

STANDING OF THE STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Unique Record Established By Hubert Dignan—Three Years in the School and Has Not Been Late or Absent Once.

The following is the standing of the pupils of the London Collegiate Institute for the fall term.

Class I. includes those who have obtained a standing of 70 per cent or over; Class II. between 60 and 70 per cent; Class III. between 50 and 60 per cent; Class IV. between 40 and 50 per cent; Class V. between 30 and 40 per cent; Class VI. below 30 per cent.

Class I. indicates very good work, Class V. and VI. very poor work.

In order to obtain the best results pupils should attend regularly and parents are asked to co-operate with the teachers in seeing that their children attend as regularly as possible, and as punctually as possible.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Hubert Dignan, son of Registrar R. H. Dignan, now in the Upper School, has not been absent or late since he entered the Collegiate Institute three years ago last September.

There are 125 pupils in the Collegiate now who have not been absent at all this term.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Senior Leaving, Part I.

Class I.—H. D. Johnston, Muriel Boyce, Mae Croxon, Flossie Wier, Percy Caverhill, Lena Dunn.

Class II.—Pauline Dudley, F. Howlett, F. W. Elliot, Gertrude Bodkin, Jennie Cairncross, Olive Ward, Hilda Slater, Ella Campbell.

Class III.—Robert Mitchell, Bruce Mitchell, George Ellis, Cecil Holland, Margaret Scott, Rachael Jones.

Part II.

Class I.—Christine Merchant, O. J. Ward, Margaret Lutman.

Class II.—Bertha Tait, Irene Stevenson.

Class III.—Jennie Cairncross, Robert Mitchell, Mary Mitchell.

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Christmas Holidays in the Schools Entertainments Order of the Day

No More Reading 'Rit'n' Nor 'Rithmetic for a Whole Fortnight.

The Christmas holidays officially commenced this afternoon, when the "kiddies" were sent home from school for a two-week rest.

When the sound of Christmas is present, the youngsters become restive, and what with practices for Sunday school entertainments, and their own entertainments, they are not the most patient little students these days.

They become restive, and want to have a good time. The stores are inviting, especially the candy stores, and they love to linger before the windows and figure out to a mathematic deduction just how much Santa is going to give them, and how much their little systems will really absorb in the holidays.

The only real joy—the joy of anticipation—is theirs, and books in these moments are a delusion and a snare.

"Christmas, Ho!"

The little ones now have an unbridled license to catch on sleighs and look into windows, no truant officer nor teacher daring to molest them or make them afraid.

So the children wandered home to-day to their fond parents, to enjoy two weeks of a solid good time.

Christmas is their day, especially, and, judging from the noise heard in some quarters, it is going to be a very joyful season.

Entertainments.

There were entertainments in nearly all the schools this morning, and there will be more entertainments this afternoon.

The youngsters sang choruses, the members of the board of education, at least some of them, made their annual speeches, everybody said it was a great day, and the "kiddies" had a joyous time. They were on exhibition were these youngsters, and they had a great day.

Christmas trees, and Santa Claus, were seen at some of the schools, and in others the entertainments took other forms. There were presents for the children also.

Special Programmes.

At the Lorne avenue school there were special music and exercises. Dr. Teasdale, chairman of No. 2 committee of the board of education, and Secretary McIlhennan were present and addressed the children. The latter also presented the MacRobert medal to Miss Fay Northcott.

The Ross medal was also presented. Continued on Page Eight.

THE MUNICIPAL MILL

Mr. Wm. Gray writes The Advertiser from Toronto that he was not present at the Conservative meeting in this city last Friday night, as reported by The Advertiser. "The whole thing," he adds, "is a tissue of lies." He wants a public retraction, and says if it is not made he will instruct his solicitor to issue a writ at once.

Mr. Gray was not at the meeting; it was an unintentional error to report that he was. As an absentee, however, he is scarcely in a position to describe The Advertiser's account as "a tissue of lies." The Advertiser's version was substantially correct, and a proof of the enterprise of its reporters.

It is surprising to find that Mr. Gray considers he has been libeled, because he was reported as having attended a palaver of Conservative managers. The Advertiser does not agree with much that is done by that body, but it is not prepared to say that a man's reputation suffers through attendance at its meeting. It is no secret that a lively faction fight has been in progress in the Conservative camp. Mr. Gray himself would be the last one to deny it. The Advertiser is very sorry, indeed, if he feels that his good name has been damaged by the statement that he was mixed up in these doings. It takes this opportunity of setting him right before the public.

It was stated in the Free Press yesterday that meetings were held in the Liberal Club for the purpose of side-tracking Ald. Stevely, and that a committee waited on two or three prominent citizens with the object of trying to induce one of them to enter the field for mayor. The statement was made out of whole cloth. There is not a word of truth in it from beginning to end. It was simply fabricated by the Free Press to cover up the revolt against Ald. Matthews.

The removal of Mr. F. A. Jones from the position of deputy returning officer at the instance of Mayor Judd is being characterized generally as a piece of small business on the part of the mayor. He declared that one of his objections to Mr. Jones was that Mr. Jones did not live in the polling subdivision where he was to act. The hollowness of this pretense is apparent when it is known that several, perhaps over a dozen, deputies do not live in the polling subdivision where they are to act. Further than that it is said that Mr. Arthur Essery, one of the deputies, is not even a ratepayer, or tenant, and is therefore incompetent to act as deputy according to law. But so far Mayor Judd has not objected to these men.

LONDON MODELITES PASSED A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Results of the Examinations in Local and Strathroy Model Schools Made Public Today By Board of Examiners.

The county board of examiners for the county of Middlesex, composed of H. D. Johnson, I. P. S., P. J. Thompson, I. P. S., S. E. Jones and C. B. Edwards, I. P. S., completed today the examination of candidates at the London and Strathroy model schools.

The result of the examination was very satisfactory, and reflects great credit on the work of the model school principals, J. H. W. McRoberts and Thomas Dunsmore.

All of the candidates of the London model school passed the examinations.

London Model School.

Candidates marked thus ** have non-professional certificate. ** Candidate not of age.

The candidates marked * * will be granted third-class certificates on completing their non-professional examination, and becoming of age.

All the other candidates have been granted third-class certificates, valid for three years.

The following are the successful candidates:

Miss Mary B. Brownlee* Miss Anna W. Cameron, Miss Olive E. Corbett, Miss Agnes Crosbie, Miss Doris Cuthbertson, Miss May Darch, Mr. Garnett H. Dickinson, Miss Hazel Douglass, Mr. Alex. M. Ferguson, Miss Laura Gay, Miss Mina George, Miss Edna O. Guy, Miss Nora M. Kinsella, **Miss Pearl Kestle*, Mr. Alex. C. Love, **Mr. John J. McGee*, Miss Gladys McKinnon, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Jennie A. Stuart, Miss Evelyn Weston, Miss Ethel Willows.

Strathroy Model School.

Dorothy B. Dinning, Mamie Fletcher, Florence M. Gibson, Alma Lamont, Hettie L. Lockwood, Emma L. Mason, Margaret I. McDougall, Margaret McIntyre, Edna J. McKenzie, Katie L. McKellar, Maggie McLean, Margaret Patton, Theresa Pegler, Maye Patton, Flora J. Roane, Dora R. Saxton, Lillia A. Traver, Edith A. Traver, Peter J. Ballantine, Clifford A. Lewis, William A. Leitch, Lester McTaggart, Murray J. Mitchell.

Widow of Watchman Sues G. T. R. Mrs. Ellen Lamond Asks Damages

Her Husband Was Killed at the Colborne Street Crossing in October Last.

The fifth jury case for the January assizes was entered today, and is as follows: Lamond vs. Grand Trunk.

Ellen Lamond, widow of the late John Lamond, of Maitland street, seeks to recover \$10,000 damages for the death of her husband which took place on the 14th of October last.

Lamond had been a crossing watchman on the G. T. R., and was at the time of his death, stationed at the Colborne street crossing.

The accident was caused by the shunting of cars.

It is alleged, in the statement of claim, that the defendant company did not comply with section 228 of the railway act, in not having a person on the foremost part of the train, which had

no engine, to warn persons standing on, or crossing the tracks.

The cars were being moved by what is known as a "running shunt."

Alleges Negligence.

The plaintiff further alleges that the system of shunting across Colborne street, which is a main thoroughfare, was defective and grossly negligent, and that there should have been a brakeman and a light at the head of the running cars.

Mr. Lamond was a strong, healthy man of 65 years of age. He is survived by his wife and four children.

One is a son of 26 years, the others are grown-up daughters.

The Defense.

The defendant company sets up the claim that if the accident was caused by reason of any negligence of a person in the defendant's employ, the defendant is not liable under the law.

Gibbons, Harper and Gibbons, for plaintiff; W. G. Biggar, Toronto, for defense.

Accidentally Shot at Turkey Shoot Painful Injury To Mr. Fred. Payne

A Springfield Gun Club Man Hurt, But He Will Recover.

Mr. Fred. Payne, a well-known member of the Springfield Gun Club, was brought to Victoria Hospital last night from Mount Brydges suffering from a painful but not serious wound in the abdomen, caused by the accidental discharge of a rifle yesterday.

The club was holding its annual turkey shoot, and one of the members

after shooting laid his gun down for a moment while he went away.

While he was away another man came along and placed a cartridge in the gun.

When the first man returned he picked up his rifle not knowing it was loaded and discharged it.

The rifle was not aimed at Mr. Payne directly, but the bullet first struck another rifle and then glanced off, penetrating Mr. Payne's abdomen.

The bullet was successfully extracted by Dr. Mason, and Payne spent a very favorable night. It is not expected that the injury will prove very serious.

Medicos' Banquet Brilliant Affair Addresses By Mr. Willison and Others

Splendid Affair Held Last Night in the Tecumseh House.

Two hundred students and guests spent a most enjoyable time last night at the Tecumseh House, when the medical students held their annual banquet, and entertained as only medical students can.

The students themselves were in high spirits, it being their breaking-up time for the Christmas holidays, and they succeeded in communicating their high spirits to everyone present.

After full justice had been done to

an excellent supper, President Charles W. Savers, in a short address, extended a warm welcome to all, and then called upon Mr. J. S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News, to reply to the toast of "Canada."

Mr. Willison's Address.

Mr. Willison spoke humorously of his initiation into the mysteries of journalism in the office of The London Advertiser years ago.

"London has grown since then," he said, "but I shall ever cherish the memories of those days. The Western University was in its infancy then and I am glad to learn of its steady growth. Its students are ever found among the foremost members of their profession when they graduate. On

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SHIP CAPSIZES WITH ALL ABOARD

Westbrook, Conn., Dec. 20. — While heading up the sound from the eastward, in an effort to reach Duck Island for shelter, a heavily laden two-masted schooner either struck Crane Reef or sprang a leak, and sank today, two miles off this point.

The vessel is now lying with only her topmasts above the water. According to Capt. Smith, the keeper of the Duck Island light, who saw the schooner roll over, probably the entire crew of the schooner perished, as no trace of a man can be found. Capt. Smith watched the schooner as she struggled with the high wind and the heavy seas, which have been running for 24 hours, and saw the crew lower a boat and make it fast astern. This was about half an hour before the

schooner went under. Capt. Smith says he believes the crew did not have time to abandon the vessel. He immediately put out for the wreck in his launch, and reached there twenty minutes after the schooner sank, but saw no trace of a yawl.

A fleet of stormbound vessels is anchored behind Duck Island, including nine schooners, an oyster steamer and a steam canal boat, which put in there an hour or so before the schooner capsized. The canal boat shifted her cargo and was having a hard battle to keep afloat, reaching a sheltered spot just in time to save her from going under.

—Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Mrs. Ross are settled at the Alexandria Hotel, Ottawa, for the session.

William Blakely Again Remanded

William Blakely, the young man who pleaded guilty to stealing a team of horses and a robe from Byron Dawson of Crumlin, came up for sentence this morning, but was again remanded.

Yesterday, Blakely stated Magistrate Love a letter, stating that he had a wife and two children living in the city.

Blakely stated in court this morning, that he had not been living with them for a couple of months, and his worship thought it advisable to see if he was supporting them as he should.

If it is found that he has not, Blakely

may also be charged with non-support.

Two years ago he was sent to the Central Prison for a year on a similar charge to that of which he was recently found guilty.

Peter Hridkos was found guilty of allowing his clerk to sell cigars on Sunday, and was fined \$2 and \$1.50 costs.

Hridkos, it is stated, has been doing a regular Sunday business at his restaurant in the East End, and the court warned him that he was liable to a fine of \$100 if he repeated the offence.

Not Considering Pay-as-You-Enter Car

The Montreal street car, or "Pay-as-you-enter" car, will not likely be adopted by the London street railway. It has been pointed out that the car is all right in very large cities where there is great crowding, but it is practically of no value in smaller towns.

At present in cities such as Montreal or Toronto, and many of the cities on the American side, great difficulty has been experienced in collecting fares, especially at certain

hours, and it is a known fact that the companies lose a lot of money in this manner. The pay-as-you-enter car relieves this pressure, and the companies so far think it works well.

"We are not considering adopting that sort of car here," said Manager King this morning. "We are not troubled, except on occasions, with overcrowding, and it is a question whether it would pay to make the change. We are not considering it now at all events."

Horton St. Girl Burned at Taffy Pull

Miss Edna Mason, of Horton street, had her right arm and hand badly burned last evening during a taffy pull. Her injuries are very painful, but are not considered dangerous. Dr. J. B. Campbell is attending her.

Last evening Miss Mason had a number of her friends in for a taffy

pull. While engaged in making the taffy, in some manner the dish containing the hot syrup was overturned on her arm. She was very badly burned before the taffy could be removed.

Dr. Campbell declared the burns to be quite deep and very painful, but expressed no danger of the outcome.

G. T. R. Passenger Coach Was Burned

One of the Grand Trunk passenger coaches was destroyed at Lynden, a small station between Hamilton and Brantford, last night, in a peculiar manner.

The coach was attached to the rear end of a train, and the crew having to wait for a while, lighted the lamps, and went away.

In a little while they were surprised

to see a light, and on investigating found the car in flames.

The rest of the train was cut loose at once, and everything done to try and save the car.

Water was scarce, and snow was tried, but the blaze had gained too much headway, and the car was practically destroyed.

It is supposed that the fire was caused by one of the tail-lights exploding.

Entertainment in Chalmers Church

The annual entertainment of the Sabbath school took place last evening in the schoolroom of Chalmers Church, which was filled by a large gathering of interested parents and others. The programme was most interesting, consisting of several drills and the Christmas cantata, "Winterland," which was ably carried out under the supervision of Miss Mathieson, Mrs. Millikin and Mrs. Mapeltoft.

The different characters presented

an artistic appearance as they made their appearance on the platform. Supper was served at 6:30 p.m. to the members of the school and Bible class, which was heartily enjoyed by the many young friends present. Santa Claus was present and presented each child with a bag of sweets; to the pastor he presented, in a neat box with a nicely-worded letter of appreciation from the teachers of the school, a handsome gift, which will be of much service in his work.

Indian Is Having a Sleigh Ride Party

Joseph Henry, a Muncie Indian, is getting all kinds of free train rides these days, and the county is paying the toll.

Henry is charged with stealing enough stuff to furnish a flat and a livery stable.

From John Switzer, of Delaware, he is accused of stealing a robe.

George Gilders, of the same place, says Henry stole a large quantity of wheat, a carpet, a bedspread, a pair of blankets and a few other things.

Henry was arrested several days ago and brought before Squires James and Matthews at Delaware. Then he received a ride to the county jail, where he has been enjoying himself immensely, swapping stories with Noah, the Indian accused of murder.

Yesterday he received another free ride out to Delaware, where he was once more remanded to jail, which meant another ride back to London. On

the 26th of this month he will get still another free trip to Delaware, after which he will, if committed for trial, be sent back here again.

Then after the trial he will, if found guilty, be given a nice little jaunt down to Central Prison, Toronto, or the Kingston Penitentiary, according to the severity of the sentence.

In the meantime the county constabulary are nosing around for additional evidence against the Indian. It is said that a number of other charges will be lodged against Henry at Delaware when he comes up for a hearing.

The Indian is now wondering what it is all about, and why he was not given a hearing before one of the local magistrates instead of being carted off to Delaware several times, only to be remanded.

The local jail authorities state that the Indian could have been given a hearing here just as well as not.

Winding Up of Waggoner Ladder Co.

At a meeting of shareholders held last night the Waggoner Ladder Company, Limited, of this city, a resolution was unanimously passed for voluntary winding up.

Nothing new has occurred to precipitate the liquidation but the business of the company was found to be insufficient in the present state of the money market to make its operation any longer profitable. The Canada Trust Company was selected for liquidator, and an application will be

made by Messrs. Blackburn & Weekes, the company's solicitors, to the weekly sittings of the high court on Saturday for a formal winding up order.

It is understood that the business will be continued in operation for some time so as to work off the assets to the best advantage and that there will be amply sufficient to pay all creditors in full.

The company's customers will be able to get their goods as usual for a few months.

Is P. C. Harry Down To Resign?

The appointment of a successor to Acting Sergeant Robert Black continues to be the most interesting subject of conversation in police circles.

It was stated this morning that either Policemen James Hightstead or

Clarence Kelly will be the man for the job.

P. C. Downs was also mentioned, but it was stated this morning on excellent authority that he will resign shortly to engage in the hotel business.

Chief Williams refuses to say anything about the matter.

A Purse of Gold for Mr. C. Irwin

The annual tea of St. Andrew's Sabbath School was held last evening in the schoolroom.

Tea was served from 6:45 to 7:45 o'clock, after which a splendid programme was rendered.

Mr. A. S. McGregor, superintendent of the school, made a very capable chairman. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Ross, opened the programme with greetings from the church.

Solos were rendered in excellent style by Miss Jeanne Mowat, Mr. Walter Nixon and Mr. J. Wilson.

A Christmas cantata was rendered in splendid style by the junior school. The children were well drilled, and they sang some fine choruses.

Mr. J. Stratford made a good Santa Claus.

The training of the children was in the hands of Misses Dearness, Howie, and Perkins, and they were warmly congratulated on the splendid success of their part of the entertainment.

During the evening, Mr. C. Irwin, the capable leader of the orchestra, was presented with a purse of gold on behalf of the school, by Mr. R. A. Little.

The orchestra played several selections in a capable manner during the evening.

The accompanists were Mr. C. E. Wheeler, Miss Dearness and Miss Duff. There was a very large attendance of parents and scholars.

FACTORY BLEW UP TWENTY-FIVE DEAD

Palermo, Dec. 19.—An explosion of gunpowder and dynamite occurred today in an arms factory here. Twenty-five persons were killed and over one hundred injured. The inhabitants were thrown into a panic by the shock, which smashed windows and caused several houses to partially collapse, inducing the belief that there was an earthquake.

Wild rumors followed fast upon the explosion, placing the members of killed and wounded into the throng, and troops were ordered out to aid the firemen in clearing away the wreck and succoring the wounded. Several houses that stood above the magazine fell and their destruction was completed by the fire. One of these was an emigrants' lodging-house, and a number of emigrants were killed.

The Irish M. P. JAILED

The Northwest Meath Member Sentenced to Six Months.

Dublin, Dec. 21. — Lawrence Ginnell, member of Parliament for Northwest Meath, who has been prominent in the cattle-driving campaign in the west of Ireland, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court. Mr. Ginnell admitted his offense in a recent speech, in which he commented upon the cattle-driving trials.

TO OPEN DRUCE GRAVE

The Home Office Consents to the Exhumation.

London, Dec. 20. — The home office has consented to the opening of the grave of T. C. Druce, in Highgate Cemetery, and shortly after Christmas the question whether the coffin contains a body or a roll of lead should be definitely answered. Prof. Augustus J. Pepper, of the University of London, will lead the exhumation, on behalf of Scotland Yard.

GOV'T LEADERS TO ATTEND TARTE'S BURIAL

Montreal, Dec. 20. — It is announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Lomer Gouin, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Mr. Brodeur and a large number of members of Parliament, will come to Montreal to attend the funeral of the late Hon. J. I. Tarte, which takes place tomorrow morning from the residence of his son.

JAMES CASSIDY DEAD
A VETERAN CABMAN

Was Well-Known to Londoners for Many Years.

The death occurred yesterday of James Cassidy, a veteran cabdriver, of this city.

Mr. Cassidy was 83 years old, and up to about eight years ago was widely known among the citizens of London. He had resided in the city for over thirty years, and as far as is known, had no relatives.

The funeral takes place from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, on Saturday morning, to St. Peter's Cathedral.

Interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

WANT PROVISION MADE FOR CHILDREN

Case Set for Hearing at the Weekly High Court.

The following case has been set down for hearing at the weekly sitting of the high court for London tomorrow:

In the matter of the estate of Peter Yesbec, peddler, late of Clinton Township.

Petition of Canada Trust Company, executors of estate, and of Hume Cronyn, for allowance of maintenance of infant children of Peter Yesbec. Cronyn & Betts for motion.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 20-8 a.m.

Fresh to strong southerly winds; fair today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. a.m. m. Weather.

Calgary 24 16 Fair

Winnipeg 18 16 Cloudy

Port Arthur 24 18 Cloudy

Perry Sound 32 28 Cloudy

Toronto 28 28 Cloudy

Ottawa