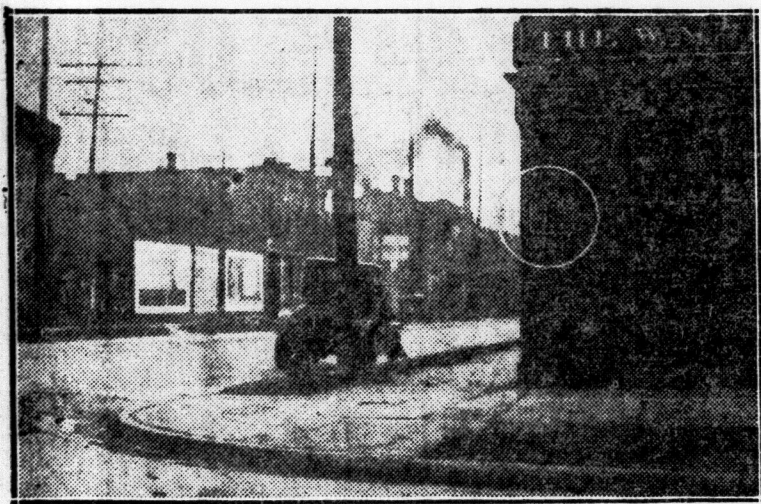


Little Gray, Old Lady Makes Annual Pilgrimage To City's Historic Shrine

Mysterious Visitor Pays Regular Homage at Tablet Which Marks Spot of First Dwelling in London.



TABLET MARKS SITE OF FIRST LONDON HOME.

Ninety-nine years old and just hitting its stride. That's London. Upon land which a century ago was a thick forest, traversed only by wild animals, Indians and an occasional white adventurer, there has risen the Forest City as it is known today, a place of homes, a highly important manufacturing center, in short a typical Canadian city with sound institutions and a general ambition to attain to better things in a civic way.

But what is there to remind Londoners and visitors here that this municipality has reached the four score and nineteen mark?

Tablet Tells Story. A bronze tablet fastened to the walls of the Jenkins manufacturing plant at the corner of Ridout and King streets tells the story in these words:

"On this site in the year 1825 the first dwelling was erected in the town plot of London by Peter MacGregor. The site of the city of London was selected in 1792 by Lieutenant-Governor Simcoe. This tablet erected by the London and Middlesex Historical Society in 1906."

That is all it says, but to the casual passerby who stops to read its wording it has a strong message, a message which says that this almost insignificant bronze tablet is a symbol of the growth London has experienced from the days when Dundas street was but a cow trail up to the present when the Forest City is ranked as the sixth most important manufacturing center of the dominion.

This little tablet is entirely unpretentious when compared with the average run of such mementoes and little is known of it by the average Londoner. There are thousands in this city who are not even aware of its existence.

But there is one little old lady who looks upon it as something to be cherished—probably because its wording links the autumn of her life with its springtime of long ago. One who visits the spot

to see that the tablet is still there to tell its message of the evolution of a thriving municipality from a muddy crossroads.

Aghast at Removal. Once the tablet had been taken down to be cleaned shortly before her yearly visit took place. She came and stood aghast, thinking its absence due to the depredation of some vandal hand. So alarmed was she by this thought that she could not rest until she had found the true reason for its removal and had then personally supervised the work of re-erecting it.

Each succeeding visit of the little gray lady finds her shoulders bowed a little more, her step a little slower and her words a little more unpretentious, but her spirit is unchanged. Before the snows of many more winters have painted a darker hue on the face of the tablet she will have gone forth on a more ethereal pilgrimage, leaving her care of the bronze memorial to other hands, and if this is carried out as she would have it the story of the founding of London will never die.

FEW ILLEGAL SALES, MORE HOME BREW MADE

Police Official Discusses Decrease in Number of Convictions Here.

Increasing demand for permits to manufacture home brew indicates there is less bootlegging in the city, according to Inspector of Police Thomas Lucas. His contention that there has been little or no illegal sales of liquor in the city during the past month is borne out by police court records which reveal no convictions on liquor selling charges.

Most of the liquor consumed nowadays, according to the inspector, is dispensed in the city in a few cases of moonshine or bootleg stuff. They either go to one extreme or the other, drinking dissipated liquors or poisonous rubbing alcohol.

CAR AWAITING OWNER. An abandoned motor car, found by detectives on Craig street, near Wortley road, is awaiting an owner at police station. The car is believed to have been stolen either from Toronto or Hamilton. It carries license number 176-463.

The car was left standing on Craig street for more than 24 hours. It was taken to police station by Detective Sergeant Henry Down.

LIONS ARE TOLD OF ARMENIAN HORROR

Rev. R. D. Pierce Speaks to Clubmen About Relief Work in Canada.

Pathos and mirth had a share in the program at the weekly dinner of the Lions club held last night in the Tecumseh house.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. R. W. Pierce, spoke on behalf of the Armenian relief work in Canada. He himself had been stationed in Beirut, Armenia, when Turkey entered the war and when the Ottoman force attacked that place took part in the 300-mile retreat to Aleppo. He and his wife with their two boys had to travel this in a small cart and during the whole of the terrible journey had to endure the sight of dogs devouring the bodies of the murdered Armenian men, women and children all along the line of march.

The Turks eventually entered Aleppo as well and occupied that place for a space of three years. During this time Mr. Pierce and his family were held in a filthy Turkish prison along with a small band of other Anglo-Saxons.

The organization with which Mr. Pierce is connected conducts a school for orphan Armenian boys at Georgetown, Ontario, and for useful careers as Canadian citizens. To interest Canadians in this work a group of 20 boys are touring Ontario, giving a stirring account of the larger centers. They will be in London on Nov. 3.

The Rev. Fr. Russo, procurator-general of the Franciscan Order and a personal friend of the pope, was a guest of the club at the dinner which preceded the meeting. He was introduced by Dr. Hugh Stevenson.

Bonnie Hart gave a very interesting and instructive address on radio and its future.

The humor was furnished abundantly by "Scotty" MacKellar and his Shubert male quartet. Some of the numbers sung by the group were of a more serious nature and the inevitable "sobriety" kept the gathering in an uppour with his jokes and comic songs.

Bert Parsons, seated between the Rev. Fr. Russo and the Rev. Fr. Stevenson, was the most prominent figure in the Roman church, the successor of St. Francis of Assisi, occupied the president's chair.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BLAMES WINNIPEG

Tells United Church Conference City To Blame For Present Liquor Conditions.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—The first Manitoba conference of the United church, which Wednesday night listened to a vigorous arraignment of the liquor laws, last night heard the other side of the question.

Wednesday Mayor Ralph H. Webb charged that the provincial government and the law courts were to blame for allowing infringements of the liquor act to continue. At night Hon. W. R. Craig, provincial attorney-general, blamed the city for any fault in the enforcement of the law in Winnipeg.

The attorney-general declared that by virtue of an agreement made between the city and the provincial government in 1919, it was the city's duty to enforce the law with regard to liquor. He denied that Mayor Webb had ever approached him for support on the floor of the provincial legislature charges made by the mayor, and declared that there was "deliberate propaganda" against the province to undermine confidence in the liquor act. This propaganda, he charged, had the definite object of obtaining freer sale of intoxicating liquor.

VEHICLE LIGHT DISCUSSION TO COME UP IN DECEMBER

Middlesex county councillors have yet to consider the advisability of passing a bylaw compelling all vehicles to carry lights at night. County Clerk John Stuart stated today that he had received a communication from the Ontario Motor League asking the council to pass such a bylaw, but it could not be presented to the council until December.

"This matter has never come before the council as the members would take the same action as the Waterloo council did yesterday, and turn it down on the same grounds, namely: that the government should first pass legislation on lights that are suitable for all classes of vehicles and should be observed in all parts of the province," declared Mr. Stuart.

THREE MARITIME PREMIERS SPEAK IN MEIGHEN'S CAUSE

Canadian Press Despatch. Amherst, N. S., Oct. 23.—Three Maritime premiers last night stood for Maritime recognition and Maritime rights. Transportation, immigration, protection and the "exodus" of the people of Canada to the United States were discussed by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Hon. J. D. Stewart, when the three premiers of the same political faith appeared upon the same platform. Emphasis was laid upon the urgent necessity of a solution of the transportation problems existing between the east and central Canada and Premier Rhodes dealt with the solution as offered by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Three thousand people packed the auditorium. Hon. Percy G. Black, chairman of the Nova Scotia highway board, presided.

TO HEAR DRAINAGE REPORTS. Westminster township council, at its next session on Nov. 3, will consider the reports of the township engineer regarding the proposed Maple Grove survey, south of the city. The engineer states that the cost of one drain will be \$3,050 and the other \$1,811. The reports were received yesterday by E. S. Hunt, Westminster township clerk.

Church School Will Mark 51st Anniversary Sunday; An Epoch In London South

Askin Street School Preceded Church and Has a Fine Record of Achievement.

GROWTH CONTINUES

Late Sir George Gibbons Was One of School's Earliest Superintendents.

Marking its 51st anniversary the Sunday school of the Wesley United church will observe the event with special services next Sunday. The anniversary belongs to the Sunday school alone, for in reversion of the usual order the church was the offspring of the Sunday school, not the Sunday school of the church.

During its 51 years' of services the Sunday school has served both its church and community well. Many of the preachers in the Canadian church today received the major portion of their Christian teaching in the school. For over half a century the school has gone on uninterrupted in its great task of Christian education. At first, with very inadequate equipment and few scholars, it has grown, until today it is one of the largest schools in Canada, giving its work in a thorough manner.

Yet even today, progress has not stopped; the school has not reached the zenith of its accomplishments; and in spite of the new school the pupils are becoming too many for the building.

No Church In 1874.

In 1874 London South was served only by itinerant preachers, who held services wherever convenient. There was no Methodist church in the district, and those of that faith were compelled to go to the North street church, now the Metropolitan United. The adult members did not mind, but it was difficult for the children to go to a great distance, and consequently, only religious education the child was to have had to be secured at home.

Ready to this condition certain Methodists in the district asked the North street church to establish some sort of a school for the children of their children could obtain the rudiments of a Christian education. This request was granted, and in 1874 a Sunday school was founded for the district, about 25 children in attendance. No building was erected, but the sessions were held in the little red brick schoolhouse of Askin street, opposite the location of the present Victoria school.

Dr. Fleschman, a converted Jewish rabbi, was placed in charge by the North street church, and under his guidance much progress was made. The zeal which Mr. Fleschman had for his faith was much greater than that of the children alone, and gradually adults, who had hitherto been outside the pale of any church, began to attend the sessions of the school. Dr. Fleschman became a real missionary pastor, and the Sunday school began to feel growing pains, as the adults showed a tendency to crowd the children out.

Decision was then made to form a separate church. About this time, however, Dr. Fleschman took up with a larger sphere and was lost to the fledgling church. About the time of his removal the school had outgrown the red brick schoolhouse, and the present site of Wesley United church was purchased and a regular congregation formed. This was in 1876.

Gibbons Superintendent. At the same time as the removal to new quarters one of the most noted men that London ever gave to public life in Canada became superintendent of the school, George Gibbons, who was then but a young student lawyer. However, he was interested deeply in the affairs of the church and in the education of the young. He was a member of the North street congregation, and as a tribute to his religious zeal he was made head of the young Sunday school. A young head for a young school proved a highly successful combination and remarkable growth ensued during his term as superintendent. He was a worthy successor to Dr. Fleschman. Mr. Gibbons served for only a few years, however, his legal duties absorbing virtually all his time.

By this time both the school and the church were firmly on their feet and had outgrown their mission status and had become a full-fledged self-supporting congregation. The Sunday school had doubled in numbers and had about ten teachers, and the church had a full-time minister.

Progress has never stopped, and today the Sunday school is one of the largest of its denomination in the dominion, and the largest in the city of London. The average attendance exceeds 600, and there are nearly 50 teachers at work every Sabbath. A few years ago a large addition was built to the then commodious quarters and a gymnasium district included. The Sunday school now has every facility for its work, as a center of both moral and physical education in a Christian environment.

Proud of Orchestra.

The distinction of having the largest Sunday school orchestra in the province, west of Toronto, also belongs here. Dr. James Smith the orchestra has reached a high state of perfection, and each Sunday over 50 musicians turn out. Premier Rhodes at the Ontario musical festival in Toronto, in its class, were won by these musicians, and critics acclaimed them as the best orchestra of its type it had ever been their privilege to hear.

The organization of classes for all sorts of people has been one of the chief achievements of the school. It was a pioneer in extending the field of definite religious education, by means of the Sunday school, and now boasts several classes, comprised of adults, which meet regularly every Sunday afternoon.

Special services to mark the anniversary will be held next Sunday in the church. They will be largely conducted by young people who attend the Sunday school. Rev. James Philip, field secretary of the Ontario boys' work board, will be the preacher at the morning and evening



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Driving north on Maitland street early last evening, William Davidson of 57 Dakin street was struck by a North Belt street car which was proceeding east on Dundas. The street car carried the auto a distance of 40 feet. M. Davidson escaped injuries, and the car was damaged very little. The street car was in charge of Conductor Ernest Bisley, 31 Barker street, and Motorman George Mulina, 473 Elizabeth street.

AUTOS COLLIDE.

A car driven by Alex Green of 334 Lorne avenue collided last yesterday afternoon with a truck driven by J. H. Taylor of 145 Barker street. Green was travelling north on Adelaide street near Oxford, while Taylor was coming south on Adelaide and it is said, endeavored to make a left hand turn onto Oxford. Neither car was badly damaged.

EIGHT SPEAKERS FOR LABOR MASS MEETING

Eight speakers will address a mass meeting to be held in the east end town hall tonight in the interests of John Colwell, Labor candidate in this riding. Among those who will give addresses is one woman, Mrs. J. F. Thomson, who has been playing a prominent part in the windup of the Labor campaign.

On the speakers' list are Ald. John Ashton, Ald. Thomas Chitt, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, H. B. Ashplant, Arthur Mould, Mrs. Thomson, and the candidate.

The Labor campaign committee is also sponsoring a public meeting to be held in the central colliery on Tuesday night. "Jimmy" Simpson, manager of the Toronto Labor temple, and candidate in Northeast Toronto, will deliver the main address.

BEER-RUNNING SCANDAL PREDICTED IN CHICAGO

Charges Involve Police Officials, Five Breweries and Several Railroads.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Charges involving scores of Chicago policemen and officials, five big beer syndicates, five railroads and many of their officials and several prohibition agents, will be brought before the federal grand jury, as the result of a six months' investigation by prohibition officials. Federal agents declared that the evidence may bring about the greatest beer-running scandal since the 18th amendment became law. They said the evidence will show that eastern breweries, with the connivance of the railroads, have been running as much as \$5,000,000 worth of beer into Chicago since the prohibition laws became effective.

The investigation followed the seizure of 1,000 barrels of beer at Morton Grove, a suburb, last month and the arrest of a policeman and six other men.

The investigators suppressed all names. Fifty Chicagoans were named in their report.

Two New York bootleggers were arrested yesterday in a fashionable Michigan boulevard hotel while delivering "rare Scotch" made in Harlem from industrial alcohol.

COLDER WEATHER SEES FLARE-UP OF SPEEDING

Special motorcycle officers will patrol city streets until the snow flies owing to the tendency among motorists to "speed up" during colder weather in the belief that the motorcycle men have been taken off the roads, according to Chief of office Robert Birrell.

Speeding in the city has increased considerably during the past few weeks, court records show. As many as fifteen speeders have been convicted so far this week. Three paid fines of \$10 and costs each out of court this morning.

BUYING POWER OF DOLLAR INCREASES

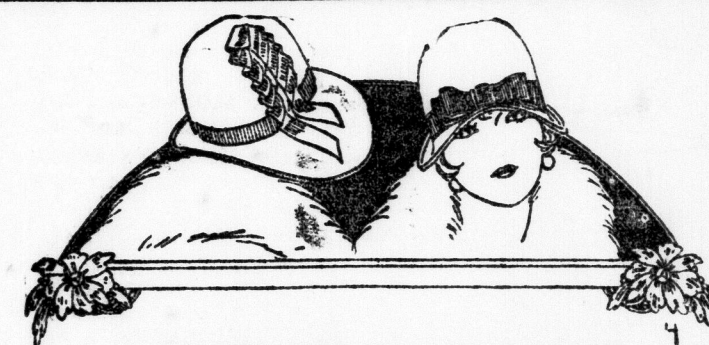
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