

BIG FIGHT OVER EXTENSION OF LEASE TO PERE MARQUETTE HON. MR. BECK OPPOSES IT

Notifies Mayor Stevely That He Will Enjoin the Council and Will Make the Matter an Issue in the Next Municipal Election—A Row in Sight.

The extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway to the Pere Marquette will be one of the issues of the coming elections, if Hon. Adam Beck has his way.

It is well understood that negotiations will shortly be commenced for an extension, and in view of that fact Mr. Beck is going to oppose the granting of a prolonged lease.

Opposes Extension.

Yesterday afternoon he had a conference with Mayor Stevely, and although both are very reticent as to what transpired, it is certain that Hon. Adam Beck declared that the lease would not be extended if he in any way could prevent it.

This morning Mr. Beck acknowledged that he would make the matter an issue at the coming elections. He also stated that he would not support any particular candidate, but it is quite evident that he will support that candidate for the majority who will oppose the extension of the lease.

Will Be Enjoined.

From what can be learned the mayor and city council will be enjoined when negotiations officially open, and the question will be fought out in the courts.

It is expected that by this time, the municipal elections will be at hand, and then it will be made an issue, Mr. Beck taking a stand against it.

How About This?

While it is alleged to be not necessary to have the Provincial Legislature confirm the agreement between the city and the company, the present lease was neverthless confirmed by the Legislature, and any change in it will have to be made with the consent of the Provincial House. In that way, Mr. Beck is of the opinion that he could prevent any tampering with the present document, though he says he will not resort to the Legislature.

A New Lease.

At the expiration of the present agreement another can be made and ratified by the Federal Parliament without the consent of the Legislature. At the conference Mr. Beck and Mayor Stevely discussed the matter quite freely, and the member for London made it very plain that he would oppose the extension.

A Talk on Friday.

"Mr. Beck and I had a talk yesterday," said his worship. "We talked the question over, but I am still convinced that the Port Stanley board and city council have power to deal with it, regardless of what some have stated. I find a very great number of the citizens of London in favor of the extension, and I think it would be in the interests of the city."

Issue at Election.

"We will make the extension of the lease an issue at the next municipal elections," said Mr. Beck. "The council was not elected to deal with that matter. I am convinced that the people should decide the question." An interesting situation seems imminent. The official request for an extension has not reached the city as yet, but it is expected within a very short time, probably next week.

LONDON TRAVELLER IN BURNING HOTEL

Mr. Fred Fisher Had a Narrow Escape at Hepworth, Near Warton, Ont.

ESCAPED BY VERANDAH

Another Traveller Escaped in a Similar Manner, But Lost His Baggage and \$200 in Cash.

This morning about 1 o'clock, the largest hotel in Hepworth, a little town to the south of Warton, was completely destroyed by fire. There were only two guests in the hotel at the time, a traveller from Winnipeg, and the other Mr. Fred Fisher, traveller for D. H. Howden & Company, of this city.

Besides them there were the proprietor and his family.

The origin of the fire is wholly unknown and so rapidly did it spread that all those in the house, save Mr. Fisher, escaped in nothing but their nightclothes.

Escaped on Verandah.

The window of Mr. Fisher's room opened on the roof of a verandah, and from this he made his escape with little difficulty.

The other traveller did not fare so well.

Though he succeeded in escaping in the same way, he lost all his clothes and baggage along with \$200.

**LONDON TRAVELLER
HAD A CLOSE CALL**

Was Handling a Rifle in Warton When It Suddenly Discharged.

A local liquor traveller had an interesting experience while on his route this week at Warton. He was talking with one of his customers who was explaining to him the merits of a certain rifle. Unlike most men showing a gun, he chanced to hold the barrel up instead of down. Thinking the gun was unloaded, the man shot the bolt home suddenly and the cartridge exploded, crashing through a large showcase and practically demolishing it.

The bullet passed close by the traveller's face, but had it been pointed downward in the natural position it would almost certainly have injured him.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Sept. 24.—Reported at New York: from America; from Hamburg; La Provence, from Havre.

At Boston—Columbian, from London; Sicilian, from Montreal.

At Liverpool—Victorian, from Montreal; At Bristol—Munmouth, from Montreal; At Cherbourg—Deutschland, from New York.

At Genoa—Moltke, from New York; At Father Point—Lake Champlain, from Liverpool.

At Quebec—Virginian, from Liverpool; Sardianian, from London; Cervonia, from Middlesborough.

ANOTHER BIG WELL STRUCK FLOW OF 250,000 GALLONS

Test Was Very Satisfactory—Artesian Scheme Continues Its Successful Way—More Wells Are to Be Bored at Once.

Another fine well, perhaps the best in the series, was struck yesterday afternoon on the Hunt property, 500 feet east of the last well. The test was made this morning, and a flow of approximately 250,000 gallons was obtained. The quality is the same as the others, and there is no trace of sulphur or any other mineral in it. Another well, east of the last, will be drilled. This makes seventeen wells drilled, two of which, No. 4 and No. 5, having been pulled, as they were too close together. It is expected that two more will be sunk by Mr. Beck.

The water commissioners will meet next week, it is expected, and will take up the question of drilling sufficient wells to bring the total supply in sight to 4,500,000 gallons of water, the total capacity of the pumping machinery to be installed.

RIGGS AND MURRAY ON TRIAL ON BRUTAL ROBBERY CHARGE

William Nichols, of Walker Street, Repeats His Story Before Judge Macbeth—Evidence Given as to Character of Murray—Employer Speaks Well of Him.

Frank Riggs and George Murray, the two men charged with robbing William Nichols, of 750 Walker street, on the night of Sept. 6, and of using violence towards him, appeared before Judge Macbeth this morning.

After a number of witnesses had been heard the case was adjourned till this afternoon to receive the testimony of the prisoners.

Nichols' Evidence.

William Nichols, of 750 Walker street, was the first witness called. He said that on Sept. 6 he was in front of the Duke of York Hotel between 2 and 3 o'clock. Here he met Murray and Riggs. The three of them had some drinks together and Nichols left the hotel about 9 o'clock, going east on Dundas to Rectory. Going down Rectory street, he saw Riggs and Murray at the corner of Hill street. Murray

said good evening, and Nichols replied. They said they were going in the same direction. They went as far as Nichols' house, where he said good night. The others said they would come in, too.

Riggs hit him. I went to attend to my horse, and Riggs said I wouldn't get out of the house that night, and Riggs hit me in the face, and Murray hit me in the neck, knocking me down and stunning me. When I came to, they had my shoes and collar off, and Riggs was going through my pockets. I had money in my right-hand trouser pocket, about \$1.50. Riggs took it. They took my keys out of my pocket, and they took my trunk and took about a quarter's worth of copper. I didn't get up, because my hands and feet were tied; there was also a cloth around my neck to keep me from crying out.

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NOT ANTAGONIZING THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Lieutenant-Governor Says His Hamilton Remarks Were Misinterpreted.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, smiled broadly when asked today if he intended to act on the resolution of the Trades and Labor Congress calling upon him to resign, and intimating he had no such intention. "Did they misinterpret your remarks?" "Yes," replied the Lieutenant-Governor. "I may have made a statement derogatory to the employment of agitators from the United States to come over here and foment strikes, but does that show antagonism to the labor movement?" "Then you are not opposed to the organization of labor?" "No," said his honor, with emphasis. "And some of them know that very well."

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN LONDON CASE

Sovereign Bank vs. McIntyre Was Up in Osgoode on Friday.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday, in Sovereign Bank vs. McIntyre, J. M. McEvoy, London, for defendant, appeared from the judgment of a divisional court affirming of some variation the judgment of Magee, J., at the trial in favor of plaintiff, J. B. McKillop, London, for plaintiff, contra. The action was on a promissory note for \$1,380, and the defendant denied consideration.

Judgment was given at the trial for the \$1,380, and interest, and this was affirmed by the divisional court. Appeal from the latter judgment argued and judgment reserved.

In Crouch vs. Pere Marquette Railway Company, F. Stone, Chatham, for defendants, on appeal from the judgment of Teetzel, J., of May 7, 1909. L. Beycroft, Ridgeway, for plaintiff. Judgment oral on motion argued on 22nd inst. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Webb vs. St. Marys No. 1, C. A. Moss, for defendant, moved to dismiss action for failure to deliver particulars of statement of claim as ordered on March 24 last. W. R. Wadsworth, for plaintiff, contra. Order that plaintiff deliver in four days such particulars as are ready and balance of same on Nov. 1. Defendant to deliver statement of defence when advised, and plaintiffs to reply and set case down within a week thereafter. Costs of motion to defendants in any event. Venue changed to Toronto.

GEORGE TAYLOR, M. P., ILL

Underwent a Serious Operation in London, England.

London, Sept. 25.—Mr. George Taylor, chief opposition whip in the Canadian House of Commons, has undergone a serious operation. He is progressing as well as expected.

Dr. McWilliam is Presiding.

Dr. J. McWilliam, of this city, was yesterday elected vice-president of the American Pest Society, in convention at Boston, Mass. Dr. McWilliam is interested in many pest fields in Ontario, and has patented some machinery for the manufacture of the material.

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ALD. DAN FERGUSON, Mayor of London.

Popular Aldermen Who Will Seek Mayor's Chair in 1910.

GOVERNMENT MAY HELP UNIVERSITY

Hon. Adam Beck Says Cabinet Has Been Considering an Institution for the West.

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The dining-room was decorated with the colors of the university, and presented a very handsome appearance. The dinner was of the best, and the possible style, and reflected great credit on Miss Host O'Neil.

The Toast List.

When it was completed, Dr. Balfour introduced the toast list. He thanked the graduates for the kindly interest in the reunion, and declared it to be a good omen for the future. It had been decided to make these reunions an annual affair, and he hoped that in future they would increase in interest.

The association was to be congratulated for having as their guest Dr. Billings, of Chicago, father of the pure food laws of the United States. The clinic of the afternoon was one of the best features of the reunion, and it was certain to be remembered for many years to come. It was a pleasure to meet with Dr. Billings, and Dr. Balfour expressed the hope that it would not be his last visit to the city of London.

The health of the King was drunk, and the secretary, Dr. Beal, read the address from Sir James Whitney, Sir W. R. Meredith, Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, Major Beattie, M. P., Dr. Riley, Cleveland, Dr. S. G. Gibson, Langdon, S. D., and others.

"Our Guests."

The president then introduced to "Our Guests," Dr. Billings was the first speaker, and thanked the association for the invitation to be present. Although an American, the science of medicine did not recognize the water line between the two countries. In the science of medicine there was no United States, no Canada, no England—they were all brothers. He expressed the hope that he would meet with the members of the association again either in London or in Chicago. He referred to his native city Chicago, and stated that although but 73 years old, it had become one of the greatest cities in the world.

Praise For Chicago.

It was the greatest railroad centre in the world, it was the greatest manufacturing centre in the world, and its continued on Page Ten.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Sept. 25—8 a.m. Moderate northerly winds; fine and cool; light local frosts at night. Sunday—Fine; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Wether.

London..... 59 46 Clear

Toronto..... 62 50 Clear

Ottawa..... 48 40 Fair

Montreal..... 52 42 Clear

Quebec..... 52 48 Clear

Father Point..... 44 Cloudy

No reports this morning from Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg or Port Arthur.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, Sept. 24—8 a.m.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 38-68; Victoria, 48-62; Vancouver, 50-60; Kamloops, 52-80; Edmonton, 38-50; Battleford, 40-78; Calgary, 35-70; Moosejaw, 33-74; Qu'Appelle, 31-70; Winnipeg, 32-67; Port Arthur, 30-54; Parry Sound, 30-48; Toronto, 43-60; Ottawa, 48-60; Montreal, 56-64; Quebec, 54-60; St. John, 55-62; Halifax, 50-72.

THREE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES ARE NOW IN THE LOCAL FIELD

Ald. Beattie Announces That He Will Contest for the Honor—Other Candidates Are Ald. Dan Ferguson and Ex-Ald. Chas. M. R. Graham.

Three candidates for the mayoralty are now almost certain. Ald. Beattie, Ald. Ferguson and Mr. C. M. R. Graham have announced that they will enter the lists for the chief magistracy of London.

As announced yesterday in The Advertiser, Mr. Graham will be a candidate, although he denies that he will run as a Beck candidate.

Ald. Beattie announced definitely this morning that he will run for the office.

A Three-Cornered Fight.

That will make a three-cornered battle for the position, and more may follow.

I will be a candidate for the mayoralty," said Ald. Beattie. "I am running as a citizens' candidate, and will be the nominee of no party or clique. I had not intended making the announcement for some time, but it might as well be made now as any time."

For the Commission.

Ald. Stewart will not be a candidate for the aldermanic board at the coming municipal elections, although it is possible that he may withdraw when it dawns upon him that Ald. Beattie will be the candidate.

May Be Others.

There may be others, but at the present time none are in sight. A field of three will make an interesting election.

The utilities commission is also creating some interest. Mayor Stevely would not confirm the report that he would be a candidate for this position, but it is considered more than probable.

**BLYTHE MUST DIE
ON OCTOBER SECOND**

Judge Riddell Has Refused a Stated Case for Court of Appeal.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Judge Riddell has refused a stated case for the court of appeal in the case of Walter Blythe under sentence of death for murdering his wife. The execution is set for Oct. 2.

**U. S. CREW BUTCHERED
BY MORO PIRATES**

Captain and Fourteen Men of Revenue Cutter Captured and Killed.

Manila, Sept. 25.—Official dispatches from southern ports say, it is rumored that the revenue cutter Sora has been captured by Moro pirates and the crew murdered. The authorities have been unable to ascertain the exact location of the cutter, although dispatches have been sent to all adjacent ports.

The Sora was used as a patrol boat against the Moro pirates in the southern archipelago in the general campaign against smuggling inaugurated by the insular government a short time ago. It was commanded by Capt. E. A. McGorty and carried a crew of fourteen.

**ALL GOTHAM HONORS
HUDSON AND FULTON**

Impressive Pageant in the North River Marks Opening of Celebration.

New York, Sept. 25.—The boom of sunrise guns aboard the warships in the North River awoke New York this morning the first day of the celebration long planned and long awaited, which honors the deeds of Harry Hudson and Robert Fulton.

The river that Hudson found and where Fulton set his steamboat, was the place toward which the eyes of the million people turned today for the most impressive pageant that ever floated in the New York harbor.

Business today was comparatively at a standstill. The Stock Exchange was closed and many of the big mercantile establishments did nothing.

New York gave itself without reserve to the spirit of the day.

The day's first spectacle was the assembling of the naval pageant in the upper bay. Between 10 and 11 o'clock, the squadron of four American cruisers and five submarines assigned to escort the Half Moon and the Clermont, met in the Killbuck, between Staten Island and the New Jersey shore. The Clermont was towed from its night anchorage at Stapleton, Staten Island, to join the Half Moon which had spent the night off St. George, Staten Island. Then, with the escort trailing to the rear, the two little craft which epitomized the celebration, cruised along the Brooklyn shore in sight of the spectators that blackened every street and house in view.

Meanwhile, the rest of the parade was assembling and when the Half Moon and the Clermont finished their round of the bay, they sailed into the mouth of the Hudson, they fell into line. The assembling of the 500 or more boats that followed Hudson's and Fulton's craft up the river, occupied the whole morning, and it was not until after 1 o'clock that the mass straggled out into something like processional order.

Horse Strayed Away.

One of the farmers on the local market this morning had rather an anxious time for a while. He left his horse loosely tied to his wagon, and went away to transact some business. While he was absent the horse evidently longing for some more quiet neighborhood, walked away, and though the owner sought very diligently it was more than an hour before the horse was finally located.

**ARE BROTHERS
UNDER THE SKIN**

Britisher and American Are Just Alike, Declares Admiral Seymour.

SEES CONTINUED PEACE

Declares the Modern Battleships Constitute the Best Preventive of a Conflict.

New York, Sept. 25.—Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, who is here in command of the British fleet, with the giant battleship Intrepid as his flagship for the Hudson-Fulton celebration, declared yesterday in an interview for the American that battleships are the greatest safeguards for peace.

"The present assemblage of the fleets of all nations is a great fact in the promotion of peace," he said. "It gives each nation an opportunity to see for itself how strong and well prepared the other nations are, and that prevents war or thoughts of war."

It is not difficult to understand that with the growth of the navies of the civilized nations the possibilities of war have been so greatly decreased that an armed conflict of any kind seems hardly within the bounds of a possibility. The interests of the civilized world are becoming more and more united every day. The great nations are all in harmony. The great nations are all in harmony. The great nations are all in harmony.

**THE FULTON MODELS
WERE IN COLLISION**

New York, Sept. 25.—Police headquarters have just heard that the Half Moon and the Clermont collided off Staten Island. The damage was slight.

**AIRSHIP EXPLODES
FOUR ARE KILLED**

Moulins, France, Sept. 25.—The airship Republique exploded while 100 metres in the air today and four persons were killed.

FAKE CLAIMS GAME

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Three men accused of a conspiracy to defraud railway companies by false accident claims were found guilty today. The three were experts at their job. When ever an accident occurred, one of them was mixed up in it, while the other two were nearby and gave evidence as witnesses. In this way they secured damages from both the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. and also from the Montreal Street Railway. Nathan Abof, the leader of the gang, was sentenced to have been in the way innumerable falling icicles, pillars, beams, etc. He also fell off innumerable cars and sustained all kinds of fractures. The trio were found guilty and will be sentenced later.