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CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

SEES FOUR-CENT FARES IF CITY BUYS CAR LINE

Sir Adam Beck Favors Purchase of Railway by Citizens—Declares Commissioners Do Not Wish To Prejudice Ratepayers.

SUBMIT \$905,000 AS MAXIMUM PRICE

BY WILLIAM SHARMAN.
In a characteristic fighting plea for municipal ownership, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and member of the London Transportation Commission, addressing a representative gathering of workmen in the Labor Temple Saturday night, laid all his cards on the table relative to the contemplated purchase of the London Street Railway Company.

It was his belief, uttered then in public for the first time, that if the recommendations of the Bunnell appraisal are followed, the citizens of London can economically and satisfactorily operate the street railway lines with a 4-cent fare—25 tickets for a dollar.

The "hydro knight" also explained that, after consultation with Mayor Cameron Wilson and his associates on the local commission, it had been decided, irrespective of his personal feeling, that the city's position might be so prejudiced, to submit to the public Engineer Bunnell's figures as to the estimated physical value of the road in 1925—in short, what should be considered a fair price in that year.

Several valuations have been placed on the lines from time to time, varying from \$333,000 to \$905,000. It was his belief, he said, that in 1925, he, we are assuming that it will be the latter. We take the maximum. Turning directly to the proposed purchase, Sir Adam continued: "London's total liability is now about \$12,000,000. I trust that in 1925 after you purchase the road it will be nearly \$10,000,000."

"I am pleased to be a member of your commission. I happen to be chairman of eight different railroads, all of which were scrappage when we assumed control. Not unlike the local road, the franchises were expiring, and, as a matter of good business, we would undertake no improvements. The service, like yours, was abominable. Possibly yours was worse. After months of scolding we secured the road for \$2,100,000. We took this scrapheap and spent another \$1,000,000 to get it in better shape. We spent together then \$3,100,000 for a city of 40,000 population. We are not saying here, \$2,600,000 for London, a community of 60,000."

Pay Living Wage.
"Times have changed. People have got to have a living wage. We raised our men from 40 cents an hour to 65 cents. We put on larger and better cars. The people demand service. We want to do the same thing in the service as near proportionately as in Toronto."

"I put in the 5-cent fare as against 4-cent in the capital, however. You hear a lot today about fares being raised at Windsor. I state that we have not raised our fares. We maintain the 5-cent fare—20 tickets for a dollar. We did not devolve a new scheme, however. We can be successfully maintained in London, once the citizens assume control. Make it a straight 25 tickets for a dollar and you can meet your interest on the fund, etc., etc."

"If you don't want to buy the road, there is the agreement, bylaw No. 196, and they can carry on until 1930 with the old rattle-traps; and what more, they will still own the road and reap the benefits. Your service would not be improved much, if at all."

FATHER ASKS BABY BE PUT TO DEATH

Chicago Physicians Over-Rule Plea For Slaying of Deformed Girl.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20.—A father's plea that his two-day-old deformed baby girl be gently put to death was over-ruled by physicians today.

The child, normal mentally, has neither arms nor legs. The father, James C. Lebrascas, begged that she "be allowed not to live," according to surgeons. The case of baby Bollinger, scientifically allowed to die seven years ago after the late Dr. Harry Halseiden, attending physician, refused to perform a simple operation that would have saved the child's life, was recalled.

Baby Lebrascas was born Saturday, Dr. Benj. H. Breakstone, attending physician, after a consultation with his colleagues, Doctors Mandel and Brownstein, ruled against the father's appeal.

REPORTS SNOWFALL AT SOO WITH HEAVY WINDS

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Nov. 20.—Although between 2 1/2 and 3 inches of snow fell yesterday to the accompaniment of a 40-mile breeze, no damage is reported to lake shipping. Vessels which lay up during the storm were able to proceed.

Two days ago the weather was more like September and today the first sleighs made their appearance on the streets. Hunters are welcoming the snowfall, and more look to the woods than for some time.

SAYS DETROIT HAS EYES FOR L. AND P. S. BUY

Sir Adam Beck Claims Capitalists Hear Londoners Tired of Road.

DEPLORES CITY STATION

Points Out That the Line Will Share in Mooted Union Depot.

Within the past three months Detroit capitalists, with their eyes on the London and Port Stanley Railway, expressed readiness to talk business with respect to the possible purchase of that line, according to Sir Adam Beck.

The chairman of the commission explains that certain interests across the border had heard that the citizens of London "were getting tired" of their own road. Making inquiries the Americans learned what amount had been invested in the road. "Then they said," states Sir Adam, "that they had another million on top of that if we wanted to sell out. They foresaw greater possibilities than perhaps certain Londoners see."

Abandon Enterprise.
"They added further that they had another \$4,000,000 waiting for the \$3,000,000 investment. The Border Lines Transportation Company, as they had been told that the people of Windsor had also expressed desire to abandon their enterprise."

The chairman believes, however, that most of the people of London are well satisfied with conditions on the L. and P. S. R. and do not propose to dispose of their investment again to private interests.

Touching briefly on the local situation in this respect, Sir Adam remarks that people have asked why a new L. and P. S. station is not being undertaken in London.

"They may rightly ask such," he says, "nothing is more lamentable than to have Londoners, the real owners of the road, subjected to inferior station accommodation."

No Property in City.
"The trouble mainly is that we have no property in London. At one time we might have purchased the M. C. R. depot, but negotiations were in progress at that time with the G. T. R. and it was proposed to donate to that corporation. We should enjoy all running rights in their depot for 99 years."

Ontario Railway and Municipal Board stepped in to rule that we could not operate electric cars on the G. T. R. tracks, unless on the condition that we were going to build a new depot to be had in the immediate future we commenced other negotiations, toward the purchase of land at the corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets, where we desired to construct a proper terminal of our own."

We charge a 6-cent drop fare for the casual riders, the transients from out-of-town, etc.

"I still believe that the people there are not satisfied. We know they will be in London. It is quite out of the question for you to be giving away your rights to private interests in the matter of such public utilities as the street railway."

"I am more optimistic than Engineer Bunnell. I think that a 4-cent fare can be successfully maintained in London, once the citizens assume control. Make it a straight 25 tickets for a dollar and you can meet your interest on the fund, etc., etc."

CLEMENCEAU NOT TO VISIT CANADA

New York, Nov. 20.—Clemenceau will not visit Canada. During the morning newspaper interview he was told that he would be exceedingly welcome in the Dominion, and asked whether he could make the trip.

The "Tiger" replied that his program had been so carefully worked out that it would be impossible to add to it, even a brief visit to the Dominion.

He expressed his pleasure at the invitation, and his regret that he could not accept.

MAN IS SLAIN BY HIS ROOMMATE

New York, Nov. 20.—(By United Press.)—Elmer Lee Godfrey was shot and killed Sunday by Matthew L. Dadds, his roommate, because he defended their landlady in a quarrel. Dadds then committed suicide.

According to the police, Dadds became angered when Mrs. Wetz, who runs the rooming house, where the men lived, refused to evict a roomer with whom he had quarreled.

When Godfrey upheld Mrs. Wetz according to the police, Dadds became infuriated and whipped out a revolver. He opened fire on Godfrey, who was standing in the doorway.

He then fired a bullet through his heart, dying instantly.

Frank Bacon, Famed in "Lightnin'" Role, Dies in Chicago From Overwork

Special to The Advertiser.
Chicago, Nov. 20.—The entire theatrical world today mourned the passing of Frank Bacon, famous character actor, who delighted thousands in "Lightnin'."

Bacon died at a Chicago hotel on Sunday as a result of heart trouble and overwork.

He gave up the leading role in "Lightnin'" on Nov. 11, after appearing in more than 2,000 performances. Memorial services will be held at the Blackstone Theatre on Wednesday morning. Judge K. M. Landis will deliver the eulogy, and services will be held under the auspices of the Christian Science Church, of which he was a member. The body will then be placed in a vault here until next summer, when it will be taken to Mountain View, Cal., his boyhood home.

Bacon, to whom success came in the last few years of his life, was denied his great ambition, to appear in California after his phenomenal rise. He had planned to open there in the spring of 1924, after Boston and Philadelphia engagements.

Mrs. Bacon was at the bedside when death came.

High Lights in Sir Adam Beck's Speech Before the Trades and Labor Council

Extracts from Sir Adam Beck's address at the Labor Temple Saturday night, directed chiefly at the opponents of the contemplated purchase of the London Street Railway.

1. "Someone has said that I am trying to get the road for the province. Whoever thinks so is having a 'pipe-dream.' If they know better, they are saying it for a purpose. I am inclined to think that the latter is the case. I have never, however, canvassed the aldermen for a place on your transportation commission."

2. "I defy you to do anything with the London Street Railway if it chooses to ignore the provisions of their agreement with you—Bylaw 916. When I was mayor here we won three lawsuits with them, but to this day the city has made no effort to secure judgment."

3. "It may be that I am giving away a secret, but the street railway would have been bankrupt long ago if it had not been able to use hydro. When you own the road you can have this current at cost."

4. "Vote against the purchase of the road, and you will have the same service with these 'bob-tailed' cars until 1930 at the least."

5. "When people talk about buses handling the local situation, they are joking. London is in the snow belt, and once the real cold weather strikes us, you will see how long they can maintain their 5-cent fare."

6. "Our enemies point to Windsor, and say that we have raised the fares again. I say that we still have a 5-cent fare there—20 tickets for \$1, with the 6-cent drop fare for the transient patron."

7. "There is one notable difference between London and Windsor, however. In the latter instance, the legislature declined to boost their fares."

8. "If the present management or the personnel of the commission is not satisfactory, in your opinion, you can select others."

9. "You can use your street railway tracks for the transfer of freight throughout the city. The Toronto Transportation is doing this to great advantage."

10. "The only crime committed against hydro and municipal ownership is that they have been too successful."

HARLTON GUILTY FREE BELBECK OF BAG THEFT IN STILL CASE

Court Disbelieves Pawnshop Story of St. Marys Man.

Edward Harlton, of St. Marys, was convicted of the theft of a club bag and other articles, the property of Miss Rhea Kennedy, Oxford street, in police court this morning, although he pleaded he bought the bag for 50 cents from a stranger, and took it to a pawn shop to make some money on it.

Detective Thomas Bolton told of arrested Harlton on the night of September 19. Mr. Bolton was charged under the inland revenue act at that time, but because he was dismissed from the force, he was released to a man named English.

Police arrested Belbeck a few days ago, on his first appearance in the city—as far as they were aware—since because he was brought to court.

Loaded Molasses.
Amos Harlton, a thermometer at a local wholesale grocery, told of loading two ten-gallon kegs of molasses on a wagon for Belbeck. The man, Constantine, ordered by a man named Garfield.

Several residents in the vicinity of the Walde farm told of seeing Belbeck on the farm on which the still is located.

Inspector Webb told of the seizure. The still, some mash, two 10-gallon kegs of molasses, a thermometer, a hydrometer and a testing glass were among the articles confiscated.

In the house on the farm, only one room had been searched. In it were found some blankets, an oil stove, and a little food. A child's scribbler, in which was written the name, "Roy Belbeck," and a thermomometer were found in the house.

Belbeck stated a year ago he had started driving a pump for Mr. Walde on the farm. Cold weather had forced him to quit the job. This fall, he stated, he continued driving the pump, at the request of the tenant, Mr. English. He had only seen the man once, and did not get an advance for the work.

Left Scribbler.
His little scribbler had been out to the farm with him, and quite probably left the scribbler and the reader behind him, he stated.

The molasses was taken to Garfield's store, as a favor, and admitted it was quite a coincidence that kegs of similar appearance should be found on the farm.

Belbeck admitted he had been absent from the city since the case first was heard but explained he was stopping with a Blaney at Crumlin, and had been putting a roof on a barn for him. On one occasion, he understood, the inspector had been at the Blaney farm, while he working there.

GAMBLERS CLAIM TO BE CHRISTIANS

Hamilton Nov. 20.—Most of the 37 Chinese arrested yesterday on the charge of gambling on the Lord's Day announced when they were charged in police court this morning that they were "Christians" and "Presbyterians."

Their cases were laid over. They are out on bail.

AUTO THUGS GET \$1,482 IN BUFFALO

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 20.—(By United Press.)—Putting the finishing touches to a week of lawlessness, during which several safes were carried away and a number of stores and houses entered, netting loot said to amount to thousands of dollars, auto thieves tonight held up and robbed Ray Amman, collector for the Thrift Chain Stores Company, of \$1,482, and escaped.

The cash receipts of the day's sales in 11 of the company's stores and was returning to the main office, when his automobile was forced to the curb by the robber machine, and the collector was covered by revolvers.

ALLIES START PARLEY ON NEAR EAST PROBLEM

Dispatches Report Mussolini Shows Intention of Ruling Conference.

TRY FOR CO-ORDINATION

Italy's Premier Forces Delegates to Wait On Him at Hotel.

Lausanne, Nov. 20.—The Near East peace conference here was formally opened at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon. President Haab of Switzerland, the presiding officer of the opening session, entered the hall at that hour, and read his welcoming address, to which Lord Curzon the British foreign secretary, replied.

First of the leading delegates to arrive was former Premier Mussolini of Greece. He was followed shortly by Premier Mussolini of Italy, wearing the Fascist tri-color in his buttonhole. Premier Polcaro of France, followed immediately by Lord Curzon and Emile Barre of the French delegation, entered at 3:40 o'clock.

The conference of the "Big Three" continued until 1 p.m., when it was announced they had completed their negotiations in a spirit of cordial understanding. The trio of conferees posed for the newspaper photographers, and announced their views on further discussion until after the formal opening of the conference at 3:30 o'clock.

Playing Leading Role.
Lausanne, Nov. 20.—U. P. Staff Correspondent.—Premier Mussolini of Italy today showed every intention of playing the leading role at the Lausanne peace conference.

After forcing Premier Poincare and Viscount Curzon, British foreign minister, to go to Territet yesterday to consult with him and hear Italy's viewpoint before meeting with the Turks here in the parley that may settle the fate of the Near East, Italy's "black shirt" prime minister resumed his conversations with the British and French statesmen at the Hotel Beau Rivage here this morning.

It was considered possible that the conference proper might not open today, the Allies requiring time to co-ordinate their views before meeting the envoys of the victorious Turkish Nationalist government.

The delegations are lined up in two entrenched camps. For, despite great efforts to reconcile divergent views, the British and French are battling to decide which nation shall establish supremacy in the Near East.

In Two Camps.
The Turkish peace conference has two tasks before it, the making of a peace treaty between the Greeks and the victorious Turks and the formulation of a treaty between the Turks and the Allies to replace the treaty of Sevres, scrapped by Turkey's defeat of the Greeks and the coup of Constantinople. The Allies have before them a problem requiring the settlement of ten important points of disagreement.

Although Poincare and Curzon will personally negotiate with the Turkish envoys, Italy's premier announces his intention of returning to the city as far as they were aware—since because he was brought to court.

When Mussolini arrived in Switzerland, he was met by a telephone message to Premier Poincare and Lord Curzon that he would meet them where he had his headquarters at Ouchy, near Lausanne.

Forced to Accept.
The Allied representatives were forced to accept his invitation, and the first inter-Allied conversations were commenced at dinner to the jazz accompaniment of the hotel orchestra.

Today, the Italian consented to meet with the Allied leaders at Lausanne. The Turks, meanwhile are waiting dubiously.

The Allies announced today they will control all press messages sent from Lausanne about the Turkish peace parley.

Press reports will be head by a bureau especially established for this purpose, the conferees thus reverting to the methods of secret diplomacy. The first meeting, at 3:30 this afternoon, was public; other sessions will be held in secret.

DISCOVER DENTIST DEAD.

Hamilton, Nov. 20.—Walter Rowe, mechanical dentist, was found dead in the rear part of the office of Dr. Leitch, dentist. Coroner Hopkins was notified, but will not hold an inquest.

Press Men and Women to Come Before Footlights in Comedy, "Thirty Days"

Newspapermen and women, for so long figures of mystery, will make a public appearance at the Majestic Theatre Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, in what is declared to be the most stupendous production ever staged in London.

These back-stage characters in the drama of modern life are on that event, to emerge from behind the wings and grace the footlights.

"Thirty Days" a clever found denouement, full of comedy and yet, carrying an essentially true-to-life atmosphere, and with a definite moral resulting from the action of the play.

Give Definite Setting.
This play is the culmination of the efforts of Magistrate Graydon to give a definite setting to his idea of newspaper life, and the place newspapermen should occupy. During its construction he has had the valuable assistance of Chief Birrell and Governor Dawson, who have also supplied much of the local atmosphere. It is interesting also from the point of view of the average citizen, who has not the opportunities of the newspaperman, to note that many of the

CHILDS AND WENIGE TO BATTLE FOR MAYORALTY

Five Named for Office of Chief Executive, But Other Nominees Will Be Busy in the Aldermanic Field.

CAMERON WILSON NOT TO COMPETE FOR MAYOR.

CHILDS, Herbert James, 500 Adelaide street, druggist, by J. P. Moore and T. Childs.
DOUGLASS, Leonard Henry, Parkview Apartments, physician, by Wm. Fox and T. E. Parks.
WENIGE, George Albert, 27 Erie avenue, merchant, by A. R. Throver and J. J. Dyer.
WILSON, William Arthur, 234 Hyman street, gentleman, by J. J. Dyer and L. S. Holmes.
ALDERMAN, John Cameron, 365 Dundas street, physician, by Edwin Smith and J. J. Dyer.

FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.
HARLEY, Frank Edwin, 43 Gerrard street, lumber merchant, by E. R. Seabrook and Edwin Smith.
LAUGHTON, John Hugh, 54 St. George street, traveler, by W. A. McFarland and W. H. Abbott.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUST.
GARTSHORE, William Moor, Ridout street south, manufacturer, by J. C. Wilson and H. Childs.
REASON, Henry Thomas, 403 Central avenue, box manufacturer, by W. J. Ashton and J. Cambridge.

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Adam Wood Palmer, 479 Adelaide street, broker, by C. R. Smith and D. J. Tallant.

Norman F. Willmott, jeweler, by Trustee J. B. Wright and Thomas E. McKim.
M. Thomson, 901 William street, merchant, by C. R. Smith and Thomas B. McKim.

William Wallace Gammage, 761 Waterloo street, merchant, by Trustee Thomas Rowe and A. A. Langford.
Cecilia Elizabeth Guymer, 121 Wharfedale road, housewife, by E. R. Seabrook and E. R. Dennis.
Henry Hayman, 849 Dufferin avenue, contractor, by Thomas Rowe and Edwin Smith.

Caroline Elizabeth Hunt, Wortley road, housewife, by J. C. Wilson and Mrs. E. B. Smith.
Alexander Langford, 555 Waterloo street, merchant, by Edwin Smith and W. A. Casselman.

Stephen Frederick Lawrance, 643 Nelson street, merchant, by Edwin Smith and E. R. Dennis.
John Hugh Laughton, 54 St. George street, traveler, by William Wilson and Thomas Rowe.
John Alexander Nash, Waterloo and Grosvenor streets, jeweler, by E. R. Seabrook and John Cambridge.

Mrs. Edith Hyatt, 248 Ridout street, housewife, by William Tite and D. J. Tallant.
Frank St. Lawrence, 2 Ridgeway, 248 Ridgeway, by W. A. Casselman.
Edith Tait, 50 Chesley avenue, housewife, by E. R. Dennis and J. W. Cullin.

Albert Norton Udy, 434 Maitland, insurance agent, by Edwin Smith and R. J. Webster.
George Hyatt, 248 Ridout street, builder, by E. R. Seabrook and B. N. Casselman.

Frank St. Lawrence, 2 Ridgeway, 248 Ridgeway, by W. A. Casselman.
Gordon McNeil Cooper, 534 Waterloo street, wholesale jeweler, by Edwin Smith and Thomas Rowe.
George Fletcher Copeland, 875 Richmond street, insurance agent, by A. A. Langford and A. N. Udy.

John Edwin Ferguson, 141 Wortley road, physician, by John Cambridge and A. N. Udy.
Dr. David Arnott, 226 Queen's avenue, by C. R. Smith and Thos. McKim.

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THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; cloudy; becoming colder; local snow flurries.

Tuesday—Fair and rather cold. The disturbance which was in the Northwestern States on Saturday, and which is now moving eastward over Great Lakes.

A snowfall has occurred in the northern parts of Ontario and Quebec. The cold is moderating again in Western Provinces.

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

Victoria ... 46
Calgary ... 40
Winnipeg ... 30
Edmonton ... 20
Toronto ... 40
Kingston ... 40
Ottawa ... 30
Montreal ... 30
Quebec ... 30
P. Point ... 30
St. John ... 30
Halifax ... 30

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock tonight were: Highest, 42; lowest, 35.

The official temperatures for the evening, to be reported at 8 a.m. tomorrow, are: Highest, 42; lowest, 35.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 a.m., 28.99.
Today—8 a.m., 28.06.