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FOUR ELECTRIC FRANCHISES ARE NOW VALID IN LONDON SAYS THE CITY SOLICITOR

It Looks as Though the Proposal to Purchase the Plant of the London Electric Company Will Not Be Carried Further—City Must Proceed on Its Own Hook.

According to the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith, the four electric franchises in the city are valid. The four under discussion are: The London Electric Company, The Power Equipment Company, The Helena Costume Company, The Sifton franchise.

The decision means that even with the London Electric out of the way, these other companies could obtain power from the Cataract Power Company—any other company developing cheap power, and compete with the city plant.

The opinion was received this morning, and is now in the hands of Ald. Stewart, chairman of the special power committee.

It will be produced at the council meeting on Monday evening next.

Mr. Meredith quotes the bylaws governing the franchises in full, and shows their method of operation.

As You Were.

"We are in the same position as we were at the beginning," said Ald. Stewart. "From what I can gather from Mr. Meredith's letter there are four companies, all capable of doing business in London, and of developing and selling power."

"It means that we will have to go ahead on our own hook, regardless of what the others may or may not do."

If this interpretation is taken by all the city fathers of Mr. Meredith's opinion, it means that all negotiations between the city and the London Electric Company are off.

In that event, the proposition to pay \$400,000 for the company's plant will not be considered, and tenders will be called for the city plant at once.

Mayor Stevely had not seen the opinion at noon and could not discuss it.



MR. J. C. WADDELL, Of Petrolia, President of the Western Ontario Bowling Association.

ARTESIAN WELLS SCHEME EXPLAINED

Water Commissioners Met the Committee Wednesday Afternoon.

REFERRED TO ENGINEERS

Who Will Go Through the Figures Again—A Tilt Between Mr. Beck and Mr. Darch.

At a special meeting of the water commissioners held yesterday afternoon to consider the wells scheme, Hon. Adam Beck submitted his proposition in detail, agreeing to furnish fifteen wells, with a development of 2,000,000 gallons of water, together with a complete pumping plant, with a half million gallon reservoir, for the sum of \$30,700.

He gave the estimated cost of pumping the water at 2.9 cents per thousand gallons if 1,500,000 were used, and 2.7 cents if 3,000,000 were used.

There was some discussion on the scheme, but it was decided to leave the whole matter in the hands of the engineers employed by Mr. Beck, and Mr. John M. Moore, of the commission, to get together and report.

A large number of prominent citizens were present and listened to the discussion.

The attitude of the commissioners could not be learned, but it was thought they received the proposition with favor, at least.

Mr. William Jones, chairman of the water commission, presided.

Mr. Beck was called upon to outline his plan, and opened the discussion. He pointed out that the scheme, as much as that of the citizens' committee, who backed him up on them, last, as it was his own. In January he asked that the people delay a year, he asked on the bylaw then submitted, and he asked on the bylaw then submitted, and he asked on the bylaw then submitted.

It was not his intention, he declared, to discuss the merits of the scheme then submitted, except that he desired to refer to the report of the committee, which had instructed his engineers to go over the Kilworth scheme, and show as to the cost of getting the water to the reservoir and other features, in order to have a basis of comparison.

Mr. Beck would not apologize for his action in regard to the attitude he assumed on the question. Personally he was highly gratified at the results so far, and on his own observations, as well as the reports of experts, he was willing to go still further with the proposition.

The Offer.

Mr. J. C. Judd, K. C., then read Mr. Beck's offer regarding the wells, which was as follows:

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THE TORONTO SYNOD.

Toronto, May 13.—The Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston this morning authorized the division of the Presbytery of North Bay. The northern part of the presbytery will henceforth be known as the Presbytery of Temiskaming, and the southern part will keep its present name of North Bay. In considering the report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, the presbytery passed a resolution that the fund should be brought more prominently to the attention of the members of the church, and expressing the opinion that all ministers of the church should be on the fund.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, May 13—8 a.m.

Moderate southeast to southwest winds; generally fair and moderately warm; a few scattered showers or thunderstorms during the night or on Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Low. High.

London. 42. 36. 54.

Calgary. 42. 36. 54.

Winnipeg. 42. 36. 54.

Fort Arthur. 42. 36. 54.

Perry Sound. 42. 36. 54.

Ottawa. 42. 36. 54.

Quebec. 42. 36. 54.

Father Point. 42. 36. 54.

Victoria. 42. 36. 54.

Vancouver. 42. 36. 54.

Edmonton. 42. 36. 54.

Battleford. 42. 36. 54.

Prince Albert. 42. 36. 54.

Mooselaw. 42. 36. 54.

Qu'Appelle. 42. 36. 54.

St. John. 42. 36. 54.

Halifax. 42. 36. 54.

UNITED KINGDOM LEADS IN COMMERCE.

Washington, May 13.—A new record for the international commerce of the world was established in 1907, according to the statistical abstract of the United States, prepared by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. This abstract puts the total exports of the various countries and colonies of the world in that year at \$14,000,000,000, and the imports at \$16,000,000,000.

Ten countries contributed more than two-thirds of the total. On the export side the United Kingdom headed the list with \$3,073,000,000; the United States coming next with \$2,825,000,000; Germany next, with \$1,629,000,000, and France fourth, with \$1,080,000,000. On the import side, the United Kingdom again headed the list with \$3,143,000,000, Germany coming second with \$2,082,000,000; France third with \$1,201,000,000, and the United States fourth, with \$1,194,000,000.

In the year under consideration, Canada took 58 per cent of her imports from the United States.

MOVE TO COMBINE PLANTS NIAGARA POWER AND WATER

If the City Does Not Purchase the Power House of The London Electric Company May Build One For Itself in Connection With the Artesian Well Scheme.

If the artesian well scheme is adopted, it is quite probable that the city's Niagara power distribution plant will be located in the same building as the pumping plant.

The proposition is being considered, and it is being received with satisfaction among the aldermen, as this would probably reduce the cost of operating the water plant as well as reduce the cost of power to a certain extent.

Electrical Engineer Sifton is at work on the plans, and they will be submitted for the consideration of the water commissioners, provided the Beck proposition is favorably received.

The transmission wires would follow the course of the river to the distribution plant. The reason of this is that the land is cheap, and the territory not densely populated, thus making the Beck proposition is favorably received.

Customers on Line.

Along this line would be located several of the city's probable customers. The transformer station would be located at the eastern limits of the city, the exact location not being known.

From that station wires would be carried to the London Asylum for the Insane, to be used there.

"Yes, we are working on that scheme," said Ald. Stewart. "I think the idea is commendable in every particular. We would save a great deal of money by joining the plants, both in land, and in construction. In addition, the plants could be handled with fewer men than if they were two separate gangs, and the city would save money through the water commission and the Niagara power commission. Mr. Sifton is getting plans ready, and if the water commissioners are favorably with the Beck idea, then we can do something with our scheme."

A FORMER ST. THOMAS MAN MURDERED AT GLOUCESTER, N.Y.

James Purdy and a Companion, John Whitelaw, Killed By Tramps and Dead Bodies Found in an Abandoned Tallow House.

St. Thomas, Ont., May 13.—The body of James Purdy, formerly of St. Thomas, and that of a companion, named John Whitelaw, were discovered in an abandoned tallow house at Gloucester, N. Y., today. Near by was a shovel and an iron bar, both covered with blood.

Purdy, who was an iron-worker, and about 40 years of age, had a letter in his pocket, which contained a money order for \$25 from St. Thomas. It is believed that the two men were murdered by tramps.

W.O.B.A. TOURNEY BEGINS JULY 26

Date Decided Upon at a Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

VICTORIA CUP CONTEST

Rules and Regulations Received and Are Deemed Satisfactory—No Substitutes This Year.

The W. O. B. A. tourney will be held on the week beginning July 26.

At the meeting of the executive yesterday it was decided to set this date, and the first round of the tourneys will be held at that time.

There was an enthusiastic representation of members at the meeting. President J. C. Waddell, of Petrolia, presided.

The question of the Victoria trophy was considered also. It will be retained by the Cobalt and Cobalt, where he and his father and brothers are largely interested. Mr. George Taylor, his father, is president of the Hudson Bay and Temiskaming Mining Company, which has proved one of the richest properties in the Cobalt district. He is now rated a millionaire.

Mineral Resources.

"I have the greatest faith in the mineral resources of the north," said the Advertiser. "New discoveries of importance are being made continually. Gowganda is going to be a very rich district, and will probably equal, if it does not exceed, Cobalt, there show silver of the richest quality. People want to make sure of what they are going into though before they invest. Like all mining enterprises there are a host of sharks who take advantage of the good things to boom fakes."

Twelve Thousand Claims.

"Gowganda covers a territory very much larger than Cobalt, and already there are more than 12,000 claims staked out there. Some splendid finds have been reported even now, and as that is down a hundred feet, it is in the Temiskaming and Hudson Bay we are down more than 500 feet, there is still being found in large quantities. There is a great rush to the north now, and there are thousands of people out in the bush prospecting."

"It has been found in quite large quantities in the region of Abitibi Lake and nickel is known to exist in great quantities in many places. The northern part of Ontario is simply full of minerals, and no estimate of their value can really be given."

The programme will be the same as last year, pink contests for the Labatt trophy, the Tecumseh trophy, the McNeen trophy, and two sets of Scotch doubles.

The umpires selected were as follows: J. E. Willison, Toronto; W. Jackson, Clinton; E. A. Horton, St. Thomas; W. Barley, Mitchell; Dr. Roberts, Brampton; E. Seagram, Waterville; and John Croft, Bothwell.

The tournament committee was (Continued on Page Nine.)

PEOPLE ARE BEHIND THE WELLS REGARD THE SCHEME AS GOOD

DID OPPOSITION BREAK AGREEMENT

Whip Says Conservatives Did Not Stick to Arrangement in Pugsley Debate.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 13.—The story of the snap vote on the Pugsley debate was gone over in the Commons this morning. In effect Mr. Blain, the assistant Conservative Whip, denied, and Mr. Calvert, the chief Liberal Whip, affirmed that there had been a breach of agreement committed by the Conservatives in failing to put up a man to follow Mr. Turgeon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CANDIDATES

Trip-to-Europe Ballots Must Be In By 10 P.M. Next Saturday

NOTE THE CONDITIONS

Contestants in The Advertiser's Great Free Trip Should Carefully Consider Regulations.

As The Advertiser's Free Trip to Europe contest draws to a close, it is well for every candidate to consider carefully the conditions governing it. In all the special inducements features that have been conducted in connection with the competition, some of the contestants have been disappointed, because they did not properly understand the rules. The Advertiser tries to make these as clear as possible, and, having done that, can make no allowance for any misunderstanding that may occur on the part of any candidate. In all these special contests there have been many cases in which votes were sent in to be counted, after it had been distinctly stated that the special offer had been closed. This naturally led to some disappointment, but now, at the close of the contest, the results would be even more serious, as to misunderstand the closing of a large number of votes.

The condition, then, is as follows: All votes must be in this office by 10 o'clock Saturday night. At that hour the postoffice will be closed, and all mail collected, and sharp at 10 o'clock the competition will close, and any votes not on hand will be useless. It is impossible for The Advertiser to consider the time that votes were posted to this office. The only question that will be considered here is, Did they arrive before 10 o'clock Saturday night? And if they did not, then they cannot be counted under any consideration. Candidates will consider themselves a great deal of disappointment by remembering this fact.

Some Interviews.

Among the interviews obtained were the following: Chairman Jones—We will look into the scheme thoroughly, and if there is the quantity of water of the right sort, we will give it fair treatment.

Commissioner Darch—I have nothing to say now. We will give the system a thorough test, and then come to some conclusion.

Mayor Stevely—I have nothing to add to more than I said yesterday. We will treat the scheme on its merits and fairly.

The Council.

Ald. Gerry—The water is there, and the scheme is a good one.

Ald. Stewart—I have little to say, as I have not gone into the matter closely. I think there is water there.

Ald. Fitzgibbon—It is the cheapest water we have had, very close by. I cannot see that we can lose by accepting it.

Ald. Groat—I saw the wells this morning, and there seems to be a good deal of water. I have no other opinion to offer.

Ald. Beattie—I do not see the water and the quality, I do not see why we should not accept the scheme.

Ald. Moorhead—Mr. Beck should be treated fairly with his scheme. I have not studied the matter very closely, but I think that he should be given a show after investigating the matter for so long a time.

Ald. Saunders—I have not taken the matter into my consideration yet, as I have not had time to read about it.

Ald. Cooper—I have been too busy to think about it. I have no opinion whatever on it.

Ald. Rose—I have not gone into the question yet, but I am going down to look over the wells this afternoon. Then I will form an opinion about them.

Ald. Parsons and Ald. Ferguson are out of the city, and Ald. Stevenson could not be reached.

Citizens Committee.

F. E. Leonard—We have the proper solution of the water question. We have now lots of water, and we have water, and an up-to-date plant. Let us get behind it and push it through.

George G. McCormick—I was an out-and-out water man, very close by. I have convinced me that his scheme is the solution of this vexed problem.

A. T. McMahon—It certainly is the cheapest water we have been offered. If the quantity is as large as we have been led to believe I think we can do nothing more than accept it.

John Labatt—I am still convinced, as I have always been, that the solution of the problem was in wells.

J. H. Chapman—I think with proper development it is the scheme, and will solve London's water problem. I was very much pleased with Mr. Beck's proposition and explanation.

T. H. Smallman—I am heartily in favor of the wells. I think the scheme is a good one.

OSGOODE HALL NOTES.

The J. H. Case Trust, the Ontario Company, of Toronto, is suing E. Livingston of Blyth, County of Huron, for the delivery to them of an engine, pump and machinery, claimed to belong to the plaintiffs, and to be unjustly detained by the defendant.

Jacob Andrews of Lucknow, has had a writ issued against George McGavay of Kincardine, claiming damages for alleged false arrest, and malicious prosecution.

LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.

Ottawa, May 13.—Mrs. McLaren, of Portage du Fort, Que., has been missing since Sunday, and it is believed that while temporarily deranged she wandered down to the river and drowned herself. No trace of the body has been found, though dynamite is being used in an effort to raise it.

WARD GUILTY OF STEALING A WHEEL

Was Remanded a Week For Sentence—George Kennedy Was Allowed To Go

QUEER CIRCUMSTANCES

Man Who Was Robbed Was To Be Reimbursed When the Young Fellow Reached Toronto.

William Ward and George Kennedy, the two boys arrested yesterday morning by Detective Egleton, for stealing bicycles, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, and after hearing the evidence the court found Ward guilty, and remanded him for a week for sentence. Kennedy was allowed to go.

Ward pleaded guilty to stealing a wheel from Adams & Tanton's warehouse last week, but said he did not know anything about the other theft. In the box he stated that he was a Canadian nine years ago when he was 9 years old. First he worked on a farm in the Muskoka district, later he removed to Grey County, and then to Carleton Place, and then to this city.

He arrived here about a month ago and has worked at odd jobs.

What He Understood.

Ward said he understood Mr. Tanton to say that if he could find the wheel he would get a dollar for doing it. Upon close cross-examination, however, he admitted that he had taken the wheel, and then was afraid to take it back, and had tried to get it changed from a lady's to a gentleman's, and then not having the money to pay for it, he had tried to sell it. He also admitted taking the wheel of Mr. Tanton from the office of Kernohan's lumber yard.

Kennedy's Evidence.

Young Kennedy stated in the box that his home was near Ottawa, and that he came up last October on a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Gooderich, of Carleton Place. He met Ward while there, and determined to come to the city with him even though his grandmother told him not to, as Ward was a bad companion, and would get him into trouble. He said that Ward had asked him to sell the wheel. Witness thought at the time it was stolen, and told Ward so, but Ward said it was his wheel. He said Ward had \$47 in a bank in Toronto and they were going there after selling the wheel to get the money, and pay Mr. Tanton, and then go on to Montreal and try and learn a trade in some shop.

A Straight Story.

The court told Kennedy that he thought he was telling a straight story, and advised him to go home to his grandmother. The boy said he owed \$6 for board and wanted to pay that before he went away from the city. He explained that he was making \$4 50 a week. The court thought it would take him a long time to pay it at that rate, and Kennedy said he thought he would write to his father near Ottawa and get him to send money to pay his board and take him home.

FORGED TIME CHECKS.

Hamilton, May 12.—John Hyde was this morning sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary on the three charges of forging T. H. and B. Railway time checks. He was employed by the company for some years, but about a year ago worked the dummy workman game on the company and got away with a good-sized sum of money. He fled to the States, but was recently deported to Canada as an undesirable citizen, the police officials meeting him at the Bridge Head and taking him in charge. Hyde pleaded guilty to the three charges.

MAURICE HEALY BARRED.

London, May 13.—The Nationalist members of the House of Commons in meeting yesterday adopted a resolution proposed by John E. Redmond, declining to admit Maurice Healy to membership in the party. Maurice Healy is a brother of Timothy Healy. He defeated the official candidate in the by-election for a member of Parliament from Cork, held on May 1.

NEW CHURCH FOR TALBOT ST. BAPTISTS

Matter Was Proposed and Favorably Received by Meeting Held Last Night

DISPOSE OF OLD CHURCH

Whole Subject Will Be Thoroughly Gone Into at a Meeting To Be Held in June.

At a largely attended business meeting of the members of the Talbot Street Baptist Church last evening the question of building a new church was brought forward.

It was unanimously decided that the present church is far too small to accommodate the growing congregation.

It was proposed that steps be taken to dispose of the church and grounds, and secure a site and erect a large and handsome edifice.

This idea met with general favor, and it was decided to ask all members to be present at the next regular business meeting, which will be held in June, when the matter will be presented to them fully and some definite action taken.

It is stated that when the church is built it will be one of London's largest and best-appointed churches.

KINRADE INQUEST MAY BE REOPENED

Foreman and Majority of Jury Urging Attorney-General's Department To Act at Once.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, May 13.—That Foreman R. B. Spera and a majority of the jury which investigated the murder of Ethel Kinrade is prepared to go to great lengths to urge the Attorney-General's department to make a move at once, is evident from the fact that a scheme is now on foot to try and have the inquest reopened. If the Ontario cabinet does not approve of the recommendations which are reported to have been made by the crown authorities, Foreman Spera and his colleagues will move tomorrow. Coroner Anderson has already suggested that one of the jurors' advisability of meeting at his house to confer. H. F. Stenbaugh, one of the jurors, declared today that he had prepared a verdict, so strong, that the department could not have afforded to ignore it. Eight or ten jurors, he said, would have supported it. He intimated that it would have pointed out that the evidence failed to show that there was a man in the house the afternoon Ethel Kinrade was murdered.

LOCAL BANK CLEARINGS GREATER THAN IN 1908

But Somewhat Smaller Than Last Week—Better Times Than a Year Ago.

Local bank clearings for the week ended today show a decrease as compared with the clearings of last week, but an increase over the figures for the corresponding week of a year ago.

For the week ending May 13, the total was \$1,167,987, against \$1,388,024 for last week.

For the week ending May 13, 1908, the bank clearings in London totalled \$1,148,095.