

BECK LIKELY CHOICE OF CITY CONSERVATIVES

EXPECT SIR ADAM BECK
WILL BE CONSERVATIVE
CHOICE IN LOCAL RIDING

Members of Party Will Gather Tonight To Choose Candidate—
Believe "Hydro Knight" Sure of Nomination If He Is
Willing To Accept—Ald. Albert Judd's
Name Is Being Considered.

E. R. DENNIS ALSO MENTIONED FOR POSITION

The Conservative convention claims the public eye tonight. The stage is set, and the principals march on and off as directed from behind the screen. As announced several weeks ago, Sir Adam Beck seems to be the favorite. Supporters of Sir Adam by a preponderance of numbers gained the upper hand in the association, and are determined that if he is to enter the provincial arena at all, it shall be from the London gate-way. They are prepared to battle accordingly tonight, they say, and as a matter of fact, it is assured that all other prospective contenders have been carefully groomed not to speak before their turn.

It is quite apparent that Sir Adam will have first choice, and there can be but one hitch in the well-oiled proceedings—his mental decline. There is no positive assurance as yet that Sir Adam would accept the local standard despite the fact that the impression is general that he desires to be in the race somewhere. It is quite possible that he feels he should enter the contest where his chances seem more hopeful.

Offer Accommodation.

Sir Adam has a nomination in two or three ridings without having to fight for it, his supporters say, adding that even an accommodation in Toronto is forthcoming the moment he gives the signal.

But if Sir Adam withdraws from the contest at the psychological moment, calculations will be but momentarily upset. There are others ready, including Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee of the city council.

Undisturbed by the endeavors of the Beck organizers, the Juddites have only retired to their corner, after most persistent urging, and they are ill content to remain there, especially if there is any chance whatever of Sir Adam relinquishing his seat on the band-wagon.

Dennis Mentioned.

Then there is E. R. Dennis, one-time "chief whip" of the local association, and upon whom has rested a great responsibility for maintaining a semblance of a party in London. Through the internal strife of bygone years, ex-President Dennis has fought to hold together the shattered battalions, and while he has publicly announced his political retirement, others feel that he is entitled to some party recognition.

In addition to these three, there are other prospects. Among others who may be nominated are ex-Mayor J. Cameron Wilson, S. F. Lawson, and Dr. A. S. Grant. All members of the association concede, however, that those who exercise judgment would bet upon the candidates in the following order: 1. Sir Adam Beck; 2. Ald. Albert Judd; 3. E. R. Dennis.

URGES BAPTISTS VOTE
FOR DRY CANDIDATES

Resolution Commending O.T. A. Passed At Brantford Conference.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, May 24.—At the B. Y. P. U. conference in session here today, three resolutions were placed before the convention and carried unanimously. The first was commending the O. T. A., pledging its support and asking all delegates to vote for those candidates who were pronounced in favor of it. This resolution also called for Dominion-wide prohibition.

The second resolution approved of the educational work carried on by McMaster University and urging extension to include short courses of religious training for young people. The third dealt with the appreciation of hospitality and entertainment afforded to the convention.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Rev. N. R. McLeod, pastor of Shenstone Baptist Church, Brantford; vice-president, Rev. L. W. Shelley, Kitchener; Rev. Hellman, Ottawa; and Rev. O. L. Raymer of Toronto; secretary-treasurer, W. Fred Reynolds of Brockville (9th year); superintendent of sacred literature, Rev. N. of Brockville (9th year); superintendent of Bible readers course, Rev. V. J. Towers of Toronto; missionary education, Rev. H. Merritt, Preston; junior department, Miss Lucas, St. Thomas; superintendent of leagues, Rev. Dickson Burns, Toronto.

Rev. M. L. Orchard of Winnipeg gave a most stirring address to the young people tonight on choosing a life work, asking the auditors to make their decisions to have a world-wide view in the choice they made.

The conference has been the most successful in the history of the B. Y. P. U. In place of the 1,400 delegates expected the number who registered reached 1,510.

DRURY AND FERGUSON
TOUR NORTH RIDINGS

Importance of These Constituencies Seen by Party Leaders.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, May 24.—The critical importance of the northern and north-western constituencies as factors in the present Ontario provincial election campaign is evidenced by the attention given in the parties, particularly by Hon. E. C. Drury, the U. F. O. government leader, and Hon. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservative opposition. Mr. Ferguson has been campaigning in the scattered ridings of New Ontario for more than a week, and Mr. Drury has also made a few "one-night stands" in the north in defense of the record of his government.

While party nomination conventions were held in some of the constituencies of the province yesterday, there was, on the whole, somewhat of a lull in the campaign as a result of holiday celebrations. In the country ridings the farmer politicians of all parties are enjoying a splendid spring plowing and planting weather, and it is expected that there will be a big revival of campaigning next week to continue up until the date of election on June 25.



LONDON SCHOOL GIRLS AFOOT.

The athletic young woman of the present day is in evidence in the London Collegiate as evidenced by the accompanying photograph taken by The Advertiser staff photographer of a group of London Collegiate girls on a "hike" to Springbank.

AUTO JOY PARTY
ENDS WITH JAIL
FOR THE DRIVER

Garfield Hodgins Sent Down
For Seven Days Without
Fine Option.

REMAND FOR THEFT

Albert McKeown Says Drug
Crave Caused Him To Steal
Two Purses.

Garfield Hodgins, charged with driving a car when he was under the influence of liquor on May 23, was sentenced to seven days in jail in police court this morning. Police evidence showed that on the evening of May 23rd Hodgins was driving a car on Greenfield avenue, near the second cove. He was found sitting at the wheel trying to start the car, and apparently not in a position to do so.

P. C. McMaster, who made the arrest, stated that there were five men in the car, including Hodgins, and they were all drunk. Police Constables Williams and Ayres, who were present at the arrest, confirmed this evidence. Garfield admitted being intoxicated, but denied that he was driving the car. He was sentenced to seven days. Four other men who were in the car with him were sentenced to a fine of \$10 or ten days.

Albert McKeown, charged with stealing two purses, one from Norman Thompson containing \$10 or \$15 and the other from William Arnold, a \$25, pleaded guilty to both counts. He admitted that he was suffering from the drug craze and said that it was the overpowering desire for the drug that prompted these thefts. He promised to go anywhere he might be taken care of, if given the chance. Magistrate Macdonald remanded him for one week to see if some arrangements could be made.

Joseph Hynd and W. J. Bullard were fined \$5 and costs for speeding. Albert Howard, E. Kalane and Albert Lismore paid \$2 each for minor breaches of the city by-laws. Yaboon Larzavitch was dismissed on a charge of driving a car without a license, and the case against Alfred Henderson of reckless driving was also dismissed. It was stated by the police that Henderson was driving with one arm around a girl. Henderson complained that he had strained his arm playing ball. In dismissing the case the court remarked that this was rather an unsatisfactory cure for strained arm and advised the use of both hands in future.

Stanley Shaw parked his car without lights, but was able to prove to the satisfaction of the court that the lights had been on when he left the car. In proof of which he produced a garage bill of repairs. "Oh, well, I'll dismiss the case this time, but I can't pay your bill for you," said the court.

Charles Bell, charged with having liquor in his possession, was remanded for a week.

GERMANS TO VISIT MEXICO.

Associated Press Despatch.

Potsdam, May 25.—Dr. Hans Luedendorff, brother of the famous general, will head an expedition of German scientists to Mexico this year to observe the total eclipse of the sun on September 10.

Ask Citizens Aid Athletes
To Make Trip To Montreal

Collegiate Team Needs More Funds—Are You Anxious To
Increase Sport Interest in London?

The collegiate track team is going to Montreal today to take part in the first Dominion intercollegiate track meet in McGill stadium there tomorrow but how they are going to eat and sleep while they are there is another question. The combined fares alone to Montreal are slightly over \$200 so unless more civic pride comes to the fore, the boys, some of whom can ill-afford it, will have to dig into their pockets for their meals and sleeping accommodation.

Probably it is not so much lack of pride as lack of organization that makes the present situation what it is, but at any rate, there must be many citizens who believe that the team should go to this big meet, not only because they have an excellent chance of winning but because London as a city ought to have some representation there.

Though the team leaves tonight for the east, the "On to Montreal Fund" will be kept open until Saturday night. Following is a list of subscriptions to date:

From public organizations ... \$125.00

Interclub league 2.00
C. G. 1.00
E. B. S. 1.00
B. J. S. 1.00
"Curley" 1.00
J. M. 25
J. D. 1.00
W. B. M. 1.00
Thistles Girls Basketball Club 2.00
Red 25
Hermits 2.00
S. B. M. 1.00
Oriens 5.00
Newbury 25
Friend 25
The Advertiser 5.00
Middle 8 1.00
Lower 14 and 15 1.00
Middle 5, lower 17 and 15 1.51
Lower 9 and 1185
Flem 10.00
Emerson Nichol 2.00
Garrison Athletic Association 10.00
W. T. L. 2.00
Lower 10 and 12 1.05
Henry B. Ashplant 2.00
Lions Club 5.00
Good Luck 5.00
E. J. C. 1.00
\$125.23

WANTS COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT MEMBER

George Perley Speaks Before
Colonial Institute on
Empire Day.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 25.—George Perley, former Canadian high commissioner in London, in a speech at the Empire Day banquet at the Colonial Institute here last night, repeated the view advanced by him some time ago that the high commissioners of the various dominions should be members of their governments charged with the duty of meeting the ministers of the imperial government whenever occasion demanded.

Sir Robert Horne, former chancellor of the exchequer, who had previously spoken at the banquet, had advocated allowing the empire to continue to grow without the premature intervention of precarious forms of constitution, and this stand was supported by Sir Joseph Cook, Australian high commissioner, who followed Sir George Perley.

"I know of no machinery," declared Sir Joseph Cook, "which would be entirely foolproof. It would be a most dangerous thing to establish settled machinery in view of the transient character of the events of the present era."

CHINAMAN HANGS HIMSELF
IN A HAMILTON CELLAR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, May 25.—An unidentified Chinese was found hanging in the cellar of 193 York street. It is believed to be a case of suicide. It was later learned that the suicide was Chin Chung, who worked at the laundry and resided at 122 Becca street.

"PORT" WAS MECCA
OF MERRY CROWDS
ON THE HOLIDAY

Delightful Weather and Big
Attendance For Opening
of 1923 Season.

THE BABY SHOW

Many Entries in Keenly Con-
tested Event—Fine List
of Races.

Port Stanley, May 25.—The officials and those who attended the opening of the Port Stanley summer season for 1923 unite in declaring it one of the greatest days in the history of London's lakeside resort. Clear weather, coupled with just sufficient warmth from the sun, were the big factors in making the 24th one of the outstanding gala days, and it will linger in the memories of many as the most enjoyable day they have spent in years.

The recollections of love for Queen Victoria were clearly shown by the hundreds of flags which waved in the breeze in memory of Britain's greatest queen, and not a house or pavilion either at the park or in the village, but carried a message of loyalty and devotion to empire.

The arrangements for handling the immense traffic and the amusement of the crowds which thronged the park, were carried through without a single hitch by the L. & P. S. railway commission, and nothing untoward happened to mar the fun of the thousands who journeyed to port. Owing to the fact that the incline railway could not be put into commission it was necessary to abandon the idea of using Inverness Heights as a campus on which to stage the baby show and other special events which were put on for the entertainment of the people.

The heights thronged.

The lack of the incline railway did not deter hundreds of picnickers, who, noting daunted, climbed the stairs to the heights and found to their delight that the new picnic grounds was even better than promised. This spot is considered to be one of the most beautiful in all Western Ontario, and those who took the trouble of ascending the heights declare that it was well worth the exertion. There was not a moment let up in the fun and merrymaking, and from the time of the first arrivals in the early morning until late at night, the joy of the crowds ran unimpeded.

The W. O. R. Band gave a splendid concert on the board walk and their music was enjoyed by all who heard it. Bathing was enjoyed by some, but the season will have to wait a trifle before this great attraction will carry a general appeal. However, the weather was so hardy perennials who felt that it would not be right to forego their swim on the 24th and led by "Uncle" Bill Moore, they sallied into the cool waters of Lake Erie. The concessions and booths did a great business for, although the weather was not uncomformably warm, there was a feeling that a picnic is not a picnic unless pink lemonade and ice cream comes go hand in hand with the rest of the fun.

The newly-finished Casino was a great attraction, and all through the afternoon and evening hundreds danced to the entrancing strains of Lombardo's orchestra.

Baby Show.

The outstanding feature of the day was the first of the series of baby shows, which have been arranged by the L. & P. S., and which will culminate in the presentation of a 500 pound baby in the Northern Life Insurance Company to the finest baby elected by popular vote at the close of the summer's series. In yesterday's contest 34 babies were entered in the ten events, and a finer lot of babies was never assembled. The winner of the first prize silver cup was baby Arthur G. Elliot, son of Mrs. Gladys Elliot, of London Junction. The winner is a handsome little chap of 17 months. The second prize, a silver spoon, was presented to Ernest H. Plin of Mrs. Grace Plin of Sheddin. The winners in the other contests were: Best girl (6 months), Gwen, daughter of Mrs. Elaine Munroe, London; Best boy (6 months), Myrtle, daughter of Mrs. Elaine Munroe, London; Annie, daughter of Mrs. William Smith, London; Olive, daughter



CHARLES M. MACFIE.

Prominent Parkhill resident, chosen Wednesday at Alisa Craig to represent the Liberal party in West Mid-

dlessex.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED
WHEN ROPE BREAKS

Workmen Are Fatally Crushed
While Laboring at Maline
Island.

Special to The Advertiser.

Grande Decharge Works, Lake St. John, Que., May 25.—Two men were killed here yesterday when a steel rope used to operate the arms of one of the dredges broke and crushed two workmen. D. O. Cluny, of New Brunswick, and Pamphile Marcoux of Chicoutimi. The accident, which is the first recorded since the gigantic \$15,000,000 works were in progress, occurred May 24th, while Marcoux survived a few minutes.

of Mrs. Norman Jenkins, Gammage street, London.

Baby, either sex, one year—Alma, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Heir, 53 Cavendish street, London; Verna, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Bradley, 217 Colborne street, London.

Baby girl, six months, not over one year—Amy, daughter of Mrs. Florence Dibbs, 145 High street, London; Olive, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Angus, 261 Wellington street, London.

Baby boy, six months to one year—Glen Proud, 10 Leila street, St. Thomas, and Robert Booth, 715 Adelaide street, London.

Baby twins, not over two years—Alma Tapp and Lillian Tapp, daughters of Mrs. Margaret Tapp, 141 High street, London. No seconds.

Heaviest girl, six months to one year—Annie, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Austen, 1060 Mabel street, London; and Florence Dibbs, daughter of Mrs. Amy Dibbs, 145 High street, London.

Dark-eyed baby, two years and under—Violet May O'Dell, daughter of Mrs. Ethel O'Dell, 715 Princess avenue, London; June Steen and Vera Stedolph, London.

Blue-eyed baby, two years and under—Edward Ward, daughter of Mrs. Ward, 60 Rectory street; Hazel Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, 15 Southgate street, London.

Races.

Boys' 15-yard dash, under 10—H. Douglas, 73-year dash, under 10—Lucy Wilson, Port Stanley, and Edith Aitkens, London.

100-yard dash, boys, 10-15—Howard Pollock, London, and George Aitkens, London.

100-yard dash, men, over 21—W. Slade and V. Midland, London.

Three-legged race—G. Green, London, and E. McDonald, St. Thomas. W. Pollock and G. Aitkens, London. Pillow fight in barrels—Jeffery Gordon, London, and Jack Brown, St. Thomas.

Box and shoes, boys, 14—George Aitkens and D. Stewart, London. Water-carrying race, boys, 14—Hugh Douglas, London, and F. Paupst, St. Thomas race, boys, 13—H. Pollock, London, and G. Aitkens, London. Sack race, boys, 16—W. Johnston, London, and M. McDougall, St. Thomas.

WENIGE MAY RUN
FOR LOCAL HOUSE
IF BECK IN FIELD

Mayor Suggests L. & P. S.
Pay List May Become
an Issue.

WANTS THE FACTS

Thinks Sir Adam Should
Answer Allegation of With-
holding Information.

If the London & Port Stanley pay list is not available before provincial nomination day, and Sir Adam Beck is then in the field as a candidate, it is not improbable that the lack of this information will become one of the issues of the day.

This was the frank intimation today from Mayor Wenige, who questioned point-blank whether the "hydro knight" would not go down to a smashing defeat before a candidate (yet unnamed) who would come out in the open and demand more information in connection with the expenditures of the London and Port Stanley railway.

"Why not make this an issue?" questioned his worship. "I don't mean the pay list affair alone, but the question of full information that the citizens of London are entitled to in connection with their own road. What then would Sir Adam Beck's stand be? 'Would he still maintain that each citizen should have to go to him individually to seek such data as he might be entitled to. In that case, the poor fellow would have to answer next June 25, and that would settle this question definitely in this community for all time to come."

Mayor Wenige has already declined the nomination as an independent candidate in this riding, but The Advertiser has been informed, however, that the event of Sir Adam Beck's candidature he could be induced to oppose him.

His worship takes direct issue with the "hydro knight" in respect to the latter's claim that the publication of wage and salary lists would be detrimental to public ownership, which, he maintains, should be the act of withholding information of any nature is the very thing to excite the suspicions of the electorate, whether everything is right or otherwise.

HALTON PROHIBITION
PARTY IS FOR DRY

Will Support Him as Prohibitionist Irrespective of Other
Considerations.

Special to The Advertiser.

Milton, May 25.—The provincial election campaign in Halton is warming up. The prohibitionists of Halton County are holding a big convention in Milton today with E. H. Cleaver of Burlington, president of the association, as chairman. It is said the association will organize for the election campaign in the interests of Premier Drury, U. F. O. candidate for the county of Halton, who has announced himself as an out-and-out prohibitionist.

The Ladies' Liberal Association of Milton held a well attended meeting on Wednesday to organize for the general election campaign in the interests of the Liberal candidate, George Town, who is the Liberal candidate for Halton, and for whom vigorous fight will be made.

E. H. Cleaver of Burlington, president of the Halton Prohibition Association, and defeated Liberal candidate, has written Mr. Dale stating that he cannot support him on the ground that he, Mr. Dale, is not a prohibitionist.

In conversation with The Advertiser, Mr. Dale said that the election campaign in Halton is a very peculiar one, that there is to be a big issue voted on June 25, and that three candidates are finding it hard to ever to canvass.

THINK RUSSIAN NOTE
WILL LEAD TO PARLEY

Liberal Papers of London
Say British Demands
Met.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 24.—The latest Russian note is received favorably by Liberal newspapers, which say it concedes Great Britain's demands on the main issues involved, removes any ground for even talk of a breach between the two nations. It ought to mark, this section of the press believes, a distinct change in the relations between Great Britain and Russia, and it certainly opens the way to discussion. The extreme views are further softened by the fact that would imply recognition of Soviet Government, while the Journal dwells on its "sanity, self-restraint and broad humanity," and "hopes to a world sick with death."

The Times voices the opinion that the note does not comply with Curzon's terms, and that it makes no unconditional concession on one only. "The government," says the Times, "will doubtless insist resolutely on complete fulfillment of Lord Curzon's demands."

THE GUMPS—A LEAP IN THE DARK

