

ALL CITY DOINGS

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FARMERS WILL ATTEND PARLEY ON LABOR ISSUE

Meet Saturday To Form Agricultural Chamber of Commerce Section.

WANT LONDON BUREAU

Would Solve Farm Help Problem by Distributing Immigration in District.

The establishment of a separate employment office in London for the distribution of farm help throughout Western Ontario, in lieu of Toronto, is one of several topics to be introduced for discussion at a meeting at the London Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for Saturday next at 2 p.m., to which representatives of the farmers' clubs throughout the district have been invited.

Questionnaires were forwarded to the various farmers' clubs of the district and similar organizations throughout this section of the province, and a varied list of subjects for consideration was compiled.

The suggested program of work to be undertaken by the agricultural section of the Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

Farm Help.—Secure suitable farm help. Equalize city and country wages. Additional farm help required. More labor for agriculture. Better farm management needed to "higher wages for labor." An adjustment of labor whereby the farmer would be able to give the idle men in the city employment. Distribution of farm help from London, not Toronto.

Would Improve Market.

City Market.—Improved conditions and better accommodation. Car parking, hotel or other place welcoming visitors during the day only. Investigate charge of 25 cents for weighing hay, etc., on city scales. Try to get more Middlesex foodstuffs in London. Covered market and better ventilation in butter and egg department (Hamilton has market entirely covered and free from restrictions. Ladies' restroom. Citizens use farmers' market).

"Marketing."—Cold and dry storage plant to help stabilize prices. Carling Brewery building suggested. Decreasing spread in price of milk between producer and consumer. More equitable method of setting price of sugar beets. Closer relations between farmers' market and retail price of meat, flour, etc. Investigate price paid for wool and hides, in view of amount asked for clothing and shoes. Help to provide wider markets and better transportation. Start a live stock market in London. Better system of milk delivery in the city. Manufacturers and others provide trucks to save apples, vegetables, which farmer has not time or facilities to market. Products so secured to go to employees. Study the cost of marketing produce.

Want Better Roads.

Roads, Transportation.—Leading roads to city improved. Better roads leading to country roads. Keep open to Middlesex transportation problems. Improve suburban roads leading to city.

Education.—Teach loyalty and industry to young people in high schools, with a view to counteracting industrial unrest. Better education for children in the country. Improved school system. More education for boys who intend to farm so that they may be able to meet urban people on equal terms in business. University extension, such as carried out in Wisconsin, bringing big educational institutions closer to the people. Movable libraries. Consolidated schools.

"Urban and Rural Co-operation."—Public gatherings, farmers and city people to discuss matters of mutual interest. Use the press. Adopt methods by which city people will become familiar with rural conditions and vice versa. Meetings held regularly and everybody invited to discuss matters of importance. Get representative speakers on urban conditions and viewpoints to address farmers' organizations and vice versa. Hamilton Chamber of Commerce recommends meeting once a month, 12:30 Saturday, with special speakers. Provide meeting place for farmers' organizations.

"Miscellaneous."—Keep down weeds on roads and farms. Weeds are driving farmers off the farms. Gas and hydro on farms at reasonable rates. Hydro for the farms. Stop highway-men by drastic methods. Secure from representative farmers by questionnaire or otherwise, costs of

MAKES PROPOSALS AS COMPROMISE

Knollwood Park residents, who are objecting to the high tax which they are called upon to meet for the sewer which was laid to serve their area, have been tendering proposals by the city, as a compromise for their suit against the city to have the bylaw set aside.

The two offers are: To make the life of the debentures for 20 years, thus extending the payments from 10 to 30 years. The added interest, however, had not met with the favor of the ratepayers.

Or the city will make a grant to the ratepayers, thus reducing their cost, and the ratepayers will pay their portion in ten years.

The amount of the grant offered has not yet been made public.

RAIL ORGANIZER CARR DEPARTS FOR MONTREAL

Issues Statement Concerning Local Situation and Promises To Return.

CHARGE IS RESENTED

Points Out Four A. F. of L. Officers Were Born in British Lands.

Prior to his departure from London to Montreal, M. S. Carr, general representative in the Dominion of Canada for the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, issued a written statement to The Advertiser in connection with the recent meeting of the local members of his union at which the members of a rival organization, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, were present, but refrained from attending.

Discussing the statement that his organization was a "Yankee" body and that the local disaffection had resolved itself into a "show-down" between Canadian and American unions, the general representative speaks as follows:

"I assume that this reference was an attempt at sarcasm, but when I point out that the four principal officers of the American Federation of Labor originate on British soil, and one of them in Ontario, I am sure it will be admitted to be 'some Yankee' organization."

Not Interested in Mosher.

"I want to absolve myself from any connection in the matter of the supposed or proposed visit to London of A. R. Mosher, president of the C. B. of R. E. Thomas Clift, the leader of the local body of the latter organization, knows that I am not in any way interested in Mr. Mosher's movements. As a matter of fact, I told him when he proposed a joint debate, that while I was opposed to such a move, I had no objection to meeting Mr. Mosher."

"I was certainly surprised when I read that Mr. Mosher had not been notified of the meeting, as I had been told by President Clift that a Mr. Clift had written to him. While it would appear that our meeting last week was a failure, I exceeded expectations, as there was present a man giving the name of LaFontaine, who claimed that he was not a member of either of the organizations he had come for information."

"We learned subsequently, however, that he was not only a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees, but actually treasurer of the local lodge. Why he undertook to misrepresent himself we do not presume to decide."

While leaving for Montreal and points east the rail leader declares that he will return to London in the near future, "sanguine in the belief that sooner or later the railroad employees in London will wake up to the fact that it is incumbent on them to decide what is best for them."

MISS BULLEN DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

City Loses Prominent Church and Philanthropic Worker.

With the death of Miss Norah Bullen the city loses a very active worker in church organizations and other philanthropic societies. Miss Bullen was a much valued member of the Red Cross Society, was on the advisory board of the Children's Aid Society, and for many years secretary of the Women's Aid Association of Crown Memorial Church, besides being very prominent in other church work. She has also been an enthusiastic worker in the local Girl Guides' organization, and her death comes as a decided shock to all who knew her.

Miss Bullen's death was due to pneumonia, caused by a cold which she contracted shortly after her return from Europe, and occurred at her home, 533 Queen's avenue, early on Wednesday.

She is survived by one brother, Henry, residing in Victoria, and a prominent figure in shipping circles there. The death of a younger brother, William, occurred about a month ago.

Rev. Quintin Warner will conduct services at 2:30 on Thursday afternoon. Interment will take place at Woodland Cemetery.

production for publication. Take steps to prevent city automobile owners from pilfering fruit from orchards, etc. Division of county for agricultural representatives work."

MUST SPECIFY DENTAL PARLOR TO GET PROBE

London Board of Health Is Unable To Act Unless Some Case Is Cited.

FULL INSPECTION URGED

Members of Trades and Labor Council Notified of Decision.

Unless a specific instance is recorded the London board of health finds itself unable to conduct any inspection of city dental parlors as requested by the local Trades and Labor Council. Secretary Burk of the latter body, the union officials say, is in receipt of a communication to that effect from the board.

About a month ago Delegate William Tite moved during a session of the trades council that the provincial health authorities be petitioned to enact such legislation as would be necessary to bring about a general inspection of dental parlors and workrooms in London to insure that a state of complete sanitation.

At the last regular session of the council a communication was read from the provincial office of health in Toronto advising receipt of the London resolution and explaining that the London Board of Health had been also notified accordingly.

The labor representatives explain that they did not desire to name any dentist in particular, although two or three names had been brought to their attention. They simply desired that an inspection be conducted of all and if legislation be necessary for such that the same be enacted.

PAYS TO APPEAL CITY ASSESSMENT

Statistics Show 1475 Appeals Were Allowed in 1921 by Court of Revision.

Statistics compiled on the 1921 sessions of the court of revision show, despite the popular belief to the contrary, that it is a paying proposition to appeal against assessments, that is, of course, if the appeal or complaint has a reasonable basis in fact.

In 1921 the court of revision held 16 sittings, hearing 1,715 appeals, and of this total 1,475 were successful, 240 only being considered unworthy.

The amount of taxes involved on the total appeals was \$20,492, or about two-fifths of a mill on the tax rate, had the total been made up of general assessment matters. However, the total amount of \$20,492, of which \$12,000 was local improvement, leaving the local rate affected less than one-fifth of a mill. The reductions granted amounted to \$19,723, and the appeals dismissed only \$769.

The result was a material reduction in the assessments for the year. The cut in all amounted to \$205,827, of which \$55,127 was in income assessment. In some cases there were increases, the total additions amounting to \$75,578, and in this case income additions, valued at \$27,324, predominated.

PRESENT ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Congregation Holds 71st Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, at which the board of management presented their 71st annual report, was held Wednesday night in the church hall.

The treasurer's financial report showed that the church had had a very prosperous year, and closed the year with a small surplus.

It was decided that a reserve fund be created for the purpose of paying off the principal of the mortgage now on the church property, this amount to be raised by a collection to be taken twice a year.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a memorial tablet to be erected in the vestibule of the church in memory of those from the church who gave their lives in the Great War, the amount to be raised by voluntary subscription, and to be completed by the end of the year.

Seven new members were elected to the board of management. They were: R. A. Anderson, Dr. E. P. Smith, A. Gillen, Frank Ashplant, G. Hair, R. A. Currie, for two-year terms, and Thomas Purdon for one-year term.

The budget adopted for the year 1922 is \$20,000, exclusive of the missionary allocation, which amounted last year to about \$22,000.

James Taylor and G. Hoffer were appointed as auditors for the ensuing year.

Crown Objects To Interpreter From Hamilton in Chinese Case

Lee Hing Kwang pleaded not guilty to the charge of stealing \$641 from Lee Hee when he appeared in police court Thursday. Crown Attorney McKillop clashed with Howard Clift, counsel for the defence, when the court asked for an interpreter, and the defence brought forward Charlie King of Hamilton, well-known in court circles throughout Eastern Canada as an interpreter for his race. Crown Attorney McKillop objected to Charlie King acting, and stated that Lee Hing Kwang of this city, who was known to everybody, would act.

Lem Wong acted, and Charlie King stood alongside the prisoners' box listening intently to every word that was said, and occasionally nodding to Lee Hing Kwang.

"I ask that this case be adjourned," stated the crown attorney, "There is a very important witness who knows Kwang, and he may be able to give some important evidence. Up to the present we have been unable to locate him," stated Crown Attorney McKillop.

"I object. We have brought an interpreter here from Toronto," stated the counsel for the defence.

"Well, you can send him back again as far as I am concerned," replied the crown attorney.

"I think, in view of an adjournment, the bail should be reduced," stated the defendant's counsel.

The court overruled Clift's statement, and the case was adjourned until Feb. 2, and bail was renewed in the same amount.

Lee Hee, who was also charged with the theft of the money, and pleaded guilty to the charge a week ago, was in the prisoners' box, but was not called on. He seemed quite indifferent as to what was going on before him.

LABOR DELEGATES GOING TO TORONTO

Will Urge 'Fair Wage' Clause for Government Supervised Work.

Delegates from the London Trades and Labor Council leave for Toronto on Thursday to confer with the provincial department of labor in an effort to have the "fair wage" clause inserted in the contracts for all work "let," "sub-let," or otherwise supervised by the government.

At last meeting of the trades council this question was again introduced by Delegate R. Hessel, representing one of the building unions, and it was agreed that he should go to Toronto to press the issue to a possible conclusion. Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M. L. A., for London, will also attend the Toronto conference with the government officials.

The members of the local building trades are particularly interested at this moment in the Western University building, to be commenced this spring, and the authorities of the latter institution have already been approached on different occasions. No definite assurance has ever been given, however, that the proposal would be considered, the workers say.

OFFICE HELP AFFECTED BY WAGE RULING

United States Railroad Board New Rules To Govern Clerks On Canadian Roads.

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

Railroads Favor Straight Time for Nine and Ten Hours' Work.

In all probability office employees of the Canadian railroads will be affected by the new rules just passed by the United States Railroad Board and which become effective on February 1. Local union chiefs explained on Thursday morning that probably a month or so would elapse, however, before the executives of the Canadian railroads would apply the same regulations.

Although strenuously opposed by the three railroad representatives, the provision for time and a half pay after nine hours' work, was retained in the rules governing railroad clerks, which also authorizes an eight-hour day within a spread of twelve hours. The railroads favored straight time for the nine and ten hours work, declaring that the latter was usually required of many station employees coming under the clerks' rules and that these employees were formerly paid a monthly rate for all services.

With a shorter day the rail executives claimed, the carrier could not meet the demands of the public with economy and efficiency.

Members of the railway board supporting the move based their contention for continuing extra pay for the tenth hour on the statements of the majority of roads in 1919 when it was shown conclusively that they said comparatively few clerks and station employees were worked overtime.

Germany has 150 movie producing companies. There are 12,000 railway workers in India.

Women now possess full suffrage rights in 21 countries.

MUSIC-LOVERS HEAR FAVORITE SCOTTISH AIRS

Appreciative Audience Applauds Burns Night Program, Patricia Theatre.

TALENTED ARTISTS SING

Ruthven MacDonald, Miss Vera McLean and "Jock" Ballantyne Participate.

Those arranging the Grand Scottish Concert, given by the members of St. Andrew's Society, at the Patricia Theatre Wednesday night, saw to it that there should be ample room provided on the program for the rendition of some of the "Auld Scottish songs," as would befit a concert to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the immortal bard of Scotland, Robert Burns.

Nearly all of the numbers were given by artists whose penchant is Scotch character songs. Now and then too the audience was greeted by flashes of famous Scottish wit from the performers.

Welcoming the throng that filled the theatre, J. B. McKillop, who presided, referred to three outstanding local events, which aroused the interest of the Scotch in the city, particularly those who were members of the Society of St. Andrew.

They were, the annual summer picnic, the annual banquet and the Grand Scottish Concert, given each year.

The program was opened by a number from the Adanac quartet, of Toronto, including H. Ruthven MacDonald, basso cantante; Marley Sherris, baritone; J. Riley Hallman, first tenor, and J. Elcho Fildes, second tenor. The song rendered was "Scots Wha Hae," and was undoubtedly one of the "bonnie" numbers of the whole evening's program, meeting with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Sings "Robin Adair."

"Robin Adair" and "Annie Laurie" are the two other offerings of the Adanac quartet. Both met with the same reception as "Scots Wha Hae."

Miss Vera McLean's singing of "The Auld Scotch Songs," by Ruthven MacDonald, by Nairne, and at request "The Bells of St. Mary's," brought forth a vast amount of applause and won enthusiastic appreciation of the singer's full contralto voice. Appeals for encores followed each number sung.

Marley Sherris, the quartet baritone, sang "Lassie O'Mine," by Valt, in a manner that found exceptionally good response from the audience, while the "MacGregor Gathering," by Scott, given by the second tenor of the quartet, J. Elcho Fildes, a song with a wild lilt, brought back the artist in a series of encores.

Scotch comedy characters as portrayed by the inimitable London comedian, "Jock" Ballantyne, were a bit of a relish amid the feast of other musical numbers and brought a wave of applause at the conclusion of each number. The audience refusing to be gratified until the return of "Jock" to the stage, Mr. Ballantyne gave "Donald MacFarlane," by Lawrence, "Is That a Fact?" by Kenyon, a selection "When I Was Young," besides several encore selections.

"The Crookit Bowbee," a singing dialogue, by Miss Vera McLean and Ruthven MacDonald, was executed by the artists in such a splendid manner that they received a hearty ovation.

Mr. MacDonald, also gave in a pleasing manner, two musical monologues, "Reminiscences of an Old Soldier" and "That Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Standard on the Braes of Mar," sung by Mr. MacDonald, also found much favor.

To top off the evening and wind up in true Scottish fashion, the artists and the whole audience joined together in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The program in full was as follows: Scotch airs, the orchestra; "Scots Wha Hae," Adanac Quartet; "The Auld Scotch Songs," Miss Vera McLean; "Lassie O'Mine," Marley Sherris; "Donald MacFarlane," "Jock" Ballantyne; "The Crookit Bowbee," by Miss Vera McLean and H. Ruthven MacDonald; "MacGregor's Gathering," J. Elcho Fildes; "Reminiscences of an Old Soldier," H. Ruthven MacDonald; Scotch airs, orchestra; "Is That a Fact?" "Jock Ballantyne;" "Caller Herrin," Miss Vera McLean; "Bonnie Mary of Argyll," J. Riley Hallman; "Standard on the Braes of Mar," Jock Ballantyne; "The Bells of St. Mary's," Miss Vera McLean; "Robin Adair," Adanac Quartet.

The following were the committee in charge of the affair: R. Munro, convener; A. Kesson, R. A. Mercer, A. G. McCulloch, T. A. Cornelius, J. F. Orr, J. Holt, W. Sangster, R. Jenkins, W. Forbes.

TO HOLD CONGRESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CITY

Presentation of badges to those members of the guard who have passed out in cookery and other requirements will be made a feature at the congress of the young people of the Salvation Army, which will be held in the city on Feb. 11. A medal will be presented to a young member of the corps who has distinguished himself in life-saving. In addition to the presentations there will be exhibitions of first aid, primary work, gymnastics and other work in connection with army activities. So great is the number of young people coming from St. Thomas, Chatham, Windsor and other towns in the neighborhood that the local headquarters are finding some difficulty in obtaining billets for all.

OPEN SHORT TERM IN AGRICULTURE

The short course in agriculture that commences at Appin next Monday under the direction of R. A. Finn, district agricultural representative of Middlesex, will be attended by about 50 young men, while 30 or more girls will take up the course in domestic science. The boys will take lectures in the town hall and the girls in the basement of one of the churches.

John Gardhouse of Weston, noted authority on live stock, will be the speaker on Feb. 2 and 3. Jack Wadsworth of Listowel, another authority on agricultural matters, will help in the course, which lasts one month.

Flora Alexander of Toronto will have charge of the home nursing class, while Mrs. G. H. Greer of Toronto will lecture the girls on home administration and labor-saving devices.

OFFICERS AGREE TO CARRY ON DUTIES IN 1922

Local Victorian Order of Nurses' Officials Undertake Extension Responsibilities.

MRS. F. HARPER RESIGNS

Treasurer Reports Revenue For Year 1921 To Be \$7,270.92.

Owing to the fact that the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses in London is in a transition stage at the present time, and the inauguration of the new policy is not completed, on strong advice of the superintendent of the order for the Dominion, Mrs. Hanington of Ottawa, with one exception the officers consented to carry on in their responsibilities for the present, at the annual meeting of the branch, held on Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Harris, "Eldon House."

Much regret was expressed over the resignation of the treasurer, Mrs. F. Harper, after years of valuable service. The only name mentioned in connection with the office to succeed Mrs. Harper was that of Mrs. Cameron Wilson.

Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. J. S. Niven, Mrs. Travers and Mrs. Jeffrey Hale are again vice-presidents. Mrs. Margaret Macdonald, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. H. Blackburn, recording secretary.

The treasurer's report showed the revenue for the year to cover all expenses amounted to \$7,270.92, including a grant of \$1,000 from the city, and a grant of \$1,150 from the United Welfare fund, \$3,247.57 in fees, \$297 in donations, and a balance of \$1,397.32, also bank interest of \$1.75.

The sum of \$7,270.92 provided for 6,021 nursing visits, attending to 280 obstetrical cases, 106 pre-natal visits and skilled nursing attention for 975 patients in all, by the three nurses of the order. Of the cases receiving attention, 273 were unable to pay and received free nursing, 244 calls were answered during the night, and the average fee to go in to the fund of the branch was 60 cents. The report of the work was submitted by the supervisor, Miss Matilda Symonds, of which the outstanding feature was an address by Mrs. Hanington, in which she gave valuable advice with regard to the carrying on of the work here.

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PICK COUNCIL EXECUTIVE.

Ridgeway, Jan. 25.—At a special meeting of the council held Tuesday the following officers were appointed for the coming year: Clerk, Herbert McDonald; treasurer, H. A. Mallory; chief of police, Charles Tye; market clerk, John Richardson; auditors, John McDonald and Earl Savage.

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LOST.—FIVE-STONE RING.—HY-MAX Hall, Tuesday evening; value as keepage. Reward, 15 Charles Street.

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DR. DOWNHAM ISSUES HEALTH REPORT ON CITY

Compilation of Statistics Shows Increase of Contagious Disease.

FLOOD RESPONSIBLE

Mortality Rate in 1921 Lower Than Previous Years.

Some interesting observations in regard to the health of the city are contained in the report of Dr. W. S. Downham, M.O.H., to Dr. J. W. S. McCulloch, provincial health officer, in regard to the health of the city during 1921.

The report shows that in all there were 2,126 cases of communicable disease, measles leading with a total of 591, then chickenpox with 285; diphtheria, 272; scarlet fever, 193; typhoid, 81, and tuberculosis, 36. These outline the more serious diseases. Impetigo, or sore mouth, and scabies were quite prevalent, but not serious.

Dealing with live visits in regard to these cases, Dr. Downham points out that each requires two calls, while some demand several visits.

Diphtheria, says the M. O. H., was more prevalent than the year previous. The mortality rate during the past year was lower, but still too high. This condition is due to carelessness of parents in neglecting to call a physician early in the disease, in which cases anti-toxin would have been given earlier and many of these lives would be saved.

"There is a considerable increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever. This may be accounted for by the fact that more or less of an epidemic of this disease passed over Western Ontario early last winter. Our scarlet fever ward was crowded for several weeks, and many cases had to be treated at home that otherwise would have gone into the scarlet fever ward."

"There were about three times as many cases of smallpox during 1921 as there were in 1920. I personally examined each case, and secured a good city and surrounding country. The histories showed that a good many of the cases were contracted outside of the city, but developed here after the usual incubation period. During the past two years I have seen more severe cases than in previous years. A few of the cases last year were semi-confident. A number of cases had from 100 to 150 pustules on the palm of each hand. It may be that the disease is tending to become more severe."

"There were more than twice as many cases of chickenpox in 1921 than there were in 1920; most of the cases occurred during the winter and early spring. I made it a practice to examine every case thoroughly, and to get a history of the case. By these methods I discovered five cases of smallpox that had been in the city during the winter. These were promptly quarantined, and contacts vaccinated, thus preventing what might have been epidemics of uncertain dimensions."

"The percentage of increase in typhoid fever is greater than in any other disease. Nearly all of these cases occurred at the Ontario Hospital, in which institution an epidemic occurred following the flooded condition of the city and surrounding country during the very heavy rains of July 3. The private water supply of the Ontario Hospital became contaminated, and many patients and employees contracted the disease at the institution."

"There was a great increase in the number of cases of measles. This disease is more difficult to control than any of the others, due to the long incubation period, and to the fact that there are always hidden cases that are not reported, either from fear of quarantine or because the disease is thought lightly of by the public. It is more communicable than any other disease."

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