HURON AND ERIE HOLDING OF NORTHERN LIFE SOUGHT

BANKERS PLEASED AT RECEPTION OF NEW C. N. R. LOAN

Canadian Financiers Outbid N. Y. Syndicate in $50,000,000 Bond Issue.

LARGE ORDERS RECEIVED

Local investment bankers expressed keen satisfaction with the public reception of the $50,000,000 Canadian National Railway bond issue which was put on the market at 9 o'clock this morning. Large orders have been filled with Wood, Gundy & Co., Dominion Securities Corporation and A. E. Ames & Co. Within two days it is expected the entire issue will be absorbed.

Information given out last evening that half a dozen Canadian financial firms had overbid the New York syndicate, and that Canada would, therefore, do her own financing, was hailed with universal approval in financial circles. Yesterday morning it was said the deal with New York had been virtually completed. Canadian brokers stepped in, however, and offered a substantially higher price.

"Canada no longer must depend on outside banking," an official of the Wood, Gundy Co. declared today. "Canadian bankers are now able to purchase and resell in their own country practically all the securities necessary to carry on business. The present C. N. R. issue marks the first time in history a debenture issue for this company has been handled by Canada alone. Previous debenture loans had been floated in the American market."

Bids were made by at least four syndicate groups, according to an announcement today. The highest bid by an American concern was 94.13 while the Canadian offer was a point or two higher. The bonds will be sold to the public at 99½, with interest payable at 5 per cent.

The bonds are for 30 years, maturing in 1954. They rank equally with Victory bonds, being a direct obligation of the Dominion of Canada, secured by the full credit and taxing power of this country.

It is estimated that by Friday $5,000,000 of Western Ontario money will have been put into the new C. N. R. loan. Local brokers were engaged taking orders all morning. The successful Canadian syndicate bid was 97.813. This means the loan will cost the government 5.145 per cent. It became known today that another Canadian syndicate, comprising a dozen prominent financial houses, offered a slightly lower rate.

BURNS CONCERT PLANS ARE READY

St. Andrew's Society To Honor Birth of Poet Friday Evening.

All good sons nad daughters of Scotland will gather in the Patricia theatre on Friday night to listen to the songs and melodies of their fame land. On the evening of Jan. 25, the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the St. Andrew's Society of London will hold its annual Scottish concert. All over the world similar concerts will be in progress, and the London society is usually in receipt of a host of friendly wires and messages from all parts of the Empire.

Jean Anderson Thirde of Toronto, generally recognized as one of the best Scottish sopranos in the Dominion, has been engaged to sing, and she will give among others such favorites as "Cam' Ye by Athole," "The Bonnie Briar Bush" and "Doon the Burn, Davie Lad."

Duncan R. Cowan of Toronto is a gilted comedian sure of a welcome wherever he goes. He sings his songs with enough of the old country accent to make them a delight, and his patter has a breath of the heather to add to its genuine originality.

Jessie Butt is another prominent singer whose services the committee has been able to secure for the occasion.

The Munro Juvenile Pipe Band, which needs no introduction to Scots of London, is billed down for two selections. It provides a real treat for all Scots.

Charles E. Wheeler, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will act as accompanist for the evening, and James (Mack) H. Macintyre will preside.

PLANS NOW COMPLETE FOR GIRL GUIDE RALLY

London and St. Thomas Girls To Take Part in Event Friday Night.

Final arrangements for the big girl guide rally to be held in Cronyn Hall at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening, Feb. 1, were made at a meeting of the local Girl Guide Association held at the King Street Y. W. C. A. this morning, Mrs. C. H. Hill, the London commissioner, presiding.

The chief feature of this rally in which the guides of both London and St. Thomas will take part will be a competition for a banner offered by Mrs. Allan McLean deputy commissioner for Ontario.

The judges appointed this morning are Mrs. E. H. Nelles, Mrs. Gordon Grant and Miss Shirley Johnston for company drill; Mrs. Donald McLean and Mrs. Ronald Harris for company games, and Mrs. E. H. Johnston, Mrs. Robert Burns and Miss Beatrice Taylor for the judging of the company flags. A committee to look after refreshments for the evening includes Miss Hill and Miss Mary Moore.

GOOD PRICE IS OFFERED FOR INSURANCE STOCK

Officials Unable To Reveal the Name of Prospective Purchaser.

SEE REORGANIZATION

Hon. Manning Doherty States His Shares Disposed Of.

An offer of considerably more than par value has been made for more than 800 shares of Northern Life Assurance Company stock, at present held by the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation as part security for the indebtedness of the Dominion Loan and Savings Society to the corporation, it was learned from an official source today.

Officials of the mortgage corporation refused to divulge the name of the prospective purchaser or the price quoted, but did state that a "very substantial offer" had been received. It is believed, however, that the offer was made by the MacKnight interests.

The stock held by the Huron & Erie is at present under an injunction restraining the corporation from selling, but it is said that the injunction will be lifted by a court order next Wednesday, when the appeal of minority shareholders of the Dominion Savings against a ruling of Justice Middleton relative to a trust company will be heard in Toronto.

Following the announcement that Hon. Manning Doherty and S. C. Tweed had disposed of their large holdings of stock to Gairdner, Clarke & Co., Toronto, a reorganization of the company is expected. Nothing definite can be secured relative to the plans of reorganization, but it is believed that R. C. MacKnight, former general manager of the company, will have the controlling interest.

Seeking Control.

Mr. MacKnight has been for some time endeavoring to secure the control by purchasing a majority of stock, and it is understood that the holdings of Messrs. Doherty and Tweed were purchased by him through the above brokerage firm.

Mr. Gairdner, while acknowledging the purchase, refused to state on whose orders it was made, nor could he make any predictions relative to the future of the company.

S. C. Tweed, Waterloo, told The Advertiser that he had sold 5,300 shares of Northern Life stock at a price considerably in advance of what he paid for it some time ago when the company was sold to him and two others.

Hon. Manning Doherty also stated he had received more than he paid for the stock. Mr. Doherty held 2,600 shares. He said he had no idea who the stock was purchased for nor what the future plans of the company were.

Alexander Purdom, former director of the company, and also a director of the Dominion Savings Company, refused to make a statement other than to say that the reported purchase through a Toronto firm of large holdings of the stock was correct.

No Interest in Control.

Officials of the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation stated that they had absolutely no interest in the control of the company, other than that of liquidating the shares held by them as guarantee of indebtedness. These shares originally numbered about 1,100, but for various reasons this has decreased to slightly more than 800.

Referring to the injunction on the sale of this stock by the corporation, an official stated that in his opinion it would be lifted within a short while, in fact following the hearing of the appeal in Toronto Wednesday next.

The appeal, according to J. A. E. Braden, solicitor for the minority shareholders, is being taken against the decision of Justice Middleton that the assets of the defunct Dominion Savings and Loan Society be turned over to the Trust and Guarantee Association for liquidation, rather than remain in the hands of the Canada Trust Company.

This judgment was handed down following a meeting of shareholders last fall, when the share vote was in favor of the change, but the minority shareholders against it.

HOT ASHES CAUSE OF $1,000 BLAZE

Roof of T. E. Collister's Home, King Street, Badly Burned —Fire Starts in Shed.

Hot ashes deposited in a weedshed adjoining the home of T. E. Callister, 754 King street, set fire to the shed and quickly spread to the roof of the house. The shed and roof of the house were badly burned.

An alarm was sent in to the central fire hall shortly before 12 o'clock. The damage was estimated by Mrs. Callister to be about $1,000, caused chiefly by water.

REV. W. E. MILLSON WILL ACT AT ST. JOHN'S CONFERENCE

Rev. W. E. Millson has been appointed to represent Dr. T. Albert Moore, general secretary for social service of the Methodist Church in Canada, at the meeting of the Dominion Social Service Council next week in St. John, N. B. Dr. Moore recently suffered a broken leg and is thus unable to attend the council.

Mr. Millson assumes his official capacity and leaves for St. John tomorrow. Mr. Millson will also pay an official visit to the annual meetings of the rescue homes at Monkton, Truro, Sidney and Montreal. He expects to be in the east about three weeks.

MAJOR J. F. B. BELFORD

Conservative member for East Northumberland, will move the reply to the speech from the throne at the coming session of the Ontario Legislature.

LADIES' NIGHT A GREAT EVENT

Kiwanians Plan Novel Program For Annual Club Function.

Ladies' Night with the Kiwanis is every year an event of importance and jollification looked forward to by both members and their ladies. A fine program has been arranged and afterwards cards and dancing will be enjoyed into the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Tom Yull, president of the club, will preside, and G. J. A. Reany of Kitchener, Kiwanis lieutenant-governor of the Western Ontario district will be the speaker of the evening. He will reply to the toast of the "Kiwanis" and will also speak on "A Kiwanis Fundamental." The social part of the program includes two solos by Lloyd Bullen, and a four-handed 'stunt' by Mrs. Link, Mrs. Hayward, and Messrs. Hamilton and Crosby. Albert Murphy will propose the toast to the ladies and Mrs. S. F. Lawrason will reply.

Mrs. Link and Mrs. Hayward are to entertain the Kiwanians with some reminiscences of the minstrel show. President Tom Yull will propose "To the King," and Bev Hay, I.P.P., will respond. There will be community singing throughout the evening of popular choruses, and O Canada will come as a fitting conclusion to the first part of the night's gathering.

Church News

DUNDAS CENTRE W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Dundas Centre Methodist Church were particularly successful last evening in their arrangements to take charge of the mid-week prayer service of the church. Mrs. (Rev.) W. E. Millson presided, and the main address of the evening was given by Mrs. May R. Thornley. Mrs. Thornley outlined the campaign which is being undertaken by the W. C. T. U. to interest all missionary organizations of the dominion in temperance work and in the retaining of the ground already won by temperance forces. The liquor question was also dealt with by two other speakers of the evening, Mrs. Garbutt who spoke on the situation in Quebec, and Mrs. J. Parnell-Morris whose subject was the governmental distribution in British Columbia. Mrs. Flora Yorke Miller also gave a brief address.

EVER-READY M. B.

The Ever-Ready Mission Band of the First Methodist Church held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. After the usual business, the children played games. Mrs. Walton provided a treat for them.

FIRST CHURCH C. G. I. T.

The C. G. I. T. of First Methodist Church were victorious in a hard-fought basketball game over the C. G. I. T. of Knox Church last evening, in the Central Collegiate gym. The score was 16—14. Miss Marjorie Mortimer, forward, was the star for the winning team.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The Ladies' Aid of Adelaide Street Baptist Church recently held a successful "Birthday Party," to which they invited the men of the congregation. A birthday box, placed at the entrance and into which each guest dropped pennies to the number of his or her ago, resulted in a nice "birthday present" for the society. Mrs. Will Maynard, president of the society, acted as chairwoman during the unusually fine program which was presented. This included readings by Miss Merle Bissett; a duet by Mrs. Arthur Brown and Miss E. Kuntz; reading by Mrs. Smith, solo by Mrs. Arthur Brown; piano duet by Miss Dorothy Pierce and Miss Louise York; reading by Mrs. Cyril Hays; piano solo by Leonard Maynard and numbers by the ladies' quartet composed of Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. W. Maynard, Mrs. J. Dey and Mrs. L. York.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Walker, on behalf of those present, tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the artists on the program, and Mr. Tom Brown, in seconding the motion, also wished the Ladies' Aid many happy returns of the day. Tables, prettily decorated with flowers, were placed here and there throughout the room, at which dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Moorhead, closing a very enjoyable birthday party.

C.M.A. DISCUSSES PLANS TO REMEDY HIGH TAXATION

President of Association Claims Too Much Governmental Machinery for Population.

MUST REVISE TARIFF

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Jan. 24.—Present high taxation and remedies for the same; tariff and its cause and effect—these were prominent questions discussed today at the special general meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which opened here this morning. About 300 delegates are in attendance, including a representative party from Western Canada, the Province of Quebec and the Maritimes. In addition to the general meeting, there will be a session of the executive council this afternoon.

"Our taxes at present are staggering," was the popular note struck by C. Howard Smith of Montreal, president of the association, in an address at the noon luncheon. Mr. Smith proceeded to give his view of the situation. The condition in the Dominion arose, he said, chiefly because of the smallness of the population.

"Our overhead is too great," said the president. "We have enough machinery now in the Dominion, provincial and municipal governments to govern sixty millions of people instead of nine. We have enough railway to serve two or three times our population. Our present system of manufacturing, banking, retailing and wholesaling would provide for the wants of many millions with very little additional expense. Our taxes are only high in proportion to our population. If our population doubled or trebled in the next few years we would not have to worry about taxes. Under present conditions we are worrying because business cannot stand existing internal taxation. It has become intolerable and must be reduced."

Mr. Smith submitted propositions of immigration and tariff changes as remedial measures for the taxation situation. The tariff must be scientifically adjusted—raised or lowered to meet the needs of the industries—and proper immigration assured, before any reduction of taxation in the Dominion could be expected.

Proposals for submission to the Dominion government along the lines of the president's address are being taken up by the executive council this afternoon.

BEER UNPOPULAR IN WINTER TIME

Applications For Home Brew Permits Dwindle During Cold Weather.

Beer drinking is not a popular pastime among Londoners during the winter time. This information was gained by surveying the books reposing in the customs and excise department, which record the number of permits issued to Londoners to manufacture home brew.

Since the first of the year only nine have been issued.

But to say that London is not a beer-drinking town would be far from hitting the mark. There are more than 1,500 home-brew permits in the city, according to J. T. Robinson of the department of customs and excise.

These permits are issued free of charge to anyone who makes an application and specifies what utensils are to be used in the manufacture of the beer. A boiler, pans and a crock are generally the articles used.

G. WINTERBOTTOM IS SECURED AS ORGANIST

Well-Known Musician To Take Over Duties at Robinson Memorial Church.

The congregation of Robinson Memorial Methodist Church are congratulating themselves on having secured George Winterbottom, Mus. Bach. as their new organist and choir leader.

Mr. Winterbottom enjoys a splendid musical reputation in the city. He was the musical director at Dovver Court Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, for some time, and has been organist at two city churches, Talbot Street Baptist Church, and recently at New St. James' Presbyterian Church. Mr. Winterbottom left the Toronto church to serve overseas.

He commences his new duties immediately.

R .C. COTTRELL APPOINTED LONDON REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of the appointment of R. C. Cottrell, son-in-law of Dr. E. Eccles, as representative of London and district, was made this morning by W. A. MacKenzie & Co. Mr. Cottrell has been in the bond business for some years, having recently severed his connection with the Municipal Bankers' Corporation, Toronto, prior to which he was connected with the Canada Bond Corporation.

FRENCH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD NEXT MAY

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 24.—The parliamentary elections will be held in May, according to a decision reached by the cabinet this morning.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AID FOR REST ROOM

City Deputation Will Present Case to Middlesex Fathers This Evening.

WOULD COST $8,000

Members of the Middlesex County council will be asked tonight by members of the city council, what financial co-operation they will extend toward the proposed rest-room on the market square.

At an estimated cost of $8,000, the city councillors propose an addition to or an extension of the Comfort Station. This scheme was considered at a joint meeting in the city hall at noon today between two committees, representing the city and county. Warden C. C. Henry and two of his council attended, A. C. Hodgins, London Township, and Alex. MacPherson, Glencoe.

Mayor Wenige, Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, Ald. John Anderson and Ald. Walsh represented the city.

The county delegates were much impressed with the scheme and it was arranged that the city representatives outline their views to the county councillors at 9 p.m. tonight.

Ald. Douglass submits that if the city gives the necessary property and provides heat, light and other necessary accommodation, the county should shoulder the cost of the building. The latter would also be used as a bus terminal for county routes.

"U" EXAMS ARE NOT HARDER, SAYS DEAN

Denies Reports of Students Disapproving Change in Pass Mark.

W. Sherwood Fox, dean of the University of Western Ontario this morning declared that examinations which were now in progress among art students were no harder than in forme ryears ,and that there was no foundation to reports which have been broadcasted regarding disapproval among the students at the change from 40 to 50 per cent as an examination pass mark.

Statements which have been published declared that students who have been "plucked" due to the change in the pass standard were indignant and a movement was on foot to petition the provincial bovernment to have the pass mark changed to its former percentage.

Both Dean Fox and Dr. K. P. R. Neville, registrar, declared htat as no examination papers have as yet been marked, no student has failed. The examinations are still in progress and the results will not be announced for another week.

"In view of the fact that the number of 'credits' for arts' students has been reduced from 10 to 16, the university raised the pass mark from 40 to 50 per cent," Dean Fov explained. "The pass percentage is now the same as for matriculation"

OPPOSITION SEEN TO EARLY CLOSING

Proposed Grocers' Bylaw Now Bone of Contention in City Hall Circles.

There is every indication that the proposed grocers' early closing bylaw is going to be stubbornly contested at the next session of the finance committee, City Clerk Baker stated.

"I believe that I have had as many as 40 telephone calls about this," he explained. "And numerous inquiries have been received about the date of the next meeting."

While no counter petition has yet been presented to the clerk, it is definitely known that the opponents to the suggested legislation are exerting every effort to halt it.

COOLIDGE THREATENS TO SUMMON BANKERS

Urges Co-operation With Government's New Banking Commission.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Jan. 24. — President Coolidge will call Chicago and Minneapolis bankers here for a conference on the banking situation in the northwest unless they co-operate fully with the federal government in relieving credit conditions in that section.

Advices were received at the White House yesterday that some bankers in these two cities were hesitating aout giving help to the special banking commission sent by the president to the northwest. Full co-operation, in the opinion of the president, must be given or the government's efforts will be unavailing.

WOULD STOP CHARGE.

Why should any charge be made upon those who use the municipal skating rinks is the query from Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of the finance committee. "I understand that they are taxed 10 cents to check their shoes," he reported. "Is this fair?"

Location of Ears Settles Problem of Intelligence Of Children, Says Doctor

Londoners Urged To Get Ruler and Determine Babies' Cranial Capacity.

'TIS SAD BUT TRUE

Female Ears Have Become Extinct During Past Few Years.

If your children's ears are lower on the side of the head than the average they are possessed of exceptional brain power.

This fact, discovered by Prof. R. Mayberry of the University of Chicago, has created much interest in child welfare circles here.

The professor, after years of experimenting, says a child's brain power can be measured accurately by only one sure method—the distance from the ears to the top of the head. This measurement gives a relative cranial capacity from which intelligence can be calculated. Relative size of forehead "high-brow" has nothing to do with intelligence, he claims.

Thus, if you are adopting a child, and desiring one having the potential brain power to become a great poet or a master mechanic you must always measure the distance between the top of the youngster's bean and his ears. Ears situated in the region of the lower jaw indicate tremendous intelligence. But if you happen to strike one whose ears are only a few inches removed from the cranial center you are out of luck as well as the child. In such a case there would be nothing to do but make a politician of him.

Necessarily children born with more brains than their contemporaries stand a much greater chance of developing that brain to an abnormal pitch. Thus, the same test can be applied to adults. In future the whereabouts of the ears will virtually determine whether a man is to make a success of life or not.

Gauge Distance.

This theory opens a wide field of speculation. For instance if you are seeking a job, your prospective boss, if he is up-to-date, will immediately gauge the distance between your top-dome and the tip of your ear. Likewise discriminating maidens will no longer judge their young men's fitness for matrimony by the color of the collar they wear or the reckless abandon with which they distribute sticks of chewing gum. All knowing girls will, upon being introduced, take out their tape measure and measure the young man. If his ears are not at least 3½ inches below the place where the first bald spot appears, every fastidious maiden will scorn him as a prospective husband. A man like that would never have the earning ability to buy a sealskin coat.

Startling revelations are possible under this system. The virile, aggressive, "go-get-em" salesman or the snappy businessman who is always talking about "co-operation," if measured at the ear, would probably turn out to be a "dud," whose reputation had been gained through bluff.

Crowning Disadvantage.

The only disadvantage to the system is that it proves (terrible thought) that women, as a rule, haven't any brains at all. Within the past six years no man has ever been able to discover a feminine ear. The style in hair dressing either covers them entirely or they have actually disappeared. The mythical tinted shells have not met the public gaze since the day of the pompadour style of hair dressing. Since then they have been denied the open spaces until many a man has begun to doubt their existence. It is believed, however, that they must be there owing to the readiness with which a woman can hear an invitation to the movies.

If Prof. Mayberry's theory is correct the day of the "high-brow" is over. Previously it was thought high-brows possessed a superabundance of gray matter, but that idea has gone to the discard. Similarly the number of bumps on your cranium is no indication of intelligence. It only shows, according to the professor, that you have probably been in many fights and got the worst of it.

BRITAIN ANXIOUSLY AWAITING DECISION

Railway Managers Appear To Be in No Unusual Hurry to Reach Settlement.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 24.—The British public today anxiously awaited developments in the enginemen's strike, for it was regarded as certain that things must take a definite turn for better or worse as a result of the fact that the railway managers had decided to defer their decision in regard to the union's suggestion for a conference. However, the general assumption here today was that the road executives in no case would consent to a re-discussion of the issues involved in the strike, preferring to rest upon the findings of the railway wages board. It was the repudiation by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen of this award providing for a wage reduction that led to the strike.

The impression prevails in some quarters that the managers are in no hurry to reach a settlement, believing that they stand to lose less than does the union for the continuance of the strike, but this perhaps is a biased view of their position. Nevertheless it is noted that the officials of the companies said last evening they were very well satisfied with the situation.

HARRY F. SINCLAIR.

Internationally known as a sportsman, denies having paid money to A. B. Fall, former secretary of the U. S. interior, in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil rights.

300 FRENCH MIRRORS WILL BE SACRIFICED

John A. Nash, "My Jeweler," Will Unload Beautiful Ivory.

Think of it. Beautiful long-handled ivory mirrors, all shades and colors, worth up to $35 each are to be sold at the ridiculously low prices of $5, $7 and $10 each, actually less than half their value, at the ten-day success sale of John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas street. "Where you will eventually buy."—Advt.

Obituary

THOMAS F. MITCHELL.

Thomas F. Mitchell, well-known resident of Innerkip, died in the city yesterday following an illness of several months. For the greater part of his life he was engaged as market gardener. He was 79 years old, and was born in Toronto.

The body will be sent from A. L. Oatman's funeral home on Friday afternoon to Innerkip, where interment is to take place.

RICHARD SHORT.

The death of Richard Short occurred this morning at Byron Sanatorium, following an illness of several years. He was 26 years of age, and had been employed as a tinsmith.

He is survived by his wife, two young children; his mother, Mrs. William Short; three brothers, Charles and Robert of this city, and Albert of Indianapolis; and three sisters, Mrs. N. Pidd, Mrs. M. Knowles and Mrs. James McIntosh, all of this city.

The funeral will be held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. N. A. Pidd, 215 Maitland street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Agnew of Ridout Street Methodist Church will conduct the services. Interment is to be made at Woodland Cemetery.

THOMAS G. WILKINSON.

Thomas G. Wilkinson, returned soldier, died at the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium Thursday morning in his 24th year. Since the war he had been employed with the Coombe Furniture Company, Kincardine.

He is survived by his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Wilkinson; a brother, Morris, and two sisters, Kathleen and Mrs. Robert Morrow of Port Arthur. The remains will be forwarded from A. L. Oatman's funeral home this afternoon to Ripley, where interment will be made.

MRS. MARY A KNUCKLE.

Mrs. Mary A. Knuckle, wife of Philip J. Knuckle, 7 Thornton avenue, died in St. Joseph's Hospital last night. She was born in London 45 years ago, and had been a resident of this city all her life.

She is survived by eight children, her mother, Mrs. Katherine Pocock, and three brothers, E. A. and G. J. Pocock of this city and S. J. Pocock of St. Marys.

The funeral will be held from the family residence Saturday morning to St. Michael's Church, where requiem high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. Interment is to be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

MRS. ANNIE ROSE.

Mrs. Annie Rose, after suffering a paralytic stroke on Saturday, died this morning at her home the third line, West Zorra. She was born in Scotland and came to Canada when a young girl. She has resided in West Zorra for almost 80 years. She was a prominent member of the Congregational Church and one of the most popular residents of that district.

Surviving are one son, D. I. Rose and one daughter, Colin Sutherland, both of West Zorra.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to North Embro Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Jackson of the Congregational Church will conduct the services.

SKATING PARTY.

Miss Hoffman's room, together with another class of the Chesley Avenue School, held an enjoyable skating party last night. After having disported on the steel blades, the merrymakers adjourned for refreshments. It is hoped that several of these gatherings will feature the winter season at this school. Principal E. E. Gibbs is in favor of the idea.

REQUEST FOR AID TO SHAREHOLDERS SCORED BY DAMBRA

President of London Depositors' Association Fails To Understand Act.

TRIP IS FINANCED

Action of the committee which yesterday petitioned the government for consideration of a plan by which shareholders and depositors of the Home Bank will not lose a cent, is very much resented by the London Depositors' Association. Some claim the committee was appointed by depositors only and that asking the government to reimburse the shareholders "was likely to kill the depositors' chances."

"We understood the Ottawa delegation was going there in the depositors' interest alone," Joseph Dambra, president of the local association, sad. "One-half of one per cent of the depositors' savings has been taken to finance the trip. We cannot see, therefore, why the committee chosen to represent depositors should concern themselves with the fate of the shareholders. It is probable their action will jeopardize the depositors' chances of getting decent consideration."

He added that all along depositors regarded the double liability of shareholders as one of the Home Bank assets. This asset has now practically become a liability through the committee's plea for indemnification of shareholders, he stated.

"It seems ridiculous when you consider that Mr. Daly, former president of the Home Bank, will not be called on to meet his double obligation if the government accedes to the solicitations of the committee," Mr. Dambra added. "Daly has $200,000 worth of shares. This would be a big asset under the bank act, which provides for a double shareholders' liability. If that clause is rescinded, as the committee has apparently suggested, the depositors' chances are very much reduced.

"The shareholders put money into Home Bank stock for purposes of speculation. They knew beforehand that if the bank failed, they would have to pay double." Mr. Dambra explained. "On the other hand, depositors put their money in for safekeeping, with no idea of taking the slightest risk. Why shareholders should receive consideration at all, I cannot understand."

OFFER TO SETTLE ALL STEEL CLAIMS

Assets of Company Will Not Be Liquidated Until April 30th.

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, Jan. 23.—An agreement was reached before Referee J. W. Persons, in bankruptcy court today whereby the federal trustees of the L. R. Steel Corporations will withhold their application to liquidate all assets until April 30. The action was taken on a proposal of the stockholders' protective trust to take the companies out of bankruptcy.

The protective trust offered to make a payment of 20 per cent to the trustees on all claims against the Steel organization and as a guarantee of good faith to make an immediate payment of $100,000.

L. S. R. PROBES WORTH "NORMAL" CAR ROUTE

People West of Adelaide Denounce Present Belt-Line System.

The street railway authorities are checking their Normal line, City Engineer W. P. Near reported today, to determine whether the present routing is serving the greater majority of the people affected.

Ald. L. H. Douglass reported to the engineer that numerous complaints had been registered by citizens west of Adelaide street and in the neighborhood of Central avenue who do not approve of the "belt line" system in vogue during recent weeks.

Several weeks ago company authorities directed the Normal cars south on Adelaide street, from Central avenue in lieu of having them return via Central avenue. While naturally the people on Adelaide street view this move with satisfaction it is reported that there are those west of Adelaide street who do not.

The question is under the consideration of the engineer and railway authorities.

CABINET MINISTERS' ARMED DETECTIVES WITHDRAWN

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 24. — The special armed detectives who formerly accompanied cabinet ministers on their travels in great Britain and abroad have been withdrawn from duty, says the Daily Mail. They will be assigned to the members of the new cabinet if a request for their services is made, but none has been received.

HAVERGAL PRINCIPAL DIES.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Miss Ellen Knox, principal of Havergal College, Jarvis street, Toronto, since 1894, died here this morning from an attack of bronchitis.