

BECKER INQUIRY STILL CONTINUES

Committee Report Sent Back
By Council At Last Night's
Meeting.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED

Final Report To Be Submitted
Wednesday Night After
Further Probe.

Because, in its investigations, the special committee of the city council, probing the manner in which Carl Becker, alleged German reservist, was employed and discharged by the public utilities commission, did not interrogate A. O. Hunt, head of the department in which Becker was connected, the council last night was left still at sea, and incidentally several valuable hours of good time spent in arguing the question, went for naught.

Instant Clash.
From the moment to the first clause of the report of the special committee was read by Ald. Mitchell, there was discussion in the camp. Mayor Graham contended that in attempting to lay the entire blame on General Manager H. J. Glaubitz the committee was not acting in accordance with fair play. He stated that the general manager did not have the power to dismiss men who were on the annual payroll, so that he could not have been guilty of discharging Becker, as insinuated by the committee. Mr. Hunt had given Becker six days' pay, out of his own pocket, his worship stated. Therefore, Mr. Hunt was the man to interrogate. The mayor contended that the committee in neglecting this, to his mind, important part, had not found out all there was to find out.

Ald. Mitchell declared in answer to his worship's statement, that the committee had refrained from drawing in Mr. Hunt because Mr. Glaubitz had tried to place the responsibility on him. The onus was entirely on Mr. Glaubitz.

"Witness of Mr. Hunt."
Ald. Donnelly sided with the mayor when he said: "The whole thing, as I understand it, hinges on Mr. Hunt. We should not proceed until he has been interviewed. After that we can vote intelligently."

Controller Moore moved that the

Sarnia Men Now in France.



Left to right—Sergeant John McDonald, Corp. Battley, Corp. Crawford Luscombe, all of Sarnia. Man sitting is H. T. Gitsam, of London, Eng., where they visited. The soldiers are all members of army medical corps and lived in Sarnia. Sergeant McDonald was the second man of the first contingent to set foot in France.

report be referred back to the investigating committee till an interview is secured from Mr. Hunt. He was seconded by Ald. White. The council passed the motion on a vote being taken, but a hot discussion arose when a member declared that the majority of the council had understood they were voting on the clause referring to Mr. Hunt only. An amendment was made to cover this.

On motion, it was decided to call a special meeting of the council Wednesday night, and in the meantime the desired information will be sought from Mr. Hunt.

INQUEST IS ADJOURNED

Inquiry into Young Farmer's Death
Awaits Companion's Evidence.

The jury, empaneled by Coroner Dr. A. MacLaren, to inquire into the death of Clive Phillips, the young man who met death at the second road crossing east of Crumlin, on the C. P. R., on Sunday night, Dec. 8, when a cutter he was driving was struck by a light engine running east, met at the police station Monday night, and heard the evidence of the engineer, fireman, conductor, and young Phillips' employer, Herbert Rickard.

Arthur Kelly, C. P. R. conductor, was the first witness called. Kelly declared that the night of the accident there was a strong wind from the east blowing, and that the night was dark and cloudy. The speed of the engine was about sixteen miles an hour.

"The first thing I knew that anything was wrong was when I heard a noise as if something was dragging. I noticed this just after we had passed the crossing. The engine immediately stopped the engine, and we hurried back to find a man and a woman lying about fifteen feet north of the engine and about one hundred feet east of the crossing. We took them immediately on the engine to Thamesford, where Dr. McNaughton attended to them."

Conductor Kelly explained to the jury how the bell, which worked automatically, had been ringing from the moment the engine left London at 10:20 until after the accident. He stated that the trip of seven or eight miles had taken them either 23 or 27 minutes. He could not remember which, but he was sure it was in the neighborhood of 25 minutes.

Charles Miller, of Toronto, the engineer, gave practically the same evidence, declaring that the first thing he knew about the accident was when he saw what he thought was a cow turning over after being struck by the engine, which he immediately stopped. Alex. Lindsay, gait, the fireman, corroborated the evidence of the other two witnesses, while Herbert Rickard told how Phillips had taken the horse and cutter that day.

Miss Nettie Smith, the young lady who was driving with Phillips the night of the accident, is still in St. Joseph's hospital, suffering from injuries and the shock, but will be able to give evidence when the jury meets again in the police station a week from tonight. Dr. McNaughton, the physician who attended Phillips, will also give his evidence at that time.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Press Club Minstrels.

When the London Press Club Minstrels, who created such a furore by their entertainments of some weeks ago, repeated their performance last night under the auspices of the Lord Elgin Chapter, L.O.D.E., for the benefit of the soldiers' field comfort fund, they were greeted with as large a house and as much enthusiasm as upon their initial appearance.

The boys themselves were in splendid form and from the rise of the curtain to the closing chorus by the entire company not a moment dragged.

Several new gags and stunts were introduced by the end men, to the delight of those who had seen the show before. Of these, no feature made a greater hit than Carl Stubbs' quartet of end men, which was recalled again and again.

The announcement that it would be impossible to present the newspaper sketch advertised created a momentary disappointment, the substitutions, however, proving so entertaining as to satisfy and compensate the most critical.

Miss Jean McDonald, of Ridgetown, created much amusement by her monologue, "How a Man Becomes a Mason," the alleged true story of a Mason, who believes she has extorted the truth from her husband, to the young wife, whose husband is a candidate for the honor—or honors.

To insistent encores, Miss McDonald responded with a mirth-provoking parody sketch.

Miss Gladys Merritt, of Cleveland, Ohio, as a dainty puerile, contributed a charming singing and dancing number as a part of the olio, had gained in finish and piquancy since the earlier presentations, and the members of the caste were given quite an ovation.

In addition to the clever buck and wing dancing of Madden and Hendricks and the sketch repeated by Carl Stubbs and Bertie Price, amusing nonsense was extemporized by Stubbs and George Wardrobe, whose duet, "Belgium Put the Kibosh on the Kaiser," brought down the house.

Once again London had every reason to be proud of the amateur talent of the city and that correlated by the men of the press.

A stirring melodrama by Harvey J. O'Higgins, formerly of this city, was opened in Toronto for a week's run last night. It is "The Dummy," founded on the author's experiences with William J. Burns while he was writing the latter's reminiscences. "The Dummy" is a child detective, founded on a character used by Burns in his investigations, and seized up by Mr. O'Higgins as a realistic wonder who would make a striking figure. The Toronto papers speak highly of the production, peculiarly an American piece, and draw attention to the fact that he remembers Canada by suggesting that his crooks desired to come here and get into the Western real estate game.

Harvey O'Higgins was in the same year at Collegiate with Arthur Stringer, and together worked out their literary destinies in New York. Both have had remarkable success, but only after many years of trials.

CALLED TO TORONTO

Rev. W. H. Harvey Has Invitation from
Woodgreen Avenue Tabernacle.

Rev. W. H. Harvey, pastor of the Akin Street Methodist Church, has received a unanimous invitation from the Woodgreen Avenue Methodist Tabernacle, Toronto, to become its pastor. The Woodgreen Church is one of the largest churches in the Toronto suburban district. A deputa-tion from that congregation was in London a week ago Sunday and heard Mr. Harvey preach. The call followed.

If the call is sanctioned by the Toronto and London conferences and the transfer effected, Mr. Harvey will assume his new pastorate at the first of the new conference year in June.

TREE FOR THE KIDDIES

Mothers, Too, Share in Good Things
Provided by Marion Keith Club.

The Marion Keith Club of St. Andrew's Church, brought a great deal of joy and pleasure to seven mothers and their families Monday night, when R. G. A. Christmas tree for the children in St. Andrew's Hall, on which were not only toys for the kiddies, but many useful gifts and warm clothing for poor mothers and the tots. J. W. McIntosh acted as Santa Claus in such an efficient manner that he will no doubt be called upon to occupy this important position on future occasions.

The Marion Keith Club, which is called after Mrs. (Rev.) D. C. McGregor, who writes under the name of "Marion Keith," has since its inception this fall, been a power for good in all the church work. The officers of the club are as follows:

President, Miss Kathleen Wardrop; secretary-treasurer, Miss R. Young; convener of the visiting committee, Miss Ruth Stevenson.

A Christmas dinner is being provided for each of the seven families that the club has taken under its wing for the winter.

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Main Floor. Balcony, 8 to 10 p.m.



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Easy To Find Baby's Gift Here



Where everything is assembled in one department.
Boots, Dresses, Bonnets and everything for the baby's wardrobe and toilet. Useful and attractive gifts. Splendid assortment of Infants' Embroidered Swiss and Silk Bibs. Prices ranging from **.15c to 75c** each.
Dainty Little Slippers and Shoes for baby's Christmas gift, neatly boxed. White, kid, and velvet with pink or sky trimming; tan kid; black kid and velvet. Prices ranging from **.35c to 75c**.
Infants' Flannel Barrowcoats, made of fine French flannel, at **\$1.00**.
"Little Gertrude" Skirts of fine cream flannel, scalloped with silk at bottom of skirt and buttoned at shoulder. Price **\$1.25**.
Celluloid Dolls **.50c**.
Rubber Teething Rings **.15c**.
Record Books, covers in pink or sky. At **.30c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50**.
Toilet Basket, has all necessary toilet articles, at **\$4.50**.
Hot Water Bottles at **65c and 75c**; with cover **\$1.50**.
Bodkins, ivory, at **15c**. Pearl Bodkins, at **30c**. Handpainted and nicely boxed.
Picture Feeders **2 for 25c**.
Turkish Feeders **10c**.
Swiss and Voile Dresses for children up to 3 years. Dainty styles. Prices **\$1.00 to \$1.50**.
Princess Slips, from **40c to \$1.00**.
White Lawn Pinafores from **50c to \$1.25**.
Crib Blankets, figured, pink and sky ground. At **65c**.
White Coney Fur Bonnets for children 2 to 3 years. Sky trimming **\$3.25 and \$3.50**.
Brown Velvet Bonnets **\$1.50**.
Large assortment of Fancy Bonnets.

Kid Gloves, tan, at **75c and \$1.00**.
White Chamis Gloves, in white and natural, at **75c**.
White French Kid Gloves, for children up to 3 years **85c**.

French Flannels and Delaines---Waist Lengths Nicely Boxed



In the Flannel Department you will find all the newest novelties in Kimono Cloths, French Flannels and Delaines for kimonos and waists, put up in nice boxes.

Wool Delaines, in stripes, spots and rose buds **50c** yard.
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Kimono Novelties, many handsome designs, at **15c and 18c** per yard.
Kimono Novelties, with borders, exceptional value at **25c** yard.
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Special 54-Inch All-Wool Heavy Blanket Cloth, in plain and fancy plaids. Regular **\$1.25** value. Special **\$1.00** per yard.

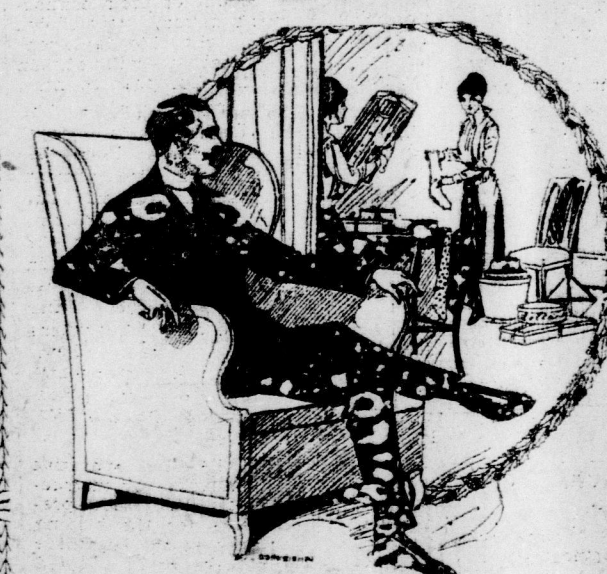
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A man never tells a woman what he wants; but men have been coming to us year after year telling us just what they want; and we know, and because we know we have here in our men's store hundreds of fine, beautiful things especially chosen for men's gifts, such as

SCARFS, NECKWEAR, HOUSE COATS, DRESSING GOWNS, FURS, ETC.

which are among the things which a man wants, and that he will appreciate very highly.

Men's Initialed Irish Linen Handkerchiefs---Boxed

100 dozen, boxed in half dozens, 1/4 and 1/2-inch hem, plain neat initial. Price **25c** each, half dozen, boxed, **\$1.50**.
Also 60 dozen, Pure Irish Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, 1/4-inch hemstitched, 3 in box. Extra quality. Special **\$1.00** box.
White Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and initialed **25c and 50c** each.

Sliced Tomatoes, Bread and Butter
and Cup of Tea or Coffee.
Afternoon and Evening. Special, 15c.

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PERSONAL GREETING CARDS.
Have You Ordered Your New Year's
Greeting Cards? Stationery Counter.



Full Course—Supper
served from 5 to 7:30.
Special, 35c.

Ladies' House Robes, Jackets and Kimonos---Royal Christmas Gifts



Handsome Padded Japanese Silk Robe, neat embroidered spray on rolling collar and cuffs, cardinal, copenhagen or black. Special **\$5.75**.
Beautiful White Satin Robe, lined with sky blue; dainty embroidered spray down front. Price **\$13.50**.
Other pretty styles in Long Padded Robes **\$5.75 to \$12.50**.
Cosy Lounging Robe of Blanket Cloth trimmed with wide band of duchess satin ribbon. Colors, purple and copenhagen. Price **\$4.00**.
Velour Robes, finished with quilted satin bands. Splendid assortment of colorings. Special **\$8.50**.
Velour Robes from **\$3.75 to \$8.50**.
Pretty Flowered Silk Kimonos at **\$7.00 and \$8.50**.
Dainty Crepe Kimonos, bell sleeves, trimmed with shirred duchess satin ribbon. Colors sky, pink and heliotrope. Special **\$2.25**.
Crepe Kimonos from **\$1.39 to \$3.50**.
Flannelette Kimonos from **98c to \$3.00**.
Exquisite Negligee Gown of Maize Silk Crepe de Chene, empire style, finished with deep accordion pleating. Price **\$16.50**.
Children's Padded Silk Robe, rose and copenhagen. Ages 4 and 6. Price **\$4.25**.
Embroidered Silk Crepe Bed Jackets, Colors heliotrope, sky and rose. Prices from **\$7.75 to \$9.50**.
Short Padded Silk Jackets, with or without sleeves. Price **\$2.95 to \$4.50**.
French Hand-Embroidered Sacque. Price **\$2.50**.
Flannelette Sacks, in copenhagen, navy, pink and fawn **\$1.25**.
Other styles from **\$1.25 up**.

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Ladies' Holeproof Black Cashmere Hose, Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. **50c** a pair, or 6 pairs, guaranteed for 6 months, for **\$3.00**.
Children's Black 1x1 Ribbed Cashmere Hose, Holeproof. Sizes 6 1/2, at **35c** pair, 3 pairs for **\$1.00**. Sizes 7 to 10 1/2, at **50c** pair, or 3 pairs, guaranteed for 3 months for **\$1.50**.
All hose seamless.

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Cold Roast Turkey, Bread and Butter
and Cup of Tea or Coffee.
Afternoon and Evening. Special, 20c.

FORMER WINGHAM MAN GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY

WINGHAM, Dec. 22.—William A. Orr, formerly of Wingham, has been appointed private secretary by

Charles S. Whitman, governor-elect of New York. The position is one of the most important in the state, and carries with it a high salary. Mr. Orr is 31 years old and for some time was a reporter in New York.

ONE DEAD, ONE DYING, IN COLLINGWOOD FIRE

[Special to The Advertiser.]
COLLINGWOOD, Dec. 21.—Edward Callaghan, a Toronto boy, 9 years old,

was burned to death, and Alexander Hall and his daughter, Charlotte, were severely injured in a fire which destroyed the farmhouse in which the Halls lived, 24 miles south of Collingwood. Mr. Hall is 84 years old and his recovery is doubtful.