CITY TO SEEK POWER TO BUILD $200,000 OF SEWERS

WOULD BUILD SEWERS TO COST ABOUT $200,000

Proposed to Seek Permission From Provincial Legislature Through "London" Bill.

TWO-YEAR PERIOD

It has been proposed to seek permission in 1924 from the provincial legislature—through the medium of the city of London bill—to construct about $200,000 worth of storm sewers.

City Engineer Near stated today that should this request be granted, it would not be his idea to undertake the task all in one year. It could be done, but he would favor extending it over a two-year period, in order that sufficient work would be forthcoming for the organization.

The question has yet to be decided, however, by the council, as Ald. May's motion to use the city London bill for this purpose comes up at the next regular session of the council, after the election.

Some members of the council are strongly opposed to the use of the city of London bill except in emergencies—the original purpose of the bill—and would have a $200,000 expenditure voted on by the ratepayers.

MANY TRIANGULAR FIGHTS IN BRITAIN

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fining house, presumably as a leader of the local Socialists, favors a capital levy.

MANY NOMINATIONS.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Nov. 26.—The following candidates were elected without opposition at the official nominations today:

Wandsworth — Putney, Samuel Samuel, Conservative.

Surrey—Eastern, J. F. W. Galbraith, Conservative.

Hythe—Sir Philip Sasoon, Conservative.

Westmorland—Col. J. W. Weston, Conservative.

Kent—Dover, Major The Hon. J. Astor, Conservative.

Bristol—West, Right Hon. G. A. Gibbs, Conservative.

Staffordshire—Burton, Col. J. Gretton, Conservative.

Glamorgan—Ogmore, Vernon Hartshorn, Labor.

Ulster—Belfast East, Capt. H. Dixon, Conservative.

Ulster—Belfast South, T. Moles, Conservative.

Liverpool—Walton, Lieut. Commander Sir H. Chilcott, Conservative.

Brecon and Radnor—W. A. Jenkins, Liberal.

Liverpool—Kirkdale, Def. Pennefather, Conservative.

Yorkshire—West riding, Wentworth, C. H. Hurst, Labor.

Banffshire—Sir C. C. Barrie, Liberal.

Monmouth — Abertillery, George Barker, Labor.

Wolverhampton East — G. R. Thorne, Liberal.

Belfast University—Col. T. Sinclair, Conservative.

Down (two members)—Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Simms, Conservative; D. D. Reid, Conservative.

Halifax—Rt. Hon. J. H. Whitley, speaker of the House of Commons.

Anglesey—Sir Robert Thomas, Liberal.

Suffolk, Bury, St. Edmunds—Lieut.-Col. Hon. W. E. Gunness, Conservative.

Kensington—South, Sir M. Davidson, Conservative.

Westminster Abbey—Brig.-Gen. J. S. Nicolson, Conservative.

Westminster—St. George's, J. M. Erskine, Conservative.

Armagh—Sir William Allen, Conservative.

Birmingham, Handsworth—Commander C. Locker-Lampson, Conservative.

City of London (two seats)—Sir F. Banbury, and E. C. Grenfell, Conservatives.

Montgomery — Lieut.-Col. David Davies, Liberal.

Inverness, Ross and Cromarty—Rt. Hon. Ian MacPherson, Liberal.

Surrey, Reigate—Brig.-Gen. G. K. Cockerill, Conservative.

Yorkshire, East Riding, Howdenshire—Lieut.-Col. Hon. F. S. Jackson, Conservative.

Londonderry—Sir Malcolm MacNaughton, Conservative.

Yorkshire, west Riding, Ripon—Major Rt. Hon. E. F. L. Wood, Conservative.

Warwick, Tamworth—Sir E. M. Iliffe, Conservative.

Galloway—Major C. R. Dudgeon, Liberal.

Liverpool East, Toteth—J. S. Rankin, Conservative.

Caithness and Sutherland—Sir A. Sinclair, Liberal.

Yorkshire, north riding, Richmond—Lieut.-Col. Murrough Wilson, Conservative.

Salop, Ludnow—Lieut.-Col. J. W. Clive, Conservative.

Liverpool, Fairfield—Major J. B. Cohen, Conservative.

Liverpool, Scotland—T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist.

Devonshire, South Molton—Rt. Hon. George Lambert, Liberal.

Scottish Combined University (three seats)—Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Craik, Conservative; Pres. George Bery, Conservative; D. M. Cowan, Liberal.

FOUR PRESENTATIONS.

At the regular afternoon session of Askin Street Methodist Sunday school yesterday, four presentations were made to members in recognition of their services rendered during the recent anniversary services. Mr. C. R. Walker, superintendent, presided, and presented Dr. Smith, leader of the orchestra, and Miss Maud Norris, who had charge of arranging the program, with beautiful club bags, and to Miss Dobbyn, reader, a purse and also remembered Mr. J. Woods with a substantial check.

English Concerts Are Heard In U.S.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Nov. 26.—America's radio fans "listened in" for England for thirty minutes last night. At 10 o'clock every broadcasting station in the United States was silenced, while in England several large stations began sending for the benefit of the United States. Ten minutes later the English programs began to be heard. Sounds of piano playing in Liverpool were distinctly heard at the radio broadcast station at Garden City, N. Y. The same music was heard at Chatham, Mass., and "Hello America" was heard several times at Tarrytown, N. Y.

The history making tests will be continued during the week, stations on this side of the Atlantic broadcasting for the benefit of England tonight.

PLANS AUGUR WELL FOR ANNUAL SMOKER

Ben Rush Promises Real "Arabian Night" at Advertising and Sales Club Function.

The Advertising and Sales Club will hold its annual smoker and general get-together night on Friday, Nov. 30, in the recreation room of the Huron & Erie on Richmond street.

A wonderful night, with the most tempting of refreshments, has been arranged by Benjamin Rush, the ever-working secretary, and he promises all members who turn up for their great event a warm sociable welcome.

He has discovered a new kind of Alladin's lamp, which he proposes to rub with vigor and precision, and hopes to produce with its adventitious aid an Arabian Night that will remove the cares of dull routine from the minds of all members of the Advertising Club and serve as a preparation in every way for the strenuous Christmas festivities which will so soon be here.

CITY ENGINEER HAS PAVING COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

The Street Railway Company has resumed its regular service on Richmond street. The pavement is completed to all intents and purposes, and members of the "Blue Ruin Association" who predicted that the work would not be half done will have to "eat crow" as the engineer has completed his job within the scheduled time.

HARVEY IRELAND RECOVERS FROM ACCIDENT AT NEW 'U'

Harvey Ireland, employee of the Putherbough Construction Company, who lost four fingers of his right hand while working on a cement machine at the new university buildings several weeks ago and has been in St. Joseph's Hospital since that time, returned to his home on Friday

Ireland had his hand horribly mangled when it was caught in the wheels of the cement machine. He underwent an operation at the hospital on the day of the accident and had four fingers amputated.

GIRL GROWS WEAKER WHEN TOLD CHUM DEAD

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hand as it sped on its message of death to Geraldine.

Says Harpur Shot Her.

Miss McNaughton states that she heard one shot fired at Geraldine Durston, and then rushed to her side, and attempted to wrest the revolver from Clarence (Dan) Topping, the enraged lover. Grasping the revolver in her right hand, Miss McNaughton held it as Topping pulled the trigger a second time, the bullet tearing its way through the tip of her index finger en route to Miss Durston, for whom it was intended.

At this juncture Police Constable Walter Harpur entered the room. Miss McNaughton is firm in her declaration that it was a shot from the police officer's weapon that laid her low.

"The policeman shot me," said Miss McNaughton yesterday. "I am sure of that, as I was facing him, and the bullet hit me in the chest first. I felt it enter my chest and leave by the back. There were two stinging sensations, one as it entered, and again when it left. I do not know if the policeman thought I was Dan, in the dark, but he shot straight at me. Dan was in the room leaning over Gerry, who laid on the trunk."

Condition Is Worse.

All day Saturday and Sunday Viola asked continually of Geraldine Durston, and her condition. Acting in the interests of their patient, house surgeons at the hospital told "white lies" in keeping Miss McNaughton in ignorance of the fact that her chum was dead, and buoyed her up with the assurance that "Gerry" was "coming on fine." Both girls were well liked during the few hours in which they had been at the hospital, and the loss of one was regarded as too great a toll.

However, their work was ruined by the undiplomatic statement of a visiting friend, and today Miss McNaughton is in a worse condition than 24 hours ago. She feels the loss of her chum, with whom she was raised in Watford, and worked in Strathroy and London, and this nervous shock has naturally reacted on her general condition. Despite this setback, it is hoped that the fighting spirit will return in full force, and that only one death at the hospital will result from the tragedy enacted at 318 York street last Friday. Later this afternoon Miss McNaughton's condition was somewhat improved.

PRIZE-WINNING BABY.

Eddiott Levine, aged nine and a half months, is acclaimed New York's perfect baby. He certainly doesn't look like a weakling.

Clarence Topping In Tears When Told Sweetheart Dead

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doom was sealed. Although there were seven perforations in the intestines, coiled upon themselves as the bullets plowed through them, only two were located at the operation, so hidden were they, and so limited was the time to keep the dying girl under the anaesthetic.

Adrenolin Failed.

Immediately following the operation, stimulants were applied to and injected, and this attention was rewarded by a remarkably fine condition. This, however, was shortlived, and at 3 p.m. Saturday the injured body gave indication that the end was near, Geraldine ceasing to breathe and lapsing into coma. Prompt use of adrenalin injected into the heart, once more established breathing, which, however, became labored and shallow, while unconsciousness did not return.

With death imminent, as a last resort oxygen tanks were requisitioned at the hospital, and it was this gas that maintained the spark of life for upwards of an hour. But shock and the ravages of peritonitis exacted their toll, and despite all medical aid the little victim quietly breathed her last.

Saturday morning Geraldine was quite bright and cheery, although a high and rapidly rising temperature warned her doctors that peritonitis had set in, and that this was the calm before the physical storm.

"Ihad quite a bit of pain during the night, and did not sleep much, but I feel fine now," she informed the interne on duty on her ward, who called in her room on his morning rounds.

Tells of Tragedy.

A few hours previously she was asked if the shooting could not have been accidental.

"No," she replied slowly, and with a sorrowful expression, "Dan did it on purpose. He told me the night before that he would shoot me if I would not marry him, and I see now that he meant it.

"It is too bad he di dnot finish the job," she added weakly, "Perhaps he did finish me."

Asked for details of the shooting, Geraldine said: "I told George, the man at whose house I board that Dan said he would shoot me, and he said he would get up in the morning and get the police if he came around. Dan showed up just as I was getting ready to go with Viola to work at the Holeproof Hosiery. He came in, and we started to talk, and kept me from going to work, but I did not mind that as it was such a wet morning. Then he got mad, and Viola, who was there, fainted. All I know after that was that I feel on the floor, and he shot me.

"The policeman was there at the time, as I saw him step in the door, and then step back. I think Dan shot himself in the leg."

At another time, a few hours before she lapsed into unconsciousness, Geraldine was asked if she frequently quarrelled with her lover, and if she reciprocated his declarations of love.

"We had been quarrelling a lot lately," she said, "becauseI did not want to go with Dan any more. I tried to get rid of him lots of times, but he still kept coming around."

Her Last Words.

The girl's last words were: "Tell mother not to worry."

Mother On Way Home.

Mrs. H. Durston, the wounded girl's mother, was at the C.N.R. station waiting to catch the train back to Watford when Geralding died. Informed that her daughter had but a few minutes to live she was rushed to the hospital, but the girl had been dead several minutes.

Mrs. Durston saw the body. She said "Geraldine, sweetheart, come to your mother. Tell me you are not dead," and collapsed.

The grief-stricken mother was then taken to the home of George Cook where the tragedy occurred. Mr. Durston took her back to Watford late Saturday night.

Frank McNaughton, brother of Miss McNaughton, and Henry Lawrence, her fiance and half-brother to Miss Durston, are still in the city. They visit the hospital regularly and will probably remain here the greater part of the week.

Visit Scene of Crime.

Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nichol, Detective Elmer Walsh and Constable Harpur visited the scene of the shooting yesterday. A heretofore undiscovered indenture in the framework of the door leading to the room in which the shots were fired, apparently made by a bullet, was revealed. A large slice was taken out of the wall in an effort to find another bullet, but the lead could not be located. Detectives believe it has fallen through to the floor.

Measurements of the room in which Miss Durston received the fatal wounds, and also of the living-room from which Constable Harpur fired at Topping, were taken by police officials. Relatives and friends of the two girls besieged the house all Sunday morning and afternoon.

According to Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Durston bore up bravely, after the first shock of learning of her daughter's death was over. She recovered at the hospital and crying, kissed the dead girl's face before leaving. Up until the time she was told that Geraldine was in a dying condition she had believed the unfortunate girl would live. It was Miss McNaughton who was said to be in the most precarious condition.

Members of the Cook and Durston families in the former's house were prostrated when the news reached them.

Immediately on learning of Miss Durston's death, Detective Elmer Walsh empaneled a coroner's jury on orders received from Coroner Dr. J. Cameron Wilson.

The jurymen were all selected Saturday night and met at the undertaking home of A. L. Oatman at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to view the remains. The jury is composed of Albert Mantell, 426 St. James street; Charles Allosp, 3 Cherry street; George Steer, 94 Horton street; Fred Heighway, 76 Stanley street; T. W. Thomas, 55 Wharncliffe road; S. Lawrence Hennessy, 146 Maple street; Thomas McKim, 9 Ingleside street; Robert Munro, 17 Marley Place; P. R. Ashton, 54 Victor street. After viewing the remains of Miss Durston, the jurymen adjourned and meet at the police station Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Postmortem Held.

A postmortem was conducted at 2:15 Sunday afternoon, in charge of Coroner Wilson. It was performed by Drs. Homer Black, J. E. McGillicuddy and Murray Simpson. The physicians found that the bullets had entered the abdomen of Miss Durston four inches apart. A leaden pellet was found on each side of the base of the spinal column. The intestines had been perforated in seven places. The bullets were not flattened, and were found to be copper-tipped. A full report of the postmortem will be given at the inquest Friday night.

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Watford, the services being held in the Methodist Church there. They will be conducted by Rev. W. K. Hager of the Methodist Church, and Rev. T. De Courcy Raynor of the Congregational Church. Both pastors made reference to the tragic death of Miss Durston from the pulpit Sunday. In the Congregational Church the members engaged in silent prayer for two minutes for the recovery of Viola McNaughton. Miss McNaughton was a member of the church until she came to London. Miss Durston belonged to the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Durston collapsed compelely when she arrived at Watford, and is under the care of a physician.

Absolves Harpur From All Blame

Harry Durston, father of Geraldine Durston, who was fatally wounded by Clarence Topping, Friday morning, paid a visit to Constable Walter Harpur at the police station this afternoon and told the constable he and the family of Viola McNaughton did not hold the officer responsible for the shooting of Miss McNaughton or his daughter.

Mr. Durston said he wanted to express his sympathy with Harpur in the matter and to tell him that he knew he had done his duty.

"I don't think that Mr. Harpur was guilty in any way in the matter," said Mr. Durston to The Advertiser, after a fifteen-minute interview with the constable in a back room in the police station.

"I merely called to express my sympathies with him in the matter. None of our family hold him to blame for anything."

HERRICK REPORT CAUSES FLURRY IN GREAT BRITAIN

Alleged Statements of U. S. Ambassadors Seen to Exonerate Baldwin.

MAY AROUSE FRANCE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Nov. 23. — A cabled digest of United States Ambassador Herrick's alleged report to Secretary of State Hughes on Monday's meeting of the ambassadors' council in Paris as printed by the new York World, has attracted much attention here. It is welcomed in some quarters as a convincing refutation of statements made by opponents of Mr. Baldwin's government that the latter has failed to uphold firmly the views, rights and interests of Great Britain.

The Daily Express calls the New York newspaper's story a remarkable disclosure, and asks by whom it was authorized, and adds: "It is a new diplomatic departure to allow publication of such a report which is likely to arouse deep resentment in France."

Although the ambassadors' agreement has been received with general satisfaction in London, the question of its permanence is raised in some quarters.

LONDON POULTRY MEN WIN AT WINTER FAIR

Scored Great Success at "America's Largest Poultry Show."

London poultry breeders won great success at America's largest poultry show, the "Royal Winter Fair," Toronto. The exhibit of poultry, pigeons and pet stock numbered 9,400. The quality of London birds can be judged by the great number of first prizes awarded them. The following is a list of the winnings of the London poultry breeders:

Barred Plymouth Rocks — John Pringle, 1, 3, 4, 5 cock; 2, 3 hen; 2, 8, 9, 10, 11 cockerel; 2, 6, 7 pullet; 1st old pen.

White Plymouth Rocks—Fred A. Andrews—1, 2 cock; 1, 3 hen; 1 cockerel; 3 pullet; 1st old pen. George Burgess—3, 4, 5 cock; 4 hen; 3rd old pen, 3rd young pen.

Columbian Plymouth Rocks—R. E. Berry, 1 cock; 1 hen, 1 cockerel; 1 pullet, 1st pen.

White Wyandottes—F. G. Brook—4 cock; 7 hen; 3 cockerel; 4, 6, 9 pullet; 3rd pen.

Columbian Wyandottes—W. Beer—3 cock; 4 cockerel, 1 pullet.

Partridge Wyandottes—A. J. E. Butler—1 cock; 8 hen; 10, 11 cockerel. F. E. Wray & Son—3rd old pen.

Silver Wyandottes—R. W. Wray & Son—3, 4, 7 hen. Alf. Flawn—5 cock; 2, 6 pullet.

Silver - Pencilled Wyandottes — Frank H. Stokes—1 cockerel.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Whites—Dominion Poultry Yards—1 cock; 1 hen; 1 cockerel.

Jersey Black Giants—A. J. George—1 cockerel; 1 pullet.

Le Chanticleer—E. J. DeBlaquirre—7 cockerel.

White Cochin—A. J. George—1 cock; 2 hen; 1 cockerel; 1 pullet.

Dark Cornish—J. W. Nixon—4 cock; 2 hen; 3 pullet.

Speckled Sussex—L. E. McGugan—1 cock; 1, 3 hen; 1, 2 cockerel; 1, 3 pullet.

Golden - Pencilled Hamburg — R. Oke—1 pullet.

Silver - Spankled Hamburg — R. Oke—1 cockerel; 2 pullet.

Silver - Pencilled Hamburg —R. Oke—1 pullet.

Rose Comb Ancona—Mrs. I. Vander—1 cock; 1 hen; 1 cockerel; 1, 3 pullet; 1st young pen; 1st old pen.

Single Comb Ancona—Tierney & Simpson—3 cockerel.

Buttercup—Tierney & Simpson—3 cock; 1 hen. A. E. Walker—2 cock; 2 hen; 1, 2, 3 cockerel. Roland Hodgins—1 cock.

Rose Comb White Leghorns—L. L. Wright—3 hen, 2 cockerel; 3 pullet

Black Leghorns—E. B. Howard—1 cock.

Silver Leghorns—E. B. Howard—2 cock.

White Minorca—A. J. George—1 cock.

Birchen Game Bantams—A. H. Trebilcock—1 cock; 3 hen; 1, 3 cockerel; 3 pullet.

Indian Game Bantams—H. G. Whiting—1 cock; 3 hen.

Dark Brahma Bantam—Alf. Cress—1, 2, 3 cock; 1, 2, 3 hen; 1, 2 cockerel; 1, 2, 3 pullet.

Partridge Cochin Bantams—Alf. Cress—2 cockerel; 1, 3 pullet.

SEVEN PERSONS PERISH WHEN HOME IS BURNED

Confluence, Pa., Nov. 26.—Samuel Roscoe, his wife and seven children were burned to death early today when their home on a hill half a mile from the village was destroyed by fire. All the bodies have been recovered.

J. I. M'INTOSH

of the Guelph Mercury

"The London Advertiser celebrates its diamond jubilee, having weathered the storms of newspaper life for sixty years. During that period it has well served its community as a newspaper, keeping Western Ontario well informed with the news of the world. It has helped to mold public opinion in civic and national matters, and had occupied a prominent place in the social and business life of the city of London.

"The Advertiser is to be congratulated on its excellent showing. It is today one of the best-known newspapers in Canada. "J. I. McINTOSH."

Part Time Tech Classes Show Full Attendance

One hundred per cent attendance is the record set by the part time classes at the Technical School, according to the attendance department of the board of education.

This morning the report of the students granted exemption from regular attendance under the adolescent act by reason of home and work permits showed no absentees, and this report has been fairly consistent since the beginning of the year. With very few exceptions, the average attendance is 100 per cent.

These classes, held twice a week, are to make up for the loss in schooling experienced by those children whom circumstances beyond their control prohibit from attending the regular day schools.

"Y" GROUPS ORGANIZE FOR BIBLE STUDY

"Tyro" Boys Will Meet After Gym. Classes, Saturday Morning.

Five "Tyro" groups were organized for Bible study in the "prep" class of the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday morning. These boys are all under 12 years of age, and the groups average from ten to twelve members.

A sturdy on the "Boys of the Old Testament" is being conducted by the classes with a high school boy in charge of each group. The groups will meet in the Y. every Saturday morning after their gym. class. A group competition is now in progress. Suitable trophies will be presented to the winners at the end of March, when the competition closes.

The names of the groups and their officers are as follows: "Pirates,"—Ben Higgins, president; Jim Cairncross, vice-president; Clem Wright, secretary; Herbert Uren, leader. "Beavers"—Floyd Coleman, president; Jack Bell, secretary; Howard Obeay, leader. "Phalacas"—Howard Smith, president; Russell Schram, secretary; Fred Warren, leader. "Prep tSars"—Ted Stone, president; Douglas Paddell, secretary; Travis Chapman, leader. "Eagles"—Jack Merrill, president; Donald Oatman, secretary; Jack White, leader.

INVITES INSPECTION OF NEW TORONTO HOME

Norris-Patterson, Limited, Advertising Agents, Are Expanding Rapidly.

Friends, patrons and competitors will all be interested in the invitation just issued by Norris-Patterson Limited of Toronto to pay them a visit at their new offices, at 105 Bond street. Norris-Patterson, who are among the largest and best-known advertising agents on the continent, have moved into their new home as the result of an expanding business which has necessitated larger space for a much increased staff.

In a letter to their clients inviting them to the new abode, the company says it is in a position to offer a better and wider service to its growing clientele, and wishes to offer these new offices as a demonstration of their efforts to meet the demands fro mboth provincial and national advertisers.

LUKE JEFFRIES, POPULAR SPORTSMAN, DIES TODAY

Luke Jeffries, 99 Mount Pleasant avenue, well known London sportsman and swimmer, died this morning in Victoria Hospital following an operation which he underwent a week ago.

Mr. Jeffries was for many years a cabinet maker in this city, and was employed at the Globe Casket Company. He is survived by his wife. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

PAULINE GARON WILL MARRY GENE SARAZEN

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Nov. 26. — It is unofficially reported that Miss Pauline Garon, youthful screen star, whose home was in Montreal prior to her debut in motion pictures, is to marry Gene Sarazen, the well-known golfer. Miss Garon recently arrived in New York from California for a visit.

W. H. DENNIS

of the Halifax papers

"Speaking for the Halifax Herald, the Evening Mail, and the Sunday Leader, I take pleasure in extending congratulations of these newspapers to The Advertiser on the occasion of its diamond jubilee. It is at such times as this that we are brought to a realization of that fact that the press of Canada is reaching its majority in years and service.

"We of the maritime province have great admiration for London and its institutions, not the least of which is a progressive and excellent press. We can do no more than wish The Advertiser an unbroken future of useful public endeavor.

W. H. DENNIS."

DR. H. E. SCHAEF EXPLAINS X-RAY AT ACADIA LODGE

Dr. H. E. Schaef addressed the members of the Acacia Lodge at the semi-monthly luncheon held on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Schaef gave an interesting address on X-ray work which was illustrated by a lantern slide exhibition of more than 200 X-ray photographs. The modern scientific application of the X-ray was explained to the lodge members by the well known physician.

M'LACHLAN IS ELECTED LABOR PARTY PRESIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney Mines, N. S., Nov. 26.—James B. McLachlan, Labor leader, now sentenced to two years' imprisonment for sedition, was unanimously chosen president at the convention of the provincial Independent Labor party held in Sydney Mines on Saturday. The new board will appoint a provincial organizer.

RELATIVES DENY BESSIE PRESLEY WAS THREATENED

Young Man in Question Also Declares George Cook's Statements Incorrect.

SAFE WITH RELATIVES

Relatives of Bessie Presley, chum of Geraldine Durston, who died on Saturday from the bullets of her swetheart, Clarence Topping, this morning denied the story that Miss Presley had also been threatened by a young man of her acquaintance.

The young man in question also contradicts statements to that effect made by George Cook, in whose house the shooting took place.

"Mr. Cook is mistaken," said the young man this morning. "There was never any suggestion of threat on my part. Miss Presley agrees with me in this."

Miss Presley visited the home of Mrs. Cook frequently last Friday and Saturday, and cannot account for any apprehension regarding her whereabouts. She has been living with relatives for seven months in the city, and has remained with them every day for many weeks.

The Advertiser talked with relatives of Miss Presley today and they said that, to their knowledge, the young man who was with her Thursday night did not make any threat. Mrs. Presley of Thorndale, mother of Bessie, knew her daughter was safe with London relatives, and during the past few days has often been in communication with her over long-distance telephone.

CHARLES BOWMAN RESTING EASILY AFTER OPERATION

Charles Bowman, well known Londoner and secretary of the Brunswick Club, is seriously ill in Victoria Hospital. He underwent an operation yesterday and was today reported to be doing nicely. It is expected he will have to undergo another operation in a few days.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Annual Statement

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended 31st October, 1923.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1922		$ 558,815.25
Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1923, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts		4,496,416.89
		$5,055,232.14
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st March, 1923	$817,500.00	
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st June, 1923	817,500.00	
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st Sept. 1923	817,500.00	
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent, payable 1st Dec., 1923	817,500.00	
Bonus 2 per cent, payable 1st Dec., 1923	545,000.00	
	$3,815,000.00	
Provision for Taxes Dominion Government	530,650.00	
Reservation for Bank Premises	50,000.00	
		4,395,650.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward		$ 659,582.14

VINCENT MEREDITH, President. FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General-Manager.

GENERAL STATEMENT

31st October, 1923

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock		$27,250,000.00
Rest	$27,250,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	659,582.14	
	$27,909,582.14	
Unclaimed Dividends	9,777.40	
Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st Dec., 1923	817,500.00	
Bonus of 2% payable 1st Dec., 1923	545,000.00	
		29,281,859.54
		$56,531,859.54
Notes of the Bank in circulation	$41,602,735.50	
Deposits not bearing interest	158,695,487.98	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	420,361,375.27	
Deposits made by and Balances due to other Banks in Canada	3,773,561.10	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	560,851.88	
Bills Payable	411,806.98	
		625,405,738.71
Letters of Credit outstanding		9,471,690.81
Liabilities not included in the foregoing		972,821.16
		$692,382,109.42

ASSETS

Gold and Silver coin current	$27,009,762.05	
Dominion notes	54,579,919.75	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	17,000,000.00	
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	$14,259,744.89	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	11,458,640.33	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Great Britain and United States, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	118,526,277.57	
		144,244,662.79
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities not exceeding market value		63,185,830.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks not exceeding market value		2,328,051.22
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian not exceeding market value		37,601,758.88
Notes of other Banks		2,612,885.00
United States and other foreign currencies		361,592.00
Cheques on other Banks		41,298,174.10
		$391,221,537.67
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts		236,656,924.05
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Districts		21,703,565.05
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts		16,227,085.37
Non-current Loans, estimated loss provided for		2,380,628.65
		276,968,426.15
Bank Premises at not more than cost (less amounts written off)		9,800,000.00
Real Estate other than Bank Premises		573,789.62
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank		994,662.44
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit (as per Contra)		9,471,690.81
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund		1,320,000.00
Shares of and loans to controlled companies		1,343,625.54
Other Assets not included in the foregoing		688,039.58
		$692,382,109.42

NOTE—The business of the Branches of the Bank in Paris, France and in San Francisco, U.S.A. is carried on under the name of local incorporated companies in compliance with legal requirements of the respective countries, and the figures are incorporated in the above General Statement.

NOTE:—Bonds of Merchants Realty Corporation to the extent of $2,629,000.00 secured on premises leased to the Bank, are in the hands of the public. These bonds do not appear in the above Statement as the Bank is not directly liable therefor.

VINCENT MEREDITH, President. FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General-Manager.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books and Accounts of the Bank of Montreal at the Head Office, and with the certified Branch Returns. We have checked the cash and verified the investments and securities at the Head Office, and at several of the principal Branches of the Bank at the end of the financial year. We have likewise, at various dates throughout the year checked the cash and verified the securities at several important Branches.

We have to report that, (a) we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required; (b) in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank, and (c) in our opinion, the above statement discloses the true condition of the Bank and it is as shown by the Books of the Bank.

MONTREAL, 23rd November 1923. J. MAXTONE GRAHAM, C.A. JAMES HUTCHISON, C.A. } Auditors of the firm of Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison.