

## MUST DEVELOP LIFE OF CHILD

Rev. Bryce Reviews Legisla-  
tion Bearing On Bringing  
Up of Children.

ONTARIO SHOULD LEAD

Praises Work of Local Offi-  
cials at Froebel Society's  
Banquet.

"I covet for the Province of Ontario the very best we can give our children. I covet for Ontario the attitude which will allow any other province or country to get ahead of us in a sense of the value of our children and provision for them. I covet such conditions that we may have in this province the sweetest laughter in all the world, the laughter of little children."

The foregoing was the last word on Wednesday evening of the address of "The Child," delivered by Rev. Peter Bryce, chairman of the Mothers' Alliance, and director of child welfare of the Social Service Council of Ontario, at the annual banquet of the London Froebel Society, held in the Tecumseh Hotel.

During his address, the speaker dealt graphically with the progress in the last ten years in social service in the province, and the measures and methods which have had their birth in that time for the purpose of promoting child welfare.

"The scope of child welfare can hardly be defined," he stated. "It includes all activities for children, all influences that mold the lives of children."

First in the list of legislation having a direct bearing upon the lives of children, Mr. Bryce mentioned the workmen's compensation act, the speaker said, which was known as "Shackleton's" Toronto, some years ago, the speaker had ample opportunity to see the tragic results to children when fathers were injured or killed in industry.

He frequently mentioned the breaking up of homes, the loss of the mother to the children as well as the father. "A million people in the province of Ontario, more or less," said the speaker, "are dependent on the workmen's compensation act. Visualize what this means in better food, clothing and care for children."

Other welfare measures and agencies discussed were the adolescent school attendance act, auxiliary classes, well baby and pre-natal clinics, school nurses and dentists, the juvenile court, mothers' allowances, supervised parents, foster homes to replace the old-time orphanages, libraries, etc.

"I see in the adolescent school act," he said, "a measure that means a great many boys and girls are being brought into a blind alley. The added school years will afford an opportunity to discover the bent of the boy. So far as the girl is concerned, the thousands of girls who never have expressed themselves, never had the opportunity given them to make the contribution of their best to life."

In connection with the auxiliary classes, reference was made not only to those for backward and specially gifted children, the latter "the best gift to the nation," but for the "gifted" children, children, through visiting teachers, those suffering from defective sight and hearing, or unable to go to regular school owing to ill-health.

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## London Brotherhoods Seek to Allay Russian Horrors



Among the officers of the Canadian committee which has its headquarters in the Engh Building, Ottawa, are Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, honorary president; Col. Herbert J. MacKie, president; Hon. W. S. Fielding, honorary treasurer; Sir George Burns, treasurer; and P. H. Morris, secretary.

Premier David Lloyd George and other Empire leaders heartily endorse the cause, asking all peoples to forget any prejudices they may hold, and think of the need for relief of the children.

The British Government recently appropriated \$5,000,000 to be used to provide food in the famine-stricken districts.

Speaking of conditions in Russia, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, who has made investigations there, stated: "I am telling you what I have seen. When you enter the famine lands of Russia you enter a land of terrible silence. The very birds have shunned this country of hunger. It carries a greater sense of desolation than the Arctic ice fields."

Every time the clock ticks dozens of wasted skeletons that were once men, women and children are toppling over dead.

One dollar, the officers of the fund state, will feed a child in Russia for one month, and \$10 will feed ten children for that length of time. Five hundred dollars will provide a kitchen and will feed 100 children until harvest time. These kitchens can be named after the donor and assigned to certain areas of the famine lands, if thus desired.

All checks or money orders must be made payable to Sir George Burns, Canadian treasurer, the fund officers say.

Two reels of Col. Hubert MacKie's pictures, taken in the famine area, will be shown in addition to other slides.

The appeal is being issued this week, which is set aside as Russian Famine Week, for donations to the Save the Children Fund.

It was hoped that Col. MacKie would be able to address the meeting, but as he is speaking in Winnipeg Thursday night, this will be impossible. However, at the suggestion of Col. MacKie, Canon Gould, M.D., of the Church of England Missionary Society, was secured. For years Mr. Gould was a missionary in the far east, and with the exception of Col. MacKie, can explain the slides better than anyone else.

The responsibility of calling the meeting was turned over to the brotherhoods by the Ministerial Alliance.

All money donated to the fund will be used directly in helping the Russian children, none of it being allowed for expenses.

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**Obituaries**  
The death took place Wednesday at her residence, 475 Princess avenue, of Mrs. Catherine Mills, widow of John Mills. The funeral, which will be of a private nature, will be held Friday afternoon, interment being made at Woodland Cemetery.

**MISS CELESTINE LEWIS.**  
The funeral of the late Celestine Lewis, whose death took place Tuesday, March 21, was conducted at 8:30 Thursday morning from the residence of her uncle, T. S. Lewis, 581 Talbot street, to St. Peter's Cathedral.

Rev. Father Breunen officiated at the requiem high mass sung at 9 a.m. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery, Father Breunen conducting the service at the graveside.

During the offertory of the mass Miss Lorna McGillivray, harpist, and Miss Cora Brennan, violinist, rendered "Nearer My God to Thee."

The pallbearers were Harold Lewis, Barrie Ashwell, Allan McCabe, Gordon Marshall, Alfred Deide and Wendell Hughes.

**MRS. S. MacDONALD.**  
The death took place Tuesday of Mrs. S. MacDonal at her residence, 228 Horton street. Mrs. MacDonal was the widow of Archibald MacDonal, who was 85 years old. The funeral will be held from her residence Friday afternoon. Interment will be made at Nairn Cemetery.

**HON. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING,** premier of Canada, passed through London at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, transferring the body of his brother, the late Dr. King of Denver, Colorado, to his former home for burial.

**Luther Burbank Tells How To Make Home Gardens a Success**  
ARE YOU planning a garden for this summer? Well, of course you will want it to turn out a success. And success or failure in gardening depends on the way you till your soil, plant your seeds and care for your growing plants. No garden is a real one where weeds come up from the ground where radish or daisy seeds have been planted.

## JOINT MEETING UPSETS PLANS

New City Commission Must  
Await Outcome of Friday  
Parley.

TO EXCLUDE PRESS

Friday Conference Is For  
Heart-to-Heart Talk, Say  
Sponsors.

The city's new commission will tackle the estimates again Thursday evening. It was the avowed intention of some of the commission members that when the sessions got under way, it would stay at the task until a tax rate basis had been reached.

However, this plan has been wrecked by the arrangement of a conference between the board of education and the finance committee of the council for Friday. Plans for the conference were arranged by Mayor Wilson and Chairman Smith on Thursday morning, and the mayor expressed a desire that the press shall not attend.

He said it was proposed to have a heart-to-heart talk on the whole situation. There were some of the members who thought that more heads would be made and a franker discussion result, if the press was not present.

Thursday's meeting of the commission will then be unable to make much progress. It can only go into the board of health and hospital estimates as all the others, except, of course, the board of education, are satisfactory.

The tax rate as it stands today is 36 1/2 mills, having been pulled down one-quarter of a mill by cutting about \$14,000 off the park's estimates. On the 1921 assessment, the expenditure on 36 1/2 mills would be about 44 mills, while the 1921 expenditure on the present assessment would mean 22 1/2 mills. The latter mill rate is the goal which must be reached to fulfill Mayor Wilson's demand for an expenditure not higher than 1921.

**CITY FISH MARKET  
TO REMAIN OPEN**

The city fish market will not be closed, according to Chairman H. J. Childs, of the finance committee.

On Wednesday Ald. Childs, with Ald. Ashton, paid a visit to the market and examined the fish stall.

"If it were my own business I might make a few improvements," said Mr. Childs, "but on the whole it seemed to be satisfactory. I questioned a couple of customers who were patronizing the stall at the time and they stated that the quality of the fish was excellent and the prices were reasonable."

There has been an agitation to have the city stall closed, but the declaration of Ald. Childs shoves the question.

## LITTLE SYMPHONY TO PLAY IN CITY

On Monday last, when the plan opened in Brantford for the concert of "The Little Symphony" of New York, the house was "sold" in two hours.

"The Little Symphony" will be heard in London next Wednesday evening at the Patricia Theatre, and a capacity audience is expected.

## REFERS TO WILSON MOVE AS GRANDSTAND PLAY

Ald. Douglass Opposes Any "Blanket Cut" of Civic Employees' Pay.

"All camouflage," said Ald. L. Douglass in discussing the proposal for a salary reduction of all civic departments.

Ald. Douglass seriously questions the sincerity of Mayor Wilson's proposal for the following declaration that the move was "all camouflage" by the statement that "it is nothing more than grandstand play." Especially was this true of the alleged threat that the mayor would resign.

Dr. Douglass has a real doubt as to the meaning of the mayor's declaration. He wondered if the mayor was going to take the ten per cent off what the employees drew last year, or whether he was going to first deduct the bonus and then take the ten per cent off.

He instances the case of an employee who drew \$5,000 and \$500 bonus. If the mayor just intends to deduct the 10 per cent, it would be nothing more than leaving the salary where it has always been, since it would merely cut the bonus, the councillor remarked.

"I am absolutely opposed to any cut of the employees. Let them lay the salary list on the table and let the whole thing be gone over carefully, and I believe that it will be found that we can save considerable by eliminating the dead timber as by any other method. There are many employees whose salary cannot be cut," said the alderman.

## Claims School Board Work Under Water-Tight Methods

"The school board works under water-tight compartments, and I am not on the Technical School committee, and so know nothing about it. Reports are presented, but cannot be criticized, as one has not a necessary knowledge to do so."

The above statement made by Bryden Campbell of the board of education to the new city commission on Wednesday, is taken by city officials to mean that minority rule, which The Advertiser stated in an article on Wednesday, applied to city hall bodies, also applies to the board of education.

## NEED TO COMBINE IN CITY PLANNING

Thomas Adams Explains Important Projects Carried Out in American Cities.

**CLUBROOMS REQUIRED**  
Local Branch of Engineering Institute Will Make Drive for Members.

Various phases of city planning were touched upon by Thomas Adams of Ottawa at the meeting of the London branch of the Engineering Institute in the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening.

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## CRITICIZE PART TIME COURSES

Members of Board of Education Claim Plan Will  
Work Hardship.

MEANS GREATER EXPENSE

Children Between 14 and 16  
Must Attend School 400  
Hours a Year.

"What does the government intend doing to assist, and where are we going to get the necessary money?" This question from Trustee Mrs. John L. A. Hunt, and similar queries from other members of the board of education, in special session Wednesday afternoon, claimed the attention of Major Cowell, provincial attendance officer, who had addressed the trustees at considerable length upon the requirements of the attendance act.

During his remarks, Major Cowell stressed the point that the provincial authorities demand that, commencing Sept. 1 next, all children between the ages of 14 and 16 years, who have not then secured a matriculation standard or its recognized equivalent, must, although they may be granted working or home permits, attend school at least 400 hours a year.

H. B. Beal, principal of the London Technical and Art School, inquired as to the manner in which it was desired by the Toronto authorities that the pupils attend these classes.

Major Cowell pointed out that "Clause 9 of the attendance act," which becomes effective in September, insists that urban centers of 5,000 or more population, shall provide part time courses of instruction. Therefore, he explained it shall be the duty of the trustees to provide the same in London. While the department will make suggestions it will not, he added, define the precise nature of the various courses.

Principal Beal was inclined to believe that the new requirements would create a hardship for the pupils who would be compelled to seek part time employment in order to be at school in the daytime, as the government refuses to accept evening class instruction as adequate.

The principal was of the opinion that most employers would be extremely reluctant to employ adolescents who would be enabled to work only at irregular periods.

In this stand he was upheld by Trustee Bryden Campbell, who was of the emphatic opinion that such enactment "would be nothing less than a hardship." He inquired further what the probable cost of these classes would be to the city.

**Estimated Costs.**  
The provincial officer was unable, he replied, to state definitely without details of the local situation, but estimated three additional pupils for each community with a population of 10,000. Trustee Smith, chairman of the board, remarked that this item alone would be approximately \$7,000.

Trustee Campbell was anxious to know just what course was open for the board to pursue should any parent find it a financial impossibility to keep children at school, even during part time classes, especially in view of the possible development, as suggested by Principal Beal, that employers would refuse to hire children for irregular periods during the day.

"I want to say," asserted Trustee Campbell, "that the public will not blame the local board for this additional expense."

The Toronto inspector was of the opinion, however, that the ratepayers now recognized that money expended for education was an investment and not spent in charity.

Trustee Mrs. Hunt retorted to the effect that Major Cowell did not live in London.

Supporting his contention the latter referred to Russia as an example of scant educational facilities.

**Blames Department.**  
"Hardly a fair comparison," interjected Trustee Campbell. "In any event we in this city have been spending excessively in past years, and it has not been altogether the fault of the local boards. It has been that of the department in Toronto, and some day they will hear from us. I am pleased that we have opportunities like this occasionally, when we can call our attention to the attention of our department heads."

Trustee J. B. Wright, chairman of the advisory vocational committee, expressed his opinion that the greater bulk of the citizens were satisfied to pay for education providing that they knew that the money was spent wisely.

Outlining London's requirements to meet the situation in September next, Major Cowell explained that it shall be imperative that a careful school census be taken. A complete enrollment is essential, he declared, and pointed out that the board has authorization to gather this information.

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## GIRLS TAKE PART IN TWO PAGEANTS

Prove Symbolical of Highest Objective of Local Friendly Societies.

**SHOW MISSION IDEALS**  
Members of Guides of St. Paul's and St. John the Evangelist Rendered Solos.

Picturesque, yet with a depth of meaning underlying all their charm, the two pageants, presented Wednesday evening, in Cronyn Hall, by the Girls' Friendly Societies of St. Paul's Cathedral and the church of St. John the Evangelist, were symbolical of the highest aims of the societies.

"The Shining Banner," presented by the girls of St. Paul's Cathedral, was typical of the broad policy of the society, which seeks to embrace girls of every walk in life, making them as one in an ideal life of faith and service. The various roles were taken by the following girls: Edith Yeates, as Christian Faith, in golden robes and with a cross in her hand; Elsie Atkinson, as the Girls' Friendly Society, in blue and silver draperies; Ila Chelwell, flag-draped, and wearing the red, white and silver robes of The Motherland; Peggy Ellis, as Holy Motherhood; Peggy Lyne-Evans, in riding togs, as Adventure; Florence Bremner, as Purity, and also as V.A.D. in uniform; Thora Webb, in robes of grey and silver; Vera Mahler, as Love; Queenie Nigh, as Friendship; Olive Wright, as Bulliness, and Hilda Elliot, Dorothy Billings, Bertha Bryant, May Cook and Ethel Yeates in the roles of business and factory girls.

Prefacing "The Shining Banner," the girls of the church of St. John the Evangelist presented "A Friendly Vision," which gave in a smart fashion the ideals of mission service, which are before the society. In "The Friendly Vision," Kathleen Beal played the Pilgrim; Doris Johnston, nurse; Edith Gibberd, Lovely Girl, and Barbara Gibberd, the G.F.S. candidate; Helen Johnston, the Missionary, and seven smaller girls the seven missions fields of the church.

Rita Wilmut introduced the play with a short prelude, and during intermissions songs were given by the girl guides of both churches. Introducing the latter play, Helen Dickinson rendered the "Candidate's Song."

In conclusion Rev. A. L. G. Clarke of St. John's church, gave a short address on the work of the Girls' Friendly Societies.

**NOTED LECTURER  
TO VISIT LONDON**

Victor M. Hahibaksh, B.A., Oxon, associate national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in India, and renowned "Chautauqua" lecturer, will speak to the Y. M. C. A. members at their supper on Monday, March 27. Mr. Hahibaksh will arrive in the city on Friday, March 24. He will go directly to St. Thomas and return on Saturday evening.

His London engagements are: Sunday, March 26, 11 a.m., St. Paul's Cathedral; 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Monday, March 27—12:30 p.m., Rotary Club; 6:30 p.m., Y. M. C. A. members' supper.

**HUMANE SOCIETY  
FUND GROWS**

Deep appreciation is felt by the London Humane Society for the following contributions received in the campaign for funds to provide a car in order that the humane work of the society may be carried on more effectively: Mrs. Corbin, \$10; Mr. Clark, \$25; Mr. Glass, \$1; Mrs. Gove, \$5; "Daunt Deever," \$5; Mrs. E. N. King, \$50; Mrs. Davidson, \$5; In Memoriam, \$75; "Mac" Perrin, \$25; Mrs. Charles, \$1; "Kim" McEneaney, \$10; Mrs. Bullen, \$5; Miss Hopkins, \$1; W. E. Robinson, \$25, and L. H. and M. A. Martyn, \$25.

**MANUFACTURER TO OPEN  
NEW PLANT IN LONDON**

Will Produce