

PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION.

Organization Completed at a Public Meeting Yesterday.

Supervision Will be a Feature of the Work.

R. T. Steele President and the Various Offices Filled.

"The Children's Playground Association." Such was the title decided upon yesterday afternoon at a representative meeting called by Mrs. (Dr.) Woolverton and ladies of the Woman's Council in the Board of Trade rooms.

Mr. Adam Brown said that the playgrounds had been very much neglected in the various cities, and now there were few spots available.

He considered that the Association should appeal to the mass of citizens for their hearty co-operation and sympathy.

Mr. Alex. McKenzie was then appointed secretary of the meeting.

Mr. W. A. Robinson moved that the Association be formed to be known as "The Children's Playground Association of Hamilton."

Mr. Lyle seconded the motion and said that the city should have had a playground long before this.

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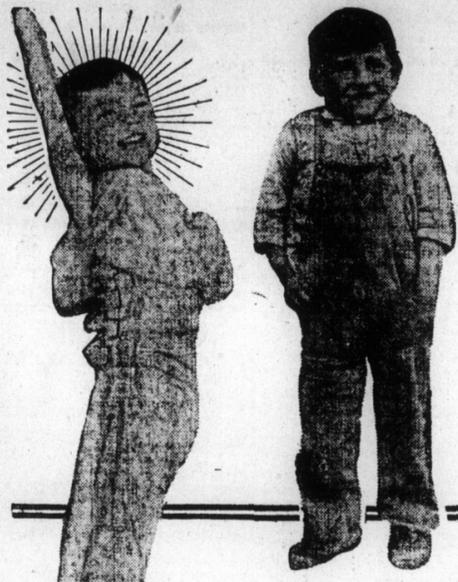
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YOUNG JOE BARRON'S SMILE.

Raised \$250,000 For Hospital For Crippled Children—Made Roosevelt Weep.



"SMILING JOE" AS HE IS TO-DAY, READY TO FACE THE WORLD.

THE "JOE OF 'SMILING JOE' THAT 'EARNED' \$250,000.

New York, May 28.—"Smiling" Joe Barron, at 12, has already done a man's work in the world—and more.

He has collected a quarter of a million dollars for a home for sick and crippled children—big enough to house 4,000 of them at a time.

"Smiling Joe," they call him. The name tells the story.

There were some young doctors in New York about four years ago who believed that fresh air and outdoors was a great part in the cure of any disease.

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found 8-year-old Joe Barron. His back was twisted, his legs crooked, and he had tuberculosis of the bone.

But Joe, the brave, helpless little Joe, smiled up into the faces of the doctors. And that smile went clear through the barriers of professional reserve into the hearts of those doctors.

They took Joe out to Sea Breeze and strapped him to a bamboo board, like a papoose. It hurt terribly, but Joe smiled.

They kept him out in the air when it was cold, also when it was hot. But Joe just smiled.

They worked over his little twisted frame; they tortured him as doctors must torture people sometimes to make them well. But they couldn't drive the smile away.

Just how much Joe suffered, nobody but he ever knew. But he smiled always.

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Going Over the Falls.

Bobby Leach Will Do It in Rubber Ball.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Beamsville, May 28.—"Prof" Bobby Leach, of Chippawa, is going over the Falls in a big rubber ball some day this summer, just as soon as the company down in Rhode Island sends the ball along.

Your correspondent was in historic, sleepy, pretty old Chippawa one day lately and looked up Bobby Leach. The Professor runs a little brick hotel there.

Behind the counter serving up multitudinous glasses of foaming beverage was a little man, about six feet tall with very gray hair and rather brilliant countenance.

Not a face you would say, of boldness or daring, but Bobby has more than once demonstrated his bravery by various trips in barrels through the rapids and also by balloon ascensions, as the scores of photographs scattered over the walls of the tap room attest.

The Professor said, in a most unassuming manner, that he intended making this daring descent over the Falls this summer, and will likely do so, if his past achievements in this line are any criterion.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

New story next week.

The union station is still in the air—the building permit is not yet issued.

Chief TenEyck wants sober firemen and he should get them.

Keep your own premises neat and clean and do your share to help the Civic Improvement Committee.

If the new City Engineer had seen the Jolley Cut yesterday morning he would have seen the necessity for a sewer there.

While they are cutting a slice off the northwest end of the Gore the question of fence or no fence might better be settled.

Next month the annual meeting of the Hamilton Liberal Association will be held. In the meantime try to pick out a good set of officers. They should be the main push in the organization.

I will be disappointed if the lessons taught by the exhibition of the Tuberculosis outfit do not bear fruit this summer. Are you still sleeping with your window open?

At the same time don't place too much temptation in the way of the bicycle thief. Keep some kind of an eye on your wheel.

To widen King street from John to Wellington would be quite a job. But most large cities do greater things than that in their march of progress.

What surprises me is that notwithstanding the muss the sanduscker is kicking up in the filtering basins, no outraged citizen has yet lodged a complaint about pollworms and other fresh water fish being caught in the water tap.

Shimonese and Minora are two of a kind. It is no small honor to capture the Canadian Derby the same year that King Edward captures the English Derby.

Better build schools than jails. The east end children should get elbow room in school.

The sanduscker has been vindicated. Mr. Macnall says it is doing good work.

After what Mr. Alfred Powis said about the dandelion, I have half a mind to try a salad of this vegetable, or is it a weed?

REORGANIZATION BEING WORKED OUT.

Engineer Macallum Has a Scheme For Amalgamating the Street Departments.

The report that plans are being made for a re-organization of all the civic departments and the amalgamation of several of them was confirmed this morning from an official source.

City Engineer Macallum has the matter in hand and is now working out a scheme, which will be laid before the aldermen. It is figured that the retrenchment policy followed by this year's Council will save the city anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 before the end of December and the aldermen who led in the movement to engage a new city engineer believe that the plan which Mr. Macallum is devising has a lot of bangling in it now will result in such a big saving that over-drafts will be things of the past.

The waterworks department is being sharply criticized for extravagance and poor management. "I don't know who is to blame," said a Board of Works alderman, this morning, "but there has been a lot of bungling by the Waterworks Department in connection with roadwork. Five weeks ago the department was notified to get in all water connections so that we could go ahead with the roadwork.

On James street south where we are laying asphalt the Waterworks men have the roadway opened up in several places and we have to go first to one side of the road and then the other, with the result that a series of asphalt pavement will be a series of patchwork in spots. On Barton street east the streets are torn up right clean across by the Waterworks Department, which should have had this work done long ago.

We put a lot of new stone on Dundurn street and sent a roller up there this morning, to find that the Waterworks Department had dug the stone up in several places to make connections. This all costs money."

It is believed that under the re-organization scheme being planned now, the Waterworks, Sewers and Board of Works Departments will be amalgamated and that provision will be made for the Board of Works taking over the collection of garbage which is now handled by the Board of Health.

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NON-JURY LIST A LONG ONE.

Twenty-Seven Cases For Justice McMahon Next Week.

Proctor Will Case Is One of the Interesting Kind.

Large Amounts Involved in Several of the Actions.

The spring sittings of the non-jury court will open on Monday at 1.30, with Justice McMahon presiding. The list for this court is a lengthy one, there being 28 cases. There are some of more than ordinary importance, such as the action of Proctor vs. Carscallen, to establish the will of the late John Proctor. Many legal lights are engaged for this case, and there are quite a number of principals. There is also an action, involving some \$30,000, entered by the city against the Hamilton Street Railway, for cost of repairs to the roadway. This has been in dispute for the last ten years, and it will go over at this court again. The case of Webb vs. St. Mary's & Western Ontario Railway is another action in which the amount runs up to about \$30,000, but it has been going over from court to court for some time. The following is the list:

1—Martin vs. Union Trust Co., Limited, specific performance of agreement, Lee & Farmer, for plaintiff; Kerr & Thomson, for defendant.

2—Webb vs. St. Mary's & Western Ontario Railway, \$30,741.14, money due under a contract; W. R. Wadsworth; J. W. Graham, St. Mary's.

3—Bull vs. City of Hamilton, possession of lands. T. D. J. Farmer; F. Wadell.

4—Proctor vs. Carscallen, et al., to establish a will. Martin & Martin; Staunton, O'Heir & Morison; E. D. Cahill; A. C. Beasley; Peter McDonald; F. W. Harcourt.

5—Chadwick vs. Parkin, \$752.68, bills of exchange and goods sold. Lee & Farmer; M. A. Secord.

6—Hall vs. Jackson, \$1,923.73, U. S. judgment. S. F. Washington; Raymond & Spencer.

7—Ontario Pipe Line Co. vs. Simpson Brick Co., \$1,014, natural gas. Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Lewis & Arroll.

8—Balfie vs. Addison, declaration that conveyance void. S. F. Washington; F. W. Harcourt, W. M. McClelland.

9—Ballentine vs. Tilden Jackson Typewriter Co., \$600, wages. S. F. Washington; Lee & Farmer.

10—Webb vs. Box et al., \$3,000, wrongful distress. Bell & Pringle; J. W. Graham.

11—Biggar vs. McBrayne, partnership declaration. Robinette, Godfrey & Co.; John G. Farmer.

12—Morgan vs. Thompson et al., \$801.55 wages. Bell & Pringle; Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Lewis & Arroll.

13—City of Hamilton vs. Hamilton Street Railway, \$30,000, cost of repairs. Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy.

14—McKeown vs. Hamilton Brewing Association, \$228, travelling expenses. Kerr & Thomson; Scott & Robertson.

15—Addison vs. Walker, to declare a deed void. W. M. McClelland; Gibson, Osborne & Co.

16—Brenna vs. Cameron et al., \$1,050.82, R. C. judgment. Lewis & Arroll; Staunton, O'Heir & Morison.

EVIDENCES OF AN INDUSTRIAL BOOM.

Many New Factory and Business Buildings In Various Parts of the City.

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