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CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.

CHURCHES WILL UNDERTAKE TASK

Proposal to Locate Non-Church-Goers

A SUCCESS IN HAMILTON

Some Astonishing Results of the Canvass There-Secretary Yellowlees is Here.

Mr Thomas Yellowlees, secretary o he Ontario Sunday School Associahere Monday night in connection with the proposed religious The proposition has already been referred to. It is that a close canvass of the city be made, in order, broadly, to ascertain who among the citizens are attending church, and who are not. A meeting of representatives of my of the churches was held Mon-

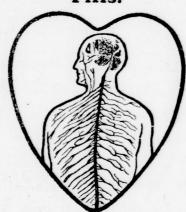
ay night at St. Andrew's church, and among those present were Rev. Messrs. Bishop. Hamilton, Dyson Hague, and Rollins, and Messrs. Mc-Dermid and D. L. Brown. It was practically decided to go ahead with he work, but a full meeting of all he ministers, superintendents of Sunschool, and assistant superin will be called for March 7 St. Andrew's church, to perfect the

We found the undertaking a suc in Hamilton, the only place it has been tried in Ontario," Ir. Yellowlees, to the Free "There we discovered by this method as many as nine hundred people who professed a preference for knew absolutely nothing about Six hundred were located unsingle certain, church, the pastor similar conditions for another ch, and so on. The difficulty i pastors in our city churches nnot get acquainted with their conregations in large part, because the was a serious reflection on the yeracity of the latter, emphasized by onnection with the church is not They do not attend regularly, have no seat of their own, and place of everlasting punishment., Mr no way are properly identified. Fleming, in the witness box, told the Where the people do not attend any court that the accused was one of their names are handed to gang of boys who amused themselves Ministerial Alliance, where the by snowballing passers-by and using tors apportion off the duty of the vilest language when remonstrated Yellowlees said that the work Hamilton was all done within half ogize in open court. The magistrate day, in order to prevent confusion. re he thought it would be necesary to have about five hundred per engaged, who would be volun-

teers from the different churches. The Pastor's Pity .-- A prominent of a Durham, Ont., church "I suffered intensely from In-tory Rheumatism, Just one ottle of South American Rheumatic ure healed me. I pity those who affer so much and do not know ow near they are to a cure. I fee like proclaiming it from the house tops." Sold by C. McCallum.

Col. Weir, of Seaforth, has ceased o be the Colonel of the 32nd Bruce Battalion, by the effluction of time he five year term having expired Major Hugh Clark, of Kin eardine, will naturally drop into the vacant position, and his promotion

MILBURN'S Heart and Nerve



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mend them too highly.

PLAYING AT BOER AND BRITON SOUTH LONDON BOY FATALLY INJURES CHARLES BURRIDGE

Struck on Temple with war whoops they defied the enemy to return to the attack. They challenged them to appear, but in vain, and Hatchet, Quite Accident.

Charles Burridge, aged fourteen ears, died yesterday from the efects of an accidental blow with a natchet, thrown by a companion George CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE, Fox. The tragedy was the outcome of a game of war which the two lads 16 Dundas Street, London, Ont. together with a number of others, were

> The incident happened about six clock Monday evening, at the home one of the boys on Riverview venue. The lads had built a snowuse, and had divided themselves as oers and Britons. They had indulg-d in an attack and defense of the



The Late Charles Burridge.

snowhouse, and were in a very merr nood. Snowballs were the ammuni ion used, and the fight waxed pretty

Finally one side was forced to seek helter. Burridge was of the latter. He took refuge behind a tree, as did a number of his fellow combatants, while thers sought the protection of fences and buildings. The victorious side were in a state of great jubilation. With appropriate panions.

for Bad Conduct

Boys who loaf around street corner

and take every opportunity of insulting

citzens had better take note that their

Fleming, a youth named Fred. Hart appeared in the police court yester-

day in answer to a charge of using in

sulting language. The epithet which

statement that he was destined for

the charge if the accused would apol-

mmended the generosity of the com-

plainant and allowed the boy to go on

mentioned. He also severely repri-

manded the boy for leaving the city

for a time in order to escape the

the accused flung at the complainant

He was willing to withdraw

YOUTHFUL ROWDIES

Boy Apologizes in Open Court Council Will Likely Strike Rate at April Meeting



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Chairman does not think that the Committee will be able to present things in sufficient shape to strike the tax rate until at the earliest, the first meeting in April. As to what the rate will be Ald. Stevely refuses to make any statement, other than to express somewhat pessimistic views when asked as to the possibility of

DEVONSHIRE TEA AT HAMILTON ROAD

Ladies' Aid Society Entertain Large Numbers

The annual "Devonshire Tea" given

lton Road Methodist church was held eatables was partaken of by nearly wo hundred guests. After this a proramme was given by excellent talent, s follows:—Solo, W. Taylor; solo, Miss Mowat; recitation, Miss Angus olo, J. Wilson; address, A. H. Going olo, Chris. Pinke; recitation, Miss rey; instrumental, E. Ryson; Miss Phoenix; recitation, Miss H. Smith. When the programme was oncluded a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the following ladies of the 'Ladies' Aid Society' for the excellent way in which the affair had been managed:—Mrs. Arnott, President Mrs. Cornish, Treasurer; Mrs. Carrol Secretary: Mrs. Longfield, Mrs. Yelend, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Donegate Mrs. Bremner, Mrs. B. Lake, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Plewes,

PAID \$4,500,000 IN YEAR AND HALF

bles at an End

les have practically all been removed. Feet. There may be many minor symp- Within eighteen months the syndicate have paid off \$4,500,000 of liabilities The debts have not all been liquidated but many of the creditors have con sented to take certain collateral, held by the trustees, in lieu of a cash paywaiting for the better market which seems just ahead for all the Everett-Moore securities, to sell this collatera and even realize a profit on their ac rounts. One or two matters yet re-nain to be settled before the affairs the syndicate will be in good condiion, but they have progressed now o the point where the discharge of he trustees is thought advisable Messrs. Everett and Moore, of Cleve land, are the principal owners of London Street Railway stock.

he same time joining in the shouts a rejoicing. Just as Fox swung hatchet for a second, or third t young Burridge looked from behind tree where he was standing. At the ame moment the hatchet slipped fr Fox's hand, and went hurtling through the air. At this time Fox and Bur ridge were only six or eight feet distant from each other, and the ax-****************** aught Burridge on the temple before ne could withdraw his head. With a grean the injured boy sank

he battle had been lost and won.

George Fox, who is about the same

age as was Burridge, had picked up a

hatchet which had been in use in the building of the snowhouse, and amid

the demonstrations of the victors he

swung the weapon above his head, at

had struck him broadside and ther vas no wound, but the efforts of Burridge's frightened companions to re store him were without effect, and hey called for assistance. Burridge was carried to his father's home, o O'Brien street, close by, and a medica nan summoned. He found that the ad was suffering from concussion of

Through the night the boy lingered ecovering consciousness but once when he recognized his father. Quickly apsing back into unconsciousness, h ould not again be roused, and at hree o'clock Tuesday morning he asesd away.

The late Master Charles Burridge was one of the brightest pupils of Grade VIII., of Victoria school. He had been a regular contributor to the contests held by the Free Press Junior, and showed marked ability, both in essay writing and sketching, having been a prize-winner. He was beloved by his companions for his bright and happy spirit, and his unselfishness His death has cast a gloom over the whole Victoria school, where he was universally known to the scholars. To his bereaved parents the greatest sympathy will be extended. No blame is attached to Master Fox.

Dr. Ferguson, coroner, made a full investigation into the sad affair vester day morning and found the incident to have occurred as here reported. No inquest, he held, was necessary. Young Fox, of Evergreen avenue, was one of the deceased boy's closest com-

ESTIMATES ALL IN HAD BETTER BEWARE **INSIDE TWO WEEKS**



year by the meeting to be held on Friday, March 17. This meeting will in March, but the

MEN RESTORED

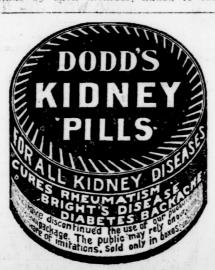
MEN WHO ARE WEAK, BROKEN DOWN, DISCOURAGED, men who suffer from the effects of disease, over-work, Condition Unchanged. worry, from follies or excesses, failure of to the fountain head" for a screntific method of marvellous power to vitalize. restore and sustain. On request we will send description, with testimonials, in by no means out of danger. plain sealed envelope. (No C. O. D. Imby the Ladies' Aid Society of the Ham-

Erie Medical Co., Dept. 32, Buffalo, N. Y,

CUPS OFFERED FOR COMPETITION Social at the Junction.

Handsome Trophies

Messrs. Brener Bros., of this city. cepted same, and have decided to painted. The tray was awarded to have them shot for under the following conditions:-The shoots for the trophies shall be held each month, with November; the first Wednesday cited "The De and the third Saturday in each month Mackay sang to be the days of competition; each nember must shoot in six of the pete in the final; the six high scores nade by each member, added to the



one made on the final day, shall de-termine the winner of the large trophy. At the end of each three months, member with the highest score be awarded one of the small cups, but a member having won one of the small cups will not be awardanother, his future scores being for the large cup only.

The members have been divided in

four classes, this division made by two members of the club, not members of the committee. class men will shoot at 19 yards 22 birds; B at 18 yards at 23 birds at 17 yards at 24 birds, and D at 6 yards at 25 birds. This arrange ment should give every member an even chance for the cups, and the mmittee reserve the right to change he handicaps at the end of any months. The officers are anxious that every nember of the club will take part

his competition. ***************** MINOR LOCAL NEWS

Clearings. Clearings for the month of Febru ary at London were \$3,290,280. Robins Plentiful.

Mr. A. Fowler, of Talbot street reports having seen seven robins ar this year. Auditors' Report Ready.

The city auditors have handed in heir annual report for last year, and the document will be submitted at the Council meeting next Monday. Civic Improvement Society.

The meeting of the Civic Improve-nent Society called for Monday night failed to materialize, a quorum not being present. Another meeting will be called shortly.

Horses in Good Shape. Veterinary Surgeons Tamlin and Scott have made an inspection of the horses at the fire halls, and announce

the animals were never in better con

dition and never of a more uniformly

high class.

A Slack Month. During the month of February the ire department had a comparatively easy time, answering only eleven alarms. Of these, seven were for fires, three for chimney fires, and one a test run. None of the fires

were of any proportions, those at the Ontario House and the London Foundry being the chief fires of the month Spent Merry Evening.

A Nery enjoyable evening was spent Monday night when a few of the young ladies of the cap department of John Marshall & Co. entertained their friends to a skating party at Westminster Rink, after which all adjourned to one of the young ladies' home, where a few happy hours were spent; also 'a dainty repast was

Pleased With the Hall. Lieut. Hanton, of Fire Station 27 Detroit, with his wife, is visiting in the city, this being his annual trip to London. Monday night he made an

inspection of the Central fire hall, and expressed himself as delighted with e spick and span hall and the fine state of efficiency o the men, making the statement that the hall was in better shape than any fire station in Detroit. Young Londoner's Promotion.

Mr. Harry Ruse, son of Mr. Charle

Ruse, of this city, formerly night ticket clerk at the Grand Trunk depot here, has been promoted to be ac-countant to Mr. H. F. Moeller, general passenger agent of the Pere Marquette, Detroit. Mr. Ruse has experienced a number of rapid promotions since leaving this city, that will be learned with pleasure by precede the second the many friends of the young Lon doner here.

"Three Great Artists." Monday evening the Anglican Young People's Society of the Cronyn Mem orial church held their regular meetng, the subject being "Three great Artists—Turner, Murillo and Ra-phael." Papers descriptive of their ives and works were read and illus trated by copies of their works. Dur ng the evening the following conributed to the musical programme -Piano instrumental duet by Misses Darville and Kinder; plane soles by Misses Axten and Nash, and veca

olos by Miss Gilbanks and Mr

Robertson.

Yesterday afternoon the conditon of vital forces-all such men should "come Clarence Donaldson, the little boy heavy colds. That is the way Dr. It is now hoped that the boy may position or other deception.) This Com- identity of the man who hurt the work so speediy and so well. Mrs. pany is one of the oldest and best known little fellow have as yet borne no Jane A. Kennedy, Douglastown, Que, in country. Address fruit. There is a persistent theory says:—"My sister, a young and delithat the man was under the influnce of liquor at the time, and this is stated by Donaldson himself. The street school, give very conflicting ac-

A social under the auspices of the

Ladies' Aid of St. George's church, London Junction, was held at the Springwood Gun Club Accept manse Monday evening. A large manse monday evening. manse Monday evening. A large numnd spent a most enjoyable time towether. The principle feature of the which proved of the greatest interest to the young people. in charge were Misses Murdoch, Litave donated to the Springwood Gun tle. Taylor and Angus, Mrs. R. B. Heighway making out the catalogue. The prize, which was furnished by Miss Nettie Robinson, consisted of Sadie Heighway, as having made out the largest number of correct titles. Misses Jennie Cairneross and Mae commencing with March and ending val March;" Miss Lizzie Thurling recited "The Deacon's Potatoes." Bells," and after refreshments were served, the visitors dispersed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Mrs. A. G. McLeod has returned from the New York millinery open-Miss Gertrude Douglas, of Montreal, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Angus Morrison, 360 King street, Mr. Clarence W. Beattie, of Ingeroll, has accepted a position with a London druggist, and will arrive here

John Ward and wife (nee Lena Hillman), of Alvinston, who have been staying at the Collins House, left Saturday for Hamilton. Mr. A. E. Armitage, wife and family, rom British Columbia, are at present enjoying the beauties of an Ontario winter at the residence of Mr. C. H. Armitage, 785 King street, city. Mr. W. R. Thomson is now C. P. R. agent at Vancouver, and will settle there as soon as he can secure a suitable résidence. He has been removed from Seattle. Mr. Thomson is

A Season of Early Buying in Wash Fabrics.

Nimble fingers are busy at home preparing summer wardrobes, two or three cotton shirt waist dresses and half a dozen separate shirt waists, for each fair member of the household; a plentiful supply of cool dresses for the little girls, and underwear, to be sure; all this before housecleaning time; it is little wonder the home- ewers started early. We were ready for the first call and have been supplementing daily. Now our 1905 stock of Wash Goods is one we take pride in talking about. Fresh, new, bright and dainty.

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on linen ground, at ...35¢

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Pure white ground with faint black stripe to give effects and broader stripe of either green, blue, rose or gray, to give color, washable,35¢

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Cotton Voiles in flaked, checked and splashed effects; a myriad of different shades in

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Persian Lawns, Victoria Linon Lawns, Organdies, Swisses, Fancy Piques, check, figure and striped Vestings and Novelty Broche. Complete showing of white goods,

The New Laces and Embroideries.

It is a treat to see the new things as they come in and are opened up. Dainty Laces and Embroideries that are real art gems. The patterns are new, fresh from the makers, and, like all real art, they are a little beyond description. Rich and elegant are the two words that seem most fittingly to apply. Come and see them.

TRIMMING DEPT.

a native Londoner, and well known to Mr. Ed. Hobbs, of Chicago, brother of the late Mr. T. P. Hobbs; Mrs. R. Holmes, of Chicago, and daughter leceased, with her son George, and Mrs. S. Hobbs, of Detroit, attended the funeral of the deceased from the late residence. Emery street.

HEALTHY LUNGS

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Every drop of blood in the body must go through the lungs. That is why the lungs are helped, and healed. and strengthened with the great blood-builder, Dr. Williams' Pins Pills. They fill the veins with pure rich red blood that gives health and vigor to weak lungs. That is the way Dr. Williams Pink Pills brace the lungs to throw off bronchitis and who was kicked by a man riding on a Williams' Pink Pills build up the railway sleigh, remained unchanged, lungs after an attack of la grippe or pneumonia. That is the way Dr pull through, although he is as yet williams' Pink Pills have saved hun-by no means out of danger. The inquiries of the police regarding the graves. No other medicine does this cate girl, took a severe cold when about seventeen years old. we did for her seemed to do any school fellows of the boy, at Simcoe good, and we feared she was going into consumption. Often after a bad counts of the occurrence, scarcely two night I would get up early to see if she had spit blood during the night. A friend strongly urged me to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and

within a month from the time she had begun their use, she had almost recovered her health. Under the continued use of the Pills she in now well and strong.' Dr. Williams' Pink Pills not only make weak lungs strong, but they cure all troubles arising from a poor or deficient blood supply, such

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**Mr. A. J. Cardy, of Galt, has purpossession at the end of the license



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SELECTIONS FOR ALL STAR TEAMS

Personnel of Teams That Will Visit East and West

of the eastern O. H. A. team on Sat- has gone into politics, and probably he urday night in Toronto, is a most for- will strike an even harder frost. where, or by mail at 50 cents a box, midable aggregation. Four of the writing seven players are the captains of their The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brock- respective teams, and the septette is touted as being absolutely the best that could be selected. Two players each from Stratford, Galt and Berlin, chased the Imperial Hotel, building and one from Goderich, are on the and property in that town. The price paid was \$24,000. Mr. Cardy will take live. Uniforms of a distinctive nature will be worn. The east will figure in year April 1st, up to which time the white sweaters with scarlet lettering, present proprietor, Mr. W. Pickering, and the west will support red jerseys white sweaters with scarlet lettering, worked in white. The western stars

> Goal, D. McIvor, captain Goderich Point, Walter M. Forrest, Berlin. Cover point, W. Twaits, captain Galt

Centre, E. B. Edmund, captain Stratord club. Kover, Goldie Cochrane, captain Ber-Right wing, Chas. Lightfoot, Strat-Left wing, Norman E. Clare. Galt. The team selected as the pick of the

ast is as follows:-Point, Hamber, Argonauts (Toronto). Cover point, I. Ardagh, St. George's Centre, Birmingham, Marlboro (ToNorthern Lights 5c A PACKAGE Rover, Grier, St. Andrew's College

Toronto). Kight wing, Hynes, St. George's (fo-Left wing, Caldwell, Barrie club.

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