

FAVORS BUYING FACTORY SITES IN ST. THOMAS

Chamber of Commerce Indorse Proposal to Provide Industrial Section.

CITY HOLDS OPTION

Two Properties, Comprising 78 Acres, Are Close To Railroads.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 9.—Members of the local chamber of commerce to the number of 200 and more unanimously indorsed the scheme for the purchase by the city of two tracts of land east of the city as an industrial site, at the first meeting of the Forum of that body Friday night.

It is proposed by the city council to place a bylaw before the people at the municipal elections on Jan. 1, to provide for the purchase of the Marlatt property, and property owned by the Elgin Golf and Country Club, consisting of 29 acres each, and lying side by side, which it is believed will answer admirably for industrial development purposes. At a special meeting of the city council Friday night the bylaw was drafted and given its first reading.

The property is bounded on the north by the G. T. R. Wabash tracks, on the east, formerly speaking, by the C. P. R., and on the south by the Talbot road, with the M. C. R. a stone's throw away. The proximity of the property to the city, and the railway facilities make it an ideal site for factory purposes.

The city already holds options on the properties, with the Marlatt offered at \$18,000 and the Golf Club property at \$12,000. If the bylaw carries on Jan. 2, immediate action will be taken to close the deal, as the option expires on Jan. 15.

Few objections to the proposal were advanced at the Forum meeting. It was pointed out that securing of the property was the only way to prevent speculators from holding desirable properties for exorbitant prices when industrial concerns sought locations in the city. Such a thing had been done in the past, it was said, and several firms had been prevented from coming to the city.

The price was considered by everyone as reasonable.

The appointment of W. R. Johnston as auditor for the chamber of commerce was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the forum.

Loses Still He Purchased In U. S. and Must Pay \$100 Fine.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WOODSTOCK, Dec. 9.—Moses Innes of Drumbo purchased a "mill" of modern construction in the United States. It came into Canada at Winnipeg and was delivered unaltered to Moses' home at Drumbo. Customs Officer Killings visited Innes' place recently and found the still, but it had been carefully replaced in the box in which it had been received. Today Innes was charged with having a still illegally in his possession and of having failed to notify the revenue officers of its presence.

ARREST 5 BOYS ON BURGLARY CHARGES

Youngsters Alleged To Have Broken Into Stores and School.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 9.—Five boys, ranging in age from twelve to fifteen years, were arrested Friday evening and lodged in the local police cells on robbery charges. It is alleged that on different occasions during the past week members of the gang broke into several stores and the Wellington Street School.

Thursday night the gang entered Richardson's, butcher store on Ross street by means of a skeleton key and stole several cans of lobsters. Earlier in the week some of the boys are alleged to have entered McMurty's hardware store by climbing through a window over the door, and stole several flashlights.

On Friday the gang is said to have robbed the Wellington Street School of the children's milk fund and to have committed other petty thieving. The robbery of the school led to the arrest of two of the boys, who gave information leading to the arrest of the other three. They will appear for trial Saturday.

Income tax statistics show there are only four persons in Illinois with an income of over \$1,000,000 annually.

Morning glory seed, said to be 5,000 years old, was found in the hand of an Egyptian mummy.

CAPTURES JAIL AFTER LOCKING GUARD IN CELL

Condemned Slayer Disarms Warden and Flees With Six Pals.

ARKANSAS TERRORIZED

Modern Jesse James Calmly Motors To Liberty After Gun Battle.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, desperado, came to the end of his long career of crime tonight in the fastness of the Saline County hills. He was shot from behind by one of the white men with whom he fled to liberty from the state penitentiary here this morning.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, condemned murderer and the most feared desperado since Jesse James, captured the state prison today and threw open the gates, inviting all the convicts to flee. He then calmly motored to liberty, accompanied by six fellow-prisoners, after having ruled supreme in the penitentiary for five hours.

Before leaving Slaughter locked up the convicts that did not dare follow him, herded the warden and his family into a death cell, and left the guards disarmed, raving and helpless. Intercepted by possees at Benton and Lonsdale, Slaughter engaged in gun battles with them and eluded capture. He is believed heading for his old haunts in Texas and Oklahoma. The whole countryside is up in arms.

Slaughter made his escape from a death cell, where he was waiting to be electrocuted a week from today, for killing a trusty at a prison farm last December. After a revolver was smuggled to him by a friend he regained liberty. When Herman Vozelle and Tony Coppersmith, guards, approached Slaughter's cell to give him a blanket, he said he was too sick to get off his cot.

A Sudden Recovery.

Vozelle handed his gun to Coppersmith and slid back the grating. Instantly Slaughter leaped to his feet and thrust the nose of his gun at Coppersmith. "Drop that gun, Tony, or I'll kill you," he said. He took the guard's gun, and with a pistol in each hand marched them before him to the second floor of the stockade, where he disarmed another guard.

Forcing the guards to lie on the floor, Slaughter then proceeded to open the cell doors all along the tier. He invited the convicts to accompany him. Six volunteered—five negroes and a white man. The rest he locked up again.

The outlaw then went to the residence of the warden, herding his captives and his allies with him. When this gang appeared, Warden Dempsey came out and was told by Slaughter—at the point of a gun—that there was "no need for anxiety, everything will be all right."

He marched Warden Dempsey, his wife and daughters to the death cell recently occupied by himself and locked them up, amid profuse apologies. "I will send you up some coffee," he promised them, and a few minutes later one of Slaughter's gang thrust a pot of coffee through the grating.

In full control of the prison, all guards having been fastened by Slaughter in his cell—without a chance for resistance—the desperadoes then went back to the stockades, and, discarding their prison garb, arrayed themselves in clothing found there. They also helped themselves to arms and ammunition.

Working slowly and methodically, Slaughter next directed the removal of tires from all automobiles in the prison yard except from the one he intended to use—a Ford sedan. Crowded in this vehicle the outlaw and his newly formed band rode to liberty, through the yawning prison gates. The guard's sounded an alarm after the gang got away, and soon possees were scouring the country.

The first clash was at Lonsdale, 40 miles from here, where a sheriff's posse lay in ambush. When the shooting started the Slaughter gang put the posse to flight, but nobody was wounded. Between Benton and Lonsdale, on the Hot Springs Pike, the bandits abandoned the automobile. A posse came on the car and picked up the trail of the gang through the woods.

Partners are in terror, Slaughter has repeatedly escaped, and shown a cold-blooded contempt for human life. His record includes the killing of Deputy Sheriff Roy Brown at Hot Springs, in addition to the murder of Elias Addison, the trustee at the prison farm.

TO GET DIPLOMAS MONDAY EVENING

[Special to The Advertiser.]
STRATFORD, Dec. 9.—Six-hundred will graduate from the Stratford Hospital this year. The graduation exercises take place Monday evening at the Majestic Theatre, where Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., of Toronto will speak. The graduates are Misses McLeod, Culbert, Meadows, Drummond, Bullard and Henry.

At the country council today the report of the educational committee was adopted, recommending that the following claims be filled: Milverton continuation school, \$1,365.27; Tavistock continuation school, \$308.82; and New Hamburg continuation school, \$182.80. The Mitchell-Listowel High School will receive an advance of \$1,000 on account of 1921, providing the country rate is paid before the end of the year.

Word has been received from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, intimating that there would likely be another reduction of 10 cents per thousand in fire insurance on the building rate of all dwellings in Stratford. The Trades and Labor Council has decided not to take any part in the municipal elections this year. In the past few years there has been a labor slate, but the candidate received only scant and varying support.

Thunder will sometimes kill oysters. Pelicans swallowing catfish are often killed by the fins of the fish. An Arab will not walk on the street with his wife. Italians are turning to Asia Minor as a source of food.

The "Forgive Germany" Ranter!



"Why John Bull, how can you expect this poor fellow in such pitiable condition, to pay his war debts?"

Reject Sir Adam Beck's Plea For Six-Track Right-of-Way

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—Declaring that the Toronto harbor commissioners favored radial railroads and were strong for public ownership, R. Home Smith, chairman of the harbor board, informed the city council this afternoon that the board had refused Sir Adam Beck's request for a six-track right-of-way along the waterfront, and instead had decided to give a double-track right-of-way because the board feared that in the course of time politicians would "play politics" with the Ontario Hydro Power Commission's radial projects.

Mr. Smith stated he had faith in Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission, but warned the council that the commission without Sir Adam as chairman might give the city of Toronto the worst of it.

The chairman of the harbor board gave warning that in his opinion the Harbor Commission were just waiting a chance to change the personnel of the hydro commission.

No matter which party got into power in Ontario, Mr. Smith charged it would play politics with the radial railway question at the expense of Toronto's interests.

PROTESTS PAYING LEVY FOR ROADS

St. Thomas Council Wants Suburban Area System Abolished.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 9.—Co-operating with Sir Adam Beck, Thomas will protest to the provincial government against contributing towards the construction and maintenance of suburban roads as called for under the suburban road act. "The government will be asked to abolish the system entirely."

This decision was reached by the city council following a receipt of a letter from the council in Sarina calling for united action on the part of the cities in protesting against the alleged injustice on the part of the cities in protesting against the alleged injustice.

It was pointed out that this year St. Thomas will be forced to spend more than \$1,000,000 on the construction of more than twenty miles of road leading to the city.

REVISION COURT CUTS ASSESSMENT

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 9.—Approximately \$1,000 will be cut from the assessments in this city as the result of appeals made to the court of revision against the assessments made by Commissioner J. P. Fieck this year. During an inter-venient session of several days' length, during which 85 appeals were considered, reductions were allowed in 41 cases.

The greater part of the appeals were made on private residences and in almost every instance the reductions made averaged \$200 or \$300. A reduction of \$700 was made on the property of the St. Thomas Bowling Club on Metcalfe street. The sum of \$300 was added to the assessment of the H. T. Gough's building at 45 Scott street.

PERRON MAY TRY FOR PREMIERSHIP

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Rumors here state that Hon. J. L. Perron, minister of roads in the provincial government, is slated for the premiership of the province at an early date, that Hon. L. A. Taschereau will resign to become chief justice of the supreme court, replacing Sir Louis H. Davies, who will retire.

MAY NOT WANT IMPORTANT POST

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—A Halifax special to the Star says: "It is understood in some political circles here that Mr. Fielding may decline to accept a heavy portfolio such as that of finance, if offered it by Premier-Elect Mackenzie King, owing to the advance years, but may accept one of those in which the duties are less arduous."

PEARSON WIRES KING GREETINGS BEFORE DEATH

Canada's Premier-Elect Is Shocked by Tragic End of London Publisher.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(By Canadian Press).—To receive from St. Dunstan's a cable of congratulation on his election and the return of his party, and then within a few hours read in a newspaper of the tragic death of the sender of the message, was the unusual and distressing experience of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect, today.

During the forenoon Mr. King received the following cablegram, dated London, Dec. 9: "Most cordial congratulations from myself and the blinded men of St. Dunstan's in whom you have shown so kindly an interest. (Signed) ARTHUR PEARSON"

A few hours after the receipt of the cable Mr. King was shocked to read in the evening newspapers of Sir Arthur Pearson's death by drowning in his bathtub.

TO PRESENT MEMORIALS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—A memorial plaque and scroll are to be presented to the next of kin of members of the Canadian Mercantile Marine who lost their lives through enemy action while serving during the period of the war on British ships; also to next of kin of British members of the crews of neutral or allied vessels under the direct control of the admiralty or ministry of shipping.

In an official announcement in this week's Canada Gazette nineteen grades of next of kin are shown. In case there are no relatives, however, the memorial may be awarded to someone who acted in loco parentis, or to a fiancée. The distribution is to be in the hands of the department of marine and fisheries.

The Gazette also announces that the British war medals and mercantile marine medals are now ready for distribution by the department of marine and fisheries.

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DO NOT EXPECT PERSHING VISIT

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—So far as the government of Canada is aware, there is no intimation that Gen. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force, will accompany Marshal Foch on his brief trip to Canada this week-end.

An impression that the leader of the A. E. F. would be here was gained from reports of train movements in the United States, in which it was shown that Gen. Pershing was accompanying the allied leader.

SEEDS.

Save all of the dry sunflower seeds. Your chickens or parrot will delight in them.

INSISTS RUBLE LOAN BE REPAYED IN RUBLES

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A debtor, who, in 1919, borrowed 750,000 Russian rubles, then worth about £78,000, can now repay in full with £50, Judge Russell has decided in the chancery division of the royal courts of justice. However, a stop of execution was granted, with a view to an appeal.

The parties were the British Bank for Foreign Trade, which borrowed the 750,000 rubles from the Russian Commercial and Industrial Bank, against securities, which the borrower now sought to redeem. The lending bank, however, insisted on payment of £78,000 in sterling.

The judge held that the loan was a ruble loan, repayable in rubles, either Imperial Romanoff, Kerensky or Soviet issues, whichever were available. Soviet rubles were quoted at about 60 for a penny at the time of the court's decision.

SEEK HIGHER STANDARD.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 9.—A plea for a higher standard of ethics for the business man, and a warning against a slogan of business for profits when it should be business for service, was the keynote of an address by Capt. Rev. E. Little of Guelph, to the Men's Federation of the Congregational Church this evening.

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HALIFAX LIBERALS DECIDE TO BANQUET FIELDING
HALIFAX, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of executive of the Liberal party held here last night it was decided to give a reception to Hon. W. S. Fielding, former minister of finance and Liberal member-elect for Shelburne-Queens, when he arrives in the city this evening from Shelburne. The reception will take place in the House of Assembly.

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