

Vote for Richter and Business Management of London's Affairs

If You Were Making Your Will and Wanted an Executor, Would You Choose Richter or Graham?

AMBIGUOUS BALLOTS FOR WATERWORKS SEPARATION

Voting Slips Might Be Tickets to Chinese Raffle So Far as Information They Convey to Casual Ratepayer Is Concerned.

On a par with the city hall efforts to prevent the separation, the waterworks and electrical departments, is the preparation of the bylaw ballot on which Londoners will be expected to express their decision in the question tomorrow. Absolutely no information is furnished the elector as to what he is voting for. The ambiguous words, "Vote on bylaw respecting control of the London waterworks," is the only explanation found on the ballot. What the "control" refers to, the reason for having the second vote on the question that received the indorsement of an overwhelming majority of London citizens, last year, is unexplained.

Merely An Omission.
The bylaw is supposed to be for the revision of the one passed a year ago. It conveniently omits to say so, however. Further than this, the ballot in the form in which it goes to the electors would convey to many the meaning that it was similar to the one passed a year ago, and whose mandate was never carried out, thanks to the Graham clique in the council. Those who voted in favor of the separation of the departments a year ago could quite naturally make the mistake of voting "yes" on the ballot that will be handed them tomorrow.

Rather Ambiguous.
The ambiguous meaning of the ballot information is palpably in favor of those who have publicly declared that the vote of a year ago was "snap judgment," while at the same time it imposes an almost unmountable handicap to those who held, and still hold, the view that the departments should be divorced in order that the true earning capacity of each can be ascertained.

Undoubtedly, however, to vote "yes" means to vote against separation.

45¢ NATURAL GAS IS TOO EXPENSIVE DECLARE USERS

Would Not Use It At That Price According to Replies Received Here.

OPINIONS ARE VARIED

Information Secured By Interested Parties Gives Situation New Light.

C. C. Gordon and other London commercialmen interested in the natural gas situation and anxious to get at the facts in the matter went to the trouble of having printed forms of questions mailed to representative users of natural gas in Western Ontario towns and cities. Most users are emphatic in declaring that they would not use the gas for heating at 45 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net.

Replies to the question as to the price paid, vary from 15 cents paid by a Windsor man, W. L. Perkins, who has to use 50,000 feet to get it at this low rate, up to 35 cents, which J. A. Stone, of Chatham, pays. Twelve use the gas in heating their homes. The same number use it in their business premises.

Three report that the gas has a strong odor, five a slight odor, three say there is no odor, and three report, and one answers "not when properly put in by plumbers." Six consider the odor injurious, four do not.

Every one of the thirteen replies states that the gas has a discolored effect on silverware, some of the replies strongly emphasizing this. Eleven in all report that the pressure in cold weather is low, several of these say it is very low, three say "rarely" or "very seldom," and three report "sometimes" or "occasionally." Of the other two one writes "service very good," the other says he has had no trouble with the pressure so far.

Different Comparisons.
Six report that natural gas is cheaper than coal, five say it costs about the same, and two say that coal is cheaper at \$7.50 per ton. Two or three, giving different answers, add that the gas is the more convenient to use.

Seven replies had trouble with their plumbing since using natural gas, one has had more trouble than with ordinary gas, but one user had all old plumbing "renewed," two simply say they have had trouble, one replied "very little," and one states that the plumbing "must be tight."

Waldo Resigns As N. Y. Police Commissioner

Force Now Without Civilian at Its Head—Now Up To Mayor Mitchel.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Dec. 31.—Rhinelander Waldo, for more than two and a half years police commissioner of New York, put on his hat and walked out of headquarters today, announcing that he had resigned forthwith. In a letter to Mayor Kline he said:

"It appears to be the desire of the incoming administration not to appoint a commissioner, but to have an acting-commissioner appointed by me remaining in charge of the department. I will not be a party to this plan."

Without Civilian.
Waldo's sudden resignation leaves the city without a civilian police head until John Purroy Mitchel, who takes office tomorrow, can name one. It had been announced that Douglas I. McKay, who had heretofore tendered his resignation as first deputy commissioner, effective at noon today, had rescinded his action, and would remain in charge.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:
Highest, 28; lowest, 17.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Tuesday were:
Highest, 34; lowest, 25.

TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOW.

Forecasts.
Toronto, Dec. 31—8 a.m.
Today—Cloudy and a little cooler.
Thursday—Easterly winds; a light snowfall.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	22	Cloudy
Calgary	30	12	Clear
Winnipeg	20	2	Cloudy
Port Arthur	28	2	Cloudy
Parry Sound	32	18	Cloudy
Toronto	36	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	19	Cloudy
Montreal	32	18	Cloudy
Quebec	30	12	Cloudy
Father Point	28	8	Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.			

Weather Notes.
The Gulf St. Lawrence disturbance of yesterday has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland, and an area of high pressure, with decidedly low temperature, is now passing across Northern Ontario and Quebec.

The weather has turned somewhat

EIGHT PERISH IN TENEMENT BLAZE IN NEW YORK CITY

Early Morning Fire In Crowded East Side District Takes Heavy Toll.

FIFTEEN PEOPLE INJURED

Driven To Desperation Many Jump From Fire Escapes—Sensational Rescues.

New York, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, five men and three women, were killed in an early morning tenement house fire at 96 Monroe street, in the crowded east side district, today.

Fifteen persons were injured, four seriously, by jumping from fire escapes. The police and firemen made many rescues. The fire started in the hall on the ground floor, cutting off escape by the stairway. Want John Elliott—Robert W. Randie, 1234 Main street, Richmond, Ind., an attorney, has written the local authorities, asking their assistance in locating one John Elliott, who is supposed to have lived in London in 1875, and whose whereabouts is desired that a civil legal matter may be settled.

Wakened Before Dawn.
An hour before dawn the tenants in the house were aroused by the cries of persons in the street. Finding escape by way of the stairway shut off, they crowded on the fire escape platforms. Many jumped; the calmer waited for the firemen to erect ladders. A few made their escape by going to the roofs of adjoining tenement houses.

The Dead.
Mrs. Becky Kaplan, 55 years old, a widow.

Burney Kaplan, 18 years old, her son.

Louis Kaplan, 16, another son.

Samuel Cohen, 64.

Isaac Weisberg, 50.

Mrs. Pearl Weisberg, 50, wife.

Gussie Mazzini, 35.

The Mazzini girl, after assisting her father and mother and five brothers to the fire escapes, lost her head and returned to her room, where she was afterwards found dead.

The bodies of Mrs. Kaplan, her sons, and Samuel Cohen, a tailor, who occupied a room with them, were found on the fifth floor. Israel Golden was found dead in bed on the fifth floor. Weisbergs were in their apartment on the third floor.

More than thirty families were made homeless. Many fled half clad in the biting early morning air, and were taken care of by neighbors. All indications were that the fire was started by an incendiary, and an investigation was begun.

Frisky Lambs Dust Cop's Coat

Initiation Ceremonies Provide Amusement at Richmond and Dundas Streets.

The traffic cop at Richmond and Dundas was not a little surprised on Tuesday afternoon, when two well-dressed young men armed with whisks rushed up to him and without a word of explanation began to give him a vigorous brushing. He was still further mystified when they got down on their hands and knees and carefully brushed the pavement underneath his feet. Passersby also took an interest in the proceedings, and watched with some amusement when the strange pair made their way down Richmond street, dusting off all the ornamental hydro poles as they went.

When every ornamental pole on both Richmond and Dundas streets had been carefully dusted, the young men offered an explanation. By the completion of that task, they became full members of the "Lambs' Fraternity," a Western University student organization.

The little gambol around the policeman was also a part of the initiation ceremonies, and the two frisky young lambs, having performed their obligations, were received into full membership in the fraternity.

SPORT PROMOTER DIES.
[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 31.—An attack of pneumonia caused the death today of Jim Clark, proprietor of Jack Straw's Castle on Hampstead Heath, in the northwest of London, where virtually all American boxers train for their English engagements.

MONTREAL PEOPLE AROUSED TO ANGER OVER WATER Famine

Prominent Citizens Turn Out to Public Meeting; and Utter Caustic Criticisms.

SOME SPEECHES HEATED

Management of Affairs at City Hall Hauled Over the Coals or Laxity.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—There was no beating about the bush in the statements made at the special meeting of public bodies yesterday at the board of trade concerning the situation arising out of the break in the city's water supply. The hall was well filled with prominent business and professional men, who elected Huntley Drummonds, president of the board of trade, to the chair. With him on the platform were C. B. Gordon, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Principal Peterson, of McGill University; and Hermidas Laporte, president of the Chambre de Commerce.

Mr. Drummond, in opening the meeting, said that he, along with everybody else in the city, had been a sufferer from the conditions that had prevailed in Montreal during the past week. "I feel a determination," he said, "to do my utmost to end these conditions, and I don't care who suffers in the process. For years we have gone along like children, without paying much attention to what was being done in our name, and by our representatives at the city hall."

"It needed some such calamity as this," went on the chairman, "to bring the thing home to every man in Montreal."

Similar sentiments were expressed with considerable force by several other speakers.

Formosans Who Planned Revolt Killed at Tokio

Were Going to Raise Army and Oust Japanese to Place the Chinese in Power.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The public execution of 13 Formosan conspirators was carried out at Taihoku, Formosa, today, according to dispatches received by the Government here. They had been sentenced to death in connection with a plot discovered early in November to overthrow Japanese rule in Formosa. The plotters had planned to raise an army of 100,000 Formosans, and to massacre the Japanese garrison, after handing over the island of China. Besides the 13 plotters sentenced to death, 125 others were condemned to long terms of imprisonment.

GRANTS EXTENSION OF TERMINAL LEASE

L. & P.S. Board Ratifies M.C.R. Extension of Southeastern Lease to Company.

The London and Port Stanley Railway Board, at a session in the mayor's office at noon today, ratified the one year's extension of the lease of the local terminals to the Michigan Central Railroad, granted by the London and Southeastern Board on Tuesday.

This extension may be terminated by the railroad company by giving 30 days' notice, but under the agreement the L. & S. E. board is held to the bargain for a year.

Chairman H. B. Ledyard, of the M. C. R. board of directors, was desirous of securing a 25-year extension on the same terms, at \$3,000 per annum, but the local directors would not agree to this, although Mr. Ledyard had intimated that the company might make other arrangements for coming into London. Messrs. Walter Kingsmill and Torrance, of Toronto, Michigan Central solicitors, represented the company at the conference with the L. & S. E. board.

The \$75,000 option now held by the M. C. R. will be also extended for another year. Rumor had it that the Michigan Central representatives came to London with \$75,000 in their "jeans" prepared to buy the terminal out-and-out, but that the directors refused the offer. This was denied today, however, by one of the members of the board.

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Mexico City, Dec. 31.—An alleged plot to assassinate Provisional President Huerta during the New Year's reception was frustrated by the arrest today of two Mexicans in a house of the suburban town of Camperopolito.

TO SKATE THE YEAR IN.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. John's, Dec. 31.—The young people of this place plan to hold a big skating party on the river adjoining the village. They will skate the old year out and the new year in.

Dr. L. G. Rowntree Who Makes Great Medical Find



Dr. L. G. Rowntree is a Londoner, the son of Mr. George Rowntree, of 66 Stanley street. He graduated in medicine from Western University here. For a number of years he has been connected with the research department of Johns Hopkins University.

MONTREAL EXPERTS FAIL TO RELIEVE WATER SHORTAGE

Tried To Fill 60 Foot Break In Intake Conduit With Steel Pipes.

PACKING GIVES WAY

Humorous Editor at Westmount, a Suburb, Invites People To Come to Bath Parties.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Owing to the failure this morning of the plan adopted by the city engineer's department for giving Montreal temporary relief from the water famine caused by the collapse of the intake pipe leading to the waterworks pumping station the city will be without water for today and most likely tomorrow. The famine began on Christmas Day.

The plan adopted called for the filling in of the 60-foot break in the conduit with steel pipes. The water had only been turned into the tube two hours when the packing connecting the steel pipe and the old concrete conduit was forced out, and pumping operations had to be suspended.

Not Without Humor.
The situation had as it is, has not been without its humor. Some enterprising printer in Westmount, a suburb of Montreal, which has its own water system, prepared a number of cards which bore an inscription inviting friends to "bath parties." They were eagerly bought by Westmount folk and sent to friends in Montreal, who were slow to accept the invitation.

It has become a regular thing now for men to carry home bottled spring water at night, while bottles of water have been sent around by people to friends as presents.

INGERSOLL TEACHERS WANT INCREASES

Many Candidates Seek Municipal Honors—Two in the Mayoralty Contest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Dec. 31.—Nominations for Ingersoll are as follows:—Mayor, M. P. Buchanan, F. M. Fleet.

Commissioner of Water, Light and Sewers—H. M. Boyce, W. Mills; James Henderson, John Mitchell, John Timmie, Reg. Bloor, J. A. Coulter, G. M. McKay, M. E. Scott, W. E. Moyer, R. Rogers, M. J. Comiskey, F. McDougall.

School Trustee (Ward 1)—W. A. Sutherland (acclamation).

Applications for increases in salary have been made by Principal Stalker, Central school; Miss Hills, Miss Francis and Mr. Barker, of the Collegiate staff.

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CANADA TO MAKE CHOICE FROM THREE PROGRAMMES SUBMITTED BY ADMIRALTY

Hon. Geo. Perley on Way Back After Long Conference With Winston Churchill—Bringing Proposals to Submit at Next Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Government's naval policy is now on the Atlantic Ocean, steaming for Canada in the custody of Hon. George Perley.

It is understood that after a series of anxious conferences with Winston Churchill, Mr. Perley is bringing back three naval programs from which the Government will be allowed to make a choice.

The proposals in order of merit, according to Mr. Churchill, are:

No. 1. The contribution by Canada to the admiralty of \$35,000,000, to be applied by the admiralty on the payment of three battleships now under construction in the yards of Great Britain.

Program No. 2. That which was presented to the Canadian Parliament last session, passed by the Government through the Commons, and rejected by the Senate. It provides for the construction of three new battleships for the British fleet at a cost of \$35,000,000.

Program No. 3. The contribution of a fixed annual sum by Canada to the British admiralty, to be used as it deems best, and application for further vessels for Canadian coast defence. Some of these to be constructed in Canada if possible.

There was a great deal of cable correspondence over these proposals. Many messages passed between the Governments and Mr. Perley before the latter left England.

The Government hesitated to make a choice on the information which it received by wire, and decided to defer decision until Mr. Perley arrives to lay before the Government reasons for the various program and arguments which can be put forward in support of them.

The choice will be made at a full meeting of the Government to be called soon after the return of Mr. Perley to Ottawa. Every member of the cabinet will be present except Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who has just been sent across the Atlantic.

Not This Man, but Richter

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I like to read your valuable paper, as I find it speaks the truth, plain facts. After tonight's paper has been read by the thousands who are its readers, I think Mayor C. M. R. Graham will go home and stay there, as regards civic honor.

Now, Mr. Hackett, of Talbot street, wrote a short but true letter. He asks a question and he answers it. What has Graham done for London? He answers it truthfully in one word, NOTHING.

Alderman Richter is the man for mayor. He is a man every inch of him; he does not boast of what he can do, but he goes and does it. His valiant services in the council, his kindly actions to his fellow citizens, have made Ald. Richter a favorite throughout the city.

C. M. R. Graham's (don't forget, Mr. Editor, to put the C. M. R. in), friends and associates are a certain class of people supposed to be a society to run the city of London like a little Russia.

Citizens of London, arise and put your armor on, and put Richter where he belongs, in his right office.

I will repeat what H. H. Hackett says, "Not this man, but Richter."

Yours truly,
Richmond street north, Dec. 31, 1913.

SECOND CHARGE LAID AGAINST T.H. LUSCOMBE

London Lawyer Out on Bail for Misappropriation of Funds Accused of Theft.

Detective Robert Eggleton arrested T. H. Luscombe, a well-known London lawyer, at noon today on a warrant for his arrest charging the prisoner with stealing \$1,600 from Robert McCracken.

At the Carling street police station Mr. Luscombe declined to give out any statement for publication. The prisoner had dinner brought in to him, and at a late hour he had not been locked in a cell, but was held in the detectives' office.

Mr. Luscombe appeared in police court Tuesday charged with misappropriation of \$1,101.81 of funds belonging to William Whitehall, for whom he acted as solicitor. He was bailed on this charge to appear on Jan. 12.

The prisoner was allowed to use the police telephone a number of times in an effort to get bondsmen, but late in the afternoon he had failed to secure any.

Watchnight Service.—Watchnight services will be held in the First Methodist and Adelaide Street Baptist Churches tonight. At 11 o'clock Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders will conduct a watchnight service in the First Methodist Church. The third annual watchnight service will be held in Adelaide Street Baptist Church tonight at 10:45. The choir and church soloists will render old favorite hymns. This charge will deliver a short address and the service will close by welcoming in the new year.

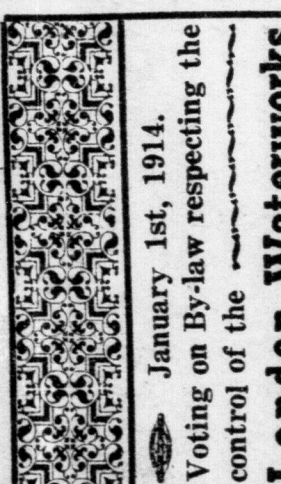
New Ministry Said To Be One of Conditions Upon Which Money Is Loaned.

FRENCH BANKERS PAY Interest on Public Debt Bonds Provided for by the Latest Loan.

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—The rumor is revived of the appointment of an entirely new cabinet early next year. This is to be one of the conditions on which the French bankers subscribed for Mexican bonds to a sufficient amount to meet the interest charges on the public debt.

London, Dec. 31.—Glyn Mills, Currie & Co., the English bankers, have not yet received instructions to pay the coupons due today on the 3 per cent and 5 per cent Mexican internal bonds.

An Ambiguous Ballot



FOR
The Bylaw
AGAINST
The Bylaw

Facsimile of waterworks separation ballot that conveniently omits to convey any information to the electorate that is supposed to "intelligently" use it.

RICHTER STANDS FOR A SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERY CITIZEN