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BROAD PLATFORMS FOR CIVIC ELECTIONS ARE NECESSARY

INTEREST CENTERING ON CITY CAMPAIGN

Municipal Election Pot Begins To Simmer As Candidates Prepare For Appeals.

GREAT INTEREST LIKELY IN COUNCIL PERSONNEL

Prohibition, Public Ownership, Street Railway Probably To Be Main Issues.

With the federal election over, and decidedly so far as London is concerned, and the municipal nominations but three weeks away, Monday, November 23, the civic pot is commencing to show some signs of simmering. It is generally expected that the municipal campaign will be on in full swing within a few days or within a week at the latest.

The aldermen who hope to "make the grade" will have to come out on some question that will make a general appeal to the entire city rather than one which is sectional in its appeal.

Then in the next place, there will be only eight aldermen to elect this year, instead of 12 as formerly. This will concentrate the interest somewhat and four of these men will be elected for two years and this will be a factor in the elections this year. The electors will also have an interest in the election of every alderman because they are interested in the election of three men formerly, he will be called upon to decide on the merits of eight this year. This is another reason the average elector will take more interest in the campaign now than he formerly did.

GENERAL APPEAL In view of the fact that the aldermen will be forced to make a general appeal this year they will probably choose broader platforms than have been put forward in the past.

For instance, ex-Ald. Gordon Drake has repeatedly announced himself as a "wet" candidate for alderman. It is probable that one or more will come out on the temperance slate. Others will adopt a public ownership policy, with reference to the street railway system, while others may take the stand that this city would rather grant the London Street Railway Company a new franchise agreement than to enter the transportation field as a municipality.

While the prospective aldermen are discussing the problems that decided the majority candidates can scarcely refrain from taking a prominent part in the questions. This is it is practically assured that the public ownership of all utilities will be one of the large questions of the hour so far as the municipal elections are concerned. The labor candidate will take a decided stand on this, as labor as a whole is most enthusiastically in favor of public ownership and operation of all utilities.

TWO PERSONS KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR

CHERRAWA, S. C., Nov. 2.—Two persons were killed and one seriously injured, was the toll when Seaboard Air Line train No. 4 struck an automobile in crossing 17 miles south of here, near Millendorf, late yesterday. The dead are Raymond and Daisy Wilson, of Jeannette, Pa.; Louis Helzel, also of Jeannette, was seriously injured. Helzel and the bodies of the two dead were taken to Hamlet, S. C.

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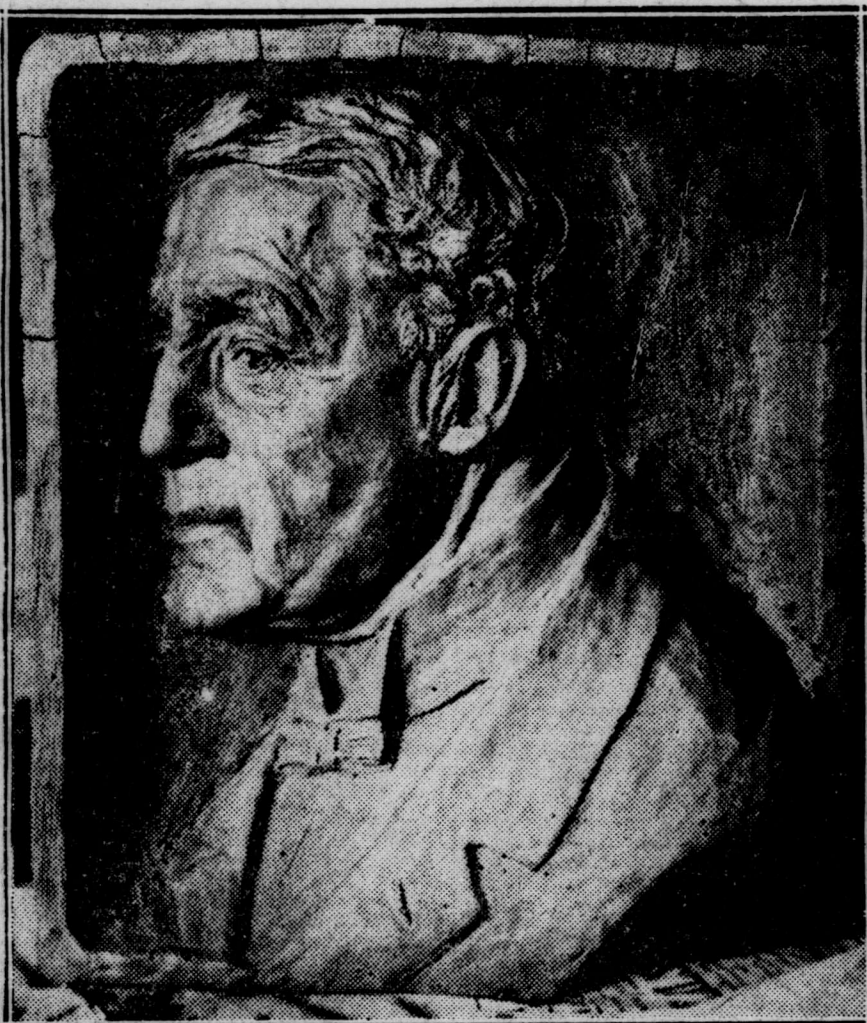
WINDSOR, Nov. 2.—Revised figures for the vote in Essex South give Eccles J. Gott, the newly-elected member of Parliament, a majority of 843 votes over the Rt. Hon. George P. Graham. Official figures for Essex East give Dr. Raymond D. Morand, Conservative, a lead of 192 over Edmond G. Odette, Liberal. Figures for Essex West have not been completed.

COMPLETES TRIP AROUND WORLD IN 34-FOOT BOAT

Harry Pidgeon Travels 38,000 Miles in Home-Made Boat in Less Than Four Years.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 2.—Circumnavigation of the globe in a 34-foot sailboat has been accomplished by Harry Pidgeon, 54 years old, photographer, known to many as the "Library Navigator." He made port here after traveling 38,000 miles in his homemade cockle-shell craft, the Islander, since he set sail from San Pedro on November 15, 1921.

Plaque of Late Sir Adam Beck



By The London Free Press Photographer. Miss Effie Woolverton, Grand avenue, has almost completed a plaque of the late Sir Adam Beck. The image, which is still in its first stage, is shown here modelled in clay. The plaque shows a very striking resemblance to the late knight and is one of Miss Woolverton's best works. Another of her pieces of art was a plaque of the late Dr. Moorhouse. The present bust is taken from the last photo of Sir Adam. A bronze cast will be made from it.

FEWER MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS, BUT MORE DEATHS HERE SO FAR THIS YEAR

London Shows Evidence of Racial Suicide In Vital Statistics For Year As Compared With 1924 Births, Marriages and Deaths.

London's birth rate is falling off in comparison to last year, according to the vital statistics report given out from City Clerk Baker's office. This is based on the totals for the first 10 months of each. There were 1,323 births recorded from January 1 to November 1 of last year, as compared with 1,221 for the corresponding period of this year. Marriages have also fallen off as a total of 562 were solemnized in the first 10 months of 1924, as against 530 for the same months of 1925. But there was an increase in the number of deaths, 805 being recorded for the first 10 months of last year, and 859 for the corresponding period of this year.

The month of October showed an increase in births and deaths and a decrease in marriages over the corresponding month of last year. During the month just passed there were 122 births, 85 deaths and 63 marriages, as compared with 105 births, 78 deaths and 69 marriages during October, 1924.

SEE CLEAR MAJORITY FOR CONSERVATIVES IN ANOTHER ELECTION

LONDON, Nov. 2.—(Special).—That another election in Canada is inevitable is generally accepted here as the outcome of the recent polling, for it is not expected that any Government can be formed which can expect stability in office. This is deplored all political and newspaper circles that if a second election is called the Conservatives would obtain a clear working majority.

CAFE PROPRIETOR IS SHOT TO DEATH

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ONTARIO PILED UP BIG TORY MAJORITY

Conservatives Had Total In Ontario Constituencies of 212,195.

LIBERAL MAJORITY TOTAL ONLY 11,109

Liberals Had Far the Largest Total To the Good In Quebec.

TORONTO, Nov. 2.—The total majority cast in Ontario constituencies for the three parties electing their candidates were approximately as follows: Conservative, 212,195; Liberal, 11,109; Progressive, 1,949.

QUEBEC MAJORITIES. QUEBEC, Nov. 2.—Total majorities in Quebec constituencies for Liberals, Conservatives and Progressives in the general election were: Liberal, 153,517; Conservative, 10,909; Independent, 4,528.

IN THE MARITIMES. HALIFAX.—Total majorities cast in the Maritime Provinces for the two parties electing their candidates were approximately as follows: Nova Scotia, Conservatives 34,247; Liberals 1,096; Prince Edward Island, Conservatives 328; Liberals 2,098; New Brunswick, Conservatives 30,225; Liberals 788.

BRINGING BACK BREWER FROM PEN

Convicted Bank Teller Will Testify Against MacDonald.

TO ARRIVE HERE TO-NIGHT

Man Serving Prison Term In Charge of High Constable.

High Constable Wharton left late last night for Kingston Penitentiary to bring back Herbert G. Brewer, young bank clerk, who will be used as a witness in the case against William McDonald, charged in city police court with conspiracy to defraud a bank. Brewer and his goods will arrive in London to-night. He will be taken to the county jail until McDonald's case comes up.

Brewer was sentenced to two years and a half for theft of \$7,133.16 from the Bank of Montreal where he was formerly employed as a teller. It is alleged that Brewer cashed checks made out by McDonald and for which there was no account in the bank. At the time Brewer was sentenced the whereabouts of McDonald were unknown, although he was implicated in the affair. Later he gave himself up to the police.

His first appearance in court, bail of \$15,000 was set for his release and though efforts were made to reduce it, it remained at this amount.

CONVENT PURCHASED. ROME, Nov. 2.—The Holy See has purchased for \$6,000,000 lire the former convent of San Antonio, near Santa Maria Maggiore, for the purpose of establishing therein Lombard College, the Oriental Institute, and the newly founded Russia seminary. The pope has donated to Lombard College 1,000,000 lire for expenses. The weather here is the propagation of the faith will probably take care of the other institution.

THE WEATHER

CONTINUING FAIR

Forecast: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay — Light to moderate winds; fair to-day and on Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Pressure is high over the eastern half of the continent and the Lower Mackenzie Valley and relatively low over Alberta and the Rocky Mountain States. The weather has been fair, with somewhat higher temperature in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

High. Low. Victoria 48 40 Fair Calgary 44 28 Cloudy Winnipeg 44 24 Clear Pary Sound 40 32 Fair LONDON 48 32 Fair Toronto 48 32 Clear Kingston 46 30 Fair Ottawa 42 28 Clear Montreal 42 34 Fair Quebec 36 28 Cloudy Father Point 34 34 Cloudy St. John 44 30 Clear Halifax 44 28 Fair

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Steamer. Arrived at. From. Rotterdam Plymouth New York Thurlingia Queenstown New York Ohio Hamburg New York Zealand Antwerp New York Minnetonka London New York Balise Queenstown New York

FLYER NOW IN PERSIA

BENDER ABAS, Persia, Nov. 2.—Commander Francesco di Pino, Italian aviator, arrived here to-day from Karachi, British India, on his return flight from Tokio to Rome.

USE ELECTRICITY TO HEAT PUBLIC UTILITIES BLDG.

Definite Plan To Be Proposed By General Manager At Meeting On Thursday.

SHUT OFF POWER DURING TIME OF THE PEAK LOAD

Oil Burners and Other Substitutes Being Used To Replace Use of Coal.

A definite plan for substituting electricity for coal in the heating plant of the Public Utilities building will be introduced for consideration of the commission at its regular meeting on Thursday of this week. E. V. Buchanan, general manager, stated to-day that he has a proposal to place before the commissioners that he believes will mean a large saving of fuel costs. His plan involves the placing of an electric heating system under the present boilers to be used during off-peak periods. During the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, when the peak load is at its height, the electric apparatus would be shut off. In ordinary weather the offices would retain their heat from the present coal-burning boilers. In extreme conditions, however, wood would be substituted for these two hours.

"There is one thing, however, that we want to guard against," Mr. Buchanan states. "That is the possibility of a demand for electricity as a commercial heating proposition, and I want to state that the Public Utilities building is not the slightest hope for anything of that sort." The general manager points out that in heating the Utilities building during off-peak periods he would be competing with other users of electricity, for it would not mean an increase of the cost of energy. If it were merely used for heating, it would, however, the demand would immediately exceed the available supply.

TRY TO CUT COSTS Incidentally, this move to cut costs by eliminating the use of coal as a fuel is not confined to the Public Utilities Commission. The local Board of Education has just permitted the installation of an oil burner in Victoria Public School and the same plan is now on trial in a success, there is a very strong possibility that London may, within the next year or so, install oil burning properly insulated coal-burners. The Victoria School plant was given its first trial on Saturday. To-day it is in use on one of the main boilers and it is not yet clear whether the plan is really a success, but it is being compared with the other boiler, which is using coal.

There appears to be not the slightest doubt but that with coal prices soaring with a vengeance, and substitutes of all sorts will be made use of. E. V. Buchanan declared that the new idea of insulated homes is one that should be given greater attention. A winter with a very small percentage of heat required for one that has not been properly protected.

INSULATED HOUSES Superintendent Robinson, of the works department of the Board of Education, is of the same opinion. The plan of lining the rafters in the attic with some cheap insulation, such as wool, ready to be kept out with success, would be a very good idea. A little insulation here and there would aid in keeping the interior of a home warm in winter and equally cool in summer. Mr. Robinson states that the steel sash of the school buildings are far greater protection against drafts and heat wastage than the old-fashioned wooden sashes. For this reason the heating of the school buildings is not nearly so difficult as the older ones.

NOVEMBER HERALDED BY LARGE BUTTERFLY

Black Butterfly With Golden-Tipped Wings, Seen By Helmut Avenue Resident.

Butterflies in November may be considered an absolute impossibility, but such a thing has happened even in the fair City of London. A Helmut Avenue resident reports that he saw a large black butterfly from the window of his home on the first day of this month, and asserts it was a real butterfly, not a paper one.

The resident who witnessed this strange sight is a woman who has been invalided for some weeks through illness. It has been her habit to sit by the window watching the parade of the every-day life as it passed her home, but yesterday this parade was thrown into the background by the butterfly. She asserts that the butterfly was some four inches from wing-tip to wing-tip, absolutely black in color, save for a "trimming" on the wings which was a bright golden color.

COURTLAND DINES MARRIED.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 2.—Courtland Dines, Denver clubman, and Miss Helen Gibson were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. M. Gibson, here on Saturday. Dines, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson S. Dines, sprang into prominence when he was shot in his Los Angeles apartment while entertaining two motion picture actresses on New Year's Day, 1924.

FOUR KILLED IN CRASH.

COOPENHAGEN, Nov. 2.—A new Fokker airplane on its first flight here yesterday crashed at the Kastrup airport. The pilot, Military Air Lieut. Muntzen, and three passengers were killed. Two other passengers were gravely injured.

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The inspector had spent an hour on the job when he finally reported that he could not make the test. Every time a street car went by the vibration jarred on the sensitive springs of the scales to such an extent that it was impossible to test them.

Police Believe Half of City's Ne'er-Do-Wells Have Crossed Into U. S.

Exodus of Canadians To Republic Includes "Bad" As Well As Good, Declare Authorities, Who Say Number of Police Court "Customers" Have Departed.

Hikes 40 Miles

CHARLES H. PEACOCK, 7-Brighton street, although 73 years of age, strolled to Lambeth, Strathroy, Delaware and Melbourne yesterday.

The exodus of Canadians to the United States which has robbed this country of so many of the Dominion's best sons has also proved an attraction for many Londoners who have become according to the estimate of a city police officer to-day, 50 per cent. of the habitual police court customers were included in the trek to pastures green.

"The most of those in the police court estimate were not really 'bad men,' but persons whose civic training was their inability to resist temptations when breaches of the O. T. A. or similar laws were involved. A few had served prison sentences for serious crimes."

According to reports filtering through from the cities where men of these types have taken up their abode, some have changed their ways and have become respectable citizens. Others are still following the same pursuits.

It is believed that many of those known to police who have migrated to the republic to the south did so to throw off the mantle of suspicion which surrounded all their movements here and from a desire to re-establish themselves at a respected place in the community of their adoption.

A large number, it is estimated, have taken up their abode in the City of Detroit, but their are some who have gone farther afield and have found employment in New York City.

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The correspondent adds that a return to anything approaching normal conditions can be achieved only by the introduction of large bodies of highly trained troops. At present there is no indication of improvement and European prestige generally is suffering.

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The bus, which collected children in this vicinity, was nearing the town school when it was struck in mid-section by the train. The force of the impact threw the children out of the bus and scattered them about the track and road. The six bodies and the injured children were placed on board a special train and taken to Waycross, where the injured were placed in hospital.

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