

LOWER ENGLISH DISCOUNT RATE

Bank of England Makes Reduction of 1-2 Per Cent.

Traders Pleased That Drop Came When Business Is Expanding.

London, June 15.—The Bank of England today lowered its discount rate to 4 1/2 per cent, a reduction of one-half per cent from the figure established on May 12 last.

The bank again took Lombard street by surprise in making this reduction in the official minimum rate. Its action is believed to have been largely taken through a desire to bring the rate more in line with the short loan market, which recently has had large funds unemployed at from 1 to 2 per cent while the bank rate stood at 4 per cent.

Treasury bills were also available at easier rates, and as conditions in the United States were easier, the retention of so high a rate here was regarded as unwarranted.

Another reason given for the change is that the authorities wish to assist the new Indian loan of £12,500,000 which is being floated today.

The reduction was welcomed by the traders, who felt that, coming as it did just when trade was picking up, it would considerably assist expansion. It is anticipated that the deposit rate of the bank will be reduced in accordance with the lower minimum.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve increased £554,000. Circulation decreased £556,000. Bullion decreased £2,048. Other securities increased £325,000. Other deposits decreased £15,785,000. Public deposits increased £2,182,000. Notes reserve increased £558,000. Government securities decreased £14,438,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 19.54 per cent; last week it was 17.54 per cent. Rate of discount reduced from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT PLANTS

As a result of depredations conducted recently in Victoria Park by vandals who rob the flower gardens and destroy the plants, A. O. Hunt, acting general manager of public utilities commission, stated Thursday morning that special constables will be on duty to protect this property.

"Wednesday night after Superintendent Graham had laid out a new flower bed some person pulled a lot of flowers and destroyed several plants," Mr. Hunt reported. "Detectives will be on the job every night now, and any culprits captured will go down," he said.

"We have got to have this thing stopped, and will give the limit of the law to any guilty parties captured. When plants are pulled out of a garden new ones must be put in, and as they are hard to grow it is a waste of money to grow them if they spoil the entire garden."

CONDITIONS THAT CALL FOR A TONIC

Symptoms That the Blood Is Thin Should Not Be Neglected.

Weak, run-down, lacking strength, energy and ambition, nervous, sleepless, poor appetite, digestion disturbed—these are the symptoms named by a great majority of people who have been benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills correct the condition described and if you have any of the symptoms you should give these pills a trial. Their great value in cases of this kind is shown by the statement of Mrs. Meville Fortune, Weston, Ont., who says: "Some months ago I became very depressed and worried. My friends thought I was in a decline. I would often faint, was weak, pale and hardly able to go about. I lost weight to the extent of 24 pounds in four months. I was taking treatment but did not get any benefit until I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These made a wonderful change in my condition, and by the time I was on my fifth box I had regained 22 pounds of my lost weight. I feel altogether like a new woman, can do my household work with ease, and have reason to praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the great good I have found through their use. I will always gladly recommend them for anemia and general debility."

You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or 6 boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.—Adv't.

HAVE DARK HAIR AND LOOK YOUNG

Nobody Can Tell When You Darken Gray, Faded Hair With Sage Tea.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with a brush and effect. By using at any drug store for "Wyneth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients all ready to use, at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair. Well-known downstate druggist says everybody uses Wyneth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears. After another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. Adv't.

Fate of "Home Brew" in Hands of Budget Committee in House

OTTAWA, June 14.—(By Canadian Press).—"Home brew" will soon be illegal in Canada if the House of Commons in committee on this budget resolutions passes one of the proposed amendments to the inland revenue act placed before it by Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance.

The effect of the amendment will be, according to officials of the department of inland revenue, that once the amending bill has passed the house and received royal assent, thousands of licensees issued to individuals allowing them to brew beer for their own use will be voided. After this bill comes into effect no one except brewers or retailers licensed as such by the department of inland revenue will be permitted to brew beer.

SMALLMAN STAFF PICNICS AT PORT

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made, with the result that each race was enthusiastically contested.

Play Volley Ball.

Two thrilling games of volleyball were an exciting feature—a game which paraded something of the nature of a jolly "free-for-all" for the men and a more or less well-regulated game for the women.

Even the extensive program prepared was not, however, sufficient to satiate the racing appetite of the Smallman & Ingram people, and the sports committee themselves, who had throughout the afternoon been hot on the trail of the unwary, were obliged to race themselves, with Wilfred Shortland and Harry Harrington winning the men's race and the women's race won by Miss Ethel Bowman (2) and Miss Gertie Abel (3), the women's race.

Following the sports, supper was served on the heights. There was no dearth of good things to eat, as there was no lack of appetite to enjoy them, and the four hundred feet to the top of the hill was not a deterrent to the good will that there was to be a ball game immediately after supper proving little or no restraint.

Show Appreciation.

Chas. Spearman, president of the Smallman & Ingram Employees' Benefit Association, moved a vote of thanks to the firm, which was seconded by Frank Spears, and tendered by the employees with an enthusiasm which showed little lack of appreciation of either the supper or the generosity which had provided it.

The ball game, played on the main baseball diamond during the evening, was carried on with much enthusiasm on the part of both players and spectators and took place amid much cheering and encouragement of fans. The team captained by S. J. Draper proved victorious with a score of 12, although the victory was won by a narrow margin, the opposing team, captained by H. K. Ingram having a score of 11.

The results of the races were:

Boys and girls, 7 years and under—1 Helen Spearman, 2 Harold Jackson, 3 M. Pollard.

Girls, 7 to 12 years—1 May Parsons, 2 Jean Doherty, 3 A. G. Clark.

Boys, 13 to 15 years—1 Edward O'Brien, 2 Robert Scott, 3 George Mills.

Doughtnut race—1 Olive Chantler, 2 L. Olney, 3 D. Clarke.

Clothespin race—1 Dave Shepherd, 2 Bert Dundas, 3 Norman Pym.

Rumrunners' relay race—Thelma Bamford, Ruby Parker, Dora Palmer, Harry Harrington and Lawrence Inch. Hoop race—Billie Graves' team. Candle race—1 Eleanor Bamford, 2 Ella Garside.

Blind pig race—Charlie Spearman, Carl Butler, Thelma Bamford. Peanut race—Clara Blois, Kate McGregor.

Rough and tumble race—Gerald Loughlin and Albert Banghart. Broom ball—Mrs. John Blyton's team.

Soda biscuit contest—J. A. Atchinson and Major Ingram. Pass ball race—Thelma Bamford, Horneback light—Norman Pym and Gerald Loughlin.

The following was the line-up for the ball game: S. J. Draper's team—Byron Dundas, Walter Spencer, Loughlin Elliott, Gordon Sharp, Chas. Spearman, J. Percy, A. McFarlane, Albert Banghart and Gerald Loughlin.

H. K. Ingram's team—L. Inch, Carl Butler, Joe Pevler, Wm. Wyant, Charles Riche, D. Shepherd, B. Evans, C. H. Gow and Burwell Graham. C. R. Walker acted as umpire, with T. P. Elliott at the bases.

It is to the credit of C. H. Gow that he scored the only home run of the day.

HIRED BOY FINDS EMPLOYER DEAD

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Park, and ran from the end of the line to his home in Byron to tell his parents of his experience.

While the boy was in flight, W. C. Smith, who operates a farm near the Liddison home, found the returned soldier dead in bed and immediately notified Coroner Ferguson of London.

The body was then removed to George E. Logan's undertaking parlors in the city.

After interviewing the boy at noon Thursday the coroner decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Came From Windsor.

Three weeks ago the farm, which consisted of 12 1/2 acres, was purchased by Liddison, who paid \$2,800 in cash for it.

Recently the dead veteran came here from Windsor, where he had been residing on Erie avenue. Prior to taking up residence in the Border City Liddison resided at Alvinston.

He enlisted in 1915 and served with the Royal Highlanders of Canada, 13th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Division.

Among his personal effects was found the address of a brother, Philip of Seattle, Washington, who has been notified of the death of Liddison.

MOTORIST KILLED BY TRAIN.

WELLAND, June 14.—Herbert Sherkin of Selkirk was instantly killed at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when his motor car was struck by a fast Michigan Central train four miles east of this city, near Brookfield station. The view of the track at this point is obscured by trees, and the approaching train was probably not visible to the motorist.

DESIRE REPEAL OF SCHOOL ACT

Adolescent Measure Severely Criticized by Local City Council.

No. 1 Committee Approves Resolution Sent Out by Chatham.

Falling into line with the city council of Chatham which recently passed a memorial asking repeal of the Adolescent School Attendance Act on the grounds that it necessitates extra expenditure for new schools and maintenance, No. 1 committee of the city council in session Wednesday night approved of the resolution sent out to all Canadian municipalities by the Chatham council.

"It is the most foolish thing ever attempted," commented Mayor Wilson, referring to the act.

"It is a product of our all-round asinine industrial situation," said Ald. H. B. Ashplant. "Labor has been against child labor and rightly so, but we have had an overdose of this opposition owing to the economic situation when boys are taking over the man's job."

J. Frank White, M.P., reported to the committee by letter that he had represented the city of London in a deputation on behalf of Canadian municipalities which waited on Hon. W. S. Fielding, asking that the stamp tax on checks for municipalities be removed, and that nothing definite was accomplished as the minister of finance was opposed to setting a precedent.

According to the member for London the government is 132 million dollars short of the necessary amount of revenue required and the budget was planned to cover this deficit. For this reason Mr. Fielding declared that the government is reluctant to make any concessions which may interfere with the revenue.

City Clerk S. Baker paid a tribute to Mr. White, stating that he was ready and willing at all times to assist the city in matters brought up at Ottawa.

"In other words you might say he has done his duty," added Ald. Ashplant. "Has he kept the full dinner pail up to one hundred per cent?"

"I don't know about that," replied the clerk.

"Well, it was vote for White and a full dinner pail, prior to the last election," said Ald. Ashplant.

City Clerk Baker pointed to the committee in his opinion it is "rather a mistake to report an increase in assessment." According to the clerk the assessment figures have been published before reaching the committee.

"How did they get it?" asked the chairman.

"That's a problem," said Ald. Cunningham. "These things should not go out to the newspapers."

"I've noticed Cunningham giving a lot of interviews to the papers," commented Ald. Ashplant. "How about that?"

Referred To Mayor.

The city father referred to explained that any information that he had given in interviews was freely accessible to the people and not private. City Clerk Baker stated that after the clerk's revision had allowed several reductions, the assessment increase would be much lower than that figure reported. The matter was referred to Mayor Wilson to take up with the assessment commissioner.

No representative from London will attend the union of Canadian municipalities sessions in Winnipeg next August owing to distance and the fact that the city clerk attends the Ontario session.

Ald. J. C. Childs reported that prior to falling ill he was investigating the need of a new registry building for the city, but that his illness had interrupted this duty. The request of the board of education for further debentures of \$17,000 to complete the new collegiate institute was referred to the civic commission.

Moral support to the Canadian Deep Waterways Commission was promised by the committee in its fight to have the St. Lawrence river deepened and it is likely that financial support in the form of a grant will also be forthcoming from the city.

TO ESTABLISH BI-WEEKLY SERVICE ACROSS LAKE

Western Reserve Navigation Company Will Operate S. S. Colonial Between Cleveland and Port Stanley.

Through the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and the L. and P. S. Railroad with the Western Reserve Navigation Company, a boat service run by the Reserve will be established for freight and passengers between Cleveland and Port Stanley, Saturday evening, June 17.

The S. S. Colonial, a boat capable of carrying 400 tons of freight and 400 passengers, will run out of Cleveland every night and make a round trip of the ports of Ashtabula, Conneaut, Euclid Beach, Fairport, Huron and Lorain, Ohio, Erieau and Port Stanley. The Colonial is a sidewheeler.

The boat will make two trips a week to Port Stanley—Tuesday and Friday. It will arrive at Port Stanley from Cleveland at 7 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday, leaving Cleveland at midnight the previous evening. The stop at Port Stanley will be two hours, the Colonial sailing at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Friday.

The remaining ports of Ashtabula, Fairport, Huron and Lorain, Ohio, will be touched, providing there are passengers or freight for these points on the boat. The only regular touching point in the bi-weekly service will be Erieau.

The Colonial was formerly on the Detroit River, and was called S. S. Huron at that time. It has been rebuilt to suit lake conditions by the Western Reserve Navigation Company.

ALGONQUIN PARK.

One of the most desirable places for your summer holidays is Algonquin Park, 200 miles north of Toronto. Good hotel accommodation and unlimited opportunity for the camper and canoe cruiser. Ask Canadian National-Grand Trunk agents for free, illustrated book telling you all about it, or write to C. E. Hornung, D. P. A., Toronto, Ont.

KILLED WHEN HIT BY MOTOR TRUCK

Toronto, June 15.—While crossing the street on Spadina avenue, at 12:05 today, Mrs. L. T. Llewellyn, aged 60, 312 Montrose avenue, was struck by a truck driven by John Livenson, aged 18, 15 Borden street, and died five minutes after admission to hospital. Livenson is in custody.

ELGIN CONSTABLE ARRESTED IN CITY

ST. THOMAS, June 14.—Austin Meikel, a county constable living in South Yarmouth, was arrested tonight at a house on Clarence street in London following the discovery of a still on Meikel's farm in Yarmouth.

The still was located by Provincial Officer Ivan Barr and License Inspector Ross this afternoon. Hearing that Meikel was in London the officers went there and effected his arrest tonight.

OLDEST MINISTER DIES.

Winnipeg, Man., June 15.—Rev. Andrew Gordon, aged 92, probably the oldest Methodist minister in Canada, died here yesterday. He retired from the ministry 20 years ago.

Plan To Halt All Rum-Running On Border

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., June 15.—A campaign to put an end to rum running along the Canadian border was inaugurated here today. John S. Parsons, state prohibition enforcement director; William Brennan, head of the Syracuse enforcement district, and a force of dry agents arrived here this morning to organize the work.

A large force of dry agents is to be scattered along the frontier to cover all roads crossing the Hungary line.

CHOIR HAS JOLLY TIME AT LAKESIDE

Dundas Centre Methodist Church Organization Holds Annual Picnic.

Dundas Centre Methodist Church choir, although granting that they have in previous years had most enjoyable picnics, claim that the picnic held Wednesday at Lakeside surpassed for unalloyed pleasure anything held in years. The sports entered into were of an extremely novel nature, and the program was carried out without a hitch.

Cars were lent for the occasion by the following: Elizabeth King, N. H. Braddon, A. E. Hodgins, Delmar Lewis, James Gay, N. B. Norman, A. R. C. Hord, H. Griffith, Heber Gibson and J. B. P. Tanton, all of whom were cordially thanked by the picnicers.

The following is a list of the contests and prize winners:

Baseball—High voices vs. Low voices—resulting in a score of 9 to 8 in favor of Low voices.

Albert's Banana Derby was won by Delmar Lewis and H. Griffith. Essex's Entertaining Eloquence Exhibition by Heber Gibson and Lorna Webber.

Morris' Microbe, Marshmallow Muddle by Marion Tanton and Lenore Webber. Gibson's Giddy Girls (under 130 pounds) by Grace Needham and Lenore Webber.

Mortman's Wild Women (130 pounds and over) by Miss King and Miss Purdy.

Harding's Hilarious Hoop Hurdle by Gordon Hay and Heber Gibson. Adam's Acrobatic Baby Show (no baby under 20 years allowed). Neil's Blooming Balloon Battles, and Campbell's Clashing Clothespin Contest were other interesting events.

A royal banquet, under the supervision of Mrs. N. B. Norman, and assisted by Mrs. Ray Hueston, Rita Nelles, Mabel Robinson and Edith Line was served at 6:30. Mr. and Mrs. Parnell Morris chaperoned the jolly picnicers.

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PARIS JUNIORS BEATEN.

PARIS, June 13.—Paris junior lacrosse club journeyed to Brantford tonight to play a league game with St. Jude. They were defeated by a score of 4 to 0. Cuthbertson and Kempthorne of Paris did some good work.

CANLACHIE PROTESTS GAME.

CANLACHIE, June 14.—The C. A. C. went to Mandamin on Tuesday and played a tie, 5-5. As the "Maple Leafs" of Mandamin had three outsiders in the team, the game was played under protest.

The return game is here on Friday.

Denounces Practice of Cyclists Hanging to Ladders of Fire Brigade

Fire Chief John Aitken has declared war on those youths who persist in riding beside the department trucks responding to fires and hanging on to the ladders. He is also much annoyed at motorists who insist on getting in the way of fire apparatus responding to a call.

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