

GIVE STANSELL CLOSE VICTORY

Stockholders Show Confidence in London Motors President.

HAVE FINANCE IN SIGHT
American Banker Intimates His Firm Will Back Auto Concern.

Taking Thursday's special meeting of the London Motors Limited, as a basis for calculation it would be reasonably safe to assume that a great majority of the shareholders are confident that the bright future awaits the company providing its present management is allowed to carry on unhampered.

The announcement at the meeting by William R. Stansell, president and general manager, that he had found a way to insure the success of the firm and was ready to submit his plan was the signal for a wild outburst of cheering from the assembled stockholders.

When George Gebbie, of the firm of Gebbie & Co., bankers of Elmira and Buffalo, New York, declared that the institution of which he was a member stood ready to finance the London Motors Limited, the applause was deafening.

From its inception the gathering was destined to be replete with action.

Called at the instigation of U. A. Buchner, stockholders, eager and alert, and probably a hundred in number, appeared at the county buildings despite a notice sent out by the directors of the company that no gathering was scheduled.

The meeting opened with Mr. Buchner in the chair. In his opening remarks he urged co-operation among the shareholders, and denied emphatically that he was "knocking" the corporation. He explained that as chairman of a special committee of four shareholders representing stock to the value of \$100,000, he had summoned them together in an effort to gain if possible further details as to the company's financial status.

Only Fair.

"It is only fair that we should have this information," asserted Mr. Buchner. "I cannot understand why anyone should oppose this meeting. I am sure that a committee be formed to secure this information. Before we proceed further I must caution you that no personalities be indulged in."

W. R. Stansell, president, explained that he felt that, although the session was of an irregular nature, by reason of the fact that it had not been called by the directors, what he had to say should be heard at that juncture.

He declared that he had received two letters from Mr. Buchner, one March 14, 1922, the other August 11, 1921, both communications expressing a desire for similar data.

"I wrote Mr. Buchner," said Mr. Stansell, "that the books were ready at any time for inspection, but have heard nothing from him since."

"I thoroughly agree with Mr. Buchner that everything should be done to keep the company on its feet, but I do think that the methods taken have been unwise. I can be seen by any shareholder at any time, and I cannot find from careful investigation that Mr. Buchner has ever asked to see it. Our audit has been prepared by chartered accountants, recommended by our bank and absolute strangers to me."

Traces Growth.

After tracing the growth of the company since its inception the president read a communication from the Continental Motors Company lauding the London product.

"It is of good quality," said the Detroit eulogist, "of which Canada can be well proud."

While explaining that he was about to read a similar letter from another firm the president was interrupted by the chairman, Mr. Buchner, the latter commenting "we want to hear what progress the company has been making, not the opinion of Americans."

"Well, I have the floor," continued Mr. Stansell.

"But excuse me," interrupted the chairman a second time, "we want to hear what you are doing."

"We are making automobiles," was the retort amid applause.

"If the shareholders are not interested," continued Mr. Stansell, "I will not read the letter, but I would like to impress upon them that people who know this business thoroughly contend that our progress has been marvellous."

"Just a minute," exclaimed the chairman, "let's hear how many ma-

Awarded Prize



MR. AND MRS. M. GUTSON, 6 Webb street, London, have reason to be proud of their 15-month-old daughter, Rhea, who was recently awarded a prize for being the prettiest baby at a local gathering.

"That Rhea is possessed of a high degree of bodily perfection is shown by the following measurements: Weight, 20 pounds; height, 25 inches; from fingertip to fingertip, 32 inches; about the head, 20 inches; chest, 24 inches, and about the abdomen, 23 inches.

chines you have made."

"We have eighteen under construction," was the reply, "and two were sold in this city last night, but I still claim that the office is the place to seek this information."

Continuing, President Stansell declared: "I cannot see why honest efforts should be blocked. There is not one of you shouldering the burden that I am, and some of those who are causing the most trouble haven't a nickel invested in the project. I want to get down to bedrock and tell you how we can finance this project if you want to hear it."

"I'll call upon Mr. Gebbie of Buffalo," explained the president.

While the vast majority of the shareholders appeared anxious that the visitor be heard, a section of the audience, headed by the chairman, opposed the move. The latter objected that Mr. Gebbie was not a shareholder, and his statement was the signal for a volley of contradictory opinion from all quarters of the room.

Must Keep to Case.

"I don't care about his own experiences," thundered the chairman, "he must confine his remarks to our case."

Explaining that he would not attempt to speak with a gag in his mouth, Mr. Gebbie promised that he would confine his remarks to matters of interest to them. He explained that he represented a firm of licensed bankers, with offices in Buffalo and Elmira, New York.

"We have a branch which aids corporations which will stand our investigations. Our investigation of your company has been so favorable that I accepted the invitation to come here and see what could be done. Unless you stop 'scrapping' among yourselves, however, I fear nothing can be done."

After another verbal tussle with the chairman, Mr. Gebbie declared, "We have thought favorably of taking up the sale of your treasury stock and financing your company."

At this point the chairman insisted upon learning definitely whether the American bankers were willing to take over a company with a \$75,000 debt. Mr. Gebbie replied, "Not while there were factions pulling both ways."

Quick Turnover.

"If anyone here wishes to sell his stock and get out let him give me his name, and we'll take it from him so we can wipe out those persons first."

"Now is your chance, chairman," exclaimed several in the hall. "Let him sell out."

"Well, mine's for sale, at 50 cents on the dollar," retorted the chairman quickly.

"I'll take it," shot back the American banker. "Bring it to the office, and I'll give you a draft on our bank."

When the cheering had died away, President Stansell arose to make a further announcement, but was interrupted by the chairman. Various comments and suggestions then emanated from the audience directed mostly at the chair, such as, "You're not right in the chair," and "You have no right in the chair," and one stockholder rose and moved that the chairman be unseated.

After considerable discussion of a similar nature the meeting stood adjourned to await a financial report to be ready by April 1.

PLACES ONUS ON CITY COUNCILLORS

General Manager Buchanan Says Commission Will Not Cut Parks Board Estimates.

FIGURES ARE PREPARED

Declares Reductions Would Eliminate New Bandstand Construction and Proposed Roadway.

No voluntary cut in the parks board estimates is contemplated at the moment by the public utilities commission, General Manager Buchanan explained Friday morning.

The figures, as already prepared, will be submitted to the city commission, he says. The commissioners believe that these estimates are absolutely for the best interests of the city and feel that if any reduction is to be accomplished, the onus for the same should rest upon the city council.

"As an instance," pointed out the manager, "for years and years the estimates have provided for a new bandstand in Victoria Park, and a new roadway leading into Springbank Park, but each year they have been eliminated."

Should it be absolutely necessary it is these two items which would have to be slashed this year again, the commissioners say, meaning a reduction of from \$48,000 to \$36,000. In the interim the old stand in Victoria Park is to be removed. Manager Buchanan has been instructed by the commission to this effect, for the public's protection it is explained.

Should the council refuse to grant the money for a new structure, the band will be compelled to play from the benches while the audiences will be compelled to stand or resort to the grass.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There shall no evil happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.—Proverbs 12:21.

FOR myself I am certain that the good of human life cannot lie in the possession of things which for one man to possess is for the rest to lose, but rather in things which all can possess alike, and where one man's wealth promotes his neighbor's—Spinoza.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

SATURDAY.—Agricultural Section of Chamber of Commerce meets at Tecumseh House, 1:30 o'clock.

THE CONDITION of Crown At- (town) W. McKillop, K. C., remained unchanged Friday afternoon. Mr. McKillop has been seriously ill at his home in the Hayman Court for the past week.

THE CONDITION of Mrs. A. E. Silverwood, who has been critically ill at her home for the past few days, was reported to be slightly improved Wednesday afternoon.

THE INTERNATIONAL Harvesting Company of Canada, Ltd., has issued a county court writ through Messrs. B. Perrin, against W. Simpson of Wallaceburg for \$505.87 for goods sold and delivered.

AN EVENT that the junior boys of the Y. M. C. A. are eagerly looking forward to is the hike that Mr. Spearman is having tomorrow for their benefit. He intends to hold these hikes weekly and is looking for a large turnout in order to make it as great a success as possible.

SECRETARY PAULGOR of the G. W. A. said that the unemployment situation is practically the same as far as the veterans are affected. For the entertainment of the boys a euchre drive will be held on March 22. He wishes also to announce that an executive meeting will take place in the clubrooms over the Majestic Theatre on March 27.

J. A. DICKINSON, head master of the Commercial department of the London Technical and Art School, has been chosen to attend a meeting in Toronto Saturday next, when school representatives from various sections of the province will confer with the provincial department of education with a view toward reviving the council of study in the technical schools. London was asked to send a representative to assist in the revision of commercial studies.

NOT A GREAT DEAL has been heard from the Lone Scouts of America in this city up to the present time. The Y. M. C. A. is therefore co-operating with the patrols already organized here, and is calling a meeting of all the leaders and scouts in the Y. M. C. A. building this evening for the purpose of organizing them into a complete unit. Within a short time it is hoped that London will have one of the strongest city organizations in Canada.

MEMBERS of the London Labor Party met in regular session at the Labor Temple, Friday night, with a lengthy agenda of business scheduled. The principal discussion, however, is expected to center upon the "school annexation" problem, although some time will be devoted to a consideration of the decision registered at the recent provincial convention at Stratford, when it was decided to extend membership of the party to individuals as well as organizations.

Many an economy that is well worth while may be gained through the Want Ad Columns. Use the Want Ads—Rent that spare room of yours. Secure employment for your extra time. Dispose of that used typewriter at a good price. Trade your motorcycle towards a small car. Such are but a few of the economies that are presented through the Want Ad Columns from day to day. Many people have reached success simply by being alive to such chances when they came along. TELEPHONE 3670.

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Careless Auto Drivers Let Off Too Easily Here Says Magistrate

Three constables stated that W. R. Hodges had driven his motor car along Queen's avenue, past the intersection at Clarence street, at an excessive rate of speed, when Hodges answered to his name in police court Friday morning on a charge of reckless and negligent driving.

The defendant cross-questioned the officers closely, but was unable to shake their testimony. Hodges admitted that he had been driving on Queen's avenue the night in question, but not at the hour specified. The court informed him that the time did not make any difference as far as the offence was concerned. "I hope that your honor will be lenient," observed Hodges, as the court signified his intention of registering a conviction.

"I'm not going to send you to jail," stated Mr. Graydon, "but something will have to be done to stop this reckless driving. The fine will be \$5 and costs."

"In the United States prison terms are meted out for infractions of the motor laws in addition to that for driving a car while intoxicated. I see where young Dodge was sentenced to jail in Detroit and fined. That is perfectly right. There is too much leniency shown in this country."

TWENTY THOUSAND SIGN PETITION

Officials of Local Orange Lodges Say More Names Available If Necessary.

Clergy Supporting

Hon. Dr. Edwards Says Harm Would Follow Separate School System Carried to Higher Forms.

Twenty thousand names have been forwarded to Toronto on the petitions which were circulated throughout the city, protesting against any increase of concessions to separate schools in Ontario.

Officials of the local Orange lodges state that but for Drury's statement that the matter would not be brought before the House, the number of names would have been even greater. These petitions have been circulated not only in a house-to-house canvass but through the medium of Protestant churches in the city.

A resolution was passed by the London Ministerial Alliance asking the support of all clergy in bringing the matter to the attention of the church-going public, and at the last session of the London Presbytery a resolution was passed indorsing the petition.

Dr. Edwards' Opinion.

The circulating of the petitions came as a result of the stirring up of public opinion against the claims of the Roman Catholics for increased allotment of tax money for use in separate schools of that denomination. Dr. Edwards, who addressed a meeting in the Masonic Hall on the subject, stressed the harm which would result from carrying the separate school system into the higher forms of education and protested against the use of public funds for separate schools, whether Roman Catholics or otherwise.

MRS. PANKHURST MAY SPEAK HERE

It was announced that the annual meeting of the provincial council for combating infectious diseases will be held in London on April 27, at a meeting of the London council held Thursday afternoon in the Health Institute.

The formation of a national financial committee was also decided upon and a committee to confer with the Social Service Council was appointed.

In connection with the annual meeting of the provincial council, it was stated that an effort would be made to secure Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst as a speaker.

Among those present were: Dr. Gordon Bates, general secretary of the national council; Miss Gertrude Tate, general secretary of the Toronto council; Major Gordon Ingram, president of the London council; Dr. R. D. Hutton, M. O. H. of Brantford; and Miss D. Moore, representing the provincial board of health.

MOLDERS GO ON STRIKE.

Boston, March 17.—Five hundred members of the iron and brass molders' unions went on strike today in fifteen foundries affiliated with the Foundrymen's Association of Boston as a protest against a wage cut of 5 cents an hour.

Poster presided and at the close refreshments were served and the THE LADIES' AID of Talbot Street Baptist Church held their annual meeting Thursday afternoon with a splendid attendance. Reports were received from the various committees, showing a very successful year. The officers elected for the year are: Honorary president, Mrs. J. W. Jones; president, Mrs. J. B. Munroe; first vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Campbell; third vice-president, Mrs. O. Brady; treasurer, Mrs. L. R. Jones; secretary, Mrs. A. Greenslade; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. W. Norfolk; pianist, Mrs. Norman Glen; assistant, Mrs. W. May; envelope clerk, Mrs. Fred Smith; press correspondent, Mrs. R. J. Wilson.

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SHOWS CANADA'S NORTHERN LANDS

Rev. R. J. Bowen Gives Graphic Description While Displaying Pictures.

TELLS MANY STORIES

Reviews Hardships and Privations Encountered by Early Settlers—English Capital Helping.

The beauty and grandeur of the great northland of Canada was shown through lantern slides by the Rev. R. J. Bowen at the Western University extension lecture given in the public library Thursday night.

Pictures were shown by Mr. Bowen of the wonderful mountain systems in the little known regions of Alaska and the Yukon, with all the beautiful color effects that dispelled any thoughts that one might have of a country that is usually thought of as being all snow and ice.

Some of the best pictures shown were those of mountain ranges on the edge of the lakes, it being hard to tell at times which were the actual mountains and which the reflections in the water. This was explained by the lecturer as being due to the clear atmosphere.

The pictures of the gigantic glaciers shown, the lecturer relating many interesting stories of the hardships and privations encountered by early pioneers who risked their lives to develop the country, or to explore it, and in so doing played their part in empire building.

Horses Died by Thousands.

Dead Horse Gulch, which derived its name from the number of horses found there during the rush of the boom days, was shown with a railroad running through it. During the time that the railroad was being surveyed no less than 2,000 skeletons of horses were found and buried.

Speaking of the game that inhabited the north country, Mr. Bowen stated it was estimated that nearly 1,000,000 head of caribou roamed in Alaska and the Yukon.

Some fine pictures of Dawson City were shown. They had been taken in the prosperous days of the city when it had nearly 25,000 population. The population of that city is only about 3,000.

An interesting fact revealed in connection with the pictures shown of the railroad in that territory was that it was built by capital raised in London, England, as was also the hotel built on the mountain top for the use of the tourists.

Other pictures showed the miners at work with their sluice boxes, also the methods used to wash the gold from the gravel.

At Dawson, in the middle of summer, Mr. Bowen said that ice could be found about two and one-half feet below the surface of the ground.

General Readjustment.

At present a general survey of all the hydro consuming municipalities and districts is being undertaken by the provincial hydro department with a view toward a general readjustment of rates. It is expected, however, that it will be May or June before this will be completed, and any change effected. The London branch has been assured, however, that another industrial advance will not be made at that time.

Streets lighting charges were also increased Thursday, to the extent of \$2,880 a year. The council will be asked to pay this additional cost. The management explains that the poor quality of lamps now being manufactured, increases the cost of street lighting maintenance.

Under the new rate the ordinary street light will cost another dollar a year, while the 400 watt lamps in use at corners will be advanced by \$2 a year. Ornamental lights at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets will also cost another \$2, while the lamps on the Market Square will be taxed an additional \$4.

It has been decided to illuminate the utility building at a cost of \$700. Searchlights, 15 in number, placed on buildings across the street will make this possible.

LONDON REALTORS SEE BIG BUILDING BOOM ON WAY

Resolution in Favor of Springbank Dam Construction Passed—Many Applications For Membership.

Great optimism with regard to the future of London was evinced at a meeting of the London Real Estate Board, recently held in the city council chamber. It was felt that on account of the steady drop in the prices of building materials, together with the demand for vacant property in the city, prospects for a boom, both in the building trade and the real estate business, were extremely bright, and members were enthusiastic in their discussion of the advancement of a greater London.

A resolution was passed favoring the construction of the Springbank dam. It is expected that a delegate will be sent to the assembly of the National Real Estate Association, which is to be held in San Francisco this year.

A number of applications for active-associate and associate membership to the board were received.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local postoffice at 10 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 1922, to be forwarded via steamship Aquitania, sailing from New York on March 21, 1922. This mail will consist of letters and registered matter only.

Morley Mills pleaded guilty in police court, Friday morning, on a charge of supplying cigarettes to a minor. He said he purchased the "smokes" for the youngster in a drug store.

The boy, however, did not agree with this story. He stated that he himself had bought the cigarettes, and that Morley, who is 17, had forced him to "cough up" when he left the store, and made him go in the store in the first place.

"I'm inclined to believe the boy's story," declared Magistrate Graydon. "I'm afraid that you have imposed on this small boy."

"I'll never do it again," said Mills, with an anxious look at the bench. Questioned by the court, Mills said that he earned \$4 a week.

"I'm going to dismiss you with a warning," stated the court. "Don't you buy any cigarettes for boys after this and don't let them buy any for you."

Morley promised and hurried away from the court room.

Housing Commission Will Appoint Manager

THE housing commission will meet Friday night to appoint a manager to take complete charge of its affairs.

It is believed that matters are in such a state that no