

TWO LONDON BAKERIES IN PROPOSED ONTARIO MERGER TO CONTROL BREAD TRADE

Weston Company, of Toronto, Is Said To Be Behind Scheme—Hamilton Firms Are Said to Have Already Sold Out—Deal Is To Be Completed on August 1st.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, July 5.—The new bread bylaw, which became operative on July 1, standardizing the weight of bread, may result in a consolidation of a number of the largest bakeries in the province. Negotiations, it is understood, have been pending for several weeks and, according to a report here several prominent firms in Hamilton, Toronto, London and Ottawa, are interested in a deal which will almost give them control of the bread market in four of the largest cities of Ontario.

BEHIND THE SCHEME.

The Weston Company, of Toronto, is rumored to be the moving spirit behind the scheme. It was reported here today that the William Lees Company, the largest bread manufacturer in Hamilton, have already sold out, and that options have been secured on a number of other places.

Mr. Lees refused to discuss the matter.

Rumor has it that the deal is to be completed by Aug. 1.

THE POLICY.

The policy of the merger, it is said, will be to get things on a smooth working basis in the larger cities and then reach out for the business in the smaller towns.

With the cost of labor and operating expenses steadily increasing, the bakers say they have to take some action to protect themselves. A consolidation, such as spoken of, would give the big dealers a marked advantage over their smaller competitors in the purchasing of flour and other supplies.

SOME ALARM.

The merger is viewed with some alarm here, as it is feared it will result in increased prices.

Hamilton led in the movement for legislation standardizing the weight of bread, and the bakers say that if it works against the interests of the people the city council is to blame.

Already many people here have begun to bake their own bread, because the fancy loaves sold by the bakers are not much larger than buns.

ABSORB TWO BAKERIES.

It is stated that at least two London bakeries will be affected by a merger of Canadian Bakeries, which is being formed, and which it is expected will be complete by Aug. 1.

The plants of Farnell and Johnston Bros. will in all probability be taken over by the bread trust, and run by them. Inquiry today elicited the information that negotiations are on at the present time, and that it is expected that they will be completed in the course of a few days.

ONLY LARGER FIRMS.

As far as can be learned none of the smaller bakeries have been approached to enter the combination. Several stated to The Advertiser that if they could sell out at any reasonable figure they would gladly do so, as conditions at the present time are far from satisfactory.

In regard to the new bread bylaw bakers state that they will sell either a 12-ounce loaf of fine quality for five cents, or a 20-ounce loaf of ordinary quality, at the same price.

"We would, if we could, gladly sell a 16-ounce loaf of fine quality, as we have been doing," said one man. "But we can't do that under the new law, and we can't afford to sell a pound and a half of that quality for five cents, so we will sell the smaller loaf."

Other bakers are putting out various sized loaves, such as 12-ounce, 16-ounce and 24-ounce, all varying in quality.

REAL ESTATE THREATEN.

The Real Estate Owners, who took such an active part in supporting the Miller bread bill, declare that if any attempt is made to raise the prices of bread to six cents, they will bring in English bakers and start a municipal bakery.

"We are in touch with some English bakers now," said one member. "They would gladly come to Canada and set up business. We have figures which show that in places all around London bread is being sold cheaper than it is in this city, and there is no reason why it should not be sold as cheap here."

Mr. Joseph Johnston was out of the city today, and the report that negotiations were going on for the taking over of the bakery could not be confirmed, as those at the office stated that they could say nothing until Mr. Johnston returned.

A NURSE TO INSPECT THE SCHOOL CHILDREN The London Health Association Brings Matter to Attention of Board of Education.

At the meeting of the board of education this afternoon the proposition of the London Health Association that a nurse be appointed to inspect the pupils in the schools as a precaution against tuberculosis, will be taken up.

It is not considered likely that any definite action will be taken at this meeting. A number of the members of the board are in favor of the proposition, but take the ground that a nurse qualified to note symptoms of tuberculosis, as well as examine the teeth, should be employed.

The matter will likely be referred to a committee, when a recommendation along that line will be adopted. Inspector Edwards is in favor of medical and dental inspection, and has insisted upon the appointment of a nurse to look after the general health of the children of the "public schools."

"Such a nurse is a necessity," declared Inspector Edwards. "We should look well after the physical health of the pupils in our schools. It is our first duty."

TRAINMEN HOLD
ANOTHER CONFERENCE

Montreal, July 5.—Representatives of the C. P. R. trainmen are having another conference with the railway officials this afternoon, and it is now stated negotiations looking to a settlement of the matters in dispute have gone so far that a solution may be reported this evening.

OTTAWA WOMAN KILLED BY BOLT

Ottawa, July 4.—Lightning was responsible for the death yesterday of Mrs. O. Lacasse, of this city, who was struck and instantly killed while standing in her house watching the storm. Deceased was 69 years of age and leaves 14 children.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR DR. HYDE

Kansas City, July 5.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, convicted of having poisoned Col. Thos. H. Swope, the millionaire philanthropist, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor by Judge Lathrop in the criminal court here this morning.

RACE RIOTS AS RESULT OF FIGHT

Whites and Blacks Clash When Johnson Wins.

B.G. ROW AT PITTSBURG

Trouble Breaks Out at Seven Different Points in New York—Pueblo, Col., Also Has Uprising.

New York, July 4.—Rioting between whites and blacks broke out in seven different points in the city tonight following the announcement of the result of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. One negro was dragged from a street car and badly beaten before rescued.

Whites Chase Negro to Cover in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 4.—Intermittent rioting tonight followed the announcement of the result of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. In Vine street, the leading thoroughfare of the city, hordes of whites chased a negro who was alleged to have made offensive remarks. He was allowed to ascend an elevator in a hotel and escape.

Negroes Clubbed by Police in St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 4.—Rioting in a negro quarter of St. Louis, at Market street and Jefferson avenue, followed the announcement that Jack Johnson was the victor in the Reno prize-fight.

The police finally clubbed back the negroes, who were blocking traffic and making threats.

Pittsburg, July 4.—Less than half an hour after the decision of the fight was announced here three riot calls were sent into two police precincts in the negro hill district. Street cars were held up and insulting epithets were hurled at the passengers. The police beat the crowds back with their clubs to permit the passage of street cars. Patrolmen have been summoned to this district from all sections of the city.

Washington, July 4.—Several small race riots broke out at various parts of Pennsylvania avenue tonight following announcement of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. There were a number of arrests. No one was seriously hurt.

Pueblo, Col., July 4.—A riot broke out between blacks and whites broke out in Bessemer, Pueblo's steel works suburb, as a result of the Johnson-Jeffries fight. Every police officer was sent to stop the rampage.

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INSPECTOR SULLIVAN HASN'T BEEN REPLACED

Separate School Official Speaks of That Story From Windsor.

The dispatch from Windsor to The Advertiser stating that Inspector Sullivan, of the separate schools of this district, had been replaced by Inspector Cheney, of Windsor, is news to Mr. Sullivan.

"It certainly is news to me," he stated to The Advertiser. "If there were any changes such as that, it is more than likely that I would know of them. I am not worrying at all. I have no antipathy to bi-lingual schools. I have no connection with them whatever. I am not worrying in the least."

An Explanation.

Inspector Cheney, of the public school inspector for North Essex. He has also charge of the French schools in that district, and some in Kent County.

Inspector Sullivan has charge of the English-speaking separate schools of the district, and has no connection whatever with the French schools. There are at the present time no bi-lingual schools in Ontario, although there is a demand for them in certain districts. It is not at all probable that any of Mr. Sullivan's English-speaking schools will be taken from him, and placed as bi-lingual or French schools under Mr. Cheney.

The fact that he is doing some mistake in reference to this matter.

MAKE THE PEOPLE PAY FOR LAWN SERVICES

City Will Consider No Reduction—Reservoir Now Contains 10 Feet 4 Inches.

The reservoir contains 10 feet 4 inches of water, and its pressure will be left on the mains during the day until further notice.

There is a general improvement in water conditions.

The improvements in the compressor have been made at the wells. A new machine has been installed. Its capacity is much over one million and a half gallons, and it will be working this afternoon.

Weil No. 2, one of the finest in the series, will be in operation this evening. In times of need there will be 1,500,000 gallons of water poured into the city mains. The machinery has all been tested, and will be ready at once.

Lawn Services.

The lawn service will not be cut off. Some complaints have been made to the office, but they are not many. The commissioners take the ground that the citizens have been receiving lawn services free for some years, and in that time they certainly have received enough water to make them satisfied to pay one year's dues.

"Conditions are improving," said Chairman Pocock. "We have the machinery ready, and there should be a general improvement all along the line. We have now five of the finest wells in the series attached, and we should be able to withstand any dry spell. The reservoir will be attached until further notice."

GOULDTHRITE'S POCKETS WERE LOADED WITH CASH AND GEMS

Over One Thousand Dollars Found on Body of Printing Bureau Official Who Committed Suicide at Detroit—Money Is Sent to His Wife.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Detroit, July 5.—Upon taking the clothes off the body of F. S. Gouldthrite, Undertaker Blake discovered \$960, with \$96 already found in a pocketbook, makes a total of \$1,056.86 in money with other valuables discovered on the remains. The \$960 was in a wallet next to the flesh. There was also a note of identification, with a request that the money be sent to the owner's wife. Previous search of the pockets of the suicide had brought to light a fine gold watch and other jewelry, and three keys, one of which read, "83, Yates Hotel, Syracuse." The note found with the money was written in a scrawling hand on two sheets of blank employment request sheets from the office of the Canadian Printing Bureau. "My name is not Gouldthrite," it said. "My name is F. S. Gouldthrite, my house is Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Canada. Send my money to my wife."

The body was shipped to Ottawa last night in a copper casket. The inquest will be held next Monday.

Mayor Intervened.

There is another company looking for a natural gas franchise in the City of London.

For some years the citizens have been hearing rumors of natural gas companies, but up to the present time none have delivered the goods.

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