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"THE SONS" IN MAJORITY IN NEW COUNCIL

M. C. R. Agent Foils Attempt To Rob St. Thomas Depot

BOYSBORN IN LONDON WILL HOLD MAJORITY OF SEATS AT COUNCIL

Five of Six Newly-Elected Aldermen Spent Their Lives Here; Bottrill a Yorkshire Man. Home Product Also Rules on Board of Education.

TWO EX-TEACHERS ON SCHOOL BOARD

Six of the aldermen-elect will have their first real experience in civic affairs when they assume their new responsibilities in the local chamber for 1924. They are Allen M. Towe and John Anderson, ward one, N. P. Walsh and H. H. Bottrill, ward two; E. M. Warren, ward three, and Edwin Smith, ward four. Although Messrs. Smith and Towe have been associated with civic organizations for some time, they are new blood in the council-room. The others are making their absolute debut in public affairs.

Four newcomers will also sit at the board of education. They are A. R. Cairncross, George F. Copeland, Mrs. John Rose, and Rev. Roy D. Mess.

John Anderson.

John Anderson, who will take his seat in the council for 1924 as one of the new representatives in ward one, comes from one of the oldest families in London South. Of Lowland Scottish stock, Mr. Anderson who is the owner of the Anderson Meat Market in the market hall, can look back to a grandfather and a father who were in the same business. He is a large man physically with a commanding presence. His uncle, Galvin Parke, better known to fight fans as "Jack Stewart" was the heavyweight champion of the dominion in his day. The present representative of the family which has been settled in London South for three generations has nothing to fear by comparison with his ancestors in physical and mental energy. Though the farm out in Hyde Park and the business in London occupy his time fully, his backers in his ward know assuredly that John Anderson will shirk nothing of his civic duties.

Allen M. Towe.

Allen M. Towe, alderman-elect for ward one, is a wholesale merchant in automobiles and accessories. This year he was a member of the industrial area commission, and was also appointed to the traffic commission.

A son of the late Edward Towe, insurance and real estate agent, he began a partnership with his brother, A. Towe, six years ago. In that period the firm of Towe & Towe has flourished and expanded. Ald-elect Towe is also a large real estate holder, being part owner of the Annis confectionery building in the Standard drug building on Dundas street. He is a London boy, born here, and attended the old Princess School and later the Collegiate. At the time of the city hall disaster in London, he took an active part in civic politics, and was one of the most seriously injured on the evening of Dr. Clegg's election, when the calamity occurred.

Harry Bottrill.

Harry Bottrill, one of the successful candidates in ward two, the owner of a butcher business in West London, on the corner of the Wharmcliffe road and Oxford street, is one of those strong-thewed sons of Yorkshire, in the North of England, who have come to this country and by hard work and integrity made good. "Harry" is in his early forties. His expanding business and personal interest in every side of his work is evidence of the thorough, energetic nature of the man.

N. P. Walsh.

N. P. Walsh, alderman-elect in ward two, is a partner in the firm of Dambra & Walsh, tailors, on Clarence street. Mr. Walsh has lived all his life in or near the city. A London school was his training ground and though this is the first time he has taken part in the public life of the city he is well known both in the city and in the suburbs.

Details of Vote On Pages 8 and 9

LONDON LIBERALS TO ATTEND BANQUET

Event in Toronto Arranged in Honor of Hon. George P. Graham.

A number of London Liberals will journey to Toronto on December 12 to do honor to Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, in a banquet at the King Edward hotel. The function has been arranged as a tangible form of appreciation of Mr. Graham's long services in the interests of Liberalism.

The minister has just returned as a delegate to the League of Nations assembly in Geneva and the imperial conference in London, England.

Liberals have received the news of the banquet with enthusiasm and it is expected a large delegation will leave London for the event. The honorary committee looking after the affair includes Hon. C. S. Hyman, George M. Reid of this city,

Salutations!

There is nothing wrong with London.

The city hall bylaw was defeated yesterday and The Advertiser now offers its congratulations to the London Free Press.

Some newspapers, like some individuals, are tempted to exaggerations in the heat of an argument. This has perhaps been the only impulse behind the pessimistic descriptions of London's position given by the Free Press last week.

The Advertiser hopes that this explanation will be realized throughout the province and that London's high standing of prosperity will experience no damage in consequence.

There is nothing wrong with London! May she long progress!

WARD THREE RECOUNT IS UNDECIDED

City Clerk's Official Return Gives Seat to Ald. Drake by Majority of One.

LABOR MAY PROTEST

While the official figures from City Clerk Baker show no change in ward three and leave Ald. Gordon Drake a member of the new council with a lead of but one vote over John Ashton, there is a feeling among the more prominent Labor men that it would be only fitting to ask for a recount.

City Clerk Baker explained that from noon today, the time of his official declaration, ex-Ald. Ashton or any ratepayer has 14 days in which to petition. This will involve an expenditure of \$25, the customary fee that must be placed with the clerk when the request is formally entered.

A recount was held in ward two in 1921 when Ald. Douglass was elected over Ald. Wilson by a majority of seven. This majority was cut to four by the recount in county court.

Ex-Ald. Ashton could not be reached this afternoon, but his friends are doubtful that he will ask for a recount upon his own initiative. They feel he would be content to leave the official figures to stand rather than dispute the seat with Ald. Drake.

Should members of the Labor party take up the question, however, it would be another matter, and Mr. Ashton might be induced to ask for the recount. This, however, would be solely at the instigation of the party.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SOON TO TAKE BEER PLEBISCITE

Associated Press Despatch. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4.—Legislation providing for a plebiscite on the question of beer sale by the glass, it is generally understood at the parliament buildings now, will come before the legislature shortly.

If the electors vote to allow the sale of beer by the glass in this province, this sale will be carried on only in establishments, the licenses of which will be easily revocable and which will be promptly closed up if they violate the law. A system of local option, it is believed, will be provided.



From London and Stratford

Here are two more of Western Ontario's Lovely Children whom The Advertiser has been glad to find in the search for the Loveliest Child in the twelve counties. On the left is 4-year-old Lorraine Pulham, daughter of Mr. Fred Pulham, 629 Dundas street, London, and on the right is Coral Irene Flin, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. James E. Flin, 116 Falstaff street, Stratford.

BROTHERS FALL FROM HOUSETOP

Gordon Rickett in Victoria Hospital With Broken Ribs and Strained Back.

BROTHER ESCAPES

Slight Strain to Back Is Extent of George Rickett's Injuries.

Gordon Rickett and his brother George of 3 Seale Terrace, York street, fell 20 feet to the ground from the roof of a house at 198 Simcoe street this morning shortly after 10 o'clock. They were shingling the roof when the scaffold on which they were standing broke. Gordon Rickett was taken to Victoria Hospital, where he is suffering from broken ribs and a strained back. The two men have been employed with their uncle in the H. L. Kerr Contracting Company. They were shingling the roof of his house on Simcoe street when the accident happened. The police, Dr. F. R. Clegg and the police ambulance in charge of Constables McDonald and Langford responded to the ambulance call. Gordon's condition was found to be serious and he was at once taken to the hospital. When he was admitted he was under the care of George, who was taken from York street suffering from a slight strain to the back.

WILL AGAIN GRAPPLE WITH CITY SALARIES

Attempt to Re-open Issue Looms for Tonight's Council Meeting.

Meeting in regular session tonight the 1923 city councillors will again grapple with the city hall salary question and it must be definitely decided whether increases already authorized will date from April 1 or January 1.

It is expected that a deliberate attempt will be made to "re-open" the entire question, in which event it would be difficult to determine off-hand what might occur. There are city employees who feel that once the question was formally "re-opened" for consideration after a two-thirds vote of the council, the entire issue would be sent on to 1924, as was the case in the dying hours of the 1922 administration.

EXPRESSES PLEASURE AT ALDERMANIC OUTLOOK

Mayor Wenige stated to all and sundry today that he was feeling "115 per cent 'peppy' and efficient," despite the defeat of the city hall by-law yesterday.

And he is quite pleased with the aldermanic outlook for 1924. They look "all right" to him, he explains. "I do not expect that we will have the trouble next year that we encountered during the present term," he concluded.

MAY ALLISON ENTERS ACTION FOR DIVORCE

Associated Press Despatch. Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—May Allison, motion picture actress, filed suit for divorce here yesterday against Robert E. Ellis, her actor-husband, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. The complaint revealed that Mr. Ellis' real name is Robert E. Reel.

INSURANCE UNIFORMITY DRAWS NEAR

Next Legislature Session Will Consider Two New Bills.

STANDARD LAWS

Acts Contain No Radical Departures—To Come Into Effect in 1925.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Of bringing about general uniformity of insurance legislation in all of the provinces in the Dominion in order that the now existing individual regulations might be brought up to the same standard, the Ontario government at the forthcoming session will consider two bills to be introduced through Evan Gray, Ontario superintendent of insurance.

For some time the commission of uniformity of insurance regulations has been working on the bills. Two measures, the "Uniform Life Insurance Act" and the "Fire Insurance Act," will be introduced this session, both being the product of the commission.

The bills bring about the application of a standard set of regulations in all provinces, and do away with the insurance companies having to work under one set of rules in Ontario and another in Quebec. The acts, which contained no radical departures from the old measures, will come into force the first day of January, 1925.

DOUGLASS TO HEAD CIVIC FINANCE BOARD

Municipal "Dope" Picks Ward Two Leader to Succeed Ald. Judd.

UNIQUE HONOR

Heads Poll Despite Year's Chairmanship of City Board of Works.

As the aftermath of yesterday's contest for aldermanic seats comes the usual speculation as to the formation of committees and the like. And the municipalities "dopesters" have selected Ald. Leonard Douglass as the next chairman of the finance committee to succeed Ald. Albert Judd, retiring at the end of this term.

As chairman of the board of works during 1923, Ald. Douglass enjoys the unique distinction that not only was he returned to office, but was re-elected again at the head of the poll in ward two, his position at the last election. Two previous chairmen of the works committee, Ald. W. A. Wilson and ex-Ald. John Ashton were both defeated after their stewardship. As a rule the chairman of the board of works is a handy target for the ratepayers generally.

WENIGE PLANS INTERVIEW WITH ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mayor Wenige expects to be able to arrange his affairs in order to permit a special trip to Toronto tomorrow to interview Attorney-General Nickle. "Private business only," his workshop explained.

MAYOR WILL NOW OPPOSE ANY OUTLAY DURING 1924

Wenige Declares People's Vote Shows They Are Not in Spending Mood.

ABIDE BY VERDICT

East London Collegiate Not Likely To Be Constructed During Year.

No East London collegiate will be authorized for construction in 1924 with the consent of Mayor Wenige, he announced today.

"The people have said definitely that they do not want any capital expenditures during the coming year," his worship stated. "I naturally take that meaning from their verdict yesterday, when they defeated both money bylaws."

"My stand has always been to abide 100 per cent by the wishes of the people. When they stated in the past that they wanted a new city hall built I was 100 per cent in that direction. Now they have said that they do not want any hall built during 1924 nor do they want any capital expenditures. I take it that they are not in the spending mood and therefore I am going to be 100 per cent in that direction."

Will Oppose Outlay. "There will be no construction of any kind with my vote, after yesterday's vote. The wishes of the people must be respected."

Although the mayor states that there will be no capital expenditures in 1924, the need for increased and modern secondary school accommodation will attract the attention of the new board of education early in the year.

The matter has been discussed informally by members of this year's board, and the consensus of opinion leaves no doubt but that new colleges are needed, particularly to take care of the pupils of London East, who are now forced to travel across the city to the old condemned public school on Princess avenue. George, 2 years old, was placed outside on the soggy ground without a bit of clothing. Today he is in Victoria Hospital in a serious condition as a result of exposure.

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WILL NOT CREATE ANY FOREIGN CARDINALS

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Dec. 4.—A semi-official communication from the Vatican today states that no foreign cardinals will be created at the coming consistory.

Hold Voters' Confidence



Jared Vining and Philip Pocock, who yesterday were re-elected to the public utilities commission by splendidly satisfactory majorities.

Veteran, His Wife and Child Are Homeless and Penniless After Flames Claim Abode

Misfortune Follows Family of George Blanchard—Unable to Work.

CHILD SERIOUSLY ILL

Wife, Who Left Hospital On Day of Fire, Now in a Weakened State.

A train of misfortunes, culminating in the burning of the tiny home he had built himself, has followed the family of Ernest Blanchard, 33rd Battalion veteran. Yesterday Blanchard's little home on Giles street, just outside the city limits, caught fire and burned to the ground. While attempting to extinguish the flames his baby son, George, 2 years old, was placed outside on the soggy ground without a bit of clothing. Today he is in Victoria Hospital in a serious condition as a result of exposure.

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LONE BANDIT FAILS IN HIS ATTEMPT TO ROB STATION

Ticket Agent at St. Thomas M. C. R. Depot Foils Effort of Gunman.

POLICE ON TRAIL

Detectives From Railway City Are Here Making Search for Stranger.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 4.—At 3 o'clock this morning a lone bandit attempted to hold up the M. C. R. ticket office here. A man, supposedly a Canadian, after eating lunch at the dining hall, walked to the door of the ticket cage and knocked.

C. Taylor, the night ticket clerk, opened the door and was confronted by a revolver. Mr. Taylor slammed the door on the intruder as a pistol shot rang out. The bandit failed to block the door and made a quick retreat. Later, a man corresponding with the description of the bandit, stole a ride from Glenworth into London on the early morning electric car. Railway detectives are scouring London today in an attempt to round up the man.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell of the London police department, has issued a warning to all citizens of London to be extremely "careful" in taking money and valuables to the station. "These robberies are getting pretty close to home," stated the chief in referring to the holdup at Beachville yesterday, and the attempt to rob the M. C. R. station in St. Thomas early this morning.

"People better be careful," continued the chief. "It is the custom on Christmas, when large sums of money are in circulation, and all citizens should be watchful of money and other valuables."

M. C. R. detectives arrived in London early this morning in connection with the attempted St. Thomas hold-up, and are being given every assistance by members of the local detective department. Inspector Nickle had nothing to say for publication in connection with the case when interviewed this afternoon.

CONDITION OF JAIL PLEASES COUNCILLORS

County Officials Pay Unofficial Visit to Castle Dawson.

Although no committee meetings were held by members of the county council this morning, the majority of the jail committee paid an unofficial visit to the jail. They were met by Governor Byron Dawson, and made an inspection of the building. The committee were greatly interested in the "steel palace" where Sid Murrell is confined waiting his second appearance in court. Murrell is passing the days in a cell "with a cell," and still has a guard watching him day and night. Clarence Copping, who in a written confession, admits shooting his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, is held in a cell close to that of Murrell.

The councillors expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the general conditions of the jail. A number of reports relating to bridge building in the county during the past year, were read by the county clerk at the afternoon session of the council, which opened at 2 o'clock with Warden Ross in the chair.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Lower Lakes—Strong winds or moderate rain in the afternoon and evening, with rain in southern districts. Wednesday—Northerly winds, cloudy with showers or snow flurries.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	44	Cloudy
Calgary	48	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	34	14	Clear
Port Arthur	38	22	Cloudy
Parry Sound	38	28	Cloudy
Toronto	42	35	Cloudy
Kingston	40	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	40	30	Fair
Montreal	38	35	Cloudy
Quebec	36	24	Cloudy
Father Point	36	20	Cloudy
St. John	44	35	Cloudy
Halifax	48	30	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 41; lowest, 31. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 39; lowest, 36. Barometric Readings. Monday—8 p.m.—29.18. Tuesday—8 a.m.—29.06.