

METHODISTS' FINE SHOWING.

Churches in This District Are Prospering. Reports Presented at Meeting This A. M.

Recommendation in the Case of C. E. C. Dyson.

The meeting of the laymen and clergy of the Methodist Church for the district of Hamilton and vicinity opened this morning in Charlton Avenue Church, with a goodly representation present.

Centenary Church—Membership \$16, increase \$4; total amount raised \$22,073.19; amount raised for missionary purposes, \$2,794.45.

Wesley Church—Membership 700; total amount raised, \$9,045; amount raised for missionary purposes, 1,970.

First Methodist—Total membership, 800; total amount raised, \$11,000.53; amount raised for missionary purposes, \$1,426.97.

Gore Street—Membership 407, increase 5; total amount raised, \$4,223; total amount raised for missionary purposes, \$280.

Charlton Avenue—Membership 441, increase 20; total amount raised, \$7,403; for missions, \$838.

Zion Tabernacle—Membership 660, increase 10; total amount raised, \$7,093.89; for missions, \$1,127.

St. John's—Membership 279, increase 9; total amount raised, \$4,176; for missions, \$405.

Emerald Street—Membership 425, increase 13; total amount raised \$9,251.30; for missions, \$695.

Dundas Methodist Church—Membership, 328; total amount raised, \$5,990.08; for missions, \$936.

Barton Street—Membership 656, increase 75; total amount raised, \$8,488.89; for missions, \$1,000.48.

Riverside—Membership 52, increase 52; total amount raised, \$1,288.19; for missions, \$142.19.

Kensington Avenue—Membership 129, increase 31; total amount raised, \$1,559; for missions, \$50.

Glanford—Membership 250, increase 2; total amount raised \$2,495; for missions, \$600.

Millgrove—Membership 336, increase 5; total amount raised, \$3,175.68; for missions, \$273.34.

Caledonia—Membership 311, increase 14; total amount raised, \$3,274.54; for missions, \$701.10.

Bartonville—Membership 221, increase 7; total amount raised, \$2,218.07; for missions, \$286.07.

Stoney Creek—Membership 535, increase 25; total amount raised, \$3,801.42; for missions, \$724.09.

Smithville—Membership 324, increase 58; total amount raised, \$2,612; for missions, \$202.

Ancaster—Membership 297, no increase; total amount raised, \$2,643.41; for missions, \$515.08.

Bimbrook—Membership 286, increase 2; total amount raised, \$1,981.19; for missions, \$382.15.

Tapscott—Membership 161, increase 5; total amount raised \$1,693.25; for missions, \$216.60.

Ker—Membership 205, increase 9; total amount raised, \$1,936; for missions, \$290.

York—Membership 146, decrease 6; total amount raised, \$1,172; for missions, \$116.

This afternoon the time was spent in the election of officers for the coming year and other important business.

Yesterday afternoon the annual examination into the ministerial character was conducted by Rev. J. T. Treloven, chairman of the district. There are some 22 charges in the district, and all the ministers passed the necessary examinations.

HELD UP SALOON WITH REVOLVERS.

Three Men Make Rough House in Buffalo Hotel—Man's Skull Fractured.

Buffalo, May 21.—While Mrs. John Bupeck, wife of a saloonkeeper on Stanislaus street, was back of the bar serving half a dozen customers at 11.30 o'clock last night, the front door opened and three men, each with a revolver in his hand, walked in and commanded all present to throw up their hands and deliver. There was no hesitancy in obeying the command.

The men went behind the bar and rifled the cash drawer, taking what small change there was. Then they gathered up six boxes of cigars and started toward a little safe that stood in a corner of the room. Just then three customers took a hand in the affair and tackled the robbers.

The intruders didn't use their revolvers, but gathered up an armful of

choppers and began to hurl them about at everyone present. A glass struck Wociecz Mociesewski, 40 years old, of 221 Stanislaus street, a customer, on the head, fracturing his skull at the base, and another glass hit John Awoniewicz, 22 years old, also of 221 Stanislaus street, on the head, inflicting a bad gash. The men continued to throw the glasses until they had wrecked the mirror and demolished the fixtures. Then they ran away.

Mrs. Bupeck telephoned to the William street police station, and half a dozen policemen hurried to the saloon. The men had gone and have not been captured. Both injured men were sent to the Emergency Hospital. It was reported that Mociesewski's condition is serious. He is unconscious. The other man was able to go to his home after his head was dressed.

THE MONGOLIAN

Got Clear of the Ice and Steamed on Her Way.

St. John, Nfld., May 21.—The Allan Line steamer Mongolian early to-day freed herself from the ice pack off the entrance to St. John's harbor in which she had been imprisoned for two days.

The Mongolian after releasing herself from the ice pack did not make any attempt to enter St. John's harbor, ice conditions making such a course apparently impracticable. The steamer worked off shore and at 8 a. m. was making slow progress towards the south through the heavy drift ice. It was believed on shore that the steamer was proceeding towards Bay Bulls, 18 miles south of St. John's, where there was a possibility of her making a harbor.

WENT ON HER WAY. Montreal, May 21.—The Allan Line people have received word that the steamer Mongolian, which had been delayed off the entrance of the harbor of St. John's, Nfld., on account of ice, got clear of the ice jam this morning and proceeded on her voyage to Halifax and Philadelphia.

GOT SEVEN YEARS.

Joe Smith, the Brantford Burglar, Goes to Kingston.

Brantford, Ont., May 21.—The case of Joe Smith, the burglar who was arrested a week ago for committing seven burglaries in one night, was brought up at the Police Court this morning, and he was sentenced to seven years at Kingston Penitentiary. Smith is supposed to be a fictitious name. He is a French Canadian, and it is supposed he has worked his scheme all the way up the country. Burglaries having been committed in London, Hamilton and other places under his name, it is thought he is the man who has been committing these burglaries.

TRAIN FELL OVER.

Twenty Refrigerator Cars Went Over an Embankment.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Woodstock, Ont., May 21.—A spectacular freight wreck occurred on the M. C. R. three miles east of Tillsonburg station, at 3 o'clock this morning, as the result of which twenty big refrigerator cars, heavily loaded with dressed beef, are piled up at the foot of a twenty-foot embankment. It is believed that the rails spread and the train, which was travelling at a fair rate of speed, toppled over the high embankment, carrying the engine along. Engineer Moreland, of St. Thomas, was the only member of the crew injured. He was taken to St. Thomas Hospital. The wreckage totally blocks the track and fills the ditch, and will take all day before it is cleared away.

BADLY CUT UP.

Harold Hunter Shot Himself While Hunting.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., May 21.—Harold Hunter, the 12-year-old son of Capt. Hunter, of the dredge schooner Richard, is a much mutilated boy. Three months ago, while coasting down Bay street hill, he ran under the wheels of a street car and had his right arm cut off at the shoulder. He left the Hotel Dieu a few days ago, and is now back in the same institution with a bullet wound in his left leg. Yesterday after having the stump of his arm dressed at the hospital, he started out on a shooting expedition with four chums, the party taking two revolvers along. On their return journey, young Hunter accidentally fired his weapon into his left leg, the bullet making a clean hole through the flesh. At first he said he had been shot by some unknown person, but later admitted he did it himself.

Keep Your Eye On

Our windows. A classy display of suits, bought by our buyer, after carefully studying your wants. Look at the suits priced at \$13.50 and \$16. See how well the lesson has been learned. We'll match any idea about suit style.—Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

POLICE COURT.

Two Buffalo Men Committed on Charge of Robbery.

John Burningham and Earl Watson, Buffalo young men, were arrested by County Constable Bolton on a charge of breaking into the home of Mr. J. Gleason, near Waterdown, and stealing several articles. The prisoners appeared before Magistrate Jelfs at the police court this morning, and both pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried at the higher court. Mrs. Gleason said that yesterday morning she was out of the house for some time, possibly an hour, and when she returned she saw one of the windows open. Looking inside she discovered a man, who turned around at that moment and asked her for something to eat. She told him she would give him food, but wanted to know what he was doing there. He did not reply, but ran away. Mrs. Gleason hastened to the house of a neighbor, who got busy with the telephone, and about half an hour later both men were arrested near the G. T. R. station at Waterdown. Several other witnesses testified, and the pair were committed for trial.

Two young men were each fined \$5 for riding their bicycles on the sidewalk. T. S. Daws, a druggist's clerk, was fined \$20 for selling poisons without labelling the bottles. A charge against the proprietor was dismissed.

Mrs. Thomas Riley was summoned for not sending her daughter to school. She produced a doctor's certificate, and said that the child had been too sick to attend school. She was fined \$2, but was told that if the child was at school on Tuesday it would not be collected.

Samuel Fahey, Dundas road, and Geo. H. Prince, no address, were assessed \$2 each for being drunk. Ruth and Stella Smith of Winona, and Geo. Near and John Ryan, Hamilton, were charged with disorderliness. They were arrested while having a big time on the mountain road yesterday afternoon.

Constables Ince, McKay and Pettit officiating. The quartette were allowed to go with a warning.

BASEBALL FAN.

Neglected by Husband, Wife Gets Divorce.

Sacramento, Cal., May 21.—Judge Shields to-day granted a decree of divorce to Mrs. Miller H. Upton, on the ground of failure to provide; the specification to which the wife testified being that most of her husband's time was devoted to baseball, when he ought to have taken care of her and their two children and herself. Mr. and Mrs. Upton were prominent in society circles.

FELL DEAD.

Negress Thought Searchlight Was Judgment Light.

Foroche, La., May 21.—Adelina Hawkins, a negress, was literally frightened to death last night by the powerful searchlight of the battleship Mississippi on its way up the river to Natchez. "It is the judgment light," she exclaimed, and fell dead.

GOLD OUTPUT.

That of Nome Will be About Five Million.

Seattle, Wash., May 21.—Nome's gold output this year will be approximately \$5,000,000, according to a statement made by Jafef Lindenberg, one of the pioneers of the Nome district, who is in Seattle.

Mr. Lindenberg says that it is possible to make a fairly accurate forecast this early in the season, although the clean-up of the boxes will not be taken until about the first of July. The gold output this year will be little, if any, greater than that of last year.

A Busy Day Expected.

To-morrow we expect to be very busy, kindly favor us as early as possible with your order. Extra help and extra wagons have been provided thus assuring prompt delivery. An abundant supply of strawberries, early vegetables, Grimms by tomatoes, cooked meats etc., for the Holiday. Guelph cream cheese expected. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.



R. TASKER STEELE, Who has been elected Chairman of the Civic Improvement Branch of the Greater Hamilton Association.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Brantford needs Sunday cars, just about as much as I need an airship.

When I want Chief Smith to resign I will tell him, straight. To try to push him out by mean insinuations is neither honest nor manly.

I suppose the Hamilton ladies interested in playgrounds know what the Montreal ladies did last Saturday to raise funds for equipment of playgrounds there.

Perhaps Mr. Steele will issue a few hints as to what he would like us to do in the way of brightening up things. We are all ready to dig in as soon as he gives the word.

Keep regular hours, eat wholesome food, live outdoors as much as you can, keep your bedroom window open, don't spit on the sidewalk, don't sleep in the same room with a consumptive. These are a few things that should be attended to by us all. There are a number of people, including, of course, Dr. Roberts, who deserve a special vote of thanks for bringing the Tuberculosis Convention here.

I suppose this church on wheels which Rev. Livingston is to captain, is a sort of prairie schooner suitable for all roads and all weathers.

The mad dog scare is sure enough here now. Weed the useless curs out. They never will be missed.

If I were a merchant and ran a store you bet I would have it outside and inside as light as day at night. Nobody cares to do business in the dark.

I thought Col. Morrison made a mistake when he attacked and ridiculed the Imperial Yeomanry.

Fly the flag: Victoria Day.

It's funny how people like to jump on the police. If we don't want them, why do we pay for them?

What are you going to do with your dog? Poison him, shoot him, hang him, drown him or tie him up?

Are you thinking about your holidays yet?

Perhaps Col. Hendrie could also get a gang of crazy people to fix up the Jolly Cut. Crazier things than that have happened.

The aldermen are to ignore the Euclid avenue people and their protest against the incurable consumption hospital. That's all very good. But the Euclid avenue people may ignore the aldermen next January.

The thought came to me just before press time that the city was still minus a Children's Shelter. Is there no way of clapping the Mayor into jail until the Council consents to build?

TO OTTAWA.

Sam Landers There Protesting Against Imported Goods.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 21.—Samuel L. Landers, organizer of the Independent Labor Party, is here to-day interviewing Sir Richard Cartwright about Hamilton firms buying goods from England in preference to Canadian made goods. Mr. Landers complains that some of the Hamilton clothing firms are offenders in this respect. He is also seeing about union labels and other matters, in which labor is interested.

SIX DROWNED.

Quebec, May 21.—Latest news from St. Anne des Montes gives the number of drowned as six. Three of the bodies have been recovered, and three are still missing. The names of those recovered are Mrs. (Widow) Levasseur, Mrs. Gervais St. Laurent, and a daughter of Geo. Vaillancourt. Those whose bodies are not recovered are Philippe Simard, of St. Luc; Arthur Derow, and a son of Charles Chenard.

The funeral of Charles L. Smith took place this afternoon from his late residence, 146 Rebecca street, to Hamilton cemetery. Rev. I. Tovell conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were Thos. Morris, Joseph Ross, P. M. Williamson, E. Lavis, C. Dallin and Sergeant Walsh.

IS MAGUIRE DEAD, OR ONLY MISSING?

His Financial Affairs Will Likely Reach the Courts—Mrs. Maguire's Interests.

It is likely the affairs of Mr. A. W. Maguire, the flour and feed dealer, who disappeared a week ago last Tuesday, and whose coat and grip were found on the shore at VanWagner's Beach, two days later, will reach the courts in the course of a few days. His financial affairs are in very bad shape, it is stated, and it is possible these were the cause of his being missing. In view of the fact that his hat was not recovered and on account of some things in connection with his business that have come to light this week, many people do not think he committed suicide, notwithstanding the letter which he left on the shore addressed to his son. This letter was to the effect that he regretted having to take the steps he was about to take, and that the letter would likely be the last he would write. The note was written in ink and was probably penned before he left the city for the Beach.

The store and Laxa-food manufacturing, run by A. W. Maguire & Co., are closed, and an accountant is working on the books, preparing a statement. It appears three or four years ago, some time after Mr. Maguire married a second time, he got his wife, a woman of considerable means, to become a partner in the business. After much pressure

she did so, and later it appears Mr. Maguire, acting on behalf of the firm, gave his son power of attorney to sign the firm's name, but Mrs. Maguire did not learn of this till shortly before Mr. Maguire disappeared. She was sent for by a creditor of the firm, and requested to sign some papers, and one of these was approving of the power of attorney to her stepson, by his father. A day or two before he disappeared, Mr. Maguire asked her to mortgage some of her houses to raise more capital for the firm, but she declined to do so till she learned how it stood. She went to the bank on Tuesday morning and was horrified to learn of an overdraft of \$4,000 or \$5,000. The bank, however, had secured for the advances. She at once asked her husband to walk home to dinner and talk matters over, but he said he had some important business to attend to and left her. She has never seen him since. Not till Monday of this week, however, did she learn how badly the affairs of the firm were when she retained Kerr & Thompson, to look after her affairs. She claims she was induced to put money into the business by misrepresentation, and did so without legal advice.

The power of attorney given to the son has been cancelled, some time after Mr. Maguire married a second time, he got his wife, a woman of considerable means, to become a partner in the business. After much pressure

COUNSELL DAY.

Judgment in O'Heir vs. Foyster Reversed.

There was a very warm argument before Judge Snider this morning, when Mr. J. L. Counsell appeared to ask that his motion for the dismissal of the action of Dewey & O'Heir vs. W. B. Foyster be reopened. He read an affidavit to the effect that he was in Judge Monck's chambers during the time Mr. A. O'Heir, counsel for the Dewey & O'Heir Company, was before Judge Snider. He also stated in his affidavit that he understood that chambers were to have been held in Judge Monck's room that morning. He stated further that he had looked into the sheriff's office and elsewhere in the Court House, and had been unable to find Mr. O'Heir. He went back to his office and returned to the Court House, but was still unable to find Mr. O'Heir. In the meantime Mr. O'Heir had secured a dismissal of Mr. Counsell's motion, with costs. Mr. Counsell had to prepare the affidavit for His Honor before he would open the matter. His Honor decided that Mr. Counsell was in the right, and he withdrew his former decision and dismissed the motion without costs.

EMPIRE DAY

Enthusiastically Observed in the Catholic Schools.

In the Catholic Schools of the city this afternoon Empire Day was observed with much enthusiasm. A special effort was made by the teachers to inculcate into the minds of the young, love of country, the idea of the vastness of the British Empire, its resources, and its patriotic spirit with which every young Canadian's heart should throbb. At St. Mary's School the class rooms and corridors were gay with flags and bunting and the pupils united in presenting the following programme:

Opening chorus, Greeting to the King, by the schools; recitation, The Flag of Britain, commercial forms; reading, Canada, Past and Present, form; fourth military drill and recitation, Canada Forever, senior third; song, O Canada, and recitation, Jacques Cartier, junior third; Patriotic Drill and song, Maple Leaf, form second; flag drill and song, We are Little Soldiers, primary; chorus, Rule Britannia.

GOOD WORK.

Reports of Officers of Deaconess' Aid Society.

The annual meeting of the Deaconess' Aid Society was held last night in the Centenary Church lecture hall, and the reports which were submitted by Miss McCarty, superintendent of the home, and Mrs. G. W. Robinson, secretary, were very encouraging. The expenditure for the year on emergency cases was \$984. The ladies now have \$1,400 toward the building of the new home. Addresses were given by Miss McCarty, Rev. Mr. Dean, Toronto; Miss Scott, Toronto. Solos were given by Miss Ward and Miss Carey. A well filled purse and a bouquet was given Miss McCarty, as she is severing her connection with the home. A letter of sympathy was sent Mrs. Treble on the death of her husband. The officers elected were: Mrs. Cloke, President; Mrs. G. W. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Walder Parke, Recording Secretary; Mrs. G. A. McLachlan, Treasurer.

FACE DENTED.

Mr. John Littlehales Thrown Out of a Rig.

Mr. John Littlehales, the veteran bailiff and discoverer of a wonderful hair coloring, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon on Hughson street. He was riding in a buggy along with Bailiff Nelson, when the driver attempted to make a short turn, and the rig went over. Mr. Littlehales struck the pavement with his face, and made several dents in it. He bled freely from a wound on the forehead, and was dazed for some time. Mr. Nelson escaped unhurt.

Care of Your Piano.

This is the season of the year when many are at a loss to know how to properly clean and care for the piano in their home, and in the majority of cases it unfortunately escapes the necessary spring cleaning altogether. A neat booklet issued by the Nordheimer Co. has just come to hand, which thoroughly informs one of the necessity of taking good and proper care of the piano, and the suggestions made are of great value to every piano owner. This booklet will be sent free to any address by applying to the Nordheimer Piano & Music Co., 13 King street west.

Leads Them All.

The British army is recognized as the finest in the world. The British Army foot powder for sore, tired, sweaty feet is recognized as the standard foot powder. A little dusted into the shoes makes walking easy and tight shoes comfortable. 25c per can. Parke & Druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

CITY WILL STAND PAT.

Concerted Action Over Septic Tank Litigation Proposed.

Mayor McLaren Says City Has Nothing to Fear.

His Worship Replies to Martin Malone's Criticism.

There is a move on foot among several municipalities threatened with litigation over septic tank systems they have built, without paying a royalty to the Cameron Company, of Chicago, getting together and deciding on some course of action. It is understood that the company is conducting a campaign from coast to coast in every city in Canada where these tanks have been built without first securing the right. Hamilton was served with notice by a Buffalo firm of lawyers some time ago that it would be expected to show why it should not pay royalty for the tanks built in connection with the annex sewerage system. London is the latest place to receive such notice and Engineer Graydon, of that city, suggested a concerted action on the part of municipalities interested. Mayor McLaren said today it was not likely that Hamilton would interest itself. The tanks here are not covered and are said to be entirely different from the ones for which the Chicago company holds patents. City Engineer MacCallum is satisfied that he has some evidence that will clear the city and Hamilton will stand pat.

Mayor McLaren to-day handed the press the following statement in reply to a letter from Martin Malone, which appeared in the Herald yesterday.

"I do not intend to make a practice of replying to letters published in the papers, as if the people writing them really want to do good I am ready at all times to give them information in my office that will put them on the right track. If it is simply to make trouble they are looking, and not for the city's benefit, I have no time to waste. The matter referred to will be argued before the Ontario Railway Board within a very short time, and it is not good evidence to publish either side of the evidence before that time. No doubt the citizens know that this is not the only legal matter left unfinished from last year, many of them (and some of the same company), more important than this, and in no year has more active work been done in cleaning the slate of old litigation. The Cataract Sun (or for that matter any other Sun), will shine brightly or dimly during the present regime just according to their treatment of the city, which I must confess, at present is better than it has been for years."

To-morrow afternoon the final lecture in connection with the Ontario Government's free tuberculosis exhibit will be given in the Knox-Morgan building by Dr. Mullen. The public are invited and the pupils of the Collegiate and Normal Schools have also received an invitation.

PARIS STRIKERS

Invade Factories, Pull Down Poles and Destroy Property.

Paris, May 21.—The strikers in Paris made several attempts to invade the factories and buildings where the men had refused to quit work. Their course resulted in minor riots and a number of arrests. Following the advice of their leaders, the strikers are beginning to destroy property. A large number of telegraph poles were thrown down last night and a valve in the air reservoir of the subway under the Seine was unscrewed. Fortunately this was discovered and remedied, else the workmen entering the Caissou would have been subjected to great danger.

JOHN CALVIN.

U. S. Presbyterian Church Celebrate His Anniversary.

Denver, Colo., May 21.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met at 9 o'clock this morning and before adjourning at noon the organization of the actual business of the church executive body was well under way.

BODY CREMATED.

London, May 21.—The body of George Meredith, the English novelist, who died on May 18th, was cremated to-day, in the presence of members of his family. There was no religious service. The ashes were deposited in a black metal urn and taken back to Mr. Meredith's house in Dorking, for interment to-morrow.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Cut T. & B. and Old Chum, 9c; King's Navy, 7c; Empire Smoking and Bobs' Chewing, 8c. T. & B. bright plug, 10c. 3 plugs of Black Watch chewing, for 25c; at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.