

Beck Makes \$10,000 Gift To Sanatorium :: Probe Clears Biggs of Suspicion

Sir Adam Donates \$10,000 To Fund For Sanatorium; Extensive Drive Planned

Though Ill Himself, Beck Remembers Sufferers With Splendid Gift.

TO MEET MORTGAGE Encouraging Report of Growth Is Submitted at Annual Meeting.

Sir Adam Beck, who is now under treatment in the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md., has again manifested his unabated interest in the battle on behalf of sufferers from tuberculosis in Western Ontario by donating \$10,000 toward the fund to be raised to pay off the mortgage on the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Byron, near London, and to provide, if possible, the nucleus for an endowment fund for that institution.

Hope For \$250,000. Premier Ferguson recently announced that at the solicitation of the London health association, of which Sir Adam Beck is president, the sum of \$50,000 has been placed in the estimates for Queen Alexandra Sanatorium this year. This government contribution, however, is conditional upon the London health association raising at least an equivalent amount, and it is to meet this requirement that Sir Adam has opened the fund with his own \$10,000 subscription. It is the hope of the health association that the total of at least \$250,000 may be raised, and whatever additional amount remains after the mortgage has been paid off will be set aside as an endowment fund.

However, no formal announcement of the request of the association for contributions will be made for some time.

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Six Men Killed As Shell Bursts

Associated Press Despatch. Spezia, Italy, April 8.—Six men were killed and 25 others wounded, fifteen of them critically, when the shell of a 12-inch gun exploded prematurely on board the battleship *Caio Duilio* today. Fire broke out immediately, but it was hoped to save the vessel from destruction.

time, possibly not until better times justify the appeal.

Placed With Grant.

It was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to the directors of the London health association, who administer the affairs of the sanatorium, when they learned that the government had granted the \$50,000. This amount was promised during the premier's visit to London when he spoke on "mistake day" on the occasion of the unveiling by the Great War Veterans' Association of London of a tablet in memory of the same basis as that to the Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, a year ago, namely, to aid in providing increased accommodation for patients, installing central heating plant, additional land, other buildings, etc.

The directors immediately on the assurance given by the prime minister undertook the program of construction and alterations as approved. They also decided upon ways and means to secure the \$50,000 fund required, and concluded to ask for contributions from those interested in the work residing between the city of Toronto and the city of Windsor. The city of Toronto has at the present time over forty civilian patients besides D. S. C. R. patients under treatment at the Sanatorium.

Statements that the institution only now began free to patients residing in the province of Ontario is incorrect. As a matter of fact it has always been free to all bona fide residents of the province since it was officially opened by his excellency Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada April 5, 1910.

It is not the intention of the directors to proceed with the collection of contributions at the present time until financial conditions have materially improved.

Annual Report.

In the annual report, it was shown that \$532,000 is invested in the institution at Byron. Fees from patients and money from endowment funds is sufficient to meet all expenses fully. Only a small mortgage is outstanding against the properties, which are valued at between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

Including 130 acres on the second concession (Oxford street) the total number of acres owned by the institution is 400. The extra land is being bought to give more grazing ground for the additional cattle which will be bought.

Proposed improvements to the sanatorium include the perfecting of the central heating plant, and the linking of shacks, which are used by many patients.

Open To All Ontario.

Patients come to the institution from all parts of Ontario. It was thought, therefore, that a campaign to raise \$50,000 should embrace, at least, all of Western Ontario. It was decided to leave the details of the campaign until the homecoming of Sir Adam Beck.

Dr. Patten, superintendent of the sanatorium, declared the institution was the foremost of its kind in Canada. There are 210 beds at Byron, and only one other institution in the country had more than that number. The location of the sanatorium gave it wonderful facilities in combating tuberculosis. Despite the good work that is being carried on at the institution, there are few people who realize its worth to the province, concluded Dr. Patten.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN SUIT AGAINST CITY
E. S. Smith Sues Sarnia For Illegal Seizure of Chattels—Court Ends.
Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, April 8.—The Lambton county court came to an end today with judgment being reserved in the suit of E. S. Smith vs. Sarnia city, an action for alleged illegal seizure of chattels for taxes. The suit of Harper Bros. vs. James Mills was settled out of court. The suit of Frank Warren of Wallaceburg against F. G. Minnie of Port Lambton, was dismissed. Plaintiff sued for damages for ice purchased from the defendant in 1923. The winter pack of 1924 was stored, and plaintiff claimed some of his ice was still stored beneath it. The board of trustees of a school section in Sarnia brought action against Alois O'Leary, this being a test suit over payment of debentures for school purposes. This was continued to May 11.
Fire destroyed two lakeside cottages at Woodrow Beach, the property of Elkin Wood of Sarnia today. The Sarnia fire department responded to a call about 4:30, sending out one truck. Mr. Wood places the loss at about \$5000 partly covered by insurance.
Owners of lakeside property and cottages are feeling the urge of prosperity these days and rental prices for summer homes are soaring skyward. Local property owners are getting plenty of bids from Americans who may have a vision of a beach along the beautiful shore of Lake Huron this year.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN DISENTANGLING HIS WIFE'S HAIR NET.



MEMBERS LEAVING BUDGET FOR THE JOYS OF EASTER

Ottawa Is Deserted As House Adjourns For Brief Holiday.

REOPENS TUESDAY

By E. C. BUCHANAN, Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 8.—The Commons adjourned this afternoon for the Easter recess, leaving the budget debate about three-quarters of the way through its course. It will reassemble next Tuesday.

Practically all the members from Ontario and Quebec have gone home or are leaving tonight. Some of those from the Maritimes are also going. The Western members are spending the holiday in the capital or taking short trips to convenient places. The short duration of the recess not permitting them to return to their constituencies. Most of the members of the ministry are away.

Economics Hold Floor.

The chamber held a smattering of members this afternoon while William Irvine, representative of Labor from Calgary, succeeded admirably in concealing his attitude toward the tariff. As the representative of Labor, he had consulted the Labor party in Canada as to what his attitude should be toward the budget. The division may reveal the result of the consultation, his speech having failed to do so.

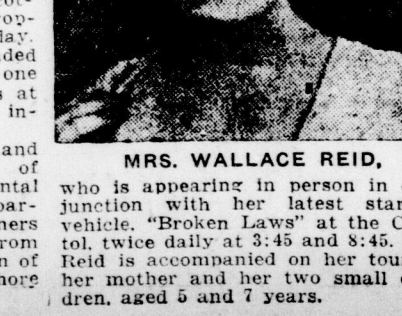
It was to be gathered, however, that Mr. Irvine regards the tariff with something approaching indifference since neither he nor the Labor party as a whole consider fiscal policy to be a fundamental question in relation to economics. And it is on economics that the mind of the Calgary divine is concentrated. The way to dissolve the difficulties of the country was through improved economics, he advised the government. One measure of improvement would be the issuing of money for current expenses and the bringing of it back into the treasury by taxation at the end of the year, thus dispensing with the necessity of borrowing funds in New York. The single tax would also act as a solvent for the financial troubles of the dominion. It was to be inferred, it seemed, that financial problems would disappear entirely if fundamental economics were invoked.

FROM CHURCH TO HOLD BAZAAR GOOD FRIDAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Frome, April 8.—The ladies' aid are holding a bazaar and supper on Good Friday in the basement of the church.

Easter Sunday at the morning services the orchestra from the Methodist church, Sheddin, will assist. In the evening, Rev. J. Parnell, the pastor, will preach.



MRS. WALLACE REID, who is appearing in person in conjunction with her latest starring vehicle, "Broken Laws" at the Capitol, twice daily at 3:45 and 8:45. Mrs. Reid is accompanied on her tour by her mother and her two small children, aged 5 and 7 years.

Firemen's Wives Must Not Work

Hamilton Chief Says Practice Must Stop.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, April 8.—Wives of Hamilton firemen must cease to be wage earners or their husbands will lose their jobs. This rule will be laid down by Chief James at a meeting of the fire and jail committee tonight. The women's educational association has called the attention of the civic authorities to the fact that wives of ten firemen are employed in offices and factories in the city and has demanded action.

VETERANS' BAND QUILTS G.W.V.A., REORGANIZES

W. Ward Named President Last Night—C. C. Irwin Bandmaster.

Members of the London Veterans' band, formerly the G. W. V. A. band, held an organization meeting Tuesday night, when officers were elected and plans made for the coming season. The band has withdrawn its affiliation with the Great War Veterans' Association and in future will be associated with the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Battalion.

Lieut.-Col. E. N. Chesham was elected honorary president and W. Ward named president. C. C. Irwin is bandmaster.

Other officers are W. Howard, Sen., vice-president; J. McKinley, treasurer; J. W. Cunliffe, secretary; C. Foulkes, A. Smith and E. Burt, executive.

With the organization up to a strength of 44 musicians, an active season is looked for and concerts will be continued at city hospitals.

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WEDDING OF ARBUCKLE TO TAKE PLACE IN MAY

Associated Press Despatch.

Hollywood, Cal., April 8.—The much-postponed wedding of Doris Deane and Roscoe Arbuckle probably will not take place until the middle of May, the former film comedian let it be known today. When the technicalities of French law, under which his first wife, Winona Parker, obtained her divorce from him, caused indefinite postponement of the Arbuckle-Deane wedding several weeks ago.

TWO BRITISH SEAPLANES WILL RACE AT BALTIMORE

Associated Press Despatch. Southampton, England, April 8.—The super-marine aviation works here are building a special seaplane which will compete in the Schneider cup races at Baltimore in October. The United States army and navy services now hold the Schneider cup and will defend it at this year's races.

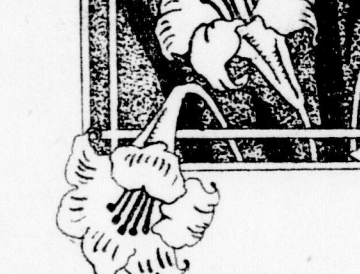
Notification was received at Washington recently that two British machines would be entered in the Schneider cup races. The National Aeronautical Association at Washington announced that the Royal Aero Club of London would enter the planes.

NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED FOR SCHOOL IN CHATHAM

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, April 8.—Miss Belle Angus was appointed principal of the central public school at a meeting of the board of education tonight, to succeed Harry Collins, who was appointed principal of the vocational school several months ago. Miss Angus has been acting principal since Mr. Collins took over his new duties.

The secretary of the board was instructed to notify the chairman of the various standing committees that only in case of emergency may expenditures be undertaken without the approval of the board.



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Special Auditor Finds Cash Books Neglected and Vouchers Missing, But Nearly All Money Represented Is Traced —Finds Department Had Overdraft.

TODAY MAY WIND UP COMMITTEE'S PROBE

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, April 9.—For nearly five hours yesterday afternoon and night, F. C. Biggs and his administration of the Ontario highways department were under fire before the public accounts committee of the legislature.

After it was all over, the main fault found with his regime proved to be that departmental records had been badly kept, and that costs of extras and extensions of contracts had soared high.

Auditor On Stand.

A. J. Walker, the special auditor employed by the Ferguson government, spent the greater part of the afternoon and evening on the witness stand before the committee. His testimony included the following points:

That for 21 months, from June, 1921, no cash books were kept in the department.

That for four months a cash journal was missing from the department.

That there was an overdraft of \$1,300,000 in 1923 on highway work, which the treasury department evidently did not know about.

That vouchers for \$323,000 were missing, but that all of these moneys except approximately \$5,000 had been traced.

That the records of the department were not at all adequate, and that some of the tracing had been done by checks in the banks and by stubs, and adding machine lists.

That many contracts had been let for highway construction, where the final cost greatly exceeded the tender, due to extensions and extras.

That in some cases contracts had been let without tenders being asked.

The Last Day.

This morning at 10 o'clock, the committee will enter upon its "last awful day" holding morning, afternoon and night sessions in an effort to bring its inquiry to a close. George R. Harris, of provincial securities fame, will be among the star witnesses to be heard.

Continuing his evidence at night Mr. Walker told of contracts awarded the Duffin Construction Company, and their tendency to increase by leaps and bounds under extensions. He mentioned particularly features

of the Dundas road contracts and the section from the Dundas and Guelph Junction road easterly to the 16-mile creek bridge, a distance of 13.2 miles. Originally let at a price of \$9 cents a yard it had been increased under extensions to \$1.50 per cubic yard.

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Neighbor Sued In Farm Flood

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Woodstock, April 8.—Judgment has been reserved in the case of Edward Calster against Harry S. Russell, two East Zorra farmers, in which the former asked \$500 damages because he claimed his neighbor had filled in a ditch which ran through both farms, and plowed over it.

This action, Calster claimed, caused the water to flood over 11 acres of his land, making it impossible to farm it for five successive years.

Judge Wallace, who tried the case, said the amount of damages claimed was very moderate, as it worked out at about \$10 per acre yearly.

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