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800 IN ATTENDANCE AT ENGLISH REUNION

Program Arranged by St. George's Society Huge Success.

Eight hundred natives of the motherand attended the English reunion in Y. M. C. A. Saturday night, and not of them regretted that he had been ong those present. It was arranged St. George's Society.

George Yull introduced Edwin Smith, president of the Society, and the er then occupied the chair and gave address of welcome.

Harold Payne made a great hit with ious songs, among which were: "Hum g," "The Trumpeter," and a comic k, "Nobody Noticed Me."

Equally as popular were songs by Wiln Ball. Some of his numbers were e Englishman," "Angels in Disse," and "Farmer's Boy."

ther numbers which were met with oud applause as the previously menied ones were: Concertina selection, e Troopship Farewell," W. J. Way; aphone selection, Mr. Tilbury; mmer Giles," Master Hunniset; corsolo, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Gil; Say; solo, Donald Payne.

feature of the evening was the call of a member of the audience to the form to sing. Mrs. Jarvis was called, only after much coaxing was she ight to the front. Her number, a g entitled "For Me, Me, Me," was one the hits of the evening, the audience ing in the chorus and giving her a at ovation.

sing-song was one of the items on evening's lengthy program.

Forty-five views of Shakespeare's nty and 100 other views, including s of "The Dukeries." Haddon Hall d other familiar places in England re thrown on the screen.

All the workers and the talent wore t roses to show that they were sons Old Albion.

During the evening 47 old English horuses were sung, Harry Clarke being the piano.

Mr. Yull announced that the final reion which was to be held on the last turday in April would take the form a British night and would be for nates of England, Scotland, Wales, Ire and Canada.

HIGH SCHOOL PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO R. H. GRANT TUESDAY

Trustee A. A. Langford Will Hand Over Blue Prints for Approval.

Work in preparation for the building of the new central high school or collegiate institute, which will form the first unit in the high school accommodation to be provided for the boys and girls of the city of London has progressed so far that a letter is being sent to the minister of education, Hon. R. H. Grant, stating that Trustee A. A. Langford, chairman of No. 3 committee, will go to Toronto on Tuesday with the plans of the new building for the inspection and approval of the minister.

According to the plans prepared by the board's architect, L. E. Carrothers, the new building, which will be of brick and concrete construction, and practically fireproof, with the exception of the wood trimmings, will have a frontage on Waterloo street of about 131 feet and a depth of about 180 feet, and will comprise two stories and basement.

The main entrance will be on the Waterloo street or east front of the building. Three other entrances are provided, two on the north side and one on the south side.

The Auditorium.

Immediately facing the main entrance is the entrance to the auditorium, which has a floor space of about 70 feet by 56 feet. At the west end of the auditorium, which will be lighted by a handsome dome skylight, provision is made for a stage 24 feet in width, and 200 feet in depth, with commodious dressing rooms on each wing.

Spacious corridors surround the auditorium and give admittance to the various offices and class rooms. The corridor on the east side of the building will have a width of twelve feet, while those on the three remaining sides will be eleven feet wide. Similar measurements apply to the corridors on the second floor.

On the south side of the first floor will be accommodated the physical, chemical and biological laboratories and a spacious lecture-room. On the west side immediately behind the auditorium will be the gymnasium, while three spacious class rooms will occupy the north side. Immediately to the right of the main entrance will be the principal's and secretary's office and stock room.

Library and Study Room.

On the east side, second floor, will be located the library and study room. Men and women teachers' rest rooms are located at each end of the floor. At the west end are located the household science and manual training rooms. The remainder of the space on this floor with the exception of the centre, which is occupied by the dome skylight of the auditorium, is devoted to class rooms.

The lighting of the teaching rooms, laboratories, study and library rooms is provided by window space equal to 50 per cent of the floor space. Adequate modern lavatory accommodation is provided for on each floor.

In the basement of the building, the plans while not completed as to detail, will provide for a boys' and girls' club room, a lunchroom, supplementary drill room, bicycle rooms, etc.

The boiler rooms and coal bins will be located at the rear of the building.

PRINCE OF WALES WILL OPEN ULSTER PARLIAMENT

London, March 28.—It is stated on sound authority that the Prince of Wales will open the new Ulster Parliament, and will also visit other districts in Ireland.

FOUR BINGHAMS TO CONDUCT SERVICES

Father and Three Sons Will Preach in Calgary Church.

Rev. A. C. Bingham leaves for Calgary tomorrow, where he, with his father, Rev. Thomas Bingham of Parkhill, and Rev. W. J. Bingham, M. D., of Colorado, will conduct evangelistic services in the First Baptist Church there. Rev. H. H. Bingham, formerly of Talbot Street Baptist Church, is pastor of this church. A Calgary paper states that this is the first time in the history of the west that a father of three ministers who is a minister himself has conducted evangelistic services in one church.

The services commence on April 3 and will be held for two weeks every afternoon and evening. The western paper further states: "The Bingham brothers are not only preachers, but singers, too." The two weeks' services will be conducted solely by the Bingham brothers and their father.

VETERANS TAKE EXCEPTION TO MEIGHEN'S STATEMENTS

G. W. V. A. Want Adequate Compensations for Men Who Enlisted in C. E. F.

Secretary J. W. Cunliffe of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' has received a communication from the central branch of the association in Toronto asking that the local command give its strongest support for the compensation scheme, which will be one of the issues for the citizens of Canada to decide at the next federal election.

The association asks that every ex-member of the C. E. F., no matter where he has served, be entitled to the same consideration with respect to compensation for the loss in the purchasing power of the dollar during the period of the war. They also maintain that every soldier should be considered as a state employee because they fought to save the state.

"We also take exception to the statement of the Hon. Arthur Meighen is credited with making in Massey Hall in Toronto on November 19 of last year," asserted Secretary Cunliffe. "Mr. Meighen is quoted as saying that with particular respect to the re-establishment of ex-soldiers, such as war service gratuity, soldiers' settlement board, D. S. C. R., insurance, clothing allowances and housing appropriations, can be regarded as compensation for the loss in the purchasing power of pay and allowances of ex-members of the C. E. F."

The compensation resolution, as drawn up, asks for those who served in France, $1 per day be paid from date of enlistment to date of discharge, 75 cents per day for those who only went to England and 50 cents per day from date of enlistment to date of discharge for those who only served in Canada.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Arrivals.

At Rio de Janeiro—Canadian Victor (British), from Halifax.

At Liverpool—Caronia (British), from New York, via Halifax.

At Southampton—Olympic (British), from New York.

At Cardiff—Canadian Raider (British), from St. John, N.B.

At Gibraltar—Caterina Geroimich (Italian), from St. John, N.B.

New York, March 28.—Schooner Favonian (British), Liverpool, N. S.

HOLD-UP MEN STRIKE VICTIM; TAKE ONLY $2

T. N. Sumner, Druggist, Assaulted On Waterloo Street, At C. P. R. Crossing.

HEAD-WOUND INFLICTED

Calls For Help and Desperadoes Flee, Leaving $1 On Sidewalk.

Hold-up men who accosted Thomas N. Sumner, a Dundas street druggist, on Waterloo street, in front of the Ford plant, about 11 o'clock Saturday night, only secured two $1 bills for their trouble. One of the men stood back in the shadow and the other pressed a revolver up close to their victim's body. Mr. Sumner remonstrated, but at the same time drew three $1 bills from his pocket and dropped them on the sidewalk. Whether angered at the smallness of the booty offered or from sheer unpleasantnes of temperament, the hold-up man struck Mr. Sumner on the head, either with the gun or some other heavy weapon, which left a fairly severe cut. At this Mr. Sumner uttered a loud exclamation, and about the same time an approaching train was heard, and the watchman at the C. P. R. crossing came out, swinging a lantern. The man with the gun picked up two of the $1 bills, and both men hurried away, running past the watchman and west on Pall Mall street towards Richmond.

Mr. Sumner, who was returning from his store at 318½ Dundas street, to his home at 15 Yale street, had about $80 in another pocket, but the two hold-up men did not take time to search him, being evidently fearful of trainmen or other people coming to the victim's rescue, and in their haste even overlooking one bill lying on the sidewalk.

Both of the men were shabbily dressed, and the police think they may have been hoboes who had dropped off a slow freight to raise a little money. One of the hold-up men stood some distance away and took no active part in the hold-up.

WILL PUSH INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES OF MURDER AND PEONAGE IN SOUTH

Monticello, Ga., March 28.—State authorities were planning today to push their investigation of alleged peonage practices in Jasper and Newton Counties, following recovery of two more bodies of negroes from the Alcovy River here, making a total of eleven bodies found since the authorities began an investigation of peonage and murder charges against John Williams, a Jasper County farmer. The last two bodies found yesterday were chained together and weighed down with rocks and iron precisely as were the first three previously recovered from the river.

WILD AUTO CHASE RESULTS IN FINES FOR BRANTFORD MEN

Alexander Farrell Assessed $25 and Frank Mains $50.

H. GOULD DISMISSED

High Constable Kerr, Who Banged Head Against Top of Car, in Serious Condition.

Alexander Farrell, fined $25 and costs for driving recklessly; Frank Mains fined $50 and costs with an option of three months in jail, for having a revolver in his possession, and Herman Gould dismissed on a charge of having a pistol in his possession—this was the result of the wild chase in which license inspectors took part last week.

After being in jail since last Thursday morning, the three men, whose homes are in Brantford, were brought before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon this morning. Farrell pleaded not guilty to driving negligently but said that he had been exceeding the speed limit.

R. J. Eacrett, license inspector for the counties of Brant and Haldimand, said that on Wednesday he left Brantford in pursuit of a car which was said to be carrying liquor. On his way he picked up W. C. Killing license inspector at Woodstock. Near Lobo, they lost track of the car, and returned to the hotel in the village. Here they saw a car in which Gould was sitting. Mains and Farrell came out and got into it, the latter taking the wheel. The car sped away at the rate of 35 miles to 40 miles an hour. The license inspectors followed. So fast was the chase that High Constable Fred Kerr of Brant County, who was in the rear seat of the pursuing car, struck his head against the top of the auto, and is still in a serious condition at his home as the result of a scalp wound received. Inspector Killing said that even when in the city on paved streets, the fugitive car continued to go at a terrific rate and to swerve from side to side on the road. Not wishing to collide with pedestrians or vehicles, the inspectors abandoned the chase.

Pleaded Guilty.

Mains pleaded guilty to having the revolver on him. He said that he worked for an express company, and had carried the gun, which was his own, for four months, but had not taken out a permit for it.

His counsel, Martin W. McEwen, of Brantford, said that the law regarding the carrying of firearms had not been enforced to a very great degree in Brantford, and many people had not taken out permits.

Magistrate Graydon told the prisoner that he was laying himself open to the suspicion that he might be a bandit.

Gould pleaded not guilty to having a pistol in his possession. He and the other two men were arrested at a local garage by Constables William Gow and James Singleton. When searched at the police station a box of bullets was found on him. Later a revolver was found in a pile of waste in the garage. It was loaded and the bullets in it corresponded to the ones in the box. Gould said that he had purchased the bullets in Brantford for a gun which he had at home, and that he had not seen the other gun at any previous time.

"I can't express myself in strong enough terms condemning men going around with loaded revolvers in their possession," said the magistrate at the conclusion of the cases.

REAL ESTATE BOARD TALK ON FARM COMMISSIONS

Present Umbrella to Retiring Secretary, W. B. Holland.

The London Real Estate Board, at its regular meeting, with a large attendance of its members, talked of the question of putting the rates of commission for selling farm lands at 3 to 5 per cent, to overcome the increased costs. In expressing the opinions of some of the owners of farms, it was noted that they consider 3 per cent quite low enough, and some of the members who took the question up with a number of farmers owning farms stated these farmers were agreeable to sign and pay the 3 to 3½ per cent contract if a purchaser is found for their farms. There are agents, the board is aware, who will offer to sell properties below their established rates, but they are non-members of this board. If these non-members, who may be eligible for membership, would acquaint themselves of the high aims of the London Real Estate Board, in the interest of Greater London, and for the betterment of owners, purchasers and brokers, they would better serve their community as members of this board.

Vice-President F. W. Renwick was named as a delegate to join the Ontario Real Estate Boards' delegation, and through their respective local Legislature member, petition the Ontario Government for the "enactment of laws for the betterment of real estate owners, agents and brokers."

Some applications for membership were received and acted on.

President Bert Weir expressed his pleasure on behalf of the London Real Estate Board, in referring to W. B. Holland as their 1920 secretary-treasurer, and to his untiring efforts to make this board a success, and in the interests of the society and the city as a whole, and called on the present secretary-treasurer, T. J. Thompson, to present Mr. Holland with an engraved umbrella. Mr. Holland replied in a feeling maner, and thanked the board for their kind remembrance, and was happy to see the splendid progress and interest taken in the organization.

All realtors find the demand for homes in the city very great, and many communications coming in from distant points through their agencies point to the steady and permanent growth of the Hub of Western Ontario, and they note also that the hotel accommodation here is inadequate.

BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by McIlwraith Ornithological Club.

After the marsh hawk on March 20 things came slowly for a few days, no new special being recorded until the 25th, Good Friday. Had the weather been more favorable that morning, a better round-up might have been made. A visit to the ponds, however, revealed the presence of a golden-eye duck. This is a winter species, but this year, owing to the mild winter and consequent open water all over, had not been found before.

A nearby field also produced a Savannah sparrow, a very early date, in fact, tying the early record made last year.

The following day, March 26, a vesper sparrow was reported to the club from the same neighborhood, nine days ahead of its average. If the mild weather we have had so far continues it is quite possible our main interest this spring will be in making new early records. So far every spring arrival has been ahead of time and quite a number of "earliest dates" have been broken.

March 27 a woodcock was flushed from a very unlikely place, a dry, leafy hillside, not far, however, from the low mucky place they usually favor.

—E. M. S. DALE.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—Men and women sat together in joint conference at the opening session today of the yearly meeting of Friends (orthodox). It was an innovation so far as local Quaker meetings are concerned. Heretofore men and women met separately and sent communications to each other by messenger, but it was decided to hold one joint session for business requiring joint consideration.

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INSPECTING CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NEW S. A. CITADEL

Col. G. Miller Property Secretary, Eastern Canada Division, in City Today.

Col. G. Miller, property secretary of the Eastern Canada division of the Salvation Army, is in the city today inspectinng the construction work on new citadel for the east end of the city. The building will be located on the site opposite the east end fire hall on Rectory street. It is estimated the cost will be in the neighborhood of $10,000. Excavation has been completed and the four walls are under construction.

It is thought that Col. Miller will draw up plans for the renovation of the interior of the Col. Taylor home which the army purchased two months ago for a new Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial home. This building is situated on High street between Emery street and Windsor avenue.

TWENTY LARGE GROCERY STORES WILL CLOSE DOORS AT SEVEN P. M. SATURDAYS

Grocers Feel That Decision will receive Support of the Public.

Twenty of the largest grocery stores on Dundas and Richmond streets will close at 7 o'clock every Saturday night commencing April 2, Harry Ranahan announced today. The plan has been under consideration for some time, but no definite decision in regard to it was reached until today.

The grocers feel that their decision will have popular support, particularly as many other classes of retail stores have been following the practice for some time now. This they believe has accustomed the buying public to doing its Saturday shopping before the evening, and that therefore they will not be inconvenienced by the change.

MACBRIDE'S POLICIES HEARTILY SUPPORTED BY BRANTFORD I. L. P.

Statement Issued by Organization Regarding Member's Expulsion.

Brantford, March 28.—The Brantford Independent Labor Party executive is in full support of M. M. MacBride, M. L. A., who was expelled from the Provincial Labor Party at the Welland convention on Saturday. Despite the threat of the Provincial I. L. P. to the Brantford I. L. P. that the latter must eject M. M. MacBride or be ejected from the Provincial I. L. P., the local executive issued the following statement this morning: The Brantford Labor Party has so far been able to attend to its own business and I have not any doubt, but that we are still capable of looking after the interests of the party and our member in the Legislature.

"We are in constant touch with our members every week-end and have been from the very first.

"We are rather amazed that the convention on the one hand practically indorsed almost all of the issues upon which Mr. MacBride left the group, particularly as regards the 8-hour day and the Chippewa report which has practically forced the other labor members to support MacBride's measure and on the other hand talk of expelling MacBride for the very things they are now forcing the Labor group to do.

"We are not at all worried over the situation and in due time the executive will call the party together for further consideration if it is deemed necessary. Signed, "T. Money, president; Mrs. E. E. Wright, secretary."

Will Compel Turkish Bachelors To Marry

Constantinople, March 28.—Alarmed at the growing depopulation of Turkey, the Turkish Nationalist Parliament at Angora is considering a bill to compel all men aged 25 or more to marry unless prevented by health reasons.

Bachelors over that age will be very heavily taxed, while married men will enjoy privileges in taxation and military service.

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CHITA GOVERNMENT ASKS INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS CEASE

Russian Far Eastern Republic Seeking Diplomatic Relations.

Tokio, March 28.—Communications expressing a desire to open diplomatic relations with Japan, the United States and China have been sent to the capitals of these nations by the Russian Far Eastern Republic, says a Vladivostok dispatch to the Jiji Shimpo. The Chita Government has also issued a declaration to the world, demanding that foreign interference in its affairs cease, and that foreign troops evacuate Eastern Siberia, it being claimed that their presence there is in violation of international law. The declaration also says that the republic is composed of the territories of Trans-Baikalia, Pre-Baikalia-Amur, Pre-Amur, Maritime Province, and the Island of Saghalien.

The Japanese foreign office says there is no connection between the dispute over the cession of Kamchatka and the proposed reoccupation of points on the mainland of Siberia by Japanese troops. It is declared that sending troops to the mainland harmonizes with the original project to occupy Russian territory till there is reparation made for the massacre of Japanese subjects at Nikolaievsk last year.

LAUNDRY WORKERS WAGE SET AT $12

Ruling Governs Female Employees in Dye Works and Dry Cleaners.

TORONTO, March 27.—The Ontario minimum wage board's regulations governing the payment of female employees in laundries, dye works and dry cleaning establishments, as published in the Ontario Gazette, state that an experienced worker—one with six months' employment—shall be paid not less than $12 per week. An inexperienced worker must be paid $10 a week at least for the first three months, and $11 for the second three months. A girl under the age of eighteen must be paid at least $9 a week for the first six months, $10 for the second six months, and $11 for the third, after which she is to rank as an experienced employee.

In order to prevent employees from using partly experienced workers to keep down labor costs, the regulations state that not more than 25 per cent of the employees shall be inexperienced adults, and not more than 25 per cent of all the employees shall be under the age of eighteen.

STORK WON IN RACE TO HOSPITAL

The stork won out in a race with time Saturday night, when a baby was born near the entrance to St. Joseph's Hospital. The mother resides in Middlesex County, and was being transported to the hospital via the horse-and-buggy route, but Old Dobbin did not exert himself sufficiently to reach the hospital before the arrival of the stork. Both mother and baby were reported to be doing very well at St. Joseph's Hospital Sunday night, none the worse for their unusual experience.

COMMITTEE MAY DIRECT RAILWAYS

Action Will Be Taken by the Governmnet Shortly.

OTTAWA, March 27.—(By Canadian Press).—It is expected that action be taken shortly toward the formation of a standing committee of the House to deal with the administration of the railway and steamship lines under government ownership and control. A resolution urging the formation of such a committee is standing on the order paper of the Commons in the name of Hon. A. K. McLean (Halifax), and present indications are that the proposal will receive the support of the Government when it comes before the House. In the debate which followed the MacKenzie King amendment on the motion to go into supply last week the prime minister intimated that he would not oppose the formation of such a committee and, while there was a protest from some of the Opposition members, it is not expected that the resolution will be difficult to get through. The Government members are understood to be generally in favor of such a move and it is expected that when a resolution is passed the committee will be named without any delay to allow of it starting work at once.

TORNADO CAUSES LOSS OF $200,000

Two Killed in Big Blow in Northern Minnesota.

WORTHINGTON, Minn., March 27.—Damage caused by the tornado which swept a path 80 rods wide and 35 miles long through Nickles County, late Saturday, today was estimated at close to $200,000. The number of dead tonight totaled two. Several persons were injured.

FOURTEEN INJURED.

FONDA, Iowa, March 27.—A tornado that swept the southeast section of Fonda last night injured fourteen persons and caused property damage estimated at $100,000, it was learned today. No one was injured fatally. A train of box cars was blown 20 feet off a railroad sidinx.

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