

MAHARG URGES PROGRESSIVES TO STAND BY GUNS

GRAIN GROWERS' CHIEF APPEALS TO PROGRESSIVES

Hon. J. A. Maharg Asks Supporters To Stand Solid in Federal Field.

URGES WHEAT POOL

Canadian Press Despatch. Moose Jaw, Jan. 23.—"I care little what you do in provincial politics, but I implore you to stand by your guns in the federal field," said Hon. J. A. Maharg as he addressed the opening session of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association convention. "I am persuaded," he went on, "that the best interests of the dominion will be served by the Progressive group standing solidly together as a party and that this compelling both old parties to face the issues as they are instead of resorting constantly to acts of mere expediency."

Mr. Maharg's address, in which he approved of the wheat pool, urged greater use of the Pacific grain route and completion of the Hudson Bay railroad, was the feature of the convention's opening session. It was followed by the address from Mrs. W. H. Frith, president of the women's section and by reports on the work from the executive committee and the control board.

The convention will be in session until Friday night.

MISSING WOMAN IS NOT IN LONDON

Hospital Authorities Have No Trace of Mrs. Louise White.

Victoria Hospital today received an inquiry from Aubrey Whyte of Hamilton, husband of Mrs. Louise White, asking if his wife had entered the hospital here during the past week.

Hospital authorities stated this morning they had no such woman registered. Mrs. Whyte disappeared from her home several days ago and a province-wide search has been launched to find her.

She returned to Hamilton after a trip and was about to go home with her four children. Changing her mind, she decided to visit a friend, and has not been heard of since. The husband apparently believed she might have come to London, suffering from loss of mind, and local hospital authorities have no record of a woman by that name.

BROUGHDALE CHURCH SHOWS \$101 SURPLUS

St. Luke's Congregation Hears Excellent Reports Submitted at Vestry Meeting.

Every society in St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, concluded the year with a credit balance, and one of the best years in the church history was indicated by the various reports presented at the annual vestry meeting held last evening. The total receipts for 1923 from all sources amounted to \$1,453, and after all expenses had been met a net surplus of \$101.19 remained. A vote of thanks was passed to the wardens for the creditable manner in which they had reduced the debt of the church during the short space of time which they had at their disposal, after being appointed at the special vestry meeting on November 28 last. Charles P. Ward was reappointed as the rector's warden, and William H. White as the people's warden. H. McLeod and G. Mason were elected auditors. Miss W. Dunsmuir was appointed vestry clerk, Mrs. R. Oke and Mrs. G. Ward were appointed parish visitors. Mr. George Mason was elected lay delegate to the synod, with Mr. J. Goulson as substitute.

W. H. White was appointed assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. The vestry expressed its appreciation of the rector, Rev. A. S. H. Cree, by a unanimously carried vote of thanks.

WILL CONSIDER BANNING FOREIGN FRUITS ON MARKET

Prevention of the sale of foreign fruits on the city market has been urged. The question will receive the consideration of the city council at an early date.

Market Clerk Maker conferred with Mayor Wenige today in connection with certain market affairs. He drew attention to the fact that no provision was made in the hucksters' bylaw regarding the sale of peaches and the other fruits imported from the United States.

OLD STREET RAILWAY HANGS ON IN LIMELIGHT

Council of 1924 Takes Up Merry Round of Debates From 1923.

NO ANSWER COMETH

Rumblings Still Persist, and Bylaw 916 is Working Overtime.

The chief difference between the attitude of the 1924 city council and that of the 1923 body toward the street railway situation is that the 1923 legislators began to turn it over on the 19th day of January, 1923, and the 1924 aldermen tackled the problem on the 21st day of January, 1924.

Taxes and death are the lot of every man, but the street car rumblings were ever present in the hours of the 1923 council. It was, indeed, a poor, slack month when some member did not break in with a trolley pole, and no two months could be spoken of unless in some way or other a couple of motors and a strip of track had been held up to view.

Bylaw No. 916 is still standing, even after the treatment it received in 1923. At one time it has been told to remain seated; at another it has been told to stand up and champion the hopes of the people. Still worse, every now and then either the city or the company comes along and the street car is over it with a coach and pair, and yet, when occasion demands, old 916 is supposed to have the lungs and the breath of legal worth flowing through its front wheels.

It was on Jan. 16, in the year 1923, that the city clerk, in his official capacity handed over to No. 1 committee certain clauses from the inaugural address of Mayor Wenige, which he had stated that it was folly to handle the situation with gloves on any longer. He was in the hold of the wires to see if there were any kink in them. It was also stated that there should be a test case ushered into the courts. The city heralds would blow a 916, long a resident of the city of London, was on the threshold of his legal standing in the community. All of this went to a special committee of No. 1 and No. 2.

Came a Calm. The January came a calm which the January had just one week before Valentine Day the special committee reported that they had the documents and moved that the special committee be named to stand at the bridge with Horatius. To this body was appended the name of J. A. Judd, Ald. Douglass and the mayor.

It was even suggested that this committee confer with the city solicitor to find out what he thought of the situation. Just who made this suggestion is not known, as the idea of conferring with the city solicitor, a matter of legal point is not often done in municipal circles.

Not one short week elapsed before the civic parchment was scratched with another entry, telling that the special committee had been named, and once more appear the mysterious words to confer with the city solicitor for the purpose of preparing an agreement with certain stipulations.

This "certain stipulations" is a phrase used only in large corporations. It is writing down in words what is meant by a wave of the hand or a slam of the door.

Mr. Currie's transportation committee, for that is the name given to this body of two and the mayor, had the matter up on Feb. 28. It was another entry on the date so that it would not run over into the dangerous month of March. On that occasion the mayor stated that the council must determine its action before March of 1924 (but they haven't). His worship was in favor, at that meeting, of getting into court as quickly as the street cars could get there. He claimed that the kind of cars in use were not the variety desired and visualized in the document named it is recorded that Ald. Burdick at that occasion actually got a vote through council to the effect that the citizens vote at the next election as to whether they would ride down town in buses or in street cars bearing their own name.

References Follow.

The references to buying the road, to regulating the road, and to making the company hop in the matter of paying the track allowance follow in quick succession. It was on March 5 that 916 was called out by the engineer to express upon the company the fact that it was the intention of the city to pave Stanley street, Richmond north and Adelaide street.

The ending of the first quarter finds the wind tempered to the shorn lamb, or the shorn lamb clothed to stand the breeze, and a brand new committee named to deal with the street railway company. Ald. Greer stating the idea being to come "to some agreement with the street railway company on March 26. The first special committee on transportation had been too warlike or too something or other, and another special committee of Ald. Greer, Drake,

"Whistling Lyd" Still Missing

Associated Press Despatch.

Plattsburgh, N.Y., Jan. 23.—No report of the whereabouts of Whistling Lyd, Hutchinson of Ashton, Idaho, had been received early today, though broadcasting stations at Rouse's Point and in this city, last night, asked for information.

"Whistling Lyd," woman dog team driver, left Elizabethton Monday night on route to this city with a dog team which she planned to drive to Montreal for the winter sports.

Douglass and Wat, named, they to go forth on a peaceful mission, asking that the street railway come over and discuss the situation. Nor is it recorded that Moses was instructed to carry the tables of stone marked 916 when he came down to treat with the enemy on the foot-hills.

Just to show that there was no hard feeling in the meeting, Ald. Burdick moved that the street railway run North Belt and Ottawa cars both ways. There was some discussion as to whether this meant both ways at once, so the matter was dropped, and the people were still thankful to see them going one way at a time.

On the 6th day of April the conference with the street railway company. Mr. Ivey at that early date brought in the plea of hard times, after which all the members of the council were reached over and thumbed old 916, shook his head and said "Nay, nay." Ald. Douglass was even more emphatic, and was ready to call out the troops if the company did not go ahead and do the paving and pay for it at once.

May Meetings. May coming on the calendar, so the May meeting was robust with new growth. On the 7th of May the regular meeting of the council was held in the city hall, the city engineer was once more notified to tell the street railway company to proceed with the paving of Stanley, Richmond and Adelaide. On this occasion, too, the council took refuge under the shadow of 916. Ald. Ivey, Mr. Currie and Mr. W. W. Wilkinsons and Mr. W. W. Wilkinsons for the coming year. Other appointments were Mr. J. Marchand, J. J. Ralph, John Miller and T. Mills.

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According to Professor R. E. Freeman of the University of Western Ontario, the party will sail on June 26 from Montreal to Glasgow by the Canadian Pacific steamship Metagama, on which the entire third class accommodation has been chartered. The party will be about \$325, covering hotels, meals, gratuities and ocean transportation. The program will include a week in Edinburgh, a week in Oxford, a week in Paris and two weeks in London, where the students will be accommodated in university hostels and colleges. The arrangements include a visit to the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley and a tour of the battlefields of France.

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Finally, just to allow the ratepayers to have their little say about the matter of owning the road, the council decided that there should be no vote on the matter but that the city council should go ahead and lay hands on the situation.

And so, as Mikawber walks around waiting for something to turn up, in walks the street railway question in 1924 and takes its accustomed seat at the head of the municipal table. And the legislators haven't yet had courage enough to press for marriage or even for divorce.

O. M. L. DIRECTORS TELL OF PROGRESS MADE LAST YEAR

Clubs Have Been Particularly Active in Direction Signing.

The directorate of the Ontario Motor League, in a circular letter to their members explains the elaborate system of local bureau by which the work of the league is accomplished and the safety and comfort of motorists achieved. The letter which is sent out to show motorists what services they can obtain from membership in the league says in part:

"During the past year the affiliated clubs of the league have been carrying on very actively and to the benefit of thousands of motorists. They have kept in close touch with road building operations in their localities. They have made recommendations in respect to the betterment of roads and they have been enabled to keep the entire provincial membership of their parent organization informed as to road work and road conditions in their respective localities."

The local clubs have been particularly active during the past year in direction and locality signing in their territories. A move which originated in 1923, and which has assumed considerable proportions has been that of marking the concession roads. Another activity of a number of the local clubs has been that of inducing rural residents to have their names inscribed on the local letter-boxes. These letter-boxes could then be used as local guide posts."

CHELSEA GREEN CHURCH REPORTS GOOD YEAR

Wardens Present Reports Showing Balance After All Expenses Paid.

Trinity Church, Chelsea Green, held its annual vestry meeting in the church on Monday evening of this week, with a large attendance. Mr. W. Gerrard was elected as delegate to the synod.

Church wardens read splendid reports of the past year's work. Total receipts were \$584.20, with a balance to the good of \$141.16. Mr. R. W. Wilkinsons and Mr. W. W. Wilkinsons for the coming year. Other appointments were Mr. J. Marchand, J. J. Ralph, John Miller and T. Mills.

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HARRY WRAY, G.W.V.A. HEAD, ILL IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Harry Wray, president of the London branch of the G. W. V. A., is a patient in Victoria Hospital. Mr. Wray, who is a fruit inspector, was missed by all members of the branch, hopes he will be back in his usual place in a short time. Mr. Wray has been ill since his return from his years of overseas service.

E. T. BOGUE WILL ADDRESS DISTRICT FRUIT GROWERS

E. T. Bogue, Strathroy, will address the fruit growers at the department of agriculture office here on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Bogue, who is a fruit inspector for this district, will speak on the growing and marketing of apples.

Efforts are being made to have H. G. Bell, soil and fertilizer expert, address the fruit men of the district at their meeting on February 7.

CAPTAIN M. RYAN DIES IN HOSPITAL OF PNEUMONIA

Popular R. C. R. Bandmaster Passes Away After Many Years' Faithful Service.

Captain Michael Ryan, bandmaster of the R. C. R. and one of the most popular officers attached to the permanent force, died shortly after 10 o'clock last night at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Captain Ryan was taken ill for several months, and was taken to St. Joseph's suffering from pneumonia. When complications set in physicians held little hope for his recovery, but by his indomitable courage and fighting spirit he took a decided change for the better Saturday. Yesterday morning hospital authorities reported his condition to be slightly improved, and the news of his death last night came as a decided shock to his many comrades at Wolsey Barracks and friends throughout the city.

Many Friends. Possessing a rare amiability and a keenly sympathetic nature, Captain Ryan, in the course of his long military career, had endeared himself to all ranks. He was noted for his geniality among the officers and soldiers of the R. C. R. and to those who knew him personally he was noted for his true sense of humor and ever ready wit.

Captain Ryan was born in Quebec City in 1865. He was an accomplished musician, having graduated from Kneller Hall, England, which is the Imperial Army school of music. For more than twenty years he was with the Leicester and West India Regiments until 1906, and had travelled the world over.

He had been attached to the Canadian force for 18 years, during which time he was stationed at Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Valcartier Camp and London.

Attached to the R. C. R. since 1906, and served overseas from the commencement of the war until 1917. He possessed the Coronation medal, Imperial Long Service Medal, and General Service medal for the late war.

For the past three years he had been stationed at Wolsey Barracks, and in the position of bandmaster of the famous R. C. R. band. He was reputed to be one of the most accomplished bandmasters in Canada.

Forty Years' Service. Captain Ryan's death last night closed 40 years of loyal and honest service to the Empire and Canadian arms. He was a member of the Catholic Church, having attended St. Peter's Cathedral.

He is survived by his widow and six children: a son, Harry, of Memphis, Tenn.; James at home; Bert, Bernard and Michael in Nova Scotia. One daughter, Ellen, is attending Mount St. Vincent Academy.

Full military honors will be accorded Captain Ryan in his funeral. The body will be transported from E. C. Killingsworth's funeral parlors on Monday evening to the C. N. R. station tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The whole of "C" Company of the R. C. R. will be in attendance, and the R. C. R. Band, of which Captain Ryan had been leader for many years, will play the funeral march. The body is to be sent to Halifax for burial and upon its arrival there it will be met by "C" Company of the R. C. R. and similar military honors will be carried out.

PROMISED DIVERSION DOES NOT MATERIALIZE

Mayor Was To Have Been Sued For \$51,000 on Track Allowance.

Mayor Wenige narrowly missed being sued for the \$51,000 due the city from the street railway company for the Richmond, Briscoe and Stanley streets track allowance. The Advertiser was notified today.

It was explained that certain of the mayor's opponents were so serious about their proposal to make the mayor liable for this expenditure that they approached the mayor's office and asked him to proceed with the case in the usual manner.

But proceedings have been abandoned. It is now announced. It has been decided not to sue the mayor after all.

SIX HUNDRED EXPECTED AT LABOR CONGRESS HERE

Members of the executive committee of the Trades and Labor Council met last night to outline preliminary plans for the annual Dominion Trades Congress of Canada, to be held here September 10-12. It was roughly estimated that this early date that at least 600 or 700 delegates will attend from all parts of the Dominion.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE. The Life Women's Club announces that owing to the large number of citizens who have been unable to obtain seats for the performance of the musical comedy "All Aboard" at the Patricia Theatre an extra performance has been arranged for tonight. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the staff of the London Life or at Wendell Holmes, Limited. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Child Welfare Association.



LAST PICTURE OF LENINE. This picture of the soviet premier Nikolai Lenin was taken a few days before Christmas at the soviet dictator's villa near Moscow. Let us, although an invalid for the past few months, had directed the affairs of state.

News From City Churches

KNOX GIRLS' AUXILIARY.

The Girls' Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church met last evening at the home of Miss Marjorie Dicks, Elmwood avenue. The evening was spent in a social way and in sewing for a baby for whom the auxiliary have undertaken to care.

KNOX CHURCH SESSION.

The annual meeting of the session of Knox Presbyterian Church was held last evening, and the reports for the year were read and reviewed. This is prior to the annual financial meeting of the congregation, which takes place next Friday evening, and at which the entire year's work will be summed up. Two appointments were made at last night's meeting. L. H. Scandrett succeeds Wm. Wadell, who has served as a number of years as representative at Presbytery, and Mr. Wadell was appointed the church secretary for mission funds.

C. E. S.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Southern Congregational Church, met recently, the president, Dr. H. Taylor, in the chair. A splendid paper on "Missionary Triumph in Japan" was given by Miss Edna Clark. Jack Osbourne gave a descriptive essay on Japan and also contributed a solo to the program. Arrangements were made for a mission society of the city is being held in the Southern Congregational Church.

CIRCLE OF HOME INDUSTRY.

The Circle of Home Industry of the Southern Congregational Church met last evening at the home of William Powell, Maitland street, and the president, Mrs. M. Todman, was in the chair. After the completion of business, a social gathering followed. The girls planned to meet at the previous meeting the members made initial arrangements for a Valentine social and concert to be held in the church on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

A. Y. P. A.

A short business meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of the Church of the Redeemer was held last evening at the home of Mrs. J. B. Stinson, a toboggan party to be held at the end of the month.

ASKIN STREET JUNIOR M. C.

The Junior Mission Circle of Askin Street Methodist Church met last evening at the home of the Misses Marjorie and Bessie Curtis, Briscoe street. Among other important business dealt with it was decided that the membership contest should be continued until the February meeting. The girls planned to set aside next week as "Self Denial" week and the money resulting will go to an orphanage in memory of Miss Craig. The study book was continued, the lesson being taken by Freda Dobyns, Alfred Curtis and Elsie Curtis. Mrs. H. J. Childs concluded with a synopsis of the chapters dealing with the European family wit. The girls present were greatly interested in the Chinese boxes exhibited by Mrs. Childs. They were sent to her from a Chinese orphanage, where they are sold and sold as a means of support. There were about 25 members present at the meeting.

RIDOUT STREET W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Ridout Street Methodist Church held a social meeting yesterday at the home of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Agnew, and Mrs. Agnew, Windsor avenue. The principal feature of the occasion was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. P. W. Scandrett, who with her family leaves shortly to live in Saskatchewan. Mrs. Scandrett has been a member of the W. M. S. for many years, and has been very active in the work of the church. She has been particularly helpful in the work of the mission band. During the afternoon Mrs. E. N. Trace contributed a delightful solo, and the works of Miss Godwin's group was members spent some time in the Stephens. Miss Godwin's group was

DUNDAS CENTRE C. G. I. T.

There were about thirty girls present at a recent meeting of the C. G. I. T. of Dundas Centre Methodist Church, when Miss Pocock's group was in charge of a literary program. Two interesting items were the story of John Huss, given by Mary Tambling, and a paper on the life and work of Mozart, given by Vera in charge of the meeting which preceded the supper.

POLITICS DEPRIVES CITY MOTOR CLUB OF FINE INCOME

Transference of Motor License Issuer Causes Protest From Official.

EQUIPMENT WASTED

The slashing of the political axe is considered by some members of the London Motor Club as the underlying motive in the transference of the issuing of motor licenses from the club to H. J. Childs. While Mr. Childs is personally extremely popular with these members, they feel that after going to considerable expense in rigging up an office specially to carry on the issuing of licenses, it was altogether too wide a swing of the axe to take the work away from the club.

They also feel that it is not entirely in keeping with the usual attitude of Sir Adam Beck on political interference with any organization that is working well and giving really valuable public service.

One member said that when he had expostulated with Sir Adam on the proposed change the London member had answered:

"I understood that it was not usual for motor clubs to issue licenses. I thought it was generally done by a private individual." When told by the member that ten motor clubs in the province, with the largest membership, were license issuers, he replied:

"Well, in that case it is different. I agree that the club should carry on its work, but you know there are some cheap pulling my coat tails pretty hard."

Members point out that licenses are issued by the Motor Clubs of Toronto, Hamilton, Peterborough, Ottawa, Brantford, Windsor, Stratford, St. Thomas, St. Catharines, and Chatham. Brantford and London are the only cases where the political axe has prevented a motor club from continuing its work in this way.

Fred Ross, president of the club, and Mr. Childs are hoping to come to some arrangement whereby the present quarters of the club in the Richmond Hotel may be used as the license headquarters.

L.S.C.I. ORATORY FINALS PLANNED FOR FRIDAY

Winners in Senior Class To Receive Gold Medals Offered by Parents' Association.

The finals in the oratorical contest of the London South Collegiate Institute will be held Friday night, when the orators who have survived previous meetings will compete for the medals offered by the parents' association.

Originally 25 entrants, the number has now been cut down to two in each class, making a total of eight. The winners in the senior boys' and girls' division, will receive gold medals, while the winners in the junior class will receive silver medals. The winners of the senior class will also automatically become the representatives of the school in the Ontario Provincial Contest, which will be held at the University of Toronto, in London, Ontario, on February 8.

The judge for Friday night, announced by the parents' association, will be Mr. T. H. Graham; Mr. Rev. T. D. McCullough, F. C. Jennings, and Mr. A. E. O'Neill.

TRUSTEES OF MIDDLESEX WILL MEET TOMORROW

Extensive Two-Day Program Is Prepared For Members of Association.

The Middlesex School Trustees and Ratepayers Association holds its annual convention in London on Friday and Saturday of this week. An extensive program has been arranged by Charles Macle, president, and Ethel Robson, secretary.

The convention will commence at 1:30 at the court house, and meetings will be held during the afternoon and evening. Arrangements have been made for addresses and discussion. On Friday evening Dean Sherwood Fox of the University of Western Ontario is to deliver an address. The convention will also be held at the Normal School and also scheduled to give addresses, Dr. Phair, chief school medical officer, will speak on "School Health" on Saturday morning. In the evening election of officers and a round table conference regarding the status and work of the association will take place.

ACTOR RECEIVES WORD OF FATHER'S DEATH IN U.S.

"Shorty" Dewitt, a member of the "Youthful Follies," now playing at the Grand Opera House, received word this morning of the death of his father in the States.

In charge of the meeting which preceded the supper.

For particular people—
Are you "Particular"? Then try this "particular" coffee