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FX \$900,000 LKEL OFFER FOR ST. RAILWAY

BECK NOW KNOWS EXACT STREET RAILWAY VALUE

Sir Adam's Engineering Experts Have Made Complete Private Survey of Property and It Is Believed He Is Prepared To Submit Purchase Price to City Council.

RECOMMEND SUM APPROXIMATING \$900,000

While Sir Adam Beck is in New York, he is ready to talk "turkey" with the London street railway corporation directly he returns to London. His experts have completed their recent survey of the local lines, and what they consider to be a fair purchase price for that corporation has been in the hands of the member for London since last week.

But little difficulty has been experienced by the hydro engineers in setting their figure for the London street railway. They are quite familiar with the London street railway situation. They prepared a report in 1919. They prepared another in time for the 1922 municipal election—the celebrated Bunnell report. And engineers conversant with both surveys have now submitted another to Sir Adam. They know the London street railway situation backward and forward every bit as well as do the street railway officials. Sir Adam Beck has been authorized by the London City Council to dick with the street railway corporation, and to secure a prospective purchase price. The member for London is going a step further. He knows at this moment, and has known for an appreciable length of time, just what the holdings of the London street railway would be worth. His experts have again surveyed the situation, and a price will be submitted to meet the anticipated overtures from the company that, it is pointed out, should warrant commendation in any court, before any board of arbitration, or if need be, on the floors of the Ontario legislature.

Prepared to Fight. The Advertiser knows that Sir Adam is prepared to battle at Queen's Park in order that the rights of the citizens of this electorate shall be safeguarded in the future.

And it is further intimated today, from an official railway engineering source, that Sir Adam Beck contemplates a fight in the legislative assembly of Ontario to secure legislation to abolish the 5-cent fare, in the event that the people of London

defeat the street railway bylaw in December. And his offer of a fair price for the board before arbitration proceedings are deemed imperative will be his strongest weapon. The Advertiser has been told.

How much will the London street railway authorities ask for their lines?

There are leading questions which should interest every resident of London who contributes to the city's exchequer.

Will Offer About \$900,000. Railway experts who have given the London street railway situation more than passing attention have interesting opinions to express. It is not reasonable to assume, they point out, that Sir Adam's offer will be changed but little from the figures submitted in the 1922 report—the Bunnell report. When a rough estimate of some \$700,000 to \$800,000 was presented. Since that time the street railway has undertaken certain improvements, and set his purchase price in laid on Oxford street. The Stanley street track allowance was repaved.

Five one-man cars were added, and three of the newer type, yet admittedly second-hand. On the other hand, however, certain depreciation has to be accounted for. And while there are those who feel confident that if Sir Adam's new offer exceeds the Bunnell report, it will not be over \$1,000,000, there are still others conversant with the situation who predict that he will estimate the improvements on a par with the depreciation in the purchase price in the neighborhood of the Bunnell maximum—\$900,000. Perhaps a little more or less.

After every cent company is going the London street law maintenance is the London street law maintenance. The amount is practically double the maximum figure set in the Bunnell report.

ENTERS SUIT TO REGAIN PURCHASE PRICE OF LOT

Arthur Phillips, Chauffeur, Claims He Did Not Get "Pick of Hillcrest" Property.

The third county court non-jury case to be tried before Judge J. C. Judd on Oct. 2, was set down for trial at the court house this morning. Arthur Phillips, chauffeur, of London, is suing to recover \$500 from Robert M. Stover of Chatham, alleging that Stover sold him the "pick of the lots" in Hillcrest subdivision here, for \$675. The plaintiff, in his statement of claim, says that he paid Stover \$500 down, and signed an agreement to purchase the lot. He wants his money back, plus interest, and also the agreement.

Mr. Stover in his statement of defence, admits the agreement, but denies any fraud or misrepresentation on his part. He gave the plaintiff every reasonable opportunity to select his lot, but the plaintiff never did anything in the matter. He tendered the plaintiff a deed to one of the lots, but he refused to accept it. Mr. Stover states he is still willing to hand over the deed, and counterclaims \$50.

W. G. R. Bartram is acting for the plaintiff, and E. F. McDonald of Chatham, for Mr. Stover.

SEPARATIST MOVE HAS REACHED CLIMAX ON RHINE

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Cologne, Sept. 26.—The press today unanimously announces that the separatist movement has reached a climax and that a Rhenish republic will be proclaimed at Dusseldorf over the coming week-end.

Lloyd George and H. G. Wells

are two of the most interesting men in the world.

Both of them have written articles for next Saturday's Advertiser.

Lloyd George thinks Poincare's victory in the Ruhr will ultimately cost France dearly.

H. G. Wells forecasts a world-wide state with the English races dominant.

ALABASTER VAMP GOES INTO DEEP SECLUSION

Undraped Queen Vanishes From Precincts of Police Station.

Following the "pitiless publicity" received yesterday in The Advertiser by the little smiling alabaster queen who nudged basked in the sunshine of the police station window yesterday afternoon the little lady has disappeared.

Just who pinched the empress of the Carling street law maintenance factory the hands around the police station refuse to divulge. Desk Sergeant McDonald "had" to say to a reporter that the queen "had went" and that was all there was to it.

However a portly sergeant smoking a black and evil-smelling pipe advanced the information that the queen had been whisked off to a good home where no police reporters would ever be allowed entrance.

"You'll never see her again. She refuses to see any more" advised the sergeant, who admitted that "Queen Rosie," as she is affectionately called by members of the police force, will make a trip to the north woods this fall when Inspector Lucas, Sergeant Midgah and party go in quest of the elusive deer.

UNFORTUNATE GIRL WILL GO TO MERCER

Rose Rowan Transferred From County Jail to Provincial Reformatory.

Pretty Rose Rowan, who was yesterday sentenced by Magistrate Graydon to six months in the common jail for stealing dresses from the second-hand establishment of Susanah Paddock, on Richmond street, will not serve her sentence here.

It has been decided by the authorities to send the young woman, who is but 23 years of age, to the Mercer Reformatory in Toronto.

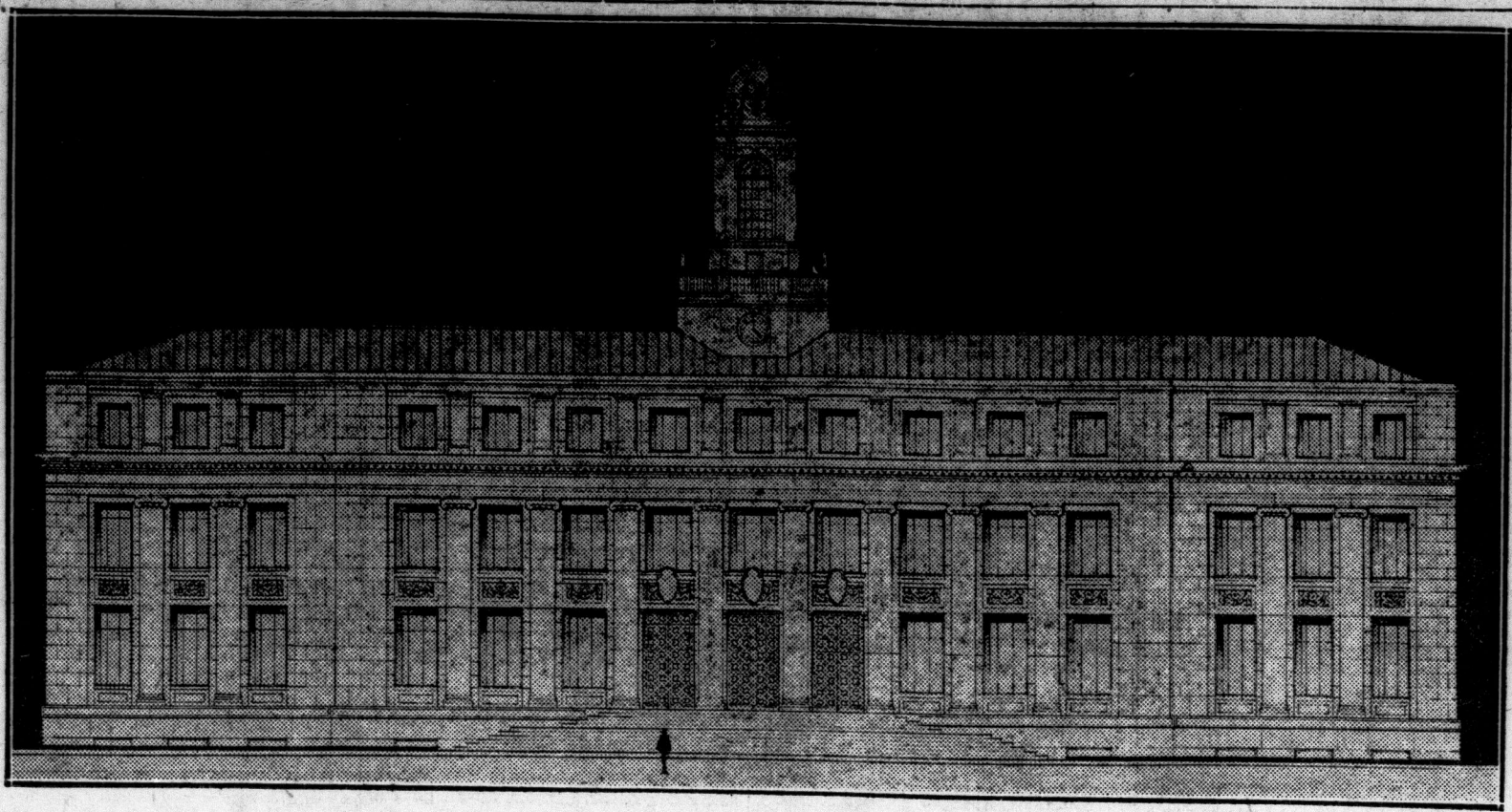
Miss Nickle, provincial bailiff, arrived in the city this afternoon and took Mrs. Rowan to Toronto on the 4 o'clock C. N. R. train.

TWO MEN MEET DEATH IN NOVA SCOTIA COAL MINE

Canadian Press Despatch. Springfield, N. S., Sept. 26.—Two miners, Charles Bougenaki, 47, and W. M. Meekon, 42, were killed in one of the local coal mines when a bump buried them under fifteen feet of coal and stone and wrecked a section of the mine. The body of Meekon was recovered. That of Bougenaki can be seen standing, his miner's lamp still burning. Meekon was a Pole, and his wife and three children are in Montreal en route to Springfield, having just arrived from Europe to join husband and father. Bougenaki was a German, also with a wife and three children.

MINOR OFFENDERS PAY FINES.

Four citizens each paid \$2 and costs in police court today for breaches of city bylaws.



DECLARES POWER AND LIGHT COSTS AT FAIR WERE LOW

E. V. Buchanan States Toronto Exhibitors Paid Double That of Western.

REFLECTS CREDIT

"The exhibitors at the Western Fair were supplied with light and power at just half the cost that exhibitors at Toronto had to pay," said E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission this morning in connection with the fact that the commission had had to raise the price of light and power this year to the Western Fair board from \$200 to \$350.

Mr. Buchanan pointed out that the new manufacturing building alone took as much light as the whole of the rest of the fair buildings. He said that the building was had been charged at the same rate as commercial users in London their bill for the week would have been about \$900. The fair of 1923 was the best in the history of all Western fairs, and the increased bill for light and power is an illuminating fact that is to the credit of the fair and the city.

TRAFALGAR SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Dry Weather Is Proving Real Help in Progress of Construction Work.

Dry weather is materially helping in the construction of the new Trafalgar School, according to School Architect, L. E. Carrothers, who again said that the building would be completed by Nov. 1.

The work is going ahead rapidly now, the exterior having been completed. The contractors are still more or less handicapped through the scarcity of skilled plasterers and inside workers, but nevertheless are progressing as well as could be expected. The addition to the Boyle Memorial School is also nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy before the Trafalgar School, probably about Oct. 20.

On the former building a penalty clause will in all likelihood be enforced, this matter coming up for discussion at the next meeting of the board of education. The forfeit amounts to \$100 per week for all time after Aug. 31.

QUALITY OF WHEAT SHOWS GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—The quality of the wheat receipts passing through the local inspection bureau continues to show an improvement now that the good crop districts are beginning to ship. Inspections are beginning to show a marked improvement, with the contract grades amounting to 2,008, of which 1,153 were No. 1 northern. Inspections 2,296 cars for the corresponding date last year.

Fines But One On One Bottle

Ed Suhr who was convicted last week in police court of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, walked from the courtroom this morning a free citizen, the magistrate stating there should not be two convictions on one bottle of liquor.

Julius Suhr was seen pouring out drinks for Edward Suhr by police officers a week ago Sunday night as they peered into the kitchen in the home of Julius on Clarence street. Money was passed from Edward to Julius after the liquor had "passed" down Edward's throat and this resulted in Julius "passing" \$500 to Police Court Clerk John Mould in the way of a fine last Wednesday morning.

FIRST-PRIZE WINNER IN CITY HALL COMPETITION.

This is the front elevation of the new city hall, according to the plan of Stuart Pavey, who was awarded the first prize of \$2,000 in the competition. Colonel Chadwick of Toronto and S. F. Fryer of Hamilton, who made the awards, complimented this plan on the dignity and simplicity of its appearance and on the careful arrangement of the interior, which would make it economical to build and also to maintain. Mr. Pavey describes it as a type of Italian Renaissance, and adds that simplicity was one of the chief things he sought in designing it. Another interesting feature of the plan is that both sides of the interior are exactly similar. This is in accordance with the French idea in planning buildings of this kind, and as it continues from the ground floor to the third, proves wonderfully convenient to both the regular inhabitants and to visitors.

Preaches the Gospel of Living By Working One Day In Week

Roger Payne, "Hobo Philosopher," Pays Brief Visit to City.

DOCTRINE OF EASE SAYS ANY MAN CAN SUPPORT A FAMILY BY ONE DAY'S WORK IN EVERY SEVEN.

Roger Payne, B.A., LL.D., noted hobo philosopher, who claims through his peculiar philosophy to have attained greater happiness than any living man, has been in London for several days, and left the city this morning to continue his transcontinental hike from Vancouver to the Atlantic coast.

A Cambridge graduate, possessing a remarkable wealth of knowledge and culture, Payne, nevertheless, has found the secret of happiness in the philosophic attitude of the ignorant tramp.

In his meanderings, Payne has circulated as much as possible the gospel of easy living. To the average man engaged in making a living, he brings a message of economic freedom, which, he claims, represents the touchstone of wisdom and happiness.

Work But One Day. "Why work six days a week when you can get a living by working one?" is a pertinent question to which Payne claims "there is no logical answer. He believes the ordinary citizen, nowadays, who devotes his time almost exclusively to the pursuit of wealth and to the expense of happiness is merely a product of a joyment are secondary to the worship of money.

"Today," said Mr. Payne, "we are only at the dawn of civilization. The present shambles in Europe, the existence of starvation in the midst of plenty, the belief in palmistry, astrology, occultism, faith healing, etc., shows that many of us are still mentally in the age of 'magic'."

Too Much Work. Some of the startling contentions that Mr. Payne advances can be followed out to the advantage of many. He is of the opinion that a family can be supported by one person working a single day in the week. With the tremendous development in machinery and labor-saving devices, citizens should be able to produce sufficient food and other necessary commodities in one day to keep himself and his family happy. The ruthless competition of affairs and the accompanying financial and social unrest which is due to the existence of modern life is due, Payne contends, to the stupidity of politicians and the blind allegiance to tradition of 99 per cent of the people.

"It is a fact," Mr. Payne observed, "and all economists and philosophers are agreed on this point, that about one man in a thousand is capable of doing his own work. The remainder are content to follow the prejudices of their forefathers."

The hobo-philosopher has on four occasions crossed the United States. This is his initial attempt at dining across the Dominion, and he expects to stop off at Toronto for the winter and continue his tramping in the spring.

WILL PROBE ALLEGATION OF EXCHANGE PRESIDENT

Special to The Advertiser. New York, Sept. 26.—Seymour M. Crowell, president of the New York Stock Exchange, is under subpoena today to appear before grand jury and explain what he meant when he said in a speech that certain politicians had obtained money from the exchange under threat of forcing through unfavorable legislation. "No man can make cracks like that while I am in office," District Attorney Banton said, in ordering the subpoena served.

DECLARES CLAIMS OF SHAREHOLDERS ARE UNTRUTHFUL

Alexander Purdom Denies Allegations Regarding the Action of Directors.

NO DEVELOPMENTS

"Things are rapidly straightening themselves out," declared Alexander Purdom this morning on his return from Toronto. "Everything in connection with the Dominion Savings and Investment Company and the Northern Life Assurance Company is running along smoothly and the whole thing will soon be settled."

This was the statement made to The Advertiser by Mr. Purdom, when questioned regarding the rumors and allegations made against the directors of the Dominion Savings Company by three shareholders who applied for a winding-up order for the company. He declared there was no truth in certain statements made regarding the action of the directors some time prior to the assignment of the company.

Referring to the Northern Life, he stated that his fight for control had settled down into quietness for the present and that there were no new developments. He stated also that it was too soon to appoint a new general manager and control and Mr. Calvert would carry on for the present.

There will be no new developments of any kind until we know the results of the hearings in Toronto today, and this should reach us this afternoon," he said.

Inquiry at the home of T. H. Purdom, K.C., elicited the information that he would not make any statements at present.

COSTS \$10 FOR BEING DRUNK IN CITY PARK

A local citizen was so drunk in Victoria Park last night that he ambled up to a police officer and asked him to let him go. The officer did let him go—to the police station and he paid \$10 and costs this morning.

Chief Birrell intimated that the man was so drunk that he didn't know where he was.

"He was pretty nearly falling down when he staggered over to me and asked me to let him go," declared Constable Coxworth.

CRASH THROUGH BRIDGE PROVES FATAL TO TWO

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Sept. 26.—Charles E. Bowdish, of New Jersey, was instantly killed yesterday, and his wife died a few minutes later, after the car which she had been driving crashed through a bridge spanning the Deschambault River near here. The auto plunged to the river, 50 feet below and landed on rocks.

About a year ago two United States motorists met their death at exactly the same place.

DEALERS SAY DEMAND KEEN FOR NEW CANADIAN BONDS

Five-Year Issue Almost Exhausted and Longer Terms Are Selling Well.

The retail demand for the new refunding loan is keen and the issue is being quickly taken up, according to London brokers and bond houses. The short term issue, that is the five-year bond, is almost completely sold, and the 20-year issue is meeting with an exceedingly good demand.

"The long term bond is being taken up both in large and in small amounts, but chiefly in large blocks," said one of the brokers this morning. "Large institutions," he continued, "are taking this loan up in quantities, and the value of the bond is perhaps evidenced by the fact that the Sun Life Insurance Company and the Metropolitan have applied for blocks of \$10,000,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively. Of course this provision introduced by the government, in which they reserve the right to limit the amount of any one holding to \$50,000, will possibly prevent any such large buy as this."

DON'T EXPECT LLOYD GEORGE TO VISIT CITY

Indications Point to Former Premier's Not Coming Farther Than Toronto.

EFFORT UNAVAILING

It is not probable that Lloyd George, England's great war premier, will see his way clear to visit London on his forthcoming trip to Canada, according to local men who have made an effort to bring him here. The mayor cabled some weeks ago to see whether Lloyd George could come and the reply intimated that it would be unlikely.

The mayor himself is going to Toronto Tuesday, Oct. 9, upon the invitation of the lieutenant-governor to meet the "little Welshman," and although everything so far has pointed to London's isolation in this respect, the mayor still thinks that if some one with sufficient influence and energy would take the matter up that "David of the hills" might yet be persuaded to come to the city by the Thames.

George Copeland, president of the Canadian Club, issued an invitation to Mr. George when the visit was first proposed. The intention was to get the visitor to address Londoners either in Victoria Park or in one of the large halls if rain prevented the outdoor meeting. "There was never any intention," he said, "of keeping Mr. Lloyd George to ourselves," we wanted him to come and speak to all Londoners." Mr. Copeland is, however, of the opinion that this distinguished visitor will not be able to come west of Toronto on his present trip.

TROOPS STOP LAW MAKERS FROM MEETING

Southwest's Most Famous Gunmen Carry Out Orders of Oklahoma Governor.

NO DEMONSTRATION

Special to The Advertiser. Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 26.—The Oklahoma legislators attempting to convene for the impeachment of Governor Walton were dispersed before the doors of the Hall of Representatives today by the Oklahoma National Guard.

The legislators left the Capitol Building silently. There was no demonstration.

As the legislators left their headquarters at the Skirvin Hotel, they were flanked on either side by Governor Walton's operatives, including some of the southwest's most famous gunmen, the legislators planned to meet despite Governor Walton's threat to jail them all in case they attempted to gather, the towering "Buck" Garrett and Zack Mulhall, with heavy revolvers in plain view, directed the peace officers. The legislators marched between the columns of Walton operatives out of the hotel.

Garrett stood solemnly without a smile on his face as the black hat pulled down over his eyes. At his direction his assistants jumped to telephone booths in the hotel lobby and flashed word to military headquarters that the legislators were under construction. "We will not attempt to convene until noon, when the session is called," it was announced. The legislators were under constant surveillance. Soldiers followed each group.

ONE KILLED, EIGHT HURT ON THE DUNDAS HILL

Workmen Meet With Accident When Truck Topples Over Hill.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Sept. 26.—A. Brown, an employee of Johnson Bros. contractors, was instantly killed, and eight other employees injured, some of them very severely, when a truck carrying them over a hill on Dundas street, toppled over against a stone wall on the Dundas hill a few minutes after noon. The road is half paved, the remainder being under construction, at which work the men were engaged.

The injured were rushed to neighboring homes, given first aid, while a hurried call was sent for several Dundas doctors. An ambulance from Hamilton conveyed some of the more seriously injured to the General Hospital here.

TAKES TWO SUSPECTS TRYING TO STEAL CAR

Brantford Officer Effects Arrests Despite Threat to Shoot.

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, Sept. 26.—Receiving word of the presence of gaudy characters at the corner of Brant street and Burch street at 2:30 this morning, Constable Dowling wheeled to the scene in time to see two men attempting to get away in a Buick's \$7,000 car. Getting the drop on the men, he marched them to the police station, despite threats from a third man to shoot if the men were not released.

The third man, however, was the only one to get away. The men were searched and found to be wearing clothes stolen from Pursell & Good-Burroughs, at Simcoe Sunday, from some time ago. The men gave their names as Joseph and Alex. Watson, of Hamilton. Their record is being checked up.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today—Moderate southeast winds, fair.

Thursday—Southerly winds, for the most part fair and warm, showers in a few localities.

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	42	Clear
Calgary	42	42	Cloudy
Winnipeg	74	56	Cloudy
Port Arthur	60	54	Fair
Perry Sound	68	54	Fair
Toronto	74	56	Fair
Kingston	72	54	Fair
Ottawa	80	52	Fair
Montreal	68	52	Fair
Quebec	62	48	Cloudy
Father Point	48	26	Clear
St. John	60	40	Cloudy
Halifax	60	42	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 78; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 51.

Barometric Readings. Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.34. Today—8 a.m., 29.25.