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CITY HOME BANK SHAREHOLDERS LOSE \$100,000

Today Coldest This Year, Mercury Hovers at Zero Point

LONDONERS WILL SUFFER BIG LOSS IN BANK ACTION

Shareholders in City Expected To Lose Over \$100,000.

DOUBLE OBLIGATION

C. N. Spencer Sees No Chance of Government Assuming Complete Loss.

Shareholders of the Home Bank in London will lose more than \$100,000 through the failure of the defunct institution. One citizen alone will drop as much as \$40,000, according to reports.

Major T. J. Murphy, of Murphy, Gunn & Murphy, barristers, and C. Norman Spencer, Dufferin avenue, declared today there was not the remotest chance of shareholders being relieved of their liability. Mr. Spencer, it is understood, took out many shares of stock six months before the bank failed, and he will be one of the heaviest sufferers in a financial way.

"I believe the loss will be more than \$100,000," Mr. Spencer said. "I am informed by Toronto authorities that shareholders may as well prepare to meet their double obligation, for it will be enforced, make no mistake about that. I purchased my shares six months before the crash and only received one dividend."

Mr. Spencer added that all possibility of the government assuming the complete loss had long ago disappeared. His opinion was, however, that Ottawa should shoulder all responsibility for the failure, because the preceding administration had been warned repeatedly that the Home Bank was in difficulties.

"Of course the shareholders will know no man," Major Murphy said. "I have to pay in the city who took out \$20,000 in shares six months before the crash. The total loss will be more than \$100,000."

The major said London was harder hit than many other cities. Several shareholders with big holdings will have to meet about \$70,000 of the total. These men are well-to-do, so the hardship will not be so marked. But the smaller shareholders, those owning \$1,000 and \$500 stock, will find the double liability a tremendous burden.

It is understood Catholics of the city hold more than 60 per cent of the aggregate number of shares owned by Londoners.

TWO ARE FINED AS DISORDERLIES

Constable Testifies He Finds Four People Sleeping in One Room.

Conditions prevailing in some foreign countries were discovered by Sergeant Oakley two nights ago. At three o'clock this morning he scolded on 421 Clarence street and arrested four people who were sleeping in one room. Those appearing in court today and charged with living in a disorderly manner were Harry Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

Lancaster was fined \$25 and costs or 21 days in jail. Davidson was assessed \$10 and costs; Mrs. Smith was remanded to jail, while Mrs. Lancaster was discharged.

Oakley said Lancaster, his wife and Mrs. Smith were occupying one bed, while Davidson was sleeping in a cot. The lights went out at 1:30 and after listening at the door to some conversation, he walked into the room with Constable Burgess. Davidson told the court he had 36 girls under his charge at Byron San. There was no stain on his character, he declared.

"Well, there is now," commented the court.

Mrs. Lancaster said Mrs. Smith had been rooming with her because she had no place to go. The two women stood together, clasping each other's hands nervously. Mrs. Smith had one arm around Mrs. Lancaster and harked to part when the latter walked out the door free, while the cell door stood open for her.

Lancaster did not offer any evidence.

BUILDING INCREASES.
The January building record shows substantial increases, with ten construction permits issued for work, estimated roughly at \$12,000.

THE WEATHER.
Strong northerly winds, partly cloudy, becoming colder, snow flurries. Sunday: Very cold; Monday, becoming milder.



DR. C. H. REASON, who it is expected will become a member of the board of governors at the University of Western Ontario.

PROPOSAL DOESN'T ENTHUSE LAWYERS

Think Present Method of Picking Crown Attorneys Suitable.

Members of the London Bar Association interviewed by The Advertiser today regarding Mayor Weniger's proposal to have prospective crown attorneys recommended by the Bar Association to the local M.L.A. were not particularly enthusiastic. They were satisfied with the present method, which means that the man getting the job must be a stalwart supporter of the political party in power. This party would see to it that no weak lawyer was appointed, the legal fraternity state.

"I think a good deal of attention is paid to the opinion of the local bar," stated J. M. McEvoy, K.C. "It is not badly handled at the present time. There is no dissatisfaction with the present method as far as I know."

Other prominent lawyers expressed opinions of a similar nature.

DISTRICT ATTRACTS TAXICAB CONCERN

U. S. Firm Would Assemble Machines For Sale in Britain.

Prospects for a greater industrial expansion during 1924 are excellent, according to those who have interested themselves in this phase of the city's activities. Although the law of One of the members of the industrial area commission stated, as an instance, he had been informed concerning a certain American firm engaged in the manufacture of taxicabs, was seeking location in this section of the province. It's purpose would be to assemble this type of machine for sale in the British Isles.

London's desirable features will be presented to the officials of this concern.

COSTLY TO BRING BACK HUSBANDS

In One Case \$750 Was Spent To Extradite Deserting Husband.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Jan. 4.—To bring one husband back from Alberta, \$750 was spent, then the judge let him go on suspended sentence. This is a sample of the difficulties in the way of extraditing deserting husbands, says George H. Corbett, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children. Although the law allows the extradition of fugitive husbands, it costs about \$500 to bring them back.

The remedy is for the police authorities to treat desertion of a family like any other crime and to track down and bring back a deserter just as they track down a forger, and prosecute him out of public funds.

FIFTY-FIVE COMMERCIAL FAILURES REPORTED

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 5.—Fifty-five commercial failures were reported in the Dominion during the week ending yesterday, compared with 76 for the same week of last year, according to the report of R. G. Dun & Co. today.

Nineteen of this week's failures occurred in Quebec province, 15 in Ontario, seven in British Columbia, six in Manitoba, five in Saskatchewan, two in Nova Scotia, and one in New Brunswick.

WEST COAL RATE COULD BE REDUCED TO \$5.50 TON

J. D. Butler, Toronto Engineer, Investigates Situation For Coal Dealers.

TWO TRAINS A WEEK

William Buchanan Reports the Demand Continues For Alberta Fuel.

A freight rate of \$5.55 a ton on Alberta coal shipped to Ontario is economically possible according to J. D. Butler, Toronto engineer, who has been investigating the situation on behalf of coal dealers. William Buchanan of the Buchanan Coal Company stated today that Mr. Butler had arrived at this conclusion after an exhaustive survey.

"By purchasing new cars with increased freight capacity, extra large engines, and by using two trains a week for the purpose of transporting Alberta coal, the price should come down to \$5.55 a ton, according to Mr. Butler," Mr. Buchanan said. "A wonderful demand has been registered by householders and manufacturers from Windsor to Quebec. If I could get it I would take 50 cars a week. We have called every day from customers demanding Alberta coal."

At the nine-dollar rate proposed by Sir Henry Thornton, it would not be possible to retail the fuel for much less than \$14 a ton Mr. Buchanan stated. Several engineers have reported on the freight conditions, however, and all have decided that it would be possible for the C. N. R. to transport the coal for less than a maximum rate of \$7.

"At this time the railway executive cannot make money shipping western fuel at \$7 perhaps, owing to the severe weather," Mr. Buchanan said, "but about the middle of February I expect the freight rate to come down. When it does our company will order as many carloads as can be furnished."

RUSSIAN CREWS RESCUE SAILORS FROM CONEJOS

Associated Press Despatch. Liverpool, Jan. 5.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Post, cabling under yesterday's date, says the captain of the U. S. steamer Winona, which has just arrived at the Turkish city, reports that two Russian boats rescued the crew of the U. S. Shipping Board steamer Conejos, which has been reported lost in the Black Sea. The message adds that the Conejos struck a floating mine 130 miles off a port on the Russian coast of the Black Sea Friday of last week.

Archaeologists To Explore Prehistoric Indian Villages

Work Expected To Be Carried Out Thoroughly Next Summer.

MAY COME TO CITY

What are supposed to be prehistoric Indian village sites in and near London, are expected to be thoroughly explored this summer by archaeologists from the Royal Victoria Museum in Ottawa.

J. D. Reynolds, who expects part of his property in London West was once the home of the ancient Attawandaron tribe of Indians, said today that efforts were being made to have W. J. Wintemberg, Canadian archaeologist, come to the city early next summer to carry on excavations.

Mr. Wintemberg was in London last summer with several other archaeologists, and carried on explorations on the farms of Ray Lawson and George McComb, several miles northwest of the city. Much valuable historical information was unearthed, all of which was taken to Ottawa for examination.

Mr. Reynolds has on many occasions found old human bones and pottery a few feet below the surface of his property, and it is his belief that during the past few years. Local archaeologists say the Port Stanley site was not the home of the Attawandaron tribe, but rather a more warlike tribe such as the Chippewas or Hurons.

SECOND FIREMAN MAY SUCCUMB TO INJURIES

Quebec, Jan. 5.—The woolen company fire of Thursday night may claim the life of a second fireman. Fireman Turcotte of No. 1 station, who was hurled off his ladder and through a plate glass window, is reported to be in a serious condition at the St. Francois D'Assise Hospital, with the doctors refusing to pronounce upon his chances of recovery.



BYRDEN N. CAMPBELL, who is mentioned as the probable chairman of the 1924 Board of Education. Mr. Campbell was re-elected to that body at the recent election after having served two years.

COLD WAVE SAVES PARIS FROM FLOOD

Frosty Weather Is Welcomed by People of French Capital.

SUBURBS SUFFER

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Jan. 5.—The retaining wall at the entrance of the Invalides railroad station collapsed for a distance of 100 feet this morning, and the water from the nearby Seine immediately rushed in. The station has been closed since Tuesday because of danger from the flood. The few watchmen in the structure heard the wall crumbling and escaped.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Jan. 5.—The spell of frosty weather that set in yesterday after so many days of rain seems likely to last, increasing the hope that the end of the Seine flood is well in sight.

The frost came in the nick of time, for the water, filtering through the porous soil, had begun to fill cellars on the Champs Elysee.

The situation in the suburbs of Paris is somewhat different and a calamity. Suburbs which have suffered most are adjacent to the confluence of the Marne and the Seine at the very gates of Paris. They are populated entirely by workers. The water exploded a stock of carbide calcium in a garage at Ivry, igniting 2,000 gallons of gasoline and oil in the reservoirs.

DR. ROUTLEDGE'S FUNERAL HELD

Remains of Well-Known Physician Are Laid to Rest This Afternoon.

The funeral of Dr. George Routledge, prominent Ontario physician and ex-M.L.A. for East Middlesex, who died Thursday night at his home following a lengthy illness, was held this afternoon from his late residence, Edgemoor in Lambeth.

The funeral was largely attended by many Western Ontario physicians, who had known him in the last years of his life. Dr. Routledge was a well-known physician of Western Ontario and several provincial members paid the last respects to the well-known physician this afternoon. The funeral was conducted by members of the Mocha Temple of the Mystic Shrine of which Dr. Routledge was illustrious potentate.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Kiley of Centralia and Rev. Mr. Jefferson of Lambeth. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

REGRET IS EXPRESSED FOR ANNOYANCE CAUSED

Certain unpleasantness has resulted from an article appearing in The Advertiser on Jan. 3, regarding the family of Mrs. C. Stockwell.

No interview for publication was given by Mrs. Stockwell and The Advertiser wishes to express its regret for the circumstances and for the annoyance thus caused.

CHIEF WARNS AGAINST USE OF FLAME IN PIPE THAWING

Head of the Fire Department Claims Many Blazes Are Avoidable.

NEED FOR CAUTION

Electric Heaters and Coal Oil Stoves Must Be Handled Judiciously.

If a pipe should freeze, don't try to thaw it out with a candle or a flame. Don't over-fire your stove. Be careful of all electric heaters and coal oil stoves.

These are warnings issued by Fire Chief John Aitken this morning, who states that if citizens would adhere to these few rules London would not have any winter fires.

According to Chief Aitken, the greatest number of fires occur during extremely cold weather. "Hundreds of fires have been raging all over the United States and Canada for the past week," said the chief. "These are directly attributable to negligence in cold weather."

The chief pointed out that cobwebs and other inflammable material generally surround pipes. Should a pipe become frozen, he explained that it would be disastrous to try and thaw it out with a flame. Electric and coal oil stoves should not be placed adjacent to inflammable material, he said, and furnaces should not be fired up too quickly.

FATHER WHIPS BOY AND DEATH RESULTS

Western Canada Farmer Now Faces Murder Charge—Daughter Also Whipped.

SEVEN LOSE LIVES AS SHIP SINKS

Entire Crew of Schooner Donald Silver Is Lost During Atlantic Gale.

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 5.—The entire crew of seven men of the schooner Donald Silver are believed to have lost their lives when the vessel foundered during a gale while en route from Curling, Newfoundland, to Gloucester, Massachusetts, with a cargo of herring, according to a special despatch from Curling reaching the Evening Echo this morning.

Five bodies have been recovered to date. The crew consisted of the following: Captain Joseph Hackett, married, with seven small children; James Hackett, single; John Hackett, single; Leon Wheeler, single; all of Bay of Islands, Newfoundland; and Harold Swyers, married, and Bert Swyers, single, of Bay St. George. It is now believed that the wreckage reported as having drifted ashore at Fichels, St. Georges Bay, in a St. John's despatch of last night, was from the Silver.

Can Europe Hold Together?

STANDARDS of living—the whole social structure—are sliding to chaos in Europe. Amazing things are happening, and happening so swiftly that we of this country and of this generation can not visualize them.

Can Europe hold together? Can the men and women of the Old World stick things until readjustment is accomplished? Or will the New World, too, be dragged into Europe's wreckage?

These things are worth thinking about. They mean your existence and your neighbor's.

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Story of Evil Is Unfolded By Woman In Police Court Following Arrest of Six

Margaret Cowan Declares Her Husband Left Her and Married Again.

REMANDED FOR WEEK

Action Follows Raid in Ridout Street House by Constable.

It has been some time since the old police court walls have listened to such a tale as that unfolded today by Mrs. Margaret Pietrangolo, who has been living under her maiden name of Margaret Cowan. The girl, who is but 18, is pretty as a picture, and without an evil line in her face. Nevertheless, the story she unfolded to the court drew horrified comments from the magistrate.

Miss Cowan, as she preferred to be called, was arrested with three other women and two men at the home of Harry Price, 353 1/2 Ridout street, at 1:20 this morning. All were charged with disorderly conduct.

"My husband is living in Toronto," stated the girl. "He's married again. He committed bigamy, I guess, 'cause he didn't get a divorce before getting married in Toronto. I have one baby dead and one living. The second one is not by my husband, and that was what he wanted. He wanted to get something on me."

"Horrible," said Mr. Graydon, in shocked tones.

Mrs. Price said the girl and her father had boarded with her some time ago and had gone to Toronto. She had come back for a time, but wished she would go away because she was going around with her son, William Keating.

"I've been trying to keep her straight," said Mrs. Price. "I had her child adopted."

A niece, Violet Taylor, also 18, said she was the person that had done the swearing that called the officers' attention to the house. She will be sent back to the C. N. R. for a week, while Mrs. Price and a girl boarder were discharged.

Harry Price and William Keating were each fined \$10 and costs.

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PRELIMINARY HEARING GIVEN WILLIAM LENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Digby, N.S., Jan. 5.—Preliminary hearing was held here yesterday of the charge against William Lent, 62 year-old carpenter, of having detained Bertha Potter, 22, former almshouse waif in his home for nine years during the last five of which she declares she has not crossed the threshold of his house.

Evidence was given by Mrs. George Potter who stated that Bertha was her foster child whom she had not seen since 1915. Mrs. Potter said that Lent had asked permission in 1914 to marry the girl providing he could obtain a divorce from his wife. This permission had been refused. Soon after Bertha disappeared and search for her had been given up.

Neither Lent nor the girl appeared on the witness stand.

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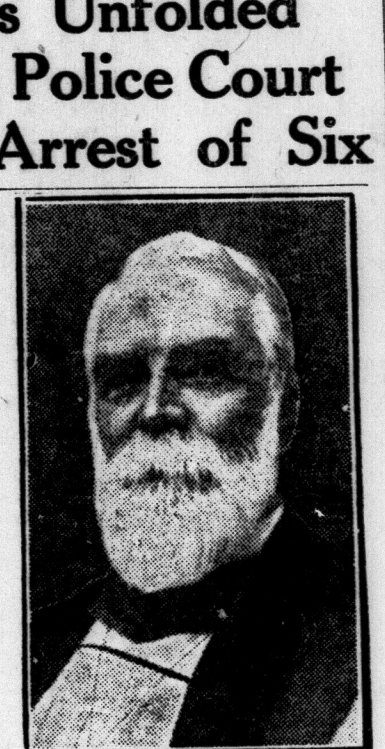
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STILL HALE AND HEARTY. Bishop W. D. Reeve, of Toronto, has just celebrated his 80th birthday in the best of health.

ICEMAN STARTS TO WORK AGAIN

Cutting Will Commence at the Coves Next Week, After Snow Is Cleared.

How would you like to be the iceman?

The men who make it easy for you to enjoy cooling drinks in the good old summer time are now taking preliminary steps to insure a large supply of ice for the coming season.

Phinn Bros. started in this morning to clear the snow from the Coves and will start to cut ice next week.

The ice today was not strong enough to hold some of the fat men on the job, who received wet feet when the ice cracked under them.

New Poles Are Being Erected

New poles are being erected by the public utilities commission on York street, from Ridout to the river in an effort to make the street more attractive. The old poles, of which there are considerable, will be taken down as soon as possible.

PERMANENT POST SAID REAL NEED

J. W. Cunliffe Recommended as Housing Commission Collector.

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BECK THINKS STEAM PLANT MAY BE BUILT AT LAKE PORT

Hydro Chief Believes Port Stanley One of Points Favored.

CHOICE NOT DEFINITE

Experts Now at Work Considering the Plan and Location.

Port Stanley's chances to secure a big steam plant as an auxiliary for the Ontario Hydro-Electric power enterprises, are just as good as any other port on the lakes, judging from remarks today from Sir Adam Beck, M. L. A., and general chairman of the commission.

Sir Adam points out that while Port Stanley has been referred to upon several occasions recently, with two other places, as a suitable location for the establishment of a steam plant, no definite choice can be made until the scheme is ready for presentation and final approval.

Competent experts are now surveying the situation. Sir Adam reports—the best possible authorities are on the work and they will submit a report to the hydro commission as to the feasibility of Sir Adam's plan, the probable cost, etc., and the best location for one or more plants.

The member for London explains that it would be unwise to give out any further statements until the final report is submitted to the commission, but he insists, however, that Port Stanley's situation will be allotted its fair share of consideration. There are many questions to be considered.

It is generally conceded, however, that Port Stanley's location places in foremost amongst the possibilities.

COLDER WEATHER STILL IN SIGHT

Mercury Creeps to Two Above in Early Hours of the Morning.

Citizens this morning were obliged to repulse the onslaughts of real Arctic temperature. Winter secured a firmer grip on the city when the thermometer dropped two degrees and the mercury crept down to the lowest point this winter. Zero weather is threatened with the mercury level at two degrees above zero. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded for the 12 hours previous to 5 o'clock this morning were: Highest, 16 above, and lowest, 2 above.

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