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Mr. Mowat's Fee Commission will pay London a visit shortly. The local vital statistics for April show 50 births, 32 deaths and 22 marriages. As twins are born only once in 69 births, there isn't much danger of having more than two or three pairs in the same family.

Rev. Mr. Walker, of the Wortley Road Baptist Church, left yesterday to attend the closing exercises of the McMaster University at Toronto.

His Lordship Bishop Baldwin confirmed a class of over thirty at St. John the Evangelist Church Sunday night. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon.

The charge of theft preferred by W. S. Reid against Mrs. Saunders was withdrawn before Squire Lacey yesterday afternoon, the defendant paying costs.

The new Post Office Inspector of the London Division, Mr. D. Spry, is expected here on Thursday next. The family will not arrive here for several weeks yet.

The fire department were called out nineteen times in April. The only fires of importance were those at the Ontario Car Works and at T. B. Escott & Co.'s wholesale.

Mr. Dan. McWatt, of Barrie, Grand Master Workman of the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the A. O. U. W., was in the city yesterday, and gave the FREE PRESS a pleasant call.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario has made the following appointments:—John Beemer, police magistrate of Simcoe, without salary; Joseph William Browning, M.D., Exeter, associate coroner.

It is stated that Thomas Lee, of East End, who was sent to penitentiary for ten years for criminal assault, has been pardoned, owing to his condition. Consumption is fast drawing his life to a close. He will be brought home so soon as he is able to be moved.

Andrew McKenzie, of St. Thomas, a man with a family of five children and who was arrested while roaming around that city in a demented state of mind some days ago, was proven to be insane before Judge Hughes on Saturday and will be brought to the Asylum here in a few days.

Mr. Peter Thompson, formerly of Wingham, for some years past engaged in Nipissing District in connection with colonization roads and bridges, has been appointed superintendent of Algonquin Park, and Mr. John Simpson, of Mount Forest, civil engineer, has been appointed chief ranger.

Mr. G. A. Burnham, assistant inspector of the Toronto postal division, has been appointed inspector of the Kingston Division, in succession to Mr. Allan Jones, who has been transferred to the charge of the Barrie division. Mr. Burnham's promotion carries with it an increase in salary of \$400 per annum.

The bill to facilitate the local administration of justice in certain cases passed the third reading in the Legislature Friday.

Mr. Meredith moved an amendment to the bill in the House of Commons, regarding as Toronto as regards the holding of legal courts. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 40 to 25.

Frank J. Bailey, found guilty of obtaining a premium of \$12 for insurance in the Preferred Accident Company, of New York, from Dr. Duncome, of St. Thomas, by false pretences, was sentenced yesterday by Police Magistrate White to two months, with hard labor, in the common jail.

A young man named Alfred Webb, recently employed by Dr. Nelles, was arrested in the Clarence House by P. C. Birrell at an early hour yesterday morning. He had gained entrance by the back door, and with a pair of pliers was engaged in pulling the screws out of the hinges of the door in the smoking room, where the officer captured him. A charge of burglary was entered against Webb on the Police books.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Brownsville, gave an "At Home" at the Methodist parlour last Friday evening. After the refreshments had been served, President, Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, presided, and a lengthy programme of the missionary nature was rendered. The people were so well pleased with the evening's entertainment, and they became so much interested in the mission work, that a number of both gentlemen and ladies gave in their names as members, and all went home feeling they had spent a profitable evening.—Com.

After a watch of several months, the United States authorities have at last succeeded in having two Chinese, namely, Herbert Johnson and William Sugdin, both residents of Windsor, the men were captured at Wyandotte on board a train on Saturday night and with them a batch of eight Chinese consigned to Lima and Cincinnati. All three are to be tried and locked up, awaiting their examination before the customs authorities. Sugdin and Johnson are well known in Windsor, having lived there nearly all their lives. Sugdin is generally known as "Kid Rochford."

At the Police Court yesterday William Murphy, charged with driving over the sidewalk, was allowed to go. Bert Lind was fined \$5 or three days for riding over the paths of Victoria Park with his bicycle. Richard Egleton, William Pugeley, Maud Campbell, Richard Morgan and William Crow, the youths summoned for disturbing religious services at the York Street Mission, were discharged with a caution. Joseph Ryan, summoned for violating a city by-law by driving over the sidewalk in front of Mr. H. M. Douglass' property, will appear again in a week. Mr. Douglass promised to repair the damage and have a crossing made there. Sarah Andrews was remanded for a week on a charge of vagrancy.

A very pleasant event took place at the family residence, 137, on 2nd, on Wednesday evening, April 25th, it being the marriage of Miss E. E. daughter of the late Samuel Stevenson to Edward Guest, of the 4th con. London. The Rev. Mr. Seaborn officiating. The bride looked lovely in a costume of cream cashmere and silk lace, with tulle veil and wreath of silver leaves and flowers, and stood under a large, white floral bell. The bride was assisted by Miss Maggie Sloan, of Crumlin, who was also attired in cream cashmere and silk lace, while Mr. Mark Roberts, of Bryanston, acted as best man. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and a pleasant evening was spent by all, after which the happy couple departed for their future home amid showers of goodwill, rice and old shoes. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents.—Com.

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THE WOMAN'S ART CLUB OF LONDON.

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The Woman's Art Club of London, in affiliation with the "Women's Art Association of Canada," having its headquarters at Toronto, has made great progress since the first exhibition in this city last spring. The objects of these Associations are the encouragement and promotion of more general interest in original art in Ontario, and more especially for the mutual help and co-operation of women who are either lovers of art, or who are amateur artists seeking to excel in that fascinating accomplishment. The Association comprises two classes, professional and honorary, the first those who are artists and serious students are willing to co-operate with one another for mutual advancement; and the second class, comprising ladies who interest themselves in the promotion of art matters generally. Last fall meetings were held once a fortnight, but so great has been the desire for prompt advancement that for some time past two meetings have been held each week for serious work, advice and criticism. One spacious apartment, well equipped, affords an excellent studio and exhibition room, situated two doors from the FREE PRESS building, on Richmond street. Work is carried on at the studio under the supervision of the artist-directress. Of course, professional criticism and the friendly interchange of help and advice goes on during the period of study. So far the results have been most encouraging, and surprising progress has been made by many of the members. As is pretty generally understood, the work of the artist progresses under the efficient direction of Miss E. E. M. Clem, a graduate of the best European schools, and herself an artist of considerable talent and experience.

FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The first annual exhibition of the works of the ladies of the London Women's Art Club opened on Friday at their room on Richmond street, and will be continued till Saturday evening, May 5th. The hours are from 2 till 10 p.m., and the admission fee is 15c. Pictures are also on exhibition from artists of Toronto, Hamilton, Rochester, N. Y., and Glenora. On entering the visitor is agreeably surprised at the tasteful manner in which the room is arranged. The principal decorations divide the room, the front being devoted to oil paintings and the rear to decorative china, water colors, sketches and wood carving. A pretty floral display pleases the eye, and the entire arrangements indicate the good taste of those ladies who so kindly gave their services to produce the effects obtained.

Glancing round the room, attention is naturally arrested by several exhibits of pronounced merit. The figure painting is noticeable in contradistinction to the less important subjects, such as landscape, flower work, &c. Miss Farncombe shows great progress in No. 21, entitled "The New Song," and No. 24, "Out of Work."

Two figure pictures which indicate real merit, and promise well for her future artistic career; her drawing is very correct. Miss G. A. Mischnelek exhibits a good study in her portrait, No. 22; the flesh tints are true and solid. Miss C. Berthon is successful in the picture of a young girl, No. 23, "Out of Work."

By contrast, one's eye is rested in dwelling upon a true study from life, cleverly executed by Miss M. McConnell, No. 19, "My Ain Firsdeid," the colors are harmonious, and the general effect is lessened by the insertion in the picture of a picture sketch appearing on the walls of the room depicted. This lady is to be congratulated on her excellent contribution.

The charming picture of Miss E. E. M. Clem, entitled, "A Pleasant Morning," No. 63, attracts notice; the figures are simple and natural in the drawing and colors of the foliage all that could be desired.

Turning to the more miscellaneous pictures on view, attention is claimed for the "Interior," of Mrs. Talbot Macbeth, No. 13. The coloring is good, and an airiness pervades the composition. Her "Chrysanthemums," No. 16, also show careful training. Miss C. Galbraith has contributed a most pleasing picture in her "Chrysanthemums," No. 42; it is well treated and very harmonious, and certainly one of the best of the exhibition. Among the flower paintings, particular notice is claimed by the pretty "Chrysanthemums," "Corner in My Studio" and "Carnations," from the palette of Mrs. Charles Leonard.

Such a charming arrangement of the general treatment and coloring of these works; the caricatures are particularly natural, and the general effects pleasing. Mrs. M. N. Scerston shows a delicate little piece of painting in her "Marguerites," No. 44.

"The Favorite Chapter," No. 28, of Mrs. L. G. Williams, shows vigorous treatment, and a somewhat of the Flemish School. "Pansies," No. 18, by Mrs. M. M. Reid, are prettily painted; the same artist also contributes several landscapes. Numbers 33 and 34, "A Study," and "Onions," by Miss C. Jeffery, indicate conscientious work. Miss Anna Baldwin, in her two exhibits, develops marked progress over previous efforts. Mrs. Dignam's "In the Vineyard," No. 37, is too complicated, there being enough material for several pictures; from the brush of this artist one prefers No. 41, "Pink Roses," which are pretty and fresh in color. No. 58, "Roses," by Miss A. Bouché, is a charming arrangement of contrasting color, with perhaps too light a background. Miss C. Vanden Broeck exhibits several works of interest, all in oil, the most conspicuous of which is "Our Barony," No. 36, a domestic composition true to nature and of good drawing and color. No. 59, "In Niagara Park," is a sweet sketch, illustrating the charms of the sylvan glades. Miss Grace Hyman has two pretty little sketches, denoting decided artistic temperament. Mrs. C. W. Davis exhibits three china plaques, two flower pieces and a very fine figure piece entitled "First Words of Love," bespeaking excellent artistic talent.

In water colors there are 19 exhibits, the most preferred being "My Mother's Garden," No. 14, by Miss C. Galbraith. Then, numbers 18 and 19 by Mrs. C. Leonard, all very good, and several others which doubtless will attract attention. In China painting the collection is very praiseworthy under Miss Burnett's able tuition. Mrs. Lipsey shows some pleasing specimens of wood carving, which display true artistic feeling. Perhaps we have done injustice in overlooking some pieces of interest, but our allotted space has already been exceeded; true merit, however, cannot be concealed. Without making any invidious comparisons, it is only but just to offer a tribute of praise to Mrs. Charles Leonard, the lady President, for her zealous activity in the cause of local art, and for her encouragement and courtesy on all occasions; the committees of ladies, generally, have the satisfaction of knowing that their kind services are duly appreciated.

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To Settle the Difficulty—Mayor Eschery's Telegram.

From last evening's issue.

The news of the intended withdrawal of the M. C. R. from this city, as published in the FREE PRESS, was received about town yesterday with a very great deal of surprise. The directors of the London and South-eastern Railway were especially surprised and concerned.

"Why," said one of the directors, "we were at Detroit not long ago and we assumed that everything would be satisfactory so far as the M. C. R. and L. E. & D. R. were concerned."

Mayor Eschery went to Detroit at noon yesterday to seek an interview with Manager Ledyard regarding the trouble. It is understood that he went at the request of the South-eastern directors.

"It is a very nasty mixed up affair," Mr. J. W. Little told a FREE PRESS reporter, but he would say nothing further, except to add that nobody in London appeared to be to blame in connection with causing the withdrawal. It is expected that something more satisfactory to the city will result from the Mayor's visit yesterday.

Supt. Woollett, of the L. E. & D. R., was in Detroit yesterday interviewing Manager Ledyard.

The FREE PRESS correspondent at St. Thomas sends the following:—

Your correspondent called upon F. P. McDonald, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of the M. C. R., yesterday morning regarding their withdrawal from the L. E. & P. R. In reply to a question as to the reasons for this action he said:—"We know nothing more about the matter, other than the information contained in the circular. Acting upon that we will send a train over the road to night and pick up all M. C. R. property."

"I understand, Mr. McDonald, that satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the Walkerville company?"

"We know nothing more than I informed you," was his reply.

However, enough is known to warrant the statement that satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the Walkerville company, and until such arrangements are completed they will withdraw.

"It is a game of bluff on the part of the M. C. R.," said a man well up in railroad matters to your correspondent.

Mr. J. B. Morford was called to Detroit by General Manager Ledyard yesterday morning.

TIDED OVER.

At the meeting of the City Council last evening Ald. Judd announced that he had received a telegram from Mayor Eschery at Detroit, asking that he announce to the Council and members of the Port Stanley Board that arrangements had been tentatively effected between the Walkerville company and the Port Stanley Railway and