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## Board of Health Organizes With Mr. Charles M. Gibson Elected As Its Chairman

### Citizen Complains That Collegiate Girl Caught Smallpox Through Holding Books Belonging to Another Pupil Who Had Caught the Disease.

Charles M. Gibson was elected chairman of the Board of Health at the organization meeting yesterday. The Finance Committee is composed of D. W. Eagle and W. P. Holmes. The Management Committee is composed of Dr. Curry, chairman, and the whole board.

W. E. Emmitt, 51 Chaplin avenue, wrote the board, claiming that his cousin, Alma Macdonald, had contracted smallpox by being asked by the science master of the Collegiate Institute to leaf over books belonging to other pupils while he fumigated them. The girl went home and in time contracted the disease. Her mother is a widow and supporting herself by dressmaking, was compelled to lose her source of income, as the home was quarantined, together with the added expense of a doctor, etc. The total expense was \$23.57, which bills Mr. Emmitt presented to the board. He said the case was a matter for investigation.

Dr. Curry thought there should be an investigation. If it is true Mr. Jackson asked this girl to remain after four o'clock and help him fumigate, there certainly should be some explanation. Mr. Jackson certainly must have thought there was some danger or he would not have fumigated the books. Of course the board was responsible for the account.

Dr. Curry thought a copy of the letter should be sent to Principal Coombs with the request for an explanation.

This was made into the form of a resolution and passed.

The account was also ordered paid.

D. Fraser complained of the city dumping ground at the bridge of the

old canal near Geneva street. The sanitary inspector will investigate this and report to the board.

Mrs. H. L. Murray, matron of the Isolation Hospital, sent in her resignation to take effect March first, because of shortage of salary and otherwise of work.

Dr. Curry in a report to the board showed that since November first about three times the number of contagious disease cases have been reported than for the previous twelve months, outside of influenza.

He advised calling a meeting to discuss means to combat the flu if it comes.

The Isolation Hospital is doing excellent work and he highly complimented Mr. and Mrs. Murray, who certainly deserve more consideration in the way of salary, conveniences, etc.

He suggested prizes for children for fly-swatting.

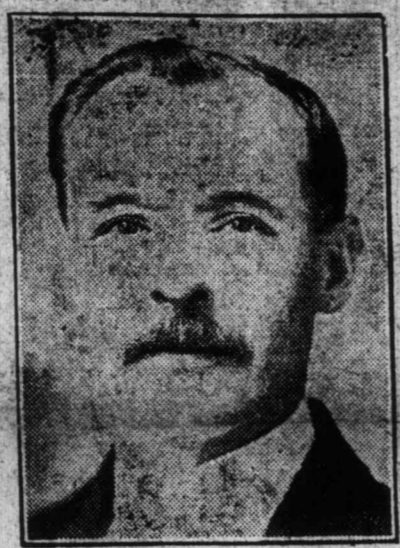
Dr. Curry made a strong plea for increased wages for Mr. and Mrs. Murray, as if they carried out their intentions to leave he didn't know what would happen. The present diphtheria visitation is likely to last for several months. The couple had been offered about double what they are making in another town. They are paid \$1200 a year now.

It was decided to give Dr. Curry a gratuity if they will stay. They have been there five years.

Mayor Lovelace brought up the question of garbage disposal. Some cities sell theirs and make something out of it. He moved that information be obtained by the secretary and salvage of city garbage.

The board adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 8.30.

WILL HEAD THE NEW BOARD OF HEALTH



CHARLES M. GIBSON  
New Chairman of the St. Catharines Board of Health.

## Make Estimate As to the Value Of the N. S. & T.

The Journal learns that representatives of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission were in the city yesterday, looking over the N. S. & T. Ry. system, with a view of a little later placing a figure before the Dominion Government that the Commission, acting on behalf of municipalities, is willing to pay for the lines, plants, equipment, etc. Sir Adam Beck is on his way back from England, and it is stated that as soon as he returns negotiations will be opened for the purchase of the Dominion Cataract Power and Transmission Company, of which the Lincoln Electric Company of St. Catharines is a subsidiary, and for the purchase of the N. S. & T., if satisfactory terms can be arranged.

It will be recalled that Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, in his letter to Mr. Chaplin in November said the Dominion was prepared to consider negotiations for the transfer of the electric lines of the National system to the Power Commission if an agreement could be reached. The representatives of the Commission are said to be looking over the system for the purpose of calculating what figure is to be offered.

If the Cataract Power Company is taken over by the Commission there will go with it the Hamilton and Grimsby electric railway, and there is the possibility that instead of building an entirely new road from Hamilton to St. Catharines, this line may be improved and utilized as far as Grimsby, and an extension would in that case be built into St. Catharines from Grimsby.

A right-of-way for the proposed Hydro railway from Port Credit to St. Catharines is being bought, this paper is informed, and it is possible that this summer may see a commencement on the actual construction of the road which would take a considerable time for completion.

Sir Wm. Tritton and Major Wilcox have been awarded fifteen thousand pounds sterling between them in respect to their claims as Tank inventors.

Owing to a grave illness, Dr. Cecil Lyster has retired from charge of the electric therapeutic department of the Middlesex Hospital in England.

Bell and George Watkins, the moving men.

Howard Freeman interpreted the "Mystic Shrine" hubbly truly, and Ben White gave a satisfactory performance of "Philip Evans."

"Fair and Warmer" is of the class of "close to the wind" in a moral way, farces which seem to have caught the popular taste, and it comprises situations so funny that, as was mentioned before, the suggestiveness is forgotten in one's risibility emotions. Look the word up in the dictionary—we think it's right.

## PITIED AND YET ADMIRED

She was wonderfully pretty and lithe, a childish figure; perhaps, though, she would be seventeen or eighteen. And there, right on the busiest part of St. Paul street, this morning, was this gentle fairy, without a stitch of clothing on her, complacently stepping forth for a bath in spite of the freezing weather.

To the sweet maiden unadorned except for what Nature had given her, the fact that she was in such a state, appeared never to appeal to her. Except for a downcast eye, her one intimation of modesty, she seemed quite indifferent to the gaze of male passers-by, and the sniffs of disdain of awestruck prudes of her own dear sex. And that bit of modesty was most gloriously fetching, if you will take the word of the reporter of these facts.

Trus, we pitied her unprotected state in the freezing weather, and fame would have reasoned with her and prevailed upon her to tie herself off to the nearest ready-made store—yet, so indifferent seemed the maid to all prospective offers of assistance, that we refrained, as no doubt did many another mere male, taking it for granted that it was all a pleasant dream.

And yet, she stood there—graceful is scarcely the word—a rare picture of innocence and beauty, in spite of seeming evidence to the contrary.

And, bless us, she continued to stand there, apparently enjoying the atmosphere and reluctant to take to the water—as most maids and men are at first—until the indignant girl inside the place, her attention drawn by the congregation of horrid men, swept out onto the sidewalk, snatched the unblushing maiden away with urgent hands, and carrying her into the store, deposited her among the other magazines.

For, understand, dear and every other kind of reader, the sweet girl adorned the front page of a popular monthly.

MERCHANT WATCHES  
FINANCIAL DRIVE



MR. CHARLES AUSTIN.  
Few men have shown greater devotion to the Methodist National Campaign than Mr. Austin, who is chairman of the London Conference executive, and has oversight of southwestern Ontario in the great financial drive. He is a prominent merchant of Chatham, Ontario.

## Says Teacher May Have Asked Girl to Hold Book

Principal Coombs of the Collegiate was asked with reference to Mr. Emmett's complaint that a collegiate girl, Alma Macdonald, had caught smallpox through leafing over books belonging to another girl who had taken the disease, while the science-master fumigated them. This complaint was made in writing to the Board of Health last night.

Mr. Coombs said it had been the intention to have the caretaker fumigate the girl's books, but that Mr. Jackson, science-master, had apparently done the work to save time, and Alma Macdonald being in the room at the time, it was possible he had asked her to hold the books for him.

### THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—The Atlantic coast disturbance is now centred near Nantucket, it is causing snow in Quebec and snow and rain in the Maritime Provinces, attended by strong winds and gales. There is very little cold weather reported in Canada and no present indications of a return to cold conditions.

FORECASTS—Moderate winds, generally fair to-day and on Saturday with stationary or a little higher temperature.

### ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

First Session of New Body Will Be Held on March 9th.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—W. E. Raney, attorney-general, after a consultation with Premier Drury, announced that the Ontario Legislature will meet on March 9. He also announced that his nomination meeting in East Wellington will be held on Feb. 23, and that the election will be on March 1.

Premier Drury said it had not yet been decided what formalities will be observed on the opening of the house. "We will have as little formality as we possibly can," he added.

Asked as to the situation in East Wellington, he said he had no information whether Mr. Raney would be opposed or not. Mr. Raney says the same thing.

### SOLDIERS LEAVE SIBERIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Half of the 8,000 United States soldiers in Siberia have been withdrawn. The war department announced to-day that on Jan. 27 there remained 271 officers, 4,910 enlisted men and 500 civilian well-areworkers.

longs to the stage and not the ball-room.

7. Don't dance from the waist up; dance from the waist down.

8. Don't permit suggestive movements.

9. Don't permit dancers to copy the extremes that are now used on the modern stage.

10. For the benefit of refined dancers, don't hesitate to request objectionable dancing couples to leave the room. Remember that the majority of the people want to dance properly.

## Woman Agrees to Go Back And Look After Her Family Of Eight and is Allowed To

### Unique Case in Police Court To-day, When Gainoboro Man and His Wife Are Charged With Abandoning Their Family of Eight Children.

One of the most remarkable cases in the record of St. Catharines police court came up today when John Giles and his wife were charged with abandoning their eight children ranging in age from sixteen years to a baby of fourteen months.

The Giles, who are of the ordinary middle-aged couple class, were arrested in Toronto on complaint of the Children's Aid Society, and were brought here. Agent Boyle of the Children's Aid Society had found the youngsters on the 150-acre farm in Gainoboro, looking after themselves as best they could, a sixteen-year-old boy as head of the establishment and his little sister of thirteen doing the cooking and looking after the household generally.

Testifying today, Mr. Boyle stated that he found the children very poorly clothed and hardly anything to eat in the house. Some of the children were barefooted. The livestock on the farm had been neglected, two or three horses having died; also some pigs. The surviving pigs he found eating off the carcasses of the dead horses in the yard.

The children said their parents had left on November 5th. The father had been home once since then, and the mother several times.

Giles and his wife, both went on the stand. They told a simple story, especially Giles himself, which appealed to the court. Misfortune had met them. They had had a fire and their crops last year were a complete failure, so with notes for six or seven hundred dollars to meet, they could see nothing but to go away and find work to meet the debts and support

the children. In charge of the boy of sixteen they thought the children would be all right.

"But don't you consider that the proper care of your children was more important than paying your debts?" asked Crown Attorney Brennan.

"I suppose so," admitted the father, in a tone which was expressive of a long fight against adversity. "I suppose the worst they could do was put a man in jail."

"Oh, but they can't send a man to jail for debt," Mr. Brennan informed him.

"I didn't know that," said Giles, and his wife spoke up from her place in the dock.

"If we had known that we would not have gone away."

Giles was frank about it. He had paid \$1,000 on a farm, the price of which was \$5,000. Everything went wrong and he saw there was nothing for him to do but to get out and earn money to try and meet those notes for farm implements, cattle, etc. His wife thought she could help too, and she had gone with him. She got a job at a lamp factory in Toronto, and Giles at Swift's. They earned about fifty dollars a week between them and had managed to pay off some of the debts. They intended to come back in the spring and again work the farm.

Mr. Brennan said he did not blame Giles, but his wife should have staid to mind the children. If she went back home and staid there nothing more would be said. Mrs. Giles was quite willing to do this and so promised the magistrate.

## Will St. Catharines Follow "Improve Jazz" Crusade?

### United States Dancing Instructors Protest at Vulgar Modern Dancing.

Dancing academy owners in Pittsburgh are not waiting for others to reform their patrons. They have started a crusade against "cheek by jowl" dancers and the shimmy. As for New York dancing teachers, here are ten don'ts just issued by them:

1. Don't permit vulgar, cheap jazz music to be played. Such music forces dancers to use jerky, half-steps, and invites immoral variations.
2. Don't permit young men to hold their partners tightly. Oftentimes this is the fault of the man's partner. Both dancers should assume a light, graceful position.
3. Don't permit partners to dance with cheeks close or touching. When dancers put their cheeks-together it is simply a case of public-love-making.
4. Don't permit neck holds. The man's arm should encircle his partner's waist, his hand resting lightly at her spine, just above the waist line, and the woman's left arm should not encircle the man's shoulders or neck.
5. So-called "shimmy" dancing is a shaking or jerking of the upper body while taking short steps or standing still, and should not be tolerated. Short side-steps, first right then left, when done continuously, are not conducive to refined dancing and should not be permitted. Teachers should not teach any steps or movements that cannot be controlled.
6. Don't permit dancers to take exceptionally long or short steps. The proper dancing step should be the same as a natural walking one, except in exhibition dances, which be-

## 60-Hour Trips to the Moon May Yet Astonish World

### When Man Has Discovered the Secret of Atomic Energy and Harnessed It to His Own Use It Will Be Easy to Navigate Gulfs of Intervening Fog Between Units and Solar System

LONDON, Feb. 6.—In a remarkable article in the Nineteenth Century, for which he writes frequently, Harold Frazee Wyatt, discusses the boundless possibilities that will be presented when man has discovered the secret of atomic energy, and harnessed it to his own uses.

Mr. Wyatt, an authority on naval and Imperial affairs, comments that while this prodigious potentiality is known to exist in matter, no effort to form some general conception of the results expected appears to have been made, yet these results will "exaggerate imagination and transcend experience."

Coal fields and oil wells will become superfluous and all conditions of transport will be revolutionized.

"A motive power, enormous, illuminable and costing nothing save for apparatus as may be required will be placed at the service of an astonished world."

Mr. Wyatt presumably the chosen mode of movement will be through the air, and their speeds will naturally be reached exceeding any present thought of as possible. He considers that when atomic energy is at last made available there would seem to be no valid reason to reject the thought that man may be able to "navigate the gulfs of intervening fog between the units of the solar system, and take the moon's distance from the earth as roughly 210,000 miles past the ether at a speed say of one mile per second, "and we cannot im-

agine that, under such conditions, it could be less," would not be more than sixty hours. Again taking roughly the distance to Mars from us as average thirty million miles, the time needed to cross that distance at the speed named would be a little under one year.

## You Laugh So Hard at 'Fair and Warmer' That You Miss the Badness

"Fair and Warmer," that delicious farce comedy which is so openly suggestive that actually the bad effect is lost, returned to the Grand last night and kept a big crowd of theatre-goers hilariously amused from start to finish. Even those who had seen it before were well entertained with it a second time, which of course is an acid test for any production.

Dainty Jeanne Eliot, who takes the leading part, charmed everyone with her tactful handling of a character which might easily be made atrociously vulgar.

She was ably seconded by Ralph Simmons, playing "Billy Bartlett," who might be termed the "Mutt" husband, but with wonderful latent possibilities of being a sport.

Ruth Collins Allen played Lorna Bartlett in a charming way, and Swannie Taylor as "Tessie" did the little she had to do exceedingly well. This also might be said of Joseph

## Medical Health Officer Makes Recommendations To the Board of Health

### Suggests Prizes For Fly Swatting—Call Meeting to Arrange to Combat Flu—Milk Centre For Babies.

Dr. Curry, medical health officer, has made the following report to the Board of Health:—

The total number of contagious diseases reported since November 1 has been nearly three times the number of the previous twelve months. (This with the exception of influenza.) We have had quite a marked epidemic of small-pox, five are now under treatment; and diphtheria, with four deaths from the latter, and eight cases still under treatment. Both these epidemics are under control. The first twenty-two cases of smallpox were all under school age. Compulsory vaccination of school children was demanded, with the result that since that time only one child has developed the disease—it being now confined to adults who have not been vaccinated successfully in recent years. Most of the cases have been of a very mild type. The work of the sanitary policemen has been excellent.

Numerous complaints have been received in regard to the gas fumes in the Steel and Radiation works, caused by using open coke fires for heating purposes—this has been pointed out to the firm and I believe it will be remedied.

The new motor ambulance is being finished and should be in use early in the spring.

The isolation ambulance has done good work already. The first week it was in commission five patients were removed to the isolation hospital. Lincoln Avenue has been blocked up

with snow and considerable difficulty was experienced in reaching the hospital.

This board will have considerable work during 1920, and I would ask you to pay particular attention to the following: A milk centre for babies and expectant mothers should be opened early in the spring. The public health nurse should be in charge and assistants from the various churches, etc., should be asked for.

A few streets of the city still remain to be severed in order that all outside toilets may be done away with.

Garbage receptacles conforming to the bylaw should be purchased by the city and sold to the citizens at cost. This seems to me to be the only way we can enforce the bylaw and keep down the flies. I would institute a "Swat the Fly" campaign and give substantial prizes for children to kill these pests. In this regard particular attention will have to be paid to manure receptacles being made fly-proof.

The flats above many stores should be visited and the owner of the premises held responsible for the cleanliness of same. The water supply and the sanitary arrangements in some of these are abominable.

An office for the M.O.H. should be provided for our department to do its work properly. Files must be kept, and rooms should be provided for the health nurse and sanitary inspector. The unsanitary condition of the

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Commissioner Carvell of Board has given a ruling greatly the use of teleph and express franks.



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