



INVESTIGATION INTO CHILDREN'S SHELTER SHOWS THE HEAVY TRIALS THE SOCIETY HAS HAD TO CONTEND WITH

Lack of Help and Not Enough Accommodation, but Things Have Wonderfully Improved. With Even Better Prospects For the Future.

The County Council committee named to investigate the Children's Aid Shelter complaints held a session in the Grand Jury Room last night. President Claus and other members of the Children's Aid Society were present, including Mrs. J. S. Campbell, Mrs. C. M. Gibson, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Herbert Meyer, D.C. Hethington, E. Poole, C.M. Gibson, Mrs. Davis, the matron, Mrs. D.C. Hethington, Mrs. Culp, Mrs. C. H. Claus, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. C. Taylor, Mrs. Johnston, Clegg and others.

The members of the County Council Committee were: Reeve Richardson, chairman; Reeve Mitchell, Deputy Reeve Revett, Niagara, Deputy Reeve Haynes, Gran-

by. The evidence showed that while the Children's Aid Society has gone through much trial and tribulation in conducting the shelter, the untiring energy of noble women of the city is the only thing that saved its structure from collapse. Splendid things have been accomplished and that when the improvements and enlargements to the building are completed, even better things will come in the future.

C. H. Claus at 8:20 arose and announced that there had been some misapprehension regarding the calling of the meeting. Some charges had been made against the management of the Children's Aid Shelter. The Children's Aid Society had nothing to hide and asked for the investigation.

He felt that it was up to the county council to proceed with the investigation. The society was ready to open the books and answer any questions. But until proven guilty the members wished to be considered innocent, which was all that any one could ask.

Reeve Richardson took the chair and said the criticism had been made of the Children's Shelter, an institution which received a great deal of public money. The committee had been things at the shelter which they did not approve of.

Mr. Richardson did not consider that he was there as a judge at an investigation. He invited all who had any questions to ask or information to give to come forward.

Mr. Claus reiterated that the committee had been ordered by the county council to make an investigation and report. The society was there to answer any questions.

Reeve Revett said the committee would like to know the ones who were responsible for the feeding, clothing and general care of the children.

C. M. Gibson advised taking up some question at a time.

W. J. Westwood said it would be well to hear from the man who made the charges in the county council.

Reeve Mitchell of Grimsby admitted that he was the man. He said he didn't think there was a disposition to blame anyone. He thought the committee would meet the city committee and talk things over.

What he said at the county council meeting he would repeat there. He didn't think the Children's Shelter was a credit to the county.

"We admit that," said several ladies.

Mr. Mitchell said the committee had considered the buildings; and the grounds not suitable and they did not think the children were properly clothed or fed.

The committee did not think it advisable, perhaps, to spend any more

Not "Old World" Scene But New World Problem



"Don't argue, just show me." Here's an attempt by the church to do in picture what has so often failed in sermon—to convince church-going Canadians that it is worth while to spend millions of dollars in Canada sustaining the alien. The scene here reproduced is from a photograph taken in Toronto's slummiest centre, "The Ward." Greatly enlarged and embellished with design, it is the feature of a book on national problems which the Methodist National Campaign has just issued in connection with the effort to raise \$4,000,000 in an every-member canvass, February 9-14.

Artists say that the photograph is fine enough to be a good painting of an "Old World" scene. It is "Old World" enough—happy Italians at cards after work. Cards! And no effort is made in the whole production to brand the group as degraded foreigners. Rather they are treated as "New Canadians."

money on the place when it is not satisfactory. Perhaps the trouble has been a lack of money. If so, the committee wished to know if they didn't want investigations—merely information.

Mr. Claus said the Children's Aid Society was an unpaid organization outside of Agent Boyle. They wished to do the best they could and were striving to do so. Scarcity of labor handicapped them.

It was no fault of the Children's Aid Society that they have that building. It was bought by the city and county and handed over to them. They were rushing the alterations as fast as possible.

They expected at the beginning there would be no more than ten children, but when the war came on the number was greatly increased. They admitted the place was overcrowded, that the beds were not as they should be.

They had been up against it regarding help. It was impossible to get the kind they needed.

Speaking of what Mr. Boyle was reported to have said to the county council Mr. Claus asked him if he had complained of not having a proper system or set of rules adopted. Mr. Boyle said he had been properly reported. He had made this complaint a year ago in his report.

Mr. Claus said rules were drawn up. Inspections were made nearly every week by Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Boyle complained of changing help too often.

They had engaged Mrs. Pegg and she staid there till she died.

"You couldn't expect us to keep her there any more," intimated Mr. Claus, with fine sarcasm.

Mr. Claus began to name over the other two women, Mrs. Housell and Mrs. Davis, and asked Mr. Boyle if he had been satisfied with them.

Mrs. Edward Jones Passes Away After A Long Illness

Gwendoline Violet May, beloved wife of Edward Jones, 13 Taylor avenue, passed away, aged 22, after an illness of nine months.

The late Mrs. Jones, who was born in Exeter, England, was a daughter of the late Harry Harris, and came to Canada when she was fourteen years of age, settling in St. Catharines, where she married, and has resided ever since. She was a member of St. George's church, and was a faithful worker in every organization.

Besides her husband and one husband and one son, Ross, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Harris, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Short; and three brothers, Harold, William and Earl Harris, all of St. Catharines.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, 13 Taylor avenue, on Thursday afternoon at 1:30, after which the remains will be taken to St. George's church at two o'clock. Interment will be at Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

A. H. Trapnell Likely to Be First Chairman

This evening the new Board of Education will organize for business at the City Council chamber. The meeting will commence at eight o'clock.

There will be one important item of business to deal with, the election of a chairman.

Several names are mentioned, but it is quite likely A. H. Trapnell will be the selection. Mr. Trapnell headed the poll and by virtue of experience and capability is considered the proper man for the position.

His untiring work in connection with the new Collegiate site also entitles him to consideration.

The appointment of a secretary-treasurer of the board must also be made, but whether this will be done tonight or not is uncertain.

C. T. McBride, the secretary of the Old Public School Board, is the likely appointee.

First Annual Ball Of Lawn Bowlers A Great Success

There was a crowd last night at the first annual ball of the St. Catharines Lawn Bowling Club in the Prince of Wales ball. Everything turned out most pleasantly and it was most successful from every standpoint. Quite a number of guests were present from out of town, the full number present running between 350 and 400. Cards were played by those who couldn't or didn't care to dance. Many beautiful costumes were worn by the ladies. So successful was this first annual ball that the club has decided to hold one every winter.

MURDERED GIRL'S RECORD SOUGHT

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Feb. 4.—W. R. Baldwin, chief immigration inspector here has been requested to forward to the police of Cleveland, O., all information he has gathered concerning the records of Mrs. Frances Stockwell, the chorus girl who was found murdered in that city on Monday.

Mrs. Stockwell who, the police say was also known as Frances Altman, passed through Niagara Falls on the night of January 18 on her way from Canada to Cleveland. At that time she said she was a member of the French Erotica company.

Numerous stock breeders associations were in session in Toronto yesterday.

Shortage of power in the province last week was attributed by Hydro officials to troubles with ice at Niagara.

WOMAN WHO ACCUSES HUSBY OF NON-SUPPORT HAS TO PAY THE COSTS AND NEARLY GOT IN TROUBLE

PIN THEIR FAITH TO THE CHURCHES



HON. E.C. DRURY

Public men, east and west, are not slow to see the possibilities for national betterment in the great Campaign of the Churches, Premier Drury of Ontario, himself a leader in the little Methodist Church at his Crown Hill farm, says he believes "the Inter-Church Forward Movement can do more for Canada than all other movements combined."

Await Army View On More Diversions At Niagara Falls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Representative James M. Mead of Buffalo has received from Secretary Lansing of the State Department a reply to a letter asking whether the State Department has considered the question of concluding a new treaty with Great Britain for additional water diversion at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Lansing says that negotiation of a further agreement with the British Government has not been under consideration by the department.

"As of possible interest to you, however," the letter adds, "I may call your attention to public resolution number 8 of the sixty-fifth congress approved June 30, 1917, authorizing and directing the secretary of war to make comprehensive and thorough investigation of the entire subject of water diversions from the Great Lakes and the Niagara River, including navigation, sanitary and power purposes and the preservation of the scenic beauty of the Niagara River. It is understood that the report of the war department is now in the course of preparation and it would seem that any action in the premises should be deferred pending receipt and consideration by Congress of that report."

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—The depression mentioned yesterday is still over the South Atlantic states while the cold wave is centered over the Northern portion of Ontario. The weather has been fair in Canada and for the most part cold-zero temperatures from Manitoba eastward.

FORECASTS—Fresh to strong northeast to north winds, fair and cold to-day, some local snow on Thursday.

Mr. A. Hicks of Centralia was named party whip by the U.F.O. members

Husband Accused Her of Various Misconduct, Including Whiskey Running—Steeple Jack Smith Decides to Go to a Jury—Indians Figure in the Docket

"I plead not guilty and elect," but also stated that she has been unjustly stated James Smith of steeple-climbing fame, in police court today, when arraigned on a charge of maliciously destroying property at the Mansion House by smashing windows and other property in a drunken rage.

He said he would go before a jury in the high court.

Smith also pleaded not guilty to striking Mrs. Slough, proprietor of the Mansion House.

Mrs. Slough said she had ordered Smith to leave the house because he had used a vile insult toward a young man. Smith broke nineteen panes of glass and damaged furniture.

Terrance McCarron, Smith's counsel, here declined to defend him unless he took his advice to have his trial before the magistrate.

Smith then wanted a remand to get another lawyer, but as it was merely a preliminary trial, it was decided to go on with the case.

Mrs. Slough said she had paid over \$50 for new glass.

A young lad told of seeing Smith in his orgie of destruction.

He was charged with assaulting Mrs. Slough will be heard on Monday.

Bail of \$300 was accepted. Smith got it from the bank.

Jess Clause, an Indian, with a much battered head, pleaded guilty to being drunk and was fined ten dollars, which he paid.

Angus Back, another Indian, was charged under the Indian act with being drunk. He paid ten dollars.

Four Teacups of Whiskey

Charles Overholt, a caretaker at 40 St. Paul street, was accused of supplying liquor to an Indian, to wit, Angus Back. Back doesn't look like an Indian, but rather like an intelligent, good-looking white man.

He was well dressed and wore spats. He said he belongs to the Six Nations tribe and came here last June, attracted by a room from Overholt at 40 St. Paul street. He is employed at the Welland Vale. Monday evening Overholt called him into a room and gave him four good drinks of whiskey in a teacup.

"Are you sure he gave it to you, or did you buy it?" asked the magistrate.

"No, I didn't pay for it. He gave it to me."

Overholt got an adjournment till tomorrow in order to get some witnesses.

Razor Wielder Finds Another Victim at Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 4.—Caroline Calao, forty-five years old, who lives at Ferry avenue and Fifteenth street, is in Mount St. Mary's hospital with several deep gashes on his right cheek and his chin. He was attacked by an unidentified young man while standing before Jas. Sharbat's saloon in East Falls street near 11th street, at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The man cut Calao with a razor.

The attack was similar to the one made on John Karam the morning before and the police are inclined to believe that someone with a mania for razor-slashing is at large on the east side. Residents of the district are terrorized as a result of the two assaults.

Calao told the police that he did not know who his assailant was, and could not give a reason for the attack made on him. He said he had just left the saloon for a minute outside the door when the stranger approached him and slashed him several times on the cheek and chin. His assailant then ran up the street and turned into Twelfth street.

Patrolmen were sent to the scene in the police patrol, but a search of the neighborhood failed to result in finding the wielder of the razor.

Karam was assaulted as he stood in front of his home, but was not so seriously injured as Calao.

Detectives Calahan and Keenan are investigating the assault on Calao. They say they have learned that the descriptions of the man who assaulted Karam and that of the man who cut Calao do not tally. But friends of the two victims say the same man committed each attack.

Commissioner Carvell of the Board has given a ruling regarding the use of telephone and express franks.

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