

PINE LAWN HOUSES ARE WELL CONSTRUCTED, SAYS ENGLISH ARCHITECT

Findings of Expert Do Not Agree with Aspersions of Mayor Little.

In view of the fact that it has been frequently stated recently that the houses erected by the housing commission in Pine Lawn are all but falling down, even Mayor Little has said that these reports are well founded. The opinion of H. C. Crowley, an architect and surveyor from Manchester, England, will be of no small interest. Mr. Crowley, after a thorough inspection, declared that the houses are well constructed in every way.

It is pointed out that the English type of house construction is considered to be more solid and substantial than that which is found in Canada, and for this reason the voluntary opinion given by Mr. Crowley is considered of great value. Mr. Crowley is well acquainted with the old country methods and when he states that the Pine Lawn houses are well constructed it is accepted as convincing proof that the work has been well done.

"These houses are well constructed," said Mr. Crowley. "They are double-sheathed and have good central foundations, with splendid cellar floors. The location is one of the best and the terms on which the houses may be purchased place them within the reach of every workman."

"The architecture of these houses is such that every bit of available space is used," continued Mr. Crowley. "Other splendid features is the fact that the houses are complete, with electric lights and water installed, and ready for immediate use."

Mr. Crowley expresses the opinion that by providing good housing accommodation any country can do much towards preventing unrest and dissatisfaction among the workers. He expressed the wish that England would take up the housing problem as it has been dealt with here. This would solve one of the greatest problems of the old country, he thinks. In Manchester there are as many as six or seven families living in one house because of the lack of housing accommodation. Mr. Crowley referred to the fact that Ontario leads the entire world to-day so far as electrical utilities are concerned. He thinks this province is fortunate to have a citizen of the caliber of Sir Adam Beck, whose energy and efforts the electrical resources have been made available for the municipalities.

On a trip across Canada to the coast Mr. Crowley stopped off in London for a few days. He expressed his appreciation for the hospitality and courtesy extended to him by the aldermen and city officials.

QUARTER CENTURY AT ORPHANAGE

Work of Miss McLeod Inspiration To Younger Workers.

Miss B. McLeod, assistant matron of the Protestant Orphanage, completed 25 years of service at that institution. Officials state that Miss McLeod's devotion to the great work of child care is an inspiration to younger workers.

Donations for the Protestant Orphanage playground fund are as follows: K. I. W. Club, giant slide and other equipment; Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Union, \$45; Mrs. John Chapman, \$10; Wellington Street Primary Class, \$5 (in copper); Mr. and Mrs. Battle, \$2; Mrs. J. McIntosh, \$5; Mrs. Hugh Shuttleworth, \$5.

Protestant Orphanage kiddies serenaded Mrs. Ellen Gregston, of 425 Colborne street, last week, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Gregston was secretary-treasurer of the home for over a quarter of a century. Fire escapes have just been completed at the Wharfedale road shelter. The home expects to be out of isolation soon. There were only six cases of measles during the epidemic and this is considered a remarkable tribute to the shelter officials' health precaution methods.

Orphan's home workers in the city ask citizens to remember, now that gardens are giving yield, the needs of the institutional homes. Canned and preserved fruits and vegetables are needed to fill winter cellars.

Elmo Hardy, a returned soldier grocer on Dundas street, confesses that he did not know that there was such an institution as the Protestant Orphan's Home. But last week when a friend of the orphan brought them into his store for a treat, he made their acquaintance. Mr. Hardy refused to take pay for the ice cream ordered and has arranged to entertain the entire home contingent once a month.

Three boys of the Protestant Orphan's Home are doing farm work this summer. A little girl is also placed with kind people who love children as well as bread acres.

"I wish to express again," said the matron of the Richmond street orphanage, "our appreciation of the Rotary picnic. I have been to many picnics myself, both officially and otherwise, but the Rotary picnic was the best I ever saw in my life."

ITALIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OUTING

Wonderland Park Scene of Enjoyable Affair on Civic Holiday.

The annual outing of the Italian Benevolent Association, which has become an institution among London's Italian colony, was held at Wonderland Park on Monday. The picnic, for members of the association and their friends, has been held at the same spot for a number of years and is always a round of hilarity.

Music for the outing was provided by the Marcel Band, under the direction of Prof. Pasquale Venuta. The band was assisted in the musical program by four Italian musicians from Hamilton. Two of the quartet entertained with fine solo numbers. They were R. Malolo, cornet soloist, and G. Gobetti, trombone soloist. Games and sports were engaged in during the afternoon and in the evening dancing was the feature. Among the winners in these games were Joseph Buletta and N. Paolini, at ninepins, and Peter Penna and B. Beccaria, in the lawn bowling contest.

As always, heaps of good things had been provided for lunch and a booth erected on the grounds was kept busy throughout the afternoon and evening. The committee in charge consisted of Joseph Furrana, president; Philip Penna, S. Perone, F. Manara, Tony Scalamano, Tony Furrana, Joseph Paolini, and Paolo, T. Locchiavio, V. Favetta, T. Corlisano and S. Badalato.

RAMBLING AROUND WITH OLD DOC. PEP

July 31 (Lord's Day)—Rose betimes and to find it cooled mightily during the night, evidently marking the end of this late heat such as we never had before. A quiet day and few visitors, it ending mightily gloomy owing to the lateness with which lights be lit on the streets, in the street coaches and in houses. A very devil of gloom seeming to be abroad to the breeding of other lonesome devils. For of all things that hate, methinks I hate the twilight which a clear day more than anything. For ever it seems I walk again with a small urchin, pretty brave to himself, but he walks the fields in the twilight which he had loved aforetime above all other parts of the day. But this day and all others he walks alone.

Which reminds me that the first command of the Creator, according to the scriptures, is "Let there be light!" And the need of that command cannot be gainsaid by any Wellman Bible. For without light first, naught that this universe is could have been—biologically or spiritually. And no agnostic nor atheist admit that He who first doted the infinite midnight, whose heart faltered not with a desolation which makes men mad to think on, thereby proved His title to the Supreme Being of the Universe.

Out on Saturday with our family to our Brighton by the electric coach road and to picnic the finest I ever did in my life. First going out in a canoe with my nephew and Cousin Juliana and to ride the waves pretty handsome. I handling my paddle like a very red Indian in grace and looking as noble as a man ever did in one of these native boats. Then to swim in the lake, but pretty dirty, or seems so, which I make a note of to bring before the governors of our Admiralty Club. Holding it a shame that there be no swimmers out from the land to strain this water of its sewage and other filth. Then to lunch on the hilltop park on sandwiches and a meat pie of veal. Together with cakes, salads and other condiments to the fullest extent. Especially coffee from a coffee stall (25 cents), the best coffee I ever had in my life almost. Then home, mighty content.

And nephew, hoping to be a good citizen, offers upbuilding criticisms of our resort. Saying how they need more showers, baths to their bathing-house, more restrooms for men and women on the beaches and walks, and especially, for their benefit, the sewing of buttoned rubber pockets to bathing garments. These for the carrying of small change for bathing people to the great selling of merchandise and indirect profit of our city. All of which, I point out to him, is doubtless in the minds of managers of our resort venture, but publish it to show the braininess of our family.

Which reminds me how a young reporter on our paper turns in a story on the civic holiday celebration at the lake, mentioning, among other things, "How Alderman W— was among the prettiest girls present." Whereat our night chief yells at him in the highest way: "Fool," he says, "this Alderman W— is not a girl, but one of our most prominent citizens!" "But that story is all right," says the reporter, "for that was where he was!"

Out to a garden party to our Admiralty Club, where we have fine games and many handsome women. Methinks the female families of any in the city. One game being a smelling game patterned on the game at which H. R. M. the Prince of Wales goes to in Old London. But our own sport pretty tame, having naught to smell at in bottles of sodas, drinks, buttered milk and patented cordials for sick people. But someone smears one bottle with this dead cheese of the Swiss, and Madame Commodore Potts gets one whiff of it and faints to our consternation.

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Three Scotchman attending it, so they say, owing to their believing there will be no collection. So they go and a fine sermon. But thereafter the minister announces that there will be a special collection for repairing the manse and other improvements, to the Scotchmen's amazement. They not knowing what to do whatever, but presently one faints and the other two carry him out as bravely as men ever did.

Comes the postman and a letter from my Cousin George Pepps in old London, and the most gloomy, pitiful letter I ever read almost. He being a wine merchant and pessimistic over the growth of temperance amongst all classes and especially that there is no let up since the war in the tagging of people for this and that charity. They tagging them on Trafalgar Square for to send ladies magazines to sailors, on Piccadilly Circus for the downy-headed Yaps on the Island of Yap, and on Leicester Square the anti-cocktail society tags them to banish cherries from the land. The latest thing is how some society plans to give false teeth to all such as have them not. Calling their charity the "Ivory Cross" and their purpose is to grow two dozen teeth where only gums grew before. Which Cousin George comments on. Your Master Jennings Bryan aforetime exclaimed how someone or other was crucifying labor on a cross of gold, but we city men are being crucified on this ivory cross and what not, St. George have mercy on us!"

Since nephew and I go to the circus his mind is filled with the fame of the artists. Studying their histories and committing their names to memory, holding no actor worthy of the title unless he works with a circus. And lately comes a doctor of philosophies to our house and we discuss players and playwrights night content. Especially of Sir Henry Irving. And after the learned man leaves, nephew asks: "And who was this Sir Henry Irving?" "A great actor," says my grandfather. "What show was he with?" "No company, returns grandfather, "he is dead." "What happened," pursues my nephew, "did he miss the net?"

A great investigation at our Sunday school on King Solomon. Some doubting his wisdom and disputing about it. So we appoint a debate for a week's night and many to argue on both sides. But the decision is given to the negative of the question: "Resolved that Solomon was the wisest man." When Master Nasmit speaks: "Honorable Judges, ladies and gentlemen, I hold that Solomon was the most ignorant man in history. He took one thousand wives, which might have been wisdom in his day, but he also acquires 1,000 mothers-in-law." So he sits down and they give him the decision.

Fans are ancient. All races have them. The cave man probably fanned himself in July with a dried palm leaf or a slab of bark.

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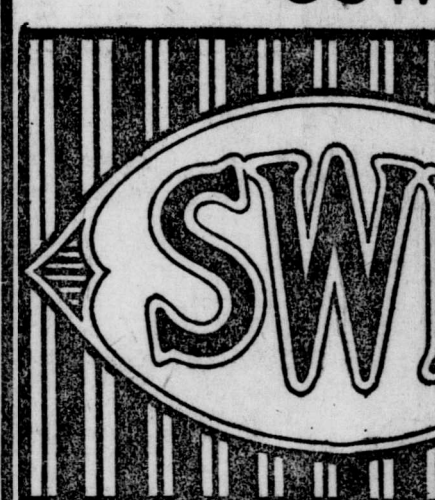
Plans for the new Ronald Roy Gray Memorial Home, to be located on Emery street on the site of the old James estate will arrive from the Salvation Army's architect's office this week, officials announced to-day. As soon as the plans are received, the work will be gone ahead with. The purchase of the estate, forecasted in The Free Press some weeks ago, has just been consummated.

The new home will accommodate from 75 to 100 children from five-month-old infants to nine-year-old children. Cottages will house the little orphans, six at least will be erected at once. All these will be intercommunicating with each other and the central administrative building. Two of the cottages will serve as indoor play-rooms.

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