

## FREE-TRIP VOTE CLOSES MAY 15

Advertiser's Great Contest Ends  
at 10 p.m. of That Date

### CONTESTANTS PORTRAITS

Photographs of Ten of the Young  
Ladies in Today's Issue, and  
Others to Appear Later.

Today The Advertiser publishes the portraits of ten of the young ladies who are candidates in the Free-Trip-to-Europe contest. The portraits are chosen at random, and do not represent the leaders of the districts. They are published that The Advertiser readers may become familiar with those who are competing in the great contest, and the portraits of others of the contestants will appear in the near future.

The contest is now rapidly drawing to a close, only a few weeks more remaining in which to gather votes. The competition ends on May 15 at 10 p.m., and it is to be distinctly understood by all that absolutely no votes will be considered that are not registered at this office before that time. It is hoped that no candidate will make any mistake about this, as under no conditions can this rule be changed, and the failure to enter all ballots, not only the votes published in the daily papers but the pink coupons given for subscriptions, must be in by that date or they cannot be counted to the candidate's credit.

## FOUND A REVOLVER NEAR KINRADE HOUSE

But It Looks Like a Hoax or an  
Advertising Scheme—Found  
Beneath the Walk.

Hamilton, Ont., April 21.—A 32-calibre revolver was found this morning under a slat walk leading to the residence of Mrs. Abbott, 111 Herkimer street, two doors west of the Kinrade home, by William Robson and George Anderson, two bricklayers who were going to work. The general impression is that the revolver is not the one with which the murder of Ethel Kinkade was committed, but Mr. Robson placed there recently as a huge hoax on the police and public. Last night at a local theatre a thumbrist announced that a revolver would be found under the sidewalk on Herkimer street. Robson was one of those present, and as he walked this morning in company with Anderson, he had decided to keep his eye open, and as he passed Mrs. Abbott's house he noticed something shining under the slat walk, immediately next to the cement sidewalk. His companion thought it was a piece of tin, but Robson stooped down, and putting his hand under the slat, pulled forth a revolver. He put it back again, and after a moment's grocery store the police were notified. The revolver is a self-cocker, 32-calibre, six-chambered, and is of the stocky build, variety, with a short barrel. The end of the barrel was incriminated with soft dirt, each chamber was choked with dirt, and the mechanism was grimy. There was not a speck of rust on the weapon, and this proves beyond doubt that the revolver was placed there recently. Another point is that the murderer would assuredly have not chosen such a conspicuous place in which to hide the gun. A third point supporting the hoax theory is that this very spot was examined by some reporters about four weeks ago. No cartridges or empty shells were found in the gun. Detective Inspector McMahon stated this morning that in his opinion the revolver had been there for a matter of hours, and that the whole thing was a hoax.

## ERECT PLATE TO MARK THE VICTORIA DISASTER

Spot Where Over 200 Londoners  
Were Drowned Will Be  
Labelled by the His-  
torical Society.

The regular meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society was held last night in the Public Library Hall.

At the meeting it was decided by a practically unanimous vote to erect a tablet to commemorate the place on the river where the Victoria disaster occurred on May 24, 1881.

The monument will not be an expensive one, costing only about \$10, but it will effectively commemorate the disaster which brought such sorrow to London.

The monument will consist of a large uncut granite stone set in concrete and standing about five feet high, on which will be placed a brass tablet commemorating the details of the tragedy.

It will be placed on the north bank of the river, where it can be readily seen from the Springbank cars. The spot is just west of the Cove Bridge.

The committee who have charge of the work are as follows: Dr. Campbell, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Deane. It is expected that the monument will be in place in less than a month.

An interesting paper on "The Pioneers of Nissouri" was read by Mr. Fram, now of this city, who was born in that township 25 years ago, and spent 63 years of his life there. He described very vividly and interestingly the hardships of the early pioneer life, and the many difficulties that had to be met by the men who came to take up lands in the then almost unexplored land.

## REPORTED MERGER OF CANNING FACTORIES

Windsor, April 20.—It is said that the Essex County canning plants located at Tilbury, Tecumseh, Essex and Stoney Point, have practically completed arrangements to amalgamate with other independent canning industries in the province. Negotiations are well under way for the formation of a joint stock company to be capitalized at \$5,000,000.

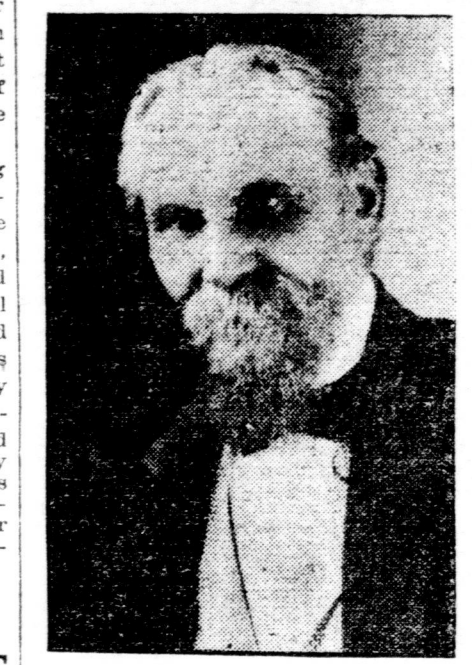
Paul Morand, of Tecumseh, who is interested in the canning factory there and also in the one at Stoney Point, says that steps towards the merger are advanced to such a stage that the new organization may be said to be a certainty.

## EX-ALD. WILLIAM SKINNER FOR 50 YEARS AN ODDFELLOW

Presented With a Veteran's Jewel at a Meeting Held Last Night  
—One of London's Oldest and Most Highly Respected  
Citizens Was Signally Honored.

At a well-attended meeting of Eureka Lodge of Oddfellows last night, the brethren had a surprise for its oldest living member in the person of P. G. Wm. Skinner, the well-known ex-aiderman, who has been an Oddfellow for 56 years, and is now 81 years of age.

After the regular business of the evening was concluded, the noble grand called upon Bro. Skinner, who has been on the sick list since December, to be seated on his right. Then a special committee that had been waiting for some months for the aged patriarch



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to be in attendance, consisting of Bros. S. W. Priestley, J. T. Wallace, J. Kirkpatrick and L. W. Crawford, presented Bro. Skinner with a veteran's jewel, a gold watch, and a letter of appreciation for his many good qualities of the recipient and to his work in connection with the order in general, and particularly Eureka Lodge.

Then, pinning to the left lapel of his coat, a beautiful jewel that designated the wearer as a veteran past grand of 50 years' standing—a rare position in a subordinate lodge, the work of the committee was ended.

Bro. Skinner's Reply.  
Bro. Skinner was completely surprised, but made a masterly reply—one that enthused all who had the good fortune to be present. Bro. Skinner's graceful sentences covered many incidents that will long be remembered by those participating in this event.

Bro. James Stephenson, a veteran P. G. of Dominion Lodge, made a flattering speech, reviewing the good work and exemplary life of Eureka's veteran.

Past Grand Sire Bro. C. I. Campbell followed in a similar strain, recalling interesting bits of history. When Bro. Skinner was initiated the order was but an infant. Now Canadians can count 40,000 members, and universal millions. Spending millions of dollars in relief work, the order's influence for good could not be measured.

Past Grand Master R. K. Cowan also paid a graceful tribute to the splendid character of the guests of the evening.

In the Olden Times.  
Past Grand Master Sanders, wearing a veteran's jewel, gave a very interesting account of work performed in the past with Bro. Skinner, in laying the foundations of London Oddfellowship.

Noble Grand Bro. Isaacs, of Forest City Lodge, followed with an earnest tribute.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, was represented by a jeweled veteran in the person of Past Grand J. M. Parsons.

Past Grand L. W. Crawford, an old warhorse of Eureka, proved conclusively in a pithy speech that a woman can keep a secret—that a daughter of Rebekah had enabled the committee to read from old letters, and was unable to attend through illness. Bros. Beltz and Dawson being among the list.

The meeting of last night makes history for the lodge, and was one of extreme pleasure to all present.

Some Bold Steals  
Around Kintore  
Shop Till Raided and Pockets of  
Blacksmith Cleared Out  
While He Slept.

Woodstock, April 21.—Several complaints have been registered from around Kintore of the operations of some very nifty sneak thieves. Thieves entered the hardware store of John Culbert late at night, and robbed the till of \$17, Joseph Black, a blacksmith, also reports a loss of \$15, the thieves entering his bedroom and taking his pockets while he slept. The Oxford constabulary are on the trail of the thieves, and are expecting to round them up shortly.

First Work on the  
Hydro-Electric Line  
Will Commence This Week Ac-  
cording to the Contractor,  
F. H. McGuigan.

Toronto Globe: The erection of the telephone line along the route of the hydro-electric power transmission line will be commenced this week, according to the statement made by Mr. F. H. McGuigan, the contractor, to the Globe yesterday.

The line will immediately follow the pioneer phone stakes. Much of the material is already on hand, and good progress has been made in securing the electrical equipment, the contracts for which have already been let. It is probable that tenders will shortly be asked for the building of the necessary transformer stations.

Building Permits  
For April, \$129,173  
Three New Apartment Houses  
Are Going Up in London—  
Some of the Permits.

April will show more building than the other three months of the year put together.

With more than a week yet to come, 66 permits have been issued by City Engineer Graydon during April, for a total of \$129,173.

January, February and March totalled \$162,280, and this will be almost equalled, if not exceeded, if the permits continue to be taken out as rapidly as has been the case.

The total to date is \$322,453, a rather respectable showing at that.

Among the important buildings for which permits have been taken out are: a new building at the corner of Queen's avenue and Wellington street to be built by John Hayman, a cost of \$20,000; an apartment house at Eldon street, to be built by W. J. Clark, the tobaccoist, to cost \$12,000; a factory for the Globe Casket Company, at Adelaide and Dundas streets, at a cost of \$20,000; Arthur McClary's apartment house at Queen's and Colborne, to cost \$8,000, and many of lesser value.

## RIVERS-WILSON SAYS BETTER TIMES AHEAD

Tells Directors of Grand Trunk  
Railway That Business  
Is Improving.

London, April 21.—The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada was held here today. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the line, took a hopeful view of the situation.

He said there was abundant evidence of a steady improvement in business, and that the next meeting he expected to have attended the inauguration of 1,250 new miles of line, from Edmonton to Fort William, the most important section of the line.

The president declined to give assurance on the question of the appointment of Canadian directors, and said this matter would be brought up at the next meeting.

Continuing he declared that the shareholders would be asked to approve a bill before the Dominion Parliament enlarging the borrowing powers and increasing the capital of the company to meet the ordinary growth of capital and expenditure.

The retiring directors were re-elected.

## GRADUATION AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Will Be Held This Year on May  
19, in New Isolation  
Hospital.

The exercises attending the graduation of the nurses of Victoria Hospital will be held this year on May 19, and if it is finished in time will take place in the new Isolation Hospital in connection with the formal opening.

"The class is one of the largest and most successful we have ever had," said Miss Stanley, the superintendent of Victoria, to The Advertiser this afternoon. "The nurses all passed with very high marks, and in the evening the splendid medals were obtained. We have not yet decided to whom the medals will be awarded."

The names of the young ladies who will graduate are, Misses Phillips, Renzie, Haskin, Partridge, Gilmore, Barter, Large, Sutherland, McIntyre, Seely, Wilson, Loveless, But, Burchard, McAuley, Reynolds and Johnson.

## A SIGNET RING FOR MR. P. DUVAL

Very Pleasant Affair at His Home, 503  
Princess Avenue.

A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at the home of Mr. P. Duval, 503 Princess avenue.

The employees of the Forsythe, Fraser & Weir Company, with whom Mr. Duval has been connected for the past eight years, waited upon him, and after spending a pleasant time at cards and music, presented him with a signet ring as a slight token of their regard.

Mr. Duval was taken completely by surprise, but thanked his fellow employees in a very neatly-worded speech for this token of their esteem.

Mr. Duval leaves in a short time for the west, where his friends wish him every success.

## A PRETTY WEDDING IN NEWST. JAMES'

Miss Ethel McKay Becomes the Bride  
of Mr. Calvin S. Parker, of  
Detroit.

## Rolls That Rise

If Strong's Baking Powder is used in making rolls, that dainty, puffy lightness which is the delight of all cooks is assured. Results are the same in making biscuits, cakes, etc.

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## Strong's Drug Store

184 DUNDAS STREET.

Miss Ethel M. McKay, of this city, was married to Mr. Calvin S. Parker, of the Parker Car Heating Company, Detroit, Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, B.D., officiating.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Ralph McKay, Miss Agnes Ditchburn, of Carleton Place, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Frank Millar assisted the groom.

The bride wore a travelling suit of a very pretty shade of grey broadcloth, her only ornament being a magnificent amburast of pearls, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid looked very becoming in a travelling suit of a light shade of grey, with a matching hat.

The groom's present to the bride-maid was a solid gold locket and chain, and to the groomsmen an amethyst watch with pearl.

A dainty wedding luncheon was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKay, after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will leave early in the evening for Buffalo and eastern points.

## BESWARK'S DOG ROLLED WITH JOHNSTON'S CAT

Then Mr. Johnston Retaliated  
With Ornamental  
Phrases

Matters were lively for a time at the county court yesterday afternoon, when Alfred Watson, of Brydges street, appeared before Squire Chittick, charged with the assault on a next-door neighbor, with using abusive and threatening language towards her.

It appears that Mrs. Beswark's dog, in playful mood, had an argument with the Johnston's household cat, an argument that proved anything but a healthy decision for the feline.

Mrs. Beswark heard her neighbor addressing the dog in language more fluent and forcible than polite, and at once went to see what was the cause of the unusual burst of eloquence. Whereupon, Johnston, it is claimed, turned the vials of his wrath on her, and demanded that the dog be shot.

Mrs. Beswark claimed that he threatened to "put a bullet into her," if she didn't, but this Johnston denies. There seems to be little doubt, however, that he used a number of picturesque, descriptive phrases towards Mrs. Beswark that are hardly considered "the thing" in the best circles.

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Pleasant Social Event at the Local  
Armories Last Night.

A most enjoyable "etern" party was given at the barracks last evening by the Barracks sergeants to the sergeants of the Seventh.

The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive euchre. First prize was won by Quartermaster Sergt. Insley of the Seventh Regiment.

An entertaining programme followed the cards, in which songs were rendered by William Mansley and Sergt. Shillington. The event of the evening was a brilliant address April 14, by a string orchestra furnished some rare enjoyment during the course of the evening.

## THE TURKISH DISORDERS

Foreigners at Antioch Took Refuge in  
the Consulates.

Constantinople, April 21.—Later reports from the Syrian coast say that the racial fanaticism is extending in the vilayet of Aleppo. Disturbances have broken out at Antioch and Harejik, and foreigners have taken refuge in the British vice-consulates.

The British cruiser Diana has landed 50 men in Alexandria, done by fire, the market was almost totally destroyed, and the district was in a turmoil.

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