

SAFE PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN

An Association to Secure Them Organized by Public-Signed by Citizens.

A meeting of delegates from the different organizations of the city was held in the committee room of the city hall last evening to consider the subject of public playgrounds for the children of London. The meeting was well attended by enthusiastic interested people, and though some of the organizations have not yet elected their delegates to the committee, it is hoped they will have done so by the next meeting to be held in two weeks' time.

The necessity of the playgrounds becomes very apparent to even the most casual observer as the warm spring days come. To those who drive of those who walk, children playing in the roads and hanging about the corners for lack of some place of their own where they have a right to play are becoming a public nuisance. In New York City, even among the most lawless, the playgrounds have been proven to be all the promoters promised. The children have been kept off the streets and being held responsible for the good name of their special plot, have become a law unto themselves and thus they are being educated for good citizenship.

It was resolved to form an organization to be known as the Public Play Grounds Association of the city of London. Sheriff Cameron was appointed president and Miss N. Colquhoun secretary. The city was divided into sections and the following committees were appointed to get all the information in regard to any lands that might be available for the purpose.

For the north—The President and Mr. E. J. Walker.

For the south—Messrs. Balkwill and Fraser.

For the east—Messrs. Hayman and Sanders.

For the west—Mr. W. E. Saunders.

And Mr. Pearce as member of them all.

Some of the properties suggested by Mr. J. S. Pearce, whose untiring efforts for the present organization over the last year, were the Parkes estate, the Harvey property, Queen's Park, a piece near the military school.

Other suggestions were: The Cove flats, end of Wellington street cut off by C. E. R. railway, Broughdale, the island south of hospital, the island, the mill race, the sand pit, Mr. Anthistie; some vacant lots more central for smaller children.

It was thought wise to get permission from the owners of the vacant lots for the children the use of these for the coming season, where sand piles and other facilities at small cost might be installed at once.

The committee solicits the hearty support of every citizen to further their work and hope to receive numerous helpful suggestions in their efforts for the welfare of the children and the fair city of London at large.

ROUGH ON THE RED MAN

Summers "Slated" on Two Charges—Fines and Costs Total Over \$30.

John Summers, the Indian who was arrested by Constable A. C. Powless at Muncy Station a day or so ago on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, appeared before Squire Chittick today and was fined \$2 and costs or 15 days in jail.

This afternoon W. J. Lang, a merchant at Muncy Station, laid an information against the Indian, charging assault, and was fined in all \$14 and costs, the latter amounting to over \$27, with the option of serving 25 days in jail at hard labor. Summers asked for time to pay his fine, as he said he had wealthy relatives living in St. Thomas.

The back of Summers' neck is literally covered with scars from knife wounds, and he bears the reputation of being a bad Indian. About four or five months ago he was fined by Indian Agent Sutherland for fighting, and it is said that he has been arrested on numerous previous occasions.

REDUCE DEBT ONE-HALF

Congregation of Dundas Street Methodist Church Will Make Attempt.

The congregation of the Dundas Street Methodist Church will endeavor during the next two years to make a reduction of 50 per cent in the debt on the church property.

The debt at present amounts to \$20,000. The question of making a reduction in the amount was brought up at a meeting of the trustees board some time ago, when the pastor, Rev. E. B. Laneley, agreed to undertake the canvass of the congregation if it appeared at all possible to secure the amount desired. A number of the members were approached in the matter, and the response was so encouraging that it was felt that the \$10,000 could be obtained.

The anniversary of the church will be celebrated on May 19, when payment of the first installment will be asked. There is little doubt that the \$5,000 will be placed on the plates, as the congregation is exceedingly loyal. The payment of the second installment will be made at the anniversary in 1908.

LEOPOLD FAILS.

Brussels, May 1.—Additional information seems to confirm the reports that King Leopold's efforts to secure the support of France against the policy of Great Britain towards the Congo, have failed.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LET-WAREHOUSE ON DUNDAS STREET, business center, three stories high, 100x20 feet, plate glass windows, electric light, hot water furnace. Apply B. A. Mitchell, druggist.

DRY SPELL SETS IN IN ONTARIO

Eighty-Three Barrooms Closed Their Doors Today as Local Option Result.

As the result of local option votes taken in January last, 83 barrooms in Ontario closed their doors today.

The Pioneer, the organ of temperance, states that this is only a small matter compared to what other May Days have brought about, because there are in all 238 municipalities in Ontario where liquor is not sold.

The following are the municipalities in which the barrooms went out of business today, May 1:

*Alisa, Craig, Arvan, Asphodel, Bruce, Chinguacousy, Cramahe, North Dumfries, Dymond, Fullarton, South Gosfield, Goulbourn, West Gwillimbury, Harley, Hensall, Huron, Innisfil, Jocelyn, Manvers, Marlboro, March, Mersea, Midland, Mono, Nepean, West Nisour, North Norwich, Onondaga, *Orillia, *Port Carling, Port, Portland, Richmond, Saugeen, South Sherbrooke, St. Joseph, Stanley, Tecumseh, *Teeswater, *Tosborne, North Walsingham, *Waterford, *Weston, *Winchester.

Places marked * are incorporated towns or villages.

CONCERT AT ST. GEORGE'S

Successful Entertainment Last Evening in West London Sunday School.

One of the best and most successful entertainments ever given in connection with St. George's Church, West London, was held last night under the auspices of the Sunday school. The hall was filled, standing room being scarcely available, and many were turned away. Rev. G. B. Sage occupied the chair.

An excellent and varied programme was rendered, evidencing much time and preparation on the part of the managers. Mr. Charles Milligan, Misses Gahan and Saunders, The Askin Street Male Chorus gave several numbers, and Misses Carmichael, Finnegan and little Miss Tait recited in their usual pleasing style. Solos, quartets and duets were rendered by others—all being received with vigorous encores.

The special features of the evening were: A dialogue, entitled "A Business Meeting," given by eight young ladies, and a play, "The Business of the Day," by a group of ladies and gentlemen, demonstrating the timely help of the "lady from Philadelphia," when the cook took ill, leaving an uncooked dinner awaiting the invited guests.

The last, and perhaps the best, feature of the evening was the flower drill, given by sixteen young ladies in white, with girdles and wreaths of flowers. The graceful movements, the most careful training on the part of the leader, Miss M. Wallace. The latter and Mrs. Milligan, sen., who acted as pianist for the drill, were both presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses by little Miss Tait, as an act of appreciation on the part of the young ladies for the trouble and time spent in rehearsing.

The programme closed with "God Save the King," and all left feeling they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

PURLOINING OF A HORSE

Mitigating Circumstances Alleged to Exist in Evans' Case.

Richard Evans, the London Townsman who was recently arrested on a charge of stealing a horse, the property of Thomas Stoddart, of West Nisour, appeared before Judge Elliott this morning, pleaded guilty to the charge, and was remanded one week for sentence.

E. Meredith K. C., appeared for the prisoner, and said that while he acknowledged that the man was lawfully guilty, there were certain mitigating circumstances in connection with the theft that he desired to bring out. He also stated that a petition in the prisoner's behalf showing his previous good character would be presented.

It was explained that Evans' sister died recently and that she was to be buried tomorrow.

The circumstances under which the alleged theft took place are said to be very peculiar, but all the facts have not as yet been given out. However, it is known that the stolen horse was pastured in a field on the complainant's property when taken. Mr. Stoddart, the owner, when he missed the animal offered a reward of \$100—\$50 for the return of the horse, which is said to be valued at \$200. When Evans was arrested he confessed to his guilt and at once offered to return the animal to its owner.

THE I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY

Committee Complete Arrangements for Tomorrow Night's Event.

The anniversary committee of the Independent Order of Oddfellows met last night and completed arrangements for the gathering to be held in the hall corner of Dundas and Clarence streets tomorrow evening. The anniversary is the 1st, and the four local lodges, together with the two lodges of Daughters of Rebekah, are joining to make it the best in the history of London. The first part of the programme will include the conferring of degrees by both branches of the order, after which a gathering will be held in the main hall. Addresses are to be given by Past Grand Master Hoyle, of Canby; Past Grand Master R. K. Cowan, of this city, and Past Grand Sir Dr. C. L. Campbell. The proceedings will close with a banquet.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE

Is sent direct to the diseased part, and is improved by the use of the urethra. Heals the ureters, clears the passages, stops droppings in the urine, cures Catarrh and Hay Fever, Blower and all ailments of the urinary system. All Dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—No. 3 committee of the city council meets tonight. It is probable that the question of providing a fund for disabled firemen will be taken up.

—The many friends of Mr. Wesley Harrison, of Dundas street east, will be pleased to know that he is able to be around again after a long illness.

—No. 2 committee of the board of education met yesterday afternoon, and after going over the minutes, instructed that tenders for the addition to St. George's school be called at once.

—Toronto Globe: Hon. Geo. W. Ross announces the engagement of his daughter Ellen, to Mr. Austin Hutchinson. The marriage will take place on Tuesday, May 7.

—Messrs. George C. Phelps, Eldon Westman and Wm. Skinner, of this city, were in Hamilton last evening assisting in an oratorical given in the Centenary Methodist Church under the direction of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, formerly of this city.

—Mr. Adam Brydon, who has charge of the Scotch farm in Nissour Township, wishes it stated that the horse recently stolen, it is alleged, by Richard Evans, was not taken from the Scotch farm premises, but from another farm, owned by Mr. Stoddard, of Buffalo.

—A Chinaman who was biking on the sidewalk on Stanley street this morning collided with a little girl, knocking her down and injuring her. The child lives at No. 6 The Ridgeway, South London, and the parents are intending to prosecute the Chin if they can ascertain the name of the man who witnessed the accident.

—The members of the Bible class of New St. James' Presbyterian Church last night presented Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parkinson with a handsome stand and palm, at their residence on Ridout street south. Mr. Parkinson has until recently been their leader, and the class took this opportunity of showing their regard for him.

—Mr. Arthur Stringer, of New York, the talented author and story-writer, and one of London's most distinguished Old Boys, was in the city today for a few hours en route to his summer home in Cedar Springs, Kent County. He was accompanied by Mrs. Stringer, well known in the theatrical world as Miss Jobyna Howlands.

—The men in connection with Dundas Center Church are to give an entertainment in the lecture hall on the evening of May 7. A model session of the House of Commons is being arranged for, and some important measures will be introduced and discussed. A male chorus, quartet and orchestra will add variety to the programme.

—The arts examinations at the Western University commenced this morning and will continue until the 14th. About 70 students are writing.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE GUSHER.

The well which the water commissioners have been boring near Carling's brewery, is now down 99 feet, but it manifests no symptoms of turning into a gusher. At 65 feet water was struck, but the flow is small.

A DAY'S BUILDING PERMITS.

The following building permits were issued today: H. Watson, for a 1½-story brick veneer residence at the corner of Smith and Trafalgar streets; W. J. Kilpatrick, for the erection of a brick cottage on Lorne avenue.

WON PROMOTION.

Mr. Fred Delaney, who has had charge of the Calgary branch of the McCall Manufacturing Company, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of the shipping and storehouse department in this city.

SETTLED THE CASE.

Several hours were spent this morning at the police court hearing a juvenile case, in which one small boy was charged with having struck another boy over the head with a baseball bat, but after the court had copied down several sheets of evidence, the parties concerned decided to settle the matter among themselves.

"THE MIKADO."

The production of "The Mikado" by local talent on May 17 and 18 promises to be one of the best amateur shows yet seen in the city. The chorus of 60 vocalists is training hard, and there is every indication that as a whole the performance will excel many of the musical comedies now on the road. The costumes are being brought from New York. One of the most beautiful effects will be the silver show at the close of the second act. The production will be put on at Bennett's Vaudeville, instead of the Grand.

GOING TO NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. L. E. Davis, B.A., son of Dean Davis, of the St. James' Anglican Church, who has recently returned from Toronto, leaves today for New Brunswick, where he will spend the summer. Mr. Davis last week completed a course at the Toronto University, where he won honors in every subject that he took up, and first-class honors in a few subjects.

WORK ON SEWERS BEGUN

Contractor C. W. Dill, of Toronto, today commenced work on the Ottawa avenue main sewer extension.

So far the work has been easy, but it is expected that quicksand will be encountered in a couple of days.

Mr. Dill is going at the work very carefully, and until he gets past the water and quicksand he has determined to employ only a small number of men. The depth of the sewer is about fifteen feet at the place of beginning.

Engineer Graydon today instructed Assistant Engineer Mitchell to commence the work of surveying for the north end sewer. This sewer goes through the Becher estate, along Grosvenor to St. George, along St. George to Victoria, and east on Victoria to Adelaide street.

The sewer is the longest being put down this year, and will traverse about a mile.

The Bell Telephone Company is removing its poles from the path of the Dundas street sewer. The job is no easy one, from the fact that the big poles are in the ground about seven feet.

For the TOILET

We have about all the toilet aids or requisites that you can ask for. The perfumes, creams, lotions, powders and beautifiers that have real worth will always be found here. We have several of our own make that we sell under a guarantee, and which we know to be as harmless as they are effective.

Strong's Drug Store

Strong's Baking Powder leads—others follow.

SECTION GANG RUN DOWN BY TRAIN

Three Killed, One Fatally Injured and Two More Badly Mangled.

Rochester, N. Y., April 30.—An east-bound accommodation train of the New York Central, ran into a gang of section hands two miles east of Batavia today, killing three of them outright, fatally injuring a fourth and seriously injuring the assistant foreman, Daniel O'Leary, whose leg was later amputated at a hospital in Batavia.

The names of the victims could not be learned.

The accident took place near Godfrey's pond. The men stepped out of the way of a westbound freight and directly in front of the passenger.

LABOR BUREAU OPENED

Branch of Ontario Department Now Doing Business in London.

The London branch of the Ontario Government's labor bureau was opened this morning in charge of Mr. Andrew Ellis. The establishment of the London branch marks a lot of change now in the Province, the others being in Hamilton and Ottawa.

The head of the department, Mr. Armstrong, of Toronto, was in the city on Saturday instructing Mr. Ellis in his duties. The object of the bureau is simply to furnish information regarding vacant situations, both to unskilled and skilled workmen. Domestic cases can also receive information free of charge.

In order to make the bureau as useful as possible, registration is requested of all vacant positions.

GIFT FOR MR. TYTLER

British Bowlers Show Appreciation of His Efforts.

Mr. James Tytler, secretary of the Western Ontario Bowling Association, this morning received a very handsome emblem from the British bowlers as a mark of their appreciation for Mr. Tytler's efforts put forth in their behalf upon the occasion of their visit to London last year. The design is a St. Andrew's Cross, with crown at top, and a shield in the center, containing a maple leaf in the center, with the inscription surrounding it: "Presented by the British Bowling team, 1906."

The present comes direct from Mr. J. T. Taylor, president of the British bowlers team of 1906, and the secretary, Mr. A. H. Hamilton, of Edinburgh.

Similar emblems have been received by the following gentlemen in Ontario: Mr. J. Bennett, London; Mr. Geo. Hargrave, C. R. W. Postlethwaite, C. Swabey, Geo. Anderson, Toronto; James Russell, Hamilton; H. Musson, W. Brown, Montreal; H. C. Schofield, Geo. Creelman, Guelph; A. Fall, C. E. Nasmith, Stratford; W. Robins, Walkerville; E. Weid, London; T. S. Ford, Mitchell. The medals were designed and manufactured by Robert Scott, of Glasgow, one of the British team.

EARTHQUAKE AND FAMINE

Deplorable Distress in Billis District of Turkish Armenia.

Constantinople, May 1.—Earthquakes and famine are causing deplorable distress in the Billis district of Turkish Armenia. A dispatch received from there April 29 said that earthquakes were still being felt there, accompanied by terrific thunder storms and lightning, which had wrought much havoc. The food supplies, it was added, were inadequate.

The authorities are furnishing little relief except in rebuilding fallen structures.

LARDER LAKE ASSAY

Prospector Reports \$7,000 to the Ton Gold Assay.

Windsor, Ont., May 1.—Former City Engineer Newell has returned here from the Larder Lake district, where he has been engaged in making plans of the district, to be used in registering claims. One Government assay which he saw, he says, gave \$1,782 to the ton, while he was told of other assays which had been made by private individuals running to the possible exaggerated figure of \$7,000 to the ton. In spite of the fact that actual mining operations have as yet hardly begun, except for the sinking of some shafts, people have crowded to the gold fields in large numbers, and every bit of land is said to be staked off for a distance of fifteen miles west of the lake, and the same distance north.

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY We Will Sell Stylish Silks at Less Than Old Prices.

A line of BLACK TAFFETA that we now retail at 75c has been advanced to 75c wholesale.

JAPANESE TAFFETA SILKS have advanced 20 per cent. In fact, there is not a silk that is not costing fully 20 per cent more than three months ago.

Only a store prepared to contract months (and in some instances a year) ahead, and in a position to carry enormous silk stocks can offer you buying chances like these.

Black Beau de Soie That You Cannot Buy for Less Than 75c, Thursday and Friday Per Yard 49c

A high rich-finished French Beau de Soie, guaranteed wear, stamped selvage. You'll perhaps never buy a silk like this again at the price.

Embroidered Japan Taffeta, 79c Value for 59c

Twenty-four-inch all-silk Jap Taffeta. White embroidered with black. Navy embroidered with white. Sky embroidered with white. White embroidered with rose. Black with self-embroidered spot.

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A splendid wearing Taffeta. Colors—cardinal, brown, gray, navy, cream, champagne and myrtle; regular 45c yard. Special Thursday and Friday.....33c

A TWENTY-ITCH JAPAN TAFFETA—Dyed and taffeta finished in Lyons. Our special price per yard.....25c

Black, cream, ivory, white and a complete range of wanted shades.

Fashionable Polka Dot Jap Taffeta

Twenty-four inch, white with black, navy with white, white with navy, black with white. Special, per yard.....49c

Thirty-inch French Taffeta 89c

Regular dollar quality French Taffeta, serviceable, and rich finish. Note the width. A bargain at.....89c

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LIFE BEGINS FOR EDDY

Eldest Son of Wales Joins the Royal Naval College.

London, May 1.—Prince Edward of Wales, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, today joined the Royal Naval College at Osborne, Isle of Wight, as a cadet. He will be treated exactly the same as the 400 other cadets, will occupy a bunk in the college dormitory, and will be restricted to the 25 cents weekly pocket money allowed by the regulations. Prince Edward was born June 23, 1894.

FEAR TO OFFEND JAPAN

Production of the Opera "Mikado" Barred in England.

London, April 29.—A rumor has been rife lately as to the reason that induced Mrs. D'Oyly Carte not to produce "The Mikado" at the Savoy Theatre after having announced it.

The mystery was solved in the House of Commons, when Under Secretary Runciman, in reply to a question, said that no complaint had been received from Japan, but that the lord chamberlain had withdrawn the license for its production, the prohibition affecting the provinces as well as London.

No other reason than the Anglo-Japanese entente can be given. It seems that the Government is afraid that the performance of this, one of the most popular of the Gilbert-Sullivan operas, would offend the susceptibilities of the Japanese, as it must be remembered that to the Japanese the Mikado is a deity.

It is stated that the suppression of "The Mikado" was due to a suggestion from the King. Some of the papers are howling as if they intended to promote agitation against the decision.

It was Prince Arthur who took the Order of the Garter to the Mikado, and it was while the King's nephew was in Japan that it was whispered discreetly to him the number of Japanese who had seen the opera in England had been deeply offended and had reported their impressions to the Japanese court.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Ship	From	Arrived
Kronland	New York	Antwerp
La Bretagne	New York	Antwerp
Kaiser Wilhelm	New York	Antwerp
Der Grosse	New York	Bremen
Oskar II.	New York	Copenhagen
Gros Kur	New York	Naples
Merion	New York	Bremen
Minnehaha	London	New York
Pomeranian	London	St. John
Petersburg	London	New York
Finland	Antwerp	New York
Ron Prinz Wil.	Cherbourg	New York
Algeria	London	New York
Madonna	Naples	New York
Southark	Liverpool	Portland
Athena	Fame Point	Glasgow

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	77	80	79	80
July	81	83	81	83
September	85	87	85	87
May	49	50	49	50
July	49	50	49	50
September	49	50	49	50
May	45	47	45	47
July	45	47	45	47
September	45	47	45	47
May	15	16	15	16
July	15	16	15	16
September	15	16	15	16
May	8.50	8.62	8.50	8.62
July	8.72	8.77	8.65	8.75
September	8.82	8.87	8.65	8.82
May	8.67	8.72	8.65	8.72

PETERS' CANDY

is always put up in attractive form.

Lings for the quarter were a new record for the March period, being \$39,100,000, as compared with the low record of \$13,400,000 in 1904. Changed bookkeeping methods prevented a showing of close to \$40,000,000. Copper Metal fortnightly statistics compiled abroad and our record of copper exports for April are favorable and the metal continues to advance in London. Indications are that the banks may make a net loss on cash operations this week, but May mercantile remittances to this center are becoming a factor and may offset any loss. There is belief in some quarters that Bank of England will shortly announce a further lowering of its discount rate, sentiment is pessimistic and on speculations the general list should prove an excellent purchase. Sales of stocks to noon were 212,100 shares.

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16 MASONIC TEMPLE, Correspondent Ennis & Stannard STOCKS AND BONDS For Cash or on Margin.

TORONTO, Toronto, May 1, 1907.

Stock	Ask	Bid
Rio Janeiro	41	40 1/2
Sao Paulo Railway	41	40 1/2
Twin City	41	40 1/2
Winnipeg Railway	41	40 1/2
Northern Navigation	41	