

FREE O. T. A. MEN OF HOTEL CONTROL

Advices Chairman of Hotel Inspection Committee Telling How To Improve Inns.

GUEST OF TRAVELERS

Ontario Association in City Hears Many Speakers At Annual Banquet.

Features of the twenty-sixth annual banquet of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held last night at the Tecumseh House were addresses by R. E. Brackin, M.P., of Chatham; Major Hume Cronyn, J. F. White, M.P., and Edgar Watson, M.P.P., chairman of the hotel investigating committee recently appointed by the Provincial Parliament to look into the hotel situation and remedy its defects.

E. N. Hannah, president of the Travelers' Association, in giving the opening toast to "The King," said: "We are here to honor the association to which we belong and which has stood for the past 26 years for the betterment of hotels and railroads, and which has further attended to the wants of sick fellow-members and mortuary benefits."

James Gray, president of the local chamber of commerce, recommended the travelers to adopt slogans of co-operation and boosting London during the coming year.

Honors Watson. He proposed a toast to Edgar Watson, M.P.P., chairman of the hotel investigating committee of the Ontario Government, who then spoke on "Inns of the Future."

He stated that the hotel investigating committee had already traveled 15,000 miles in their work, and breaking the ground for the forming of a better system of hotels in the future.

"The first thing we asked the people," he said, "was that if they thought government action was necessary. The conclusion arrived at was that the hotel business is the first point of contact of the visitor to the province. It is the medium through which the community extends the hospitality of the town to those entering that town."

Need Good Hotel. "A good hotel system is an absolute necessity for the good of the country; it is in every way as important as good railways, and when it falls down it is the duty of the government to revive it."

"Years ago reformers sought to close up saloons and make hotel men handle liquor. This action was wrong, and forced legitimate hotel service to follow the trail of saloons. Many hotels were built to satisfy the demand for saloon service, and now that liquor has passed these places have become run-down, dilapidated and inefficient."

Eke Out Living. "There are many towns and villages in Ontario where there are three and four hotels eking out an existence for their owners."

"Today there are as many people traveling in autos as there are on trains. The successful hotel is now

Arrest N. Y. Postal Clerk In Death of "Little Vamp"

Police Hold B. Prenderville In Mysterious Murder of Theresa McCarthy Found Slain In Bathroom With Faithful Poodle Standing On Guard.

New York, Dec. 28.—Benjamin Prenderville, a clerk in the Brooklyn general postoffice, last night was arrested on a charge of homicide in the slaying of 10-year-old Theresa McCarthy, whose body, with the heart pierced by a .22-caliber revolver bullet, was found in her Brooklyn home last Tuesday.

Police asserted that Prenderville boarded at the McCarthy home. The mysterious murder of Theresa McCarthy, known in the Brooklyn neighborhood in which she lived as "the little vamp," because of her winsomeness and beauty, completely baffled the best detectives for some time.

The girl was found dead from a bullet wound in her breast by her mother, Mrs. Pauline McCarthy, when the latter returned from work late Tuesday night. The body lay on the floor among scattered Christmas toys in the dining-room.

The one which is strategically situated to meet this tourist traffic and accommodate it.

"It is an absolute necessity for the government to separate the departments which enforce the O. T. A. and those interested in encouraging good hotels. Let us put some milk of human kindness into our attitude toward the hotelmen that we may help them along in their endeavor to overcome their many obstacles and eventually put forth a province-wide system of efficient hotels."

Establish Group.

Mr. Watson then gave some of his own views of the hotel question. "It would," he said, "be a good thing if the system of improving hotels were placed in the hands of a group of responsible citizens who would not be hindered in their work by thinking of the enforcement of the O. T. A." The enforcement of prohibition in the province has cost the people millions of dollars. It would be worth a great deal to the province if we could show the hotelmen that he is appreciated by all.

It is possible to increase the tourist business in Ontario to \$100,000,000 a year by having efficient hotels. When this comes about we will all naturally benefit.

Encourage Hostels.

With this in mind every good citizen should encourage the betterment of hostels.

In one great American university young men may take college courses in hotelkeeping. This should be done in Canada in order to place our hotels on a higher plane.

Any solution of the hotel problem of Ontario will need not only legislation but also co-operation of the motor leagues, travelers' clubs, and in fact all public spirited bodies.

Frank White Speaks.

The next toast, "Canada," was proposed by F. Frank White, M.P., who treated of the value of complete loyalty to the flag on all occasions. "We should," he said, "give the

The child had been alone all day while the mother, a divorcee, was at work. When Mrs. McCarthy returned she found the apartment door locked and was forced to call the janitor to get in. Police who were called immediately declared that there was no evidence anyone had been in the apartment other than the girl. Search for fingerprints on a kitchen window raised a few inches failed to reveal any clue.

Detectives described the murder as one of the most complete crime puzzles they ever have known. The only living thing that may have witnessed the tragic killing was the child's poodle dog Rags, found whining in the bathroom.

The girl was slain with a small bullet. There were powder marks on her gown and flash, indicating close range.

first preference in matters of trade to Canadian goods.

"Canada has many problems, the greatest of which is immigration and the need of peopling the newer sections of the country. We also have our railway and agricultural problems. The days of homesteading and land speculation have gone, and the farming industry is the idea of conducting actual farming."

Make Canada Greater. "Canada is the granary of the British Empire, and we must all work to make her greater."

Major Hume Cronyn in response to this toast stated there were three fundamental problems of the country, and these were the large extent of unsettled districts, the diversity of races in Canada and the great national debt.

"Every businessman should make the attempt to visit yearly the great western provinces," he said, "and thus widen his outlook on the possibilities lying before Canadians."

Reach Common Ground.

"The east and west are gradually coming to a common ground, and their ideas are merging. Canada can be compared to an enormous plant all ready for gigantic production, but lacking sufficient workers to turn such a liability into a well-paying asset."

We need to encourage the better class of immigration and discourage the emigration of good Canadians from the country. We must pay more attention to agriculture with the end in view of bettering the Canadian race, and we need as our watchword, 'assimilation' and 'Canadianization,' and must ban those immigrants who are not willing to adopt these motives."

Farm Lands Asset.

"For future years our greatest asset will be the farm lands of Canada, which will improve in value and production and strengthen the vitality of the race."

"Hon. C. W. Stewart, minister of immigration, is one prominent Canadian who is doing magnificent work in encouraging the better class of immigration and is working hard to

convert our immigrants into first-rate Canadians. If we should adopt similar tactics if we are to improve our nation and make it greater in the years to come."

"The most powerful method of making Canada great is that of increasing immigration."

Honor Memory of Dead. "We must make our country greater in memory of those who ventured life and love and youth on the price of death in the battlefields of France."

Major T. J. Murphy then introduced the visitor of the evening, R. L. Brackin, K.C., M.P., of Chatham. Mr. Brackin, in his address on "Thinking," emphasized the necessity of clear, practical, national and religious thinking. "The future of this country does not depend on any particular political party," he said, "but upon constructive thinking by all Canadians."

Credit Public Men.

"We must give public men credit for their efforts to better Canada and not pass judgment on reports concerning them without carefully thinking it over first. If we do not do this we discourage all public-spirited leaders, no matter how great they may be."

"It is time that we began to realize how we treat our public men and not judge them according to our political opinions, but rather, according to the evidence on hand."

Understand Men.

"Let us understand what a man's belief is before we pass judgment on him, and thus make sure we do not do injustice to innocent people and sow the seeds of Bolshevism in their souls."

"Thinking will be the finest thing in the world for the Dominion of Canada if everyone of us will think clearly always. We must eliminate religious intolerance, and let the other fellow to unify the Dominion."

"We must think rationally and in a broadminded way at all times when we consider politics, if we are to better our country. We should not only think of what ought to be done for Canada, but also what I can do for her."

Be Canadians First.

"Let us resolve to be Canadians first, and give more thought to our government and to our respective representatives here."

"The time may come when ministers of parliament will run for office not under the auspices of any particular political party, but rather on their own individual merits. If this time ever comes there will be a paramount need for deep thinking on the part of every one of us as electors."

"The term 'politician' should not be confined to legislators, but should include every man in Canada, and it is the duty of everyone of us to take a greater interest in our country."

Think on Problems.

"We must think more clearly on questions of great moment that we may succeed in placing the Dominion of Canada on a higher plane of success and importance in years to come."

E. N. Hannah, in concluding the program, proposed a toast to the visitors, including W. S. Cookson, W. Fulton, E. Forrester, Mayor-elect George W. Major, T. J. Murphy, Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.P., E. Ruse, G. Taggart and others.

Measrs. Ken Murphy, Sam Amoro, T. J. Y. and Charles Jolly delighted with popular and old-time songs and telling of stories.

DR. G. S. WEIR ASKS PENSION BE GIVEN

London School Board Receives Request From Retiring Attendance Officer.

QUESTION IS LEFT OVER

New Trustees Must Find Successor and Solve Other Problems.

"Leave it for the new board" was the popular slogan adopted by the members of the board of education in a final special session yesterday afternoon.

Following routine business, the trustees, accompanied by the new members, and led by retiring Chairman "Ed" Smith, repaired to the Tecumseh House, where, as the guests of the latter, they enjoyed a sumptuous repast.

Both sessions were of a farewell nature, Dr. G. S. Weir, retiring attendance officer, according to custom, while his colleagues expressed their hearty appreciation of his activities during the past twelve months.

Receive Applications.

During the afternoon gathering application for the position of public school attendance officer were laid over until 1923, together with a communication from the present incumbent of that office, Dr. George S. Weir, who directed attention to the fact that the trustees, under the provisions of the school act, are not authorized to grant him a certain superannuation.

"Has he resigned?" questioned Trustee Mrs. John I. A. Hunt. "No, not yet. We have closed the books," explained Chairman Smith.

Trustee Silverwood moved that the request be forwarded to the incoming board, with the recommendation that Dr. Weir be treated fairly. As a member of the salary committee, which had considered all requests for increases, the chairman of No. 3 committee stated that a report submitted at that time indicated that every consideration should be shown Dr. Weir, who is completing 20 years' continuous service with the city.

Grant Honorarium.

A request from Secretary W. A. Tanner for additional clerical assistance was passed on to 1923, as was a communication dealing with legal entanglements in connection with the central collegiate institute and the Kingston Construction Company.

During his farewell address Trustee Smith reviewed the work of the board during the past year, characterizing 1922 as very successful, despite certain unfortunate developments early in the term.

Give Address.

"Again we are assembled to express our appreciation of the conclusion of a year's work," he said.

"Although very much disappointed with the manner in which our year's program was cut to pieces, we feel notwithstanding the severe storm, no hesitancy in vouching that tomorrow our rallying call will be that as used by the Prince of Wales when he said, 'Let us overcome our problems, let us pull together.'"

"It may be said quite safely that the year 1922 has been one of most satisfactory progress in the academic work of the schools. The inspectors and supervisors report many changes in their work, and also report a greater degree of co-operation and co-ordination throughout the staff."

At the midsummer promotions a very high percentage of the pupils below Grade VIII, were promoted on the basis of their year's work and without final examinations.

"At the junior high school entrance examination 84.3 per cent were successful, proving that the work of the senior grades has been well done, and also proving that the pupils have been given to all candidates a fair chance."

"In September, 1922, the inspectors directed that the work of Grades III, IV, should be given the same weight as the work of the other grades in the year in the future. The object of this step will be to shorten the work of the public school course to seven years on the average, and to give the greater stress on such essential habits as accuracy, rapidity, neatness and concentration of effort."

"Every satisfactory report has come during the year from the various departments. In art and music a determined effort has been made toward placing, in each of the teachers specially qualified to take these subjects in the rooms, each teacher specially qualified in one of these subjects being assigned to a particular subject in as many as three classes and still remain responsible for the general work of a classroom."

Trustee Smith speaks.

During his address, Trustee Smith dealt at length with the problem of accommodation, outlining the requirements for 1923.

"It may be said that the year 1922 closes with a more pressing need for increased accommodations in the public schools than at the beginning of the year," he said. "This has been due to two causes: (1) The coming into effect of the 14-16-year clause of the adolescent act at September, 1922, and (2) the inability of the board to carry through successfully the building programs projected at the beginning of the year. However, the board of 1922 has done much to make the situation better."

(1) Victoria School. On March 31, 1922, the new Victoria public school was officially opened, which enabled all of the pupils of this school district to be reunited in the one building of thoroughly modern type. The increased efficiency of this school since its reopening is a tribute to the board of education and the citizens of London for their wisdom in providing the best possible accommodation.

(2) Tecumseh School. At the reopening of school in September, the enrolment of this school was so heavy that the board promptly carried through the addition of two new rooms, making the building complete as originally planned. The end of the year finds these two rooms almost ready for occupation.

(3) Chesley and Ealing Schools. Owing to the inability of the board to carry through the building of a new school in the extreme south-eastern section of the city, it became necessary in September to provide accommodations for three classes representing an overflow in Chesley and

Ealing. Fairly satisfactory temporary quarters were provided in a building on the Ealing school grounds and in the basement auditorium of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. The end of the year finds a decision upon and the contract let for eight rooms of a 17-room school on Trafalgar street.

(4) Ryerson and Wortley Road Schools. At September, it became necessary to open the last remaining vacant classrooms in each of these schools.

At Potterburg. (5) Potterburg School. In November, the board sanctioned the erection of a frame one-classroom building to provide temporarily for the overflow enrolment at this school.

(6) Boyle Memorial School. The end of the year finds plans almost complete for the erection of four additional classrooms to the Boyle school. These four will complete the building as originally planned.

(7) Lord Roberts School. A third auxiliary classroom was provided for in September in the library room of this school.

(8) Riverview School. On April 1st a second dental operating room was equipped and placed in operation in the nurses' room of this school.

(9) Repairs and renewals have been made, more or less, in all the public schools. But particular attention may be drawn to the interior renovation of Rectory, Simcoe Street and Colborne Street schools. Under the very competent direction of Captain W. H. Robinson, these buildings have been made much more attractive, and all the others have been placed in a first-class state of repair.

New Site for West London.

(10) Looking to the immediate future it would seem that steps must soon be taken to provide further accommodation as follows:

(a) A new site and new school building for London West.

(b) The enlarging of the site at Victoria School, for which the money is available.

(c) The securing of a site between Rectory and Potterburg schools, south of Dundas street, and another site in the northeast section of the city, midway, or nearly so, between Ryerson and Knollwood schools.

ADJOURNS HEARING IN THEFT CHARGE

\$6,000 Bail Posted For W. Inch Renewed by Sarnia Magistrate.

Sarnia, Dec. 28.—The preliminary hearing in connection with the charge against William Inch of stealing farm stock, harness and household furnishings from the farm on the townline of Moore and Sombra, owned by Mrs. James Kerr of Sarnia, was adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 4, with consent of both parties before Magistrate C. S. Woodrow yesterday, \$6,000 bail posted after his arrest being renewed.

It is charged Inch drove the stock from Mrs. Kerr's farm, which he was operating on a share basis for the latter, and drove them to Kewwood, where he conducted an auction sale and disposed of them, the value of the stock and goods being placed at \$2,000. Inch, it is stated, took this method of securing money which he claimed Mrs. Kerr owed him.

Edward Gatzke and Harold Murdoch, two Wallaceburg youths, were acquitted on the charge of having liquor in other than a private dwelling here today.

At a dance in Port Lambton a bottle of liquor was found in the car, but in court they denied ownership or any previous knowledge of the bottle.

Magistrate Woodrow advised the defendants to be careful in the future.

WAITS FOR CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 28.—(Canadian Press cable.)—In response to representations from the Association of the British Chambers of Commerce, the president of the board of trade, Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, states that the association will be consulted when arrangements for the proposed imperial economic conference are definitely settled.

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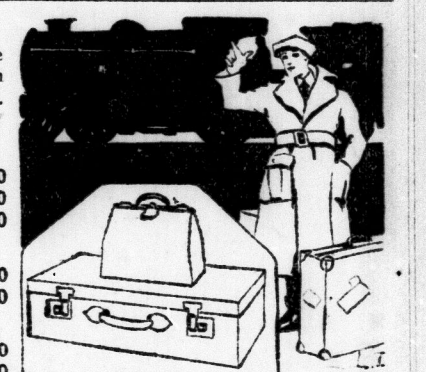
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We find we have an overstock of Children's Natural Shade Ribbed Cotton Vests and Drawers, Turnbull make, in sizes 20 to 34. For a quick clearance these have been reduced to, per garment 50c 69c 89c

Clearing sale of Children's Wool Mitts, in brushed and worsted finish, in rose, royal, emerald, sky and scarlet. A pair 39c

Clearing Sale of Oddments

Figured Linen Towels, with hemstitched ends, slightly soiled. Each 35c

Large Size Union Huck Towels, lovely patterns; up to \$1.25 each. To clear 69c

Odd lines of White and Colored Bath Towels; a snap. Each 50c

About 35 ends Bleached Tabling, in 1 to 3 yards, some splendid cloths. Per yard 75c

One table Light, Medium and Dark Prints, wide width, including 35c and 39c goods. For 25c

Beautiful Soft-Finish White Saxony Flannelette, 34 inches wide. Per yard 25c

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BOYS' REEFERS, tweed-lined; sizes 32, 33, 34. Regular \$15.00, for \$7.95

MEN'S BATHROBES, 8 only, medium and large sizes. To clear \$4.48

MEN'S TERRY BATHROBES, 3 only silk-bound. Worth \$16.50 \$9.98

BLACK OVERCOAT, Persian lamb collar, curl lined; size 46. Reg. \$48 for \$29.00

BLACK OVERCOAT, Marmot fur collar, curl lined. Size 42. Reg. \$35 for \$20.00

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