

HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON.

REGIMENT IS 25 YEARS OLD

Anniversary Was Observed at
Wolsley Barracks on
Monday.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Royal Canadian Regiment was celebrated at Wolsley Barracks yesterday, a general holiday having been proclaimed by Adj. Gibson.

All drill and work was cancelled, and the men celebrated right royally for the day. In the evening a smoker and concert was held in the men's sitting-room, the men being addressed by Adj. Gibson. Mr. Gibson traced the history of the regiment since its organization, telling of all honors received by the members who participated in the different engagements. The regiment engaged in battles in the Northwest rebellion and also in the South African war.

At the conclusion of the address the following programme was carried out: Corp. Walsh, piano solo; Pte. Travis, solo; Pte. Paul, solo; Pte. Burton, instrumental; G. M. S. White, recitation; Sgt. Maj. Erskin, of the Seventh Fusiliers, solo; Pte. Smythe, song; Pte. Balne, song; Pte. McKenzie, and Pte. McFarland, pipers; Mr. Duff, a former member of the R. C. R. from-bone solo; Mr. Grant, solo; Mr. McDonald, late of the Sixteenth Scot. Lancers, song and piano solo; Pte. Pilkington, song, and Col. Sgt. Youngman, solo.

The officers of the regiment were present at the concert. Similar celebrations were held in all depots of the regiment yesterday. The depots are: Fredericton, N. B.; Halifax, Quebec, Toronto and London.

RUNAWAY COUPLE HAPPILY WEDDED

East End Parents Are Out on the
Warpath.

The members of two East End families are said to be out after a young couple who, according to the story, eloped a few days ago. The young man is about 22 years of age, while his sweetheart is but 18.

It is not known whether they were wedded in this city or not, but at any rate, they have so far succeeded in getting away without leaving any trace of their whereabouts.

The young fellow resided on Hamilton road east, while the lady is also an East Ender. The parents of the runaways are making an effort to locate them without the assistance of the police, but they have thus far been unsuccessful.

MRS. W. R. WAUGH DEAD FORMERLY MISS HISCOX

Died in Victoria Hospital as the Result
of Complications.

A wide circle of friends throughout the city will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Ella May Waugh, wife of Mr. W. R. Waugh, of 555 Dufferin avenue.

Mrs. Waugh had been in Victoria Hospital for about a month, and it was thought she was improving. Complications, however, developed, and her death resulted.

Mrs. Waugh was 31 years old, and the eldest daughter of Mr. George T. Hiscox.

She had lived in London all her life and was widely known and esteemed. Besides her husband, Mrs. Waugh is survived by two children, Mr. Fred Hiscox, of this city, a brother, and Misses Sadie and Libby Hiscox, sisters.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at Woodland Cemetery, and owing to illness in the home, will be held from the residence of Mr. Geo. T. Hiscox, 199 Queen's avenue.

BISHOP WILLIAMS WILL OPEN CHURCH

New Edifice in Chelsea Green to Have
Distinguished Preacher.

On Sunday next Bishop Williams will formally open the new Trinity Church in Chelsea Green, and will preach special sermons both morning and evening. The church work so far has been under the supervision of Rev. R. S. W. Howard, of Christ Church, and Mr. Stanley McDonnell, of Huron College, has had charge of the services. The new church has a seating capacity of about 150, and is finished throughout in a most attractive manner.

EXAMINATION IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Number of Pupils Who Distinguished
Themselves.

The results of the examinations of the pupils of the senior class at St. Mary's separate school have been prepared, showing the excellent work of the students.

The following shows the number of marks secured on the examinations by the pupils: George Pelton and Arthur Lenchen tied with 372 marks, Clara Smith 547, Frank Wiley 539, Helen Cloughesy 506, Joe Walsh 493, Kathleen McCarthy 491, Thomas Flynn 486.

Harold Palmer 478, Loretta Lenchen 476, Irene Connell 439, Francis Flynn 411.

The names of those who secured highest marks in the different subjects are: Thomas Flynn in arithmetic, Arthur Lenchen in grammar, Frank Wiley in geography, Kathleen McCarthy in literature, George Pelton and Arthur Lenchen in composition, Helen Cloughesy and Joe Walsh in reading, Clara Smith in writing, and Joseph Walsh in spelling.

The examinations are merely the Christmas tests, and have no bearing on the promotions.

CHELSEA GREEN SCHOOL REPORT

Names of the Scholars in the Order
of Merit.

The following is Chelsea Green school report for December. Names are in order of merit. "Honors, 75 per cent."

Grade IV—Senior and Junior—David Fleming, Willie Haynes, Lizzie Haynes, Emily Haynes, Maggie Fleming, Adelaide Chambers, Virgie Addison, Willie Chittick, Alfs Clayton.

Grade III (Senior and Junior)—Edna Tye, Gladys Cornelius, Percy Greenside, Violet Addison, Frank Corby, Bert Haynes, Harry Corby, Addie Haynes, Viola Prince, Earnest Chittick, Hannah Charlbers.

Grade II (Senior)—Willie Bourne, Frank Spice, Norman Greenside, Elsie Bawden, Danay Fleming, Mary Burgess, Evelyn Clayton, Florence Corby (absent).

Grade II (Junior)—Annie Gordon, George Clayton, Mabel Clayton, Wanda Weston, James Prince, Lizzie Fleming, Gordon Haynes, Frances Gibbling.

Part II—Jack Millman, Bertha Chittick, Alfreda Bourne, Carrie Pearson, Dorothy Clayton.

Class D—George Haynes, Geo. Tye, Rosie Bourne.

Class C, and D—John Pearson, Edna McBride, George Bourne, Percy Clayton, Velma Tye, Alice Gordon, Lennie Douglas, Raymond Durdan, Irene Steele.

Part I—Bertha Greenside, Maggie Chittick, Harold Chambers, Gladys Prince, Freddie Corby, Jimmie Haynes, Freddie Tye, Farby Durdan, Alexander Clayton, Charlie Wood, Lizzie Morris (absent).

PRIDE OF EAST ELECTS OFFICERS

Companions of the Forest Met Last
Evening in the East End.

The members of Pride of the East Circle, No. 55, Companions of the Forest, met last night at Foresters' Hall, East London, and elected the following officers in a keen contest:

Past Chief Companion—Miss M. Winslow.

Chief Companion—Miss M. Marr.

Sub-Chief Companion—Mrs. A. Gwalchmai.

Right Guide—Companion Miss N. Bull.

Left Guide—Companion Mrs. E. Marr.

Inner Guard—Companion Miss C. Bartlett.

Outer Guard—Companion Harry Porter.

Financial Secretary—Companion W. Richards.

Recording Secretary—Companion Mrs. L. Head.

Treasurer—Companion E. W. Boyle.

Medical Officer—Companion A. R. Pingel.

Auditors—Companions T. C. Bartlett and L. Le Seellur.

Trustees—Companions A. E. Richards, E. Marr, J. Ward.

Pianist—Companion Miss K. Richards.

Correspondent—Companion H. R. Nichols.

Companions G. Mansbridge, W. E. White, and J. A. B. Plugel acted as scrutineers, and were tendered a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the election. A reply was made by Comp. Mansbridge.

The married companions challenged the single ladies to a game of carpet ball, being defeated. One lady was initiated. Refreshments were served after the regular business had been concluded.

At the next meeting the officers will be installed by Mrs. A. E. Richards, district deputy high chief companion.

POTTERSBERG CONCERT.

The Methodist Church at Pottersburg was crowded to capacity last night, when a concert was given, the following taking part in the programme: Harold Routledge, Harold Reavely, Chester Cake, Thos. Lashbrook, Geo. Spicknell, Leonard Macdonald, Harold Clark, John Albert and Millon Evans, James Dart, Percy Cuthbert, Miss Harris, the Misses Talbot and others. Rev. Mr. Morley acted as chairman.

EAST END NOTES.

Mary Jane Churchill, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Churchill, of 708 Lorne avenue died Sunday at her mother's home. She was in her 9th year. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

A fire burst on Grand Trunk yard engine No. 522 Sunday morning, putting the engine out of commission. No damage was done.

The dog poisoner is again at work, two valuable animals having been destroyed in the east end yesterday, one lying near the corner of Dundas and Ontario streets, and the other at the corner of Dundas and Egerton streets. It is thought that both canines were the victims of the same snail.

Court Pride of the Dominion, forfeited a game of carpet ball to Court Stella, A. O. F., at Society Hall, last evening, as they were unable to play.

FACTS ABOUT WATER BYLAW

Which Is To Be Voted on by the
People in January
Next.

No more important matter has come before the citizens than the water bylaw, and it should be given the closest consideration by the ratepayers of the city. If the question is ever to be settled, why not settle it at once? A scheme that will meet with the approval of all will never be reached.

That the scheme has many good qualities, the water commissioners are unanimously agreed. They have given it every possible consideration, and that their wide experience and disinterested desire to serve the citizens should be given due weight is acknowledged. They are seized with the importance of immediate action. The great shortage of water not only in the summer time, but even now has filled them with a great desire to settle the matter as soon as possible, and it is their anxiety to give the people more water as rapidly as possible.

Spring Water.

The commissioners are convinced that the people want spring water, and as this scheme is the best and only spring water scheme available, the commissioners submit it with confidence to the ratepayers.

They propose to spend \$200,000 on increasing the supply of spring water. This is not an exorbitant price, and with the increased pressure given by the pumping station, and the strengthening of mains throughout the city, will place the city in an excellent position to fight fires and furnish manufacturers with water.

The Hobbs springs will flow directly to the ponds at the Springbank pumping station. They will not require a pound of coal or a volt of electricity to insure their reaching their destination.

Other Springs.

When there are the Crown and White springs. These springs will yield a large supply. It is believed that there is an abundance of spring water, sufficient to last perhaps for many years, in the neighborhood of these springs. When they shall have been added to the city supply, there will not, as now, be the ever lurking fear of fire and the always possible danger that many taps in the city will refuse to yield a drop of water even for domestic purposes. This latter inconvenience has already overtaken numerous households at different times in the year for short periods. As the city goes on growing the number who will suffer from this lack must inevitably increase.

The commissioners also propose to erect a modern pumping station at the seat of the Crown and White springs.

This station will be equipped with the most modern machinery and will be capable of sending water to any part of the city at a pressure as high as 100 pounds. The engines will probably be electric, in view of the near approach of Niagara power. This will permit of the pumping being done upon the most economic basis. Much of the pumping will doubtless be accomplished with the aid of power at hours when it is not in use elsewhere, and therefore when the city may have it for the taking.

Are Justified.

If the scheme which the bylaw contemplates had no other object, the commissioners believe they would be well justified in asking for public support of it upon the ground that it will provide a duplicate system. The danger which has always attended the fact that the city's supply rests entirely upon the loyalty of one 18-inch main, is a main that is now put in the ground now for a quarter of a century—this danger will be removed.

The citizens will remember that a few years ago the water supply of the city had to be shut off for 24 hours while repairs were being made to the broken main at the cove. Had the break occurred a few rods further west the result would have been to shut off the water supply entirely, and left the city in a most dangerous predicament.

Not Understood.

The commissioners are of opinion that the facts of the situation are but little understood or there would be an instant justice which would carry the bylaw sweepingly.

In the scheme which the commissioners urge should be adopted there are no objectionable features so far as they are able to see other than the fact that the supply of water which will be obtained is not so great as perhaps permanently to settle the water question. But they believe that they have enough water in sight to settle the question for many years at least.

The full supply of water which the city is now in receipt of is 4,000,000 gallons. The new scheme is expected to add as much as 2,500,000 gallons, or five-eighths of the present supply. With the constant addition of metres to the large consumers' services this total supply of 6,500,000 gallons of water should be ample for a city of from 80,000 to 90,000 people.

Is a water scheme that meets all requirements up to such a point one to be refused? Is it a matter of imprudence that the city should not now undertake to build a water scheme for the future when the future, the distant future, it may be, will be better able to do for itself, and to pay its way, and when the vexed question of its debt is being settled among the people? Is it the fact that they have been settled much more definitely perhaps than is the fact today?

In view of all these facts, the commissioners strongly urge upon the citizens that they vote for the water bylaw.

More Smallpox.

Two cases of smallpox have been discovered in Lobo Township. A man named Jas. Keels and his daughter are afflicted with the disease. They reside on the fifth concession of Lobo, near Komoka. The disease is of a mild type. The houses have been placed under quarantine.

EDGAR I. SIFTON WAS APPOINTED

City Council Named Electrical
Engineer for Niagara Power
in London.

Mr. Edgar I. Sifton was appointed electrical engineer at the council meeting last night by a vote of 8 to 4. The appointment was made in the face of the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith that the council had not the power.

When the report of the special power committee was read, recommending that the names of Mr. Sifton and Mr. E. Richards, of Toronto, be sent to the council, Ald. Greenleaf read the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith, stating that the council in its dying moments could not appoint an engineer whose duties would have to be defined by next year's council, and whose salary would have to be raised by the same body.

Had Not the Power.

Ald. Beattie declared that in view of the solicitor's opinion, the best thing to do was to send the clause back to the committee, thus leaving the matter to be settled as it properly should be settled by next year's council.

"As I have just said, I do not think this council has either the right or the power to make the appointment," said Ald. Beattie. "I will move that it be sent back."

Ald. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Ald. Armstrong Moves.

Ald. Armstrong then moved in amendment that Mr. E. I. Sifton be appointed. He thought that if the appointment were made right away, and Mr. Sifton put to work immediately, there would be no question whatever about the legality of the transaction.

He thought there was considerable work for an engineer to do, such as obtaining customers, drawing plans and such, and he was of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of the city to appoint Mr. Sifton.

Ald. Booth seconded the motion to make the appointment, saying that Mr. Sifton was a local man, and he should be given the preference. It was necessary that the city take all necessary steps to prepare the way for the coming of Niagara power.

Some Doubt.

Mayor Stevely said that owing to the fact that there was some doubt as to whether the council could in its dying minutes make such an appointment, he had consulted Mr. Meredith relative to it. His opinion was that it could not be done. Next year's council would have to define his duties, and fix his remuneration, not this year's.

Salary of \$2,200.

Ald. Armstrong explained that Mr. Sifton's remuneration would be \$2,200.

There was no further discussion, and on the motion being put, Mr. Sifton's appointment was made on the following division:

Yeas—Strommen, Parsons, Greenside, Armstrong, Booth, Saunders, Rose and Stewart.

Nays—Ald. Beattie, Ferguson, Moorhead and Gerry.

A PRETTY STORE IS RANAHAN'S

Christmas Display at This Well-
Known Grocery on Richmond Street.

At no time in the year do the stores present a more handsome appearance than at Christmas. Storekeepers and clerks vie with each other to put up their windows and the interior of their stores to great advantage. Grocery stores, in particular, are decorated very handsomely. The many varieties of goods on sale, and the fact that they are now put up to give the storekeeper ample opportunity to make beautiful displays. The windows in particular receive extra care, while the shelves and cases are arranged with Christmas decorations.

One of the prettiest decorated windows that London has seen in the grocery line for some time is the store of Mr. Harry Ranahan, 515 Richmond street. The large window is arranged with many varieties of goods. In the evening when the artificial light is displayed, it assumes a very artistic appearance. The interior of the store is well arranged, and shows great care in its decorative work.

Among the many quantities and qualities of goods arranged in the store there is noticed a particularly fine display of Cresco goods, such as Cresco Glace Fruit, Cresco Raisins, Cresco Dates, Pinesapples, Stem Ginger, Cresco Figs, and Dates, Maroons in syrup, and many kinds of vegetables preserved in glass. It is a most creditable display and reflects great credit upon the store. There was also noticed a handsome and full display of Tom Smith's Christmas Crackers. These Crackers are in great demand at this time of the year, and a full assortment of them was noticed. Among the other Christmas edibles was observed the different makes of cheese, such as Roquefort, Gorgonzola, Limberger, and Bon-bon packages come in for a big display, besides a very large quantity of home-made plum-pudding.

Olives are a particularly fine assortment. Oranges, which range from 25 to 50 cents per dozen; raisins, nuts, in variety, from all countries, are shown to excellent advantage.

Mr. Ranahan states that his trade in imported goods has grown very largely. He carries a complete line of French, German and English goods, and it will pay one to visit his store at this time of the year to see what he has for Londoners.

A Pathetic Case.

A particularly pathetic feature in connection with the death of Mrs. (Dora) W. A. Piper is that her husband some time ago injured his leg and was confined to the house, so that it was impossible for him to go to the hospital and see her. Mrs. Piper had cared for him up to the time that he went to the hospital. Dr. Piper is still suffering from his injured leg. He has the sincere sympathy of everyone.

FREE!

On Tuesday and Wednesday,
Dec. 22 and 23.

Strong's Drug Store

184 Dundas street.

1,000 DAINTY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FREE.

To each purchaser of one pound of Strong's Baking Powder will be given one of these dainty souvenirs, containing ONE sample bottle of choice perfume. ONE sample package of sachet powder, along with ONE of our handsome 1909 calendars.

Also one of our valuable Cook Books free on request.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

COBALT MINING STOCKS.

Non quotations on Cobalt mining stock, telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Cronin & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange:

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Mining exchange non quotations: Beaver 35, Chambers 82, Reserve 230, Cobalt Lake 15, Conlagas 650, Foster 42, Meehan 24, Kerr Lake 778, La Rose 640, Nipissing 1050, Otis 47, Peterson Lake 32, Rochester 18, Scotia 57, Leaf 11, Queen 36, Temiskaming 165, Treadwell 149.

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