

PREMIER DRURY LAYS 'VARSITY' CORNERSTONES

Isabel Armstrong Scores In Factory Meetings

VARSAITY CORNERSTONES 'WELL AND TRULY LAID' BY ONTARIO PREMIER

Ceremonies Marking an Epoch in the Progress of the University Western Ontario Carried Out On the Campus This Afternoon—A. T. Little Delivers Address to the Premier.

PREMIER PRAISES BEAUTY OF COLLEGE SITE

A ceremony of greater significance than any past event in the educational history of Western Ontario was enacted this afternoon, when Premier E. C. Drury laid the cornerstones of the main and science buildings of the new University of Western Ontario.

Crowds of interested citizens thronged the beautiful grounds. The Royal Canadian Regiment Band, garbed in the colorful attire of their colorful, lent a military touch to the occasion. And as Ontario's prime minister patted on the mortar that cemented the huge stones to the two magnificent monuments to learning, a solemn hush fell over the crowd that symbolized the importance of the event in the minds of all spectators.

The board of governors, members of the university staff, civic officials and hundreds of citizens witnessed the ceremony. Perfect June weather and mellow breezes enhanced the picturesque beauty of the campus. And when Premier Drury, in reply to the address of the chairman of the board of governors, referred to the site of the university as one of the most beautiful in the world, those who heard knew the premier was not uttering a platitude.

The premier arrived in the city at 11:25. He was greeted at the Tecumseh House by J. W. Freeborn, M.L.A., Lieut.-Col. Brown, executive secretary of the university, and Mr. Hugh Stevenson, M.L.A. After attending the East Middlesex U. F. O. picnic at Pond Mills, he motored to the University of Western Ontario.

What the Stone contains. In an aperture gouged in each cornerstone, bottles containing data of historical interest to the new buildings were placed. One of these contained the names of those on the board of governors, members of the staff, officials of the city, and others, whose altruistic efforts in promoting education, have culminated finally in the construction of the fine structures now known as the University of Western Ontario.

In the other stone a similar bottle was placed inside a cavity made for the purpose. This contained a sketch of the history of the university since it was founded in 1827 until reaching its present proportions of the first educational establishment in Western Ontario.

A. T. Little, chairman of the board of governors, delivered an address to the premier. Surrounded by members of the clergy, teachers of the university, civic officials, and members of the board of education, Mr. Little, in submitting his address, welcomed Ontario's first citizen to London. He referred to the distinction London merited in being the site of one of the finest and most modern pedagogic institutions in the country. He outlined the requirements of the university before it will be able to adequately provide for residence.

Mr. Drury, in an eulogistic speech, commended the citizens of London for establishing this magnificent educational edifice on such a beautiful spot. He referred to the educational activities of the provincial government, paying a tribute to the work of Hon. Mr. Grant, minister of education.

Address To Premier. Rev. Dr. MacGregor conducted a prayer service after the cornerstone had been laid, when the R. C. R. band played the National Anthem, the ceremony was over.

The text of the chairman of the board of governors is as follows: To Honorable E. C. Drury, B.S.A., L.L.D., Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council of Ontario.

Dear Mr. Drury,—On behalf of the chancellor, the board of governors and the senate of the University of Western Ontario, I desire to extend to you a warm and hearty welcome to this historic day.

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PREMIER IN CITY

Arrives Earlier Than Expected and Eludes Friends Gathered at Station.

"The O. T. A. shall stand pat, and it will be enforced only with such changes as experience dictates."

The above statement regarding Premier Drury's stand on the Ontario Temperance Act was given to The Advertiser in an exclusive interview with the premier at noon today.

Asked to further elucidate, Mr. Drury added: "There will be no justification for a repeal of the act until the people show either by popular agitation or by referendum that they want the act changed."

"I was a member of the delegation that approached Premier Hearst regarding the Ontario Temperance Act," he continued. "We submitted petitions four feet high. If the people demonstrate in an equally emphatic manner that the O. T. A. is repugnant to the best interests of the province, the government will investigate its desires and modify it, if necessary."

The advertiser representative, accompanied by Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.L.A., found Mr. Drury in his room at the Tecumseh House at noon hour. He had arrived unexpectedly from Toronto via C. P. R. instead of C. N. R., as anticipated. Fatigued from his numerous political addresses throughout the province in the past week, the premier nevertheless looked the picture of robust health.

The Strategic Point. "This is the strategic point of the entire campaign," he told Dr. Stevenson, and then to The Advertiser said: "I intend speaking at Pond Mills regarding the Ontario Temperance Act. It will be something new. I expect Dr. Stevenson to be returned victorious in London."

The doctor urged his leader to come with him to McClary's foundry and speak to the men, but the premier pleaded tiredness.

"I am going to high pressure," he said. "I am going to deliver a brand new array of facts before the U. F. O. picnic at Pond Mills. Then I shall lay the cornerstones at the university. Tonight I go to St. Thomas, but will return to the Tecumseh later in the evening."

Local supporters of the premier, cameramen and newspaper reporters congregated at the C. N. R. depot, expecting Mr. Drury would arrive on morning train from Toronto. However, the premier came into the city unheralded, having fooled the would-be receiving delegation by coming on the earlier C. P. R. train.

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THE THREE MUSKETEERS. In other words, J. W. Freeborn, M. L. A. for East Middlesex, Premier E. C. Drury, and Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M. L. A. of this city, caught in good humor by The Advertiser staff photographer just after the premier's arrival from Toronto. Mr. Drury and his two partners left to address the U. F. O. picnic at Pond Mills this afternoon.

'He Doth Protest Too Much' Sir Adam Beck on the Liquor Question and the Facts of the Strike-Breaking Affair.

Sir Adam Beck, or the Free Press for him, is doing a great deal of protesting and denying these days. The Free Press, in fact, is working itself up into a pretty fair frenzy about "false statements and untruths" in a "local paper," which The Advertiser must blushing accept as itself.

Last Tuesday The Advertiser published statements made by Sir Adam Beck to a staff reporter regarding women and the O. T. A. They did not look well in print and Sir Adam naturally enough repudiated them in the Free Press next day—a habit with many politicians.

He should have let it go at that, but the Free Press was evidently afraid that no one believed them and out of a clear sky—and a troubled conscience—came out with another great shout on Saturday—"he didn't do it." It looks as though he "doth protest too much."

The little strike flurry of hydro linemen last week is another thing which has kept Tory nerves on the jump. A few lines in The Advertiser last Thursday has kept the Free Press protesting its candidate's innocence of strike-breaking ever since, quoting denials from everyone but Sir Adam.

The Free Press is pretty tragic about this strike business. It tells its readers there is a fearful plot imported from Toronto to beat Beck at all costs. There may be, but the only plot The London Advertiser knows anything about is one arranged by the Free Press, the Toronto Globe and the Toronto Telegram to give hydro to Howard Ferguson.

The advertiser doesn't really object to being called funny names by the Free Press. But it seems too bad to let the Free Press deny the truth.

THE FACTS OF THE LIQUOR AFFAIR.

The facts of Sir Adam's liquor statements are as follows: The Advertiser has several times invited the Tory candidate to express his attitude toward the O. T. A. as something which voters are entitled to know.

Sir Adam has consistently evaded any answer. Last Tuesday morning a staff reporter of The Advertiser met Sir Adam in front of the city hall and again asked him: "When are you going to tell the women of London about the O. T. A.?"

Sir Adam answered: "Oh, I'll tell the women all about the O. T. A.—with the washing machines."

He added also remarks regarding his personal position, to which The Advertiser referred only in part.

The advertiser interprets this answer as a mark of contempt both for the O. T. A. and for those who have anxiety regarding it. Sir Adam denies having given an "interview"—but does not deny his statements.

THE FACTS OF THE STRIKE-BREAKING AFFAIR.

The facts of Sir Adam's connection with the strike-breaking report are as follows: Information was given to The Advertiser by a labor man concerned that Sir Adam Beck had sent to Chippawa for linemen to replace those who had quit as a protest for higher wages. This information was at once taken by an Advertiser reporter to E. V. Buchanan, manager of the public utilities. Mr. Buchanan denied that Sir Adam had been approached. The advertiser thereupon published the labor man's information and with it Mr. Buchanan's denial, the only difference being that the former occupied one paragraph and the latter several paragraphs.

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And the Free Press is still protesting. The advertiser and the general public are ready to believe that the labor man was misinformed regarding Sir Adam as a strike-breaker, particularly in view of the very frank explanation and correction from E. V. Ingles, vice-president of Electrical Workers, which The Advertiser publishes in full in this edition. But why all the fuss and protest? Under the circumstances, would not the sensible thing be the publishing of the names and particulars of the new linemen, a suggestion which has been heatedly rejected by those approached?

FIND OTTAWA NOMINEES ALL-FILL QUALIFICATIONS

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 18.—Present indications are that there will be no "scratches" among the candidates in West Ottawa. The task of checking up all the nomination papers has been completed and found to contain the minimum of 100 signatures of qualified electors.

On Wednesday night five of the candidates plan to hold a joint meeting. Speakers will include ex-Mayor Harold Fisher, Liberal; Arthur Ellis, Conservative; A. E. Honeywell, official Conservative, and John Cameron, Labor.

MRS. MCKILLOP DIES IN TORONTO; WIDOW OF FORMER LONDON CROWN ATTORNEY PASSES AWAY.

Every soldier organization in the city, and all the hospital staffs who worked with her during the years of war, will mourn the passing of one of their most enthusiastic helpers, in the death of Mrs. J. B. McKillop, widow of the late crown attorney, who died this morning in Toronto after a short illness.

Mrs. McKillop went to Toronto two months ago, and was thought to be in the best of health by all those who knew her. On Saturday last she was taken ill in the afternoon and succumbed early this morning. The cause of death is not known, and arrangements are not yet made as to her funeral, according to A. R. Douglass, who was the business partner of the late crown attorney.

The late Mrs. McKillop, who, before her marriage, was Miss Eva Riblin of Picton, Ontario, was an energetic worker in the I. O. E. D. and in all phases of hospital work during the war. As Miss Robin she was the soloist singer at the Dundas Centre Methodist Church. She was the founder of the St. John's Ambulance organization in London, and was the provincial commissioner for the association. Her work had many sides and activities, and she was also secretary of the Lord Roberts Chapter of the I. O. E. D., and lately of the same order.

Superintendent of the Kitchener Missionary Division she accomplished a great work, and in the capacity of superintendent of the Soldier's Cottage Military Hospital Commission for Military District No. 1 she carried on the work with all the enthusiasm and energy for this kind of help to the returned men, that characterized all her efforts during the years of the war and after.

Death Is Sudden. Her death comes as a terrible shock to her fellow workers in London, who expected and hoped to see her again in the city very shortly. Her eagerness to help every cause that came to her aid, her generosity in giving herself so completely to their behalf, and her magnetic personality endeared her to everyone with whom she came in contact. Soldiers, nurses, members of the I. O. E. D., and those who listened to her beautiful voice, grew to love and admire her, and her sudden passing from their midst comes as a personal grief.

GEORGETOWN SEISMOGRAPH RECORDS EARTH SHOCKS

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, June 18.—Earth shocks, beginning at 2:35 o'clock this morning and lasting an hour and a half, were registered on the Georgetown University seismograph. They were estimated to have occurred 2,700 miles from Washington, and to have been of moderate intensity.

Chinese Bandits Hold Priest For Big Ransom. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Rome, June 18.—Chinese bandits surrounded the Roman Catholic mission near Hankow, China, and captured Father Malotte, the missionary, and 500 Chinese converts, according to cables received here today.

The brigands demand ransom of \$1,000,000, threatening to kill the priest if this is not paid at once.

Pope Plus has cabled Father Wilhelm Leufers at Hankow to do his best to effect the release of the captives.

CANDIDATES OPEN WEEK WITH TALKS TO FACTORY AND CARSHOP WORKERS

Miss Isabel C. Armstrong, Liberal Standard-Bearer, Makes Fine Impression at McCormick's and in C. N. R. Carshops—Workers Applaud Her and Promise Their Support.

STEVENSON AND BECK HOLD MEETINGS

All four political steeds are traveling at breakneck speed around the final lap of the provincial campaign.

With but six days to go the local candidates arose bright and early this morning to confer with their supporters. At noon hour Isabel C. Armstrong, the Liberal candidate, addressed the workers in several of London's industries.

Although the last to start, Miss Armstrong's candidacy is gaining momentum in all ranks. People of rallying to her side, believing her platform of better homes and measures that will add to the progress and prosperity of the province, entitled her to unqualified support.

The plucky woman candidate addressed the men at McCormick's and the C. N. R. car shops at Campbell street. It was her first campaign speech of the kind and the high calibre of her orator combined with the simple, serious logic of her words drew instant applause from the auditors. With rapid attention they listened to the Liberal candidate's summary of her platform. Discussing the political issues of the day with a clearness which exacted the admiration of all, Miss Armstrong made an impression that should gain her hundreds of ardent supporters.

Workmen Demonstrate. An incident which graphically demonstrated the popularity of the Liberal standard bearer featured Miss Armstrong's speech at the car shops. After the address she was roundly cheered and one of the men shook her by the hand as heartily as if he had known her all her life.

"Good for you," he said. "You've got my vote because you stand for something worth while and I know you practice what you preach."

Others were equally emphatic in their approval of the principles for which Miss Armstrong stands.

After introducing herself Miss Armstrong stated that she appreciated the opportunity of addressing them.

"I stand on the Liberal platform which I accept and offer to you without reservation," she said. "It is a platform which anyone can accept and live up to who has the interests of the province at heart."

"As a woman candidate I may say that in taking up this position I do so from the fact that I have no home ties which could prevent me and this added to the fact that I am at heart a staunch Liberal has prompted me to take this stand."

For Better Homes. "In asking for your support I feel that I should declare myself on the main issues in which I am interested. Prominent among these is the desire for better homes, which will give a better home life and home surroundings to the working classes, which after all are the majority of our population. Child welfare is another subject in which I am deeply interested for without happy, healthy children, no country can prosper or look forward to future greatness. The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow and although we hear this stated time and again from public platforms it is time that the sentiment in this statement were put into effect. It is with the hope of being able to make tangible progress along the lines of home betterment and child welfare that I ask for your support as the Liberal candidate for London."

At McCormick's. Employees of the McCormick Manufacturing Company also gave Miss Armstrong a most attentive hearing when she addressed them at noon today in the large reception-room. About 400 attended. Miss Armstrong was promised aid in the work of distributing literature and in the efforts to get the employees to the polls on Monday next.

The candidate declared she stood for better homes. She believed her cause was the workers' cause. She believed women's place was in the home as long as she was needed there, but that when she could accomplish something in the political field or elsewhere she should obey the call of duty.

For her platform she had no apologies to offer. She was willing to stand or fall by it. Her platform embraced mothers' pensions, workmen's compensation and support of all other legislation which made for better homes and contented families.

Miss Armstrong said: "I feel I can come to the workmen as one of you. I have worked late hours without extra remuneration. One of my greatest expenses is for shoe leather and I do not come to speak to you from my own car."

There was a large turnout of women at the meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Tanner of the Union Mothers' Clubs urged the women to register their votes on election day, June 25.

Dr. Stevenson at McClary's. At McClary's foundry, Dr. Hugh Stevenson discussed exhaustively on the question of a steady coal supply from the west coast of the province, and the men of the U. F. O. government made representations to the federal cabinet to import Alaska coal for the winter.

The efforts of himself, Mr. Drury and Hon. Mr. Mills in this connection, he claimed, would result in this province getting plenty of fuel during the winter months.

"Mr. Mills has assured me that if the U. F. O. is returned to power Ontario will get coal at \$10.50 a ton. This means that thousands of cars idle during the summer will be used for transporting coal to Ontario. And those cars, on their return trip to the west will be able to carry agricultural equipment and implements at a greatly reduced rate. This will have the effect of bringing prosperity to the factory workers of London. Machinery shipments will all get a special turn to Page 5 Column 2 and 3.

WILL OUTFIT JAILERS WITH GRAY UNIFORMS

New Clothing Expected To Aid in Conduct of the County Jail.

Turnkeys at the county jail will be outfitted in gray uniforms in the course of a few days. The new clothing has reached London.

Governor Byron Dawson will be attired in natty blue.

The prisoners, however, will continue to wear the same old stripes. This is the first time in the history of the Middlesex County jail the officials have been uniformed.

Ever since the fall investigation of prisons and charities has been urging all Ontario jail officials be issued uniforms.

The officials believe the uniforms will make for better discipline, and will make the prisoners hold the turnkeys in greater respect, and perhaps a little awe.

Uniforms have always been the bane of the editors of prisoners at the county jail, especially ones incarcerated for minor offenses and forced to work on the lawn. Lack of uniforms of uniformity affected the officials in a similar manner.

Winter clothing for prisoners is the most conspicuous. In the cold weather the inmates wear heavy "half and half" suits of two colors. In summer the contrast of the two colors is less pronounced. And the foliage helps considerably in camouflaging the lawn mower operators.

ISSUES WRIT FOR \$1,003.29. A. C. Quinn, through his solicitor, F. H. Curran, has issued a writ in the supreme court against S. R. Weaver of Hamilton for \$1,003.29, the alleged amount of a note for \$1,000, dated April 19, 1923, and payable in 30 days at 11 Cathcart street.

WALLIS CANDIDATURE ASSURED IN ALGOMA

Osgoode Hall Decision Allows Liberal Nominee To Enter Contest.

Toronto, June 18.—Dr. A. G. Wallis, Liberal, will be a candidate on the ballot papers of Algoma in the Ontario provincial election next week. There had been some question about the regularity of the doctor's acceptance at the nominations on Thursday last, but today, Osgoode Hall, where solicitors for Dr. Wallis asked for a mandamus, Chief Election Officer Alan Dymond said that he had investigated the matter, and found the candidate's position correct. He gave him the undertaking that the name would go on.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Light to moderate southerly winds; fair and quite warm today and on Tuesday.

A deep depression covers Manitoba and Saskatchewan, accompanied by thunderstorms, while pressure is high on the Atlantic coast, and the weather is fine from Ontario eastward.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	45	Fair
Calgary	70	50	Fair
Winnipeg	50	35	Fair
Port Arthur	66	52	Fair
Perry Sound	72	50	Fair
Toronto	82	56	Clear
Kingston	68	55	Clear
Montreal	70	58	Clear
Quebec	74	54	Clear
Father Point	60	46	Cloudy
St. John	64	44	Fair
Halifax	58	46	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 88; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 noon previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 71; lowest, 52.

Barometric Readings. Saturday, 8 p.m., 29.36. Sunday, 8 a.m., 29.36.

WILL SCREEN NOVEL WRITTEN BY MUSSOLINI

Italian Premier Permits Sons of Martyr To Film Story.

Associated Press Despatch. Milan, June 18.—Signor Mussolini, it is not generally known, at one period of his life, occupied himself with novel-writing. He has given the sons of Cesare Batista, the martyr who was hanged by the Austrians, with complete rights, a novel which he published serially in a Trent newspaper thirteen years ago.

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