

LOST CHANCE TO BUY STREET RAILWAY

Thieves Crack Old Safe in Public Library; Steal \$60

EFFECT OF COUNCIL VOTE PRACTICALLY TO EXTEND CHARTER FOR FIVE YEARS

New City Hall and Springbank Dam Proposition the Only Two Questions Likely To Be Voted On in the December Elections.

STREET RAILWAY PURCHASE LOSES OUT

Last night's session of the city council cleared the air of many things, and permits a fairly clear view of the issues which will go to the voters next month.

The most important move last night was probably the decision against a vote on the purchase of the street railway.

This is in itself quite as important as a vote of the people because it means that the franchise of the London Street Railway Company will now automatically extend for a five-year period. London will now have an opportunity, under existing legislation, to acquire the railway before 1930.

The strategy of the next five years will undoubtedly be to force the company into circumstances which make necessary a sale at any price.

Of all the questions which have been trumpeted within the last year only two seem at all likely to be sent to the electorate for decision in December. These are the city hall bylaw and the new Springbank dam proposition.

The remaining issues, including the street railway purchase, the mayor's famous \$800,000 municipal motor bus bylaw and commission form of government, are all out of the arena.

"Old Faithful" Alone.

As a matter of fact "Old Faithful" the city hall bylaw is the only measure definitely sent to the people by the city council.

The proposal to construct a new dam in the vicinity of Springbank has passed its second reading and may pass the third at a special session November 14. It may not go to the people because all ward two councillors are opposing the Springbank dam and will exert every effort to win a majority of the board to their line of thought before the next session.

With Ald. Drake clinging desperately to the bridge, the mayor's omnibus project, representing a proposed expenditure of at least \$800,000 went down rapidly once the reef was struck. Before all members of the council had voiced their opinion the mayor shouted "it is enough. You have a majority now."

Double emphasis is laid upon those members of the council who again refused to allow the commission form of government at least to go to the people for an opinion.

The question was reopened with little difficulty but the effect was hopeless. The mayor found new supporters, but strange to relate, Ald. Wilson was one of them. Faithful to the last again was Ald. Edmund Hayden. At the last minute, and rather than deny the people the right to vote, Ald. Frank McKay supported the project.

What of future? What sort of street railway service are Londoners to enjoy until 1930 is the leading issue at this moment? Sir Adam Beck will accept no less than \$1,425,000 for their lines. With remarkable alacrity the councillors, excepting the Labor members, agreed that the price was far too excessive to even send to the people.

"Drive the company off the streets," the council has voted. The plan of campaign now contemplated. The company's franchise will automatically extend in 1925 for another five years unless the city gives notice by March, 1924, that the people desire to take over the road. Whether this notice can be legally delivered without an expression of opinion from the public is a debatable point.

But the expectation is, however, that the company will be forced into such financial difficulties by 1925—the expiration of the franchise—that the city will be able to purchase the road for the proverbial pence.

This is the proposal. In the opening session of the Ontario legislature, Sir Adam Beck will move to definitely establish the fact that the company's right to levy a 5-cent fare, granted by the late Drury administration, dies with the expiration of the franchise—1925. And the game will be not to renew that privilege; let the fares then be as before—7 and 12 tickets for 25 cents.

It is the belief of city administration—Turn to Page 2, Column 4.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate winds; gradually clearing.

Wednesday—Westerly winds; fair, with much the same temperature.

Pressure is lowest near the Atlantic coast and north of the Great Lakes, while over the western half of the continent it is quite high.

The weather is cloudy and showery from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fine throughout the West.

TEMPERATURES.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	42	Cloudy
Calgary	70	38	Clear
Winnipeg	62	28	Clear
Port Arthur	52	38	Fair
Perry Sound	42	32	Fair
Toronto	48	42	Cloudy
Kingston	52	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	48	42	Rain
Montreal	42	42	Rain
Quebec	40	38	Rain
Father Point	38	32	Cloudy
St. John	36	48	Cloudy
Halifax	36	52	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

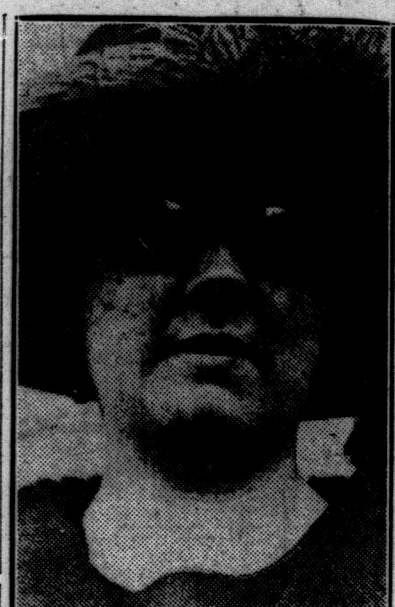
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 51; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 40.

Barometric Readings.

Today, 8 p.m.—29.17.

Monday, 8 a.m.—29.16.



MISS VENNOR, HYDE PARK, Secretary of the Western Ontario Federation of Women's Institutes, which is holding its ninth annual convention in London.

CITY GIRL CONTRACTS INFANTILE PARALYSIS

First Case in City For Several Years Reported to City Medical Officer.

IS DOING WELL

Precautions at Once Being Taken To Prevent Spread of Dread Disease.

The first case of infantile paralysis in London in several years has been reported to Dr. Downham, medical officer of health.

A 9-year-old girl, living in the central part of the city, contracted the disease, and when it was reported to Dr. Downham the house was immediately placed under quarantine. The child was reported this morning to be slightly improved, but will be in quarantine for three or four weeks. This is the first case reported in London for seven or eight years, said local doctors. Not since the epidemic in the United States eight years ago, when thousands of children were stricken, has a case been reported here.

Infantile paralysis is regarded as a communicable disease, with the peculiarity that it can be contracted mysteriously, as in the case of the local girl, who was stricken with it on Sunday. The period of incubation is not definitely known, and consequently physicians are at a loss to trace where the girl could have contracted it. The institute of public health, however, is taking every precaution to prevent a spread of the disease.

Only Five City-Born Men On Fire Dept., Says Chief

Chief Aitken Says Preference in Appointment Always Given to London Men.

EFFICIENCY TEST

Sees No Reason Why He Can't Hire "Outsiders" as Well as "Police Chief."

At last night's session of the city council Ald. John Colbert questioned Mayor Wenige if he knew whether Fire Chief Aitken has recently been hiring "outsiders."

The mayor replied that if such was the case it was contrary to a resolution passed early in the year that citizens of London must be given the preference when jobs were vacant.

Chief Aitken, asked as to the truth of the allegation, said that almost every man on the force came from the country, and that probably only five were London-born.

"We have a man with us, a country boy, whom I hired temporarily to take the place of men on their holidays," said the chief. "Preference is always given London men, but if a person applies for a job and appears to me to be efficient and capable, I hire him. I know nothing about a resolution saying that preference must be given citizens of London when jobs are vacant. It stands to reason that the proper man to hire for a position is the most efficient."

The police department employ out-landers, and I see no reason why this department should not do likewise, providing the so-called outsiders are better men."

MORE HELP ASKED FOR TREASURER JAMES BELL

Examining Auditors Report That His Work is "More Than One Can Handle."

SUGGEST CHANGES

Say Complete Reorganization of Treasury Department Would Be Advisable.

More assistance for City Treasurer James Bell and a complete re-organization of his staff is recommended in the city of London audit for 1922 just completed and submitted by Oscar Hudson and Company, a firm of private auditors who made their survey at the direction of the 1922 council. In their preamble they state that "the amount of work shouldered upon the city treasurer is absolutely more than one person can handle efficiently."

The auditors recommend further "a complete re-organization of his department for the purpose of co-ordinating duties of the staff and to promote greater efficiency, but above all to insure that the work is kept up to date and within the requirements of the law."

Several changes of routine are suggested, not with a view to criticize or cast reflection upon the treasurer or his staff, but in fact, to facilitate the work. These proposed changes are much in accordance with the views expressed by Dr. Horace L. Brittain and his associates who also surveyed this department last summer.

"London is in a very enviable position," the auditors continue, "with regard to tax collection. The efficiency of the staff is amply attested by the small percentage of uncollected taxes, in comparison with other municipalities."

The report points out that the city council of 1922 spent \$38,292.65 net provided for the estimation of 1923 while a deficit of \$18,208.48 was shown in the revenue account.

COLIN LEITCH SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Thorndale Man, Skull Fractured, Makes Remarkable Rally in Hospital.

Colin Leitch, Thorndale, who was taken to Victoria Hospital Sunday night suffering from a fractured skull and shoulder as a result of being hit by a car driven by Robert McKay, Embro, on the Governor's road, was reported by hospital officials this morning to be greatly improved.

He spent a good night, and although yesterday little hope was held for his recovery, he rallied so quickly overnight that it is now expected he will recover.

DELEGATES TO WOMEN'S CONVENTION REACH CITY

More Than 300 Members of Western Ontario Women's Institutes Already Registered.

SESSIONS START

Optimistic Reports From All Branches Submitted at First Meeting.

With more than 300 delegates registered this morning, the ninth annual convention of Women's Institutes of Western Ontario got away to a flying start.

From an early hour until noon a steady stream of delegates arrived by every train and poured into the registration office at the chamber of commerce where they were received by Mrs. George Edwards, Komoka, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. After registering they were notified of their billets and the place where the meetings of the three days would be held.

With Mrs. D. Buchanan, Thamesville, presiding, the opening session at the Masonic Temple started at 1:30. Community singing in which the hundreds of women joined was followed by devotional exercises led by Bishop David Williams of the Diocese of Huron.

At the close of the service, "O Canada" and the "Institute Ode" were sung.

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MISS STVART POLADIAN, Eighteen-year-old Armenian refugee, whose mother was slaughtered in the 1920 massacre, arrived in London today to make an appeal to the city on behalf of the fifty Armenian orphans at the Georgetown school.

SEE THIRTY THOUSAND MAJORITY IN ALBERTA

Prohibition Beaten Decisively in Many Parts of Province.

AWAIT RETURNS

Thirty-Six Constituencies Favor Government Control of Liquor.

Canadian Press Despatch. Calgary, Nov. 6.—In by far the largest vote ever polled in Alberta on a liquor question, prohibition yesterday was beaten decisively. Seven years ago, the province gave a dry majority of 20,000, in a total vote of 95,000 on the abolition of the retail sale of liquor. In 1920 the matter of importation came up, and with a total vote of 106,000, there was a majority against importation of 18,596. Yesterday's vote will go close to 150,000, and the majority against prohibition standing at the moment at about 24,000, probably will approach 30,000 when the returns are complete.

Complete returns of yesterday's referendum of Calgary city show a majority for Clause D of 8,158. The total vote was: A, 8,995; B, 292; C, 353; D, 17,068.

There are 52 provincial constituencies and on incomplete returns there appears to have been a majority for government control in 36 of Turn to Page 2, Column 6.

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LOOT SAFE IN LIBRARY AND STEAL \$60 FINES

Safe of Ancient Pattern Proved Easy Prey For Nocturnal Visitors.

POLICE ON CASE

No Clue Yet as to How Thieves Obtained Entrance to the Library Building.

Sixty dollars was taken from the safe in the Public Library last night by someone who carefully opened the safe door and after breaking in the inner door abstracted the cash. The money kept in this safe is made up of small sums collected in the way of fines for the retention of books by readers over the allotted time. Chief of detectives Thomas Nickle said today that there was no evidence of anyone breaking into the library building. Detective Bolton is working on the case.

This is the first time that anything has been taken from the Public Library, but when Fred London was the librarian he once said that he never understood how it was that the library had never been provided with a really reliable safe as he always regarded the old one as an aggravation. There are manuscripts in the building that might have been taken, but that would not have been of much use to the average safe breaker and would have been very difficult to change into cash in London. This is the first burglary for some time in the city where such a large sum has been taken and may mark the beginning of a winter season of denigrations. The public are warned to pay careful attention to the fastenings of their doors and windows now that the long evenings have arrived.

PROBE CITY METHODS FROM COAST TO COAST

Vancouver and St. John Ask Officials For Information.

London is securing widespread publicity of a very favorable nature. From Vancouver, British Columbia, came the request this morning for a copy of the City of London municipal year book, while Assessment Commissioners Harry Bennett has just forwarded to the civic government of St. John, New Brunswick, certain information as to the assessment methods in this city.

The commissioner states that numerous inquiries of this nature have been received during recent weeks from the mayor's office of the country, even from across the boundary line. He attributes this interest to the good publicity that London is receiving this year from the press.

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