RECALLS DAYS WHEN FIREMEN THOUGHT \$400 ANNUAL SALARY MUNIFICENT CIVIC REWARD

W. A. Howard, Who Left Local Force In 1906 To Take Charge of Neighboring Department, Returns To His Old Home.

W. A. Howard, after nearly 24 years experience as a fire-fighter, 10 years of which were spent as chief of the Peterboro department, has returned to of the First Presbyterian Church by London and is now in business at 758 the Service Band. Instead of the usual Dundas street. He entered the service which claimed so many years of his arranged the different rooms of a house, life's work in London in 1830 when and in each one sells those articles that firemen, receiving the yearly salary of \$400 and uniforms, given by a grateful Hynd is the general convener, and the city, considered themselves as having the world by the tail with a downhil

In those days, Mr. Howard points out. fire and police force were on the most bedroom, Miss Mabel Hynd; nursery, friendly of terms, and both were alike Miss Kitty Gillespie; bathroom, Miss friendly with the demon reporters of Beatrice Fysh; home cooking, Mrs. those far-off days.

The old central station, he declares, Miss Dorothy Dickerson. was a rendezvous for many former London newspaper men who in the pas two decades have been scattered a over the Dominion, most of them goin o posts combining both honor and in

Mr. Howard in 1906 was considered one of the most valuable members of the London force. His departure for more important work in neighborin cities was signalized by no less tha three banquets. "They were that gla to get rid of me!" he stated when questioned on the matter. Chief Rowe was in charge of the

force when Mr. Howard left, and the late Chief Clarke was at that time one of the junior officers. Old-timers of the London police and fire departments are welcoming Mr.

By Substantial Majority.

polls on Monday to elect their municipal Miss Doris Carter, piano solo; Miss representatives for 1924, Frank Jones, Olive Stone and Miss Lillie Beal, duct, aldermanic candidate in Ward 2, will and Mr. Abram, a solo. it was confidently asserted to-day by his friends. They feel certain that Mr. Jones will make an exceptional showing

Water Commissioner William Jones, he year's baseball championship:

phasis placed on West London. Frank Jones as alderman .- Advt.

BROWN-MOORE.

The marriage of Dorothy Jane, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore, of this city, to Audrey Kenneth Brown, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, of St. Thomas, was very quietly solem- held a delightful eucher party last eve nized at the home of the bride's par- ning, under the auspices of the Mothers ents, Wolfe street, at 9 o'clock last eve- Unit, at which 15 tables were in play. ning, Rev. Mark Turnbull, of this city, The first prize for women was won by officiating. The bride wore a smart Mrs. A. L. Dandeno, the men's by C gown of nigger brown georgette, trim-gown of nigger brown georgette, trim-med with sable. After a buffet supper, Mr. and Mrs. Brown left to spend a by Miss Hennessey was appreciated. The brief honeymoon in Detroit and will later dainty refreshments were in charge of live in St. Thomas.

P. J. WATT RUNNING STRONG.

Citizens Want New Blood On Public Utilities Rally To Support of Popular Candidate

for the Public Utilities Commission ap-pears to be gaining remarkable strength pears to be gaining remarkable strength as the campaign draws to a close. His dignified, businesslike and straightforward appeal to the thinking citizens of London is winning him supporters in increasing numbers.

Mr. Watt stands for harmony and co-

operation among all the public and semi-public bodies of the city. If elected ne will insist on fair consideration and equitable treatment to London manufacturers and merchants. This, he charges, is now being denied to local firms by the present commission. Ald. Watt believes that all things being equal

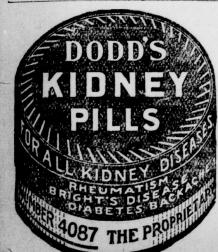
is, "Buy London-made goods and keep London workmen busy."

While a staunch supporter and advocate of public ownership, Ald. Watt claims that the real enemies of public ownership are those who, by/their cavalier treatment of the members of other wellington Street Y. W. C. A., we a double interest in the electrons and their autocratic

in jury to the cause. Ald. Watt also believes that all legitimate information regarding the workings of the Public Utilities Commission. in which every taxpayer is a share-holder, should be available to the citizens. He claims that too much responsibility and authority are vested in paid officials who do not realize their

His hosts of friends assert that Ald. but a capable, genial business man, who consistently advocates a square

ett L. O. L., No. 805, holds a seasonable dance in Hyman Hall on Tuesday, De-plimenting Mrs. Cake on the success of cent regulation amendments insist upon



Churches and Clubs

SERVICE BAND BAZAAR. Very original is the arrangement for ooths, these clever young women have can be used in that room. Miss Mabe various rooms were planned by the fol owing: Living-room, Miss Verna Browniee; dining-room, Miss Jessie Gil-

EPIPHANY BAZAAR.

The results from the tea and bazaa eld yesterday at the Church of the Epiphany were very gratifying in spite the disagreeable day. One of th chief attractions was the Christmas ree, which appealed to all the youthful urchasers. The tearoom, which was so a popular spot, was presided over Mrs. Eckert and Mrs. C. McKerlie.

REDEEMER ENTERTAINMENT. "The Fairy Shoemaker" was the name

a thoroughly delightful little operetta in two acts given by the young people of the Sunday school at the Church of the Reedemer last night. The sho maker was well taken by Lloyd Mc-Dougall and the part of the peddler by Jack Fox. The shepherds included Miss Jean Kennedy, Miss Jessie Kenard. Harold Lloyd, Jack Southcott, Harold Thompson, Jack Ashman, Miss Helen Ashman and John Ball. The fairles ere Miss Olive Taylor, Miss Mabel aylor, Miss Jean Perry, Miss Winnie Phee, Miss Joyce Tomlinson, Miss is Carter, Miss Jean Govenlock, Miss en Asples, Miss Alice Abram, Miss na Baker, Miss Florence Tether and Aiss Margaret McDougall. Arthur Will Be Alderman For Ward Two Powell arranged the pretty stage setng. Rev. A. S. H. Cree acted as chair nan for the short program, which in cluded the following: Miss Christopher When citizens of London go to the and Miss Helen Tomlinson, readings,

The Riverview School basket ball eam, champions of the city, were enand be elected with a most substantial tertained last nlight at the home of Principal and Mrs. F. J. Newhouse, Frank Jones is a newcomer for muni- where the former presented the cup to cipal honors. He is bringing to the Miss Pearl Fortner, captain of the team. field just those qualities which are Attention was drawn to the fact that by the people. A son of ex- the Riverview girls also hold this has pledged himself to a policy of the pleasing fittle ceremony of presen-economy and efficiency, promoting the tation the evening was spent happily welfare of London, with particular em- with games, music and dainty refresh The electors of Ward 2 will be looking Fortner (captain), Edna McCormick after their own interests when they elect Daisy Fisher, Ethel Fullarton, Roslyn Fairles, Ada Jury, Florence Jones Marion Turner, Rhea Jamieson and Rose J. Campbell, coach, was also present.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARTY.

St. Joseph's School, West London, Mrs. J. Craft and Mrs. S. Adams.

The Wortley Road Mothers' Club held successful tea and shower yesterday at Mrs. J. Mowat's home, in Duchess avenue, where a great many attractive ost stall at the club bazaar next week. The candidature of Ald. P. J. Watt The hostess was assisted by Miss Rita Johnston, Miss Alma Rickard and Miss Olive Eggett. The next tea, on Thursday, will be a benefit for the candy stall and will take place at the home of Mrs. E. Rogers, Tecumseh avenue.

SHOWER OF TOYS.

The Cronyn Memorial Woman's Auxiliary arranged a dual shower this week, when a delightful array of toys came in from the members, for shipment at once to the mission at Moose Lake, Manitoba, where they will form a big feature of the Christmas festivi watt believes that all things being section with the preference should be given to London workmen by city spending bodies, especially as employment at the present time is none too plentiful. His policy is, "Buy London-made goods and keep is "Buy London-made goods" is "Buy London-ma

The annual meeting of the London branch of the Leper Mission, which takes place on Monday afernoon at the municipal boards and their autocratic attitude toward the business public, are of the 1924 officers, and the presentation of the yearly thank-offering. The Biole reading will be taken by Miss Cannell, and Mrs. Ed Wyatt is to sing. Mrs. Donald Campbell will preside

CENTENNIAL BAZAAR.

Over \$700 was realized from the responsibilities to the general public. bazaar held this week in Centennial This, he claims, tends to star chamber Methodist Church, which was most gratifying to those who had arranged for it. "Miss Centennial," the myster-Watt is in no sense an office-seeker, jous woman whose identity had to be guessed, was finally discovered by Miss deal policy and courtesy and reasonable consideration to all citizens. His supporters confidently predict that they will place him at the head of the list on Margaret Thompson to be Miss Dora was herself presented with a beautiful HACKETT LODGE DANCE.-Hack- the general committee. Rev. A. E. M. lng "huckster" and "trucker" privileges cember 4, to which the public in general is invited.

the sale, and thanking her for the part she had played in it. Mrs. Cake replied fered for sale on the local square being and their splendid support.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF **ORANGE ORDER DEC. 26**

Joint Ceremony For City Lodges In Ulster Hall. Joint installation of masters and thers officers of Orange lodges in Lon-ness, announcing his removal to new don will be held in Ulster Hall on December 26. Rev. Prof. Anderson, D. D.; Rev. R. D. Mess, M. M., and E. T. vill follow the ceremonial session.

Lodges whose officers are to be given

Another Group of London's Future Citizens



Here are the pupils of Grade 1A of St. George's Public School as they posed for a Free Press camera man a few days ago.

Reports Garbled By Toronto-Owned Paper

In its efforts to make out a case for the city hall by-law, The London Advertiser represents that The Free Press has been in favor of both the city hall and the Springbank dam, and has only shifted its position within the past ten days. Our Torontoowned contemporary resorts to garbling of Free Press editorials. It makes half quotations from editorials of November 7 and 22. Here is what The Free Press stated on November 7 in regard to the Springbank dam:

"The electors will be asked by the City Council at the coming municipal election to vote on the building of a new Springbank dam at a cost of \$150,000. In addition, the ratepayers will pass on a vote of \$500,000 for the erection of a new city hall.

"Whatever may be said in regard to the building of a new city hall, and The Free Press is not in favor of the erection of the municipal buildings on the McCormick site owned by the city on Dundas street, there should be no question as to the value to London of reconstructing the Springbank dam. The Thames River between the city and Springbank Park is at present an eyesore. With the dam rebuilt it would be a thing of beauty and a wonderful asset for recreation and healthful enjoyment for

t is doubtful whether a vote should be taken this year. The electors are in an economical mood, and if they are not, they should be. They are in no frame of mind to spend money on anything except absolute necessities. With two large money by-laws to be voted upon the chances are that both will be defeated, irrespective of their merits. It would be the part of wisdom if those back of the Springbank dam scheme, which The Free Press supports, had held over the vote for another year. Now they endanger by an adverse vote the progress of the plan for a number of years."

The Free Press has not changed its attitude. It is in favor of the Springbank dam, which would add to the beauty of the city and would be a real asset, but it believes the City Council made a serious blunder in submitting the by-law this year, under present financial conditions.

Then again on November 22 The Free Press said:

"There is no doubt of the need of a new municipal building. The present quarters are disgraceful. However, The Free Press believes it would be better to follow report of the town-planning expert, Thomas Adams, who recommended against building on the Dundas street site, and suggested rebuilding the present Spencer Block along the line of the Public Utilities structure and securing the Deanery or some similar location on Queen's avenue for the permanent building.

"There is little room for argument as to the value to the city of the Springbank dam. It would turn the Thames River from the city to the park into a thing of beauty, instead of the present dirty streamlet. The only question is as to the advisability of proceeding with the work immediately. The Free Press is of the opinion the vote should not have been pressed this year. This is the time when there is an urgent need for rigid economy. and no work should be proceeded with, calling for large capital expenditure, unless of a most pressing nature.

This is the position of The Free Press on November 7 and November 22, and is the position of The Free Press to-day. There is no question as to the need of new municipal buildings, but The Free Press believes that it would be a serious mistake to build a pretentious city hall on the McCormick site at the

Misrepresentation of a paper or an individual's position may be looked upon as good journalism in the City of Toronto, but it is not a type of journalism which is welcomed in the City

Day For First Time. SOME EVADING THE ORDER

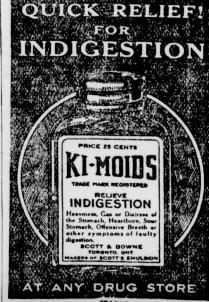
Confusion Exists With Regard To Country Merchants.

To-day was the first regular market refuge in the hills. bouquet of roses by the conveners and day that the recent regulations regardand spoke of the loyalty of the women grown by himself. For this reason many former familiar figures on the market to-day were conspicuously absent. Dealers who had been accustomed to collect produce for sale are now banned from their stands on the market. The sostyled hucksters, who displayed their wares north of the market house, in many cases have retired to their stalls in the basement of the market house. One man employed a sign posted where he had originally conducted his busi-

Country merchants, who are in the Essery, K. C., L. L. B., will be the habit of taking butter and eggs in exprincipal speakers at the banquet which change from their customers, are in some doubt regarding the matter. They argue that in so much as they are forced heir respective badges of office are to accept this form of payment by the Ahoghill, 230; Boyne, 298; Forest City, nature of their business, they are in a 762; Hackett, 805; Beaver, 2101; Nassau, different position than a buyer who 2170; Langemarck, 2625: Star of Bethle-scours the country for, produce and hem, 2769; Pro Patria. 2851. should be allowed the outlet afforded by

the local market. Several such merhants are selling on the market to-day, their status was affected. To all intents and purposes, the man ket to-day was purely a farmer's one though rumor has it that there were still many who were evading the law regarding the 80 per cent, grown clause. Eva New By-Law Being Enforced To- sions of this type are almost impossible to detect as long as the vendor produces ns of this type are almost impossible at all, since there is no way that market officials can check the veracity of

their statements. FLOODS IN ITALY. UDINE, Italy, Dec. 1.-Heavy rain orms have affected the whole Friuountry, in this province, causing the ivers to overflow their banks, flooding the surrounding country, and obliging the inhabitants of some towns to take



SIEWAKI IUHEAU

Will Have Substantial Majority Is Prediction.

Who will represent ward two on next rear's City Council? That is the ques-ion being asked in every corner of the eventually buy."—Adyt. electoral district to-day, and while a variety of opinions are being expressed, it is generally agreed that W. L. Stewart, manager of the Patricia Theater, will head the polls.

A popular resident of the ward for THE FAMILY of the late Mrs. Emma many years, he has made a wide circle of friends and there appears to be little doubt but that Mr. Stewart will head the polls by a substantial majority. As an aldermanic representative he has promised efficient, civic management

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What practically insures the establish- "Unchanged" is the report from Vicment of the grand council of the United toria Hospital regarding the condition Commercial Travelers of Canada in London will be effected to-day in the dedication of lodges at Brantford and ed more than a week ago in the chest

Peterboro. A lodge in Windsor will be when Clarence Topping inflicted fatal estituted next Saturday. Officers of injuries on his former sweetheart, Gerthe London U. C. T. lodge leave for Brantford at noon, where F. W. St. awrence, past senior councillor, will be in the abdomen. For a week Miss Mc-London's U. C. T. lodge, now nearly though at times slight adverse inditwo years old, was the first of the order n Ontario. Immediately after organ- cations were noted, she is much better ization, officers of the local lodge started to-day than when she was admitted strenuous campaign to organize other to the hospital. odges throughout Western Ontario, with Friends who visited her yesterday a view to holding the future grand afternoon state that she moved herself That effort has now been crowned for the first time and for a while as-

, effect the governing or-A Reproduction of The

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The vote on Monday is sure to elect Allen Towe as alderman in ward 1 .-

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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COMPETE AT GUELPH.—The Middlesex County stock-judging team which made such a galandid should be such as gal

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