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APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, at its next session, for an act:

1. To validate and confirm bylaw number 8014 of the City of London, passed on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1925, to provide for the issue of $225,000 debentures for the erection of a Nurses' Home in the said city, after it had received the assent of the electors of the said city entitled to vote on money bylaws. The reason for requiring the issue of the said debentures is to provide the necessary accommodation for nurses-in-training.

2. To validate and confirm bylaw number 8015 of the City of London, passed on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1925, to provide for the issue of $75,000 debentures for the erection of additional buildings at the Victoria Home for Incurables and the Aged People's Home, in the said city, after it had received the assent of the electors of the said city entitled to vote on money bylaws. The reason for the issue of the said last-mentioned debentures is to provide the necessary additional accommodation for patients and inmates of the said homes.

3. To authorize the Housing Commission of the City of London, with the consent of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London, from time to time, to sell to any person or persons or any company or corporation, any, or all, of the houses erected by the said commission, by public or private tender, or by public auction or by private sale, at such prices, which may in any case be less than the actual cost thereof, and upon such conditions and terms of payment as may be approved of by the said council, and to ratify and confirm the sales of any houses erected by the said commission which have been sold for less than the actual cost thereof.

4. To authorize the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to provide for borrowing money from time to time upon debentures of the said corporation, payable within ten years from their date of issue (without submitting the bylaw for the issue of the same to the electors for their assent), such sum and sums of money as may be necessary to produce an amount equal to the difference between the sale prices of such houses, which have been sold, or may be sold, for less than the actual cost thereof, and the actual cost thereof.

5. To authorize the said commission, with the consent of the Council of the said corporation, to engage a manager to assist the said commission in the renting and sale of the properties under the control of the said commission, and to pay such manager a salary to be approved of by the council of the said corporation.

6. To authorize the said commission, pending the sale of any houses which are, or shall, remain unsold, or which it may be necessary for the said commission from time to time to resell, to rent, to any person or persons or any company or corporation such houses from time to time, for such terms and at such rentals and upon such conditions as the council of the said corporation shall approve of.

7. The reason for the issue of the said last-mentioned debentures is to provide moneys to pay the difference between the cost of the houses erected or purchased by the said commission which have been, or shall be, sold or resold at less than the actual cost thereof.

8. The existing debenture debt of the said City of London is $13,056,445.15, made up as follows:

General debentures	$ 2,764,518.23
War purposes debentures	83,610.50
Housing commission debentures	646,126.57
Waterworks debentures	1,902,333.03
Electrical department debentures	1,473,640.23
London & Port Stanley Railway debentures	1,359,692.77
School and public library debentures	2,599,166.39
Local Improvement debentures (city share)	559,595.99
Local Improvement debentures (ratepayers' share)	1,667,761.44
	$13,056,445.15

Dated at the City of London this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1925.

S. BAKER,
City Clerk.
D.24,31,J.7,14,21,28.

LENGTHY HOLIDAY FOR SMALLMAN EMPLOYEES

Store To Close Doors Tonight and Remain Closed Until Monday.

A novel procedure in regard to the Christmas season will be followed this year by Smallman & Ingram's. The store will be closed from Thursday night at 10 o'clock until the following Monday.

This is probably the first time such a thing has been done in this city. As explained by Major Gordon Ingram, the nature of the Christmas season this year, Friday as Christmas Day, offered an opportunity for the store to give its staff a rest, and it took it.

WEST INDIAN MARKET FOR P. E. I. POTATOES

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 23.—Prince Edward Island will go after West Indies trade by sending a trade commissioner to the islands on January 1, in the person of Hon. H. D. McEwan, who was yesterday sworn in to the cabinet of Premier Stewart with the portfolio of trade commissioner. He will visit the principal islands of the British West Indies to find markets for Prince Edward Island products, and ascertain what products of the islands may be profitably handled here.

THE GUMPS—PAWNS OF FATE

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HEARTS GO OUT TO GIRL VAGRANT

Released From Cells When Big-Hearted Fellow-Prisoner Pays Fine.

Yesterday in police court when one prisoner, just released, volunteered to help a penniless "vag" on her way, a blase crowd of police court attaches were moved. They learned there is a kindliness among unfortunates, a pal-spirit developed by adversity.

The girl, who is 22 years old, was picked up on London streets and jailed as a vagrant because she had no money. She was called after another case had been temporarily disposed of, when the prisoner was bailed.

He stood aside when officers opened the door which leads to the cells below. He listened to the clang of an iron door and craned his neck with the rest of the court spectators to watch the girl appear. He heard the court tell her that she must leave the city if she wished to gain her freedom.

He knew she had no money. He knew she would probably be sent to the reformatory unless someone came to her aid and supplied sufficient money to pay her fare to Sarnia, where she had lived.

The man asked if he could pay her fine. He expressed his willingness to also buy her railroad ticket, and as he did so a ray of brightness shot through long iron window bars and trimmed sordid police court surroundings with happiness for the moment.

The girl had been taken to the cells again when the offer for her welfare was made. The money was paid over to Chief Birrell, and she was summoned, to be told that her release could now be brought about.

She left the police station accompanied by an officer, and departed from London shortly before noon. She still had money in her possession even after a ticket had been bought, as others, actuated by the first expression of generosity, had contributed, that she might have food and lodging for the night.

TRAINMEN'S LODGES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Two City Lodges of Railway Brotherhood Prepare For Active Year.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen held in the Alma block last night, officers of two city lodges were installed. The following were installed as members of the executive of the Forest City lodge, B. R. T., No. 240: Past president, W. B. Crisp; president, G. Buckle, vice-president, G. V. Drynan; secretary, E. Hazelwood; treasurer, Thomas Kelley; warden, W. McRoberts; conductor, G. Turner; chaplain, D. Murray; guards, C. Collins and N. Witchman.

Following are the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 120: Past president, Mrs. E. Rogers; president, Mrs. G. Buckle; vice-president, Mrs. F. Boyce; secretary, Mrs. C. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. G. Crosby; warden, Mrs. G. V. Drynan; conductress, Mrs. N. Witchman; chaplain, Mrs. F. Higman; guards, Mrs. L. Johnston and Mrs. W. McRoberts; pianist, Mrs. J. McCully; legislative representative, Mrs. L. Russell.

Dan Murray and Mrs. Thomas Kelley were in charge of the installation, after which an excellent lunch was served by the ladies.

FIVE VAUDEVILLE ACTS SECURED BY CITY T. M. A.

The Theatrical Mutual association's annual midnight show, which is to be held at the Patricia theatre on New Year's Eve, promises to outdo all others that have been put on by this body in the past. Five big acts of vaudeville that are new to Londoners are being brought here, and they will appear at this show only in this city.

The members of the association behind the show are the men who work in the different theatres to help to amuse the public on holidays and all. They put on this one show for charity on New Year's Eve each year. All the receipts go for charity during the next year

GERMAN TRADE BALANCE IS NOW NEARLY EVEN

By EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER.
By Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—For the first time since the mark was stabilized, the German trade balance has practically balanced.

Figures for November show an export deficit of only 65,000,000 marks, thus justifying the fundamental optimism of S. Parker Gilbert and other foreign observers.

After-Supper Story

A Short Story Complete in This Issue.

THE CHILDLESS MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS.

"No, I don't want to sit away over here in the corner," declared Miss Harriet Wilson emphatically. The surprised head waiter turned to wonder how he had failed to catalogue her type correctly. "I want to sit in the middle of the room, where I can see something. That's what I came in here for," she added tartly.

The words and manner of the very erect little person who carried her bag primly in folded hands surprised herself even more than they had the waiter. When she had entered, signifying her wish to be seated, she had stopped in the middle of her sentence apologetically. It was an infallible sign, and besides, someone had to take the undesirable places.

It was Miss Harriet's vacation from her labors as tutor to children of wealthy parents, and she had spent the entire morning in Fisk & Cooper's busy department store, gay in its Christmas trappings of red, green and tinsel, fragrant and spicy with evergreen and incense.

She had meditated long upon sending a gift to just one of her pupils. Undoubtedly the wondering eyed little girl would receive countless expensive toys and sweets, though perhaps not quite enough of love to go with them. Miss Harriet finally decided it would be unwise. She was beginning to refer to herself as "the childless mother of others' children."

With the first newspaper appeals for Christmas community work and donations, she had thrilled at the thought of the doll she might choose, the bright red kiddie car perhaps, or the little bonnet for a wee head that had never known a Christmas. She painstakingly prepared a list of the things she would like to do and took it to charity headquarters. The committee stated graciously but emphatically that such promiscuous giving did more harm than good, so with fingers that were not quite steady she wrote out a check for them to spend.

And so on this first morning of her vacation she had gone from one department to another of the big store, lingering longest at the dolls, the toys, the infants' section where Brownies and rabbits ran riot over soft white blankets and nursery tables. She moved on, turning at a distance to watch the faces of the women who bought.

The little tilt with the head waiter in the lunch room had lent a flash to her eyes that contrasted not unpleasantly with the scattered threads of gray in her hair. Confusedly she found herself seated in the center of the room at a table, crowded and somewhat disordered. She pulled off her gloves, blew in them before folding and studied the menu with pretended concentration. When she finally looked up she became aware of a man and three children seated with her.

The oldest, a serious-faced girl of ten, watched between bites the behavior of the two smaller children, especially the next younger, a rollicking boy who possessed a face brimming over with smiles, unruly hair, feet that beat a steady tattoo on his chair, and hands that built things with the silverware.

The father was awkwardly tucking a napkin under the chin of the four-year-old golden-haired girl, whose dress was already well streaked with milk and jam, to say nothing of a highly decorated face.

"Say, daddy, it wasn't a real elerphant in the window, was it? But it looked like one, didn't it, daddy? Gee, I wish I had a elerphant big as that—bigger'n that—an' a bicycle an 'a—a gun. Gee' if I only just but had——"

"Come, Bobby, eat your lunch now. Then we'll have some ice cream." coaxed the father. "Oh, oh, baby!" was the quickly added exclamation as a heaping spoonful of jam flew from the raised weapon in the chubby hand into Miss Harriet's lap.

The man rose abruptly. "I'm so sorry, madam. Can I——"

"Just missed me!" cheerfully lied Miss Harriet, her face lighting as she surreptitiously scraped the wad of thick jam into her napkin and dropped it to the floor. "It would be well worth it, anyway," she added, unexpectedly, smiling at the baby whose sticky mouth had puckered threateningly at the father's rebuke. Sunshine reigned again and Miss Harriet accepted a piece of wet cracker as a truce.

Gratefully the man's gray eyes met hers. "Guess I made a mistake trying to be Santa Claus with them along," he offered. "Rather thought I could find out that way what was wanted, but—" He stopped helplessly.

"Oh! would you let me help?" Miss Harriet made no attempt to conceal the eagerness in her voice.

Greta, the other girl, had dipped the corner of her napkin in a glass and was wiping the baby's mouth and fingers. Then she pushed Bobby's chair a little closer to the table. Her own food was scarcely touched.

As Miss Harriet glanced from one to the other of the children a spark of understanding kindled between her and the girl who was trying to take the place of the mother that was no longer with them.

The father intercepted the glance and something rose in his throat which gave birth to instant fellowship. "If you really feel that you could," he answered with unmistakable appreciation, "it would be a real kindness. Our names are Morgan—Greta, Bobby, Betty," he added, extending a hand. "And yours?"

"Miss Harriet Wilson. I didn't think of doing a kindness," she corrected honestly. "It will be the greatest Christmas I ever had!" Her eyes shone at the prospect.

And so in immediate intimacy they went through the store, looking at games, toys, dolls. While one purchased the other kept the attention of the children. Finally they took the baby to the nursery for a nap. Bobby was introduced to the playroom and Greta was allowed to feast her eyes as long as she choose on the dolls, and later together they bought for her the Frenchy black-haired one in the pink silk dress before which she had stood most longingly.

Frank Morgan and Miss Harriet Wilson began to feel as though they had known each other a very long time. And still there were tiny ribbons to be bought and tinsel for the tree and shiny baubles. Things that would fit the toe of the stockings and things to stick out at the top. So they moved on together again.

Then the hour came to get the babies. Miss Harriet's face suddenly dropped and she unconsciously clutched her bag in primly folded hands. As they entered the elevator Greta's arm shyly crept around her, and Miss Harriet almost defiantly drew her close. The association that had seemed a natural one was to become a thing of memory.

"You—you wouldn't leave us to put all this into action—without you, Miss Wilson? You see, we're not half through. The real work begins at home." The father of three children looked almost boyish in spite of his 40 years or more.

"We have a housekeeper," he went on simply, "but I guess she rather thinks Christmas a nuisance—with the children and all. Heard her tell a neighbor this morning, that she'd be glad when it was over."

"How could she!" was Miss Harriet's astounded exclamation. "Of course, I'll help. There is a lot to do." And again her face reflected the glow of anticipation.

And so they spent the remaining evenings before Christmas putting together mechanical toys, building a doll house, tying bundles with bright ribbons and hanging holly wreaths. And Christmas eve as she handed him the shining star that was to go at the tiptop of the tree his hand slipped quietly over hers and did not let go.

"I just can't bear to think of spending another Christmas—without you—ever," he said in even earnestness. "You have become a part of us, it seems, for all the time. The children—do you think——"

And so after that Miss Harriet never again referred to herself as the "childless mother."

"It all started when I saw you tie that jam up in your napkin," laughed Mr. Morgan as they sat contentedly before the fire some days later.

But Mrs. Frank Morgan shook her head wisely. "No, it really started with that blessed head waiter that I thought was stupid."

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CHRISTMAS DINNER IN GALLOWS' SHADOW

John B. Stanton and Steve Nazar Must Eat Princely Meals in Solitude.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—Christmas will be a lonely day for two young men who sit in solitary cells in the provincial jail awaiting the day of their execution.

In one cell is John Baker Stanton; in the other Steve Nazar. Neither will see each other until they are marched to the gallows on the morning of February 9.

Guarded by a continuous watch, the condemned men will on Christmas Day, in accordance with custom, be given the best for their holiday repast. Nothing within reason will be refused for the dinner, but both will be required to eat their meals in solitude, and under the shadow of death.

GRAIN PIT CLOSES SATURDAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The members of the Winnipeg Grain exchange decided at a meeting today to close the exchange on Saturday, December 26, and Saturday, January 2. Consequently, the exchange will be closed from Thursday afternoon until Monday the holiday weeks. The local livestock markets will close for the same period.

BLYTH TEACHERS NAMED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blyth, Dec. 23.—The local teachers for the coming term will be Miss Worsell, principal, and Miss Goldthorpe, assistant of the continuation classes; Mr. Manson, principal of the public school, and the Misses McNair and Babb, assistants.

California Gets Phone Greeting

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Christmas greetings were exchanged by phone this morning between Mrs. C. Macfarlane, Talbot street, city, and her daughter in Pasadena, California. The voices of the parties speaking from the sunny south were unusually distinct.

NEW RECORD SET IN HOLIDAY MAIL

Volume Now Being Handled at Sarnia Is Double That of Last Year.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Postmaster George B. Dawson declared today that the volume of Christmas mail passing through the local office at the present time is practically double that of last year, and is easily a record. Fourteen extra men are employed for the rush season at the local office. The staff is working overtime, and the mail is being cleared as it arrives.

Sarnia today had a bumper poultry market, and the demand was heavy. Mrs. Johnston, of Wyoming, made a record for the day when she brought in a turkey weighing 18 pounds and a half. The prevailing price was 50 cents a pound, and geese from 25c to 28c.

PUPILS OF WOODSTOCK HIGH GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Graduation Exercises Attended by Record Crowd—Scholarships Are Awarded.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The gymnasium of the Woodstock collegiate institute was crowded to capacity for the annual graduation exercises of the school, the features of which were the baccalaureate address of Inspector N. McDougall of Toronto and the valedictory address of Edmund Martin, of the graduating class. The various scholarships and general proficiency and oratory prizes were presented. Jerome Lowden received the McMaster university scholarship of $340 in mathematics and physics and the second Carter scholarship of $60. Edith Gerrish received the McMaster scholarship of $340 in classics and Evelyn McKeley and Kathleen Carrigan each received $150 scholarships for Western university.

The marriage was quietly solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in New St. Paul's church of Helen Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bosworth, city, to Archibald McMaster, city, son of Archibald McMaster of County Gerry, Ireland, Rev. Canon Appleyard officiating. The bride was becomingly gowned in violet satin silk with sand trimmings and wore a hat to match. After a wedding trip to London and other western points, Mr. and Mrs. McMaster will reside in this city.

The death occurred suddenly at his home here last night of Harvey R. Rockett, in his 39th year. He was born in Culloden, Ont., but lived the greater part of his life in Woodstock. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, also by three sisters and four brothers.

CONCERTS NOW OVER.

Special to The Advertiser.

Beachville, Dec. 23.—The last of the local Christmas trees and concerts was held Monday evening in the assembly room of the school, when the school children, under the direction of their teachers, Mr. Finch, Miss M. Fish and Miss Z. Campbell, gave an entertaining program. Rev. H. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, was chairman.

Do Not Gnaw Things In Here Catherine Great Warned

Quaint Rules For Conduct Found in Walls of Palace Now Being Dismantled by Bolsheviks—Tale-Bearing, Yawns Were Tabooed by the Russian Queen.

Associated Press Despatch.

Leningrad, Dec. 23. — While dismantling the sumptuous drawing-room of the late Empress Alexandra in the famous Winter Palace, the Bolshevik authorities discovered a quaint set of rules of social conduct written by Catherine the Great in 1785. Catherine, who was one of the most versatile and gifted women of her time, caused these "ten commandments" to be posted at the entrance of the imperial chambers:

1.—Leave your rank outside, as well as your hat, and especially your sword.

2.—Leave your right of precedence, your pride and similar feeling outside the door.

3.—Be gay, but do not spoil anything; do not break or gnaw anything.

4.—Sit, stand, walk as you will, without reference to anybody.

5.—Talk moderately and not very loud, so as not to make the ears and heads of others ache.

6.—Argue without anger and without excitement.

7.—Neither sigh nor yawn, nor make anybody dull or heavy.

8.—In all innocent games, whatever one proposes, let all join.

9.—Eat whatever is sweet and savory, but drink with moderation, so that each may find his legs upon leaving the room.

10.—Tell no tales out of school; whatever goes in at one ear must go out at the other before leaving the room.

Penalty for Disobedience.

Transgressors of these royal regulations were obliged, upon the testimony of two witnesses, to drink a glass of cold water for each offence, "not excepting the ladies." They also were compelled to read a page of the Telemachiade, a thoroughly bad poetic composition by Tretiakofsky, an unfortunate native poet of the time, whose literary reputation thereby became ruined. Those who broke any three of the rules during the same evening were required to commit six lines of the Telemachiade to memory. Any offender against the tenth rule was never again admitted to Catherine's presence.

Mayor's Cards For 25 John W's

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Twenty-five John W. Smiths in the Detroit city directory will get Christmas greetings this years from the mayor.

Mayor John W. Smith, in preparing his list for Christmas greeting cards, instructed his clerks to mail to all of the other John W. Smiths.

The mayor is not personally acquainted with all of the other John W. Smiths, but he said he wanted to wish them a merry Christmas anyway.

MANY SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC

Visitors From Border Points To London and East Numerous.

Christmas traffic on both the C. N. R. and C. P. R. is particularly heavy this year. Special trains and extra sections are being run to cope with the increase of passenger traffic.

On the C. N. R. a special will be run from Detroit via Port Huron, arriving in London at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning; another from Detroit and Windsor arrives at 7 a.m. Christmas eve a special will be run from Windsor to Toronto, passing through London at 3 a.m. Christmas morning, and one in the afternoon, arriving here at 3:50 p.m. From Toronto a special will be run to Windsor, arriving here at 8:45 p.m. tomorrow night. Other trains will be made up if it is found necessary to do so to carry the many holiday passengers.

Extra sections will be placed on the C. P. R.; the midnight train from Detroit will be run in two sections tonight and tomorrow night. Two sections will make up the train arriving here from Detroit at 1:15 tomorrow noon also. Christmas eve the Detroit train will be run in three sections, arriving at intervals after 7:30 p.m., and the midnight Christmas Eve train will also consist of three sections.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—J. D. O'Connell, "the children's friend," who gives picnics to orphans and poor children throughout the United States and Canada, has sent Mayor Foster of this city $210 to give to the children in Toronto Catholic, Protestant and Jewish orphanages. It is a direct gift to the children, and must not be used for institutional purposes. Mr. O'Connell sent his check from Cuba.

BRITISH FOR CANADA MOSTLY FARM CLASS

Saturday Review Says That For This Reason Cut in Fares Justified.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The Saturday Review, an independent weekly paper, rejoices in the "bold reduction in the emigrant fares to Canada," and insists that this is quite right from the dominion's point of view, as three-fourths of the emigrants from Great Britain are agriculturists.

Even though the majority of the emigrants are agriculturists, the Review says, their going overseas should relieve the congestion in the United Kingdom to a very considerable extent.

Family Rescued From Gas Fumes

E. Henderson, Brussels, Enters House To Find Mother and Children Overcome.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Henderson, together with their small children, narrowly escaped asphyxiation in their home here yesterday, when gas fumes filled the house.

Mr. Henderson was the first to notice any change, and even then, thinking it might be just a weak spell coming over him, he went out in the open air to refresh himself. On coming back into the house in a few minutes he found that Mrs. Henderson, in a weakened condition caused by effects of the gas, had fallen against the stove and suffered most severe burns about the face and arms. She was able, however, to make her way to a bed, and it was there that Mr. Henderson found her. The children also had been overcome with the effects of the gas.

A doctor was immediately summoned and gave the victims every attention. Although suffering to a great extent, their condition is by no means serious.

ROYAL BANK WINDFALL DRAWS $460,000 PRIZE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The Evening News publishes a cable from its correspondent at Madrid, Spain, stating that the Royal Bank of Canada in Barcelona has drawn a prize of £92,000 ($460,000) in the great Spanish Christmas lottery.

The total amount subscribed in connection with the lottery, the Evening News correspondent says, was £4,000,000 ($20,000,000), of which the Spanish treasury will take £1,500,000 ($7,500,000).

FLAX INDUSTRY TALK.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, Dec. 23.—The weekly "classification" talks being given by the various members of the St. Marys Rotary club have thus far proven intensely interesting, and some splendid talks have been heard. At the last meeting, Fred G. Sanderson, M.P., spoke on the flax industry, with which he is prominently connected as head of the St. Marys Flax Company, Limited. President W. N. Harrison presided, and there was almost a full attendance of members.

Dignity Strike Cancelled English Bricklayers Return

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—Dignity marked the settlement today of the walkout of 40 English bricklayers who went on a "dignity strike" last week, declaring they would not resume labor until Ald. Edward Price, of the Lambeth borough council, retracted his declaration that they required one minute, 12 seconds, to lay a single brick.

Ald. Price conceded that he was seven seconds off in his reckoning, and that the operation might require only one minute and five seconds. The bricklayers have accepted this as the required apology, and will return to work next Monday, allowing 250 carpenters, painters and other workmen to resume their occupations, which were checked by the "dignity strike."

These other workmen have complained that they were the victims of "pampered swells who can't take a joke."