

THE WEATHER:
MODERATE WINDS, CLOUDY.
TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

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THREE CENTS.

ASHTON NOW LEADING IN WARD THREE RECOUNT

Santa Invites Every Child In London To His Party

DRAKE GOES BEHIND AS ASHTON IS GIVEN THREE

Former Has One Added in Seven Subdivisions Checked.

WORK IS TEDIOUS

Final Result Not Expected To Be Announced Before Tomorrow.

Ex-Ald. John Ashton was leading by one vote over Ald. Gordon Drake in the ward three recount. The Advertiser was notified at 2 p.m. today. Ballots have been checked over completely in seven subdivisions out of 25. It is tedious work, and the final report is not now expected until tomorrow.

The proceedings opened at 10:30 a.m. with His Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth presiding and City Clerk Sam Baker, returning officer, in attendance. It was announced early this afternoon that while Ald. Drake gained one vote in the seven subdivisions checked, ex-Ald. Ashton gained three. This places the labor representative in the lead, as Ald. Drake was leading by one ballot when the returns were finally announced election night.

It is further explained that the count is checking the subdivisions from Wellington street east, and more changes would be anticipated in the southeastern section of the city, where both candidates reside. In the event of a tie vote, City Clerk Baker must cast the deciding vote. It will give it to Ald. Drake as being now in office. The clerk established this precedent when he voted for Dr. H. C. Stevenson when Col. Garthshore and the ex-mayor tied in a majority contest.

Ald. Drake has served eight years in the council, and this would be his first defeat. Ex-Ald. Ashton, a representative of the Labor party, and served several years on the council, and was also a chairman of the board of works.

BRITISH TENDERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Public Utilities Manager Is Instructed To Advise Overseas Concerns.

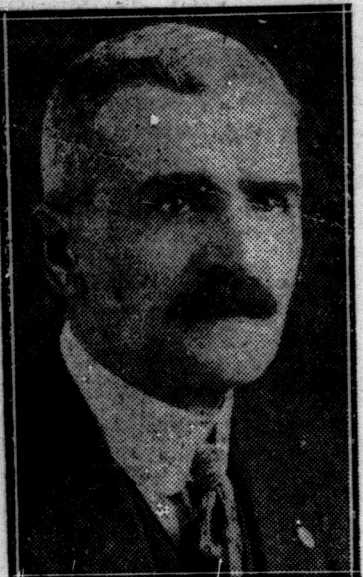
Following the recent action of Toronto city council in rejecting certain British tenders, although they were the lowest received, the Association of British Manufacturers in Canada has written to the public utilities commission asking its attitude on the matter of British firms submitting tenders on public works contracts.

The letter which sets forth the facts relating to the rejection of the tenders by Toronto in favor of a firm in that city, although the price of the latter was considerably higher than that submitted by the British firm, asks whether it is worth while for British concerns to submit tenders.

The members of the commission, after hearing the letter, authorized General Manager Buchanan to write to the association and say that the British manufacturers would receive the same consideration as anyone else, price and quality always being taken into consideration. The action of the Toronto council was deplored.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; cloudy.
Saturday—Easterly winds; mild, with showers.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations High Low Weather
Victoria 41 40 Fair
Calgary 42 16 Clear
Winnipeg 34 14 Fair
Fanny Smith 34 14 Fair
Toronto 41 40 Cloudy
Kingston 44 36 Cloudy
Ottawa 34 34 Fair
Montreal 34 32 Cloudy
Quebec 34 32 Cloudy
Father Point 30 24 Snow
St. John 38 34 Rain
Halifax 23 20 Cloudy
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 49; lowest, 40.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 50; lowest, 40.
Barometric Readings.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—29.42.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.47.



EX-ALD. JOHN ASHTON, who at 2 o'clock was leading Ald. Gordon Drake by two votes in ward three re-count.

SINGLE TAX NOT FAVORED BY BENNETT

Believes Legitimate, Reasonable Land Speculation Should Be Encouraged.

NO BIG SPECULATORS

Legitimate and reasonable land speculation should be encouraged in London, in the opinion of Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett, who incidentally pointed out today that the "single tax" scheme should not be considered in this city.

Commenting upon the latter scheme of taxation as now under consideration in Toronto and other centers, the commissioner agreed with the argument advanced by its proponents that the land speculators are penalized under the "single tax" arrangement of assessment.

"That would be the case, of course, in the bigger cities," he concurred. "But we would not need the single tax here in London. Of course I have not given the question as much thought as others interested have, but I would hardly recommend it now."

"The speculators would be penalized, but then these are no big speculators in London. There are no large parcels of land held here for speculation purposes. In fact, I would be more inclined to encourage some land speculation in London. The little fellow is not in a position to purchase large tracts of land. We'll take those who buy large areas and break them up into building lots, grade the streets, and so forth. The average person could not do that, but expansion of this nature enables him, however, to secure a lot, probably on easy payments, upon which he can have his small house. It gives him a start."

The "single tax" means a tax upon the land only, but the commissioner would recommend, if there was to be any change in the law, a reduction of exempted property. He points out that property valued at \$6,000,000 or \$8,000,000 roughly, is totally exempted from taxation in this city alone.

BRIDGE QUESTION TO SOON FEATURE

Matter of City Structures Will Likely Be Considered in Three Years.

During the next three or four years, if not sooner, city councillors will be compelled to consider the question of their bridges, City Engineer Near warned today. No danger is apparent at present, but a thorough consideration of the question with a view toward action, is slated.

'MODERATES' SAID TO BE PREPARING BIG DRIVE

Toronto Reports Extensive Petition Campaign Will Be Launched Shortly.

BEER AND LIGHT WINES

Hope To Convince the Ontario Government Time Is Ripe For Another Mandate.

The "moderates"—those who would have governmental control of beer and light wines—are massing for the attack.

Arrangements are well under way. The Advertiser has been informed today from reliable sources in Toronto, for the circulation of petitions throughout the province of Ontario praying for another O. T. A. referendum.

It is reported that before many days have elapsed petitions will make their appearance simultaneously in London, Hamilton, Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario.

Premier Howard Ferguson, Attorney-General W. F. Nickle and individual members of the new administration at Queen's Park have repeatedly warned that there must be some "practical manifestation" from the public at large before any vote whatever respecting proposed changes in the act can be sanctioned by the legislature.

The "moderates" state their intentions to circulate every section of the province; the rural districts and the vast stretches of Northern Ontario, and every town, city and hamlet from James Bay to the lakes and from the Lake of the Woods district to the Ottawa River. This will be a tedious operation, they say, hence the early start.

During the past few days has come the first inkling of definite preparations for the campaign, calculated to secure the names of representative electors in sufficient thousands to convince the legislature, at its initial gathering, that the time is opportune for another mandate from the people.

Representative local "moderates" asserted today that they do not seek a return to the bar, but they would be completely satisfied with legislation to grant "beer and light wine" licenses or government control of all spirituous liquors.



Professor Kingston States Tomorrow Will Be the Shortest.

MORNINGS SHORTEN
Peculiar Circumstance Exists as Sun Starts on Northward Trip.



ALD. GORDON DRAKE, whose lead in ward three has been taken away in the re-count being carried out this afternoon.

RECEIPTS OF POLICE ARE NEAR \$30,000

Expect Record Surplus Before End of the Present Year.

HAVE \$28,466 TO DATE

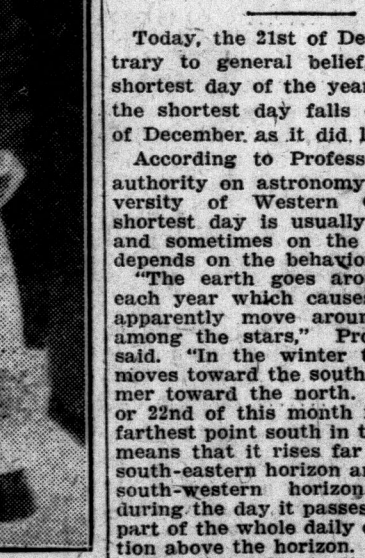
Police receipts for the year to date have exceeded by many hundreds of dollars the amount collected at Carling street during 1922, and the probable returns estimated for 1923, according to an official statement available at the city hall today.

As much as \$28,466 has already been donated to the city's exchequer via the police court route, about \$2,000 more than was amassed during 1922, and about \$2,000 more than was anticipated by the authorities.

Complete returns are expected to bring the total to \$29,000 at least, and with ten days yet to go the \$30,000 mark may be reached. In any event a record for receipts will have been achieved.

Today Is Not Shortest Although Sun Is Directly Over Tropic of Capricorn

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LIQUIDATOR SEES BRIGHT CHANCE FOR DEPOSITORS

Urges Every Member to Share in "On to Ottawa" Expense.

SLIPS DISTRIBUTED

Dambra States Efforts Should Be Concentrated on Full Indemnity.

Chances of the dominion government assuming responsibility for paying Home Bank depositors in full are regarded as exceedingly bright by I. E. Weldon, Home Bank liquidator, who wrote Joseph Dambra, president of the local depositors' association, to that effect this morning.

Comparing the Home Bank situation with that of the defunct Farmers' bank of 1914, Mr. Weldon says the chances of finally getting every cent for depositors are much more favorable.

Mr. Weldon also sent several hundred white slips which he asks all depositors who wish to see that the white slips contributing to the liquidator's fund to fill out. At the request of the committee, I am writing again to you to endeavor to see that the white slips contributing to the liquidator's fund to fill out. At the request of the committee, I am writing again to you to endeavor to see that the white slips contributing to the liquidator's fund to fill out.

Mr. Dambra said that a quantity of these slips will be left in the bank branch where the Bank of Montreal where the initial 25 per cent dividend will be paid.

URGENT PAVEMENT FOR YORK STREET

Section Considered One of the Worst Thoroughfares in London.

A new pavement is proposed for York street, from Richmond street west to the bridge. Now that Richmond street has been repaved, the city authorities consider this section of York street to be about the worst paved thoroughfare in the community.

The proposal would include the widening of that section of the street extending from Ridout street to the bridge, and the telephone poles in that block would be moved in several feet from the curb.

SAYS SPENCE CASE TO BE CONTINUED

Mayor Intimates Every Effort Will Be Made To Clear Up Charge.

The Spence charge against the police department will be continued in all likelihood at the next session of the police commission, Mayor Wonnige, chairman, stated today. "This question is still on tap," he stated. "The case was adjourned in order to secure certain information not then available."

Santa Asks All His Children To Be At the Winter Gardens At Eleven o'Clock Tomorrow

Everybody Invited For an Hour of Fun—Loveliest Children Will Be There.

WILL GIVE PRIZES

Doris Short Will Dance—Music by Winter Gardens Orchestra—Candy and Toys.

Every little girl and boy is invited by Santa Claus to come to his party in the Winter Gardens at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Santa Claus will give The Advertiser's prizes to the Loveliest Child, Ella Mae Scoyne, and her three loveliest companions, Irene Roach, Clare McCandless and Tennes Tanner, and Mayor Wonnige will receive the loveliest children on the platform with Santa Claus in behalf of the city of London.

Irene Roach is ill at home, so Santa Claus will call there to meet the children, and he has three loveliest companions, Irene Roach, Clare McCandless and Tennes Tanner, and Mayor Wonnige will receive the loveliest children on the platform with Santa Claus in behalf of the city of London.

The doors of the Winter Gardens will be open at 10 o'clock. Be sure to have your seat by 11 o'clock, because Santa Claus will be there sharp on time.

EXPECT RYAN WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

"Red," Fearing Lashes, Will Vigorously Oppose Return to Canada.

Minnesota, Minn., Dec. 21.—Norman "Red" Ryan, alleged gunman probably will be returned to Canada to finish his sentence at Kingston Penitentiary, from which he escaped. It was said today, St. Paul authorities, who issued the warrant on which Ryan was arrested, have waived all rights in his prosecution and have indicated a willingness that he be sent back across the border to receive his punishment.

Ryan's transfer to Kingston Penitentiary is expected to be made as soon as extradition papers are returned from Washington, where they were sent for proper signatures. In his confession Ryan admitted holding up banks in five other cities besides St. Paul. The cities are Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Oshkosh, and Flint, Mich.

TWO HUNDRED ARE NOW AT WORK ON SEWERS

More than 200 men, including many permanent city employees are now engaged on the city's big sewer project, the Wellington-High street extension. City Engineer W. P. Near stated today that the necessary precautions had been taken against freezing weather in order that the work could continue until February at the earliest.

MR. AND MRS. ROACH SAY: "THANK YOU"

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Roach of 130 Garfield avenue, whose little daughter Irene was named second of the four Loveliest Children, have received nearly fifty letters of congratulation and good wishes since Irene's picture appeared in The Advertiser.

WILD PARTY SOON ENDS AS POLICE ENTER HOME

Harold McCullough, Wife and Several Guests Appear in Police Court.

HAD A "REAL TIME"

Ten Young Men Fined, While Young Women Are Remanded to Jail.

"There were sounds of revelry by night" and Chief Birrell's men soon gathered there.

It was a Christmas party and it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCullough, 644 William street last night and early this morning, until broken up by the police. The entertainment was given by the eldest daughter of the house and from police accounts given today, it was "some" party adorned by much liquid refreshment. There wasn't a drop left in the six whiskey bottles for the police when they burst their way into the house at 1:40 o'clock.

The upshot of the affair was that Mr. McCullough was fined \$25 and costs or 21 days in jail while ten young men, guests at the party were assessed \$10 and costs each. Three young women were remanded to jail for a week and their parents notified of the affair, while Mrs. McCullough and her daughter had the charges against them dismissed.

All present at the jollification were charged with disorderly conduct. "It is one of the most disgraceful scenes brought to my attention since I have been police magistrate," commented Mr. Graydon after hearing all the evidence.

Four children of the McCulloughs, all girls, ranging from ten to fourteen years were taken to the children's shelter where they remained about 12 o'clock, with Constables Monahan and Fraleigh. They could hear profane language and loud talking half a block away, he stated.

"There were three automobiles there, and I sent Monahan for more men," related the sergeant. "Three or four drunken young men came out while we were watching, and one woman was brought out. She was so drunk she had to be carried to the auto, which then drove away."

ARMY PLANNING 2,500 DINNERS

Officials of London Command Will Also Bring Cheer to Jail Inmates.

Yuletide cheer, costing several thousand dollars, in the form of 2,500 dinners and toys for 1,000 children, will be distributed in London on Christmas Eve by the Salvation Army, it was announced at headquarters by Adjutant Spooner today.

The Salvation Army will also make one especially important visit in London this Christmas time, and as a result many men who had been looking forward to a lonely, bleak day, will find happiness, companionship and gaiety.

The visit will be made to the county jail and the festivities have been planned by Adjutant Lewis of the industrial department. Baskets of food will be distributed among the inmates of the jail. On Christmas morning there will be religious services.



SHE HAS HER DOLL. Here is little Luelia Mandas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mandas. She called on the Doll Lady one morning and by evening had won the lovely doll you see above.

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Is Santa's Writing Inside?

Santa Claus arrived today to be ready for the children's party in the morning.

This afternoon as this edition was being printed the big presses were stopped eight times while Santa Claus wrote his name on the big roll of white paper.

Somewhere in the thousands of copies of this edition are eight Evening Advertiser copies signed by Santa Claus. Any little boy or girl who brings a signed copy to the Advertiser office tomorrow morning at 10:30 sharp will be introduced to Santa himself.