask anyone except the schemers and the knockers who do not care what happens so long as they can puff themselves as polit-

London needs a city hall. London has the money.

Then build it. Vote "yes." Get the job done.

CITY HALL, NOT CORNERSTONE.

George Wenige happens to be mayor at the time. All right. He might be better. He might be worse. In any case, he is ready to work for London, and has been elected to do it. Then let him. Wenige doesn't care a two-penny
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PUPILS SHOWING INNER

WORKINGS OF TELEPHONE

REV. DR. BOWLEY GREEN

of Talbot Street Baptist Church.

"Not being in politics, I am in no position to judge the merits of a newspaper from a political standpoint. But as a newspaper which gives the news of the day in a strictly reliable, entertaining and essentially interesting manner, The Advertiser akes front rank among the dailies of this country.

"Men of my calling must appreciate the generosity of The Advertiser for the splendid publicity it gives to religious news and all news pertaining to public welfare.

"I wish it every success in the future.

"BOWLEY GREEN."

ON CHARGE Confessed Slayer of Geraldine

Durston Appears in Police Court.

INQUEST TONIGHT

Evidence Into Death of Girl Will Be Submitted to the Coroner's Jury.

Clarence Topping, confessed slayer of Geraldine Durston, appeared in charge. police court this morning and, after being formally charged with murder, was remanded to jail for another week. The young prisoner, who is of slight build, did not seem to be greatly worried and divided his at-tention between the floor of the prisoner's box and a motor accident case which was the first to occupy the attention of the magistrate. The murder charge was laid by Inspector Thomas Nickle.

Viola McNaughon, who was shot through the chest in the same affray that resulted in Miss Durston's death to Victoria Hospital authorities. She is gaining in strength and chances are now held out for her recovery.

An inquest into Miss Durston's death will be held tonight at the

toung woman who was shot three h the chest in York street love tracely last week, is now conceded to have more than an even chance of recovery. She is receiving treatment in Victoria Hospital. police station. To the majority of spectators there was nothing haggard about Topping's looks, but Constable Walter Harpur who arrested Topping, stated the prisoner was not the bright, alert youth he lodged in a police cell one

short week ago. Topping Not Represented. Topping was not represented by sel this morning, while the only relative in the courtroom was an uncle, who was afterward allowed to see his nephew.

Topping glanced at the magistrate

n a startled way when Mr. Graydon

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JASON SEEKS TRACE OF PHANTOM MILLIONS

the Times from Washington states that proof that the German Government deliberately relief to the Comment of th ment deliberately planned and or-dered the sinking of the Lusitania is contained in the secret archives of the United States Government, and

has been submitted to the mixed claims commission in support of the "Riches go unclaimed."

Jason Sharp of Waldo, Wis., is seeking information everywhere resulting." demand for full payment of all losses of life and property sustained by United States citizens. The contention of the German Govgarding "a fortune of many millions" United States citizens.

The contention of the German Government is that the only persons entitled to claim as a result of the Lustania, if any, would be the dependents on leafl representatives of

pendents or legal representatives of descendants. Robert W. Bonynge, representing the United States Government of the Change Sharp who was married 142 George Sharp, who was married 142 years ago to Ann Rainsford. 'It is ernment, is attempting to controvert this contention, and, according to the Times, has filed before the mixed thought that members of the Sharp claims commission evidence of the direct responsibility of the German Government for the sinking of the tion.

direct responsibility of the German Government for the sinking of the great British ship. Since the originals belong to the secret archives of the state department, the exhibits of the state department, the exhibits of the state department of the German to she that the state of the state of

CHARGED WITH MURDER. Clarence Topping, who, in police court today was formerly charged with the murder of Geraldine Durs-He was remanded for one week ton. He was remanded for one week without being asked to plead the

J. K. H. Pope of the London Chamber of Commerce Introduces Resolution.

BOARDS IN SESSION

Immigration and Farm Help Are Discussed at St. Thomas Convention.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

St. Thomas, Nov. 30.-Immigration and the need of farm help in West-"Clarence Topping, I am going to ing a Canadian customs office in New remand you on this charge of murder for one week unless there is some goods shipped from east to west via the Panama canal, and an improved system of fire prevention in the prov-inces were the subjects of discussion at the morning session here of the United Boards of Trade.

pointed out that the annual fire loss in the dominion, apart from bush fires today is \$6.20 per capita as against 72 cents in Great Britain and \$5.50 in the United States. The fire prevention contest provides for an award to be made to the city or town in the province having the highest marks. The cities and towns in the 14 counties would be divided into groups according to size, and points awarded for fire prevention plans, fire prevention education and constructional prevention work. On the condition that the incoming president appoint a committee to decide on plans for the contest this resolu-

tion was adopted.

Delegates from the Brantford
Chamber of Commerce submitted a resolution urging the appointment of a Canadian customs officer at New York in order to stimulate Canadian industries and do away with the customs duty now charged on goods shipped by steamer from one Canadian center to another via the Pana

Cheaper By Steamer. J. J. Foote, sales manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, urged the adoption of the resolution on the ground of economy of shipbeing considerably cheaper to ship by steamer and the Panama

Toronto to Vancouver was shown in adjournment to secure witnesses. The the rates of shipment on a piano, case will be heard on Monday. which are \$6 by steamer and \$60 by Chief Birrell had two witnesses in rail. A delegate said that Ottawa court today, and it is said the charge was strongly opposed to the appoint-ment of a customs officer in New tion gleaned from the brother and York, and he thought the government sister who appeared earlier in the Turn to Page 4, Columns 3 and 4. week on a charge of intoxication.

IN DEMAND BY LEADING

Representative of Bondhouse Seeks To Buy City of London Debentures.

STANDS

Comparison of Standing With Other Cities in Per Capita General Debt.

Refusing to be influenced or stameded by the warning from the Free Press that the city is "going to the ogs," and is even now on the verge of bankruptcy, the bond men of this rovince are still bidding for city of ondon debentures.

The representative of one of the leading bond houses in the country called upon City Treasurer James Bell this morning, inquiring what debentures were for sale, and when they would be placed on the market. "So you're not afraid of the 'blue-

ruin' forecasts," the treasurer inquired.

"Why certainly not. I'll take your city of London debentures whenever you have them on the market."

What is London's actual position

in the financial markets of the world? Has this municipality reached the stage when it becomes imperative the pull down the blinds and call in the auditors; Is the city of London but a step from bankruptcy proceedings as the London Free Press would have as the London Free Press would have the people believe?

Interesting figures, in reply, were available today from the city treasurer's department-in fact, a parative statement showing London's favorable position with other com-munities of the Dominion of Canada, with respect to its approximate genventures which are, of course, self-

sustaining.

The following figures reeval London's enviable position among the cities of the Dominion General Debt.

These are the per capita debts, less the sinking funds, on the general debt, for the principal centers of

Canada: the United Boards of Trade.

J. K. H. Pope, on behalf of the London Chamber of Commerce, in introducing a resolution to inaugurate a fire prevention in Ontario, Niag. Falls 98.39 Hamilton .. 84.28 Calgary ... 221.58 Belleville .. 76.26 Edmonton .290.16 Pt. Arthur..235.97 Ottawa ... 131.51 Regina ... 168.75

St. Catha- Toronto ... 98.67 rines ... 109.58 | Victoria ... 311.63 Saskatoon .243.95 Lethbridge .178.63 Vancouver 196.48

The following is the per capita debt, less sinking fund, for public

London ... 65.08 Pt. Arthur _156.97 Toronto ... 96.58 Regina121.12 Winnipeg .157.58 Woodstock.. 29.71 Winnipeg Calgary112.40 Victoria ...105.32 Edmonton .119.27 Sarnia 55.64 Ft. William.109.40 Saskatoon .111.04 Lethbridge .117.48 St. Thomas 58.48 Ottawa 38.30 Kitchener. 37.08

OF KEEPING LIQUOR

Brother and Sister Give Information Against John Pert, 527 Simcoe Street,

John Port, 527 Simcoe street, ap-Canal to the Pacific coast than by peared in police court today charged with having liquor for sale. He plead. The difference in freight rates from ed not guilty and was granted an

REV. G. QUINTIN WARNER

of Cronyn Memorial Church

"I take pleasure in congratulating The Advertiser on its long period of useful public service. I look upon the press as being one of the most powerful agencies for the molding of public opinion, and The Advertiser is to be complimented on the splendid work it has done in this regard.

"I have always found The Advertiser most sympathetic and anxious to support all things with which I have been associated. Its interest in public welfare has been reflected over the entire community.

"Please accept my congratulations and best wishes.

"G. QUINTIN WARNER."

Lovely Children Everywhere



VIOLA MCNAUGHTON.

Documentary Evidence Now in

Secret Archives of Amer-

ican Government.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Nov. 30.—A special to

have not been made public.



WORKINGS OF TELEPHONE
Through the kindness of Mr. C. H.
Beard, manager of the Bell Telephone, the pupils of the following public schools had the pleasure of seeing in the schools, a demonstration of the working of a telephone switchboard: Lord Roberts, St. George's Riverview, Aberdeen.

The principals report that the demonstration was most interesting an dinstructive to the pupils. Three reels of moving pictures were shown and the mechanism and construction of the telephone and the working of a switchboard was explained in such a way as to make it interesting to the pupils. A demonstration was also given of the proper way in which to use the telephone.

TWO LOVELY LONDON CHILDREN.

Here are two more of the entrants in The Advertiser's search for the Loveliest Child in Western Ontario. The little girl on the Mascarell, 515 Bathurst street, London. On the right is Janey McLeod, daughter of Mrs. J. W. McLeod, 133 Durand street, London. Janey is five and a half years old.