

# BECK AND MOORE AGAIN ON L.P.S.C. COMMISSION

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City Council Names Members of Various Civic Bodies for 1924.

### DOUGLASS ON FINANCE

Sir Adam Beck and Percy Moore were re-appointed to the London & Port Stanley Railway Commission last night by members of the city council, who effected their deliberation following their dinner at Mayor Wenige's residence.

Recommendations submitted by the striking committee, setting forth the personnel of the two city council standing committees of the council, were also approved.

### APPOINTMENT BOARDS

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## PLAN OF WENIGE, WOMEN'S REST-ROOM APPROVED

Old Registry Offices Proposed as Site—Is Close to the Market.

### AID IS PROMISED

The suggestion of the mayor that the old registry offices on the corner of King and Ridout streets, be turned into a women's rest room, is apparently approved by the agricultural section of the Chamber of Commerce. This morning Secretary Gordon Philip received a letter from one of the members who endorsed the proposal and recommended that the idea be acted upon.

The chamber has been working for considerable time to secure the offices as rest rooms. The site is a good one, officials point out, it being so close to the market. Rural buses stop at that corner now.

The proposed rest room would be financed by the city, township and county councils. Secretary Philip pointed out that the location is a large trading center for rural residents who come here to buy as well as sell. The convenience of a rest room is greater now than formerly.

Strathroy, Guelph and other towns maintain such buildings.

In the prospective city rooms women could check their parcels and be protected from the cold after a fatiguing day shopping or selling merchandise on the market. County and city women's organizations have consented to furnish and equip the offices should the suggestion of the mayor be carried out.

Opposition to the proposed Askin street pavement is rapidly dissolving, city authorities report. From the city hall it was learned that the project, if undertaken during the year, as contemplated by the city council.

While a sufficient number of the ratepayers have been affected by the project, it is now stated that a large number of them have since registered a change of opinion. This will enable the council to authorize the work upon a two-thirds vote and still have the consent of the residents on that section of the thoroughfare to be paved.

APPOINTMENTS MUST BE RATIFIED

No Changes Expected in Personnel of Municipal Boards.

All appointments made by the city council last night to various municipal boards must be ratified at the inaugural session, January 14. No changes of any consequence are anticipated.

It is reported that Sir Adam Beck's appointment to the Port Stanley Railway Commission was almost unanimous. Others in the running were ex-Ald. George Burdick, William Martin, ex-Ald. John T. May, ex-Ald. Peter J. Watt and Melville Cater.

The members of the standing committees of the council will elect their chairmen at the inaugural session also.

W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board of education, is still waiting word from the department relative to the legality of the local bylaw fixing the date of the first meeting of the board.

The meeting has been called for Jan. 10, in keeping with the bylaw as shown in the constitution of the local board, but over this there hangs a doubt of legality, owing to the fact that provincial statute sets the date as the first Wednesday in February, in the event of the old board failing in settling a date.

Members of the board and officials express the opinion that although no resolution was passed setting forth a date, the constitution accepted by all members of the board when taking office is equivalent to the placing of a resolution on the minutes.

L.E.C. CABINET MEMBERS BUSY OUTLINING PROGRAM

Members of the cabinet of the London East Collegiate are busy outlining the program for the coming season of its legislature. Several important questions are to be taken up in open debate and many of the bills introduced at the beginning of the year will remain to be brought forward. This will be done at an early date, it is likely that the legislature will meet in two weeks.



NEW JAPANESE MINISTERS.

Viscount Ishii (left) and Count Hayashi (right) are foreign minister and minister of education, respectively, in the new Japanese cabinet.

## Little War Is Brewing Over Question of Power Of "Abrams Machine"

Dr. H. W. Hill's Charge Supported by Medical Men and Journals.

ONE USED IN LONDON

Drs. Harkins Declare Machine Is Used by Prominent Practitioners.

Is the "Abrams Machine" a fake? This much-discussed question threatens to brew a little war between orthodox and unorthodox medical practitioners in London. The contrivance invented by Albert Abrams, which some claim to have wonderful powers for diagnosing disease, and which others declare is an obvious fraud, is being used by Drs. Marie and Rebecca Harkins, osteopaths, of this city. In a letter to The Advertiser they brand Dr. H. W. Hill's statement that it is a fake as "prejudiced." The dean of the Institute of Public Health, however, adheres to his original opinion.

In this he is supported by recognized medical men everywhere. Dr. D. A. Craig, director of the American Academy of Medicine, says decidedly that every Abrams machine is a fraud. Reputable medical journals support this view.

Drs. Marie and Rebecca Harkins declare, however, they are proud of their Abrams machine, the only one in London. In reply to their letter, Dr. H. W. Hill for his denunciation of the device, the dean quotes extracts from nationally-known professional journals, which are even more emphatic.

"The whole scheme is so preposterous a fake as to stand self-condemned," Dr. Hill said. "Yet there are, presumably, some people who have demonstrated evidence of the fact that the moon is made of green cheese."

The Abrams machine is said to be able to discover almost any disease by examining the blood. It goes further than that. It was recently said to have determined that Samuel Johnson suffered from a certain congenital disease by examining his signature after the famous Johnson had been dead for more than a century. Drs. Marie and Rebecca Harkins claim the machine is used by 3,000 physicians, including Sir James Barr, Dr. Mather Thompson of London, England, and Dr. Ernest Hall of Vancouver.

Scientific American.

Here is what the Scientific American says about Albert Abrams' invention:

"Six tubes of pure germ cultures were submitted to an Abrams disciple with the request that he identify the cultures. The first tube was a pure culture of typhoid. The Abrams disciple diagnosed it as 'acquired tuberculosis, gonorrhea, pneumococcus, malaria and influenza,' but failed to diagnose typhoid. The second tube was a pure culture of pneumococcus. The Abrams disciple diagnosed the contents of this tube as 'congenital syphilis, tuberculosis, malaria, influenza and colon septicaemia,' but did not find what it really was, pneumococcus. The next cultures were tetanus and diphtheria. But the Abrams enthusiast diagnosed a dozen diseases from these cultures without hitting on the right one. It may be said in closing that Albert Abrams has disowned the disciple who faked the tests, as not being a Simon-pure, hundred percent, and has promised the Scientific American to give a personal demonstration 'some time in the near future, if time permits.' The whole thing is very funny and very foolish."

The above extract is from the issue of Oct. 27, 1923.

Following is the letter from Drs. Marie and Rebecca Harkins:

"Editor, London Advertiser: 'Sir, On our return to the city we read an article in your paper of recent date, 'Rumor Abrams' Machines Used in London Area.' You quote Dr. Hill as saying that if any of these instruments are in use in London, he has not been able to discover them. You also quote him as saying that it is an obvious fake, which no physician of repute would think of using."

"What of the three thousand physicians, medical and osteopathic, who are at present using this system of diagnosis and treatment, among them such men as Sir James Barr, Dr. Mather Thompson of London, England, and Dr. Ernest Hall of Vancouver? Are they all deceived? Are they men of no repute? 'Is it not strange that a man whose duty it is to conserve the

## Chief Is Glad "Red" Is Gone

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.—Norman ("Red") Ryan was by far the toughest and most desperate man ever held in our jail, and I am glad he has gone," said Chief Brunskill of Minneapolis last night.

Speaking of the bandit's plans for escape from the local jail, the chief said that when Ryan was arrested he was systematically searched for steel saws and files and a guard was at the cell door constantly during his stay in the prison. Despite these precautionary measures, he concealed a small steel saw in the hem of his overcoat and succeeded in filing two bars from his cell.

health of the public has not been able to discover the hiding place of this monstrous invention?

"Judging from your article, it would appear that the question has been rather thoroughly discussed in medical circles, and that it should not require a Sherlock Holmes to find that the Abrams method of diagnosis and treatment has been successfully used in the city of London for more than a year. We ourselves are using it. We make no secret of it. We make no excuses for it. In fact, we are rather proud of the fact that we have the first and only instrument of the kind used in London."

"If the dean of the Institute of Public Health should desire to inspect these instruments and learn something about them, we would be pleased for him to call on our office and to give him such information as we can so that he may not be in the position of the man who would not read a book before reviewing lest he might be prejudiced."

"Very truly yours,"

"DRS. HARKINS."

Doctor Surprised.

When shown the above communication a local doctor said: "It seems strange that every medical journal I get condemns the Abrams machine and accuses reputable doctors to steer clear of it. The foremost men of the country say it's a fake."

The Journal of the American Medical Association has the following to say of Albert Abrams' invention:

"The blood of a young rooster was taken to an Abrams man, who, after consulting his machine, decided the blood was that of a woman suffering from tuberculosis. This he changed his mind, and said it was the blood of someone with a congenital disease. This was a cruel slam to hand a doctor. It only demonstrated that medical men never know what is what. It incidentally demonstrates that the Abrams machine is a palpable fraud, of which no account should be taken."

Obituary

MRS. SARAH JANE BENTLEY.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Bentley died in this city yesterday afternoon, aged 55 years. Mrs. Bentley had been in ill health for the past three months. She was a daughter of the late John and Sarah Blackburn of Blyth, Ont.

The remains will be forwarded to Blyth this afternoon via the C. N. R. and will be taken place in Blyth on Sunday.

THOMAS WILSON.

The funeral of Thomas Wilson was held on Wednesday from the residence of his son-in-law, Alexander Ewen, 129 Maitland street, to Woodlee Cemetery, where he was buried.

He was in his 79th year and was born in London Township. He is survived by two sons, John and Graham; one daughter, Mrs. A. Ewen; and one granddaughter, Miss Elsie Wilson, all of this city.

The pallbearers were George Wells, J. McElhenney, A. McNeil, T. Durward, John McIntosh and William Wilson.

THE DUST EXPLOSION.

Dr. Beattie's subject for a five-minute sermonette which he will give prior to tomorrow's evening sermon in the First Presbyterian Church is "The Dust Explosion. Why?" The dust explosion referred to is that which occurred a few days ago in Pekin, and the manner of treatment is expected to be most interesting.

## News From City Churches

"NEVER FAIL" BIBLE CLASS.

The members of the "Never Fail" Bible class of Adelaide Street Baptist church met for a supper recently, which was followed by the regular meeting. A report of the year's work was given and suggestions received for raising funds for the coming year to support a missionary. It was decided to ask Mrs. Pegler to assist in preparing a concert in order to raise funds and also to have a "Mother and Daughter" banquet on Jan. 15. Silver and rose were agreed on for the class colors, and the table will be decorated with them for the party. A singing party was arranged to take place at Victoria Park on Thursday night. Mrs. Trimmer, the teacher, who was presented with a little gift from the class opened the meeting with prayer.

KNOX Y. P. S.

At a special meeting of the Y. P. S. of Knox Presbyterian Church recently the following officers were elected for 1924: Honorary president, Mrs. Williams; president, Miss Helen Davidson; vice-president, Miss Florence Taylor; secretary, Miss Alma Grigg; work committee, Miss E. Wadell and Mrs. Cox. The society, besides completing the tuition of their medical student in Ludhiana, India, was able to contribute to various missions and to the church building fund during the year.

EGERTON STREET M. C.

Two interesting papers on the work of the Baptist Church in India were read at the meeting of the Mission Circle of Egerton Street Baptist Church on Thursday night. Mrs. Pinn and Mrs. Martin Roberts presented the papers. The election of officers for the new year will take place at the next meeting. Mrs. Joseph Wouch presented and read the Scripture lesson.

TALBOT STREET L. A.

A large number attended the special devotional meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Talbot Street Baptist Church yesterday, at which Mrs. A. A. Affleck was in charge of the devotional exercises. Mrs. D. R. McDermid, the president, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Walter Chalmers sang acceptably. The members participated for a campaign to visit every woman member and to increase the interest and membership of the circle.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL L. A.

Plans were made at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Robinson Memorial Methodist Church yesterday for a big special meeting in February and the executive given power to make the arrangements.

CHALMERS T. R.

A sport committee, composed of David McDonald, James Wallace, was appointed last evening at the meeting of the Trail Rangers of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, when it was decided to enter teams in the carpenter and blacksmith races.

NIKATORS' CLUB.

Frank Adams gave a most interesting talk on "The Boys' Parliament," a session of which he recently attended in Toronto, at the meeting of the Nikators' Club of Dundas Centre Methodist Church last night. The meeting adjourned for the winter to the usual group meetings for study.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL L. A.

Very satisfactory reports of the past year's work were read at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid of First Congregational Church yesterday, when the officers for the year were elected, as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. R. M. Berry.

GUIDE RALLY FEB. 1.

The large Guide rally from London, St. Thomas and Port Stanley districts, which had been postponed until Jan. 25, has been postponed until Feb. 1, when the banner offered by Mrs. Allan McLean, deputy commissioner for Ontario, will be presented.

BISHOP MINIMIZES PRESENT DISPUTE

Right Rev. David Williams Believes Controversy Will Not Affect Canada.

COMES UP PERIODICALLY

"One of the customary periodic outbursts, but nothing to be alarmed about," Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, thus minimizes the present controversy raging in the United States between Modernists and Fundamentalists. The bishop was interviewed at his home last evening on this issue, which is at present engrossing the attention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and which is being regarded with a certain amount of concern by Anglicans the world over.

The Bishop of Huron is to judge from his attitude during the interview, one of those with whom the somewhat bitter controversy is occasioning no serious alarm.

He characterizes the entire thing as "a great deal more talk than anything else," and points out that the modernist movements have become apparent periodically throughout the history of the church.

In any event, he declares, the controversy raging across the border will not affect the Church of England in Canada, as it might affect the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

"These questions come up periodically," he stated, "and they concern the Church of England no more than any other denomination. As a matter of fact, the modernist movement is not making itself felt in the Church of England any more than in any other denomination. Controversy on moot points may arise at any time."

FARMS ABLE TO ABSORB UNEMPLOYED, OFFICIALS SAY

Apparently unemployment is not necessary in London if those out of work are in a position to apply for a job at the department failed to get one this season.

This section of Western Ontario could absorb almost any number of farm laborers even during the winter period, R. A. Finn of the agricultural department said.

## MANOR PARK FOLK HEAR CANDIDATES EXPLAIN ACTIONS