

THE WORLD VISITS HOUSE OF REFUGE

Mother Superior Outlines the Work of Good Shepherd Institution.

AID FOR DESTITUTE

Outcast Girls and Incurables Protected—Some Are Voluntary Inmates.

The House of the Good Shepherd, West Lodge Avenue, where sixteen-year-old Alice Holloran met death on Jan. 19 when she was killed by a fall in attempting to escape, is an institution established by the provincial government for the care of homeless and wayward Catholic girls. There are two departments for unfortunate girls who have been sentenced to a term in the institution, an industrial school for those between the ages of eleven and sixteen, and another class for those above the age of sixteen. It was to the latter class that the unfortunate Alice Holloran was attached at the time of her death.

The World paid a visit to the refuge yesterday and found it a large red brick structure with a homely and comfortable air about it. The reporter answered the request printed above the door to "Ring and Enter" and found himself in a small hall. Suddenly his attention was attracted by a hissing sound and, looking about, detected the outline of a head behind a screen in one of the doors. When he informed the head of his desire to speak to the mother superior he was asked to go into a waiting room. Across one end of the room was a lattice work effect over which curtains had been placed, thereby obscuring the view of the inner apartment. After a few moments footsteps approached, one of the curtains was pulled to one side and on the other side of the lattice work the mother superior appeared. She took a seat and invited the reporter to sit down, and the interview was conducted thru the bars of the partition.

Air of Mystery.

Being somewhat discomfited by the air of mystery and secrecy shrouding the place, the reporter was at a loss for words for a moment, but soon recovered and advanced his queries. The mother superior, unable to state the number of inmates at the present time. She explained that the home was a government institution and returns were sent to the government annually. She stated that it was a home for the unfortunate who found themselves outcast from society and, within the clutches of the law. Here they were given the best medical care and attendance possible and with assistance and advice an opportunity was presented of once more establishing themselves as honorable members of society.

There were two classes for wayward girls, she pointed out: an industrial class for girls between the ages of eleven and sixteen, for whom extensive preparations had been made for their education and instruction along definite lines. The expense of this work was met by a government grant. These girls, she pointed out, had been assigned to the institution for varying periods of time. For the older girls the government made no such provision for their training. In fact, the mother superior was of the opinion that a grant of only seven cents per day for each inmate was allowed, but whether this sum had been increased during the past two years she did not know. In order to defray the living expenses of these girls a number of them had been employed in connection with the home, in which the staff and the girls were employed. The girls worked a certain number of hours each day. They usually began at 8 o'clock in the morning and stopped at 11 for dinner. There was a recreation period of one hour following dinner, after which work was continued until 3 o'clock, which was lunch hour. Lunch lasted fifteen or twenty minutes, and they were allowed a few minutes rest in the afternoon, in which they had music and singing. They then returned to the laundry and worked until 5.30. Supper and more recreation followed and they were retired at 8 o'clock.

In Spare Time. Asked whether they were taught anything outside of their training, the mother superior stated that no provision had been made by the government for educating them, but they were allowed to sew and knit, or practice music in their spare time. Many of the inmates had been sentenced by the magistrates to serve an indefinite sentence. Such, as of course expired, she added, so far as the refuge was concerned when the girl reached the age of twenty-one if not before, for after that time they had not the authority to keep them any longer.

In addition to the young girls committed to the institution by the magistrates there were others, who had been brought in by parents in order to assure a good home and good surroundings, for their incorrigible daughters, and several girls had of their own free will entered the shelter. The mother superior added that policemen often brought in women whom they detected wandering about without shelter or who were causing them trouble on their beats, for they knew that the doors of the Good Shepherd were always open night and day to receive such unfortunate ones.

Many of the "children," she added, had been in the institution for years. They had entered when young and also no longer obliged to remain when they had reached the age of twenty-one, they had come to regard the refuge as their only home and rather than face the temptations of the world again, they remained. In fact, it was often more difficult to remove inmates than to secure their admission.

Medical Opinion. Dr. C. K. Clarke, medical director of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, in an interview yesterday, expressed himself as of the opinion that a qualified psychiatrist should visit regularly every public institution to which persons were submitted for indefinite periods and he should be the one to decide whether

the inmates were in a fit condition to be released or not. Father Bench, head of the Catholic Board of Charities, whose written order is necessary for every release granted, stated that he was convinced that many inmates were released before there had been a permanent reformation. The superintendent of the institution, he added, was free to maintain an inmate at her will. An indefinite sentence, he said, meant at least six months in detention. After that period had elapsed and the person retained showing signs of reformation she was placed on probation and under supervision. He thought that the criticism so often leveled against such institutions would be avoided if a public psychiatrist were appointed, as he would not only save the institution from criticism, but the patients or inmates themselves from suffering and injustice.

Speaking of "indefinite" sentences, a prominent magistrate stated last night that they were usually imposed on girls under supervision. He thought that the minimum sentence would not be of sufficient length to bring about the desired reformation in the character and conduct of the offender. He understood that there were seven institutions in Toronto where women receiving indefinite sentences could be placed, and that there, they were more or less at the mercy of the authorities of the institution insofar as the length of their sentence was concerned. He did not, however, question the legality of such indeterminate sentences.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN CITY

Casualties From Essequibo Are Welcomed at North Toronto.

Leaning on crutches and canes, 170 soldiers from the hospital ship Essequibo, limped off the troop train that arrived in North Toronto station last evening at 8.30. One hundred of these men were for Toronto, and the remainder, who were cared for at the Red Triangle Club, will leave this morning for their homes in surrounding cities and towns.

Army stretchers had been provided in case there were any cases, but the place was empty. The evening men who arrived were injured in some way. Several nursing sisters and two officers also arrived. A huge crowd of people filled the station waiting room, crowded the yard and lined Yonge street. Everywhere the wounded soldiers were met by their friends and they were taken care of in a methodical manner by the volunteer workers. Men who had crutches were lowered to the ground floor in the express elevator.

General Gunn, Mayor Church, Mayor Gibson and others well known in military and civic circles were present.

R. C. EPISCOPAL APPEAL; JUDGMENT RESERVED

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board yesterday reserved judgment in the appeal of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation against the city assessment of St. Paul's church, 118 East Queen street. The hall was assessed at \$47,375 by the city, but the court of revision exempted the building. The appellants sought to have the assessment reduced to \$40,375, this being cut \$7,000 for the rooms, which were used as school rooms. The appellants sought to have the assessment reduced.

J. S. Paity, corporation counsel, claimed that the hall did not disserve as a school, but that it was a place of work. Rev. Dean Hand admitted that senior members of St. Paul's church were charged a fee of \$2 a year and that a charge was made for some of the entertainments, although the money was used for church purposes.

The city property department labor bureau has received a large number of applications for positions from returned soldiers. "We have placed quite a number of them," said Property Commissioner Chisholm, "but we have not been able to find suitable positions for everybody." It is reported in addition returned soldiers, there are quite a number of others out of work, but the situation is easier owing to the fact that the majority of the returned soldiers had formerly been earning good wages, and are in a position to be able to hold out until spring, when the various public works will be started.

VETERANS WILL BE AHEAD.

Veterans of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry resident here will give H.R.H. Princess Patricia of Connaught an appropriate present on the occasion of her marriage. They do not intend to permit the battalion now with the army of occupation in Germany, who will undoubtedly give Her Royal Highness a fitting present to get ahead of them in this connection. Lieut.-Col. Hamilton Gault, O.C. of the battalion in Germany, has been cabled to this effect. A meeting of the members of this famous regiment will be held at 9 o'clock Thursday evening in All Saints' Church parish hall, corner Sherbourne and Dundas streets.

LORETTO ALUMNAE MEETS.

An enjoyable musical and bridge was held at Loretto Abbey yesterday afternoon, the alumnae of the institution being the hostesses. Mrs. Frank McLaughlin, president, received the guests. Features of the program were a reading by Mrs. Scott Nasmith and vocal numbers by Miss Kathleen Gorrie. The tea was in charge of Mrs. Harry Murphy, assisted by Mrs. W. Cluff, Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. E. Tremble, Mrs. Jeffrey Higgins, Miss Florence Boland and Miss Edna Murphy.

FUNERAL OF MRS. KERR.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Kerr, wife of George Kerr, barrister, Toronto, who died at Santa Barbara, Cal., on Jan. 16, took place at Los Angeles on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnson, of Washington, D.C., a former pastor of the deceased, and an old friend of her family, conducted the funeral service at the Crematorium in Los Angeles, Cal.

ROSEDALE HOSPITAL BIG INSTITUTION

When Casualty Station is Finished It Will House 2400 Patients.

Work on the twenty-four buildings which originally were intended for doctors' offices and a casualty station, mobilization purposes on Rosedale Heights, but which it has been decided to convert into a military hospital, is nearing completion. All the carpentering has been finished, and there now only remains some painting and the finishing of installation of plumbing and electric wiring.

The hospital will be capable of accommodating twenty-four hundred men in addition to the large staff of doctors, nurses and orderlies which will be required to administer it.

The officer who will command this huge center has not yet been named. J. A. Waterson, justice of the peace for Kemptonville, convicted Samuel C. Patterson, a well known local politician, of three sections of Bylaw No. 402, for refusing to neglecting to have the exact weight of his wagons or trucks ascertained prior to delivery thereof in the Village of Kemptonville without having ascertained prior to the delivery thereof the weight of said coal or coke upon the public weighing machine, and neglecting to produce and deliver to the purchaser of coal or coke the receipt of weight received from the public weighing machine, contrary to Bylaw No. 402, and fined him \$3 and costs in each case, or in default of payment, 10 days in jail at hard labor. T. R. Ferguson, K.C., for the municipality of Kemptonville. The King v. Ben H. Spence.

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SHOPPING EXCURSION ENDS IN COUNTY JAIL

A bargain hunt which began at Montreal on Monday extended in the county court yesterday when Mrs. Vasena Jacko, Mrs. Masere Nevers and George Jacko appeared before the court. The women were charged with having a quantity of whiskey hidden in three trunks.

Mrs. Jacko told the court that she had left Montreal on Monday evening with Mrs. Nevers in order to buy a coat at Eaton's. During the journey the trunk containing the whiskey was introduced into a compartment and had entertained them well. Before the train arrived in Toronto the women were charged with having the whiskey hidden in three trunks.

Approximately \$14,000 is involved in the action of the Hydro-Electric Commission entered against the Toronto Power Company, seeking to establish the price for power supplied to the company by the Ontario Power Commission was about \$17,000 a month in excess of that which the company was willing to pay. May Justice Middleton will open the case today.

MAY USE CONFERENCE TO BOOST BOLSHIEVISM

London, Jan. 28.—The question of participation in the Princes' Islands conference has been discussed by the Bolsheviks controlled by the Hydro-Electric System, agreed to furnish power to the Toronto Power Company, but since then the price set by the commission was about \$17,000 a month in excess of that which the company was willing to pay. May Justice Middleton will open the case today.

FOR BLIND SOLDIERS.

At the monthly meeting of the Sir Henry Pellatt Chapter, I. O. D. E., held in the Sherbourne House Club, Mrs. Ambrose Small presiding, arrangements were made for a social gathering for the blind soldiers at Pearson Hall. The shower will take place at the Sherbourne House Club, and the ladies will be asked to bring a contribution of clothing and ten boxes of food for the blind soldiers.

WHAT WILL TAX RATE BE?

Nearly all of the departments in the city hall have their estimates in the hands of Commissioner Bradshaw. The commissioner yesterday refused, however, to venture an opinion as to what the tax rate for 1919 will be. Mayor Church, however, stated that the tax rate would be lower than last year, but it is aimed to provide a budget that it will finally be struck about 28 mills.

CROP PROSPECTS GOOD.

Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of agriculture, yesterday said that the winter wheat was in a very flourishing condition at the present time. The weather, he added, had not been of sufficient severity to cause any damage to buds on fruit trees, and he did not anticipate any injury from a return of cold weather.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S GIFT.

Members and ex-members of P.P.C.L.I. Regiment are asked to meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the parish hall, All Saints' Church, Sherbourne and Dundas, to discuss the presentation of a wedding gift to Princess Patricia.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF DAY.

To Henry E. Smallpiece, J.P., born at Guildford, Surrey, England, Jan. 28, 1848, one of the oldest active newspaper men in the business.

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Weak, Worn Out, Gassy, Sour Stomach Revived and Made to Enjoy Food With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Most of us eat three times a day and often forget that each meal should be disposed of in a healthy manner for the next. The failure of the stomach to do this is called indigestion or dyspepsia, with its accompanying gas, bloating, pain, depression and the feeling of stuffiness when breathing is difficult. The most effective remedy and the most reliable one, because you can get it at any drug store in the United States or Canada, is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, 50 cents a box. Instead of depriving yourself of food or going on a starvation diet simply keep on as you have and let these tablets straighten out your stomach, digest the food and keep you in the fight.

Osgoode Hall News

First Appellate Division. List of cases set down for hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m.: Bailey-Cobalt v. Benson.

Rex v. Kilik. Sanderson v. Sylvester. Weyburn Townsite v. Honsberger. Weyburn Townsite v. Moyer. Weyburn Townsite v. McKitt.

Single Court. List of cases for Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m., before Mr. Justice Sutherland:

Re Neil and Chartered Trust. Barlow v. Sawyer-Barlow. Kass v. Sutin.

Re Lee and Sanagan. Carmichael v. Cardinal. Raty v. Nait.

Re Walmsley Estate. Kempville Coal Dealer Seeks to Have Convictions Quashed.

Waldon Lawr moved before Mr. Justice Sutherland to have three convictions for breach of a bylaw quashed. J. A. Waterson, justice of the peace for Kemptonville, convicted Samuel C. Patterson, a well known local politician, of three sections of Bylaw No. 402, for refusing to neglecting to have the exact weight of his wagons or trucks ascertained prior to delivery thereof in the Village of Kemptonville without having ascertained prior to the delivery thereof the weight of said coal or coke upon the public weighing machine, and neglecting to produce and deliver to the purchaser of coal or coke the receipt of weight received from the public weighing machine, contrary to Bylaw No. 402, and fined him \$3 and costs in each case, or in default of payment, 10 days in jail at hard labor. T. R. Ferguson, K.C., for the municipality of Kemptonville. The King v. Ben H. Spence.

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REV. DR. CHOWN ON EVOLUTION

War Outcome of Church's Adoption of Science, Says Divine.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, president of the Methodist General Conference of Canada, has sent an official manifesto from England to the Methodist membership of Canada, calling upon them to prepare their minds for the adoption of the spirit of brotherhood among nations. "No mechanical arrangement for the convenience of any great nation," Dr. Chown says, "should be permitted to interfere with this."

The manifesto will be published immediately in the official Methodist publications of the Dominion.

Rev. Dr. Chown says: "I favor the calling of a synodical council of Methodism in 1921 that the unified voice of our Church as a world force in reconstruction may be heard and her appropriate activities may be stimulated everywhere."

"The attack of the church 40 years ago upon the doctrine of evolution, the survival of the fittest" was vehemently resented, and she was haughtily rebuked in the name of science for her narrowness and bigotry.

Law of Life. "Under the impulse of Herbert Spencer's philosophy the principle of natural selection became not only the law of biology but the law of life everywhere. It was vigorously applied in commercial relations and in national development until at length we were landed by the force of that paganistic teaching into the great war, the terrible burden of which we are now carrying."

"The church yielded afoot to the combined pressure of the science and pressure just referred to and lost in her largest sense her altruistic efficiency."

"The function of the church now to develop the sentiments that make for compromise, good-will and co-operation among the nations."

RELATIVES UNINFORMED THRU WIRE CONGESTION

The problem of notifying the relatives and the general public of the arrival of returning soldiers on troop trains is one which has become considerably aggravated since shortly after the signing of the armistice, and the consequent increased repatriation.

"This is a condition which continued to get worse and worse," said Secretary J. Warwick of the soldiers' aid commission, yesterday afternoon. "Until finally a list of soldiers returning on the Aquitania was received at 118 College street about two hours before their arrival."

"According to Assistant-General Ashton at Ottawa, the reason for the delay was the fact that the local press congested the wires in such a manner as to make it impossible for the information to reach our office in time to publish it in the local press."

"We have undertaken to see if the system for informing relatives can be improved."

If the general public could realize the immense amount of detail which is necessary in connection with every train, it would be less surprised that the railway company should be unable to give even a partial list of the names of the returning soldiers.

"It must always be remembered that Toronto is the largest military district in Canada by many thousands, and the number being prepared for hardships upon the men than upon their relatives."

NEW HEBREW INSTITUTE HAS THOUSAND MEMBERS

With an assured membership of over 1000 already enrolled, plans for the new Hebrew Institute are steadily being ahead. This building, it is expected, will not only serve the needs of a few, but it is aimed to provide for every Jew in the city, whether young or old, male or female.

A serious tie-up would entail greater hardships upon the men than upon their relatives."

The various needs of the community will be looked after, and it is intended to furnish the appearance of a strong communal force, socially, in culture, in civics and athletics.

Every Jew in the city is behind the movement, and committees have already been appointed to select a board of 25 men who will organize the campaign to secure the needed funds, which are expected to be more than \$300,000.

U. Richardson, M.L.A. for East Wellingford, J. C. Mundell and J. F. Cameron formed a delegation from the riding of East Wellingford which waited upon W. A. McLean, deputy minister of highways, at the parliament buildings yesterday. They advised the construction of a county road between Guelph and Southwold, for which provision had been made and no work done. The deputy minister promised consideration.

COMPLAINTS OVER PHONE BOOK.

Dozens of complaints have been received at the city hall from citizens regarding the new issue of Bell Telephone books in connection with the type used in the latest edition.