

## Want Permanent Board of Commerce

Montreal, Que., Sept. 27. — The Dominion Retail Merchants' Association of Canada meets here tomorrow and Wednesday, and will discuss the establishment of a board of commerce along the lines of the railway commission. R. M. Trowen, secretary of the association, says the idea involves

the formation of a permanent board of four or five chosen by the Government. The men should be representatives of retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. The board would provide a tribunal to which retailers might appeal in cases where they claim profits allowed by the manufacturer are insufficient.

## Dangerous Week This For Quakes

Messina, Sept. 27.—Frank A. Perritt, the American geologist, who arrived here today, believes from his deductions that that part of Sicily will be again a scene of seismic disturbance.

Mr. Perritt says that the date of Wednesday, Sept. 29, is the date most favorable for earthquakes or eruptions. At that time the sun, earth and moon are in line with each other and the moon is at its nearest approach to the earth. This combination occurs frequently, tending to produce gravitational distributions of the earth's form, namely, to change the earth from a sphere to an ellipse. This extra

strain often acts upon the weak spots in the earth crust, causing them to give way, and thus producing earthquakes or volcanic eruptions.

"On Wednesday it happens that the planet Mars is also nearest to the earth, and also almost directly in line with the earth, sun and moon, while Saturn is not far from the line. Jupiter, although far to the other side of the sun is also in a line with the earth.

"When you consider that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next will be very dangerous, possibly nothing very special will occur, but it simply means that the earth has resisted the danger that nevertheless existed."



De Wolf Hopper.

A very loud audience greeted De Wolf Hopper last evening at the Grand Opera House, when he presented his latest offering, "The Matinee Idol." A large number enjoyed the play, while there was a section which was disappointed. The matter is being taken when the statement is made that it is not destined for an unlimited New York run unless some very radical changes are made in the cast and structure of the play.

This is the first appearance of Hopper in straight comedy. His grotesque roles have been many and when he had a good vehicle he made a decided hit. Hopper has many of the popular comedians on the road. This one he takes straight, and it must be admitted that it is a far cry from "Wang" to "The Matinee Idol."

The play concerns the fortunes of a broken-down actor, and his race-track friend, a diminutive chap, who go abroad. Their financial condition compels the actor to become a teacher of elocution, a physician, and numerous other things. The absurd situations are numerous, of course, and it takes considerable effort to work the matter out. Hopper has many lines, some of them new, many of them quite familiar. He demonstrated that he can essay straight roles and get away with them in good style, if he has the proper material. As Medford Griffin, the broken-down actor, he was really excellent, and the performance did not suffer on his account.

The music is very pretty. The gallery boys had a great time with it, and they certainly had plenty of whistleable material. Some of them suggested songs of other days, but nevertheless they were extremely pretty. Silvio Hein has produced much good music, but nothing more tuneful than some of the lyrics in "The Matinee Idol." Among the prettiest were "I Want a Husband," sung by Miss Burt, "Banish," "That's the Time," "Little Lady in the Moon," and "The Robin and the Wren."

The cast was not adequate. Miss Harriet Burt, as the charming widow, was excellent. She is a clever actress and sings well.

Tiny Ethel Dovey is a fragile little of a lady, who has a sweet voice as Eddie Foy, but she danced very gracefully, and got away nicely. She was popular.

The other roles were not in good hands. George Mack, the dimwit, a friend of Medford Griffin, was about as graceful as an attack of vertigo, and sings like the file chorus in a blacksmith shop. He's small, and that's all.

George F. Moore also takes awful liberties with a couple of songs, and no doubt Silvio Hein will weep bitter tears when he hears of it. Some of his pretty lyrics are treated. His voice listens like the dulcet tones of a fish wife on a busy Friday.

The other members of the cast have little to do, it is true. The chorus, or rather young ladies of a seminary, are fair to gaze upon as a rule, but otherwise they are only fair. The trouble is that Hopper presented and nothing else. While he is on the stage the play gets by nicely, as everybody likes De Wolf, for he is such a nice big man, but when he is off the stage the play is like a rule, and they did not get it. Had not Miss Burt been present at several of these times, it would have been rather a dull evening.

"The Thief" Tomorrow Night.

"The Thief" appears at the Grand tomorrow night, with a special cast. The wife's love for the husband is idolatrous, and in her foolish, pitiable, wretched dread that she will lose his love, which indeed is received by him more as a tribute than as a benefaction—she becomes actually a monomaniac, and she has money to burn which to pay for pretty raiment intended to make herself more attractive in his eyes. The theory of passionate devotion is pushed to its fullest extent in the play. Seats are now on sale.

Last Season's Success.

Not in many years has any comic opera made so great an impression in Canada, as has Julian Edwards' charming composition, "The Gay Musician," which won so great recognition in this city last season, when presented by Manager John P. Slocum's big company of singers.

"The Gay Musician" this season is being rendered by a renowned company of principals, assisted by a bevy of the most gifted girls in twelve years—but he was glad to be on the homeward journey. He added that there was no place like Canada.

Called to Belleville.

Belleville, Sept. 27.—Rev. J. A. Ford, late of Houlton, Maine, has been called to the pastorate of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, this city, and has accepted. He will take up his duties at once.

## LIVINGSTONE SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM

Former London Soldier Committed in Hamilton Yesterday.

William Livingstone, a soldier, who claims he left London to escape being forced into a prearranged marriage was committed for a course of treatment in the asylum yesterday when he came up before Magistrate Jelfs, of Hamilton.

Livingstone claims he never met the girl he was to marry, but was in love with her, and communicated with her by wireless. The doctors stated that he was not dangerous, and thought he would recover in a couple of years. Livingstone was arrested in Hamilton some days ago on a charge of being insane and has been in remand.

## A DINNER TENDERED TO DR. ROWNTREE

Londoner Who Is Instructor of Therapeutics in Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Leonard G. Rowntree, instructor in therapeutic treatment in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and formerly of this city, was the guest of honor at a complimentary dinner tendered him in the Tecumseh House last night by the faculty of the Western Medical School, and the executive of the Alumni Association.

The toast to Dr. Rowntree was proposed by Dr. F. R. Eccles, and he complimented the guest of the evening in the highest terms upon the success he has met with. Dr. Rowntree replied in a short speech and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be back in London again and meet so many friends, and thanked the faculty and executive of the alumni for the honor they had done him.

Dr. Rowntree graduated from the Medical School here in 1905 and won the gold medal in his year. For some time he was house surgeon at Victoria Hospital and then went to Baltimore, where he has advanced very rapidly. It was in recognition of his success in Baltimore as well as of his efforts in preparing the clinic for Dr. Billings at the recent gathering that the dinner was tendered him.

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Samuel Baker, who represented the City of London at the municipal convention recently held in Montreal, will in detail tell you and any other interested friend or neighbor you wish to delegate or bring with you, all he learned at the big convention on this and kindred subjects.

If his story is not long enough on the same subject, 'Civic Government by Commission,' the secretary of the municipal committee of the R. E. O. A. now gathering information direct from the American cities who are working under this system of civic administration—Mr. John Cortam—will endeavor to see that you get value for your time. Let us get a series of open meetings on municipal subjects to be furnished by the association.

Mr. Baker is one of the ablest city clerks in this rapidly-growing Dominion, and we feel assured that you will not regret hearing a home man on a subject that interests the city of London, America, Canada, London, and yourself. Montreal is not the only place where the disease of bad government exists. We have been keeping too far apart. Let us get together and in close touch with all that makes for that which is right and best. Come! Respectfully yours,

W. H. PETERSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

## CITY CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT

Must Bring Ald. Ferguson and London Street Railway Together.

## A MEETING LAST NIGHT

Was Held for the Purpose of Straightening Out the Tangle—A Committee Was Named.

An effort will be made today to get Ald. Ferguson and the London street railway together, in order that Hon. Adam Beck may obtain possession of the property, and commence work on the combined power and pumping station.

Ald. Stewart, Ald. Saunders and Ald. Parsons were appointed a committee to bring them together, and it is expected that something will be done shortly.

The power committee dealt with the problem at some length last evening.

Mr. Beck's Position.

Hon. Adam Beck was present, and explained the situation. He stated that he purchased the property from the London street railway and they were to guarantee him possession.

Ald. Ferguson had a lease which did not expire until May next. He wanted \$200 to move his lumber off. Mr. Beck stated that he could not pay the money, and the street railway refused to pay it. Consequently it was his duty to notify the committee that it would be impossible for him to go ahead with the work as agreed. He understood, he explained, that the company offered to move the lumber and allow several months' rent, but this was not agreeable to Ald. Ferguson.

Up to Street Railway.

Ald. Saunders thought the street railway should have made arrangements with Ald. Ferguson. He did not consider it acting fairly with the city or Ald. Ferguson to hold up the proposition in the present manner. He suggested that if it is possible that the committee pay the money over, and then sue the railway company.

"We cannot do that," said Ald. Beattie. "We could not pay Ald. Ferguson any money. I do not think it is our quarrel at all. I appreciate the difficulty under which Mr. Beck is laboring, but nevertheless I do not see what we can do. It is a matter purely for Ald. Ferguson and the company to settle."

Ald. Moorhead's Opinion.

Ald. Moorhead considered that the railway company had acted very unwisely in not consulting Ald. Ferguson, the lessee, before making the sale. Had they done so there would have been no trouble.

"Ald. Ferguson could have got \$500 to get off, had he not been a member of the council," said Ald. Saunders. "He is an old man, and he is not up to it. I talked with a lumberman today, and he stated that the price asked was 'all I know is that the work is being held up, and we will not be able to finish our contract in the specified time unless we get immediate possession of the land, and then we can pay the money out of my own pocket.'"

Too Costly.

"The city could well afford to pay the money," said Ald. Parsons. "We cannot afford to have the work held up. Ald. Ferguson is in the right, but we cannot wait. Let us try and settle it."

Ald. Beattie suggested that Mr. Beck pay the \$200 and charge it up to the company. It was recognized that success in Baltimore as well as of his efforts in preparing the clinic for Dr. Billings at the recent gathering that the dinner was tendered him.

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## FIRST CONFERENCE

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The programme for Thursday morning, Oct. 7, is as follows: 8:30, Holy Communion; devotional address, "Intercession of Christ," Rev. F. G. Newton; 10, opening of conference, chairman, the archdeacon of London; prayer, Rev. W. J. Doherty; 10:10, chairman's address; 10:30, "The High-Crisis," Rev. C. E. Jenkins; discussion, Rev. Canon Craig; 11:10, "Lord's Day Observance," Rev. T. B. Clarke; discussion, Rev. A. Carlisle; 12, noonday prayer and intercession for missions; 12:10, adjournment for luncheon.

The Dean of Huron will preside in the afternoon, when the programme will be as follows: 2, service of prayer and praise, Rev. John Berry; 2:10, prayer book service, Rev. G. A. Wright; discussion, Rev. R. S. W. Howard; 2:50, "The Bible in the Church Service," Rev. Rural Dean Davis; discussion, Rev. H. A. Thomas; 3:30, "The Church's Care for the Young," Rev. Rural Dean Gunne; discussion, Rev. W. M. Shore; 4:10, "Diocesan Activities," Rev. Rural Dean Robinson; discussion, Rev. R. S. W. Howard; 4:50, business meeting; 5:30, adjournment for tea; 8, "The Laymen's Missionary Movement," Mr. Charles Jenkins, representative from the national committee, Conference held by Revs. Rural Dean Dunn and Canon Hagen.

## HIGH-BANDAID ACT OF U. S. OFFICIALS

Charged a Tacoma Lady With Kidnapping Her Own Children.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—Mrs. F. H. Balde, wife of a prominent automobile manufacturer and former mayor of Tacoma, left for home tonight, a very indignant woman. Some time ago she sent her two children across the Atlantic to visit relatives. They sailed in charge of the captain of the steamship Gramplan. They returned in the captain's charge on the same boat, reaching Quebec on Saturday night.

Their mother had come to Montreal to meet them, but when the Gramplan arrived there were no children on board. Their mother, Mrs. Balde, learned that they had been taken from the ship at Quebec by United States immigration officers, despite the fact that they were travelling first-class and that that class of passengers is always landed at Montreal. Mrs. Balde went down to Quebec and found the children, who were being held in charge. At the immigration headquarters here she alleges she was put through a sort of third degree, and was asked to answer a series of questions, and it was only after she had secured the assistance of Mr. William Stitt, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., to whom she had a letter of introduction, that she was able to secure release from the charge of kidnapping her own children. Mrs. Balde says that her husband is going to take the case to Washington.

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A Fine Gallery.

The gallery is one of the best in the country, and rifle shots who wish to keep in practice or tyros who wish to learn how to shoot find it invaluable. It is likely that as was the case last year, tournaments between different company teams will be arranged at an early date, and a fine lot of prizes offered. Indoor baseball and basketball are great attractions during the winter and every company will be represented by a strong team. The schedules will be drawn up shortly.

## MOTHERS' CLUB FOR A GARBAGE SYSTEM

Insistent in Their Demands That London Shall Be Up-to-Date.

The Mothers' Clubs of the city are going to engage in an active campaign for a garbage system.

They will, it is presumed, take an active part in the municipal elections, supporting a garbage system for the city. It will be remembered that a large deputation from the Mothers' Clubs interviewed the board of health last spring. This board received the suggestion, and in good faith sent a deputation to Detroit, Toledo and other cities to report on the subject. That report was sent to the council, and was filed.

The Mothers' Clubs, however, are insistent in demanding that London should have a garbage system, and consequently a big campaign will be waged at the coming election. The matter will be taken up systematically at the club meeting.

## PENNSYLVANIA AFTER P.M.

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## A PANHANDLE FLYER CRASHES INTO CABOOSE

Six Men Fatally Injured in Mid-night Collision at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 28. — Six probably fatally injured early today when a train southbound for Cincinnati on the Pennsylvania Railroad crashed into the caboose of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul cattle train, bound for the stock yards.

The passenger train crashed into the crowded caboose in the railroad yards a few blocks from the downtown station.

The locomotive plowed through the caboose, tearing it to shreds and setting fire to the debris.

Six bodies were recovered within a few minutes after the crash, while the flames were eating up the splintered bits of the demolished car. Sixteen injured were dragged from the burning ruins.

The passenger train, known as the Cincinnati Special, on the Panhandle line, was seen after midnight. No signals had been given, so far as could be learned, that any other train was on the track.

The passenger train increased its speed, and when at Twelfth street the engineer saw the rear lights of the freight ahead, it was too late to avert a collision. Not only was the caboose cut in two, but four cars in front of it were telescoped.

The first body to be identified was that of Charles Bond, of Milwaukee, Wis., conductor of the freight train. The engineer, the fireman and the conductor of the passenger train were slightly injured.

Six of the injured dragged from the flaming wreck are: Peter Johnson, Egleman, N. D., right arm broken, skull fractured; Frank Haskett, Chicago; Edwin S. Arman, Chicago; John A. Dixon, New York; H. E. Black, Dayton Ohio; H. D. Maze, Springfield, Ohio.

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HALL WILL FIGHT.

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## BIG TURNOUT AT OPENING DRILL

Seventh Regiment Paraded in Armories Last Night Under Major Campbell.

## THE RECRUIT CLASSES

Will Open on Friday Evening Next and Large Numbers Are Ready to Enlist — A Popular Corps.

There was an unusually large attendance at the armories last night when the first of the fall drills of the Seventh Regiment was held.

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## FARMING TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Danish Students Receive Course in Scientific Agriculture at Small Cost.

Copenhagen, Sept. 27. — In certain large country houses of Denmark there is a great annual summer cleaning. Pictures are taken down, benches and tables are piled in the yard; and great windows, wide open to the August sun, reveal a vision of girls and women armed with wet mops and scrubbing brushes. All this betokens the arrival of holiday time. For nine months the high schools are hives of industry, and the rooms, big as they are, seem crowded from dawn till dusk. This accounts for the sudden orle of brooms and soapy water when all the rustic students have gone back to their homes.

At Lynby, a village near Copenhagen, villagers see but little of the young students, so remote is the college. The women in the yard, in damp gown and soaked pattens, takes a swift glance at the newcomer. She is afraid of nothing but a strange language, and of this terror she knows something from experience, for the place is a mart for strangers. They arrive, not very often perhaps, but they arrive. From England, from Iceland, from Schleswig, which is now, alas! Germany—it matters not how many tongues they represent. All are unintelligible. So she calls for help; and also directs the visitor to the front door.

Master Sits Amid Books.

A sympathetic observer appears at the foot of the steps and leads you into the house, where, by-and-by, you are ushered into the presence of the headmaster.

It is indeed for him the hour of fruition. The labors of the past have told on him and he is now a man of 70. But even as he sits in his parlour, resting and looking out at the blazing summer day, his hand is still, as it were, on the plow—or rather, his thoughts are following his labors.

From the wall above an almost terrible face looks down—the face of Grundvig at \$8. His shaggy white beard grows round the cheeks and falls in a heavy shower on the nightly breast. His eyes under the heavy brows, look out with inexhaustible energy, defying the chill of 90 winters. Grundvig set himself one task—the task of rousing Denmark—not its leaders, but its people, and not the young people, but, above all, the country folk, the peasants who toil for bread.

Ancient Method Employed.

He leads the way into a great classroom. The rostrum is low, wide, circular, and almost on a level with the floor. It is less a rostrum than a dais, and less a dais than a place where a father, or elder, might stand to speak to the family. And indeed, the high school master takes as his model in framing his lectures, not the teacher at his desk, but a speaker of a much older and more intimate kind. It is the oral method revived—the method which Ruskin indicates by the title, "Our Fathers Have Told Us," the method used long ere schools were built or thought of, and when parents and grandparents round the hearths made the race-life real for their children.

Not that Grundvig despised books. In the library of every high school a formidable amount of space has to be given to his writings. Over and above his translations from the Icelandic literature, of the Snorres and Saxas, of Beowulf and the Exeter book, he was the author of a vast number of hymns and poems, as well as prose works of great length and number. A literary Hercules was this man who turned his back on books when he entered the classroom. He turned his back, too, on all examinations, and on that myopic "practical" schooling which is designed merely to help scholars to earn their bread. Yet his method has justified itself so fully in the eyes of a practical race of workers that it has been adopted by the day people that they link their dairy and farmwork schools and agricultural stations with the high schools, and even employ the same teachers, though of course not the same staff, to go back and forth between these.

## BADEN-POWELL BOY SCOUTS

First Canadian Corps Is Organized at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, Sept. 27.—The first Canadian corps of General Baden-Powell's boy scouts was formed here, at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. At present the strength is four patrols, the others will be formed later, until eight patrols are reached. This constitutes a troop.

A troop consist of a patrol leader and seven scouts.

The following officers were elected: Chief of scouts, General Baden-Powell (the originator of the organization); scout-master, George Hill; committee of instructors, Captain George D. McLaughlan and Color-Sergeant W. Waterton. Thirty-First Regiment; patrol leaders, Lloyd Harriman, W. A. Hill; secretary, A. Gillanders.

The scheme was originated and organized by General Baden-Powell