

Y. W. C. A. FORGES STEADILY AHEAD

All Reports Presented at Annual Meeting Were Very Satisfactory—Debt Reduced.

The annual meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Association was held at the home of the association on Wellington street last night. Mrs. (Rev.) J. J. Ross, president, in the chair.

The different reports for the year were presented and all showed progress. The religious department reported three Bible classes and a circle of the King's Daughters.

The ladies' Bible class has been conducted by Rev. Principal Waller, of Huron College, and has met every Tuesday afternoon, with an average attendance of 24. Mrs. Ross also had a class of young women and took up the women of the Bible for studies.

The membership committee's report showed that 168 new members had been taken in.

In the educational work classes have been held in physical culture, literature, elocution, cooking, senior and junior, and sewing. The young ladies of the sewing class made garments for the infants in the hospital. A number of visits have been made to the factories, and the young women employees were invited to come to the different classes and meetings. A number have responded, and have visited the association rooms on Thursday evenings, when a social time has been spent together and refreshments served.

A glee club has been formed under the leadership of Miss Alice Halls and Miss Ethel Miller, with some thirty-five names on the roll. Great interest is taken in this club by the members.

The extension committee report the opening of lunch rooms down town at the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets, first door north of Dundas. These rooms were opened in December with a rest and reading room upstairs. A number of friends kindly donated furniture, rugs, etc., towards the furnishing and for which kindness we are much indebted.

The number served during the five months was 2,533, and the total receipts \$444.35. A regular 15-cent dinner served from 12 to 2 o'clock, and tea and toast from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. This department is under the supervision of Miss Aida Butchart.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$6,751.67, and disbursements of \$6,464.70, leaving a balance of \$286.97. The sum of \$4,000 was also received and applied on the mortgage debt, leaving a balance on this account of \$2,900.

Directors to fill the places of those retiring were elected as follows: Mrs. Ellis, Miss Hungerford, Miss McMillan, Miss Hodges, Mrs. W. F. Jarvis, Mrs. J. J. Ross, and Miss McFadden.

The officers appointed for the year are: President, Miss J. Moore; first vice, Mrs. J. J. Ross; second vice, Mrs. Beecher; third vice, Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw; fourth vice, Miss Hodges; board secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Burdick; cor. secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Owens; treasurer, Miss Moran.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Miss Mabel N. Charles Expires After A Few Hours' Illness.

Miss Mabel Nora Charles, mail carrier between London and Huron, died very unexpectedly at an early hour this morning at Huron.

Deceased was 42 years of age, and resided in Huron with her mother, Mrs. Maria Charles, and sister. She was well known throughout the entire county, having died the mail from Huron to London for twenty years. Miss Charles was in the city yesterday, and when she returned home she was taken ill with pneumonia. She sank rapidly, and died about 4 o'clock this morning.

Her mother, two brothers and one sister survive. Her father died several years ago. The surviving brothers and sister are: John, of Belmont; Thomas, of Yarmouth, and Miss Maria, of Huron. The funeral will take place from the family residence to Woodland Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

REFUSES TO PROSECUTE

Victim of Dorchester Affair Will Not Take Matter to Court.

The county police yesterday afternoon succeeded in locating the young woman who was so shamefully abused by two young men near Dorchester Station.

Her name is Nellie Walker, of Shilby, and she lives on Bridges street, in East London.

When seen by High Constable Hume the young woman said she would not prosecute her companions. She admitted that she had a disagreement with them, and that she was attacked and her clothing torn. She said she had not been injured.

To the high constable she also admitted having had a fight with them.

Under no consideration would she prosecute, she declared.

Her companions feared arrest, as they made themselves scarce after the affair, and have not since returned to the city.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

May 13.	Reported at.	From.
Minneapolis	New York	London
Haverford	Philadelphia	New York
Canopic	Boston	Mediterranean
Colombia	Glasgow	New York
Laurentia	Boston	New York
Ethiopia	Glasgow	New York
Bellicia	Southampton	New York
Minnetka	New York	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm	Charbourg	New York
der Grosse	Gibraltar	New York
Pannonia	Gibraltar	New York
Maestri	Marseilles	New York
Liguria	Genoa	New York
Princessa	Naples	New York
Romania	Genoa	Boston
Devona	Father Point	Middleboro
Lakonia	Father Point	Glasgow
Scandinavia	Father Point	Cadiz
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Italia	New York	Naples

We always have on hand a large assortment of used Square and Upright Pianos at \$50 to \$150, payable 50 cents per week. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

GOOD DOUBLE SPRING WAGON, IN good repair. At wagon shop, Richmond and Albert.

SIX GIRLS WANTED—STEADY EMPLOYMENT and good wages. Apply London Bolt Works.

MANY JUVENILES BEFORE THE COURT

No Less Than Twenty-Two Appeared in a Month—Inspector Sanders Busy.

A well-attended meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, Sheriff Cameron presiding.

The inspector's report gave a brief outline of the many cases of child neglect and waywardness with which he had dealt during the month, and was as usual an evidence of the good and necessary work which the society is doing.

Seventeen cases were reported on, involving the welfare of 38 children. The majority of the cases were adjusted in their own homes, it always being the aim of the society to so better home conditions, if possible, that the children may remain under the care of their own parents.

In addition to the city cases dealt with, the inspector investigated a couple of cases in the county, and he had received reports that the children were being neglected. He found that the conditions in these homes were not such as would justify the society in removing the children at present, but he has reason to believe that the welfare of the children has been much advanced as a result of his visits.

The inspector pointed out as a truly regrettable fact that 22 boys had been before the police magistrate in the juvenile court during the month—some on very serious charges—and if there is a repetition of their offenses, it will be necessary to deal with them very severely. Nine of the cases, however, were simply for breach of law. The ages of the boys averaged about 13 years.

The convenor of the visiting committee reported that two ladies had visited the Shelter Home each week and had found everything in a most satisfactory condition. At present there are 19 children in the Shelter. There are some nice, bright, little boys from 2 to 7 years of age for whom the society are anxious to secure foster homes. Several children, all under 9 years of age, have been placed on trial in foster homes during the month.

It was resolved that the board place on record its sincere regret at the death of the late Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson, one of the first members of the society, and the sympathy of the board be extended to the relatives.

GOOD SHOW AT GRAND

Neil Burgess Company Opens a Week's Engagement in London.

The grand weather of last night undoubtedly served to keep many people away from the Grand, and the audience which greeted the Neil Burgess Company in the opening play of the week's engagement was quite small.

"For His Sister's Honor" was the name of the play, and it greatly pleased those who were present.

The cast is a good one, and includes J. B. Cunningham, who is a very fair actor, and Miss Fannie Banbridge, who makes a very acceptable leading lady.

Some splendid vaudeville was worked in between the acts.

Tonight there will be a change of bill. The opera house is the coolest place in town now, and the Burgess Company should draw large audiences.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

The ladies auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers give their first entertainment in their new hall, East London, this evening. A splendid programme has been arranged by the ladies in charge.

—Mr. George A. Somerville, manager of the Huron and Erie Loan Company, is in Toronto today consulting with the members of the Manufacturers Life regarding the management of that company, which was recently transferred to him. He will announce his decision in a day or two.

LONGBOAT IS COMING.

Mr. Harry E. Buttery returned from Toronto this morning, and announced that arrangements had been practically completed for the appearance of Tom Longboat in an exhibition run at the athletic meet at Queen's Park on Dominion Day.

HON. G. P. GRAHAM COMING.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, of the Brockville Recorder, has consented to deliver an address at the banquet of the Ontario Master Printers' Guild, to be held in connection with the convention on Friday, May 24.

EMPIRE DAY IN SCHOOLS.

Empire day this year will be held on Wednesday next, owing to the fact that the teachers will be leaving on Friday night on a trip to Cleveland. Prizes will be presented by the Daughters of the Empire, as usual.

MUST DECLINE.

The city of Belleville, through City Solicitor W. C. Mikel, has invited City Engineer Graydon to submit plans, specifications and estimates of the cost of a sewerage system for that city. Mr. Graydon, owing to the fact that he has both hands full with city of London business, is compelled to decline the invitation.

W. M. S. OFFICERS.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Dundas Street Methodist Church yesterday afternoon elected the following officers for the ensuing twelve months: Honorary president, Mrs. C. (Rev.) Dickson; president, Mrs. C. Beal; first vice, Mrs. (Rev.) Lancelotti; second vice, Mrs. W. H. Winnett; third vice, Mrs. J. H. McMechan; fourth vice, Mrs. W. H. Wortman; recording secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Weekes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank White; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. German. The year was one of the most successful in the society's history.

The trouble with kissing a girl under an umbrella is she screams if it drips down her neck.

Most people take more credit to themselves over inherited money than if they earned it.

WERE THEY STOLEN OR JUST A GIFT

Boy Says Sashes Were Given Him to Play With, Owner Denies It.

James McIntosh, of Westminster Township, was committed for trial this morning by Squire Taylor on a charge of having stolen four small window-sashes from William Sampson, a neighbor.

The evidence given in the case was directly contradictory, and to settle all dispute the magistrate decided to send the matter to a higher court.

According to the evidence presented by the prosecution, the sashes in question, valued at \$4 or \$5, were taken from the rear of Sampson's home last February, and were recovered only recently, when Constables Northgraves and McGrath found them on the defendant's property.

The defense maintained the sashes were given by Mrs. Sampson to the 10-year-old son of the defendant to be used in a playhouse, and that neither parent knew they were on their property until the constables arrived on the scene a day or so ago. A brother of accused testified that he, along with his brother and the boy, met Mrs. Sampson one night in February, and that she had given permission for the boy to take the sashes to use in his playhouse.

The defendant testified in like strain, and swore that he did not know that the boy had taken them until quite recently. He also testified that he had purchased four large sashes from Sampson for \$1, and did not think that those in question were of as much value.

Mrs. Sampson, one of the complaints, denied having ever been asked to give the boy the sashes, and said that she had not given permission for him to take them.

The wife of the defendant, Mrs. Adelaide McIntosh, swore that she had always understood that the boy had been given permission to take the property in question, but that she had meant to speak to Mrs. Sampson about the matter at the first opportunity.

An attempt was made by the defense to swear the 10-year-old son of the accused, but as he said he did not know the meaning of an oath he was allowed to give his testimony without being sworn. In an effort to bring out that fact the counsel for the defense, Mr. Perrin, asked the child if he knew what would happen to him if he told a lie.

"Yes, sir," was the prompt reply. "Papa would whip me."

The boy said that Mrs. Sampson had said, "Yes, Leskie, boy, you may have the sashes," when he had asked for them. This was on a Saturday early in February. On the following Monday, as he was coming home after delivering his papers he had loaded the four small sashes on a hand sled and taken them home.

Advertiser Correspondence

Memories of a London Old Boy.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: I, by accident, got hold of an Advertiser of April 27. It was so long a time since I perused a London paper that it brought me back to old times. When I left Scotland, some 30 years ago, I came straight to London, after arriving in Quebec, London was then not the beautiful city it is today. There were no bank waterworks, no electric cars, no paved streets, but Dundas street was there with a good supply of mud, and other streets the same.

I lived in London for many years, enjoyed many happy days and nights, and when I look back to old times and the many pleasures I enjoyed, I am struck. How many old acquaintances have crossed the river? When I visit the city methinks I should meet such men I well knew—Jimmie Dunbar, Tom Brock, Robert Reid, James Wright, James Cowan, R. S. Murray, James Macdonald, Mr. McLeod, and J. G. McIntosh, George Burns, and many more I could mention.

Though living in Chicago for some years, I am yet a pure British subject, and it is my intention to die one. I will never throw away my allegiance to the British flag, and if I am not mistaken, neither will I. I am not in Uncle Sam's domains. In that case many Canadians will again land in the old Dominion, I will for one of the many, I presume.

Canada is becoming so great a country that eventually young men will hold to the British flag, and it is not to be done by the Government to induce young men to keep away from this country, and make happy homes there, when I tell you that ten dollars a week in Canada is better than fifteen in the States.

No doubt many Canadians made good in the States. Now, may I ask why not make good in Canada? I will say this, and say it truly, that I regret in one way that ever I left Canada, but I did not leave her for good.

I see baseball is taking as firm a hold on Canada as it is in this country. I well remember the old Tecumsehs, when Scranton was pitcher and Frank Love, now chief magistrate, left field. Frank seldom missed the high flies. When it came to Goldsmith pitching and Powers catching, that was the time Guephel and the Tecumsehs had the fun. I remember well when the London 22 played the English 11—Bennett, 11; Tomlinson, 22; second inning 11; total, 250. Canadian 22, first inning 55; second inning 65; total 120. Hon. Charles S. Hyman caught Craze at square leg. Jack Gilleen was held by the Englishmen as one of Canada's greatest bowlers and was highly complimented by the London 22. Guephel, I believe, showed well at the bat and is to this day an all-round fine cricketer, and I long to participate in a game with my old and esteemed friend, Ald. Gilleen.

OLD CANADIAN.

Chicago, Ill., May 10

THE HAYWOOD TRIAL

Jury Likely To Be Completed Before the End of the Week.

Boise, Idaho, May 14.—With twelve Jurymen in the box, four of whom have been passed for cause by both the prosecution and the defense, and 74 talesmen yet to be called, the trial of William D. Haywood, charged with the murder of Former Governor Steunenberg, opens today with every prospect of a completed jury before the end of the week.

Counsel on both sides have been given the widest range in examining talesmen.

The prosecution has in every case endeavored to bring out the connections of the jurymen defense the murder of the former governor, but when the talesmen have been turned over to the attorneys for the defense, the range of the questioning has invariably widened.

E. F. Richardson, who so far has conducted the examination, among other things, invariably goes into the relations of the talesmen under examination with union labor, and with what is known as the citizen's alliance, an organization of citizens of Boise, which is opposed to unions when it is thought that the demands of union labor here were oppressive.

It is evident that the defense proposes to lay much stress throughout the case on what they allege to have been an interference on the part of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft. The line of questioning invariably goes into "President Roosevelt's undesirable citizenship" letter, and to the speech delivered by Secretary Taft at Boise during the last gubernatorial election in which Mr. Taft supported Governor Godding and commended his attitude on what was then known as "the Moyer-Haywood-Patterson case."

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SUES COMPANY FOR INSURANCE

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It is alleged that the loan company paid dividends for several years out of the capital stock, when it was really losing money. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for plaintiffs; Fraser & Moore, for defense.

Southwestern vs. Wilcox—An action by the Southwestern Traction Company to recover \$633 from the Wilcox Manufacturing Company of Ontario, alleged to be due for electrical power supplied and for an electric motor.

The defense alleges that the motor was an unsatisfactory one, and that they requested the plaintiffs, prior to the action, to remove the same from their premises, which was not done. T. H. Luscombe, for plaintiffs; Blackburn & Weeks, for defense.

Agricultural vs. Webb—The Agricultural Savings and Loan Company, of this city, seeks to recover \$600 from James Webb, alleged to be due on a mortgage of \$20,000, for plaintiffs; Guthrie & Guthrie, for defense.

Huron and Erie vs. Rothwell—An action by the Huron and Erie Loan Company to recover \$1,789, alleged to be due as mortgage money and taxes paid by the trust company for Burrows H. Rothwell, of Essex. Cronyn & Betts, for plaintiffs; Kenning & Cleary, for defense.

MAIL CARRIERS' BENEFIT

Manager Bowers Guarantees the Bill To Be the Best Ever Seen in London.

Have you heard the latest? Well, the manager benefit to be given at the Grand all next week for the mail carriers is going to be the biggest thing ever seen in Canada, and a veritable vaudeville house outside of New York city.

Every act engaged is a feature act, and all the best talent of the city will be in the line. The latest act engaged by Manager Herman, who is carrying a company of eight people, and gives one of the most rapid and clever performances in the city. If you have not already gotten your ticket, be sure and tell the mail carrier on his next round to have you a couple.

BIG TUBES NEARLY READY

London System Started by Charles T. Yerkes Soon To Be Finished.

London, May 13.—Had Charles T. Yerkes lived until next month he would have seen a realization of his promise made six years ago, to provide London with an adequate system of rapid transit.

The system, which is being built by the London Underground Electric Railways Company, Ltd., is now nearly ready for use. The last link of the system, will be opened up.

Tourists who have been in London this spring have been enthusiastic over the quick methods of getting about the city, and they have not been slow to take advantage of it. Heretofore seemed to be the ambition of almost every tourist to stop somewhere within a shilling cab fare of the theater district.

But the congested condition of some of the big hotels has led them of late to investigate Kensington, which is now only a few minutes' away and only two penny fare by tube from Piccadilly Circus.

Several new small hotels with modern conveniences have been recently opened out that way and the underground railroad is selling monthly tickets for 8 shilling (2) which entitle the holder to travel between King's Cross and Gloucester Road, a distance of four miles or more, or between intermediate stations, as many times a day as he wishes.

In the matter of cheap and rapid transportation, several tourists have said they consider London now ahead of New York.

ATTACKED BY BULLDOG.

Montreal, May 13.—Dr. Shirres, of this city, had an experience this morning which he is not likely to forget. While out riding on Lachine road his horse was attacked by a bulldog. The dog sprang at the horse's hindquarters and tore them badly, and when the doctor dismounted to save his horse he was attacked by the dog, and badly bitten in both feet and several toes will have to be amputated as a result. The dog escaped, although a vigorous search was made for him by the police.

Remember To Spray

Spray your fruit trees this year, and make it most effective by doing it in time. Many overlook the matter and put it off too long. Soon be time for the first spraying, which should be done before the blossoms open. Better get ready now. We have everything needed in materials and can supply any directions you may need.

W. T. Strong

Chemist and Druggist
181 DUNDAS STREET.

Strong's Baking Powder leads—others follow.

DISASTROUS FIRE

AT CLINTON, ONT.

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was quickly given. Before the fire bell had stopped ringing the roof was a mass of flames.

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A Score of Houses in Peril.

At one time nearly twenty-five buildings in the vicinity of the conflagration were threatened.

Sparks alighted repeatedly on the roofs of frame and brick dwellings and the owners had a busy time protecting their property.

Some of the buildings which were conspicuously in danger during the progress of the fire were Dr. Gunn's house and office, Davies' livery, C. C. Craine's residence, Joseph Copp's residence, as well as the property of Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Pratt. The telephone poles along Victoria and Laing streets were badly burnt, while three or four were completely destroyed.

This caused the telephone system in the south end of the town to be paralyzed. The company's workmen arrived on the scene late in the afternoon and soon had the lines all working.

The Rattenbury Hotel was owned by Mr. Jos. Rattenbury, who valued the building at about \$8,000. Mr. Alex. Robinson was the tenant, and he valued the stock which belonged to him at \$2,300. It is understood, that Mr. Rattenbury has about \$2,000 insurance on the building, while Mr. Robinson has none. Mr. Robinson feels his loss keenly, as he loses practically everything. Had the fire started half an hour later he would have been \$2,300 richer, as he had sold the business to Mr. W. J. Land, of Waterford, for that amount. They were in a lawyer's office making out the necessary papers for the transfer of the business, when the alarm of fire was sounded. Rushing back the papers were laid aside and Mr. Robinson therefore lost a cool \$2,300.

The burned foundry was a splendid structure, special concrete additions having been added during the past few years. Mr. David Forrester, the manager, and head of the company, valued the plant at about \$50,000. There is an insurance of \$20,000. The foundry was used almost exclusively for the manufacture of threshing machines, and the employees principally machinists or iron workers are for the most part skilled mechanics, who will be temporarily thrown out of employment.

Will Rebuild.

Mr. Forrester was seen by The Advertiser last evening, and questioned as to his future intentions.

"You will rebuild, of course?" he was asked.

"Yes, the prospects are that we will make preparations for rebuilding immediately, and probably on a larger scale. The company has been enjoying a large patronage in the sale of the machinery, and we cannot afford to drop the splendid business which has taken many years to build up."

"Will we change our site? No, I think not. We have a good location and plenty of land and good accommodation. You can say that before the snow of another winter files the foundry again in a fair way to do business again."

This will be welcome news to Clintonians, who recognize in the threshing company a valuable asset to the town's industrial life.

One thing was made clear, and that was that Clinton is sadly lacking in fire fighting system. There is no water works and as the water was pumped from tanks the latter were soon dry. These tanks were in close proximity to the scene of the fire, and it is doubtful if the engine could have pumped the water from a greater distance. The Stratford engine pumped the water through a line of hose 1,500 feet long from the mill pond, and then the pressure was not any too strong. The need of a waterworks system is sorely felt in the town, and it is not unlikely that one will be established in the no distant future.

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MARTIAL LAW.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—A minor state of martial law has been proclaimed in Simbirsk Province on account of extensive disorders which have broken out there.

A HEAVY SENTENCE.

Winnipeg, May 13.—Fred C. Hawkins, alias Stephens, convicted of burglary, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary in the police court this morning. There is the heaviest sentence ever imposed in the Winnipeg police court.

DESPERATE FEMALE TERRORIST.

Moscow, May 14.—Madame Fromkina, who was arrested in the lobby of the opera house here March 14, having in her possession an automatic revolver charged with poisoned bullets, and who was believed to be waiting for General Rheinbold, the prefect of police, with the intention of making an attempt to assassinate him, was later recognized as an escaped terrorist, who had been exiled to Siberia, for making an attempt on the life of General Novitsky, chief of the gend