

LONDON'S FIRST CITY ENGINEER PASSES AWAY IN VANCOUVER

Thomas Tracy Remembered as
One of Builders of Civic
Administration Here.

BUILT WATERWORKS

Thomas Tracy, former well-known Londoner, and the oldest living past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 209, A. F. and A. M., died Saturday at his home in Vancouver, according to word which reached relatives in London yesterday. He was a native of this city, having been born here 77 years ago, and residing here until 39 years ago. He occupied the position of city engineer.

Mr. Tracy was exceptionally well known in London. Through his activities in connection with Masonic work and his position as the first city engineer for London, he had many friends, who still remember him as one of the city's builders in both civic administration and actual development.

Was City Engineer.
Gaining his early education in London and later graduating in the school of engineering at the University of Toronto, he commenced business here in 1870, at a time when London, only a town, was without adequate water power and utilities for its rapid development. Mr. Tracy was appointed city engineer and at his hand the present Springfield waterworks was built, a work which

Desert Sheiks No Longer Wild

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 2.—Desert sheiks are now wearing American horn-rimmed spectacles. Some of them ride in flimsy motor cars and some are arrayed in Oxford "blacks." This is the sad story of western influence in Tunis, which Cecil Roberts, the novelist, brings back from a trip to Africa, in search of romance. It was a bitter disappointment to Mr. Roberts, who went to Tunis in search of material for a new novel and found that the only sheik who was dressed as a sheik should be, had been equipped by a moving picture outfit.

at that time was considered an exceptionally difficult but progressive undertaking.

Of a genial disposition, a popular and loving character, he acquired bosom friends in London, many of whom today speak of him in highest terms and associate him with the city's pioneers, to whom London is today owes its present period of development and growth.

He left London in 1895 for Vancouver, where he took over the position of city engineer, connected in that work with another former Londoner, Herbert Burwell, who died in Vancouver only a few weeks ago. He had been for a number of years a member of the Vancouver city council.

Relatives Survive.
Mrs. Everett Langford and Mrs. J. T. Parkinson, of this city, are nieces, and W. J. O'Brien, head of the Windsor Technical school, and formerly of the O'Brien Business College, of London, is a nephew. Mr. Tracy's only son, Lieut.-Col. Leonard Tracy, a McGill university student, was killed overseas. He is survived by his wife, his only daughter, Mrs. Douglas Creighton, in Vancouver, and two grandchildren, Ruth and George Tracy.

St. John's Lodge of London will be represented at the funeral, which is being held this afternoon, according to Edwin Smith, master. In recognition of his work in connection with the lodge and his endeavors throughout life in behalf of Masonry, floral tributes have been wired from this city.

GEN. KING WILL INSPECT
WELLINGTON REGIMENT

General W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., officer in command of military district No. 1, will inspect D Company of the Wellington Rifles at Harriston on November 4. Other inspection dates are: North Waterloo Regiment at Kitchener, November 6; A and I companies of the Middlesex Light Infantry at Stratford on November 12; Canadian Fusiliers at London on November 13.

FARM LABOR IN DEMAND.

The demand for farm labor continues unabated, John Farrell of the department of Ontario immigration states. Last week there were 25 men applying for jobs and all were looked after by Mr. Farrell.

RECORD CROWDS ATTEND SERVICES

Anniversary of the Wellington
Street Sunday School Most
Successful Yet.

So large was the crowd that attended the Sunday school anniversary services at Wellington street United church last night, that despite the fact that chairs were placed in every available space, many were unable to find room. The anniversary was the most successful held in recent years, if not in the history of the church, and all three services were attended by record crowds.

The services were conducted by John Wallace, superintendent of the Sunday school, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hilbert, G. MacBarron and W. Hulbert, associate superintendents. At the morning service the veteran recording steward, John Watson, read the opening prayer, and the church quartet gave a delightful selection.

The preacher of the day was Rev. W. E. Wilson, B.A., of Toronto, and his messages will be long remembered because of their human touches and pathos. He drew extensively upon his experience with children and of city life. His morning subject was on prayer, "Ask, Seek, Knock," and the practical application of his charming address on "The Rose of Sharon." With a rose as an illustration, he pointed out the omnipotence of Jesus, His perfection and beauty. His stories caught the children and they listened with rapt attention.

Special Music.
Special music by the orchestra was also a feature of the morning and afternoon services. The entire orchestra was present at all three services, and also the church choir, and these musical organizations deserve much credit for the success of the anniversary.

The evening service was a fitting climax to a wonderful day. For three hours the great congregation entered wholeheartedly into one of the most unique services ever held in Wellington street. The male quartet gave a fine rendering of "Lead, Kindly Light," while Rev. W. E. Wilson delivered a soul gripping sermon on "Love," with the 12th chapter of Corinthians as a basis. He gave a many-sided explanation of that great theme.

The music was a big feature of the evening service. The symphony orchestra of the Sunday school, fifty strong, gave an excellent rendition of high-class music during the service and accompanied the singing, and at the close gave a special recital that was enjoyed by the large congregation.

Congregational Singing.
A special number was a solo by Ewart Mapleton, with organ accompaniment and violin obligato by James Cresswell, leader of the orchestra. The hymns were thrown on a screen and the congregational singing was a special feature. The appeal for \$1200 as a thank offering was made by the pastor, and the generous parishioners responded by a gift of more than \$1,500.

The closing service will be held Tuesday evening, when the annual entertainment will be given in the auditorium of the church. The first part will be given by the primary department and the major part will be a thanksgiving pageant presented by one hundred members of the school in gorgeous costume.

The school, under the leadership of John Wallace is going strong and ranks as one of the most active and successful in the city.

COMMITTEES SETTLE ELECTION CONTROVERSY

Board of Education Will Not
Pay Any Part of Polling
Costs in Future.

An amicable settlement was reached on Saturday in the board of education controversy with the city council, when it was decided that in future the board would not be required to pay any part of the election costs. Instead it will grant the city free use of the schools for election meetings and for polling stations.

The committee, appointed by the council to meet the board committee on Saturday, when the settlement was reached. Members of the committee were Ald. E. Smith, Mayor Weaver, City Treasurer Bell, Administrator Wheeler and Trustees Lawrasen, Hunt and Campbell.

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PRAISE FROM OFFICIAL

It was a pleasure to many citizens of London, England, to learn more regarding the progressive city of London, Canada, also to know that it is situated in a county and on a river of the same name as the great metropolis, writes the Canadian government exhibition commission from Wembley.

"The British Empire Exhibition has done much to extend the knowledge regarding Canada and its cities," said J. S. McKinnon, director of industrial exhibits at the Canada building, Wembley, have not only made know their own goods, but have also brought prominently before the visitors to the British Empire Exhibition the splendid position London occupies as a manufacturing center. These firms include McClellan Manufacturing Company, Sherlock-Manning Company, Richards-Wilco, Empire Brass Company, and W. J. Anderson & Co.

"The exhibits made by the above firms are certainly most creditable and have brought distinction to the city of London."

"The illustrations of the University of Western Ontario have also been commended on most favorably."

"London, Canada, has occupied a foremost place among Canadian cities at the big exhibition."

ANNIVERSARY RECALLS TIME OF DELIVERANCE

Orangemen Hear Rev. R. J.
Murphy Gave Address on
Gunpowder Plot.

Observing the anniversary of the gunpowder plot in England, Orangemen and Lady True Blues of London attended public service in Wortley road Baptist church yesterday afternoon. Rev. R. J. Murphy, B.D., pastor of the church, was the speaker, delivering a splendid address on the history of the plot and its effects on the times then and now.

"Guy Fawkes was just a tool," declared Mr. Murphy, "he was the whole plot constituted a blow at reformed religion. The plot was to blow up the king and members of parliament. The stones taken from the Jordan and put in the gates to remind the people of their deliverance from Egyptian slavery, and the miracle of deliverance of the British Empire at the time of great crisis and the gunpowder plot."

150 NEW BOOKS ADDED
TO LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the past week 150 new books have been received at the public library. Most of these are new fiction, but a large number are also works of historical and biographical interest. The memoirs of Earl Grey, "Twenty-five Years," are also included.

To fill a long felt need, McGill university is preparing a series of books of distinctly Canadian problems, viewed from a Canadian angle. These books are being prepared under the direction of Professor Stephen Leacock, head of the department of political economy. The first four were received at the library this morning, and all a real asset in literature that deals exclusively with Canada.

The first four are: The Transportation of Canadian Wheat to the Sea; The Taxation of Corporations in Canada; Ocean and Inland Water Transportation, and Reciprocal and Preferential Tariffs.

SIX ELDERS INDUCTED AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Six elders were inducted as members of session at St. Andrew's United church last night. Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., pastor of the church, presided for the solemn and interesting ceremony, the elders who were inducted being: R. J. Webster, Inspector P. J. Thompson, S. B. Gorrill, Professor W. J. Patterson, A. E. Neil and D. McCrimmon. Since all six men had been previously ordained as elders in a Presbyterian church, all having been members of the session of New St. James' Presbyterian church, North London, prior to June 10 last, it was only necessary to induct them last night into the St. Andrew's church session.

C. O. D. POSTAL PARCELS INCREASE IN NUMBER

The growing popularity of the postal C. O. D. system, since its inauguration a few years ago is shown by the figures for December when \$3,861 parcels were delivered and collections made. In December 1923 the figures were \$3,170. In two years there has been an increase of 24 per cent in the number of parcels carried.

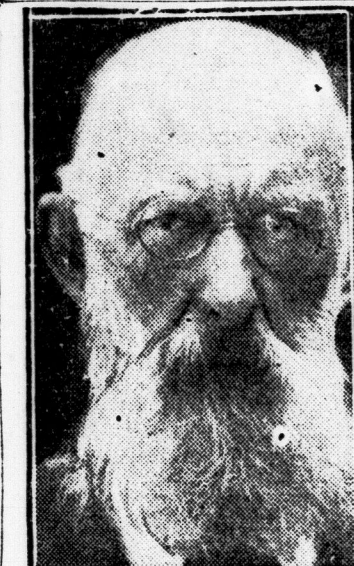
Amateur Navigator Sails Around World In 34-Foot Boat

Associated Press Despatch.
San Pedro, Cal., Nov. 2.—Circumnavigation of the globe in a 34-foot sailboat has been accomplished by Harry Pidgion, 54 years old, photographer, known to many as the "Library Navigator." He made port here after travelling 25,000 miles in his home-made cockleshell craft, the Islander, since he set sail from San Pedro on Nov. 18, 1921.

The Islander traversed seas notorious for bad weather. Leaving San Pedro,

she went to the Marquesas Islands, in the South Seas, to Torres Straits, across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius, and then southwest to Cape Town. Thence she made St. Helena, and crossed the Atlantic to Panama. She left the canal zone last Aug. 7.

Pidgion was dubbed the "Library Navigator" because of the unusual manner in which he obtained his seafaring knowledge. With books from a branch library, he spent what time he could spare from the construction of the Islander in studying navigation. All his information about sailing was acquired in this way.



PROFESSOR JAMES MAVOR,
who formerly held the chair of political economy at the University of Toronto, is dead in Glasgow, Scotland. He was 71 years of age, and was world-famous as an author and lecturer.

CUP ROUSES ROTARY MEMBERS TO ACTION

Monroe, Mich., Members Lat-
est To Join in Chase For
Yendall Trophy.

W. R. Yendall, governor of the Western Ontario-Michigan Rotary district, has found that he started something when he offered a cup for the best effort made by any club in his district for the extension of rural-urban fellowship.

In his latest bulletin, Mr. Yendall notes with satisfaction that the Rotary club at Monroe, Mich., has started after the cup by visiting East Rainville, a smaller center near that city, and, moreover, that the visit has already had far-reaching results.

Mr. Yendall's reference to the Monroe club's effort, which speaks for the habit of fraternizing. The rural-urban acquaintance meetings were suggested without any idea of what might happen, but with the conviction that this getting together of town folks and country folks would surely be interesting and useful to both sides.

The Monroe fellows and their wives went out to East Rainville to meet the folks in that neighborhood. The past and present members of Good dinner, of course, and then an address by Dr. Marvin Pittman of the state normal college of Ypsilanti.

"Result: A movement to replace the one hundred or more little one-room school houses by some good, modern school houses by some good, modern school houses. It will take two or three years to bring it about, but the folks in Monroe will make it so."

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STOCK-JUDGING TEAM VISITS DISTRICT FARMS

Members of the Middlesex county stock judging team of junior farmers who will compete against other counties at the Guelph winter fair are receiving some valuable training today at district stock farms.

The boys, in charge of Frank Parrish of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture, are Judge Delaware, Fred Kingsmill, London township, Art Gibson and Dave and Bob McEwen, Westminster township.

HIGH CONSTABLE LEAVES TO BRING BACK BREWER

High Constable Wharton left for Kingston last night to bring back Herbert Brewer, who will give evidence for the crown against William McDonald, charged with conspiracy in the theft of \$7,000 from the Bank of Montreal by Brewer. The case will be heard in police court later in the week. Brewer was sentenced several weeks ago to a long term in penitentiary for his part in the matter.

HAROLD PARTRIDGE PRESIDENT

Harold Partridge was elected president of the Y. M. C. A. senior leaders' corps at a meeting Saturday. Cuyler Henderson is vice-president, and H. E. Jackson, secretary-treasurer. Harvey Austin led the devotional exercises at the meeting, and Albert Anderson gave a talk on the value of diet.

PRESBYTERY WILL ASK FOR \$25,000

Presbyterian Officers Will
Tackle Finances Here on
November 17.

London Presbyterian presbytery will face a full agenda at its regular meeting in New St. James' Presbyterian church, North London, on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Of first importance will be the task of assessing the congregations for the budget to raise the allocation of \$25,000 for that purpose sent down by the Hamilton and London synod. Incidentally the synod agreed to raise \$167,000, or \$7,000 more than was allotted the synod by the general assembly of the church, and it is quite possible that the presbytery will follow suit and of its own accord raise the figure.

The joint charge of South Nissouri and Kintore has extended a call to Rev. Charles M. Anderson, B.D., LaSalle, Mo., and this will be dealt with by presbytery. Mr. Anderson, who occupies the pulpit of First Presbyterian church at LaSalle, is a Canadian who wishes to return to the Dominion again.

It is likely that a call will be placed before presbytery in connection with Knox church, St. Thomas, rendered vacant by reason of the resignation of Rev. J. A. MacGillivray, B.A., to become pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian church, Toronto. Two other changes in the presbytery, Port Stanley and the joint charge of Delaware and Tempo, are also without ministers and may seek the guidance of the court.

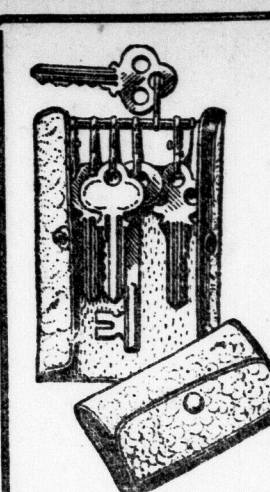
Presbytery may also give some direction to the South Nissouri congregation, which last week was directed to pay \$1,250 cash within one month to the North Nissouri United church for the mans, situated in North Nissouri and held jointly by the two congregations. The proceeds to be divided between the two congregations on the basis of two-fifths to the north congregation and the balance to the south congregation.

SLEIGHING IS GOOD NORTH FROM EXETER

While residents of London and the surrounding country are complaining about unseasonable weather, they do not realize that there is good sleighing north of Exeter. This is the report received at the London Motor club from travellers who state that good motoring is not encountered until they reach Stratford.

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