

News from Western Ontario

A BIG TURNOUT AT SARNIA BANQUET

Between 400 and 500 Persons in Attendance—Front Street Well Lighted.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, April 15.—Between four and five hundred people attended the Shredded Wheat banquet in Devine Street Methodist Church on Thursday evening. It was a great success, and the Ladies' Aid are to be congratulated. The banquet tables were numerous and made the school room, where they were spread, a very inviting spot. Mr. J. Hewitt, of Toronto, a representative of the Shredded Wheat Company, and Chef Thompson were on hand, and furnished a menu most inviting and appetizing. The concert following in the church auditorium was indeed a treat. The Patchett String Quartette, vocal solos by Mrs. King, Mrs. Smith, and the phone solo by Mr. R. Griffith, solo by Mr. W. McIntyre, violin duet by Mrs. Fuller and Mr. Brush, and the address by Mr. J. Hewitt, were all of a very high merit. Mr. Patchett acted as accompanist in a very creditable manner. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Holmes, congratulated all, and the singing of the National Anthem closed a delightful social gathering.

Front Street Illuminated.
Front street presents a more life-like appearance at night since the fine display of incandescent lamps has been put up. John Phillips, jun., an Indian artist, created quite a disturbance on Front street on Thursday night, and as a result was locked up. He appeared before the magistrate on Friday, and was fined \$10 and \$5 costs, and allowed time to pay.

Miss Edna McCulloch, of Parkhill, is visiting Miss Lottie Hitchcock, Point Edward.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting in No. 1 vestry of Central Methodist Church at 3 o'clock.

The steamer Huronic, of the Northern Navigation Company, left Point Edward today on her first trip of the season up the lakes.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Church will hold an at home for the congregation in the school room at 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

Sunday at the Churches.
Central Baptist.—Rev. O. U. Chapman, of Woodstock, will preach at both services.

Central Methodist.—Rev. W. H. Barracough, pastor, 11 a.m.—"Why Should I Be a Member of the Church?" 7 p.m.—"God's Best Gift to a Weary World."

St. John's Church, Devine Street.—The pastor, Rev. T. G. A. Wright, has announced two Easter courses of sermons now in progress. "The Answer of the Risen Christ," in the morning; "Studies in the Epistle of St. James," in the evening.

Devine Street Methodist.—Rev. J. E. Holmes, pastor, services conducted by the pastor morning and evening, 11 a.m.—"The Greatness of the Little." Brief five-minute illustrated talks preceding sermon to the children. One hundred and fifty of them waited out to the academy, receiving a special treat the next six months. 7 p.m.—"Charles and Horsemanship."

JUMPED TRACK ON DOWN GRADE
Stratford Auxiliary of G. T. R. Called to Goderich.

Stratford, April 15.—An engine and two freight cars jumped the track on the switch leading down the hill from the station to the dock at Goderich this afternoon. News was received at Stratford at 2:15 p.m., and the auxiliary and crew, under Car Foreman Swift, left immediately for the scene of the accident.

The annual meeting of the Stratford district will be held in Central Methodist Church, Stratford, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19. The ministerial session will commence at 2:30 p.m., and the general session on the 19th, at 9:30 a.m.

On Tuesday evening, April 26, the G. T. R. Employees' Band will give a concert in the Theatre Albert. The band, numbering 35 players in all, will turn out in full uniform, and will be assisted by some of our local musical talent. The G. T. R. band has undertaken considerable liabilities as the result of the purchase of uniforms, in-

struments, etc., and considering this, and in view of the fact that the band delighted the people of Stratford last summer with numerous concerts presented from both on the G. T. R. and on the G. T. R. shop yards facing Battery Park on Downey street, it is expected the citizens will show their appreciation by turning out in full force to help the band to lighten some of their financial troubles.

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