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MAN SELL NORTHERN LIFE; MANAGER GOES

Ald. Judd Moves To Oust Hucksters From City Market

NORTHERN LIFE MANAGER IS DISMISSED AND SALE OF COMPANY IS PENDING

President T. H. Purdom, K. C., States Intention of Northern Life Company To Sell To Sun Life—Deal Is Delayed Awaiting Government Sanction—R. C. McKnight Admits Dismissal, But Indicates Fight For Control.

OFFICIALS SAY COMPANY IN GOOD SHAPE

R. C. McKnight, general manager of the Northern Life Assurance Company, with head office here, has been discharged from his position "for good and sufficient reasons," according to Alex. Purdom, a member of the board of directors.

A report from Toronto this morning states that a large insurance company there is arranging to take over the Northern Life, and credence is given to this report by the statement of T. H. Purdom, K. C., president of the Northern, who stated this afternoon that the intention was to sell the company to the Sun Life, but that the deal was held up awaiting government sanction.

Mr. Alex. Purdom, in an interview this afternoon, stated that the Northern Life was never in better shape than at the present time, and that so far as he knew there was no intention on the part of the board of directors to offer the company for sale.

Discharged Today. Mr. Alex. Purdom added that Mr. McKnight was formally discharged from his position today, following a meeting of the board of directors who after hearing all the facts in the case unanimously decided to discharge Mr. McKnight who will spend the rest of the day clearing up his desk.

W. S. Calvert and myself will be in charge until such time as a new manager is appointed," stated Mr. Purdom. Mr. Calvert, ex-M.P. for Middlesex, is a director of the Northern Life.

Mr. McKnight's Statement. Mr. McKnight in conversation with the Advertiser admitted that he had been discharged from his position. He stated that there had been no transaction between the Northern Life and any other insurance company as far as he knew. He declared that the Northern was in excellent shape.

Mr. McKnight added further that T. H. Purdom and confers had been trying to sell the Northern ever since the Canada Trust Co. had taken over the Dominion Savings and Investment Society.

"The minister of finance and the insurance superintendent have prevented the sale," declared Mr. McKnight. "I am opposing the Purdom's control and am backed up by financial interests concluded Mr. McKnight."

LONDON ATHLETES WILL NOT ENTER CONTEST

Will Not Go to Brantford, But Will Participate in Toronto.

No athletes from London schools will compete in the meet to be held in Brantford tomorrow, under the auspices of the Ontario Athletic Association.

This statement was made to the Advertiser this morning by W. A. Tanner, secretary of the school board who had the handling of entry forms and entries for the public schools of the city. Principal Miller of the secondary schools, also stated that none of the collegiate athletes would enter the same statement was made with reference to the separate schools.

Qualifying the statement of the collegiate performers, Mr. Miller stated that they had decided to wait till the following Saturday, Sept. 23, and send a composite team from the three institutions to compete in the meet held by the Ontario Athletic Association in Toronto.

For the members of this team, a qualifying meet was to be held at Queen's Park this afternoon, but Principal Miller stated that owing to the weather it would undoubtedly be called off if it held the events will be run off after 4 o'clock.

THE WEATHER

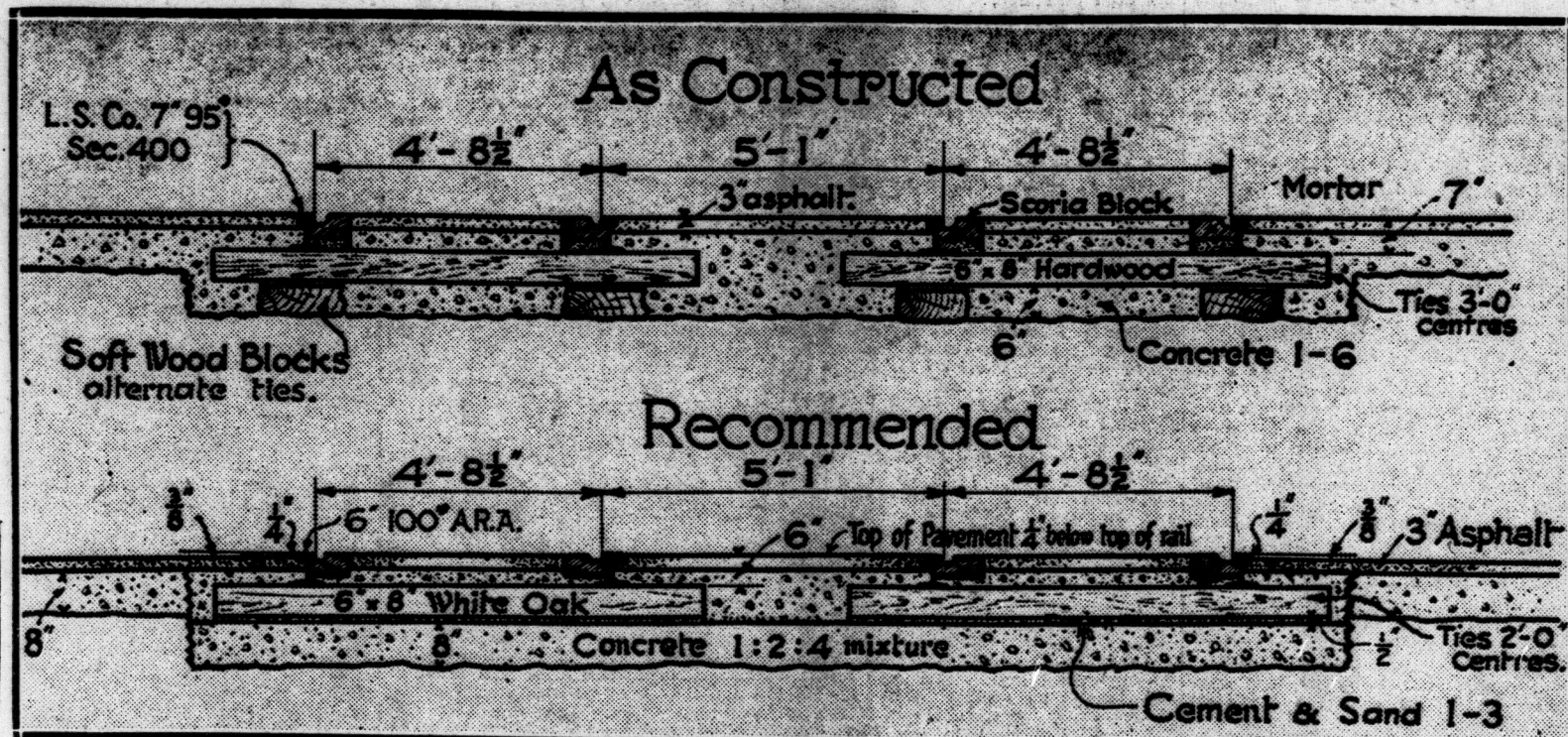
FORECASTS. Today—Moderate northerly winds, gradually clearing.

Saturday—Light winds, fair with much the same temperature.

The disturbance which was in Iowa yesterday morning has now moved almost due east and is now passing south of the Great Lakes towards the Atlantic Coast. Rain has been falling in southern Ontario and in Quebec and in the northern portions of the western provinces. A snowfall has occurred in parts of Alberta.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Vancouver	52	45	Fair
Calgary	48	30	Snow
Winnipeg	48	32	Fair
Port Arthur	58	44	Cloudy
Barry Sound	60	50	Cloudy
Toronto	60	50	Cloudy
Kingston	62	56	Rain
Ottawa	72	54	Cloudy
Montreal	66	56	Cloudy
Quebec	66	52	Rain
Pasadena	68	50	Rain
St. John	68	50	Rain
Halifax	62	58	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 55; lowest, 48. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 54. Barometric Readings. Thursday—8 p.m.—29.04. Today—8 a.m.—29.04.



EXPERT EXPECTS TO LOCATE NEW WATER SUPPLY

W. C. Curd Will Conduct Extensive Drilling Operations in District.

HAS NOVEL SYSTEM

W. C. Curd, probably the foremost authority on ground water supplies on the American continent, will be brought to London immediately for a period of 30 days, following the decision of the public utilities commissioners yesterday afternoon to have a survey made of the district with regard to well water for the city.

Mr. Curd, who was in London last year, acting in an advisory capacity to the Ohio Well Drilling Company, has successfully drilled several test holes here at that time, proposes to take a certain district in London and the vicinity and make a complete survey of it, regarding the possibilities of an adequate supply of water for years to come. He does not promise to find water everywhere, but feels sure that where there is water in such quantities as at present discovered, there is also much more waiting to be found.

The city will supply him with all information necessary, as well as with the needed material and help. Mr. Curd will train an employee of the commission to carry on this work.

The search for water will not be by drilling in the ordinary way. Mr. Curd has invented an apparatus of his own design for this purpose, which is much more economical. His method consists of forcing a thin stream of water at a point in the earth and clay of this district, will produce results much quicker than the drill.

The cost of the survey, including material, men, and Mr. Curd's service will be approximately \$3,000.

PROVINCIAL POLICE SEIZE LIQUOR KEPT IN BOATHOUSE

Cornwall, Sept. 21.—Provincial police, assisted by local officers, yesterday raided seven boathouses on the banks of the St. Lawrence River and arrested six persons. It is reported the officers confiscated 78 bags, each containing 24 bottles of whiskey and beer. Several hundred people watched the seizure, the proceeds of which took five automobiles to transport to the town hall, where it is now locked in the cells. The prisoners taken will appear in police court this morning for preliminary hearing.

STEAMER LEXINGTON RUNS AGROUND NEAR PROVERIDE

Associated Press Despatch. Providence, R. I., Sept. 21.—The Colonizer line steamer Lexington, from New York, went aground in thick fog in Narragansett Bay early this morning. The passengers were transferred to a small steamer and after being lighted of part of its cargo it is expected that it will be floated at high tide and able to make its return trip this evening.

BULGARIAN COMMUNISTS MEET FAILURE IN REVOLT

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Sept. 21.—The Bulgarian revolution against Prof. Zankoff's government has been broken, according to the Daily Chronicle's Belgrade correspondent. The Communists' agrarian movement, which threatened the new regime, has been destroyed and further efforts in that direction are considered remote. The government is engaged in restoring order.

TWO METHODS OF RAILWAY BUILDING. The diagram above illustrates the method of construction now being employed on the new Richmond street roadbed compared with the method recommended by T. U. Fairlie, railway engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission. City Engineer Near says the objections are not serious. The Fairlie report, submitted by Sir Adam Beck this morning, is given below.

Beck Submits Objection To Richmond Street Job; Near Says "Not Serious"

Mayor Wenige Expresses Satisfaction With the City Engineer's Opinion, Although Minor Changes in Fairlie's Report Are Adopted.

Sir Adam Beck today submitted his objections to the manner in which the Richmond street roadbed is being constructed in the form of a memorandum from T. U. Fairlie, railway engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

Sir Adam explained to the Advertiser this morning that the memorandum which appears below is virtually a comparison of the construction methods now employed on Richmond street with those which the hydro engineers have found most efficient.

The two methods are illustrated in the diagram above. Mayor Wenige, when questioned by the Advertiser this morning, stated that Sir Adam's objections are not serious.

"What is the sum total of these complaints?" asked Mayor Wenige. "Nothing that I would consider very serious," replied Sir Adam. "That's the answer then," pronounced Mayor Wenige. "Put at the bottom of Sir Adam's report 'nothing serious.'"

"I do not claim to know anything about the manner of construction of the Richmond street job," the mayor stated. "I take the opinion of City Engineer W. P. Near. When he says that the construction is satisfactory, I am satisfied. But he is evidently giving entire satisfaction. We selected him from a raft of applicants."

Did Not Ask It. "Who asked for Sir Adam's report upon the construction?" was another query from Mayor Wenige. "We authorized him to get a purchase price for the road, and if something definite in that connection is not soon forthcoming, we shall have to take other action."

City Engineer W. P. Near considered in detail this morning the several recommendations from T. U. Fairlie, who reported upon the Richmond street undertaking at the instigation of Sir Adam Beck, and his general comment is that none of the complaints are to be accepted as really serious.

As a matter of fact, the city engineer states that Engineer Fairlie admitted during the recent conference with Sir Adam and members of the board of works that a similar construction laid in Windsor, under his direction, will have to be eventually smashed.

The city engineer reports, however, that one or two minor changes suggested by Sir Adam have been followed. As an instance, he explained that the blocks have been moved out to the ends of the ties, and kept away from the rail joints as much as possible.

He refused flatly the claim from Engineer Fairlie and Sir Adam that the concrete is not being sufficiently tamped. "The concrete is being tamped," Mr. Near stated, "has been adequately tamped since the job started, and will be tamped until the job is through."

"For the roadway and the track is being poured in the same manner as the foundation for the Windsor road, being constructed under the direction of the same engineer who is reporting for Sir Adam here."

Difference in Ties. "The only difference between the Windsor job and this is that in that city they are using steel ties with three-foot centers and with eight inches of concrete under the base, whereas here we are using hardwood ties, 28 inches to three feet center, and with 12 inches of concrete under the base."

All white oak ties are being used. Experts are being employed to cull out all other ties, and if any other experts choose, they may pick out what they consider are not white oak ties, and if such is the case, they will be replaced.

INSTALL NEW CABINETS. New filing cabinets are today being installed in the office of H. E. Blackburn, local master, in the court buildings. The cabinets of four compartments are being installed by jail labor and are 20 in number.

DEPLORES ATTACK ON MAYOR WENIGE BEFORE MINISTER

County Resident States Ald. Wilson Showed Lack of Tact.

WHAT IS IMPRESSION?

What must be Hon. George S. Henry's impression of civil affairs in London after hearing Ald. William Wilson's "eulogy" of Mayor Wenige given at the country home of ex-Mayor E. S. Little, Delaware, yesterday afternoon? This is the question that county and city officials are asking today after Ald. "Bill's" speech.

After the minister of highways had officially opened the Springfield drive yesterday, the party motored to Mr. Little's residence where a number of speeches were delivered. Mr. Little, who is chairman of the suburban roads area for London and Middlesex, stated he was sorry that Mayor Wenige could not be present and called on Ald. Watt to take his place.

Ald. Watt was greatly taken by surprise and side-stepped gracefully, by calling on Ald. Wilson to speak for the mayor.

Ald. Wilson rose in his place and got rid of a number of remarks about highways, according to one man present, the mayor hardly seemed to be listening to the occasion. As his speech progressed the eye-brows of the minister of highways kept rising higher and higher until they almost touched the top of his forehead.

"Ald. Wilson showed very poor form in attacking the mayor the way he did," stated one county man today who was present at the affair. "It was not the time nor the place to indulge in personalities. I always go by the old saying that if you can't say anything good about a man, don't say anything at all."

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Special to The Advertiser. Springfield, Sept. 21.—Last night the office of Harris Bros., flour, feed and coal merchants, was entered, and an attempt made to rifle the safe.

John Harris, on entering his office this morning, found the safe lying on its face, and showing marks of having been tampered with. He summoned help from the St. Thomas police force, and two finger print experts and a provincial constable arrived and took finger prints from the surface of the safe. They believe it was the work of amateurs, as one of the lower plates had been pried off and the attempt abandoned.

Had the burglar or burglars been successful, they would have had small reward for their pains, as the safe contained only a few dollars in cash.

THINKS SKELETON IN WOODS THAT OF SLAIN LUMBERMAN

Canadian Press Despatch. Port Arthur, Sept. 21.—Following the find of a skeleton in the woods near here, Alpine McGregor relates that last December he employed two men, brothers, whose names he did not know, cutting small timber, and that following a quarrel over the payment of wages, they disappeared. The skeleton indicated death from the blow of an axe. It is suggested it was one of the brothers.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Sept. 21.—Arrived: Rotterdam from Rotterdam; Berengaria from Southampton.

CANADA LIFE HEAD SELLS INTERESTS IN IMPERIAL CO.

Stock Representing Seventy Per Cent of Imperial Goes to Four Men.

POLICY UNCHANGED

Toronto, Sept. 21.—H. C. Cox, president of the Canada Life Assurance Company, has disposed of his financial interest in the Imperial Life Assurance Company, it became known today. His stock, which was 70 per cent of the Imperial Life, was taken over by Messrs. G. A. Morrow, Toronto; W. G. Morrow, Peterboro; F. J. Weston, Toronto, and Frank P. Wood, Toronto. George A. Morrow is the new president of the Imperial Life, having succeeded Mr. Cox to that position when the latter became president of the Canada Life.

The Imperial Life was organized in 1897, and is reputed to be one of the strongest of the younger insurance companies. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and the paid-up capital is \$450,000.

"No changes of policy will result from the transfer of Mr. Cox's interest," said Mr. Weston, who The Advertiser interviewed him today about the transaction. "Through there is no financial connection between the Canada Life and the Imperial Life, the companies are on the most friendly terms possible."

From another source it was learned that Mr. Cox disposed of his interest in the Imperial Life because he considered it rather anomalous that while president of the Canada Life he should continue to hold a controlling interest in the Imperial.

Israel Taylor, manager of the Imperial Life in Toronto, has no information as to whether the change in the Imperial Life transaction would effect the Canada Life Assurance Company's policy. Mr. Sereatton, local manager of the Canada Life is also out of town.

PRODUCERS INCREASE PRICE OF HARD COAL

Revised Wage Scale Direct Cause of Higher Anthracite Quotations.

Special to The Advertiser. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 21.—An anticipated increase in the price of domestic anthracite coal at the mines, because of the 10 per cent increase in wages under the new contract, went into effect today.

The new price lists of several large producing companies now in effect, ranging from 60 to 90 cents per ton at the mines. The Susquehanna Coal Company increased the price of egg stove and chestnut 50 cents per ton, while the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company increased the price 30 cents per ton on the same sizes. The Delaware and Hudson Company's list showed an average increase of 70 cents per ton.

Some company officials expressed the opinion that retailers would not place the entire increase on the consumers.

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The Attridge family was quite worried over the non-appearance of the father and they made a trip to the hospital after midnight to see him.

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CITY TO CHANGE HUCKSTER BYLAW WITHOUT DELAY

Ald. Judd Will Call Special Meeting of Finance Committee For This Purpose.

TO FIGHT EVICTION

The "huckster" bylaw will be repealed and a new one drafted, according to an announcement today from Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee who informed The Advertiser that he has given directions for a special meeting of the finance board early next week, for that specific purpose to keep the "hucksters" off the city market without a change in the municipal ordinance governing these affairs.

In company with Ald. George Burdick, the chairman recently inspected the market and an extension of the special session. The repeal of the old bylaw and the drafting of a new one will be advocated.

Ald. Judd reports that certain suggestions will be also submitted by the group of aldermen on this score. The committee expects to deal definitely with the proposal from Mayor Wenige to elevate the rates for market space.

The Best Arrangement. Under the terms of the present enactment the "hucksters" are permitted to come on the market, the chairman explains and buy or sell there has been a misunderstanding among the aldermen on this score. The impression being with some of them, that the law did not allow them to sell, Ald. Judd says that the reverse is correct.

It is Ald. Judd's further proposal that the "hucksters" shall be limited to certain space on the market and that their activities be further supervised with other regulations. The chief complaint he says, is that they leave their vehicles on the market over night and in fact for days at a stretch in order to keep a choice location.

This sort of thing must cease," Ald. Judd warned, "I inspected the market on more than one occasion and I know for a fact that one old rig Turn to Page 2, Column 5.

MARKET FLORIST IS HIT BY AUTO DURING NIGHT

Harry Attridge Taken to St. Joseph's Hospital After Accident.

Mayor Wenige's action in ordering Market Clerk Charles Maker to see that all rigs were removed from the market square last night is indirectly responsible for the accident with a florist residing on Oxford street, west, being in St. Joseph's Hospital with a long cut on his skull and a cut and bruised arm.

Attridge, who sells flowers on the market, was notified that he would have to remove his outfit from the square, and did not make the trip to the market early in the evening owing to the severe storm. About 11 p.m. he started for the market, leading his horse along the road and swinging a lighted lantern.

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