UNITED WELFARE FUND TOTAL IS NOW $83,350.17

Wednesday Donations Included Persian Cat, Bruce Farm, Oil Painting.

CANVASSERS BANQUETED

Philip Pocock, Host At Dinner in the Tecumseh House.

When the results of Wednesday's canvass were announced at a dinner given to the Welfare Fund campaign workers in the Tecumseh House last night it was found that the total subscriptions up to date totalled $83,270.97, 29 acres of land, somewhere in the Bruce Peninsula, one picture beautifully painted in oils, and one pure-bred Persian cat. The land, the painting and the cat were sold by auction for the total sum of $79.20, making the total of the Welfare Fund, $83,350.17.

On Wednesday $20,020.02 was collected. The results obtained by the different teams were on an average somewhat less than results of the first day's canvass. On Tuesday $63,330.15 was collected.

Following are some of the larger subscriptions announced last night, in addition to those published previously:

W. E. and Mrs. George Robinson	$600
London and Petrolea Barrel Company	500
A. M. Smart	500
Silverwood's, Limited	400
McConnell & Fergusson	300
H. Ashplant & Sons	300
London Advertiser	300
James Blair Estate	300
J. I. A. Hunt	300
Globe Casket Company	240
Benson-Wilcox Company	240
J. R. Shuttleworth & Co.	200
C. R. Somerville	200
H. E. Gates	300
C. E. German	180
W. E. Saunders	180
Woolworth's, Limited	150
L. H. Scandrett	150
J. K. Campbell	150
A. E. Silverwood	120
A. and E. Nobbs	120
Advertiser Job Printing Co.	100
F. G. Dicks	120
Mrs. T. P. McCormick	125
J. H. Langford	120
J. K. H. Pope	120
The Signry	120
Col. Claude Brown	120
Standard Drug Co.	100
Cowan Hardware Co.	100
Johnston & Murray	100
D. A. Gillies & Son	100
Columbia Handle Co.	100
Dr. John G. Hunt	100
National Drug Co.	100
John Garvey & Sons	100
F. W. Coles	100
Dr. Babb	100
Wright Litho Company	100
Mrs. D. H. Howden	100
Dr. Wishart	100
Mrs. Edna A. Travers	100
A. McCormick & Sons	100

Cat and Farm Sold.

The cat, a beautiful specimen of a black and orange Persian, was donated by Mrs. G. Weir; the painting was the gift of J. P. Hunt, and the farm, which is located in the Bruce peninsula somewhere in the vicinity of Wiarton, was contributed by Emerson Nichol of this city, who purchased it during last year's campaign. After the dinner the three were put up for auction with W. E. Saunders acting as auctioneer.

The picture was the first to be offered. Starting at $5 the bids ran quickly up to $35, but they refused to go higher. After all manner of exhortations on the part of Mr. Saunders failed to induce a higher offer, he sold it to Frank Ashplant.

Then came the cat. Although Mr. Saunders knew a lot about cats, and he told all he knew, he failed to get a higher offer than $10.20. He sold it at that figure to Charles Jones, who immediately gave it back to be resold. E. V. Buchanan finally bought it for $5.

The farm was sold to John Bridge for $29, or $1 an acre. Starting at $10, several bids were made for the land, but no one could be found who would take a chance on investing $30 in the property, although Mr. Saunders read a long pedigree relative to it.

Some Reports Not In.

No returns were received from the employees' committee headed by W. R. Yendall or from the military committee with Lieut.-Col. F. Ware in charge. The military units were canvassed on Thursday, so it is expected that a complete returns will be made today. As the returns from the factory campaign were coming in very slowly Mr. Yendall believed it would be better if the complete returns were announced later in the week.

Partial returns only were received from the Advertising Club, the Public Utilities and from the educational committee.

Although the results were not as great as it was hoped they would be, Philip Pocock, the chairman and host of the evening, said that they were nevertheless excellent. He believed that the total would be much greater when the final returns were in.

W. R. Yendall stated that there was much work yet to be done, and as the results had not come up to the expectations of the association the campaign would have to be carried on again today. There were many places to be called upon the second time, and several on the special lists were yet to be received. To carry on the work today and during next week, if necessary, he asked for 15 volunteers. Many offerd their services.

Rev. T. S. Roy Speaks.

Rev. T. S. Roy, the first speaker of the evening congratulated the men in whose heart the Welfare Fund project was conceived. They had realized, he said, that God's unfortunates were charges on their lives and also they knew that to carry on the work of mercy it was necessary to pool the resources of heart and hand.

"Out of the drive has come the great lesson of co-operation," he claimed. "We have learned that men can work together in a great common cause regardless of their creed. We have learned that unless men can work together nothing can be accomplished.

"You men have been carrying out the great ideal of co-operation and the bearing of one another's burdens in direct contrast to selfish competition," the speaker continued. "The world is not a gold mine to be worked for personal gain, but it is a vast field for service. Through this campaign we have been giving to the world a vision of true service."

Save Souls by Giving.

Besides giving succor to the unfortunate, he claimed that the welfare workers had been giving to all men an opportunity to save their souls by inducing them to loosen the strings of their pocketbooks. They also gave men an opportunity to learn how to live, for no man, he said, had experienced the real joy of living until he had learned to share his gains.

The greatest satisfaction of life was giving, he said. The obligation rested on everyone to give until it hurt, and then to keep giving until it could not be felt. Practice in giving, he claimed, made it easy to give.

In conclusion, Mr. Roy claimed that the only thing that people in this world kept was what they gave away. The money they gave in this cause was really an investment in the lives of boys and girls, and it should be done in a spirit of love and service.

Rev. D. C. MacGregor.

Rev. D. C. MacGregor said that it was most gratifying to see London standing splendidly behind the Welfare movement regardless of the adverse conditions in the money market. He expressed the belief that London would continue to do so, and that success would crown its efforts.

The campaign must be made successful, he continued, because in the first place the beneficiaries need it. He pointed out that those who were helped were not the organizations which were enumerated in the lists, but the sick and feeble and the young, who were being administered to through those institutions. It was they, he said, who would suffer if no assistance were given. People lose sight of that fact when they take exception to cerain institutions.

Communities, he claimed, were beginning to realize the fact that boys are its greatest asset. This was borne out by the extensive educational systems and the public playgrounds and its supervised play. The Welfare campaign, he said, was just an extension of this idea.

No one who was not a pagan could object to helping the aged and the sick. The span of civilization was measured by what has been done to make the lot of the feeble and the maimed more comfortable. To neglect them would be a sign or jungle rule, he said, and no one wanted jungle conditions to prevail in civilized countries.

Another Reason Existing.

The Welfare Fund campaign had yet another reason for existing. It was the means through which the citizens administered to their more unfortunate charges. The institutions who actually cared for them he said were organized to carry out the wishes of the whole of London. If they did not do it other institutions would be forced to carry on the work.

Mr. McGregor read a portion of Dickens' Christmas Carol, describing the scenes between Scrooge the miser, and Marley's ghost, to illustrate his message. He believed that the real business of life was the cause of humanity.

The speaker claimed that many other cities were watching London's campaign, and that if it proved successful—and he was sure that it would—the idea of united effort would spread.

Two solos sung by Miss Gladys McAvoy, with Miss Udy accompanying, were enjoyed very much.

Auditing Committee.

The Welfare Association auditing committee, H. F. Skey, J. W. Westervelt, Jun., Lieut.-Col. Eric Reid and Kenneth Ingram, were assisted in checking and compiling the returns from the canvassing teams by B. A. Sylvester, W. J. Glassford, John Kelso, William C. Benson, P. H. Turnbull, G. M. Townsend, W. L. Cahill, J. H. Cumberland, Miss McCue and Miss Collins.

With the valuable aid from these voluntary workers, the returns were expeditiously and accurately prepared and handed over to the honorary treasurer, John S. Moore. C. H. Shaw kindly loaned the adding machine used by the auditors.

If you want a good attendance at your meeting, let Advertiser readers know when it is going to be. The rate is 2 cents per word, or 15 cents per line.

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS AT ANNUAL SPRING EXHIBIT OF TULIPS

Hyman Hall Brilliant With Bright Colors in Artistic Display.

Hyman Hall was ablaze with a riot of color on Thursday on the occasion of the tulip show of the Horticutural Society. Magnificent blooms of every color and variety displayed in a most artistic fashion filled the hall from end to end. J. N. McLeod captured the silver cup donated by John A. Nash with a display of lovely dark red tulips of the Farncombe Sanders variety. Kenneth Casselman came second in this class with a large bloom of the Faust variety. W. E. Greenway was awarded the third prize for a showing of Farncombe Sanders. The competition in this class was very keen. Twenty-eight exhibitors competed for the cup.

Prizes For Collections.

Class 2 was allotted to the best six tulips grown from bulbs given as premiums by the society. The awards in this group were: 1, J. N. McLeod; 2, W. E. Greenway; 3, F. E. Tobias.

Class 3 called for the best collection of three each of any variety of tulips. F. Leake, president of the Ingersoll Horticultural Society, carried off the first award in this class, having 67 different varieties. The blooms were all perfect and the colors excellent. These were a special feature of the show and called forth much admiration from visitors at the exhibit. T. C. Flemming came second with 22 varieties, and Mrs. Jared Vining third with 21 varieties.

Class 4 was open for the best bouquet of not less than twelve blooms of any variety. The La Merville exhibited by T. C. Fleming carried off the ribbon in this class. J. N. McLeod came second and T. C. Fleming also carried of the third award.

For the best three blooms of any variety, J. N. McLeod won first prize, T. C. Fleming, second and J. W. Firth, third. Mrs. A. J. Morgan won the ribbon for the best display of daffodils and S. F. Wood for the best collection of any seasonable flowers. Mr. Wood's collection was especially good. A large flat bowl of polyanthus was much admired in his collection. Mrs. C. L. Jeffery came second and W. E. Saunders, third.

School Children Attend.

Through the efforts of Assistant School Inspector V. K. Greer, hundreds of children from the city school visited Hyman Hall for a glimpse of the lovely blooms. W. T. Lawrence, who was in charge of the display arrangements, regretted that, although there was a big attendance, it was not larger. The exhibition, he said was highly educative, and should not be missed. It also encouraged exhibitors, he pointed out, when the public manifested interest. Superintendent of Parks E. E. Graham judged the blooms.

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About 50 Hats chosen from regular stock and specially reduced to make room for light sport hats. Hand-made hats of georgette and straw braid, combined with taffeta and mohair, cellophane braid and cire cloth, trimmed with flowers and ribbons, others with embroidery and tiny mounts, all the new shades. Saturday morning $4.98

Creamed Almonds
AT CANDY COUNTER.
Saturday ..... 32c lb.

Sale of Voile Dresses Saturday $11.95

A clearing from the maker of this season's dresses will be passed on to you tomorrow at a big reduction in price. Thirty Dresses, made of dark flowered voile, splendid quality; three styles to choose from; all these models are smartly trimmed with tucking and narrow ruffles on skirt and waist; elbow-length sleeves, with novel finish; navy, copen or grey ground, with floral pattern throughout; sizes 16, 18 and 20 years. Special $11.95

Ribbons for Saturday, 39c and 49c Yard

40 yards Dresden Ribbon, 4 inches wide, for hair bows; colors, blue and green ground, large floral designs. Sale price ..... 39c yard

150 yards Taffeta Ribbon, 5 inches wide, for hair bows and sashes, in white, navy, rose, copen. Sale price ..... 49c yard

Children's Hats on Sale Saturday Morning, $1.19.

150 Children's Hats, all samples, no two alike; rolling brims, mushroom brims, pokes, sailors, and other styles to choose from; suitable for ages 4 to 12 years; colors, black, white, saxe and white, rose and white, sky, pink, cherry; banded with ribbon and long streamers; in all the newest straw braids. These must be seen to be appreciated. Saturday morning $1.19

Ladies' House Dress Aprons Saturday 98c.

10 dozen Coverall Aprons, which may be worn as a dress; made of good, firm print in a nice assortment of light and dark colors, square neck, all-around belt, front opening and sleeves trimmed with percale. Special, Saturday 98c

ODDS AND ENDS.

One table of odd and broken lines of Ladies' Whitewear, including Gowns, Petticoats, Drawers, and Envelope Chemise, to clear Saturday at greatly reduced prices.

IN THE BASEMENT

SPRINGTIME NEEDS

Garden Rakes 85c, $1.00, $1.65
Garden Hoes, 75c, $1.00, $1.35
Watering Cans, 50c to $1.50
Corn Brooms, 90c, $1.00, $1.25
Clothes Bars, 4 and 5 foot $1.19
Clothes Props 35c
Clothes Baskets, $1.75, $1.85
Stepladders, $1.75 and $2.25
Market Baskets, double handle $1.19
Garbage Cans ..... $2.00, $2.50, $3.50 and $4.50
Wall Mops, long handle, $1.65
Cedar Oil Mops, $1.25, $1.75
Scrub Brushes, 25c, 30c, 35c
Auto Spoke Brushes.....90c
Bathroom Mirrors ..... 35c, 40c, 50c to $3.00
Zinc Washboards 60c
Glass Washboards $1.00

Basement.

Colored Bath Towels, 89c Pair

Here's a splendid general purpose Towel of useful size, for kitchen, and particularly good for summer season at the beach, to save your better towels; at a good reduction on former price; 20 dozen, Saturday special ..... 89c pair

23-Inch Heavy Tea Toweling, 39c Yard.

Just 200 yards for Saturday's special selling; wide width, Heavy Union Tea Toweling, of good drying and wearing quality. Saturday special ..... 39c yard

High-Grade English Prints, Saturday, 39c Yard.

About 350 yards of High-Grade English Prints. These come in butcher blue and navy blue grounds, with white figures only. One of the best-wearing materials you can buy; fast colors. (See the samples that have been laundered.) The material is of a fine, even weave, good weight, and free from dressing. A splendid opportunity of securing material for house dresses, children's dresses, etc., of a superior quality, at about the same price you would pay for a much lower grade of print. English Prints, special for Saturday, at about one-half off; 32 inches wide ..... 39c yard

Linen Finish Sheeting, $1.10

A splendid quality in 8-4 Sheeting, linen finished; a very nice, even weave, and a good firm body to it; a cloth we can recommend for wear. Bride-elects will do well to lay in a stock of this beautiful sheeting. We have a limited quantity only of this number, and as it is one of our popular lines we would suggest early buying; 8-4 Sheeting, $1.10 yard

"Horrockses'" Hemstitched Pillowcases

About 50 pairs only of Horrockses' Hemstitched Linen-Finished Pillow Cases, sizes 40 and 42 inch. Special for Saturday, one-quarter off. Per pair $1.49

BREAKFAST CLOTHS, $1.98

64x64-inch, a nice quality, too, for kitchen or general use. See this special Saturday; 58 only; assorted patterns ..... $1.98 each

Canton Flannel, 19c.

Another big selling number in Canton Flannel. A very nice quality, soft finish, specially suitable for babies' use. Be sure and get your supply of this popular number. Unbleached Canton Flannel, free from specks, 27 inches wide. Saturday ..... 19c yard

Saturday Specials in China

Etched Glass Vases, in pretty designs.....49c, 69c
Etched Glass Butter Tubs, covered 69c
Salts and Peppers, pearl and aluminum tops 69c
Pint and Quart Jugs..... 49c, 50c to $1.50
Glass Insets, for cut flowers 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 90c
Large assortment of Teapots ..... 35c to $2.50
New shipment of Pyrex Cooking Ware, all lines complete.

38-Inch Black Sateen, 69c Yard

One of our regular numbers, specially marked for Saturday. A good quality Black Sateen, highly mercerized finish and a good dye. Just the thing for rompers, bloomers, etc.; 38 inches wide. Special ..... 69c yard

Black Moire Lining, 49c

A limited quantity of Black Moire Lining, suitable for underskirts, etc.; 36 inches wide. Special for Saturday, 49c yard

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Men's and Young Men's Suits, $26.95

A snappy lot of suits for men and young men Saturday, grey, green, brown and mixed patterns, lightweight tweeds, single and double breasted, some have piped seams and some half lined with silk, others lined throughout with wool lustre; very smart models for spring and summer wear; sizes 35 to 46. Price $26.95

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About 30 Suits, in neat grey pattern tweeds; very durable school suits; for boys 7 to 17 years. Clearing price Saturday.....$9.95

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Good Strong Work Shirts, made with large bodies, in black and white, or dark blue, coat style or regular. Price ..... $1.95 each

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BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by McIlwraith Ornithological Club.

This steady spell of fairly cool weather is having its effect on the birds and the rush of arrivals due about May 10 is not being conspicuously filled.

On the 9th came the Warbling Vireo, six days late. This bird sings quite like the Purple Finch, but in a more deliberate way, as becomes a Vireo, never in a hurry, and may often be heard in Victoria Park in May and June. It usually nested there before the advent of the squirrels.

On the 10th, after the arrivals had been sent to press, the Wood Thrush was heard clucking and then singing on the north side of the pond. The music of this singer is one of the treats of the spring woods. A male may frequently be heard from the road 200 yards west of U. E. Buchner's house at the corner of Brick street and the Pipe Line road. He sings in the woods south of the road.

On the 11th, the Catbird reappeared. One very early specimen was seen and heard near Kilworth about two weeks ago, but his relatives are late, and, though due on May 3, have only just now come. The Redstart and Orange-Crowned Warbler were also noted the same morning. The latter is probably the rarest of the regular visitors of the Warbler family, and one of the most difficult to identify, though, like many other things, fairly easy when once you know how. The two latter are just about on time.

On the 12th, came the Crested Flycatcher, a week behindhand. Sometimes this bird is nearly silent on arrival, and as the call note is very striking, he is less apt to be seen if the note is not given. The White Crown Sparrow, another arrival for this date, was reported in April, but has not been seen near the city until now. His average date is May 8, while his near relative, the White Throat, arrives in early April.

The Henslow's Sparrow that arrived on the 4th, is still there, and as the field is suitable to its needs, hope is beginning to hint that perhaps there may be a pair, and that they may stay the summer. This is the second record of observance of this smallest of our Sparrows for the county, and a breeding record would be a great rarity. Only a single nest has been found in Ontario, near Jeannette's Creek, where the bird is fairly common. There are but four other places where the bird has been found in the province during the summer, though there can be little doubt that it is all over the southern parts in small numbers. A Grasshopper Sparrow was found in the same field, liking the locality, evidently, but the latter is moderately common in these parts. Its name describes the song so aptly that one is to be excused if he takes the "melody" to be the buzz of an insect.

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ANNUAL "Y" MEETING

Seven New Directors Will Be Appointed at Gathering Next Thursday.

The annual meeting of all members of the Y. M. C. A. and the board of directors will be held next Thursday evening, when the election of officers for the fiscal year will be held. The board of directors will give a report of the past year's work. The different organizations affiliated with the "Y" will also report their year's work. Secretary B. J. Jenkins states that seven new directors will be appointed. A supper will be held previous to the meeting.