

BUILDING INSPECTOR CONDEMNS CITY HALL

ST. ANDREW'S 1924 BUDGET OF \$19,500 IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Much Enthusiasm Marks Congregational Meeting on Friday Night.

SPEAKERS REMINISCE

An amount close to \$19,500 was accepted by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the annual congregational supper last evening, as the budget for current expenses during the year, and in addition to this a missionary budget of \$11,200 was endorsed by a unanimous vote.

The congregational supper held last evening, the evening of St. Andrew's Day, was marked with as much enthusiasm and encouragement, as any congregational meeting in the history of the church. It was held under the auspices of the Men's Brotherhood, with the assistance of practically every man in the congregation.

Andrew Robson, chairman of the board of managers, presided, and the budget for the current expenses was presented by A. E. Silverwood, acting in the absence of E. S. Ashplant, chairman of the finance board.

The missionary budget was presented by J. H. Carson, who, in his brief address, mentioned the two outstanding events of the church year, with regard to missionary finances, the contribution of \$5,500 as a special offering to the deficit of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the appointment and reception of Dr. Gushue-Taylor, who left recently for Formosa to take charge of the McKay Memorial Hospital. The motion was seconded by D. H. Curle who spoke in a most optimistic fashion of what might be expected of the coming year.

The acceptance of the large financial budget and the evidence of the splendid condition of the church were made more impressive by the addresses of older members of the congregation who reminisced concerning the early days of St. Andrew's Church. Alex. Gillan, a member of the board of managers, referred particularly to the faith and foresight of the men who sixty years ago built the splendid edifice.

Another address in a vein of reminiscence was that of John Lochard, clerk of the sessions. John S. Brown, representing the board of managers, spoke also in connection with the budget. Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor addressed his congregation in a manner full of gratitude for their efforts during the past year and of splendid encouragement for the future.

In addition to the business of the evening, there was a singing and a musical program in which numbers were given by Miss Edith Kennedy, Miss Vivian Ferguson, Miss Phyllis Gray, Rev. F. W. K. Harris and Mr. Ed. Webster, Miss Kennedy and Mr. Webster also furnishing an enjoyable duet. The singing was led by Rev. F. W. K. Harris, assisted by Mr. Webster, while Mrs. W. M. Martin played the piano accompaniments.

TREE BEGINNING TO BUD DESPITE COOL WEATHER

"The flowers that bloom in the spring," "Tis-a-la-la."

"This morning a resident of the Pipe Line road visited the office of The Advertiser and brought with him a twig—one of several—which leaves fully developed and buds ready to break out. There are six leaves on the twig and it does not seem to have been affected by the cool weather experienced so far this year. The leaves are a brilliant green and sap is apparent in the branch itself."

INSPECTOR CONDEMNS CITY HALL STAIRWAYS

A. M. Piper Has Repeatedly Declared That They Are Unsafe.

Those who may never have had occasion to enter the present city office may gain an idea of conditions in the recent report from Building Inspector A. M. Piper.

As a matter of fact, the inspector has repeatedly condemned the stairways leading to the second floor, but particularly to the city council chambers, and insists that police direction would be imperative to prevent

EXPERIENCE WILL BE USEFUL IN '24 ASSERTS MAYOR

Promises More "Pigeon-Hole" Cleaning Next Year Speaking at Riverview.

COMPLIMENTS NEAR.

Mayor Wenige told the electors at the Riverview School last night that "he has learnt several good things during the year that will be of immense value in 1924."

"A few more pigeon-holes will be cleaned out next year," he promised, "but I want your support to this. You will have to elect the aldermen who will carry out your wishes. Ald. Wilson has spoken about obstructionists in the city council. He is quite right. There were obstructionists there during the present year, and the people know who they are."

Referring to the "Blue-Ruin" campaign, just launched by the Free Press to defeat the city hall bylaw, the mayor asked if it would be good business for them to put signs at the outskirts of the city: "Keep Out."

"Don't you believe any of their blue ruin talk," he urged. "They predicted a 42-mill rate at the beginning of the year, and now they are talking about a 40-mill rate for 1924."

"I notice that some of the politicians want to unload on you for city hall purposes, the Dominion Savings Building. I don't know who owns that building, and I don't care, but it has looked to me all this year as though there were four or five aldermen in the council who wanted the hall in their own backyard."

He cited Alds. Wilson, Greer and May. During the course of his spirited address, the mayor referred to the reorganization of the assessment department and declared that for many years past taxes had not been collected from people who had been friends of the officials, political or otherwise.

Discussing the record of the city engineer's department, he declared that City Engineer Near was the best one the city had ever had. Ald. William Wilson was the only one to object to this remark.

ABSENCE OF RECORD SAVES MIKE IN COURT

Vows He Wasn't "Very Full" and Is Let Go With Fine Ten Dollars.

All that saved "Mike" from a long trip to jail today was the fact that Police Court Clerk John Moule didn't have the man's record checked up.

"Have you got his record Mr. Moule?" asked the magistrate.

"No, I haven't got it ready," was the reply.

"Better get it. It is time we did something with Michael," returned the court.

This didn't look like good business to Mike and he started in on his defence.

"I wasn't very full last night," he declared. "I had only a few drinks. I don't have to be very drunk to get fined, do I?"

"That was fair wasn't it?" asked the court with a smile. "You are a very familiar figure in this court. I haven't got your record or you would go down to jail. Ten dollars and costs this time. I don't want to see you here again."

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"There Were Many Things Which I Could Not Eat"

Mrs. H. Robert Wells, English Harbour, Trinity Bay, Nfld., writes:

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DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



Don't Let "Ruiners" Twist the Real Facts

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debentures totalling \$396,000 without a ripple—a far greater amount than the city hall requires. And London's debentures today are more sought after than those of Toronto.

What's Behind "Blue-Ruin" Talk?

The balance of the opposition has taken the form of a blue-ruin campaign—a cry of despair regarding the city's financial condition, its taxes, its debts, its schools, its borrowing power.

It has come from the London Free Press, acting as the mouth-piece of a group of petty ward politicians.

The Advertiser has demonstrated during the last two days the personal motive behind this sudden cry.

Until last week the Free Press believed in London's prosperity. The Free Press believed London could not only build the city hall, but the Springbank dam as well.

The change came only when the schemers determined that Wenige must not be allowed to have the credit of building the city hall. To knock Wenige, they are knocking London.

It Is Bigger Than Wenige.

From The Advertiser's point of view Mayor Wenige has nothing to do with it. This city hall proposition is bigger than Wenige—bigger than any man in London. It is a matter of vital necessity for London's prestige and London's growth. It is London's job today.

If Wenige can do it—and he can—then let him. But get the job done. And if the Free Press prefers the name of Ald. Billy Wilson, their mayoralty candidate, on the corner stone, then let them put it there. Never mind the corner-stone and the leather medals. Think of London. Get the job done and get at something else.

At the Churches

BUILDERS' CLASS SALE.

Under the auspices of the Builders' Class of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, the sale and sale of home-made cooking and fancy work, held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marshall Miller of Maple street, was a splendid success. The pretty articles of fancy work, aprons and suggestions for Christmas giving, brought a ready sale, and many of the members of the club, Arthur Wright, was seriously ill in Victoria Hospital, and the treasurer was instructed to send him some flowers with the best wishes of the class for his speedy recovery. It was also decided that the members of the club would keep in touch with him regularly by writing him. W. Boyce gave a talk on "Boys' Work, Girls' Work and the Church." The meeting was closed with prayer, and a half hour of organized games was enjoyed.

LITERARY PROGRAM.

In connection with the Canadian Book Week, a splendid musical and literary program was arranged for the week's regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Talbot Street Baptist Church. Music was provided by Mr. Allen and his pupils on the Hawaiian steel guitar, and the literary program included a paper on the life of Pauline Johnston by Miss Mary Fichbourne, and on the works of Robert W. Service by Marion Iverson. Miss Pearl Blackwell, convener of the social committee, was in charge of the serving of refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

PREPARATORY SERVICES.

Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave an address at the preparatory service held last night in King Street Presbyterian Church.

KING STREET L. A.

Arrangements were made for the play, "Only 38" at the meeting of the King Street Presbyterian Ladies' Aid yesterday afternoon. The play is a musical comedy success, produced by musical arrangement with Samuel French, and takes place the first week in December, under the direction of Vincent Perry. The election of officers will be held at the next meeting on Dec. 13. Mrs. J. Ranton, the president, occupied the chair and gave the Bible reading.

INVINCIBLES CLUB.

At the meeting of the Invincibles

recently in Wesley Hall by the W. M. S. of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. J. S. Barnard led the meeting and the sub-leaders who conducted a short service in connection with each branch of the mission work were Mrs. Harrison, for China; Mrs. J. B. Hunter, for Japan; and Mrs. W. G. Young, for Canada. Miss Florence Gurd dealt with the work of the Mission Circles and Bands. During the afternoon, Mrs. William Vendall acted as pianist.

In the prayer meeting service in the evening, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hunter, continued to develop the theme which had been the basis of the afternoon meeting, that of prayer for the missionary endeavors.

EMPIRE AVENUE CONCERT.

With the young musicians in splendid form, and the assistance of some excellent artists, the annual concert given last Wednesday by the Sunday school orchestra of the Empire Avenue Methodist Church was a great success. Among the several numbers given by the orchestra possibly the most thoroughly enjoyed was the rendering of Haydn's "Toy Symphony." The program included readings by Miss Lila Grant; solos by Miss A. Goddard, soprano; and Mrs. J. B. Hunter, alto; and selections by the orchestra male quartet composed of Messrs. Smetzer, Lucas, Robinson and Rossier. Following the concert, the young men of the orchestra entertained the young ladies at a banquet served in the Sunday school room.

CACHES CARGO OF LIQUOR AND RECEIVES \$500 FINE

A fine of \$500 and costs was imposed in county court today on a young man who left a cargo of 250 bottles of whiskey in a barn in Delaware Township yesterday afternoon, and which was seized a few hours later by Inspector Bolton and Provincial Constable T. Y. Stratton. The farmer proved in court he did not know what was being left in his barn and the charge against him was dismissed.

FEEL SEVERE SHOCK.

London, Dec. 1.—A severe earth shock was felt in the Coprona district, Rome province, during the night, says a News Agency despatch from Rome today. The tremors threw the inhabitants into a panic.

Custom Duties and Taxes Show Decided Increase

Total of Collections for Past Month Is Greater by \$5,525 Than for November, 1922.

A substantial increase in the customs duties and taxes over November, 1922, is shown in the cashier's report of the local customs house for the last month. The report shows a small decrease in sales tax on imports amounting to \$286.66 over November of last year. A large decrease of \$6,660.29 is recorded in the domestic excise tax. The decrease on sales tax on imports shows that less American goods have come into the city for this month than the same month of last year. Customs excise tax and excise totals show a slight decline.

The grand total for collection for the month is \$284,706.84, which is an increase of \$5,525.23 over the return for the same month last year. Last month an increase of \$15,164 was recorded in the domestic excise tax over October, 1922. For November a decrease of \$6,660 is recorded over the same month of last year.

Since May the cashier's report has shown an increase for every month with the exception of this month, when moderate declines are recorded. The monthly report for November, 1923, showing the comparative figures for the same month of last year, is as follows:

	1923.	1922.
Import duties	\$114,554.04	\$108,941.92
Sales tax on imports	33,458.43	33,745.09
Excise tax on imports	160.00	249.74
Sundries	419.93	282.51
Customs totals	\$148,992.50	\$143,719.26
Domestic excise tax	\$123,830.81	\$129,491.20
Domestic excise duties	28,283.53	16,971.15
Excise totals	\$152,114.34	\$146,462.35
Grand totals	\$294,706.84	\$289,181.61

MORALE PLAYS BIG PART IN FIGHTING WHITE PLAGUE

Dr. H. W. Hill Says Patients With Courage Recover Easiest.

SELF-DENIAL NEEDED

"Morale plays a tremendous part in fighting tuberculosis," Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health, says that patients with the courage to follow instructions—that is, to deny themselves many of the little luxuries, stand a far better chance of getting well than those whose morale breaks under the strain of self denial.

Acting on the theory of psychological effect on sufferers from the disease, doctors at local sanatoriums regard the maintenance of a cheerful morale among the patients as highly as they do the beneficent effect of the sun and pure air, and other recognized cures for the disease.

It is among women they find their most stubborn cases, and particularly the young girl just reaching the period when the love of one young man means everything to her. Denied his company, her courage fails with frequently grave results.

Less care is necessary with the men. Either in bravado or in actual desire to belittle their affliction the men laugh the days away. But this cheerfulness is futile if not coupled with a determination to follow doctor's orders, Dr. Hill says. Morale is a big thing. It means the ability to "take one's medicine," and in spite of numerous restraints, placed on one's desire for entertainment to accept trial with forbearance and patience.

This was a case in point," Dr. Hill said. "Two women were in myron sanatorium. One followed orders, and the other insisted on making Christmas gifts for her friends because it helped her spirit. Well, the woman who lay on her back without amusement of any kind got well. The other died."

Another instance where failed desire played a part in a relapse was the case of a patient who had been promised a wild duck by a friend who was going hunting. The patient promised again and again, but the duck never came. Other patients began to "kid" the disappointed man, "kid" being a slang term for joke. The patient, being a sportsman, was visiting one day they placed a wooden duck under his covers, and he did not to be made the butt of a joke, sent it to his promising friends, with the information that the duck was a little tough. Then he suffered a relapse. He died, and his morale was shattered.

It would be unwise to circulate the information that optimism and good cheer play a definite part in curing tuberculosis or any other disease," Dr. Hill explained. "The optimism gospel does more harm than good, because patients are inclined to think it means entertainment of a physical nature. Optimism is a fine thing if combined with absolute rest. But obviously, it requires a courageous nature to be cheerful and at the same time to be denied every pleasure."

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"Yes, We Have No—" Says Klondyke

Associated Press Despatch. Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 1.—The Klondyke has no bananas today. Fifty below zero is registered in the Upper Yukon Valley, and Dawson is not very warm. The great cold is striding southward, and the Yukon's warmest autumn is at an end.

GIRL CAGE CHAMPS HONORED BY PRINCIPAL

Miss Pearl Fortner of Riverview Five is Presented With Cup.

Principal Newhouse of Riverview School and Mrs. Newhouse, entertained members of the girls' basketball team of the school, who were successful in winning the inter-school championship for 1923, at their home on Riverview avenue last evening. During the evening, Miss Pearl Fortner, captain of the team, Miss Pearl Fortner, with the cup, Miss Fortner, who has successfully captured two winning teams this season, her indoor basketball team also winning the cup, responded fittingly to the principal's address.

A jolly program of games and music was enjoyed following a banquet served by the hostess. The guests included the members of the team: Misses Pearl Fortner, Edna McCormick, Daisy Fisher, Ethel Fullerton, Roslyn Fairies, Ada Jury, Florence Jones, Marian Tanner, Rhea Jamieson and Rose Clue. The coach, J. Campbell of the teaching staff, was also a guest.

NEW U. S. BATTLESHIP PUT INTO COMMISSION

West Virginia Claimed To Be Nearest Perfect Fighting Ship to Date.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The battleship West Virginia was commissioned at the Norfolk navy yard today.

Embodying all the knowledge of naval architecture and protective devices gained during and since the battle of Jutland, the big fighting craft, a sister ship of the Maryland and the Colorado, takes the place of the North Dakota, which is to be scrapped under the provisions of the Washington conference naval treaty.

The West Virginia's complement consists of 1,400 officers and men and she carries eight 16-inch, 45-calibre guns, twelve 5-inch guns, two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes, and eight 3-inch anti-aircraft guns. She is 624 feet long, 97 feet, 3½ inches across at the water line, has a draft of 31½ feet, and makes a speed of 21 knots.

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