

REV. A. J. LANGFORD NEW CHAIRMAN OF STRATFORD DISTRICT

St. Marys Pastor Succeeds
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STRATFORD, May 20.—Rev. A. J. Langford of St. Marys was elected chairman of Stratford District of the Methodist Church here this afternoon, succeeding Dr. Graham, who is going to Toronto. Rev. W. A. Conroy of Kintore was elected representative in the conference stationing committee, with Rev. T. A. Allen of Monoton as alternate.

The average amounts paid by each circuit to the ministerial salary was \$1,000, the total amount paid in salary was \$226,350. The total amount paid to the national campaign fund was \$38,225. During the year the mission circle raised \$17,000, as against \$16,200 last year, an increase of \$800. The educational fund last year raised \$1,210, this year \$1,447, an increase of \$237. The amount raised for evangelism and social service last year was \$732, this year \$776, an increase of \$44. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary last year raised \$4,228.

Lay delegates to the conference named this afternoon were: Mrs. Harry White, Stratford; H. J. Near, Stratford; A. H. Strubberg, St. Marys; W. J. Greenwood, Mitchell; S. L. Adolph, Listowel; J. W. Whitney, Wallace; Wesley Boyd, Atwood; T. J. Earl, Monoton; F. O'Brien, Staffa; Henry R. Greenwood, Fullerton; H. Dunsmore, Harmony; J. H. Davis, Wellburn; John McMurray, Kintore; Mrs. S. C. Bartlett, St. Marys; S. C. Millson, Fullerton; J. J. Mason, Stratford; W. J. Merryfield, Monoton; A. Cole, Mitchell; C. V. Blatchford, Listowel.

It was reported that there was no circuit in the district but had paid the full minimum salary, and many paid over the mark. The minimum salary is \$1,500, with an extra allowance of \$150 where the pastor has to keep a horse. The amount of salary paid in the district this year was \$4,860 in excess of last year. The total amount of money raised this year for all pur-

TAKING LOW PRICES BUT STOP GROWING

Tobacco Is Being Sold by
Farmers Around Blenheim

Blenheim, May 20.—A shipment of tobacco was made from here yesterday by the Rock City Company. Some tobacco of very good quality is said to be in the shipment, and the prices are on the low scale of from 7 to 7 cents per pound. The Imperial Company also made a shipment. Representatives of the Macdonald Tobacco Company are in the field today, making purchases, but there is no report that prices offered are in advance of those paid during the past few weeks.

Quite a number of growers seem to have settled down to the idea that there is nothing better in sight and are letting the crop go at prices offered and bidding farewell to tobacco culture for a time at least.

TO RETIRE TREASURY BILLS.
WINNIPEG, Man., May 20.—The province of Manitoba will dispose of a \$2,000,000 ten-year 6 per cent bond issue next Monday, it was announced today. The purpose of the issue is to retire treasury bills.

PLAN TO MAKE LIVING COSTS WAGE BASIS

Conference With Striking British Miners To Be Held Next Week.

BUSINESS IS PARALYZED

Four Million Tons of Shipping Lying Idle in British Ports.

LONDON, May 20.—(By Canadian Associated Press).—Today marked the 50th day of the miners' strike. Unofficial parleys involve much running into the country by leaders of the miners to meet members of the federation. It is reported the mine owners have offered a new scheme through the Government, but it is believed that it will be impossible to appoint a meeting before next week.

The new proposals are a closely-guarded secret, but there is reason to think they will suggest that wages should be governed by the cost of living. The Lancashire miners specially are examining with interest the idea submitted to the provost of Hamilton, Sir Henry Kelch, embracing this proposal.

The owners generally continue to show distrust of suggestions involving amalgamation of collieries by districts with a view to economy. The Times, in an editorial today, protests against the owners' standpoint that only by reductions in wages can the industry be made to pay.

Everyone is now beginning to understand that reform in managerial methods on the one hand and better output on the other must accompany cuts in wages if the industry is to be put on its feet again.

Imported coal is being landed at Folkestone, Leith, Middlesbrough and Portland.

Concealing Truth.
George Roberts, the Labor M. P. and former food minister, speaking last night, said the strike had been prolonged because of the cowardice of miners' leaders not telling the men the truth. The men will return to work within a fortnight with conditions they could have got long ago simply by going into conference.

Four million tons of idle shipping are lying in British ports. This dispute has knocked the bottom out of the London season, and a theatrical slump has occurred, which is the worst in many years.

AUDITORS FIND BOOKS CORRECT

Provincial Officials Complain Magistrate and Chief of Police.

ST. THOMAS, May 20.—The provincial auditors have completed the checking of accounts in the police department, and find the books and memoranda of the office finances to be correct in every detail. The auditors make an annual visit to the larger centres and examine into the class of crimes coming before the magistrate and the indictable offenses from the less important institutions. These are charged by the Government to the city, and the municipality will have to contribute some hundreds of dollars to the department because of a mistake view as to the corporation's liability to the Government. The auditors complimented both Magistrate Maxwell and Chief Armstrong on the satisfactory conditions prevailing in the police department.

Suspended Sentence.
Richard Evans, charged with neglect of his children, who was brought back from Windsor Monday, was allowed to go on suspended sentence. The woman in the case was also given a chance to behave herself and keep outside the limits of the police court.

Police To Prosecute.
The failure of the council to provide sufficient playgrounds for the children of the city has driven them to the streets, with the result that the police are being asked to keep many sections of the city to clear the pavements of the lads, or else prosecute them for a violation of the by-law. Yesterday the young people were fined. They are out again in full force this season, and the police will be warned to lay complaints against the offending boys. The danger to the lads from being hit with passing autos, as well as the annoyance to the neighborhood, the police say that householders are justified in making a complaint.

CHATHAM MAY GET BIG NEW THEATRE

Proposition Was Discussed At Meeting Last Night.

CHATHAM, May 20.—This city may shortly have a new \$25,000 theatre with a seating capacity of 1,500. The project was discussed at a meeting in the chamber of commerce tonight by W. Murphy of Detroit, and the matter will be gone into further. A site for the proposed new theatre has been selected and plans prepared.

While Gas Commissioner Harkness and former commissioner, E. S. Estlin, were making an inspection of the Tilbury oil and gas fields yesterday, they discovered a rattlesnake three feet long. It is an unusual thing to find rattlesnakes in this district, and is a mystery where this one came from. It was quickly killed.

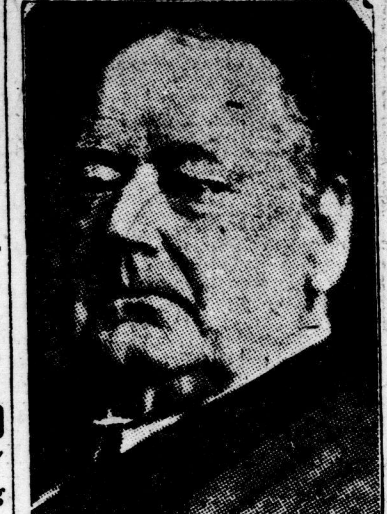
TRINITY CHURCH IS GROWING STEADILY

Stratford, May 20.—At the annual meeting of the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church reports from all the departments of the church indicated healthy growth and much advance. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$452 after all expenses of the year had been paid. The Ladies' Aid raised \$1,200; increases in the envelope offerings of two years, and now \$805, and of one year ago \$269; increases in the plate offerings of two years ago and now \$425, and of one year ago \$170; church membership 420.

The Sunday school raised \$398 for missions and has a total membership of 475.

Mr. H. J. Near occupied the chair and stated they were closing an exceptionally successful year.

LATE U. S. CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE



Who died in a Washington hospital on Thursday following an operation which should have been performed several years ago. He refused, however, to submit to the surgeon's knife until a Republican president had been elected, in the hope that his old friend, former President Taft, would be appointed to succeed him.

Expert Bombers Are Under Arrest

Gang Which Has Been Terrorizing Chicago Rounded Up By Police.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Nine men said by one of their number to be the organized clique of expert bombers, who have been responsible for most of the terrorism that has marked recent labor troubles, were under arrest tonight. A tenth member of the alleged clique, Cornelius ("Conn") Shea, labor leader, who led the 1905 teamsters' strike in Chicago, in which 21 men were killed and 415 injured, also was being sought.

Shea returned to Chicago a few years ago after being released from Sing Sing, where he served a six-year sentence, after being convicted of second degree murder in New York for the killing of a waitress.

The arrests resulted from an alleged confession made by Andrew Kerr, a member of the stationary engineers' union.

Those under arrest include several union officials, an I. W. W. member, a chauffeur and two men known to the police as expert bombers.

In Kerr's police believe that they have Chicago's master bomber, the self-confessed go-between for union agents and the leader of a desperate band of criminals. He is declared to have controlled all the bombing outrages growing out of recent labor troubles in Chicago.

Kerr was inspired to make his confession, according to the police, because of the fact that he was not paid for several bombings in the recent laundry strike.

According to Kerr's confession as given out by the police, prices for bombings varied from \$500 to \$200 according to the size of the charge used. Sluggings were priced at from \$50 to \$100.

WILL NOT THROW ASHES TO WINDS

Relatives Will Otherwise Dispose of Remains of Late Franklin Lane.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The ashes of Franklin E. Lane, former secretary of the interior, will not be taken to the top of El Capitan peak in the Yosemite Valley and scattered to the winds as requested by Mr. Lane.

Mrs. Lane, the widow, today announced that the family had abandoned the plan, and that the remains will be held here, pending final disposition, which will not be made until friends of the family have been consulted, Mrs. Lane said.

NEXT MEETING TO BE AT KITCHENER

Officers Elected At Brantford Conference of District W. M. S.

Brantford, May 19.—The three-day convention of the Hamilton conference, Methodist Church, Women's Missionary Society came to an end this afternoon with the election of officers. The convention will meet next year in Kitchener on the joint invitation of both Kitchener and Waterloo ladies. The new officers are: Honorary president, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. J. D. Phelps, Mrs. C. Hardy, president, Mrs. G. E. McLachlan, Hamilton (fourth term); 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Baker, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. A. Ross, Hamilton; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. S. L. W. Harton, Waterloo; recording secretary, Mrs. J. W. Vannor-man, Hamilton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. R. Bewis, Milton; treasurer, Mrs. Russell Treleven, Hamilton; strangers' secretary, Mrs. Adam Shultis; Circle secretary, Mrs. J. H. Rush, Tillsonburg; band secretary, Miss Helen Tasker, Mount Forest; superintendent of Christian stewardship, Mrs. J. H. McLachlan, Cheshley; delegates to board, Miss Bowes, Hamilton, Mrs. A. Shultis, Brantford, Mrs. Griffiths, Hamilton; alternates, Mrs. Prudham, Warrton, Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. McLachlan, Cheshley, Mrs. S. E. Marshall, 3rd vice-president, retired, as she is going to the Montreal conference.

GUELPH TOURNEY ON FOR JULY 4

GUELPH, May 20.—The tournament committee of the Guelph Lawn Bowling Club held their initial meeting today and completed their organization. From now on the committee will be actively engaged in planning for the big open tournament at the local greens, which this year will commence on July fourth. The following officers and sub-committees were elected: Chairman, Harry Mahoney; secretary, G. M. Yates.

The entries for tournament will close on July 2, at noon, and it was decided to change the order in which the three tournament groups will be completed for this year. The Partridge Cup will go to the rink capturing the first event; the George Wallace Cup will go to the winners of the second competition; and there is a possibility of a new cup being offered to the Scotch Doubles Tournament.

WILL ARRANGE WAGE SCHEDULE

Conference Thursday Between M. C. R. Officials and St. Thomas Shopmen.

ST. THOMAS, May 20.—A conference will be held between the officials of the Michigan Central and representatives of the local shops at Detroit on Thursday.

The meeting will be preliminary to further negotiations for a tentative settlement as to a permanent schedule of wages and will be submitted subsequently to the unions affected. The heads of the shopmen's unions are a unit that the employees will not accept a reduction of wages. At the last conference of the officials and men the management was informed that the scale under the national agreement must prevail. Hits Milk Wagon. A street car bored through a milk wagon at the intersections of Ross and Erie streets today and scattered the cans and milk all over the pavement. The driver, J. Harris, escaped by jumping, but the horse ran away and was lost for some time on the back streets.

The horse apparently was the offender. He bolted across the street just as the car was opposite Erie street, making the milk wagon a sure target for the approaching car.

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1. Essays must not be more than 200 words.
2. Write on ONE side of paper only.
3. Neatness, spelling and age, as well as composition, will guide the judges in selecting the winners, so do your best.
4. Give year and date of your birth.
5. Your name and address in full.
6. Give name of school and grade.
7. As this contest is only being advertised in Western Ontario, it is only eligible to those living in the following counties: Huron, Perth, Oxford, Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, Kent and Essex.
8. Give names and addresses of three families whom you personally know who do not own a washing machine and who have electric light in their homes.

START YOUR ESSAY TO-NIGHT
Simply write your story and mail it to the address given below on or before May 31. Any letter post marked later than May 31 will be ineligible. Names of the prize winners will be published in this paper on Saturday, June 11.

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