"BOARDING HOUSE FOR BABIES" TO OPEN IN CITY VERY SHORTLY

Matron Will Be Appointed by Those in Charge Next Week.

With the appointment of a matron next week the establishment of a "boarding-house for babies" in London will be well under way. The use of a house owned by the city at 824 King street has been granted, and the project has been taken up by a number of local women.

They have advertised for applications for a matron and a cook. Volunteer help will also be asked, in addition to these two permanent officials.

Mrs. A. T. Edwards is one of those chiefly interested in the work. The need of such an establishment was brought to her attention in connection with her experience as a school trustee. It was found that many children were being kept home from school because their mothers had to work for a living and could not give them the necessary attention.

The plan which is now being considered will permit mothers who have to work to leave their children at the "boarding-house." Here they will be properly cared for. Those who are old enough will be sent to school. They will be given dinner at noon, and will return to the house after 4 o'clock, where they will be cared for until 6 o'clock. They will be given their suppers before being sent home.

This will entirely relieve the mothers of all responsibility, and in addition will insure the children receiving a proper education. A charge of 25 cents a day will be made for looking after each child. Where there is more than one child from one family 5 cents will be charged for each additional one.

IS ORDERED TO LEAVE HIS MOTHER'S HOME

Lawson McGuire appeared in police court today for being disorderly in his mother's home and was warned by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon to leave the house. The case was adjourned for two weeks, during which time, if any trouble occurs, the accused's mother will notify the police, in accordance with advice given her by the court.

When questioned by the magistrate the defendant stated that he had been working at one firm for the past eight months. He hesitated to reply when asked if he paid any board. His mother stated that he paid for his keep, but only once in a while.

"You are apparently sponging on your mother," remarked the magistrate. "You will have to leave the house."

URGES DESTRUCTION OF ENGLISH SPARROW

An interesting lecture on "Spring Migrants," was given by W. E. Saunders of this city before the Hamilton Bird Protection Society in Hamilton Monday evening. The lecture, besides covering the migration, gave an insight to the habits of the birds.

One of the most interesting things Mr. Saunders mentioned about the feathered clans' habits was the most vulnerable part of the birds to act on when trying to make friends with them. This, he said, was their stomach, and keeping their stomach full was about the only way a bird could be kept in the vicinity unless caged. The destruction of the English sparrow was urged by Mr. Saunders during his lecture, although he wished the Government to stop the carrying of guns on the roads during the spring and summer months, when a large number of harmless birds are wantonly shot.

$100,000 FIRE AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., March 17.—A disastrous fire broke out last night in the town of Annapolis Royal, N. S. Five buildings were destroyed and several others badly damaged. The loss is estimated at over $100,000.

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TRACKS UNDER WATER AT JEANETTES CREEK

The Grand Trunk tracks at Jeannette's Creek are flooded, but the trains are still running through. Jeannette's Creek is a short distance west of Chatham. Should the water rise much higher, it may be deemed advisable to run all Detroit trains around via Port Huron. It was hoped today, however, with cooler weather, that this would not prove necessary. No great delays in train time have resulted yet, but all precautions are being taken by running trains slowly at points where washouts are liable to occur.

DID SOMEONE GIVE A WRONG NAME TO GOVT. AGENTS?

Fred Bissell Pleads Not Guilty To Charge of Selling Whiskey.

Fred Bissell in police court today pleaded not guilty to selling whiskey, but after part of the evidence had been heard the case was adjourned until Friday in order that three witnesses who are to arrive from out-of-town may be heard. This was done with the consent of the crown attorney, J. B. McKillop, who was conducting the prosecution.

Roy Cutts and Cyril Henry, two Ontario Government agents, who laid 22 charges of bootlegging in this city in December, swore that they had purchased a bottle from the defendant on Sunday, December 28, at the home of Charles Cox, 165 Horton street. The price paid was said to be $9. The only other time they had seen him was on December 21. He was then at 165 Horton street.

A local girl swore that she had met Bissell in September. On November 16 he left for Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. He returned to this city on December 2, and left again on Sunday, December 21. During his absence from the city he had written her several letters, which she produced.

Bissell stated that he never had met Cutts and Henry, and did not know Mr. Cox. In fact, he had never been on Horton street since his return to the city. He knew that a warrant was out for his arrrest, but he would not leave town, because he was innocent.

On Friday his mother, brother and sister will be here from Cleveland to swear that he was at his home at the time that he was said to have sold the liquor.

CAMPAIGN REPORTS WILL BE PRESENTED

Forward Movement Figures To Be Given at District Gathering.

The London Methodist Conference national campaign workers from every district will meet in conference at Wesley Hall on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. An afternoon session will also be held. Reports from the various districts will be presented regarding the progress of the various objectives, both spiritual and financial, and plans will be laid for a more vigorous prosecution of the spiritual phase of the campaign.

Rev. Peter Bryce, dominion finance captain, and J. E. Hay of Listowel will address the afternoon session. At 8 o'clock a public service will be held, which will take the form of a thanksgiving rally for London Methodists in charge of Rev. W. H. Graham, president of the London Methodist Conference. George H. Stanley of Lucan will deliver an address on "The New Standard of Christian Service." Large representations from every Methodist church in the city will be present at the evening service.

MORE CASES OF MUMPS ARE REPORTED LOCALLY

The weekly report of the medical officer of health shows a slight increase in mumps. The number of cases under surveillance is now fourteen. Scarlet fever has also increased slightly, there being seven new cases reported during the week, all of which are under quarantine in the hospitals. Chickenpox and diphtheria remain the same, with three cases of each being reported through the week. One case of whooping cough, two of influenza and three cases of venereal disease were reported through the week.

GRATUITY PETITIONS FOR $2,000 REACH HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA, March 16.—(By Canadian Press.)—The J. Harry Flynn proposals for a $2,000 cash bonus to soldiers who served in France are not dead; they were introduced in the House of Commons again today with some elaboration in the form of two petitions. These documents, one with some 250 names of soldiers attached, and the other with some 300 names, a large number of which are women's, were introduced by R. C. Hocken (Toronto West).

The signatures are very largely of Toronto people. The petitions renew the demand for a further cash bonus of $2,000 for service in France, $1,500 for service in Canada, and similar bonuses for naval men.

DELEGATES OF G. W. V. A. REACH PETERBORO FOR ONTARIO CONVENTION

PETERBOROUGH, ONT., March 16—A number of delegates representing different branches of the Great War Veterans' Association throughout Ontario arrived in this city today for the fourth provincial convention which open tomorrow. Between 500 and 600 delegates are expected. The provincial executive, headed by President C. E. Jenkins of Brantford, and Secretary W. E. Turley, Toronto, reached here this afternoon and immediately went into committee.

The Wednesday morning session will open with a civic welcome delivered by Mayor McIntyre, after which the provincial secretary-treasurer's reports will be received.

CITY IN DARKNESS WHEN HIGH WINDS CUT POWER CIRCUIT

Lights Went Out Just As the City Tax Rate Was Decided.

Light and power circuits in London were shut off completely for several minutes last night as the result of the windstorm. Trouble occurred on the main supply lines, which put the whole city in darkness for a brief space.

Citizens were at a loss to account for the complete shut-down. Telephone wires were almost burned out when hundreds of people attempted to get in touch with the hydro station to see what was the matter.

One call even came to the committee room at the city hall.

"What's the matter with the lights at 1002 Elmwood avenue?" asked a voice.

"Guess they must be out on a sympathetic strike. All the lights up here are gone, too," replied the facetious alderman who had answered the call.

Superstitious councillors could have found an omen in the episode. They just finished setting the 1920 tax rate at 40 mills. The work was no sooner completed than the lights flickered and went out.

TELLS OF UNREST HERE IN THE EARLY DAYS

Diary of Rev. Wm. Proudfoot Recounts Troubles of 1837.

Unrest that was not unlike that following the great war prevailed in the district around London in the months that followed the uprising of 1837-8. The record of a man who lived through the period, was himself mixed up in the troubles to some extent, and who undoubtedly took risks for what he regarded as the right, is contained in the diary of Rev. William Proudfoot, further extracts from which were read by Miss Priddis at the Historical Society's meeting in the public library last night. Portions of the diary have already been published by the society, and it is the intention to publish further extracts from the portions that have been presented.

Bitter Animosities.

The hatreds and bitter animosities that prevailed in the village of London in 1838 and 1839 were doubtless typical of the state of things in the country generally. Man's hand was raised against his fellows. On the part of the element that sympathized with the family compact there was a state of feeling which Mr. Proudfoot himself describes in his diary as a "savage lust of blood."

No less than six men were hanged in London, and there was considerable brutality in the treatment accorded the prisoners during the time that they were in custody before their death.

Found His Nephew.

Mr. Proudfoot had the bitter experience of finding his own nephew, James Atcheson, jailed along with others, and he records the efforts he made on behalf of the young man who apparently ultimately escaped death. Mr. Proudfoot carried his plea direct to the governor, Sir George Arthur, who came to London at the height of the trouble. He records in his diary that he interviewed the governor, and apparently made some impression, but immediately he had left a delegation, representing the ultra-Tory party, interviewed the governor and presented a black case against Atcheson. The young man lingered in prison for some time, and was then removed with others to Toronto. The trial of Atcheson, held in London court house, the writer of the diary, is described as having been a regular farce as far as justice was concerned. The judge advocate, in summing up, presented every scrap of evidence that could be turned against him and then dismissed all that had been said in his favor as unreliable.

Mr. Proudfoot was of the opinion that the Tory element in London were really after his own scalp, but that failing to get him they were venting their spite on the nephew. Altogether it is a black picture of the period that his diary records, and the whole record forms a most unique document of a time that shook the colony to its very foundations.

ARGUMENT IN CASE OF COMMERCE BOARD FINISHED AT OTTAWA

Decision of Supreme Court To Be Given Shortly.

OTTAWA, March 16.—(Canadian Press.)—The status of the Board of Commerce as a superior court of Canada, challenged by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, the Attorney-General of Alberta, and many private firms, chief of which is Price Brothers and Company, paper manufacturers, will be decided forthwith by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Argument for all these contestants on one hand, and for the Attorney-General of Canada on the other, was concluded in the supreme court in the hearing to decide whether the combines and fair prices act was ultra vires in its prohibition of the accumulation of manufactured goods by the manufacturer, and in its appointment of a tribunal such as the Board of Commerce to decide, first, what commodities shall be forced on the market at a price to be fixed, and then to proceed against merchants who refuse to carry out their orders.

The arguments pro and con lasted two days. The decision of the supreme court will be handed down in due course.

TO BE! OR NOT TO BE! VACCINATED, THE QUESTION

United States Official Has No Instructions Re Lifting of Ban.

SARNIA, March 16.—Speaking on the vaccination question here tonight, Dr. George M. Kesle of the United States Public Health Office, when told of the Sarnia dispatch revoking the vaccination order, said that he had received no such instructions, and that to the best of his information now the vaccination order would continue effective. Dr. Kesle said that a letter which he had received advised him that there appeared no signs of rescinding the order in the immediate future.

Word was received in Sarnia from Ottawa stating that the United States Health Department had notified the Canadian officials that the vaccination ban at all borders would be lifted at midnight on March 19, and that Canadians could then enter the U. S. A. without undergoing the vaccination scratches.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Arrived at Steamer.		From.
New York ..	Stockholm .	Gothenburg
Plymouth ..	Carmania ...	New York
Naples	Guiseppi Verdi	New York
Naples	Duca Degli Abruzzi	N.Y.
Trieste	Belvidere	New York

FOUR-MILE ICE JAM AT MOUTH OF THAMES; MUCH LAND FLOODED

Ice On Lake St. Clair Reported Still Intact and Three Feet Thick.

CHATHAM, March 16.—The inevitable jamming of the ice in the vicinity of Prarie Siding has occurred, as a result of the general break-up of the ice on the Thames River yesterday. One jam extends for four miles, and the river has overflowed its banks in many parts. Low-lying lands are inundated, particularly at the mouth of the river, where for some distance inland the water is reported two feet deep on the average. The ice on Lake St. Clair is still reported to be intact, and in places is three feet thick. The Chatham Chamber of Commerce is taking action with a view of having the proper authorities arrange to dynamite the jammed ice.

City Engineer Adams today issued a plea to the citizens to conserve the water supply. As a result of the freshet, the water at the taps is a dark brown. He stated that the plant was taxed to the limit this morning, which he attributed to the fact that people allowed their taps to run in the hope that the water would clear.

G. T. R. RENEWS LEASE OF CANADIAN LINES TO WABASH RAILWAY

Grand Trunk Officials To Discuss Increase of Passenger Service.

DETROIT, March 16.—It was announced here today that the Grand Trunk Railway has renewed for 21 years the lease held by the Wabash Railway on the line between Windsor and Black Rock. The announcement of the lease renewed came as a surprise to local Wabash officials who understood that the Wabash was negotiating with the Nickel Plate for an American outlet to the East. A few years ago it is understood the Wabash paid $180,000 a year, together with certain stipulations regarding maintenance of way and other charges for running rights over the Grand Trunk.

EMBARGO RAISED.

The Canadian roads have largely raised their embargo on box cars entering United States, according to General Agent J. H. Burgis of the Grand Trunk. About a month ago over 35,000 Canadian freight cars were being held in this country.

Grand Trunk officials will meet in Montreal within two weeks to learn the views of the passenger men on improvements needed. It is estimated that 60,000 car miles of additional passenger service will be asked for," said Mr. Burgiss.

ARMENIANS TO SEND ARMED AID TO HODJIN

ADANA, Asia Minor, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Armenians have closed their shops here and informed the French that they will send armed Armenians to the relief of Hadjin, northwest of Marash, where the Turks are reported to be terrorizing the populace, if the French do not despatch their troops.

The villages of Romloo and Yerebakar have been overrun and the Armenian inhabitants have fled to Hadjin.

A telegram sent from Hadjin by one of the Armenian relief workers says all is well there, but the populace expects to be cut off from communication shortly.

TWO DIE FOLLOWING EXPLOSION OF GAS

CALGARY, Alb., March 16.—A terrific explosion of acetylene gas occurred at the Air Liquide Company's plant this afternoon.

Charles Wilford, assistant engineer, and Frank Oram, manager, suffered fatal injuries, dying shortly afterwards. W. J. Clennan received injuries.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

IRISH IN BRITISH FORCES.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Noticing your interesting clipping from John Bull, which showed that Ireland sent 181,000 men to the war, I would ask your favor to add an explanation. I wish the reader to remember that Sir John Thompson, registrar-general for Ireland, reported in 1915 that the men available for all purposes in Ireland numbered 547,000. He estimated that 160,000 were available for war services. I also wish to draw readers' attention to the remarkable fact that there are almost as many Catholic Irish in Scotland, England and Wales as there are in Ireland, and the 250,000 men of Irish blood who joined the London Irish, Liverpool Irish, Tyneside Irish (five battalions), etc., and were so numerous in all British battalions, are included in the English, Scottish and Welsh figures. Readers will see the reasonableness of this truthful explanation, which gives Ireland a credit which the figures obscure.

GARRETT O'CONNOR.

Bridgeburg, Niagara River.

WOMAN AND THE CIGARETTE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Sin is a violation of the laws of God. Those laws are completely contained either directly or indirectly in the ten commandments (according to all Christian theology). I would like some of the Christian women who have been writing to the newspapers to explain under which one of these laws all cigarette smokers are going to be condemned to hell. And if they can't do it, they themselves may be "bearing false witness against their neighbors," which certainly does come under one of these ten commandments. But the vast majority of Canadian women are not so degenerate that they must be confronted with a condemnation to hell in order to prevent them from adopting an unrefined, undesirable and exotic habit, all of which cigarette smoking amongst women seems to be. It is probably the same amongst men, but it has been our happy lot in Canada at least for men to look up to women in matters of refinement, and it seems too bad that this whole standard of aesthetics should be threatened by a few adventurers hungry for something novel and "smart." And who are these novelty seekers? Occasionally, of course, there is the poor widow here and there who thinks she needs the little consolation of the weed, and it would be a mean person who would deny it to her. And then there are the near-widows, whose husbands on the one hand are wife beaters or on the other are nincompoops, who almost owe their existence to their smart wives, and these classes need a few puffs to console them; also as well as those who are a little aged and are nearly married and anxious to be, but are never likely to be. They are the people who have no over scrupulous desire to burden themselves with clothes at dances and dinners, or with children on any occasion. Let it not be supposed that there are many of these people, yet, or even that these remarks apply to all cigarette smokers, only to the majority and the minority have more or less innocently allowed themselves to slip into an undesirable position which they, no doubt, will get out of as soon as they can conveniently.

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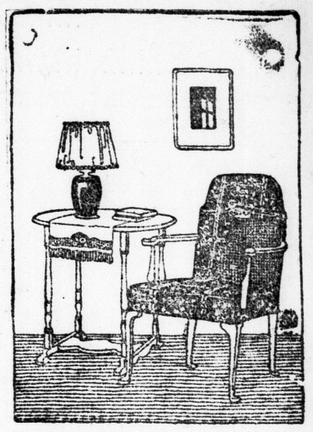

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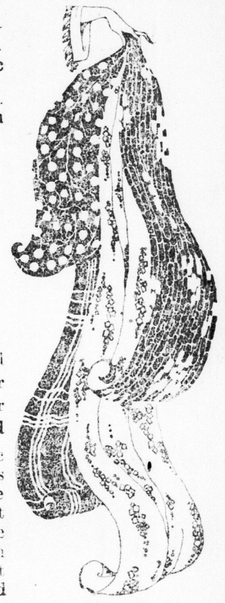

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