

DOMINION SHIPS SOUGHT BY ENGLISH SHIPOWNER, CABLED REPORTS SHOW

Offer Made in February By English Shipowner, Cable Shows.

REPORT IS TABLED

Government Would Have to Pay £300,000 to Lloyd's.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 15.—Fifteen inquiries, besides the offer of Sir William Petersen, have been made to the government from people desirous of purchasing government-owned ships during the last three years.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 15.—An offer to buy the whole fleet of freighters in the government merchant marine was made to the minister of trade and commerce on February 7 last by Sir William Petersen, with whom the government made last December an agreement to subsidize freighters for the transatlantic trade. The fact that the offer was made was revealed today when a copy of Sir William's cable offer was tabled in the House of Commons.

Sir William's cable makes his offer subject to ratification of the ship subsidy agreement, which is now being considered by a special committee of the House of Commons. Amongst the terms and conditions set out in the offer, there is one requiring payment by the Canadian government of £300,000 towards reconditioning and renewing Lloyd's classification on the ships. The cable was acknowledged and the matter referred to the cabinet. No further correspondence is contained in the file brought down today.

Wants Right to Sell. Sir William would reserve the right to sell any of the steamers which proved unsuitable "for the purpose of the associated lines" and also to utilize any of the vessels adaptable to the Atlantic trade in conjunction with the projected subsidized steamship lines. "If I do utilize them, the amount of subsidy required should be two-thirds based on dead weight capacity in proportion to what has been agreed already," he adds.

PLAN TO PREVENT WORK MEETS LITTLE SUPPORT

Canadian Press Despatch. Glace Bay, N. S., May 15.—The recommendation of the sub-district convention of the members of the United Mine Workers, held this week, to the effect that all men working at the colliery plants of the British Empire Steel Corporation and temporarily filling other men's jobs be stopped from going to work, is receiving very little support. It is reported from the different United Mine Workers' locals, whose members are now engaged for the tenth week in a dispute with the employers over the 925 rate of pay.

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For 22 years the name Thomas has been synonymous with fine furniture in the Forest City. The Thomas policy of giving the fullest measure for every dollar offered in trade has maintained a public confidence that has brought a rich growth in business from year to year.

The firm originated in East London under the name of Elgar & Thomas. Even at this early period the success of the enterprise was established. A large East London clientele formed the nucleus of a city-wide popularity and the growth of the young furniture firm was steady from the start.

So promising was the future that it was deemed wise to move into larger quarters in the downtown district to better care for the demands which were already taxing the facilities of the small store in the eastern part of the city.

The People's Outfitting Company was the name of the firm when it was established in its new Dundas street quarters, and for several years it took a leading position among the furniture concerns of London.

With an eye to greater all-round efficiency, which would result if the members of the firm were allied with each other by family ties, W. D. Thomas in 1913 conceived the idea of creating a new company with his three sons as partners.

This step was taken and the Thomas Furniture Company made its debut to Londoners. Although the business growth in the past had been steady, an even greater increase was apparent when the new family concern was well underway.

It was found necessary to enlarge the Dundas street store three times since the Thomas Furniture Company was formed. The changes have brought a further business growth, and last year the officials of the firm realized that the Dundas street store, though one of the largest in the downtown section, was becoming too small for the heavy demands of district trade.

Rather than remodel the premises a fourth time, they formulated and completed a plan for an entirely new store, far larger than the first and with warehousing facilities second to none of any retail concern in London.

So the business was moved to Richmond street between King and York streets.

The Thomas Furniture Company consists of the following members: W. D. Thomas, Sen., president; Roy A. Thomas, vice-president; E. Cyril Thomas, director; W. Gordon Thomas, secretary-treasurer.

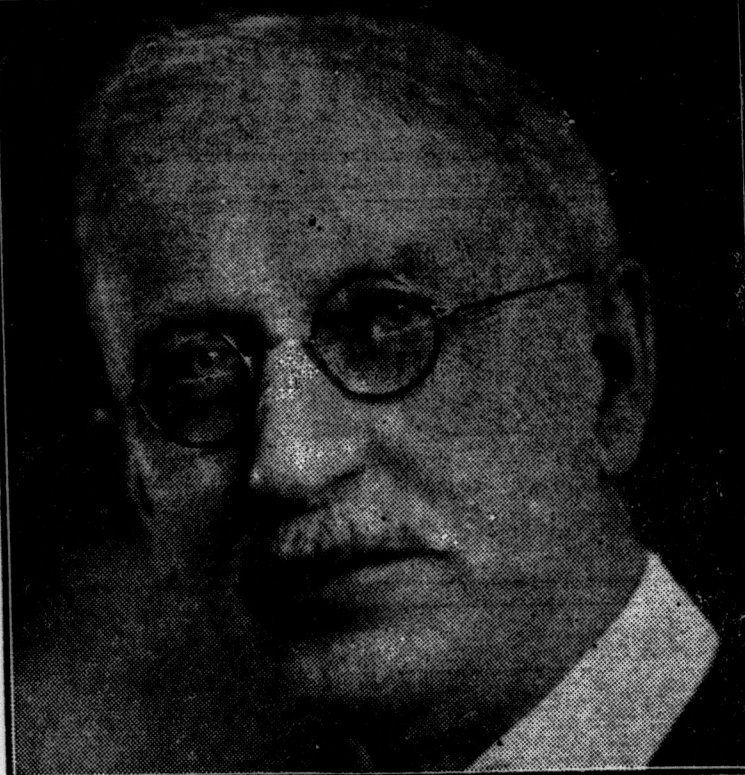
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Hille Templein, of the Knox Optimates, led the polls in the council elections, the results of which were also announced at the banquet. Five of the eight council posts went to newcomers. The personnel of the new body is as follows, names being given in order of final standing:

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One hundred and twenty-five attended the banquet, which was one of the most successful season wind-up events to be held by the C. S. E. T. boys of London. F. G. McAllister acted as chairman, and W. H. Spearman, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., read the announcements.



W. D. THOMAS, president of Thomas Furniture Co.

HOWARD OBEAY IS ELECTED LONDON'S NEW BOY MAYOR IN THREE-CORNERED FIGHT

Dundas Centre Youth Defeats Gladman and Knox in Elections.

INSTALL CHAIRMAN

B. S. Scott and Other Workers Speak at Chalmers Church Banquet.

Howard Obeay, of the Dundas Centre Nikators, is the new boy mayor of London. Weeks of electioneering were brought to a swift conclusion last night when the elections were held at Chalmers Presbyterian church hall in conjunction with the closing banquet of the city Tuxis boys.

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CITY TAX APPEAL LOST BY BELL STOCKHOLDERS

Revision Court Chairman Declares Dividends Are Not Being Doubly Taxed.

A holder of Bell Telephone stock introduced an interesting question at last night's court of revision for ward four. He asked the court to exempt him from assessment on the dividends obtained from the company's stock which he held. He said that the stock was already taxed as part of the company's earnings.

The court, however, took a different angle. The chairman stated that the company was taxed on 60 per cent of its earnings, and that the dividends payable to stockholders were taken out of the other 40 per cent of earnings. In this way, he claimed that the stock of the individual holder was not doubly taxed, as the holder last night stated. The appeal was dismissed.

The action of the court as a whole was satisfactory to the city, only \$750 being deducted from the original assessment for ward four made by the city assessor.

TORONTO WOMAN HELD ON CHARGE OF ARSON

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, May 15.—Mrs. Melosa Roulston, aged 50, was taken into custody when firemen called to a blaze at her home here and found four fires at different points in the house, on a charge of arson. The fire caused damage of \$200. Mrs. Roulston said she knew nothing about the fire, according to the firemen.

Beautiful Alice Terry, who will be shown in her latest starring vehicle, "Sackcloth and Scarlet," at the Capitol Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.—Adv.

LABOR PREPARING ELECTION PLANS

London Branch Believes Federal Election Is Coming Soon.

London Labor, taking time by the forelock and expecting that a federal election would come along in due course this year, appointed a propaganda committee last night. Members of this committee are W. Tite, J. F. Thompson, Arthur Mould, A. Foxcroft, and P. Aristoff. This committee of the London labor party, which has power to add to its membership, is detailed to take charge of labor propaganda in London for the next few months and "to take such educational steps as shall ensure the return of a labor candidate to the federal house when the election comes."

Delegate Thompson who sponsored the motion to appoint this committee declared that with a federal election hovering in the political atmosphere it was time labor took some action

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEETING LITTLE OPPOSITION IN ITALY

By HIRAN K. MODERWELL. By Special Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright. Rome, May 15.—Woman suffrage appears to be coming painlessly to Italy.

Discussion of suffrage in parliament on Thursday revealed practically no opposition to it. Underlying all the argument was the assumption that the question already had been threshed out and settled generally throughout the United States and Europe.

The present proposal would give women only a municipal vote, but parliamentary suffrage is expected to follow, perhaps with educational or property qualification. It is worthy of note that the present suffrage bill was advanced and practically assured of passage before the women began agitation for it.

Premier Mussolini is supporting the proposal in fulfillment of a promise made two years ago to the international suffrage congress, which was held in Rome. The general belief is that women will constitute the Conservative element in politics, and that although the men may amuse themselves with extremist theories, the women will watch the price of bread and vote for stability.

Several members stated that acetylene welding had a detrimental effect on the eyes even though glasses