Convention of International Rotary Clubs Officially Opened In Toronto

ROTARIANS OPEN BIG CONVENTION

President Gundaker in Annual Address Emphasizes Value of Service.

RUNS ALL WEEK

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 17.—Truly cosmopolitan—a city of the universe—is Toronto today, with its thousands of visitors from practically every land under the sun, gathered here to further the cause and radiate the spirit of Rotary at the fifteenth annual convention of the organization which opened at the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition this morning.

Representatives of twenty-eight nations parade her streets and crowd her hotels, stores, amusement resorts, each bringing customs of a life that is new to the Canadian city, but all merging under the banner of blue and gold that aims at international understanding and good fellowship. For four days will the cog-wheel of Rotary dominate the social life of the city, and its cycle will run the gamut of service endeavor and entertainment in a program that overshadows anything ever before attempted by the hosts of the great organization.

Mammoth Spectacle.

The convention was really ushered in last night with the mammoth spectacle specially arranged for the visitors before the grandstand of the Canadian National Exhibition, where twenty-five thousand people, thrilled to the unfolding of the story of the accomplishments of peace, told in vivid and glorious pageantry. All the elements that go to make entertainment, all the beauty and color that make spectacles impressive, all that makes its own special appeal to patriotism, and all that teaches the value of service and lends to an ideal for all mankind, were combined with the consummate artistry of a truly great achievement which left an impression deep and significant.

Trains, steamships and automobiles were bringing visitors to the city early today, and it is expected that still many hundreds will register at the exhibition grounds before nightfall. Glorious summer weather greeted the delegates as they assembled in the spacious Transportation Building this morning for the opening business. An ideal spot for the gathering of the people of Rotary is the grounds of the world's greatest annual exhibition, situated close to the waters of Lake Ontario, and where cool breezes temper the warm sun and brilliant green, well-kept lawns lend beauty to the huge buildings which house the convention.

President's Address.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Winnipeg, invoked divine blessing on behalf of the delegates. He was followed by a song of welcome from the Toronto Rotary Glee Club, and the official address of welcome by Frank H. Littlefield. Responses were made by Thomas D. Hunter, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Hon. George Fowlds, of Auckland, New Zealand. The convention was called to order at 11:15 by President Guy Gundaker, whose annual address emphasized the value of service and straight dealing between man and man.

"Until men meet on the common ground of correct business methods there can be no world fellowship of businessmen," he declared.

The convention adjourned for lunch after hearing the president, and met again at 2:30, when there was a presentation of general officers, district governors and preliminary reports. The social program for this evening includes district dinners, moonlight trips on Lake Ontario, garden party by Toronto Kiwanis in Queen's Park, water carnival at Sunnyside Beach, and automobile drives around the city.

ONLY WOMAN FREEMASON.

Lord Castletown in a book of memoirs tells how one of his wife's ancestresses, a Miss Helen St. Leger, became the only woman Freemason. Working in an alcove adjoining a lodge room she unintentionally overheard an initiation ceremony. Through intercession of a cousin she was made a Mason on the spot as a way out of avoiding the penalty of an eavesdropper.

BRITAIN IS BLAMED FOR MEXICAN STATE

London Times Comments On Threat To Expel British Agent.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 17.—The incident involving the attempt by the Mexican government to expel Herbert C. Cummins, British agent, fixes the attention of the press today on Great Britain's relations with the Obregon government. Some of the commentators declare the problem has not been well handled by this country, the Times saying:

"It is a pity that Sir Thomas Hohler or another diplomatist who knows Mexico equally well was not sent in there at about the time of the United States' negotiations with Obregon. . . . Mr. Cummins has shown himself a fearless advocate of British rights, but owing to the peculiar relations which have long existed between him and the Obregon government he is manifestly not the man to conduct negotiations demanding unusual patience and tact."

The Daily News, while agreeing that Cummins' only crime has been too much zeal for British interests, cannot see "what good purpose the British government can serve by insisting upon being represented by a person so manifestly obnoxious to the Mexican authorities."

"If we are going to wait for a stable government in Mexico," it adds, "we may have to wait a generation. A government which is good enough to pass the tests applied by the United States ought to be good enough for us."

BEAUFORD STREET GRAVEL PIT BOUGHT FOR $4,000

The new gravel pit which the city will open up in London West is to be situated on Beaufort street. Last night in the council meeting permission was granted to purchase the property at a cost of $4,000. The city engineer explains that he will use over 1,200 loads of gravel from this pit this year, and that he will save about 25 cents a load in hauling, as compared with a pit further away from the city work being done.

The gravel is said to be fine and just what is needed for road work, and as the city supply was getting low the new pit will be able to give the city gravel for a great deal of work in London West at low cost. The pavement of Oxford street, from the Wharncliffe road to a point about 500 yards west, will take a quantity of the gravel this fall.

NEW GAS HEATER LIKELY FOR THE COUNTY JAIL

Duncan Gordon, reeve of Delaware and chairman of the jail committee of Middlesex County Council, will be in the city on Thursday to inspect the county jail and order any repairs deemed necessary. It is expected that the jail will receive some new eavestroughs and a new gas heater, so that the prisoners will receive plenty of hot water for baths and shaving.

ISLAND FROLIC LEADS TO COURT

Four Old-Timers Appear With Rubbing Alcohol—One Fined $50.

GAVIN'S PREY

Four old timers of police court fame and three partly-filled bottles of rubbing alcohol were the prey of Constable Gavin Monahan in a raid conducted on Becher's Island yesterday afternoon. All the men were convicted on charges of intoxication and some hot-shot advice was handed out by Magistrate Graydon. One man, who appeared regularly of late was fined $50 and costs or 30 days in jail, while the other three were assenssed the usual $10 or ten days.

One guessed he was a little drunk. He was found under a tree with his shoes off. None of the men would lay claim to the bottles, and the court finally dismissed the charge of having liquor in other than a private dwelling laid against one of the quartet. He was seen throwing a bottle away by Constable Monohan, but claimed he just picked it up to look at it. Monohan found two bottles side by side and the other four feet away.

"You shouldn't pick up a bottle of liquor that doesn't belong to you. That is a dangerous thing to do," the court warned the prisoner charged under section 41 of the O. T. A.

One prisoner insisted he wasn't drunk, but Constables Monohan and Williams and Sergeant Middaugh all declared he was.

"I'm surprised to see you with that gang," stated the court, addressing one individual who has kept away from court for some time.

Chief Birrell declared the prisoner who was fined $50 had been a nuisance to the community for some time.

"I've been working. I was painting the house," declared the prisoner.

"You've been painting yourself with whiskey," came back the chief.

"Next time it will be six months," said Mr. Graydon in imposing sentence.

POT HOLES ARE FILLED BEFORE TOURISTS COME

Tar and Crushed Stone Used To Remedy Bad Spots on Roads.

Pot holes in the streets of the city are conspicuously few this year, or rather they have been filled up earlier than usual. The city engineer explains that he received a number of requests to have these holes filled in before the summer tourist season was in full swing, and accordingly he ordered a car of tar and some crushed stone and got busy.

The result is that the streets are all levelled up, and the motorist is smiling and happy. Once in a while the unwary citizen gets his foot caught in a repaired hole where the sun has mad th tar sticky, and blesses the haughty car owner, but as even the city engineer can't push the sun back neither can he buy a tar that won't get soft in the sun, the pedestrian simply has to use discretion in crossing the road and look before he leaps.

SERVICE IS RECOGNIZED IN AWARDING CONTRACT

In accepting the tender of Thomas A. Terry to motorize the ladder truck in the east end fire hall last night, the council took into consideration the service given by the other four trucks which he has built for the department and the 24-hour repair service which he gives the city in this work, as well as the one-year guarantee.

Alderman Anderson asked why all the fire department could not be standardized, so that in the event of Mr. Terry not being in the city to give the necessary repair service any other mechanic could do the work as well.

Mr. Terry stated that as the trucks and ladders were in possession of the city before motorization was decided upon it was necessary to make each engine for each individual truck. He added that the trucks which he had built had given the required service at all times to the satisfaction of the chief and that there was no danger of his leaving the city. He amused the council by the frankness of his remark, "I'm doing well here and I'm making money in the city and I don't intend to leave. I shall always be here to attend to the trucks in the department as long as I'm wanted."

The price of the motorization of the ladder truck is estimated at $3,100.

HAT PIN WAS USED, HUSBAND CHARGES

But Court Dismisses Assault Claims of Mrs. George Bardawill.

USES CLOTHES BRUSH

The domestic troubles of Mr. and Mrs. George Bardawill, 233 Hyman street, occupied the attention of Magistrate Graydon for half an hour this morning, and was terminated by the court dismissing the assault charge laid by the wife.

A. R. Douglas, appearing for the plaintiff, asked the court to bind Bardawill over to keep the peace, and that if this were not done, it would merely mean another court case, with additional evidence.

That Mr. Douglas had the right "dope" on the matter was borne out when the participants left court, for there was an immediate jangling of voices that was plainly audible just outside the doors.

Mrs. Bardawill complained that her husband had been away since March 11 and came home two weeks ago. Last Friday he became enraged over a money matter and had twisted her wrist and used a clothes brush on her. He also picked up a chair, but she had run out of the house.

Just "Pushed" It.

Cross-examined by J. A. E. Braden, Mrs. Bardawill admitted her husband had not struck her with the brush, but had just "pushed" it against her.

"What were you doing to him? Didn't you hit him over the head with a door lock?" asked Mr. Braden.

"Not the same day," replied witness. "I hit him with shoes."

"Didn't you throw a knife at him?" demanded Mr. Braden.

"That's a lie," flatly denied Mrs. Bardawill.

"You've been calling the police on a number of occasions?"

"Yes. He nearly killed me 2½ years ago."

This finished the cross-examination.

Denies Any Assault.

Mr. Bardawill denied that there had been any assault. He had not made a move toward his wife, he declared. Witness said he was lying in bed and his wife had stuck a hatpin in his feet. He had not deserted his wife and had left money in the bank for her when he went away to work in Detroit. The whole trouble was that she wanted to get his house away from him.

"He raises Cain all the time," declared Mr. Douglas.

"It looks as if she did too," replied Mr. Graydon. "The assault is a trivial one."

"Surely there is some way of protecting this woman," stated Mr. Douglas.

"You might bring an action for alimony," suggested the court. "They shouldn't be acting this way. I'll advise them not to quarrel."

WELCOME IS PLANNED FOR LISTOWEL C. OF C.

Visiting Motorists Will Be Taken on Tour of London Tomorrow.

Members of the Listowel Chamber of Commerce are motoring to London tomorrow and will be met at Brough's Bridge at 12:30 by Mayor Wenige, several of the aldermen, and representatives of the London Chamber of Commerce. The party will then motor to Springbank where lunch is being served in the pavilion at 1 o'clock.

Following the luncheon, the visitors will be conducted on a drive through the city and will end up at Victoria Park where a public meeting will be held, to which all of the citizens are invited. The Listowel band will render several selections during the afternoon.

Speeches of welcome will be given by Mayor Wenige and T. W. McFarland of the public utilities commission.

LOCAL STRAWBERRIES TO BE READY IN WEEK

Plentiful Crop Expected, But the Season Will Be Short.

Strawberry growers of the district report that home-grown berries will be for sale on the local market within ten days to two weeks, and possibly before that time, should weather conditions be favorable.

The crop, it is expected, will be fully up to that of last year, but in the opinion of growers will not last more than two weeks.

The farmers point out that it is usual, when a late spring prevails, to have a short berry crop. The blossoms all seem to come on at the same time, which means a heavy supply of berries for a couple of weeks, followed by a scarcity.

This time last year, home-grown berries were competing with American fruit on the market. The season this year is two weeks late.

Obituary

FUNERAL OF A. E. WARDEN.

The funeral of Albert Edward Warden was held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Warden, today. He died in St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday.

He was four and one-half years old and was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Warden.

Rev. Mr. Chapman conducted the services at 2 o'clock.

Interment took place in Woodland Cemetery.

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Snapshots Of A Man Reading A Keynote Speech.

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TWO BADLY BURNED AS LAMP EXPLODES

Miss J. Baker and J. J. Hill Victims of Mishap—Another Suffers From Shock.

The explosion of an oil lamp at 10 Shiders street last night caused the injury of two people and another has been made seriously ill by the shock of the fire which followed the explosion.

Miss Bessie Baker who was sitting in the room when the lamp exploded has severe burns about the face and hands. J. J. Hill, who ran into the room when he heard Miss Baker cry for help, is also suffering from severe burns, and is almost blind from the effects of the burning oil. Due to his age Mr. Hill is in a serious condition and a physician has been in attendance since the fire.

Mrs. Hill was the victim of a heart attack due to the shock of the fire and her condition is critical.

The blaze was confined to one room. It is not known what started the explosion. Miss Baker was trimming the wick when suddenly the lamp blew up and she was enveloped in a mass of burning oil.

CITY TAX PAYMENTS NOW TOTAL $1,800,000

Treasurer Well Pleased With Response—Total Roll Is $3,000,000.

Of the total tax roll for the year, which is $3,000,000, about $1,800,000 has been paid into the office of the city tax collector up to last night which was the last day for the payment.

This means that the large majority of Londoners have paid the first two installments in one payment. The city treasurer says he is well satisfied and that this is on a par with the usual rate of payment in the city. He congratulates the tax collector and his staff on the strenuous work they have put in the last four or five days working from nine in the morning to nine at night, and regrets only that they have such an inconvenient place as the existing tax office in which to give the city service.

DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION WORK IS IMPROVING

Though not particularly busy, construction work improved last week in and around London. Such is the encouraging feature of the bulletin issued from the local office of the employment service today.

The women's department was reported rather slack, with the exception of general domestic help. In which class the demand exceeded the supply. The office was able to fill all calls for women for work by the day, however.

The employment situation throughout the province was not written up in particularly optimistic note in the general summary of the bulletin listed. A bountiful harvest in Ontario and other provinces of the Dominion is being looked to relieve the situation materially for the fall and winter months.

CASE STARTS NEXT WEEK.

The county court action of Hunter vs. Hunter, over money alleged to be due the plaintiff from her husband's estate, will be tried by Judge Macbeth next Wednesday, it was announced at the courthouse this morning.

News From City Churches

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

A splendid paper on "Memories a Curse or a Blessing," was presented last evening by Mr. Gordon Fonger at the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Southern Congregational Church. Plans were made for a meeting to be held June 29, when Mrs. S. F. Lawrason will give a talk on her recent trip. The Scripture lesson was given by Miss Ruth Ruddock, and the devotional part of the evening was in charge of Miss L. Ruddock. The business meeting was presided over by the president, Dr. H. Taylor. Solos by Miss Eula Hilton were greatly enjoyed.

ARRANGES PICNIC.

At a special meeting of the C. H. I. of the Southern Congregational Church held last evening final arrangements were made for the picnic to be held June 25 at Springbank. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. M. Todman.

HYATT AVE. LEAGUE.

"Ireland," was the subject of an interesting illustrated lecture given last evening by Mr. Woonton at the regular meeting of the Hyatt Avenue Epworth League. The meeting was presided over by Miss Mable Case.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHOIR.

The Cronyn Memorial Choir enjoyed a happy picnic at Springbank recently. A very fine program of sports, which featured the day's events resulted as follows: Choir boys' race, Ruth Hodson, George Tucker; men's race, Bart Robinson, James McCormick; ladies' race, Lillian Adams, Gladys McMillan; balloon race, Eunice Jarvis.

WELLINGTON STREET LEAGUE.

Mr. Trace of the teaching staff of the technical school was an interesting speaker at the meeting of the Young People's League of Wellington Street Methodist Church which was held under the direction of the citizenship department last night. Miss Doris Werner gave a number of enjoyable piano selections, and clever readings by Ethel Cameron were greatly enjoyed. The meeting, which was largely attended, was in charge of Ben Foulkes. A half-hour of games took place after the meeting.

FIRST METHODIST W. M. S.

A large attendance of members marked the closing meeting of the First Methodist W. M. S. yesterday afternoon. Mrs. John Bernard, the president, introduced the new study book, "Chine's Real Revolution," which is to be used during the coming year. An interesting announcement was to the effect that the late Mrs. Ellen Gregston had bequeathed a gift to the society. The program of the afternoon included a Bible lesson taken by Mrs. Newton Sen., a resume of the present political situation in China by Mrs. J. W. Brown, reports from Mrs. Alex. Harvey, Mrs. B. H. Clement and Mrs. A. J. Stevens on the convention held recently in St. Thomas, solos by Mrs. Senton.

RIDOUT STREET LEAGUE.

Mrs. S. J. Martin took the topic at the regular meeting of the Ridout Street Young People's League held last evening. Her address took the form of a Bible talk. The resignation of the third vice-president was accepte dand plans for the presenting of a program at Wellington Street Church the last Monday in the month were made. The meeting was presided over by M. Muma.

PAY LIST OPENING SESSION IS DELAYED

Mayor Will Go to Toronto to Attend the Rotary Convention.

By having to go to Toronto on Thursday to attend the Rotarians' gathering, the mayor will miss the meeting of the public utilities commission, and thus have no official opportunity to ask the commission when it intends handing over its salary list to the city clerk for publication. He had intended doing this on Thursday, but previous engagements make it impossible, and it will have to wait for another and more favorable season. While the mayor has the right to attend the commission meeting, he cannot delegate any member of the council to take his place as one or two of them wished, and accordingly the questions remains in status quo until the next meeting of the commission. In the meantime the city year book is being held up, as all the other material is in the hands of the city clerk, and ready for the printer.

PREPARE FOR CAMP.

The executive committee of the Woodmen of the World met in the head office of the order this afternoon to make final arrangements for the sessions of the head camp, which will open here tomorrow afternoon in the club rooms over the Imperial Bank.

Delegates have already begun to arrive in the city, some being present from Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto.

ARRANGING PICNIC.

John Manning and P. C. Hooper are chairman and secretary, respectively, of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the annual picnic of the six local camps of the Woodmen of the World, which is to be held at Springbank Park on Saturday, July 5. It is expected that between 800 and 1,000 Woodmen and their families will attend the big picnic this year.

COWBOYS IN RODEO SUMMONED TO COURT

Tex Austin and Other Prominent Officers Charged With Cruelty.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 17.—Five court summonses were issued today against Tex Austin and other prominent officers of the rodeo and those participating in it, charging cruelty to animals in the steer-roping contest. One of the summonses is returnable against a cowboy in the roping contest, which resulted in a steer breaking its leg Saturday night. Agents of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals urged the magistrate to try the case immediately so the rodeo might be stopped, but the hearing was set for June 27, three days before the cowboy contest ends. The agents afterward said they were satisfied, as they were mainly concerned in preventing the rodeo from becoming an annual event in England.

In yesterday's rodeo performance, a cowgirl, Anita Studernik, was thrown while riding a broncho and broke her collarbone and one steer was shot after its horn was torn off in the meshed fencing around the arena. The steer-roping contests are being carried on in the stadium behind locked doors with only London policemen as spectators. About 100,000 persons saw the other rodeo events yesterday and cheered the skill and daring of the cowboys.

AIDED IN WORK.

Among the many prominent citizens who were present and assisted in making the decoration services in the local cemeteries such a success on Sunday afternoon were: Mayor George Wenige and Mrs. Wenige; Lieut.-Col. Ware, representing Brig.-Gen. W. B. M. King; Mrs. Ware, representing the Girl Guides; Col. Hill, representing the R. C. R., and Col. Murphy, doctor on the Heights.

BUYER DECLARES BUSINESS GOOD

A. M. Trick, of Smallman & Ingram's, Returns From Great Britain.

VISITS WEMBLEY

A recent trip to England scattered completely the pessimistic view of trade conditions held by A. M. Trick, overseas buyer for the firm of Smallman & Ingram.

On his return to London Mr. Trick states that he found the situation in England one vastly more prosperous than he had been expecting. In one locality, near the English town of Bradford, he found trade so brisk that manufacturers were unable to fill their orders.

With regard to the continuation of the present government in England Mr. Trick was not so optimistic. He predicted a change within the next six months at least.

"Even a number of those who supported the Labor government when it assumed office are not satisfied with its record. The general concensus of opinion is that a change must come about within a few months. The government is faced with tremendous problems and it is a question if they have sufficient experience to arrive at a sound solution."

In France, Mr. Trick said he noted a general feeling of regret at Poincare's resignation. The French he had observed as making a tremendous struggle to right their country financially and economically, thereby contributing a great deal to the settlement of the general unrest in Europe.

Mr. Trick attended the British Empire Exposition at Wembley. His enthusiasm for this was such that it could be conveyed in no adequate terms. The scale was so vast, and the exhibits arranged with such wonderful skill and artistry that the entire place simply beggared description.

W. S. STONE NEW CHIEF ENGINEERS' ACTIVITIES

Will Devote Himself to the Financial Work of International Brotherhood.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 17.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, late yesterday was elected president of all brotherhood activities, including banking, insurance and labor organization, at sessions of the triennial convention here of the brotherhood and its insurance organizations.

Under the reorganization plan, adopted by a two-thirds vote amending the constitution, two vice-presidents, a secretary and a grand chief engineer will head departments under Mr. Stone's supervision.

Mr. Stone will devote himself primarily to banking and financial activities, but in times of important labor crises will be at liberty to assume direction. He will be called upon at all times for advice.

"The brotherhood has decided it has branched out about far enough to organize on the same basis as the steel corporations, or any other corporation of large and varied activities," says an announcement by Vice-Presidents H. P. Daugherty and W. F. Burgess. In the new plan the president will hold an analogous position to the chairman of the board in the steel corporation. Vice-presidents will have charge of financial operations and the insurance and pension department. A grand chief engineer will direct wage and working rules, negotiations and other labor matters.

CITY LODGE GIVES CUP AT DETROIT CONVENTION

There were 2,500 delegates present from many points throughout the United States and a number of Canadian cities, including Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Belleville, Sandwich, and Thebes Sanctorum, No. 26, London, when 50 candidates were given the degree of humility by Monius Sanctorum, No. 173, Detroit, Saturday.

The feature of the evening's program was the presentation of a loving cup to Monius Sanctorum from Thebes Sanctorum, the presentation being made by John R. Watson, St. Catharines, supreme monarchos of the Oriental Order of Humility and Peace.

The delegation from Thebes Sanctorum was headed by D. A. Black, D.D.S.M., R. R. Whitehead, vice-grand hyastytee, L. G. Heckamn and R. Williams.

TAXI DRIVER IS FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

George T. Clark, taxi driver, was convicted in police court today of having driven his car in a reckless manner on the afternoon of June 12 along Ridout street near Bruce. He was fined $10 and costs.

Constable Inch stated Clark was going south on Ridout street at a fast clip and evaded an accident at Bruce street by pulling out on the wrong side of the road. The constable stated that if Mr. Keene, the driver of the car coming from Bruce street, hadn't stopped his car, there would have been a sure accident. Mr. Keene had the right of way.

"You should have stopped and let the other car procee dfirst," said the magistrate addressing Clark. "Ninety per cent of the accidents occur at intersections because people won't pull up."

Sun Having Lost Its Pep Is Blamed For Cold Wave

With regard to the freak weather they have been having for a season past, farmers of the district would be highly delighted to know just when it was going to end.

So far, however, meteorologists and weather experts have been able to give them nothing more satisfactory than an explanation of how it is caused. These eminent gentlemen declare that the sun is losing its "pep," a situation which leaves the farmers suffering from effect, but more than ever helpless to reach the cause.

The sun's listlessness and general inattention to duty is also blamed for an epidemic of summer overcoats, toothache, and tornadoes.

Professor Henry J. Cox, of the United States Weather Bureau at Chicago recently stated that the sun is not giving off its customary amount of heat because of "smoke screens" or "spots." Scientists believe these to be enormous swirling storms of gas and flame which cast up a dense haze, obstructing the sun's rays and consequently lowering the radiation. Professor Cox says these conditions come in cycles, usually about 11 years apart.

Professor Edwin Fors of the Yerkes' observatory places the advent of these depressed periods at about 20 years. He does not believe that the sun is losing any of its heat, although the present radiation is said to be 1 to 3 per cent under par, not only in Canada, but in South America.

CITY ALMA DAUGHTERS CARRY OFF BANQUET CUP

Miss Stella Venning Is Re-elected President at St. Thomas Gathering.

The London branch of the Alma Daughters carried off the cup at the annual Alma Daughters banquet, held in the dining-room of the college, St. Thomas, last night. The cup was won for taking in the greatest number of new members during the year. Another interesting feature of the banquet was the presentation of a beautiful silver vase to the Alma Daughters in memory of Miss Fisk, beloved dean and founder of Alma College. The gift was from Mrs. Nason of Toronto. Mrs. Lumley of New Haven, won the prize for coming the farthest distance to the banquet.

Miss Stella Venning, of this city, president of Alma Daughters, presided over the banquetting table, which had been attractively decked with the school colors, blue, red and yellow. Dark blue iris were used effectively, while at each plate were pretty favors. Mrs. John Rose, of this city, was the chief speaker of the occasion, her subject concerning mainly the different women's organizations which make up the great National Council of Women.

Preceding the banquet, in the afternoon, a meeting of the Alma Daughters board was held, at which Miss Venning was re-elected to the office of president. Other officers are: Vice-president, Mrs. Courtis of St. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. D. J. Robertson of London; treasurer, Mrs. Still of St. Thomas.

Special mention was made of the Fisk scholarship for music, which is given annual by the Alma Daughters.

Among the Londoners who were present were: Miss Stella Venning, Mrs. C. R. Ead, Mrs. La Tousel, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. A. T. Edwards, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. F. W. Hughes, Mrs Courtis, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Gertrude Morgan, Mrs. L. W. Hawke and Miss Bradshaw.