

LONDON TO CELEBRATE PAARDEBURG VICTORY

Famous Royal Canadian Regiment Will Participate in Ceremonies.

RECORD IS GLORIOUS

Various City Organizations Will Decorate Monument in Victoria Park.

Tomorrow is Paardeburg day and the twenty-third anniversary of one of the decisive battles of the Boer War. London intends to celebrate it. Prominent in the celebration will be the Royal Canadian Regiment, which saw service in the South African War and helped to make the name of Canada famous at that time. It was the men of the R. C. R. who were greatly responsible for the capture of the forces of General Cronje, the Boer leader at Paardeburg.

At 11:45 o'clock tomorrow morning the regiment will troop the banner presented to it by the late King Edward, Maj.-Gen. Sir W. D. Otter, K.C.B., formerly commander of the regiment, will be present for the ceremony.

Will Hold March Past.

Later the regiment will hold a march past in front of the St. George's apartments on Wellington street.

From there the regiment will proceed to the South African monument in Victoria Park where the banner is dipped and the various organizations of the city are placing wreaths on the monument the band will play Chopin's "Funeral March."

Col. W. P. Gibson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Col. Sutherland Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Ottawa, will attend. General Otter and Brig.-Gen. W. B. King will take the salute.

The public is invited to the ceremonies in the park and at the armories, especially veterans of the South African War and of the Great War.

The R. C. R., which is playing such an important part in the ceremony, was raised in 1882. It was the first regular infantry regiment to be raised in the British empire solely under Dominion control.

Major Part in Rebellion.

In 1885 it took a major part in the Northwest Rebellion, fighting at Cut Knife Hill, Fish Creek, and forming a part of the column which relieved Battleford. In 1898 a part of the regiment was sent to the Yukon, half being withdrawn in 1899 and the remainder in 1900. The force was thanked by the government for its good and arduous work.

In the South African War from February to June, 1900, the regiment marched 600 miles, generally on half rations, took part in the capture of 20 towns, fought in 10 general engagements, and in minor actions on 27 other days. Lord Roberts informed the men that the action of the regiment at Paardeburg had helped materially in capturing Cronje's force. The regiment was the first to enter Pretoria.

In 1914 the regiment went to Bermuda, and in 1915 was sent to France. On June 2, 1916, by holding its line and by its many raids, the regiment prevented the Canadian left being turned in the vital Vimy action, and added fresh laurels to its long record.

In 1918 the regiment was the first of the Allied forces to enter Mons. By a strange coincidence, the R. C. R. was in the 7th Brigade of the 3rd Canadian Division, while in 1914 Mons was held by the 7th Brigade of the 3rd British Division.

BRANTFORD FIREMEN UNABLE TO STOP FIRE

House on Clinch Avenue Destroyed Owing To Lack of Water.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Feb. 26.—The local fire department received a call from Clinch avenue about 2:30 yesterday morning, and when the department responded they found that they were helpless, and that the most that they could do was to watch the fire consume the dwelling house, recently constructed by Mr. Charles Vandusen, Scotland, on that street. No time was lost in getting to the scene of the fire, but when the fire truck arrived the building was practically a total loss. Despite this the firemen were helpless, as there was no water available, and they had to watch the flames consume the new structure.

It is reported that the final finish was being put on the interior of the house, and that the owner was preparing to move into the house during the coming week. The house was a story and a half stucco bungalow. It is expected that the loss will reach well over \$3,000.

BOTHWELL LADIES' AID ENTERTAINED BY MEMBER

Special to The Advertiser.

Bothwell, Feb. 26.—The ladies of Grace Church were entertained to afternoon tea by Mrs. William Luke Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Luke was assisted in serving by the Misses Rose Johnston, Blanche Brewer and Marjorie Ellwood.

Mrs. Clingensmith of West Bothwell is very ill. Miss Lilla Burrows, a nurse of Chatham, is in attendance. Mrs. (Rev.) Hunt of Thamesville spent Thursday in town.

W. M. Sleever of the Bank of Montreal staff is spending a few days at his home in St. George.

Ernest Summers of Easter, Sask., is visiting at his home here. Mrs. Agnes Munroe is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eacott.

The Rodney Dramatic Club will present their play, "The Jonah," during the seed, grain and poultry show.

HOLD WEEKLY RECITAL.

The regular weekly recital at the Institute of Musical Art was given last Saturday afternoon. Those who played on the program were: Harold Dyson, Mary McLeish, Grace Watson, Margaret Finney, Grace Tambling, Mona Webb, Beulah Ross, Eleanor Brown, Mary Beard, Margaret Beard, Eleanor Hewton, Edna Rea, Will Baldwin and Mrs. Orth.

The teachers represented were: Misses Hazel Taylor, May Attili, Alberta Tord, Gladys Roeding, Laura Arkwood, Ullah Kennedy, Ingeborg Lauch, Jennie Steele, Nora Little, McHardy-Smith and O. Leo Herbert. Mr. Herbert was the examiner for this recital.

Rev. G. Leichter Preaches Farewell To Londoners

Throngs Crowd To Theatre and Church To Hear Inspiring Sermon by Popular Young Pastor.

London and Rev. G. A. Leichter, pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, who has accepted a call to Prospect Avenue Church, Buffalo, officially parted ways last night, and at the fork in the road thousands of people gathered to hear his farewell message.

Twenty-two hundred people at Allen's Theatre filled every available seat, the aisles, doorways and platform when Mr. Leichter delivered the sermon that brought to a close his ministry in this city. Earlier in the evening he preached to his congregation at the Adelaide Street Church, and as early as 6 o'clock every seat was filled by those whom his wonderful personality had gathered about him during his four years in this city and who now had come to hear his farewell sermon.

It is not often that police officers are called upon to bar the door of a city church on Sunday night, but three constables took up posts at the various entrances to Adelaide Street Church at 6:20 o'clock last night, and in the course of their duties turned away many hundreds who sought to see, maybe for the last time, one of the most picturesque men ever to have occupied a pulpit in London.

Again at Allen's Theatre the services of a squad of policemen were required long before 8:30 o'clock, when the service began, not only to bar the entrance to the lobby of the building but also to keep an opening for traffic through the surging crowd which filled the roadway from curb to curb after the doors were closed.

In the theatre with young and old from every walk of life, representing many denominations and creeds. Undoubtedly a great portion of them had been attracted there by curiosity to see and hear a man whose fame as an unconventional speaker had long ago spread throughout the city. Many admirers who had hastened to the theatre after failure to gain entrance to the church. Certainly it was not the subject of his sermon alone that attracted for "The Game of Life" is a title which the most orthodox preacher might choose and one much less sensational than those usually announced by Mr. Leichter.

It is just as certain, too, that few who heard him went away unimpressed, for Mr. Leichter had a message for everyone, and he made free use of lighting effects, song and music of instruments to open the hearts of those who heard him.

Not a word of farewell did he utter at this meeting. Only from a most casual inference made during the course of his sermon and from a blessing invoked during the benediction would one have learned from him that it was his last appearance before a London audience as city pastor. Otherwise the whole service might easily have been mistaken for a stirring revival meeting.

Advertising Sensational.

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WILL APPLY TO CHANGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Application Will Be Made At Next Session of Ontario Legislature.

Special to The Advertiser.

Application will be made by the board of governors of Western University to the Ontario Legislature during its next session to constitute the representation on the board, so that the City of London can elect four members, each to hold a four-year term, so long as the city continues to make annual grants to the university. In addition, the lieutenant-governor will appoint four governors, and the appointees will name four more.

Under the terms of the application the mayor of London and warden of Middlesex County will become ex-officio governors, and all such appointees must be British subjects, resident in Ontario. The board will ask permission from the Legislature to authorize gifts to the university by individuals or organizations; to exempt the university property from every description of taxation, and to exempt from succession duties all property given to the university.

Provisions governing the formation of the Western University senate will also be passed upon by the legislature, with two members appointed from each faculty of Western, and each affiliated college or school. The board of governors will be represented by two senators, and one member may be appointed by the council of each of the following municipalities: Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Wellington and Waterloo.

In addition to this typical Western Ontario representation the principals of continuation schools and collegiate institutes in the above counties may elect four members from their own number, and each senator will hold office for two years. The senate will control the educational policy of the university.

It is expected that the legislature will grant this application in full, and that the Western University bill will be ratified without opposition.

Obituaries

MRS. CHRISTIANA LETTER. Waterloo, Feb. 26.—Following an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Christiana Letter, aged 88, one of Waterloo's oldest residents, passed away at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital Saturday. Deceased was born in Alsace-Lorraine, but came to Canada in 1884, settling in Waterloo, where she had since resided.

Besides three sons and four daughters, she is survived by one brother. She leaves 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren in the community.

MRS. ELIZABETH NEUBER. Waterloo, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Good Neuber, aged 80, of Waterloo, passed away at her home Saturday following a brief illness. Deceased was one of the oldest natives of the town, and had spent her entire life in the community.

Four sons and three daughters survive.

CLAIMS UNIVERSITIES SHOULD FOSTER DEALS

Rev. Provost Seager Addresses Western University Students in St. Paul's.

NEED NEW CREED

Warns Undergraduates Against Looking For Short Cuts To Religious Knowledge.

Addressing a large assemblage of Western University students in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Provost Seager, on the occasion of the special university service, stressed the fact that a university should be more than a school of learning, more than a place to loaf or to accumulate vast stores of material knowledge. It should be a place where ideals were absorbed, and where character was moulded.

In expounding his text, St. Matthew 19 and 20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," he declared that the function of the church is not only to describe, but it is created in those passages should be one of the predominating spirits in the Christian church, the preacher asserted, and the function of the church at all times should be to spread the gospel and to baptize, even as Christ commissioned His apostles to teach all nations, and to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The days of the conversion of the mighty Roman Empire and the Reformation are over, the minister asserted. A new era has begun, and new tasks confront the Christian church of today. What is needed today is a new catholicism, a catholicism that is bigger and better than any in the past. There are manifold signs of this synthesis taking place today, Mr. Seager declared.

There are those who will not believe that a new synthesis of all the forces in the Christian church is indeed taking place, he continued, but these are the same people who do not believe in the church time to work in their behalf. They are of the class that is always in a hurry and forever looking for short cuts in regard to religious matters.

"I would earnestly urge you," the minister said, speaking more directly to the university students, "to illustrate failings in the life of modern man. This time he preached on 'Belshazzar's Feast,' using it as a basis for a sermon to young men.

During a song service, which preceded the regular service, Mr. Leichter sang five times. He used no lighting effects at the church.

A striking example of the regard in which he is held by his church members, was shown when the auditorium of the building began filling as early as 5:30 o'clock, and at the conclusion of the sermon, a vast portion of the congregation crowded into the five special street cars, which were waiting, to go to the city to hear his final message. Few gained admission to the already overcrowded theatre, however.

During his pastorate in this city, Mr. Leichter made 175 converts, has added 100 to the church roll, and built up a strong, healthy congregation from a struggling nucleus.

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KIWANIS TO ESTABLISH CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Kitchener-Waterloo Club To Be Hosts of Underprivileged Youth.

Special to The Advertiser. Kitchener, Feb. 26.—An announcement was made yesterday by the executive of the Kitchener-Waterloo Kiwanis Club that a bunk camp will be established near Kitchener this summer for the benefit of the underprivileged children of Kitchener and Waterloo.

According to the plans which are now under preparation, the camp will be so built as to fully accommodate all of the children in the district who have been registered as underprivileged by the club's committee in charge of this department of local Kiwanis work.

The program will be so arranged as to make provision for the entertainment of the boys for one-half of the season, and for the girls for the other half. The camp will be placed under the supervision of competent directors.

In order to raise sufficient funds to enable the committee to start construction operations as early as the building season permits, the clubs are putting on a minstrel and musical comedy at a local theatre here for three nights, beginning March 19. The money raised will be immediately applied to the camp building fund.

The campaign for the raising of money for the project will be launched tomorrow, with the sale of tickets for the scheme by which the principal feature of the campaign.

WILL OFFER CITY DEBENTURES. Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Feb. 26.—City debentures to the value of \$69,000 will be offered for sale locally in the immediate future by City Treasurer T. E. Cottier. The debentures cover local improvements for last year. There is a large line-up of city residents who are eager to buy up the debentures when they are placed on the market.

WILL FIX BRANTFORD TAX RATE TUESDAY

Expected Rate May Be Higher Owing To Amount of Relief Work.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Feb. 26.—At a meeting of the estimates committee called for next Tuesday night, the tax rate of the city for 1923 will be struck. It is expected that there will be some hot discussions about the various estimates presented by city organizations.

There is not much hope of the rate being any lower this year, but it is expected that the rate will be considerably higher. This, it is stated, is owing to the amount of work being done for relief purposes and for a \$23,000 approximate loss on the Welsh coal purchased by last year's council to date. The coal cost about \$21.53 per ton. F. O. B. Brantford, and is selling now for \$16 per ton to the consumer. About 5,000 tons were purchased.

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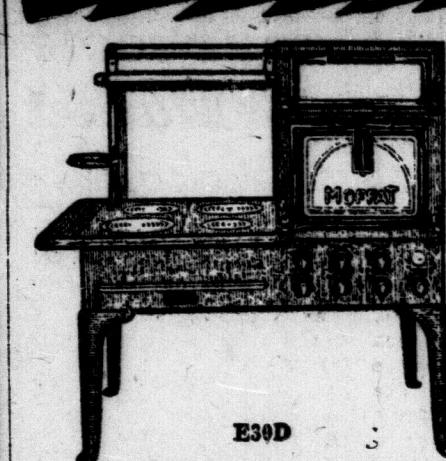
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