

**MORTIRO ABE WAS
ASSASSINATED BY
YOUNG STUDENTS**

The Famous Jap Politician Was
Mistaken for Dr. Sun
Yat Sen.

ATTACKED ON STREET

Great Excitement in Japan Over
Pending Trouble With
Chinese.

[Canadian Press.]
Tokio, Sept. 6.—Mortiro Abe, director of the political bureau of the Japanese foreign office, died today the victim of unknown assassins. His assassins, who are believed to have been students, lay in wait for him in front of his house on Thursday evening, while he was at the railway station to meet H. H. Hsin, minister to China, who had just been recalled from Peking. Upon his return, Director Abe was attacked by two young men who ran out of an alley toward him. One of them seized him by the shoulders while the other plunged a short sword into his abdomen twice. The assassins escaped in the darkness without their identity being known.

Died Suddenly.
It was not thought at first that the director's wounds would prove fatal, for they were promptly dressed after some passersby had carried him to his home and called the surgeons. He became suddenly worse during the night, however, and died this morning.

Excitement is intense here following the reports of the massacre of Japanese, and the insult to the Japanese flag at Nanking and there is much irresponsible clamor for drastic action against China. The sensational press has been attacking some of the foreign office on both the California and Chinese policies.

Killed Wrong One.

Another theory is that Director Abe was mistaken by his assassins for Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese revolutionary leader, whom he greatly resembled. It was reported early in August, shortly after Dr. Sun Yat Sen's flight from China, and arrival in Japan, that a band of 100 assassins had been sent by the Chinese Government to Japan to kill Dr. Sun Yat Sen, General Huang-Sing and other Chinese revolutionary fugitives, and it is considered possible that some of these assassins may have committed an error and killed Director Abe.

Others Planned.
According to the Tai Hui Yo news agency, the conspirators intended to attempt the lives of the premier, Count Gombei Yamamoto, and the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Nobuaki Makino, but owing to encountering difficulties in the accomplishment of their design substituted Director Abe.

**MR. BECK REFUSES
TO DISCUSS CLAIM
OF ROBERT LYONS**

Engineer Says Case Will Go
Further if No Settlement
Is Made.

SPENT HIS OWN MONEY

Argues That His Work Has
Effected Saving of \$400,-
000 to City.

Conciliation, compromise and settlement are in the air so far as the claim of Robert A. Lyons, engineer of the London Electric Company, against Hon. Adam Beck, for work and engineering on the original artesian well scheme, is concerned. Mr. Lyons, whose claim was presented to the water commission on Thursday, has been informed that a conference is wanted by Mr. Beck—hence the rumors of the compromise.

Hon. Mr. Beck refused to discuss the proposition.

"I have nothing to say on the matter for publication," was the statement he made to The Advertiser this morning.

In his claim, which Chairman Pocock, of the water commission, claims has nothing to do with that body because no agreement was ever made by the commission with Mr. Lyons, the engineer points out the fact that his work saved London \$400,000, and that he has received no remuneration at the hands of the city for that saving.

Spent His Own Money.

The wells scheme, which he claims to have discovered and carried to its first successful tests, was responsible for the huge saving. Some credit and some compensation for his work should be the result, according to the text of the Lyons' letter.

London's Industrial and Building Growth In Diagram

Sketches Prepared by Commissioner Gordon Philip.

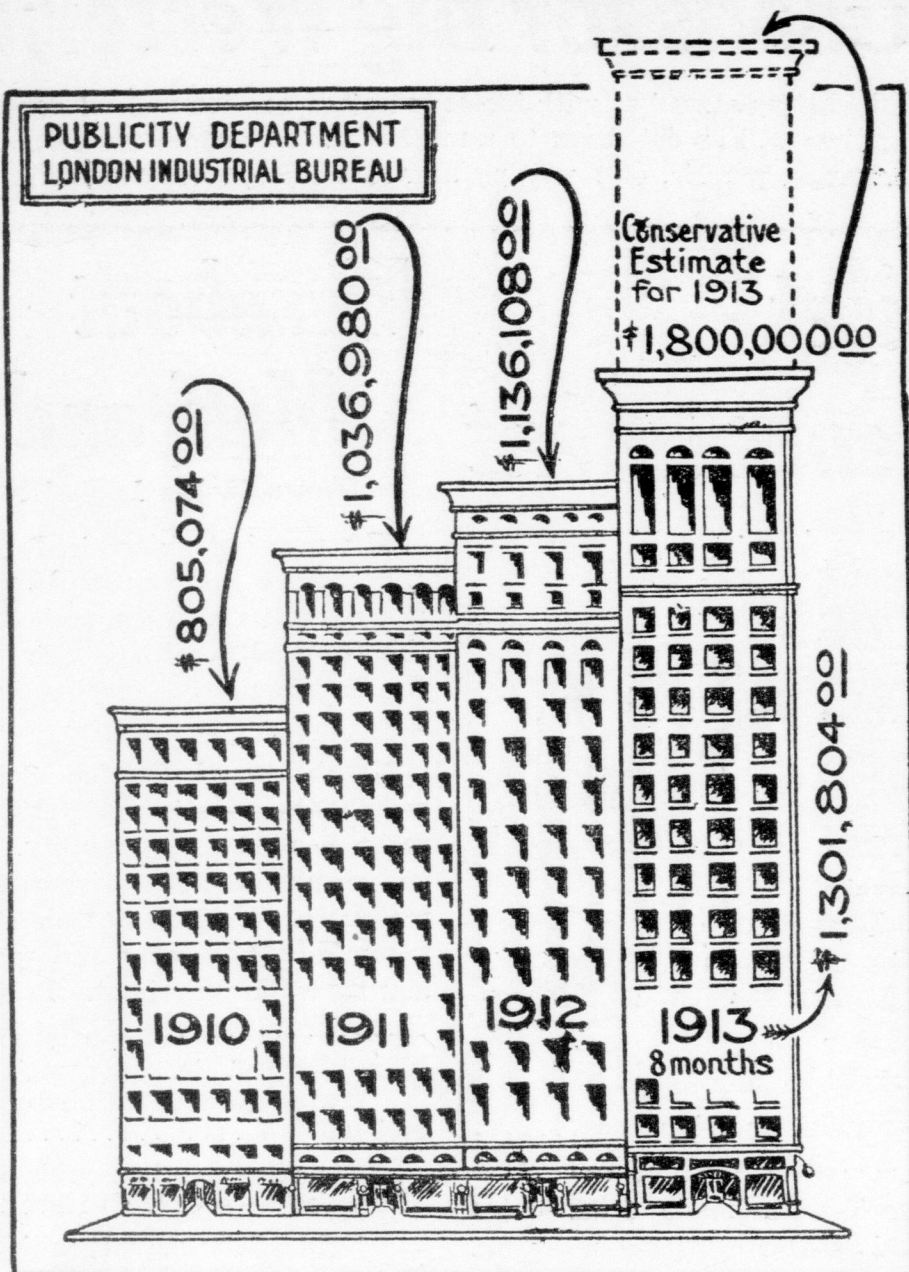


Diagram illustrating the amount of money expended in new buildings in London during the past few years. Few cities on the continent show more satisfactory evidence of substantial growth.

**"JAMES RAY" TOOK \$20,000
BY FAKE LETTERS TO BANKS**

Ingersoll, Woodstock and Brantford Managers All
Paid Over Money—Police Are Hot on Trail of
Smoothest Swindler Who Ever Worked District.

As a result of reports that are coming in from various parts of this district, the police believe that James Ray is carrying around with him in cool cash the big end of \$20,000.

Ray will live in police records as one of the most daring swindlers who has ever operated in Western Ontario.

Since Tuesday he has visited at least six banks in the vicinity of London, and one in Lindsay.

PROFITABLE VISITS.
On each visit by the simple process of producing a letter purporting to come from a bank manager in Saskatoon, he secured from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

The very simplicity of Ray's method of operating disarmed suspicion until some hours after he had left town.

Has a Good Start.
Now, with at least 30 hours' start, the police at the request of the victimized banks, are using every resource at their command to capture Ray.

The police are confident that although he has so far eluded them he will be captured shortly. All border points are being closely watched.

ANOTHER VICTIM?

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Sept. 6.—It is generally understood here that the Imperial Bank is a loser to the extent of \$2,300 through the operations of a smooth individual answering the description of James Ray, who has cleaned up \$14,000 in about three days from various banks in this district.

Manager White will not confirm or deny the story. He says there is nothing to say regarding the matter. It is known, however, that certain parties are very anxious to locate an individual who early in the week secured \$2,300.

GOT ABOUT \$8,000.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Sept. 6.—Woodstock, Ingersoll and Brantford fell victims to "James Ray," along with other towns. It has now become known that on Tuesday last the managers of the Imperial Bank branches at these places received letters by mail purporting to be from the manager of the Union Bank at Kildersley, Sask., stating that their client, James Ray, was coming east to buy cattle, and would present letters of introduction and a demand draft for between \$2,000 and \$3,000, which would be all right. Next day Ray, landing here, presented his credentials and got \$2,300. Next he went to Ingersoll and got a similar amount, and then went to Brantford. He is said to be a typical western rancher.

**FARMER'S WIFE JUMPS
WHEN HORSE BOLTS**

Drops Line and Lets Animal do a Dash
to Hamilton Road.

Considerable excitement was caused on Adelaide street at 11 o'clock this morning when a horse, hitched to a farmer's rig and driven by a lady, was frightened by an automobile. The horse started south on Adelaide at a mad clip, and the lady was unable to stop him. Finally she let go and jumped over the back of the seat of the swaying vehicle to the ground. It could not be learned whether the lady was injured. The horse was caught soon after.

BARGE IS BEACHED

[Canadian Press.]
Leamington, Sept. 6.—The barge Chicomaugh, from Cleveland to Sheboygan, with 4,700 tons of coal, is beached and full of water west of Point Pelee. In mid-lake last night Captain George Mackie found the barge leaking so badly he had her towed ashore.

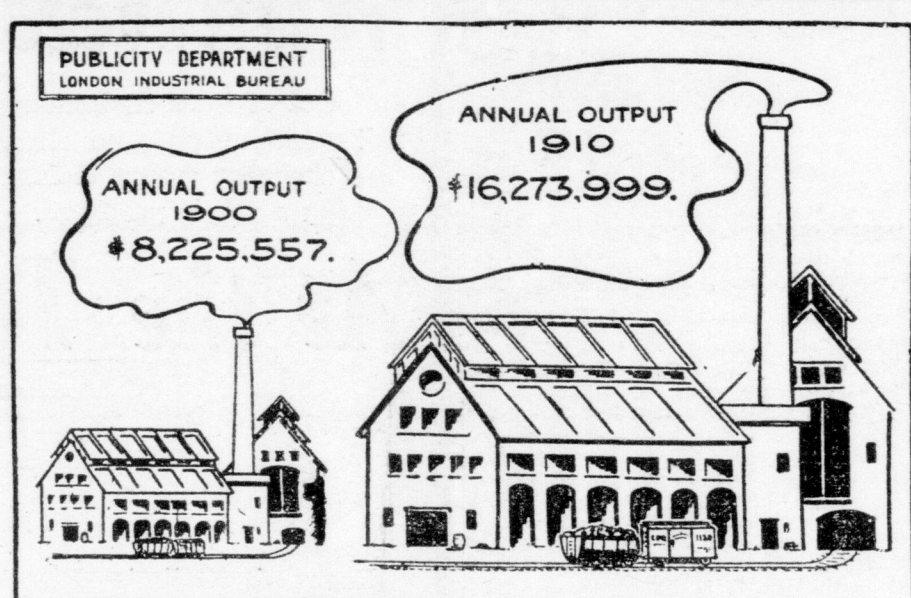


Diagram illustrating the remarkable increase in the output of London's factories, which has increased over 100 per cent. in ten years. The increase since 1910 would be still more remarkable, but unfortunately accurate figures are not at present available.

**City Forges Ahead
Year by Year and
Opportunity Calls**

Co-operation of All Community Interests Will Advance
London Even More—The Commissioners' Well-
Reasoned Appeal.

[By Gordon Philip, Industrial Commissioner.]

There comes a time in the history of important centres of population, when they assume metropolitan importance and dignity, and this epoch brings, along with many advantages, increased responsibility on all local and right-minded citizens. The constituted authorities at this time have their attention fully occupied in routine work of unusual proportions, and it is necessary if the city is to take full advantage of its opportunities, that all public spirited ratepayers see that its growth is well balanced and carefully planned.

As for its internal expansion, a city grows by attraction, and the magnetic power which draws men and money, year after year, becomes more irresistible and grows proportionately greater, as each succeeding industry or enterprise provides more people to be fed, clothed and housed.

The Farmer's Importance.

As transportation facilities, markets, attractions and educational and other advantages increase, the city's sphere of influence becomes more widely spread, and the primary creator of wealth—the agriculturist—becomes more susceptible to its call. As a jobbing and trading centre it grows in proportion to the farmer's need.

Today, however, this is not sufficient if a city is to maintain its position against competitors or its trade. The larger the centre, the greater the attraction, and to hold its own in the race for commercial supremacy a city must also become a producer of wealth, or, in other words, make the goods it sells. As a jobbing and trading centre it is merely working to maintain the population of other centres, which have the foresight and enterprise to start or secure factories. Big centres naturally attract trade, but the city which is content with the trade which drifts in from the surrounding country will wake up some day to realize that another and more attractive centre has appeared, and the farmer and secured his trade, because it is able to offer greater markets, facilities and advantages, and choice merchandise he requires.

Importance of Population.

In addition to affording greater attractions for the surrounding country, the manufacturing city is making trade within its limits. The physical needs of its factory employees and their families—their food, shelter and clothing—are purchased by the money distributed through the weekly payroll. This means further addition to the population in the establishment of new stores and offices in the business centre, and increased trade to establish firms. More professional men are required, and the building trades require more men to build new houses. The public utilities, owned and operated by the city, are increased in value, and with the additional rateable assessment on land required for homes, etc., the city's borrowing capacity is increased, which means that more money can be expended in improvements, adding to the city's attractiveness, and in turn bringing in new people to make it their home.

It has been demonstrated all over the country that a city can add to its factories by the use of certain legitimate means. These are, briefly stated, organization and publicity.

Must Have Support.

Organization has been found necessary for several important reasons. The securing of new industries is a movement for the good of the whole.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.
Forecast.

Toronto, Sept. 6.—8 a.m.—Today—Moderate easterly winds; fine and a little warmer.

Sunday—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; shifting to westerly; generally fair and warm, but a few scattered thunder-showers by night.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	62	46	Clear
Victoria	62	46	Cloudy
Calgary	68	42	Cloudy
Winnipeg	68	42	Cloudy
Port Arthur	64	44	Cloudy
Perry Sound	70	48	Clear
Toronto	72	52	Clear
Montréal	66	46	Cloudy
Quebec	64	42	Clear

Weather Notes.
In the Western Provinces a few light scattered showers have occurred, also light frosts in Northern Alberta. Elsewhere in Canada the weather remains fine.

community, and should therefore be handled by a representative body of citizens. The appointed representatives of the people—the city council—to adequately finance work of this kind, require the authority of a representative body of ratepayers, and their practical assistance if the money is to be effectively used. The experience, training and influence of businessmen particularly, is required to handle the problems which arise in the securing of new industries, to combine in elimination of the old.

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GEORGE A. BARNES, former Londoner, killed in Y. M. C. A. gymnasium at Toronto.

**MARRIED COUPLE ELOPED TWELVE YEARS AGO
NOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN FROM THEM**

Left Husband and Wife in England and Lived as Man and Wife in This City
—Nemesis Pursues Them, and Finally Snatches Golden-Haired,
Beautiful Children.

The culmination of an elopement from a little coal mining town in England of a married man and a married woman, 12 years ago, was witnessed in police court this morning when Elizabeth James, who is now living on Ottawa avenue, was charged with neglecting her two small daughters by Inspector Joseph Sanders.

William Griffiths was living in the little town and working as a miner in London about 11 years ago, settling on his husband also lived in the same place. There she and Griffiths met, and a friendship, which finally ripened into love, was formed between the two. Both had heard of the wonders of Canada, and both decided to elope to this country and make a home for themselves. So one night they met and started for Liverpool, where they embarked for Canada, leaving behind their wife and husband.

Here for 11 Years.
They landed in Montreal, and after roaming about the country arrived in London about 11 years ago, settling on Hill street. Griffiths, who went under the name of James, was a hard worker. Securing employment on the Grand Trunk, he worked steadily and soon had a comfortable and well-furnished home in East London. Things went well for a few months, when Mrs. James learned that her husband had followed her from England and was searching for her in Canada. He did not locate her, however, and things began to run smoothly again. Griffiths never heard from his wife, and he told the court this morning that he did not know whether she was alive. Less than a year after their arrival in London a little girl was born to the couple, and six years later another one was born.

A Touching Picture.
Both little girls, one 11 years of age and the other 5, golden-haired and blue-eyed, pretty as pictures, were in court this morning, and although the proceedings were in their behalf they clung to each other and sobbed aloud at the prospect of being taken away from the couple and given over to the Charities Organization.

The little family prospered, and all went well until a year ago. The husband is said to have started drinking, and at the request of the woman was placed on the prohibitory list. The woman also started drinking, and was likewise placed on the list. Then trouble began. The husband was made a short time ago to Inspector Sanders. He investigated with the result that a summons was issued for the woman, charging her with neglecting to properly care for her two children, both under the age of 10 years. The woman was also charged with a breach of the liquor license act, having been discovered under the influence of liquor.

Part in Anger.

Before Mr. Sanders started his investigation the couple parted in anger, and both told the court this morning that they wanted nothing more to do with each other. "That is the ending of all such cases," said the court. When the case was called this morning the magistrate asked the woman if she were willing that he make an order transferring the children to the care of the children's Aid Society. He intended doing so, anyway, he told her, but would rather do it with her consent. She was willing to have the organization take them, she said, providing they would not be given out for adoption. The court would not agree to this, even after the mother had agreed to pay for their maintenance at the home.

The father then asked if he would be allowed to take them and keep them. "I have always been a good father to them," said he, "and I will see that they are well treated."

The court explained that although Griffiths was the father of the children, he had nothing to do with them because, according to law they belonged to the mother.

After making the order transferring the children to the society, Mrs. James told the court that she felt sure the oldest would return to her as soon as she became of age, which would be only a few years.

The father walked over to them and, after kissing them, supplied them with gold and silver, and the children were taken into an ante-room to bid them good-bye. The little ones sobbed loudly and clung to the mother's neck, refusing to be comforted, but after a short time they were taken in charge by Inspector Sanders and taken to the shelter home, refusing to be comforted by stories of the fine times they would have, and the gold and silver in their possession.

**IS CATARACT POWER
BEHIND NATURAL GAS?**

Large Share of the London Free Press Owned by
Cataract Company, and the Paper Has Been
"Booming" New Commodity.

Is the Cataract Power Company and its allied interests, behind the natural gas company that has promised to pipe gas into London?

It is declared that the natural gas company will enter the cheap power production field. The declaration is made by a newspaper—the London Free Press—in which the Cataract interests control a large block of stock. Part of the paper is owned by the Blackburns—the rest by the Cataract interests. The Free Press might therefore be accepted as the official mouthpiece of the Cataract Company in London.

A Stock-Jobbing Deal.
Natural gas is coming to London. For weeks the London Free Press has been harping on that theme. To the uninitiated the sound of the Free Press chanting has been akin to that of a stock-jobbing deal. To the initiated it has held a dual sound. It has been the warning trumpet to the hydro interests to duck for cover, or to cover its trail. The Cataract Company was after another hydro scalp.

Poor Old F. P. Wobbling.

The Free Press has been straddling the hydro-Cataract fence. Naturally it has wobbled.

When natural gas was first mooted, it was by an alleged American concern. The complexion outwardly of the said company has changed but little. Its internal workings have undergone a complete revolution, according to stories afloat in London today. The American end of the company is claimed to have been a "blind." It has been a Cataract undertaking from start to finish, say the wise ones.

Hon. Adam Beck, when questioned by The Advertiser, would say nothing about natural gas or the attitude of the Free Press.

Boosting Natural Gas.

Natural gas boosts in the Free Press have been the writing on the wall that have pointed to the interests of its part owners—the Cataract Company.

Hon. Adam Beck and the Ontario hydro-electric power commission, have carried the power monopoly battle into the territory of the Cataract Company. The Cataract Company is now alleged to be carrying the war into Hon. Adam Beck's own private district.

**FIRE LOSS AT
HOT SPRINGS IS
NOW \$6,000,000**

Twenty-Five Hundred People
Are Homeless—Help Is
Being Rushed.

Water and Power Plants Gone
and All Business Is
Paralyzed.

[Canadian Press.]

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 6.—Stunned by the extent of the damage wrought by last night's fire, which swept more than 50 city blocks here with an estimated loss of \$6,000,000, the people of Hot Springs today took first steps toward rehabilitation.

Mayor McClendon accepted Governor Hays' offer of two companies of state militia and ordered a mass meeting of citizens for later in the day, when it will be decided whether the city will call upon the outside cities for help.

2,500 Homeless.

It is estimated about 2,500 persons were made homeless by the fire. The majority of these are being temporarily camped in the vicinity of the Oakland race track and state fair grounds.

Grand avenue, leading from the burned area to the fair grounds today presented a picture of desolation. Hundreds of families with what little they had saved from the ruins were gathered along the roadway gradually working their way to the camp grounds. The militia will guard these people and guard the devastated district.

Lots of Water.

There is no danger of a water famine. Continued on Page Eleven.

**GEORGE A. BARNES
Y.M.C.A. DIRECTOR
IS KILLED BY FALL**

Former Londoner Dislocated
Neck While at Work in
Gymnasium.

Took Foremost Part in Leader's
Class, and Developed as
Instructor.

Mr. George A. Barnes, well known in connection with the local Y. M. C. A. and a prominent member of the League of Nations, met his death Friday night when he fell from a horizontal bar on which he was demonstrating different exercises to a class of boys in the new Toronto Y. M. C. A.

When he slipped and fell, for a moment no attention was paid to him, but as he did not rise, those present saw that something serious had happened. He was rushed to Grace Hospital. It was found that his neck had been dislocated, and death ensued within ten minutes after his arrival.

At Post a Few Days.

He had only been engaged on his new duties for a few days, and his death caused great sorrow among the directors of the institution and his numerous friends.

When in London some years ago Mr. Barnes distinguished himself as a promising athlete. He was particularly a specialist at apparatus work, at which he met his death. Secretary Wilson and his many friends in the city express deepest sympathy to his parents who reside in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. Barnes had been connected with Y. M. C. A. work in St. Catharines, Stratford, and Sherbrooke, before going to Toronto.

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