OLD BOYS' REUNION MAY BE POSTPONED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Many Things Operate Against London Greatly Interested in U. S. Administration Will Not Successful Celebration in 1920.

TIME IS TOO SHORT

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turn.
Only five months remain in which to make all preparations for the reunion, and there is at least nine months' work to be done. Little can be accomplished. intil the outside points have been heard

It was thought by Mr. Smith, and there were others on the committee who were in accord with him, that it would be better to postpone the reunion until next year. Things would have become settled by that time. A start toward organizing other points would be made next October, and with these places all lined up by mid-winter there would be nothing to stop the reunion in the following August from being a huge success.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DISCUSSED BY FARMERS

Ilderton Farmers' Club Decides to Ask for Survey of School District.

ILDERTON, Feb. 19 .- At the last meeting of the liderton Farmers' Club last week, the subject of consolidated schools was the principal matter. A large number of members, and also many others who were interested in

The question were present.
The speakers, Miss Mary Grant, township clerk, and P. J. Thompson, I.P.S., for East Middlesex, were list-

per year towards salaries, etc. The big expense would be transportation of the pupils, but he felt sure that this could be overcome and he outlined the necessary steps to be taken if they desired

a school.

The first step in the Ilderton district would be the appointment of a committee to request the Government

solidated school.

Ed. Douglas, deputy reeve, stated that he thought that one school would be required in each ward; that would be five schools for the township. The speakers. Miss Grant and Inspector P. J. Thompson, were given a hearty vote of thanks. R. S. Douglas occupied the chair.

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chair.

The meeting of the shareholders of the Co-Operative Company, called for Friday, February 20, has been postponed indefinitely owing to prevalence of in-

Influenza is still prevalent in this district, but somewhat milder in most cases. In the village nearly every house is affected, but all are now recovering except Mrs. G. A. Scott and C. Reeves, the manager of the local Home Bank. Influenza developed into pneumonia in the case of Mr. Reeves, and he is still very low, but hopes are held out for his recovery. In some of the farm houses all the family are down, and neighbors are helping out with the necessary chores. Some of the schools have been closed for a week, and all the churches were closed on Sunday to avoid the spreading of the epidemic.



C. OF C. WILL DISCUSS SCHEME TO DEEPEN ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Scheme To Run Ocean Liners to Lake Ports.

The question of deepening the St. DISTRICT TRAFFIC HEAVY of ocean freighters to lake ports will be considered at the next meeting of All Empties From East Go

the directors of the chamber of commerce. It is expected that the views of the local organization will, at a later date, be placed before the commission, There is a great possibility that London will not have an Old Boys' reunion this year, according to Edwin Smith, secretary of the Old Boys' committee. Although no definite decision has been reached by the committee to abandon the plan, many seemingly insurmountable difficulties stand in the way of a successful celebration this year.

Lack of organization among ex-Londoners in other cities is probably the greatest difficulty. To the large number of letters sent out by the secretary to the committees in other cities twelve days ago, only one reply has been received, and it gave no definite answer.

Mr. Smith thinks that in the six years that has elapsed since the last reurion, the other cities have become disorganized through many of the older men dying. In support of his statement he cited a large number of citizens of this town who were on the executive who have died. The war was given by him as another reason. Things had become disrupted by many of the men depended upon going overseas, and their failure to settle down on their return.

Only five menths remain in which to which is holding sessions at the leading tario and the lower province.

It is expected that London will line up strongly behind the new scheme, and that the local chamber of commerce will send a deputation to Ottawa to advocate its adoption.

BUILDING IN CITY REACHES LOW EBB:

Following the biggest building year in the city's history returns this month dropped to the lowest ebb in the memmory of Building Inspector Piper. With two-thirds of February past the total ilding figures for the month are only

Although this condition is a general one for this month of the year, the figures generally reach a higher level than this. Many inquiries regarding building regulations and other matters are being made at the office and this is taken as an indication that a considerable amount of new work is contem-Miss Grant gave a systematic explanation of the law and proper proparation of the law and proper proparated as soon as the weather permits. It must be remembered that the amount of huilding now under way is taxing also gave much information in regard to the schools of the township, and the present cost of maintenance.

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Inspector Thompson told of the present exit of many of the schools in the riding. One school, he said, has an average attendance of five, and four schools in the north end of the township have a total attendance of 35. In a case like this it would be much cheaper to consolidate, said Mr. Thompson. He did not think that the consolidate school would be any schoolars the same advantage as now possessed by the urban centres. The curriculum would be made to suit the requirements of the rural pupils.

At present, he said, our farm boys are educated off the farm, and the noed now is to educate along different lines. For those who wished to take up one of the professions there would be the usual high school course, At least five acres of land would be necessary for a school site, and more would be better. The Government grant to these schools was for building, \$5,000, on the average, and \$2,000 per year towards salaries, etc. The bigs appears to the same alreaded a very intersecting that to take the many contractors are unable to take the many contractors are unable to take and band and the school build its will likely mean a low to facelided to the year, and this will likely mean and the school build and think that the consolidate school will do residences and the school build and program, if carried out will provide another big construction job.

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many of you know that when you go to buy a house and inquire the price objectors were Erie Caverhill and John Ryland, and those who spoke in favor were J. W. Freeborn, M.L.A., Arch. Fraser, Rev. Mr. Allen, J. Prebble and Alex. Stewart.

On the motion of J. W. Freeborn and E. T. Caverhill, the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to ask for a survey in the Ilderton district for the establishment of a consolidated school.

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THE 33RD COMRADES PLAN TO REORGANIZE

Suitable Meeting Place.

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APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—No one appearing for the International Safe and Register Company of Fort Erie, the appellate Givision yesterday dismissed the appear of that company from a decision of Justice Sutherland last summer, requiring it to make good to C. F. Aikens, a workman of Detroit, formerly of Chatham, the sum of \$1,250, paid by him for stock in the company on the promise of employment. He said that the employment failed to materialize.

The 33rd Comrades are about to consider the reorganizing of their club and also to find a more suitable hall in which to hold their meetings and social evenings. The reason for the change is that all the 33rd Comrades are not members of the G. W. V. A. where the meetings have been held for many months, and out of consideration to the donot belong, it is believed that a change is necessary.

A meeting will be held in the G. W. V. A. club rooms next Friday evening, February 27, to decide the question of the change and reorganization.

COURT ENDS "DISPUTE"? The 33rd Comrades are about to con-

OVER "FLOATING BAR"

Boston, Feb. 20.—The steamship City of Miami, which has been called a "floating bar," because of her elaborate equipment for liquor sales in her projected runs between Florida and Cuba, was today returned to the possession of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation by over of the federal court

of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation by order of the federal court. The action was taken on an attempt by the Havana Steamship Corporation, owners of the steamer, to have her sail from the shippard at Fore River, where she had been refitted.

The court ruled that the Bethlehem Company had a lien on the steamship for the work done and was entitled to hold her until the bill was paid. The libel brought by the Havana Steamship Corporation alleged that the price of repairs had been raised from \$300,000 to \$425,000, and that this was regarded as excessive.

ERECTING DEFENCE STATION.

New York, Feb. 20.—Construction of an aerial coast defence station has been begun at New Dorp, Staten Island, to serve as a base for land and seaplane patrol aircraft. The station will be equipped with directional wireless apparatus to guide patrolling craft in force weather.

FREIGHT CARS MUST **BE RETURNED BY WAY** OF WESTERN BORDER

Accept Empties Returned by Niagara Falls.

Back by Detroit and Port

The refusal of the United States Railroad Administration to accept empty
freight cars being returned by way of
the Niagara frontier after being unloaded, is causing serious inconvenience
to Grand Trunk and the C. P. R. It
means that freight cars delivered to
Toronto or other eastern cities have to
be returned to the United States roads
via Detroit or Port Huron. Cars shipped from Rochester or other New York
cities have to be returned by this cities have to be returned by this round-about route, causing great delay and much extra work for the roads

There are about 800 cars now held in the London district on both the C. P. R. and G. T. R. as a result of the United States Administration not accepting loaded cars at the frontier. Unless the embargo is soon lifted this district will become somewhy corrected. Unless the embargo is soon lifted this district will become seriously congested, as freight continues to come in at Detroit and Port Huron for delivery to Eastern American cities, and this has to be placed on sidings to await the lifting of the embargo.

Freight is permitted to come into Canada at the frontier, and cars delivered by this route general he returned. livered by this route cannot be returned by the same way as they came. The fact that the empties have to go back into the United States at Detroit or Windsor is making the traffic much heavier in this district, and many more

men have to be employed to man trains taking back these empty cars. MANHATTAN BANQUET

Club Has Enjoyable Evening at Local Cafe. MATERIAL IS SHORT

The most successful banquet ever held by the Manhattan Club took place on Tuesday evening in the Rose Room of Wong's Cafe. "Let's all go in taxis and come home in rags," was the keynote of the invitations sent to all members, and if they came, as requested, many were to be seen walking home in the small hours of the morning. About 100 member were present, some of them from out of town, while a few were unable to be present on account of illness.

A hearty welcome was given to some of the overseas members on being present, after their war experineces. ent, after their war experineces.

President G. Hammond was in the chair. E. Walsh responded to the toast to the "King"; C. Sumner, H. Wiby and C. Walker to "The Ladies"; H. McCormich, B. Clark, W. Delaney and D. Stewart to "The Benedicts"; M. Evans, H. Owens and A. Pugh to "The Visitors"; G. Geoghegan and F. Hornsby to "The Club."

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Stump specches given by members on bowling, baseball, cribbage, cards, movies and pool were numerous. C. Boyce and F. Barr rendered several vocal selections, which were heartily encored, and a vaudeville act from

Charles Geary was sentenced in police court this morning to one year in the common jail with hard labor on a charge of bigamy, to which he pleaded guilty a week ago. Although his counsel asked that the case be adjourned, eary did not desire such action.
Owing to the fact that his first wife as somewhere in England, her where-bouts were unknown, and that prob-bly the war was responsible for a change in the prisoner's views of vari us matters, leniency had been shown im. Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon said. The law provided that a bigamist could e sent to penitentiary for seven years.

HE DARKENED HIS GREY HAIR

TELLS HOW HE DID IT.

Mr. J. A. McCrea, a well-known resident of San Francisco, who was called Daddy and Grandpa on account of his white hair, and who darkened it with a home-made mixture, recently made the following statement:

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Another Dress of Striped Percale, made with three-quarter sleeve, with cuff of chambray; the square collar is of chambray with bands of percale; patch pockets on either side of skirt with chambray overlap; colors are pink, sky or black with white stripe. Price \$4.50

Another Percale Dress has fancy pointed collar of white linen, the long sleeve has cuff of self, two fancy pock opening with large pearl buttons, add a smart finish to skirt; shown in an assortment of shades. Price \$3.00 Gingham Dress of Black and White or Blue and White stripe. The collar of white pique comes to a V in front, opening with large pearl buttons,

patch pocket on side of skirt, belt at waistline. Price\$3.50 Chambray Dress, very smartly trimmed on round collar, cuffs and patch pockets with three rows of narrow white braid, side-front opening through with pearl buttons, shown in sky or pink. Price \$4.75 Smart Gingham Dress, waist plain with novelty collar, button trimmed and

piped with white linen; skirt has two patch pockets with button overlap, full-length set-in sleeves with stitched cuff; an assortment of dainty stripes. Price \$4.75 Black and White Shepherds

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Basement.

CHINA DEPT.

42-piece French China Tea Sets. Price \$22.00 Royal Fresno Gold Line 97-Piece Sets. Price \$27.00 Just arrived, two patterns in dinnerware, Buxton dinnerware, 97-piece sets Price \$28.50 New shipment of Cameronia Dinnerware, 97-piece sets. Price\$35.00

Eight New Patterns Silk Foulards, \$3.75 Yd.

Just opened an importation of Twill Silk Foulards in newest Parisian designs, navy grounds with white patterns, also black grounds with white designs. These will be shown Saturday at Silk Section; all are yard wide.

Special, White Flannelette. 55c Per Yard

Soft, cosy, durable flannelette, a quality favored for babies' garments and nightgowns, because of its fine, pleasing texture, superior to the ordinary flannelettes, full yard wide. Special 55c yard

39c Special in Bridal Cloth

Soft and Dainty Snowwhite Bleach Bridal Cloth, of great wearing quality for pretty lingerie. A limited quantity on sale Saturday for ... 39c yard

New and Attractive Voiles on Display

Saturday shoppers should visit the Dress Muslin Section and see the spring novelty designs and colors in Cotton Voiles, mostly in medium and dark shades, featuring the new cobweb, shadow, georgette, two-color and blue with gold, in a great assortment. These will be picked up quickly, and there will be no repeats of these high-class fabrics. See them tomorrow. Prices from \$1.00 up to \$2.25 yard

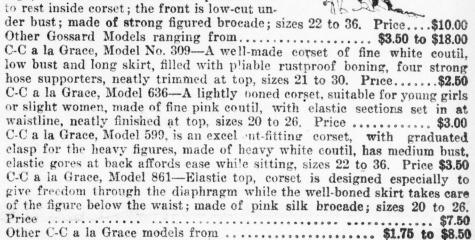
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and thighs, has medium bust, which assures perfect comfort, sizes 22 to 36. Price \$5.50 Gossard Model No. 584-This low-bust model, made of durable figured brocade, has an extra long skirt, that takes care of the heavier figure, comes in pink only, sizes 22 to 30. Price \$6.50

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