

Bidding Fast and Furious At Customs Auction Sale

Old-Timers Declare Selling Lacks "Peep" of Former Years
—Everything From Rings to Parts for Tractors
Disposed Of.

Although bidding at nearly all times was brisk, and once or twice could even be termed fast and furious, the auction sale of unclaimed goods held at the customs house on Tuesday morning lacked that indefinable something which made similar sales in the years gone by an event attended by all and sundry and which created almost as much interest in local circles as election day or the 24th of May.

Many of the old-timers whose chief delight in the past was to attend the auctions in the customs house, were not present Tuesday morning, and even the officials who, it is said, enjoyed themselves as much as those who came to see and maybe to buy, this year looked on everything as a mere matter of routine business that had to be attended to. Modern times and ideas, and the swift race for gold are blamed for the waning of interest in the sales. The old-timers say that of late years speculation is the cause of most of the interest, whereas in the old days people came to watch, to be amused and maybe to buy.

But the goods and other things that passed from the auctioneer's hands Tuesday were of a variety that could compare favorably with bygone days. Artificial flowers, for example, were sold in large quantities, and those who wished to keep extra pairs in stock, and there was even a revolver which it was not within the powers of the officials to dispose of.

SCOUTS RUMORS OF BOARD HOLDING SECRET MEETINGS

Secretary W. A. Tanner Declares Prospective Real Estate Sale Chase Only Kept From Public

Secretary W. A. Tanner, of the board of education, says the rumors that secret meetings of the board have been held to discuss matters that were intended to be temporarily withheld from the public.

He declared emphatically this morning that such was not the case. In the matter of purchasing real estate, however, he said that it was policy not to advertise the fact that the board was in the purchasing field. That, he said, did not constitute "meetings in the dark," as some seemed to think, but, on the contrary, was nothing else than good business.

"The moment people find out that we are looking at a piece of property for a school was in the purchasing field," he said, "the value of the property doubles. No—it's not secret meetings—it's just good business."

RAILWAY OFFICIALS HOLD SHORT MEETING IN CITY

H. J. Humphrey, assistant to the general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Toronto, and F. Arnoldson, master mechanic, also attended in Toronto, are in London today for a short conference with officials of the C. P. R. in this city. Both Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Arnoldson will return to Toronto Tuesday night.

R. H. Fisk, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk in Toronto, arrived in the city this morning in the divisional office and the general superintendent Tuesday afternoon.

SOMETHING VERY NEW TO LONDON.

Mr. J. Gelfand, artist, formerly of London, England, is painting beautiful water-color Christmas cards at 60 cents each, sending exclusive. He is with John A. Nash, Jeweller, 182 Dundas street, where you will eventually buy.

FOR THE WEEK-END.
A little sewing case of leather. Which may be readily tucked into the traveling bag, makes a worth-while gift for the woman who is popular at week-end parties.

Protect Your Health.
The Tonic and Laxative Effect of Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets will keep the system in a healthy condition and thus protect you from Colds, Grip or Influenza. 30 cents. Made in Canada.

SPECIAL PRICE

55c

Make a Memorandum

to stop on your way home tonight for a pound of Nectar Coffee.

If you are not already benefiting yourself by using it—by all means start today.

It is a tasty, healthful drink that "just hits the spot."

55c THE POUND

THOMAS

240 DUNDAS ST.

News From City Churches

CENTENNIAL EPWORTH LEAGUE
Under the direction of F. G. Foster of the department of the interior, moving pictures of the Canadian national parks and beauty spots from coast to coast provided a most interesting session at the regular meeting of the Centennial Epworth League Monday night.

Proceeding the showing of the pictures, Mr. Foster gave a most interesting talk on the Canadian national resources.

The films, which are issued by the Canadian government, were regarded by all present as an excellent form of entertainment, as well as of a definite educational value.

The president, Tufts, was in charge of the meeting, and selections by the Sunday school orchestra, under Gladys Uth, did much to the pleasure of the evening.

RIDOUT ST. EPWORTH LEAGUE
"Athens" was the subject chosen for the address given Monday night at the regular meeting of the Epworth League of Ridout Street Methodist Church by H. S. Fry.

Mr. Fry reviewed in interesting and instructive fashion, the origin of the word "Athens," breaking away from the Christian church into various sects and organizations of the world.

A solo by Miss Effie Brown was a delightful addition to the program. Miss Donna Johnston was in charge of the singing.

"THE EARLY BIRD."
The Drama League of the Ridout Street Methodist Church presented their successful play, "The Early Bird," at the regular meeting of the church Tuesday night.

ST. MATTHEW'S A. Y. P. U.
The young people of St. Matthew's Church spent their regular meeting session Monday night in making preparations and decorating for the annual bazaar, which commences Tuesday night.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.
With Miss Mae Norton in charge, the splendid program given at the regular Monday night meeting of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of Adelaide Street Baptist Church included the following: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

"C. P. R." GAINING.
The contest between the "Grand Trunk" and the Canadian Pacific for the regular meeting of the Junior B. Y. P. U. of Egerton Street Baptist Church, held Monday night.

The program, given by Herman Nicholls, Dorothy Pierce, Ross McNaughton and Ethel Draper, and the program included the Scripture readings by Blanche B. Y. P. U. of Louise York, and a brief talk on the work of the society by Mr. James of the Worsley Road Baptist Church.

EGERTON ST. B. Y. P. U.
With the convenor, Victor Timin, in the chair, the regular meeting of the Egerton Street Senior B. Y. P. U. was in charge of the Faith group. A brief business meeting, Miss Hazel Shaw was elected president to fill the place of Miss Violet. Coombs, elected last week, but who is unable to act in the office.

The program included a talk on "Prayer" by Miss Coombs, and a solo by Mrs. Stangleman. The lesson was read by Queenie Saithe.

COLBORNE STREET E. P.
The Christian Endeavor committee, with the aid of the church choir, gave a program of songs and recitations in charge of the regular meeting of the Epworth League of Colborne Street Methodist Church Monday night.

After a sing-song, the evening was spent in cards, and Miss Moss served delicious refreshments.

EMPRESS AVENUE E. P.
With Nina North as chairman, the devotion committee were in charge of the regular meeting of the Empress Avenue Epworth League Monday night.

The topic for the evening, "Consecration," was divided into three parts, "Mind," "Time," and "Money," each ably taken by Blanche Jones, Jack Smeltzer and Mrs. A. J. McLean.

The regular monthly roll call was issued and a brief business meeting conducted.

ASKIN ST. EPWORTH LEAGUE.
Dr. Wallace Crawford, a returned missionary from China, gave a splendid address, Monday night, at the regular meeting of the Askin St. Epworth League, illustrating his subject, "China's Idol Worship," with tiny models of the gods.

Miss Marjorie Rowntree was in the chair and pleasing additions to the program were a piano solo by Miss

EVERYBODY'S "spying" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win two tickets for the Grand Theatre.

It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

There are two tickets for the Grand Theatre waiting for you "Dawson," who sent in the winning "I Spied" note today.

A small dog apparently fond of "communion with saints" trotted into a certain East London church, not stopping until he reached the altar where the communion table was spread. Placing his little paws upon the altar rail he sniffed inquisitively and seemed satisfied it would be worth his while to remain, so sat down. During the singing of the opening hymn he accompanied the congregation with such lusty voice and caused so much amusement that a venerable elder seemed to think his worship somewhat sacrilegious, so carried him out.

ALD-ELECT WILSON walking along Dundas street wearing a broad smile. —L. M. V.

About 5:30 p.m. a woman comfortably seated on a bench in London's advertising park, was wearing a straw hat. —CREAM PUFF.

An old lady standing in front of a shoe store on Dundas street and looking down at her shoes, said, "Oh, I think I'll go over and see a side-show." —F. M. H.

A man running after a street car and then made a jump for the step but slipped and fell headlong into a pool of water. —HAPPY.

Two gentlemen talking at the corner

St. Thomas Topics

Staff reporter and local representative of the London Advertiser, office 646 Talbot street. For information, news items and ads, phone 1540; night phone 1542.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 4.—The home of Health Inspector W. J. Shaw, 71 Wellington street, was saved from a fire which broke out in the early morning hours of the 3rd inst. by the prompt arrival of the local fire brigade. A spark from the chimney started a fire in the roof, which spread rapidly to the main structure. A considerable damage was done. The total damage is estimated at \$100.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY has had the east-end boulevard of Talbot street opposite the M. C. R. depot, ploughed, with the intention of making this site another Flower City beauty spot. Teams commenced leveling work Monday, and if weather permits all will be in readiness in the course of a few days, for the planting of blooming shrubs, etc.

A FATAL ACCIDENT might have resulted early Sunday afternoon, when an automobile was struck by an east-bound street car at the corner of Eglinton and Talbot streets. It is understood that vehicle drivers entering the main thoroughfare from side streets are expected to keep in line, the responsibility of the accident lies with the motorist. Little damage, however, was done in the car and no one being hurt.

A REPORT Monday states that H. A. McKeacher, physical director of the local Y. M. C. A., who is still suffering from his recent accident, is showing a considerable improvement. Mr. McKeacher was improving nicely until last Friday, when his injuries necessitated his returning to Amess Wood Hospital.

THE CONVICTION of W. Spies and T. Davis for stealing chickens from the home of Mrs. J. H. Shaw, resulted in a sentence being imposed by Magistrate Maxwell at the county courthouse Saturday afternoon, of not less than three months and not more than three years in the Ontario Reformatory for each.

THE ARREST of Joseph Demie, the local youth who was implicated in the burglary at Ald. E. O. Boehmer's home last September, was made Sunday afternoon in Joliet, Illinois, where he was being held for trial. A search is being made for a fourth young man in connection with the burglary.

HOLY ANGELS' BAZAAR closed Saturday night proving a record success. Receipts show that a total of \$3,900 was realized.

HANDKERCHIEF COLLAR.
The handkerchief collar, which first found favor in Paris, continues to add charm to many fetching blouses. It is of white bordered crepe de chine or of many instances it is of white crepe de chine with a carefully knotted gay bandanna.

Ruby Tack and a solo by Josephine Campbell.

"THE TALENTS."
With Miss Flora Wilkinson in the chair, the Christian Endeavor committee of the Robinson Memorial Epworth League were in charge of the regular Monday night meeting.

A splendid paper on "The Talents" was given by Miss Marjorie Francis and a solo was charmingly rendered by Mrs. Leonard.

Three new members were received into the society.

FIRST METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE.
Rev. J. F. Bennett commenced a series of addresses in the Apostles Creed at the regular meeting of the First Methodist Epworth League, Monday night, when the Christian Endeavor committee with Miss Ruby Flinlay in the chair, conducted the meeting.

The Bible lesson was read by Miss Cora Smith.

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The British foreign office is busy with preparation of the agenda for this preliminary meeting, but the situation and attitude of German upon which everything depends, are so changing that it is difficult to outline the position the British representative will take.

HEADS CITY UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

A. Munroe Elected President at Annual Rally—Dr. Grant Speaks.

A. Munroe, of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, was elected president of the city union of Presbyterian young people at the annual rally held in St. Andrew's Church, Monday night when Dr. Alfred Grant, of the Men's Club of St. Paul's Cathedral was the chief speaker.

Walker, N. W. James, vice-president; Miss Peggy Green, of Chelsea Green, secretary, and Miss McFarlane of First Presbyterian, treasurer.

During the brief business session, when the officers were elected, the past president, Stuart Kennedy, occupied the chair.

Great preparations had been made by the young people of St. Andrew's Church for the entertainment of the guests, which included young people's societies in connection with the Presbyterian churches of the city.

With Dr. Biffen in the chair for the social meeting, the program opened with a novel handshaking contest in which Miss Wardick and Mr. Miller were prize winners.

The musical program opened with a singing of C. G. I. T. songs, led by Rev. F. W. K. Harris, and included a solo by Miss Gladys McEroy, with accompaniment by Mrs. Robson, and two solos by Mrs. Dixon Reid, accompanied by J. Parnell Morris.

There were also some delightful recitations by Miss Alice, Miss Lillian, and Miss Mary, and a reading of the Gospels by Dr. Grant's address, delivered in splendidly optimistic fashion, dealt with the work of the young people as they grow up in the world.

He indicated the drifting of young people which takes place after they leave Sunday school, and urged that they should have a wholesome recreation, going hand in hand with their church work. Whatever amusements we allow in our home may be properly carried out under supervision of our parish halls, giving young people access to a healthy social as well as spiritual life.

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