URBAN TRUSTEES WILL MEET HERE

Education Board Committee Plans Reception and Entertainment of Delegates.

Plans for the annual meeting of the Urban trustees' association, to be held in London on Tuesday, Feb. 24, and following three days, were materially advanced at the meeting held yesterday afternoon by the special committee appointed by the board of education to make the necessary arrangements for the convention.

The committee decided that the convention should be held in the new Empress public school, and that registration of the delegates should take place at the Tecumseh house.

The first session of the convention will take the form of a twilight getacquainted supper at the University of Western Ontario at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening. Those who will speak at the supper are: A. M. Cunningham, Hamilton, president of the association; Mayor G. A. Wenige, Trustee S. F. Lawrason, chairman of the board of education; T. Sidney Kirby, Ottawa, and Dean Hill of the University of Western Ontario.

Wednesday morning is to be taken up with addresses on "The Flexibility of the Curriculum" and "School Ventilation," the latter subject to be discussed by B. E. Edwards, Toronto. The women delegates will be the guests of Trustee Mrs. John I. A. Hunt at a noonday luncheon at the Tecumseh house, following which all the delegates will be taken for an automobile drive throughout the city. An address by Hon. G. P. Smith, formerly minister of education for Alberta, on "The exchange of teachers east and west," and a round-table conference will complete the afternoon program.

A public meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Empress school on Wednesday evening, at which the address will be given by B. K. Sandwell of Ottawa. In addition there will be a musical program by the children of the public schools under the direction of E. W. G. Quantz.

Thursday's session will be taken up with addresses by F. D. Gavin, director of education for Ontario, on "The success of technical education"; W. E. Fletcher, M.A., Toronto, on "Commercial Education, Its Place and Importance in the Schools," and Dr. J. E. Davey, school medical health officer, Hamilton, on "Auxiliary Classes and the Education of the Under-Privileged Child."

Arrangements are being made by the local committee for a complimentary banquet to the visiting delegates at the Tecumseh house Thursday evening.

The convention will close on Friday morning, when the report of the nominating committee will be received, and the decision made as to the next place of meeting.

It is the desire and intention of the committee to have displayed at Empress school during the convention work turned out by the art and manual training departments of the public schools.

Trustee Bryden N. Campbell, chairman of the committee, will confer with President Cunningham tomorrow while he is in the city on business as to further details to be arranged with regard to the convention at which it is expected 100 delegates will be present.

LONDON SCOTS READY FOR BURNS CONCERT

Tribute to Famous Bard Will Be Paid on Monday Next —Program Complete.

On Monday next, London Scots will celebrate the 166th anniversary of the birth of the Robert Burns. A concert is to be given on that date by St. Andrew's society in the Patricia theatre at which several prominent artists will sing the "Sang Ma Mither Sang" and the tunes of Auld Scotia will echo once again in Scottish hearts.

Vera McLean, Toronto; A. G. McCullough, London; Jimmie Reid, Toronto; and Myrtle Rousom, London, are among the singers for the evening, and the Munro kilties band will be in attendance as well. Reserve seats may be had from J. H. MacIntyre, the bard of the society, or from the theatre after Jan. 21. E. E. Reid, president of the society, will preside.

Most of the old favorites have been included in the program and as encores are to be the order of the day patrons will have an opportunity of asking for any of their particular favorites.

CONTINUE CAMPAIGN.

The "win another" campaign of the Salvation Army will be continued until the end of February. During the next six weeks special revival meetings will be held in Salvationist corps throughout the division. Brig. McAmmond will hold a service at Strathroy on Sunday, while Adjt. Spooner will have charge of the soul-saving services at Ingersoll. The meetings have been arranged to appeal particularly to the young people in the Army.

START MEETINGS.

Beginning a series of lectures for the young people of the Salvation Army, Adjt. Spooner of the headquarters staff gave a talk on "Joseph, the Incorruptible Young Man," at Clarence street citadel last night. The young people's meetings will be held each week until the end of February. Sergt-Major A. Mann will be in charge of the meetings.

FEW SEEK WORK.

Few farm helpers are applying for work at the immigration office of John Farrell, in the department of agriculture building. Mr. Farrell has placed a number of men on district farms since the beginning of the year.

SPEAK AT KOMOKA.

R. A. Finn and J. A. Andrews, of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture, are both in Komoka today lecturing to the junior farmers taking part in the month's agricultural short course being held in that village.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN WATCHING THE NEWS PICTURES.

The McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

SMUGGLING COSTS CANADA $20,000,000 EVERY YEAR

Cleverly Organized Bands One of Greatest Menaces Facing Government Today.

THOUSAND ROADS

When the smugglers of old shipped a few kegs of cognac into England from France they thought they had had a good night's work, and that the profit was a worthy one. Had they lived today they would have joined one of the bands operating on the Canadian-American border and been able to retire comfortably in a few years.

Official figures show that the value of goods smuggled into Canada in 1924 from the United States was $50,000,000 and that the loss to the Dominion in custom receipts was around $20,000,000. Smuggling is in vogue all along the international line from Vancouver to Halifax, but is more in evidence on the Ontario and Quebec borders. Goods most commonly smuggled include chiefly narcotics, silks, cigarettes and cottons.

Firms Organize.

So great has this business become within the last few years that an organization, known as the Commercial Protective Association, has been formed with the object of checking the operations. Up to the present, however, but little progress seems to have been made, and the indications are that the illegal traffic is being carried on today as vigorously as ever. A number of lines of commodities have been affected by the traffic, chiefly narcotics, cigarettes, silks and cotton goods.

The stories which are told in certain circles concerning the smuggling sound like old-time romances, as it is claimed by those who are hit the hardest by the traffic that there are a number of big gangs back of it, that it is well reinforced by finance, and that the scale upon which it is carried out represents one of the largest businesses in the country.

Cleverly Laid Plans.

The general claim advanced is that there is one or more organizations which have planned out the smuggling in a careful manner, and that as a result of the methods which are employed the smuggled goods are brought across the border in great quanities and eventually find their way to the retail stores, where they are sold to the Canadian public. This operation, it is contended, is carried out in such manner that the retail storekeeper does not necessarily know that the gods have been smuggled, and least of all does the purchaser have any idea that he is buying smuggled goods which have evaded the customs.

In one section of the eastern counties of Quebec there are a thousand roads leading from the United States across the line, so that the difficulty of catching smugglers red-handed is obvious.

It is stated by some that the bootleggers are playing a big part in the game. These men, it is claimed, cross the line in motor cars, launches, small tugs and by other means, with their cargoes of illicit liquors, and having taken one chance and scored one victory, they are quite willing to take another by smuggling American silks and cottons across the line to Canada. Apart from the organized smuggling which is reaching into millions of dollars a year, there is the individual smuggling on the part of Canadians who cross the line and bring supplies home with tehm, but the latter is far less serious than the operations of the organized gangs.

Some minor victories have been scored by those who are trying to check the situation, but so far they seemed to have served merely to indicate the scope upon which the business is being carried on. About a year ago, it will be recalled, a Toronto man was taken into custody, following certain information which fell in to the hands of the officials, and when he was placed under arrest on a charge of smuggling it was found that hundreds of silk dresses had been stored in his house. The goods were confiscated and the man was given a year's term in jail but he absolutely refused to disclose any information as to the method of operations of the big smugglers.

He was regarded by the officials as merely one of the smaller operators or distributing agents but beyond taking him in charge they were unable to gain any information of value.

A short time ago another victory was won by the defenders of home industry as a citizen from the other side of the line was taken into custody in a local hotel with a hundred dozen gold rings in his possession. His method of operation it is stated, was to call upon jewelry stores and offer the rings at a modest reduction in price from the regular wholesale figure, but to quote such prices as to avoid creating any suspicion. He was caught, not through the prices he quoted, but because it was recognized by one of the officials with whom he came into contact that the goods were not Canadian-made and that no duty had been paid by the man when he entered Canada.

That is looked upon as an isolated case, and the indications are that he was not a part of the big chain of operators. The goods were confiscated at the time, but the smuggler escaped.

Other Anglican Vestry Reports

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

Receipts from all sources for 1924 in All Saints' church under its rector, Rev. A. A. Bice, totaled $8,460, including $700 on the diocesan budget. The parish has a balance of $486 after paying off $400 of the church debt.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: Rector's warden, R. J. Bunt; people's warden, R. G. Reed; vestry clerk, H. Slade; auditors, J. W. Wild, F. Parker, F. Newton; select vestry, H. F. Hill, F. Parker, W. Bell, G. B. Drake, T. Hobbs, E. Harper, E. Rose, H. Slade, H. Secord, T. Boyle, R. Knapman, J. Davidson; lay delegates to synod, W. Bell and J. J. Wilson; substitutes, F. Parker and J. W. Wild; chief usher, J. W. Wild.

ST. MATTHEWS' CHURCH.

Officers for the ensuing year at St. Matthew's church are as follows: Wardens—Rector's, George Ley; people's, John Taman; vestry clerk, Wm. Sewell; select vestry, Fred Hitchins, D. C. Messeroll, Mrs. D. C. Messoreil, Mrs. Charles Dyson, Mrs. Wm. McKenna, David Marshall, A. H. Whitlow, Alfred Henderson, J. McLeod, R. E. Irnes, W. Matthews, R. P. Wright; mission board, W. Burton, H. E. Holmes, W. Matthews; auditors, A. H. Whitlow, J. Iles; lay delegates to synod, R. P. Wright, A. H. Whitlow; substitute delegates, W. Matthews, J. McLeod.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The church warden's report for 1924 in Trinity church showed financial receipts to be $517.97, with a considerable net balance to the good. The rector, Rev. John Hale, thanked the officials for the support given him during the year.

Officers elected for 1925 were as follows: Wardens — Rector's, G. Champness; people's, W. Gerrard; lay delegate to synod, Wm. Gerrard; select vestry, J. Miller, T. Mills, R. W. Wilkinson, J. J. Ralph, J. A. Marchant, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Isherwood, Mrs. Mann; sidesmen, J. A. Marchant, J. Miller, J. J. Ralph, T. Mills, R. W. Wilkinson, A. Glover; auditors, J. Holmes, R. W. Wilkinson.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Balances at St. Mark's church were reported as follows: Ladies' guild, $500; choir, $168; Sunday school, $260, and A. Y. P. A., $165.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Wardens—Rector's, R. Allaster; people's, E. Webb; sidesmen, M. Garrett, W. Dunstan, A. Hodgins, R. Crawford, J. D. Reynolds, H. Hodgins, H. Stirrett, J. Moorhouse; auditors, M. Garrett, R. Crawford; vestry clerks, C. W. Dunstan, L. Moss; church council, Mrs. C. Willis, Mrs. R. Allaster, Mrs. M. Garrett, H. Skellett, Miss P. Ashworth, W. Lancey, Mrs. R. Parker, W. H. Langford, R. Allaster.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

The wardens' report for 1924 in St. David's church showed that, after payment of all accounts, over $500 had been set aside for the church extension fund.

The vestry went on record as approving of the principle of the appointment of an advisory board by the rector, Rev. R. D. Mess, M.M., and the wardens.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Wardens—rector's, A. James; people's, A. DeRuyter; auditors, W. Duddridge, W. Ward; vestry clerk, J. W. Lawton; envelope steward, W. G. Bugler; sidesmen, A. Adams, J. Metcalf, H. Paice, W. Clays; lay delegate to the synod, W. G. Bugler; substitute delegate, W. Duddridge.

CITY FIRE CONDITIONS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

J. E. Ritchie Arrives in London to Carry Out Survey Work.

J. E. Ritchie, fire prevention engineer of the Ontario fire marshal's office, arrived in London this morning with two assistants to conduct an investigation of numerous recent fires.

Through the efforts of the London chamber of commerce the prevention engineers were brought to London to institute a clean-up campaign. A thorough tour of the city's factories, office buildings and stores will be made in an effort to prevent further fires by advising the owners of the building where a hazard may exist.

The Hunt mills fire and blazes which have destroyed the Greer building on York street, and the Orth building on Dundas street within the past two months, will be probed.

London's fire loss for the year will total almost $1,000,000. This amount is comparatively greater than that for any other city in the Dominion, and should the loss be increased during 1925 the city's insurance rates would experience a considerable jump.

RUGGLES AFFAIR ECHOES REACH WINTER ASSIZES

Echoes of the affairs of the Ruggles Truck Co. will be heard at the winter assizes, when two actions brought by the Bank of Montreal against two local men will be heard.

The bank is suing Harland S. Laughton as the maker of four promissory notes of $200 each, which, with interest, totals $827.93, made in favor of the Ruggles Truck Co.

The defendant in his statement of defence declares that no value was given, and asks that the case be dismissed.

John Eggett is being sued by the bank for $1,648.76, and submits the same defence as Mr. Laughton. Meredith and Co. are appearing for the bank, and Gibbons, Harper and Braden for both defendants.

TRADES, LABOR COUNCIL WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers for 1925 will be the main item of business tomorrow night at the trades and labor council. Like the other bodies of labor in London, the council is trying to add enthusiasm to its members and delegates this year and is taking part in the Tuesday evening euchre drives and in organization work which labor in general is about to carry out in the city.

NINETEEN CASES LISTED FOR WINTER ASSIZES

A total of 19 cases, 2 jury and 17 non-jury, have been set down for trial at the winter assizes, which open at the court house next Monday before Mr. Justice Rose.

It is quite likely, according to court officials, that a number of cases will be settled out of court before the judge mounts the bench.

EXPORTS INCREASE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Official trade statistics for the calendar year show that Canadian exports totalled $1,058,957,898 in 1924 against $1,014,944,274 in 1923. Imports were $808,195,573 against $903,030,515.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Decision was made at the vestry meeting of Cronyn Memorial church last night to call the new parish hall Warner hall. Reports showed that $27,000 had been raised last year on the hall, which will cost when completed in the neighborhood of $40,000.

For the first time in years the parish met its budget of $11,000 in full, including its diocesan budget of $1,800.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Wardens—Rector's, George Hayman; people's, W. H. Robinson; auditors, J. Burch, G. Mills; lay delegates to synod, R. T. Brymner, C. Gilbert; substitute delegates, E. Smith, T. McBride, Col. Murphy; vestry clerk, W. J. Smith; select vestry, H. J. Childs, T. McBride, Geo. Mills, R. T. Brymner, Miss McCracken, Mrs. C. T. Keene, Chas. Gilbert, G. Pearson, Edwin Smith, W. J. Smith, J. Elgie.

BUILDERS PREDICT BANNER SEASON

Would Curb Construction of Small Houses in City at Present.

The 27th annual meeting of the London builders' exchange was held yesterday in their rooms over the Bank of Nova Scotia, Richmond street.

A review of the building activities for 1924, as shown by the building inspector's report, revealed a falling off in that industry of $1,200,000 and also that about 75 per cent of the permits issued was for small house work.

Opinions were freely expressed that the market for the medium and smaller class of house property was already overstocked and that no encouragement should be given by the moneyed interests for the developing of new surveys or the carrying of a building program of small houses until the need warranted it. The city's house troubles were cited as showing one of the effects of overproduction. Concerning the outlook for 1925, one and all are more than confident that 1925 is going to be a banner year for good work and plenty of it.

Some of the matters that will be dealt with by the exchange during the year will be: A cost reducing process for providing assessment returns for the municipal, provincial and federal governments; the infringement of some of the utilities upon the business rights of some of the members; a stocktaking of some of the city building bylaws; apprenticeship classes for the technical school, and an educational campaign to promote organization development.

The inaugural address of the new president, R. J. Fuller, was full of optimism in regard to the success that will accompany the united efforts this year, and asked for the hearty co-operation of each member to make the success doubly sure.

Officers for 1925 were elected as follows: President, R. J. Fuller of the John Gray Construction Co.; vice-president, Henry Hayman; second vice-president, W. C. Northey; secretary-treasurer, George S. Gould; directors, John Whittaker, L. Foley, John Fenn, Jun., F. McWatine, and F. Deeley; auditors, Ed. Gerry and George Dingman (Richards-Wilcox Canadian Co.); representatives Western Fair association, R. J. Fuller and Sid Jones; representative to the A. C. B. C. I. convention, Montreal, Sid. Jones; representative to the P. B. S. A. convention, Kitchener, Messrs T. R. Wright and Sid. Jones.

EIGHT PAY FINES, TWO TAKE JAIL UNDER O.T.A.

Court Collects $1,390 as Result of Ten Convictions on Monday.

Of the ten Londoners convicted in police court yesterday of breaches of the Ontario temperance act and fined a total of $1,500, eight paid their fines and only two went to jail.

William Cline of London Junction, preferred a term of three months in the common jail to paying $200 and costs for his violation of the O. T. A. Another man, after pleading guilty to an intoxication charge, took a tend-day term in the county jail in place of a cash payment of $10 and costs.

A penalty of $800 and costs or six months in jail for a second O. T. A. offence was imposed on Richard Swallowel. He chose the fine rather than the jail term and promptly made his payment yesterday afternoon.

A total of $1,390 was collected by Police Court Clerk John Moule through the ten convictions.

CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL

London artists will be heard at Westminster hospital tonight, when the concert under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will take place. The evening will begin with an oyster supper. This will be followed by a varied program arranged by W. F. Sherwin, the association hospital secretary.

The following will take part: Mrs. S. Orth, soloist; Mrs. G. Harris, reader; Ed. Webster, soloist; William Henderson, soloist; A. F. Penny, accompanist. The leaders' corps will put on an illuminated club swinging drill. The members of the young men's division will form a chorus.

The members of the leaders' corps intend to enjoy the trip to the hospital, and have arranged for a sleigh-ride there and back.

BROTHERS ARE ARRESTED ON TRESPASSING CHARGE

Emerson and Charles Brooks appeared in police court this morning charged by C. N. R. constables with trespassing on railroad property.

The C. N. R. officers declared that the two men were seen trespassing near freight cars on which delivery seals had been broken. An engine crew gave chase to the men, who were apprehended after Charles Brooks had dropped a dinner pail in his flight. His name inscribed on the inside gave detectives a clue which led to their appearance in court this morning.

Both men pleaded guilty to the charge, and stated that although they were drunk at the time, they were taking a short cuit home. Neither knew anything about the broken box car seals.

Magisirate Graydon allowed the men to go on their own bail to appear in court in one week's time for sentence.

SLUMP IN PRODUCE MAKES MARKET BARE

Although the roads are in much better condition than they were last week, and the weather is much milder, few farmers have sought the local market with produce this week.

This is said to be due to the fact that there is little or no demand for poultry at the present time, and butter and eggs are also rather slow.

A revival in trade is predicted for the Staurday market by many farmers.

ALDERMEN FIGHT METHOD, NOT SIZE OF SALARY BOOST

Prepared to Support Increase to Mayor If Carried Out Legally.

WENIGE SILENT

The action of the city council last night in voting down the ruling of the mayor as chairman has created a precedent in municipal history and is a chief topic of discussion today.

The $1,200 expense account presented by Mayor Wenige in the dying moments of 1924 as a supplement to his $1,800 salary is the crux of the situation. The council apparently does not object to the mayor's salary being increased to $3,000, but as a matter of business procedure they take the stand that any expense allowance for $1,200 can be paid only after proper account has been submitted. Ald. McKay, chairman of the finance committee, precipitated matters when he asked that vouchers be forwarded to his committee for approval, according to city bylaws. When the mayor ruled him out of order, Ald. McKay appealed and the council voted down the mayor's decision.

From opinion expressed by various aldermen, there appears to be a general feeling that the mayor must submit his expense account in the regular way. Mr. Wenige himself has no statement to give for publication.

All Views.

"All my views have been expressed in council and in committee," declared his worship. "They have never been fully given in the papers."

"Here's an opportunity to make a complete explanation, then," suggested a reporter.

"I have absolutely nothing to say to that," the mayor insisted.

"Instead of an account for $3,000, one for $3,400 was presented," Ald. James McCormick points out. "I don't know whether or not the city is liable to pay the mayor $400, but I want to find out. If we passed an account for $3,400, we might be, and I'd like to have a chance to hear the solicitor's opinion on the matter."

Ald. Thomas Clift wasn't concerned in the move of last year's council to pay the mayor an additional stipend so much as the manner in which the mayor got the $1,200 slice at the end of the year. "The finance chairman raised objection to the accounts and wanted them investigated. There was some doubt as to the legality of the payments, and I wanted to see that these payments were above board."

Opposed To Manner.

"No. 1 committee can deal with the matter now," points out Ald. H. H. Bottrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, "and therefore I haven't much to say about it. But I am apposed to the mayor getting the $1,200 extra salary and the manner in which he got it. It should be gone into thoroughly."

Ald. Robert Carswell declares that others of No. 1 committee raised objection to the payments to the mayor and he wanted to safeguard the matter by voting further information. If some of the committee thought the matter was not legal, Ald. Carswell is willing to lend his hand to move for an investigation, he says.

Ald. Frank McKay, whose motion caused a flurry in last night's council and resulted in the aldermen overruling the decision of the mayor, takes the stand that all grants should be legalized by passing of bylaws. Most of them are now, according to the statute, and the finance chairman believes that if some are, then all should be handled in this way.

Not Going Far.

"It looks as if my economical views wouldn't get very far this year," admitted Ald. Neeley this morning in discussing the mayor's salary question. He offered no comment on the likelihood of the mayor getting $3,000 this year, though he thought the job was worth it. Whether or not the city could afford to pay it. Ald. Neeley voted against Ald. McKay's motion last night but had no comment today on the matter.

"We gave the mayor every opportunity to present his expense account to No. 1 committee in December," Ald. L. H. Douglass, last year's finance chairman says. "I called the mayor up the day after the recommendation was put through and told him that we would be ready to meet him at any time he had his account prepared. He never offered to give us this account and went to the treasurer and collected $1,200. We object to him getting the money in that way. That's why we are calling for an investigation."

BREACH IN BLUE BOYS GETS WIDER AND WIDER

President Denies Need For General Meeting—Solution Is Far Off.

Wider and wider becomes the rift between the left and right wings of the local blue boys. Instead of the last executive meeting of the Conservative association healing the breach, as it should have done, it served to open it and insert a wedge which, according to enthusiasts of both wings, will prop it open indefinitely.

Not for two years has there been a regular general meeting of the association, which is at the call of the president, Dr. Cameron Wilson, who was elected two years ago. Now Dr. Wilson says that there is no immediate need for a general meeting, and that it will not be called until such time as club rooms are found and opened for the Conservative club. He also states that it is a matter for the executive to decide.

This does not meet with the wishes of the left wingers. They want action, and they intend to get it. They claim that the reason that no meeting is being called is that the association is in debt and that from the viewpoint of some of the directorate a general meeting is undesirable. So they are girding up their loins and searching for ways and means of forcing a meeting at the earliest opportunity.

AUDIT COMPLETED.

The audit of the criminal justice accounts for Middlesex was completed last night in the office of Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd at the courthouse. Judge Talbot Macbeth presided at the audit and was assisted by Crown Attorney Judd, County Clerk John Stuart and Andrew Dale.

The Puzzle

With Cross Words In It, Too —How the Salary Mix-Up Has Developed.

Dec. 15—Ald. Gordon Drake moves in council that mayor's salary be increased from $1,800 to $3,000 for 1924. Motion lost by 7 to 5 vote, the mayor's vote not being recorded.

Dec. 16—Ald. Ernie Shaw asks that his vote be switched to "yes" column on salary question, making a 6—6 tie. The mayor informs city clerk that his vote should have been recorded as "yes" as well. This provided for an affirmative vote.

Dec. 17—City treasurer hands check for $1,200 to the mayor.

Dec. 18—Storm of protest by city aldermen causes calling of council meeting to probe salary question. Mayor returns check to city treasurer.

Dec. 19—Special council session held at request of aldermen. Original vote is upheld. Salary question reopened on two-thirds vote. Ald. A. H. Towe, seconded by Ald. John Greer, moves that the legitimate expenses of the mayor's office, up to $3,000, be paid, provided an itemized expense account is submitted to No. 1 committee.

Dec. 27—Ald. Towe writes mayor demanding that account of office expenses be handed to committee.

Dec. 28—Mayor receives check for $1,200 from city treasurer, giving brief account of expenditures, totalling $3,400, during 1924.

Jan. 14—No. 1 committee received vouchers for grants made by 1924 council during December. Chairman McKay objects to passing of vouchers without bylaws.

Jan. 19—Council receives vouchers for 1924 grants, including extra $1,200 to mayor. Ald. McKay and Ald. Douglass raise objection to passing accounts without bylaw. Mayor rules aldermen out of order, but council upholds protesting aldermen. Vouchers are sent back to No. 1 committee for investigation by city solicitor.

STEAM PLANT PLANNED TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE

Hydro Will Take Steps To Eliminate Any Possible Interruptions.

Toronto, Jan. 19. — With a power shortage in prospect the provincial hydro commission will hasten plans for the erection of a $5,000,000 steam plant in Toronto for the generation of electrical power, it was intimated today by persons in close touch with Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission.

Sir Adam himself admitted that it was planned, in connection with the plant to equip it for supplying heat to the business section of Toronto, much on the lines of the central heating system in Detroit, which since 1904 has been supplying heat from the steam electric plants of the Detroit Edison Company to an area two miles long and half a mile wide.

PREMIER'S EDUCATION PLANS ARE FAVORED

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dent, as to attendance at the collegiate or the university," pointed out Mr. Miller, "and also whether all of the first and second year work would be carried on in the collegiate. It might mean that two or three forms, of about 100 students, would take the second-year work at the collegiate here. Since already first-year university work is being taken up in the upper school work of the collegiate, in common with the great majority of the collegiates of the province.

"The plan would give the foremost teachers of the collegiates of the province an opportunity of teaching higher work and it would be an incentive to them to improve their standing. There is a far larger percentage than might be imagined who are capable at the present time of teaching the second year university work in fact, there is quite a goodly proportion who could do the work satisfactorily.

Select Collegiates.

"Since the university of Toronto is considered a provincial university it would be necessary for the provincial government to select collegiates in all parts of the province in which second-year university work should be taught. The list would probably include the following cities: London, Hamilton, Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, Peterboro, Sarnia, Windsor, Galt, Kitchener, Guelph, Brantford, Goderich, Owen Sound and St. Thomas."

Touching on Premier Ferguson's reference to juvenile court matters, Rev. Quintin Warner, B.A., B.D., judge of the juvenile court, expressed the opinion that the premier had been misquoted in stating that it would be the endeavor of the government to do away altogether with the arrest of juveniles and trial in the juvenile courts.

"A social service worker could not just pick on a boy or girl, and send him or her to the reformatory or industrial school," declared Judge Warner, "without a trial in some properly-constituted court.

"With regard to the premier's suggestion for the placing of incorrigible boys on farms that means the establishment of farms, and the reorganization of the Victoria industrial school at Mimico, something all officials interested in juvenile court work have been looking forward to for some time.

"There will be more outdoor work on the farms, and also more opportunity afforded the boys of securing classified and adaptable shop work," concluded Judge Warner. "Similar, and yet improved to that in the Shawbridge home for boys in Montreal, at the head of which home as president is E. W. Beatty, K.C., president of the C. P. R."

STUDENTS MUST COME TO SENSES

E. A. Miller Agrees With Educationist That Many Wasting Their Time.

It is the opinion of a prominent educationist of London that there are many adolescent boys and girls attending local secondary schools, who, through lack of application, are not getting from their courses sufficient to warrant the expenditure of from $130 to $150 made upon them by the municipality.

Asked his opinion on the subject E. A. Miller M. A. principal of the collegiate institute replied that he believed the statement to be true as applied to about ten per cent of the students attending the secondary schools throughout the province.

"Sooner or later," stern measures will have to be taken," declared the local educationist, "to eliminate from the secondary schools those, who, after a year or more of trial, are failing to put their best efforts into their work. As it is, there is a clamor for a bigger enrollment, more and better buildings and the expenditure on education is rolling up and up like a snowball, without the one thing which would effectually keep it in check being put into effect. Too many of the students in the secondary schools are doddling away their time to a very large measure. They should be given to understand that going to school is not a holiday or by way of filling in time, but that it is strictly a preparation for the business of life."

Principal Miller advocated his belief that "every student at least 16 years of age who was not taking advantage of the educational advantages afforded him should be made to forego those opportunities.

"At the same time," pointed out Principal Miller, "it must be remembered that the students of today are facing problems outside the schools that students years ago did not have to face at all. There are more outside attractions and distractions. They are far greater and all have their effect on the attitude of the boys and girls of today toward work whether in or out of school.

"Undoubtedly those problems are there," concluded Principal Miller, "and any methods introduced to remedy the situation should be as to help the students to meet those conditions, along which line a great deal is being done in the individual schools throughout the province."

BIDDULPH ELECTION MEETS WITH PROTEST

Validity of Result Will Be Settled in Court by Judge Macbeth.

Separate school section No. 6 of Biddulph is a house divided. The ratepayers had an election for school trustee on Dec. 31 last and when the votes were counted, Thomas Morkin was elected by six votes.

The validity of the election has been protested and the whole matter will come before Judge Macbeth for a decision.

The papers which have been filed at the courthouse by the defeated candidate, Charles Crunican, and his supporters, that a poll was demanded and granted by the chairman, which was not in accordance with section 27 of the separate school act.

A list of voters was not produced and the votes of 8 men and one woman were not recorded, the defeated candidate claims, and no record was kept of the voting.

Mr. Crunican claims that he had no opportunity to scrutinize the ballots, and that Mr. Morkin voted, although he was not qualified.

The protest has been signed by A. M. Crunican, Z. A. McIlhargey, John J. McIlhargey and Robert Brahaven. Their interests are being looked after by Albert H. Murphy of Murphy, Gunn & Murphy.

BILL IS SENT TO CITY FOR COMMISSION WORK

When City Clerk Baker opens his mail tomorrow morning he will find a nice little bill of $12,628.67 from the county of Middlesex. The amount is the city's share of work done by the suburban area commission for 1924.

The county has paid its own share of the bill which is the same as that of the city. In fact Middlesex has paid for all the work, a total of $58,254.77, but will receive $32,997.43 from the Ontario government as its share for road improvement on suburban area highways.

MEET WITH SUCCESS.

Brig. McAmmond and Adjt. Spooner of the Salvation Army headquarters staff returned from an inspection trip yesterday. The officers spent 10 days visiting Wiarton, Hanover, Palmerston, Walkerton and other corps. A series of evangelistic services were held at each place. The officers report splendid crowds at every meeting. A number of converts came forward at each meeting.

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