

BUSINESS LEADERS INDORSE BANKING SYSTEM

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ONLY PROSPERITY AHEAD

Score Those Who Became
Panicky Following Collapse
of Home Bank.

OUR BANKS SOUND

Good Canadians Urged To Be
Sane and "Stop Rocking
the Boat."

The Canadian banking system is as sound as any in the world. Those inclined to uneasiness over the Home Bank failure, or who regard with foreboding the industrial and financial situation in Canada, are helping to create a lack of confidence which conditions do not justify.

This, in short, is a summary of the opinions of leading industrial executives in this city. Half a dozen, questioned in connection with the business outlook of Canada, expressed sincere conviction that this country is on the verge of a new prosperity, and that its banking institutions are sounder than any in Europe or the United States.

Money on deposit in Canadian banks, they declared, was as safe as the country itself. Why the Home Bank failure, which might have occurred in a period of great prosperity, or in any country, should precipitate distrust in Canadian institutions, they could not understand. Only ignorance of the fundamentally strong and vigorous financial system under which Canadian banks operate would cause the wholesale and utterance of deposits from one institution to another. This practice, local authorities state, should be discouraged, for it only results in distrust, and in no way enhances the security of the depositor.

"Stop Rocking the Boat." Col. William Garthshore, general manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, expressed his inclination to be panicky without just provocation to "stop rocking the boat."

"A reasonable businessman has perfect confidence in Canada and Canadian banks," Col. Garthshore said. "Conditions are everywhere improving. I can see nothing but an encouraging outlook, and my faith in our banks is undisturbed."

A. E. Silverwood, president of Silverwood's Limited, said he believed the country and its financial organizations "absolutely sound in every respect." The unfortunate feature of the Home Bank failure, Mr. Silverwood said, "is that it created distrust in the minds of persons unfamiliar with the situation. I believe Canadian banks are in a general safe and solvent state. It is to be deplored that a small failure should depress industry and sow seeds of pessimism, when such pessimism is justified in any way. I look forward to an active, flourishing period of business this fall, and I am sure it will prove to be the turn of the tide. Men who can analyze conditions say commerce and industry the next few months will eclipse anything we have experienced since the boom year of 1919."

No Cause For Alarm. Charles White, general manager of the London Rolling Mills, thought indications of a general recovery were in the air. He believed the country, its banks and its institutions were "absolutely sound, providing no one is foolish enough to disseminate the latent feeling of distrust which was born of a small bank's failure."

As far as I am able to determine, the small banks are as sound as the large one. However, if uncertainty, arising from the Home Bank affair, cannot be dissipated without merging smaller institutions with the larger, I think they should be merged.

"There are no grounds for blue ruin talk. The future is full of promise. I see only a bright ahead."

James Gray, head of Gray's Limited, urged public-spirited citizens to forget rumors circulated by chronic alarmists and "get down to brass tacks."

"Business is improving. The banks are as sound as a nut, and 1924 is going to be a big year for Canada," was Mr. Gray's keen observation.

"I do not think there is a chance of any more bank failures. Every bank, large and small, is in a sound shape. The public can do business in Ontario with every feeling of confidence, regardless of which bank they happen to have their money in."

JUDGE WARNER BACK
IN JUVENILE COURT

Has Full Docket of Cases On
First Morning After His
Return From Vacation.

Judge G. Q. Warner, on his return to the bench at the juvenile court this morning, after a period of vacation, was greeted with no small number of cases.

Chief among these was the application on the part of the Soldiers' Aid for the children of an ex-soldier as wards. By the decision of Judge Warner, the fact was given a further opportunity of providing a suitable home for his children, and as long as conditions remain suitable the children will be retained by their parent.

Judge Warner was more than satisfied with the carrying on of proceedings at the court during his absence under Major G. M. Bradshaw. It is announced that at the conclusion of the first three months of the term, as shortly after September as possible, a complete record of the number of cases handled, together with the offences charged against each, will be prepared by the judge himself and made public through the local press.



ALD. DRAKE TO AGAIN
CONTEST WARD THREE

Announces He Will Be a Candidate For Re-election
as Alderman.

Ald. Gordon Drake, Ward Three, has again tossed his bonnet into the municipal arena, giving assurance to voters that he will be a candidate for re-election in December.

This is Ald. Drake's first year as a member of the finance committee; his previous several years' stewardship being confined to the board of works. Probably Ald. Drake's outstanding act during the current year was his refusal to remain away from regular meetings of the city council as demanded by certain political interests.

SAYS NEW LIQUOR LAW
NO EFFECT IN ONTARIO

J. Hales, K. C., Declares the
Ruling On Size of Ships
Does Not Alter Situation.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 30.—The order of the Hon. Jacques Bureau that customs officials are to refuse clearance to vessels of less than 250 tons with cargoes of liquor for foreign ports, will not affect the situation in Ontario, according to James Hales, K.C., director of prosecutions under the O. T. A. The federal order recently promulgated deals with liquor for export under bond only, and Mr. Hales states that most of the liquor leaving Ontario for "Mexico," "Cuba," and elsewhere in small boats from border points, has the duty already paid on it.

"We have asked, but in vain, that a federal law be passed prohibiting the export of liquor except under bond," stated Mr. Hales. "At present we are at loose ends. If all the liquor exported were under bond the illegal export activities would be checked up. As it is now the order leaves us just the same as before. The same kind of traffic that has existed between here and the States will go on just the same."

WEST LONDON ASKS FOR
STREET RAILWAY SWITCH

At the instigation of Ald. William A. Wilson, the street railway company will be asked by City Engineer Nees to place a switch on the Wharmcliffe road. A petition, signed by 127 residents of that district of West London to be affected, has been submitted to the finance committee. While the street railway authorities will have to gain permission from the Ontario Railway Board to remove the Oxford street spur in West London, as long contemplated in exchange for this switch, no special permission will be required to fulfill the latest request.

CITIZENS GREET
PAGEANT PLANS
WITH APPROVAL

Producers of Western Fair
Spectacle Report Marked
Enthusiasm Shown.

REHEARSALS DAILY

The pageant of London and its history which is going to be one of the most interesting events in the program of the Western Fair this year, and which is in charge of J. Merle Ward, pageant master for the John B. Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio, is in process of formation, and according to Mr. Ward when seen this morning, is meeting with a degree of enthusiasm that augurs well for the performance in front of the grandstand before the Fair visitors.

The pageant will be given on Friday and Saturday evenings of the Fair, and is the largest show of its kind ever undertaken by the Rogers Company on Canadian soil. More than 400 local people will take part in the many scenes, which will depict the varying changes that progress has worked in the history of London and the county of Middlesex. The pages of history will be turned from the earliest historical records available.

Producers Busy. Mr. Ward and his two assistants, Tracey L. Knapp and Andrew Kieley, are just as busy delving into the stories of authentic happenings as they are in choosing the various scenes to be enacted. The pageant will be presented in full costume, which will include everything from Indians to the military uniforms of General Simcoe and his staff.

Depicts Early Life. Every outstanding event in local life, both among the backwoods and the city dwellers will be shown, and the atmosphere of real contact with the days of our forefathers will be established. Secretary Hunt, of the Western Fair Association, and the directors have looked upon this innovation in the usual program of the Fair as being a matter of Western Ontario sentiment, and believe that it will stimulate interest in the Fair.

They are particularly pleased with the hearty reception that has been given to the idea among Londoners, with dramatic talent and appreciation of the history of their own city.

SCORES "KNOCKING" OF
MAYOR WHEN ABSENT

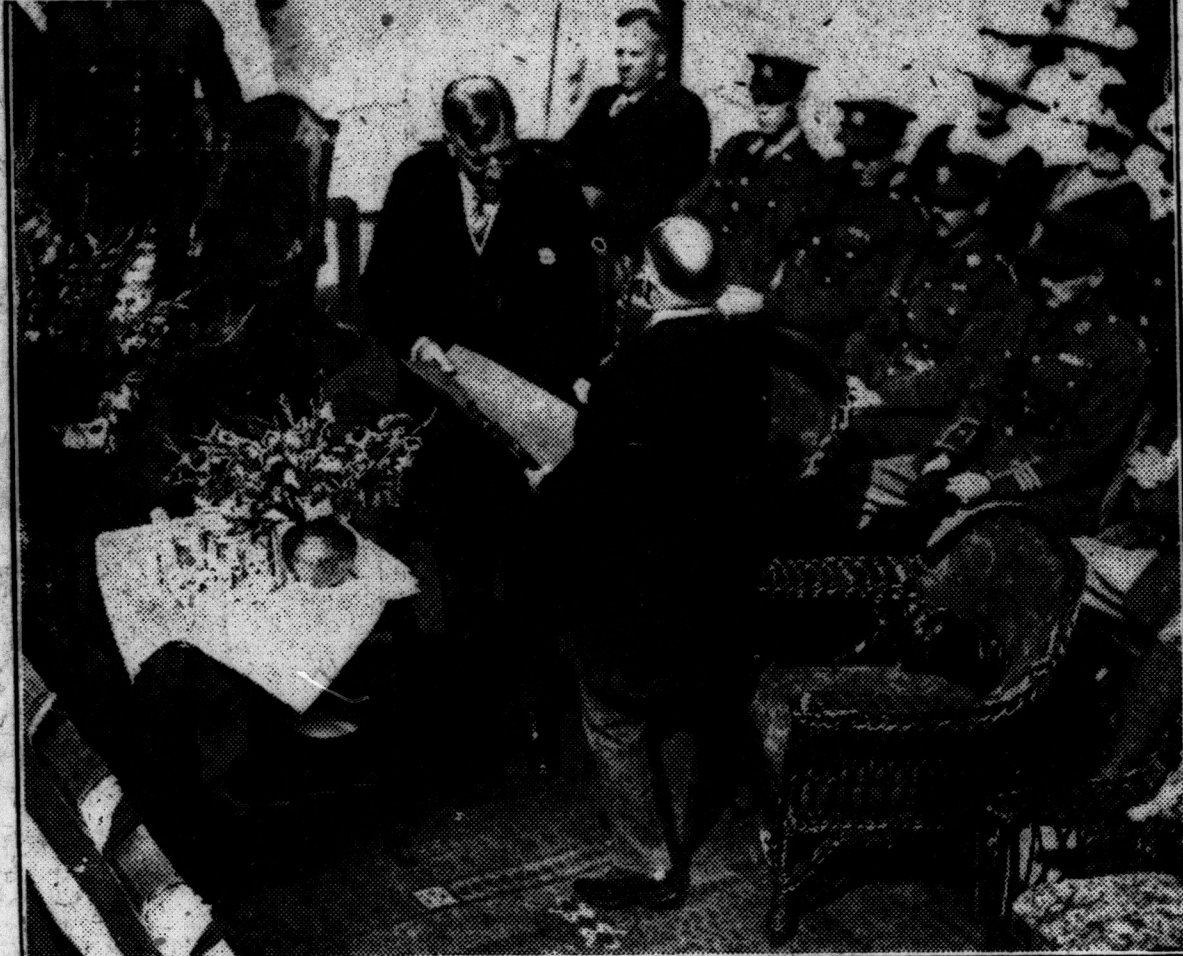
Acting Mayor Watt Says the
Council Members Should
Dwell in Unity.

Acting Mayor Peter J. Watt objects to what he terms as "stone throwing" at Mayor Wenige, when the latter is out of the city.

Ald. Watt declared last night's session of the finance committee, when the members recommended that his worship be asked to enforce the provisions of the municipal procedure by-law, at the next council session. They take particular exception to the number and size of deputations that appear at each gathering, and that Mayor Wenige's opponents are not correct in their deductions, and that if any deputations are heard at the city council, before first appearing at a committee meeting, it is the fault of the aldermen themselves.

"There is no use trying to foist the blame for this state of affairs upon the mayor," the acting mayor pronounced, "particularly when he was out of the city. It was a very cowardly procedure in my opinion. These attacks are only strengthening the mayor's hand, even if his opponents may think that the effect is the reverse."

"The council has the right to say whether any person or deputation may be heard, and I have never yet heard them object, especially to a deputation at the last meeting, from ward two, where one of the chief objectors resides."



GOVERNOR COCKSHUTT AT ST. THOMAS.
In this photo by an Advertiser staff photographer, His Honor Col. Henry Cockshutt, Lieutenant general, is seen receiving the illuminated address of welcome from Mayor Raven of St. Thomas on the occasion of his visit yesterday. Col. Cockshutt laid the cornerstone of the Memorial Hospital in St. Thomas. The lieutenant governor of the province was the guest of honor in the evening at a banquet in the Grand Hotel.

CLAIMS HE SAW
WARDEN KILLED
IN QUEBEC WOODS

Gifted, Held in Killing Case,
Divulges Name of Alleged
Slayer.

COURT KEEPS SECRET

Special to The Advertiser.

Rimouski, Que., Aug. 30.—A sensation was sprung yesterday afternoon at the preliminary investigation, which has opened here before Magistrate Platt, in connection with the death of Joseph Blaquiere, regarding which the crown is holding two men named D'Aigle and Girfed, when the latter stated in the witness box he was present when the game warden was killed and pressed with questions, gave out the name of the alleged murderer.

His relation of the affair to the court was to the effect that on the evening of the murder he was canoeing with D'Aigle on the Matamoras lake, fishing for salmon.

"I was on the shore," he said. "The man carried a rifle, and we saw him aiming at the victim. A shot was fired, and we heard a scream. D'Aigle then shouted to me, 'They got him.'"

When asked to give out the name of the man claimed to have seen firing the shot, Girfed named a man. He stated that a few days before the murder he had loaned a torch, which was found near the body of Blaquiere's. An order was given by the court not to make public the name of the man denounced and whom the police are now trying to locate. According to Girfed, he had nothing to do with the murder, and could not prevent it. His testimony was also in favor of D'Aigle, whom he claimed was only an eyewitness. The crown maintains that there was a plot organized against the dead man.

COOLIDGE TO TAKE CARE
IN CHANGING OF TARIFF

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Aug. 30.—All doubt of how the flexible tariff is to be applied has been removed by the White House itself.

President Coolidge will proceed with great caution in changing rates, holding stability more important than making changes in any but exceptional cases.

Says Monarchical Prestige
Has Grown In Great Britain

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Aug. 30.—Speaking before the convention of the American Bar Association, Lord Birkenhead, after comparing the constitutions of Great Britain and the United States, said that the prestige of the monarchy in Great Britain had increased under King George. Explaining the "fundamental differences" between the constitutions of the two countries, Lord Birkenhead declared:

"Your constitution is expressed and defined in a document which can be pronounced upon by the supreme court; your judges are masters of the law; we are not. In Great Britain, practically no law in Great Britain is constitutional in that sense. Any law in Great Britain can be altered by any parliament, and no court may challenge the constitutional force of any act of Parliament."

BUILDING RECORD IS
\$50,000 AHEAD OF 1922

Permits For August Have Almost Reached \$250,000 Mark.

London's building record for the month of August has almost reached the \$250,000 mark, according to figures submitted today by Building Inspector A. M. Piper. This sum exceeds the August, 1922, record by \$50,000.

Building activity is still brisk, the inspector reports, and there is every indication that the September record will also eclipse last year's.

CLAIMS ERA OF PEACE
WILL REIGN IN IRELAND

Cosgrave Asserts Victory Is
Complete Indorsement of
Government.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Holyhead, Aug. 30.—That the Irish election had completely indorsed the government, President Cosgrave of the Free State today predicted the beginning of an era of peace and prosperity in Ireland. Cosgrave arrived here with other Free State representatives, en route to Geneva. Asked as to the fate of Eamon De Valera, now in jail, Cosgrave said: "I cannot commit myself at present, but De Valera is now where he cannot do any harm."

ALD. JUDD FLAYS
LATEST BLOCKADE
AT THE CITY HALL

Chairman of Finance Committee
Fights For Elevated
Tracks.

VOTE IN 1924

Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, charges today that a deliberate attempt is being made by two or three members of the city council to block the proposed scheme for elevated tracks and a new union depot.

It is the chairman's opinion that this movement follows chiefly because these members of the council in question did not happen to be selected as members of the special committee appointed to negotiate with Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., and representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

In addition to Ald. Judd, who charges that the official records at the city hall are not correct if they contain an \$8,000,000 estimated cost for the project.

And the chairman promises today that these records will be changed to read correctly, or he will know the reason why.

"They are not going to get away with this move," Ald. Judd stated warmly, referring to the obvious attempt in certain quarters to kill the elevated trackage proposal before any further preliminaries have been arranged.

"I propose to look into this," he added. "I was at the meeting in the city hall between the special committee and the C. N. R. representatives. Ald. Hayden and the mayor were also there. There was no \$8,000,000 cost price definitely submitted that I was aware of, and was there throughout the meeting. This figure may have been mentioned, but it was certainly not set down as final, as the railway men made it clear that they would not submit a figure until they had at their disposal considerable necessary data from the C. P. R. authorities."

Wants Survey Finished. Ald. Judd hopes that the city and railway authorities will be able to complete their survey and have their estimates ready in order that the ratepayers can be asked for their opinion at the municipal election in December, 1924.

The same argument holds good in this instance as in connection with the new city hall project and the proposed purchase of the London Street Railway. The chairman contends, "The people will want to know how much the enterprise is going to cost before they vote in the affirmative, but we should not discount our efforts, despite this unexpected opposition in the council."

It looks as though Chief of Police Robert Birrell is going to capture quarterly financial statements to the city council.

Rarely meeting passes but either Mayor Wenige or his associates comment enthusiastically in this connection. We shall have to wait for the reports submitted by the chief of the local police department.

The aldermen pointed out that the chief's reports submitted since the last year have been excellent, and a credit to himself and staff. The councillors believe that they would serve well as an object lesson for other branches of municipal activity, who are usually tardy with their reports or forget to send them in at all.

ELECT RULER.

Associated Press Despatch. Bombay, Aug. 30.—The Afridis of the Tirah have elected a king. He is Syed Badsha, who on a former occasion was elevated to the kingship but was unable to hold his power.

WRITER OF SONGS
BRANDS "JAZZ"
AS BEING ABSURD

Irving Berlin Tells Impressions
While On Motoring Trip
Through Province.

LOVES SCHUBERT

Irving Berlin, song wizard of two continents, and recognized father of "Jazz," thinks snappy dance music and weird harmonic creations of the present day "absurd" and "not in the best interests of any community."

Mr. Berlin stayed at a local hotel overnight, leaving in his automobile this morning to continue a tour of the province. He looks as little like the most successful composer in the world as one could imagine. Extremely dark and bearing an unmistakable Semitic facial cast, Mr. Berlin puts one more in mind of the prosperous American businessman than anything else.

Has Made Millions. That he should brand "jazz" music as inferior to the classics of Beethoven and Liszt, seems inconsistent when it is considered that he has made millions exploiting the popular songs of modern times. His compositions are known wherever the English tongue is spoken. From his prize song, "Over There," for which he received \$25,000, stunts is composed the catchy, "Gee, How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning," he has made the name, Irving Berlin stand a foot high wherever and whenever his compositions are known.

"The Old Maid's Ball," "Abba Dabba Dabba," "N'Everything," and "When I Lost My Heart To A Soldier" are a few of Berlin's creations. He wrote the latter beautiful song in memory of his dead wife, who shared with him the tribulations of poverty-stricken youth. Incidentally he received \$25,000 for it.

Mr. Berlin was in a hurry to get found time to say a few words to an Advertiser reporter.

"You can tell your subscribers if you wish that Irving Berlin doesn't believe the stuff he writes is great," he said in a half-serious, humorous way. "I love the creations of Schubert, Rubenstein, Spencer and Beethoven. They are the world's masterpieces. My stuff is composed to sell and make money. The people are patently like it, and I try to satisfy them. But I lay no claims to genius, and I do not wish to be immortalized through my compositions."

Asked whether he knew C. W. Barry, whose famous melody, "Sweet Marie," was written for Victoria Park here, Mr. Berlin said he had heard of him.

"I know Alf Bryan, who wrote 'I Did Not Run' for the Victoria Park here, Mr. Berlin said he had heard of him. He said, 'He's made a lot of money lately.'"

Lived in London. Bryan, old-timers will recollect, attended the old Union School here and lived his boyhood in London. "What is your real opinion of jazz?" Mr. Berlin was asked. The great creator of popular tunes smiled. "Jazz is a bit absurd. It appeals to persons who are not interested in the best interests of any community. It is like trashy novels and sensational movies. It is insatiable, and it is a waste of time. People don't think to enjoy it, and that's why it's absolutely. I make a living out of it. But the really fine, heart-throbbing Over and Over and Movement are the big achievements of popular composition. They can be compared to 'Home, Sweet Home' and 'Old Black Joe.' Their appeal is tender and pure, and they were the greatest hits of their time. My favorite climacter is 'Auld Lang Syne.'"

Mr. Berlin came to the United States an immigrant boy 13 years ago. His turn for music-making was given expression when he composed a little piece for a couple of cheap vaudeville specialists. It was an instantaneous success, and he received \$600 royalties. He is a pianist of rare talent, but has confined his whole effort to the writing of the "manufacture" of popular tunes. When the United States government offered him \$25,000 for the best war tune in 1917, he, in competition with a thousand others, wrote "Over There." It was a great success, and he received \$25,000 for it. He is now the head of the greatest popular song publishing concern in the world. He and Ted Snyder started business together a decade or so ago, and since then he has amassed a great fortune.

Britain Prohibits Entry
Of Valuable Silver Foxes

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 30.—Two live silver foxes, valued at £270, which belong to a resident at Hamilton, Ont., and arrived in this country on the liner Olympic last Saturday, were started for New York yesterday on the same steamer as the result of a decision of the British ministry of agriculture that these foxes, being under the category of "prohibited animal imports."

The valuable animals have been under the care of the Olympic's butcher since being shipped here from New York. They are now being returned to their owner in Hamilton, and will be cared for on the voyage back.

THE GUMPS—THE OFFICE SEEKER

