

Finance Committee Recommends New Fire Pumper

FIRE CHIEF FINALLY WINS BATTLE FOR NEW PUMPER

No. 1 Committee Recommends Purchasing Long-Needed Equipment For Department.

MAYOR SCORNFUL

Wenige Derides Idea of Use of Pressure in Fire-Fighting.

A new pumper truck will be purchased for the London fire department, if majority action of No. 1 committee last night is backed up by the city council. Recommendation for modernized equipment for the department was brought on as a result of a battle of some months by Fire Chief John Aitken, and because of conditions at the Mount St. Joseph orphanage fire of Tuesday. The recommendation of the committee is taken in spite of adverse action when estimates were struck. City officials state that the council has power to sell debentures at any time to pay for fire apparatus.

Praise for the department's work at the orphanage fire was tempered with demands that better equipment be placed in operation. For several months the chief stressed the need for a second pump-truck, only to be turned down when estimates were struck.

Last night the mayor discussed the orphanage fire from the viewpoint of a professor of physics and mathematics. He scoffed at the idea of pressure being of highest importance in fire fighting. Volume of water was the thing he asserted.

Then for a few minutes the law of gravity was shaken by the neck until Chief Aitken came to the rescue of science and recited instances where high pressure, caused by boosting from a pumper truck, would tear into the heart of a fire and expediently fight the blaze instead of the firemen having to flood an entire building with tons of water.

Ald. L. H. Douglass introduced the



THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, the Duke of Devonshire's eldest son and heir, has arrived at the bedside from Derbyshire. Doctors from Lisamore, Dungarvan and Cork are in attendance on the duke. The duke's condition is still causing anxiety.

motion to purchase a new truck. It was declared that it might be possible to turn in one of the old trucks owned by the city as part payment.

Sell Old Trucks.
"There are two or three old trucks over there that might just as well be sold," affirmed the chief. "They aren't much use as they are. They couldn't be converted into pumper apparatus."

Ald. Smith and Ald. Doiz believed that a pumper truck was needed as added protection for the city. The chief pointed out that when any fire occurred where children were endangered, as in a school or an orphanage, every useful piece of apparatus available was rushed to the scene. Ald. Douglass declared that he would support a move for a half dozen pumper trucks if they could be secured.

Finally it was decided to recommend to the council that another pumper truck be purchased. Ald. Doiz, Carswell, Douglass and Smith voted for the move.

Other interesting incidents in connection with the department's efficiency proved high light in the meeting. William Grey of Wyatt street, London West, formerly a fireman of 40 years' experience, appeared to complain of the manner in which a grass fire was recently handled in his neighborhood.

Department Explains.
Reports from Chief Aitken, Assistant Chief Scott and a captain and lieutenant of No. 3 company explained the department's side. Mr. Grey was a former fireman and knew he was breaking civic bylaws in starting a grass fire. He had called in apparatus to fight a grass fire. Later he was advised to call a hose truck and delayed action. The department had really done good work in saving a house from destruction. He had been burning grass in his property. The wind veered and carried the flames across a lot line to a neighbor's property. He had called the fire department. They arrived with apparatus to fight a grass fire. A neighbor's shed caught fire and was destroyed. Now legal representatives of the neighbor in question are suing Mr. Grey for \$500 damages. He claimed that inefficiency of the fire department was responsible for the loss.

The committee decided to file action against Grey for breach of civic bylaw. The chief and department were absolved from all blame in connection with the loss.

A committee was appointed to confer with Lions club officials in the matter of a bandstand at Victoria park. Engineer W. P. Near and Market Clerk Charles Maker will investigate the style advisable for a new \$500 weigh scales and office for the southwest corner of the city market.

No. 1 committee meetings will be shifted back to the old hour of 5:15 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon during the summer months.

Much objection to the mayor's scheme of licensing bicycles was heard. The mayor thought that a small fee should be charged every bicycle owner and this money go towards police protection for the cyclists. The scheme would help the police in their work.

"It wouldn't be practical as a municipal law," demurred the provincial Smith. "They're riding in and out of the city," pointed out Ald. L. H. Douglass.

The motion to introduce a city by-law found the mayor a lonely advocate. It was, however, decided to send the suggestion on to the provincial authorities.



Warner Baxter, who is co-starring with Billie Dove and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in "The Air Mail," at the Capitol today—Advt.

PUBLIC PROTECTED IN SURGICAL WORK

Local Surgeon Declares Young Doctors Here Long Coached in Use of Knife.

Before taking the full responsibility of performing major operations, the young doctor in Canada usually serves a period of internship in a recognized hospital, or attaches himself to some surgeon of long experience. In this way the public is protected, in the opinion of Dr. Arthur B. Rankin, local surgeon, commenting on statements made by Capt. the Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, M.C., M.P., Fort William, who deplored the use of the knife by inexperienced doctors.

Dr. Manion said that nowadays a young man could graduate with the letters "M.D." after his name, and, without proper post-graduate experience, set his hand to the most difficult and dangerous operations. "This is nothing short of criminal," said the speaker, addressing the Association of Officers of the Medical Services of Canada.

"No young practitioner should be allowed to perform operations of any seriousness unless he has had adequate surgical experience," said Dr. Manion, adding that he had been present and powerless to protest when incompetent surgeons had performed operations.

Knows Responsibility.
London surgeons are of the opinion that the young doctor realizes the responsibilities, and so takes his internship, and following that seeks advice and help of older men in consultation when the need arises.

"I think the public well protected. I can, of course, only speak of London," said Dr. Rankin. "The university training takes the young doctor well into hospital work. Graduation would not fit him to perform the most serious of operations. He often acts as assistant to a well-known surgeon."

Dr. Paul S. McKibben, B.S., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., dean of the medical school here, says that the young doctor, after passing his university examinations, passes others set by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He cannot practice until these examinations are passed. Liberty to use his own judgment. The examinations are to prove his qualifications. They are similar to those passed at the medical school.

Much Specialization.
"Canadian doctors and instructors in our medical schools have given considerable thought to the very words expressed by Dr. Manion," said Dean McKibben this morning. "That is one reason why there is so much specialization today. In recent years doctors have gone into specialization, so that a great amount of training along certain lines will fit them for the highest proficiency in one direction. Thus we have doctors devoting their lives to eye, ear and nose diseases, and so on. They become experts in certain divisions of medicine, and I believe the public receives much protection in that way."

"The general practitioner, especially in the rural districts, cannot specialize in the same way. Sometimes in a matter of life and death he must step in and perform serious operations. It is to his credit rather than discredit that he does so. He should not be criticised when he has to face an emergency."

"The young doctor of today usually spends a year, and sometimes many years of internship, in hospital work before he actually performs major operations in which he takes full responsibility," said Dr. McKibben.

LONDON GROCER DIES WHILE AT HIS MEAL

John C. Day Suffers Fatal Hemorrhage Eating Dinner.

John Clinton Day, well-known grocer of East London, suffered a hemorrhage while eating dinner yesterday, and died within a few minutes. Mr. Day had been in business at 428 Hamilton road for two years. Previous to this, he had conducted a business on Richmond street.

He was also at one time employed as a C. P. R. He came to London ten years ago from Palmerston, where he was born.

He had not been in ill-health, and no reason can be given for the seizure which caused his death.

Mr. Day was a member of New St. James Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his widow and one son, Morris Munroe, 13, also one sister, Mrs. James Hibberd of Comber, and one brother, James, of Toronto.

The funeral will be held from John Ferguson's Sons' funeral parlors on Friday afternoon. The services will be conducted by the Rev. James McKay of New St. James' Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in Woodland cemetery.

AWAIT N. Y. EXPERT TO DECIDE ON ZONING

Town-Planning Commission Will Not Act on Bylaw Before Conference.

Informal discussion of various matters pertaining to zoning and other phases of town planning was introduced at yesterday's session of the town planning commission. There is no fresh action in regard to the zoning bylaw and these proposed regulations will not be finally settled until Thomas Adams, New York expert, is conferred with early next month.

Several projected improvements in different parts of the city were informally talked over by members of the commission.



PIERROT CHORUS IN FRIDAY NIGHT'S CABARET.

The Pierrot chorus is one of the features of the big cabaret show which members of the Princess Patricia chapter, I. O. D. E., are giving Friday night in the recreation hall of the Ontario hospital. The seven members of the chorus shown above are, from left to right: In the front row, Miss Gwen Williams and Miss Doris Belton; in the second row, Mrs. Eric Reid and Miss Shirley Johnston; in the back row, Harry Wyld, Ernest V. Little and Marcus Auden. George Mitchell is another member. The show, which is in aid of the new Y. W. C. A. building, begins at 10 o'clock, ending at 2 o'clock, and has eight acts, including a feature from Loew's theatre, and various New York novelties. Supper will be served, and there will be dancing between the acts of the show with Pudney's orchestra.

YARMOUTH TELEPHONE CO. DISCUSSES AYLMER LINE

New Sarum, April 15.—The directors of the Yarmouth Telephone Company held a business meeting in the central office on Tuesday evening. President Elmore Cline was in the chair. Discussion centered about the straightening of the Talbot street line and a trunk line to Aylmer.

C.N.A.A. PROGRAM RECORD SUCCESS

Annual Social in Shop's Library Enjoyed by Over 150 Members.

The splendid program offered the members of the Canadian National Athletic Association at their annual social, held in the shop's library last night, was perhaps the most successful in the history of the railway club. Over 150 were present to enjoy a splendid evening of songs, recitations, radio music, and cards.

Through the courtesy of William Gurd & Co., five concerts were broadcast by the C. N. R. radio club. Following the selections, the prizes for the winter series of the bowling leagues were presented. George Balch, A. Ball and A. E. Smith were among the entertainers who received several accolades.

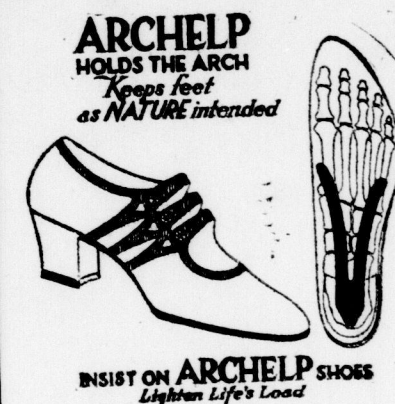
The C. N. A. A. picnic plans came up. C. F. Forrester, divisional superintendent, announced that the annual railroads' frolic would likely take place at Niagara Falls on June 20.

Express A team, winner of the championship in the winter bowling series, was presented with the R. J. Winn silver trophy cup by the donor, Charles Arnold, high average bowler, and Joseph Smith, high three games, were presented with special prizes by the chairman, Superintendent Forrester. The awards for the team prizes were also given out, the winners being:

First series, group 4 teams—Car equipment, P. E. Suddick; car equipment, L. A. Butler; apprentices, K. Roberts; freight office, A. C. Short; carmen, H. Gallop. Group B teams—Express A. A. Jackson; station, W. Doherty; reclamation, E. Pugh; stores, V. Horner; express B. H. Findlater. Second series, group A—Station A. W. M. Doherty; reclamation, A. E. Pugh; car equipment, P. E. Suddick; freight office, A. C. Short; express A. A. Jackson. Group B teams—Switchmen, G. Hammond; station B. E. L. Godwin; carmen, A. Freeman; carmen, H. Gallon, and yardmen, R. Comber.

EARTH SHOCKS RECORDED.

Associated Press Despatch. Calexico, Cal., April 15.—Three earth shocks visited Calexico last night between 7:30 and 9:20 o'clock, shaking plaster from the walls of the Calexico public library and frightening scores of inhabitants into the streets. No serious damage was reported.



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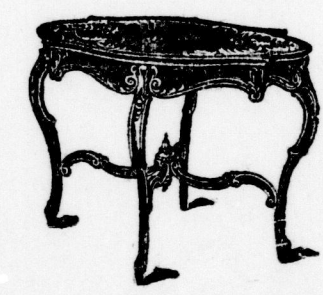
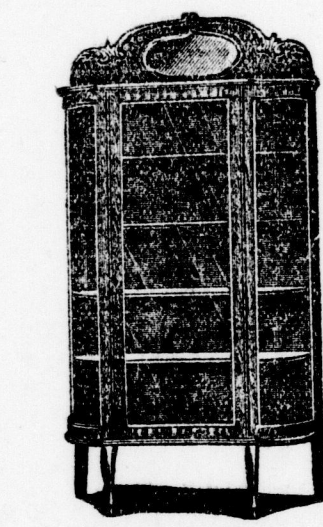
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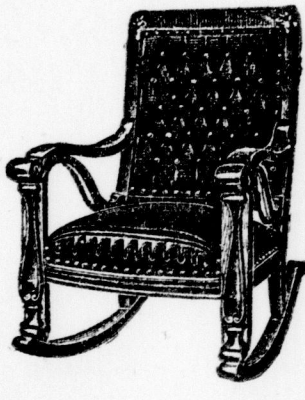
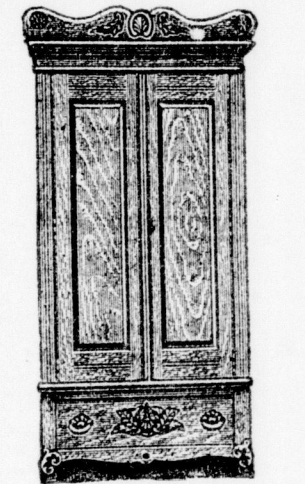


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