

### SUNDAY BEING SECULARIZED IN ENGLAND BY CONCERTS

#### Closing of Toronto Toboggan Slides Regarded as a Substantial Victory by the Lord's Day Alliance Dominion Board.

Canada is distinct among all the nations of the world in having an organization countrywide with the sole purpose of the preservation of the Lord's Day. The fact was emphasized at the annual meeting yesterday of the Dominion executive of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, at the Confederation Life Building, in the report of the secretary, Rev. W. M. Rochester. In other countries the work of enforcing the laws for observance of the Sabbath was divided among a number of organizations.

Reference was made to the reorganization in Scotland of the Alliance there, under the title of the Scottish Churches' Lord's Day Association. In England legislation in defence of the day was proceeding very slowly, and it was stated that the National Sunday League there, thru its program of concerts and excursions, had contributed enormously to the secularization of the Lord's Day, and to the increase of Sunday labor.

In Germany, where progress had been very marked during the past 15 years, in one city the physicians had combined to secure, in co-operation with each other, their weekly rest day. In the United States, the order issued last year, closing the postoffice on Sunday, had crystallized in an act of congress, a feature of Sunday legislation quite unique so far as government business was concerned, and another feature worthy of attention in the United States was the including in the platform of the Progressive party, headed by Theodore Roosevelt, the plank, "the weekly rest day for every man," probably the first time this plank has been placed in the platform of a party in a national contest.

The World's Federation of Sunday Rest Associations was consummated at Geneva in October of last year. In the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, it had its part.

**Strong Law in Canada.**  
In Canada the Lord's Day, as assured by the fact of the Lord's Day Act, was now extended to every province in the Dominion, the Quebec Observance Act having been declared invalid and the attorney-general having indicated that when the local authorities acted he would place no obstacle in the way of enforcing the Lord's Day Act of Canada.

This theoretical control is further illustrated in the fact that by the decision of Justice Middleton, the whole area of Sunday trade concerned with

food has been brought under the application of the Lord's Day Act.

In Halifax a bill of incorporation for a steamship company having an objectionable clause to the effect that it should be allowed to operate every day was given consideration with the result that the clause was eliminated by vote of the house upon the basis of objections taken by the alliance.

The control of restaurants, ice cream parlors, tobacco stands, etc., suggested by the Middleton decision, has in every part of the Dominion, been welcomed and has proved practically efficacious. Where the law was thus interpreted and enforced, it has meant liberty to many men and women engaged in this Sunday business and has gone away with the income to open other businesses on the Lord's Day.

The action of the City of Toronto in closing to the public on the Lord's Day the toboggan slides, owned by the city, was commended as constituting a substantial victory over the advocates of the open Sunday and as having a market influence throughout the whole land for the guidance of other cities and towns.

**Opening of Canals.**  
The report dealt also with the correspondence conducted by the general secretary with the minister of railways as to the opening of canals on the Lord's Day. The attitude taken by the alliance was that the rule of the department should prevail this year as in other years until it was clear that the pressure of traffic demanded the opening.

With reference to the Sunday service on the Intercolonial Railway the report showed that the alliance had asked merely that deference be paid to the strong sentiment in that section of the country against such Sunday service and that the government should assume its responsibility in the matter of Sunday traffic as an example to all other business in the country.

Appreciation was expressed with respect to the beneficial results still accruing from the enforcement of the order of the postoffice department of February, 1910, closing to the public on the Lord's Day all postoffices in cities and towns in the west.

**Conditions in the West.**  
Considering the work by provinces there was pointed out the great improvement in the Province of British Columbia. In this province professional games on the Lord's Day are practically under control, except in some remote parts. Those interested have now adopted the method of taking an offering at the gate.

In the prairie provinces the question of Sunday harvesting and threshing was given general attention with promising results. The great menace to the quiet of our day in this part of the Dominion is the presence of the foreigner. The fidelity of those who during the past season entirely refrained from the operations of threshing and harvesting on the Lord's Day was amply justified by the results as the grain

did not suffer from the effects of moisture thru premature handling.

The west presented a number of transportation problems, such as railway construction and the moving of trains. It is satisfactory to report that every case brought to the attention of the alliance was satisfactorily settled. In two instances in the west the staff employed in certain departments of the railroads were sufficiently augmented to give to each man his day off per week. And in Manitoba the matter of Sunday traffic by certain steamboats on the Lord's Day was dealt with and excursions stopped. Great activity was reported from Winnipeg in the enforcement of the law. Sunday dance halls being closed and convictions being recorded in connection with Sunday labor and Sunday entertainments.

In Ontario the petition to the governor-in-council on behalf of the London and Lake Erie Railroad for a proclamation exempting them from the application of the law was dealt with by the alliance by counter representations made to the members of the Dominion Cabinet. In this province, too, a great many industrial situations were considered and gratifying results attained. In railroad employment also liberty was secured for a very considerable number of men.

**In Montreal.**  
In Quebec, notwithstanding the fact that there was practically no law in the province restraining Sunday trade on account of the legal question before the courts, much had been accomplished thru the campaign work of the secretary. The board of control in Montreal issued instructions that the stock yards should be closed on the Lord's Day, and an attempt to bring the newspapers back to Sunday work was successfully met.

In the maritime provinces, owing to the new era of prosperity entered upon there, many industrial questions had to be considered, and construction work on railroad lines has in many places been stopped. General Sunday fishing, too, has been brought under control. Two Sunday excursions were dealt with and the question of the reduction of Sunday labor in the steel plants and other industries was given attention and Sunday labor greatly reduced.

Prince Edward Island presented no problems, but gave an example this year of loyal devotion to the Lord's Day Alliance such as may well be emulated by the other provinces.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, was most encouraging. The contributions this year amounted to about four thousand dollars more than the year previous.

Rev. G. W. Mingle, secretary for Quebec, was present and addressed the executive upon the work there.

The question of appointing a delegate to this world gathering was taken up and it was agreed to send a representative. The general secretary was therefore appointed.

**Heat From Rain.**  
Two French scientists have conducted experiments with reference to the heat imparted to the soil by rain, which, it is thought, may play a part hitherto unrecognized in the phenomena of vegetation.

It appears that when the soil has reached a certain degree of dryness the



When Will We Have it in Canada? —Philadelphia Record.

### The Good Fellows' Motto:

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A little lady wrote a charming letter today about our motto, so we have nailed it to the head of our mast.

And there are still some left.

Yours for the Kiddies,  
THE WORLD GOOD FELLOW.

### STATION BUILT IN ANY EVENT

#### Engineer Safford Says Construction of New Joint Terminal Could Be Started Next Spring.

The assertion made by the passengers Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways that the new Toronto Union Station would be built with the dual adaptability for either the level tracks, as would be the case under the proposed bridge plan, or that would be suitable for the viaduct, should this be built instead, was explained to The World last night by H. R. Safford, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk System. Engineer Safford was returning to Montreal from the west in his private car Ottawa. He spent yesterday afternoon examining the grade separation work here, leaving for the east last night.

He explained that according to the station plans already submitted, the main floor of the station is on a level with Front street. From this passengers reached a level, approximately that on which the trains now run, by a sloping grade. In this way travelers would board trains on the level they are now. This would allow the proposed bridge plan as a substitute for the viaduct plan. From this station could be built this spring irrespective of what is later decided regarding the viaduct. The building of the viaduct could be provided for should this be decided upon, by erecting stairways to the raised tracks, as shown in the present station plan.

Engineer Safford stated, however, that the preparation of plans for a station that would answer this dual purpose was in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as they are making the final fight against the building of the viaduct. He was returning to Montreal after an extended trip, and the final details of the plan being prepared by the C. P. R. had not yet been submitted to him.

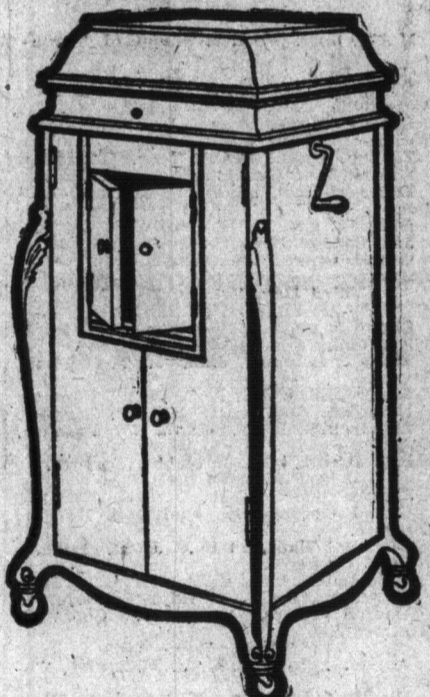
Regarding the grade separation work here, Engineer Safford said that the first section of this, from Bathurst street west, had now reached completion. When a start would be made on the final section, from Bathurst street east, depended on what decision was reached in the viaduct appeal now before the governor-general in council.

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**True Bills Returned.**  
The grand jury of the general sessions returned three true bills yesterday. They were: James Hayden and Helen McDonnell of Toronto, charged with unlawfully conspiring to procure the abortion of Marion Seymour Hayden, by unlawfully administering drugs or other noxious things and by the use of instruments or other means with similar intent, contrary to the criminal code.

Against Thomas Flynn, charged with stealing six bottles of whiskey from the C.P.R.

Against G. B. McNair, charged with receiving goods to the value of \$214.50, belonging to the Sunshine Cloak Co., knowing that they had been stolen.



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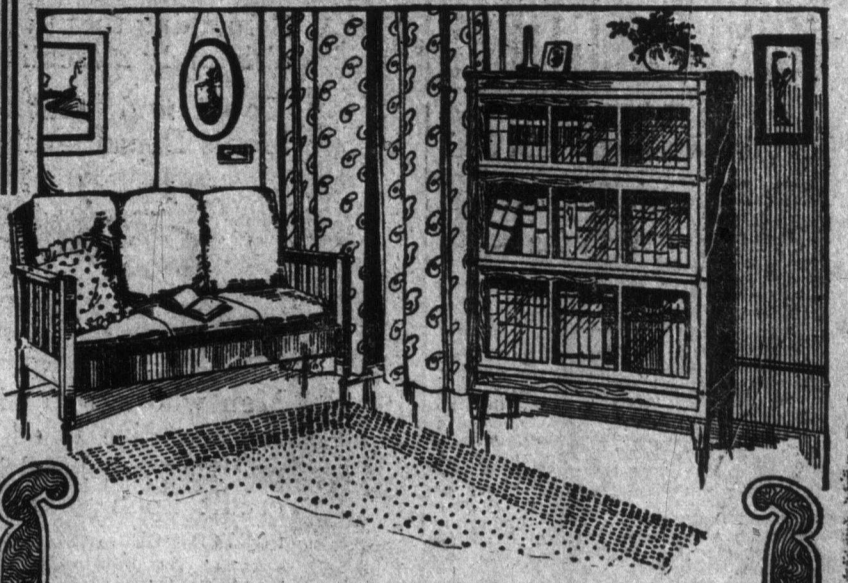
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## BIG FACTORY WAS DAMAGED

#### Loss of \$30,000 Caused by Fire in Rudd Harness Works at Noon Yesterday.

Despite the valiant efforts of the firemen to quench the blaze before it did much damage, the harness factory of George A. Rudd & Co., Limited, 787-793 West King street, was damaged to the extent of about \$30,000, part of which is covered by insurance, by a fire which broke out about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the blanket room in the rear of the third floor.

The employees, 30 in number, escaped by way of the stairs, with the exception of one man named Martin, who was trapped on the top floor and had to be brought down by the firemen, after the ladders were raised.

Mr. Rudd stated to The World that the employees would be out of work only for a few days.

**New General Hospital.**  
A great deal of interest is being shown by the public in the New General Hospital. Among other things, a splendid planting scheme has been laid out by Messrs. Dunington, Grubb and Harris, landscape architects of Toronto, for which very beautiful perennial plants are being provided by Messrs. Rennie, Steele, Briggs & Co., and Simmers Seeds Co., E. D. Smith of Winona, also not a resident of Toronto, has promised to supply the trees and shrubs, and the Toronto Horticultural Society, at the inspiration of Hugh Johnson, have offered to furnish the ivy and wisteria for all the buildings. The value of these plants runs well up into thousands of dollars, and indicates the pride that people are beginning to take in what will be one of the finest hospitals on the continent.

**Travellers' Certificates.**  
Commercial travellers' certificates for 1913 can now be had from Fred Johnson, room 5, Federal Life Building, Hamilton.

## MORE DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL

#### Six Subscriptions \$5000 Each and One of \$2000, Not Including James L. Hughes'.

The canvassing committee of the million dollar King Edward Memorial Fund for Consumptives last night announced the receipt of no less than six subscriptions of \$5000 each, and one for \$2500, not including Dr. James L. Hughes' contribution of \$5000 to endow a bed for the use of Ontario school teachers. The donors concerned in the latest announcement are Sir Henry Pellatt, William Davies, Edward Gurney, A. E. Ames and W. G. Trethewey, all of Toronto, and William Thompson of Orillia. Of these, Messrs. Davies and Thompson had already shown themselves liberal benefactors of the institution maintained by the National Sanitarium Association, the former having erected one of the cottages at Muskoka, while the latter, in addition to endowing a bed, presented a motor launch for the use of the patients and was instrumental in adding to their facilities for other healthful amusements. The gift of \$2500 was contributed by Garnet P. Grant. The total of \$37,500 accounted for by the subscriptions acknowledged above, makes a substantial addition to the rapidly-growing fund.

**New Conservative Club.**  
Balmby Beach Liberal-Conservative Association was formed on Tuesday night. The initial meeting was held at the home of Mr. A. Ford, Scarborough. There were about fifty present, and after several enthusiastic addresses, it was decided to hold the first regular meeting on Jan. 7 next. Information as to membership can be obtained from Dr. H. W. Burgess at F. F. Hodgson.

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