USE PETITIONS TO GET "VOTES FOR WOMEN"

Equal Suffrage Leaders Take Cue From "Committee of 100."

BIG CAMPAIGN STARTS

Franchise Association Has Prepared for Provincial Canvass.

ASKING MEN TO SIGN

Special Petition for "Mere Men" Included in Fight for Ballot.

During the time that the Governments of Western Canadian provinces have been leading the way in the Dominion in passing measures granting the privileges of the franchise to women citizens, not even a squeak which might be interpreted "votes for women" has been heard in "good old conservative Ontario.

But this doesn't mean that the women of Ontario, who in the past have been actively identified with the suffrage movement, have been sleeping. They have been simply biding their time and giving their wholehearted attention to the pressing business of each day as it came.

In the meantime, they have been doing some planning, with the result that they have a full-grown campaign ready to launch on a public taken practically unawares.

Plan Dual Petitions.

Perhaps it is that they have been encouraged by the success of the "monster" petition presented by the Commitee of One Hundred to the Legislature last winter, and the resultant success in the banishing of the bar. In any case, the Ontario Equal Franchise Association proposes to present a monster petition, two petitions, in fact, one signed by men and one by women, to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session, asking that the Legislature during that session introduce and pass into law a bill granting the full franchise to women upon the same terms as those upon which it is granted to men.

Petitions were drafted at a meeting of the campaign committee of the Ontario Equal Franchise Society in Toronto on July 12, and submitted at a meeting of the executive of the society held in Toronto the end of last week, and attended by representatives from all sections of Ontario, from Ottawa on the east and the Rainy River district, northwest. Mrs. S. F. Lawrason, of this city, as treasurer of the provincial association, was present from London.

Copies of the petitions are to be sent out to Women's Institutes, church societies, womens' organizations of every description, indeed, throughout the province for circulation.

Copies of the petition are being mailed from the headquarters of the Ontario campaign committee.

The Style of Petition.

All signed petitions must be back at the headquarters by January 31, 1917, and may be signed by anyone over 21 years of age. The petition to be signed by women reads as follows:

"We whose names are hereto subscribed, being British subjects of the full age of 21 years, and having lived in the Province of Ontario one year, or who will have so lived by December 1, 1916, and would be by the 1st of December, 1916, entitled to vote at the provincial elections, but for the fact that we are women, hereby humbly pray your honorable body that it will at the next session of the Ontario Legislature introduce and pass into law a bill granting the full franchise to women upon the same terms as those upon which it is granted to men.

"And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray."

Beneath is a space for the name, address and occupation of the petitioner and date.

The text of the petition to be signed by men has an important alteration:

"We whose names are hereto subscribed, being British subjects of the full age of 21 years and having lived in the Province of Ontario one year, or will have so lived by December 1, 1916, and would be by December 1, 1916, entitled to vote at the provincial election. . . ."

Mrs. A. O. Ormsby, "Ormscliffe," Mimico, is president of the Ontario Equal Franchise Association.

Here is the reason for the apparent apathy during the past two years of suffrage workers and others in sympathy with the movement in Ontario, and also one of the important motives underlying the campaign which is being launched:

On the outbreak of war, the women, even as their sisters of western provinces, turned their attention heart and soul to the patriotic responsibilities lying before them, the knitting of socks, caps and scarves, the rolling of bandages and the providing of all manner of necessities for the soldiers, sick and well and in prison.

But the time has come when the earnestly patriotic women feel that there is a further demand upon their patriotism. They have given their husbands, brothers, sweethearts and sons to fight the battles of empire and liberty. They have given of their time and strength in supplying the needs of these men. They have given of their means, for the support of Red Cross, relief and patriotic work of various natures, the hundred and one calls of wartime.

Claim Equal Rights With Slackers.

They are taking the places formerly occupied by men in the business, industrial and professional world, that business may be kept as usual at home while the men fight for the protection of the homes. The women have kept the hearth fires buring.

A large percentage of British-born and Canadian-born voters from Ontario have gone overseas. What the patriotic Ontario women are about to ask is that they may share the privileges of the ballot with the non-British or non-Canadian-born men remaining at home, who by virtue of being men and possessed of certain other qualifications, hold in their hands the potent weapon of the ballot.

TEMPERANCE IN BRUCE.

PAISLEY, Sept. 4.—Yesterday was temperance field day in Bruce County. An eloquent address was given by F. S. Spence, Toronto, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, in the town hall in the afternoon to a fair-sized audience. The speaker based his address on the Magna Charter of the British Empire, its civil and religious liberty, reviewing the success of the temperance movement since its organization in 1852. He classed kaiserism and the liquor traffic as twin saplings of the same root, both soon to be up-rooted. H. B. Putriam presided. Solos were rendered by Mr. Morris of Toronto.

CITY BREVITIES

EXAMS. SEPT. 19.—The Western University supplemental examinations will begin on September 19, and following them, the university will open for the fall term on Wednesday, September 27.

ROAD AGREEMENT READY.—The agreement between the city of London and the Township of London relative to the upkeep of joint roads is ready, and City Solicitor Meredith will be asked to see that it is consummated at once.

IMPORTANT MEETING.—An important meeting of the east end auxiliary of the London branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 7. All members are urgently requested to attend.

VISITING HERE.—A. C. Moffatt, a London Old Boy, who has resided for some time at Dayton, Ohio, is visiting friends in the city for a few days. He is employed by Warren Bros. Paving Company, and at present has charge of the erection of three of the larger type of concrete bridges at Dayton.

BIG WINNERS.—Adams Bros., this city, were big winners in the Partridge Wyandotte classes at the Toronto Exhibition. They were awarded second and third on cock birds, first and second on hens, first, second and third on pullets, and first, third and fourth on cockerels.

RESUMING MEETINGS.—The London Red Cross Auxiliary will resume afternoon meetings for sewing on Wednesday afternoon, September 6 and thereafter each Wednesday from 2:30 to 5 o'clock during the fall and winter. During the summer the auxiliary has kept up its work, meeting in the evenings instead of the afternoons on account of the hot weather.

CALL TO MEMBERS.—A meeting of the executive of the Women's Emergency Corps has been called for 10:30 o'clock, sharp, on Thursday morning. The president, Mrs. Gordon Wright will be in the chair, and all members are urged to be present at this first meeting after the holiday season owing to the fact that important plans are to be made for the autumn's work.

WINNIPEG AUDITOR COMMITTEE CHOICE FOR VACANCY HERE

W. R. Jex Recommended for City Auditor Today.

BARS PUT UP AGAIN

Last-Minute Decision Eliminates All But Chartered Accountants.

W. R. Jex, of Winnipeg, was recommended by the joint committee composed of the board of control and the finance committee of the city council this morning for the position of city auditor, made vacant by the resignation of Frank G. Jewell. The salary will be the same as that received by Mr. Jewell, approximately $2,000 a year. Three other names, J. W. Lang, Toronto; W. H. Dunlop, Ottawa, and G. H. Playle, Toronto, will be submitted to the council tonight.

This was the result of a lengthy discussion. There were many applicants, and after the session started it was decided not to employ any but a chartered accountant. All other applications were then not considered.

The applicants were: W. R. Jex, Winnipeg; H. T. Jamieson, Toronto; John I. Sutcliffe, Toronto; Rutherford, Williamson & Co., Toronto; Price, Waterhouse & Co., Toronto; A. Blanchard, North Bay; R. F. Spence, Toronto; Gordon D. Campbell & Co., Toronto; J. W. Lang, Toronto; J. D. Day, Toronto; Robertson, Robinson & Co., Toronto; E. S. Cousins, Lakewood, Ohio; Sherman E. Townsend, Toronto; G. H. Playle, Toronto; A. Falls, Chatham; J. F. Vanlene, Toronto; F. H. Kidd, Victoria, B. C., and W. H. Dunlop, Ottawa.

Part Time Applicants.

The majority of these were accounting firms, or men who would devote only a portion of their time to city auditing here. By the process of elimination, it was decided to consider four names—W. R. Jex, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Lang and Mr. Playle.

Ald. H. B. Ashplant suggested that Mr. Jex be appointed. He was a former Londoner, well recommended, and a good man, he claimed.

After a discussion of considerable length, in which the members of the board of control expressed the opinion that a resident of the city should be engaged, the vote was put.

Mayor Breaks Tie.

The finance committee, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Wilson and Ald. Reynolds voted for Mr. Jex. Controllers Gammage, Rose and Moore voted against him. Mayor Stevenson voted with the finance committee, and the appointment was recommended.

It was decided to send the names of Mr. Playle, Mr. Lang and Mr. Dunlop to the council as well, so that there may be a choice.

It is expected that there will be a lively debate at the council on the question. The appointment of Mr. Jex will probably mean that Andrew Dale and Arch Screaton, who have been doing much of the work of city auditing in the past, will be out of positions, and some of the aldermen resent this.

Ald. Ashplant suggested that Frank G. Jewell be made auditor of the London and Port Stanley Railway from the time of its inception, until July 1, 1916. This will cover the fiscal year of the railway. Later another auditor, presumably the auditor appointed by the council, will do the work.

MOUNT BRYDGES W. I.

MOUNT BRYDGES, Sept. 4.—The regular meeting of the Mount Brydges branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. O. Monger, Thursday afternoon, September 7. The district president, Miss Hammett of Newbury, will be present, and give an address. All members are invited to be present and visitors are welcome.

ABSOLUTE PROOF.

[Exchange.]

A captain in the army was called to answer a charge of being intoxicated.

Among those questioned was an Irish orderly, who protested vigorously that the allegation was a slander—that he was sure the captain was perfectly sober.

"Why are you so sure that Capt. Blank was sober that evening?" he was asked. "Did he speak to you upon his return to his quarters?"

"He did, sir."

"What did he say?"

"He tould me to be shure an' call him early in the mornin', sir."

"And did the captain say why he wished to be called early?"

"Yis, sir; he did, sir. He said he was goin' to be Queen o' the May, sir," responded the orderly with commendable gravity.

SUMMER OVER NOW FOR SCHOOL KIDDIES; ONCE MORE START IN AGAIN FOR YEAR'S "GRIND"; RECORD CLASSES ARE REPORTED

Opening Day Enrollments Indicate Another Record-Breaking Year.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL START

Studies There Commenced With First Day—Big Attendance.

A NEW SCHOOL OPENED

Lord Roberts Structure Replaces Old Princess Avenue Building.

The city schools are open again today after the long, warm vacation. No clock or callendar ever brings home so forcibly the truth that "time flies" as the troops of children that chatter along to school on opening day. It was summer only yesterday. Today, no matter what the temperature may be, autumn has been entered upon and faces are set towards winter and a year of work.

It seems no time at all since the closing exercises in June; since the boys and girls scampered out joyfully with the knowledge of weeks upon weeks of long, blissful days of no school, a perfect eternity of holidays. The teachers themselves can scarcely realize that it wasn't just Friday night they walked away, a burden of responsibility rolling off their shoulders and leaving them with a delightful sense of freedom when their backs turned on their classrooms.

There is a difference, nevertheless, that the months have made, a difference in vigor, complexion and zest for work. For the most part, both the big and little people are plumper, rosier, more freckled—if they happen to have that kind of a skin—or tanned if the sun's rays happon to take such effect.

No Regrets Today.

Holidays are joyful, but it isn't human nature to be content always to play. There was no regret for the beginning of classes once more; that is, regret that was in any way evident, on the faces of the groups of boys and girls that wended their way schoolward between 8:15 and 9 o'clock this morning.

The boys shouted to one another, the girls trilled to their friends, and no one seemed able to talk enough to get everything said.

In the lively throngs were a few children who felt that some way life had cheated them. Their holidays had been largely devoted to an encounter with measles, whooping cough, or some kindred evil. They didn't think much of vacation time, and it was a relief to get back with the others, even if tales of holiday jauntings did make them a trifle envious.

Down to Routine.

It is always hard to get down to routine the first few days even for the principals and teachers, unbelievable as this may be to the pupils. By the end of the week, everything will be in smooth running order, and practically all the students in their places. The surprising part to an outsider, who has left schooldays far behind, is the lack of friction, the ease with which everyone slips into his and her own groove and the system with which work is begun.

As far as the public schools are concerned, Inspector C. B. Edwards has been spending many busy days, winding up the educational clock for another year and seeing that the various parts are all properly adjusted and lubricated.

With the exception of one or two unavoidable cases of absence today, all members of the public school teaching staff were back in their old places, or on duty in their new classrooms betimes today. While there are fewer new faces among the teachers than usual, about eight or ten in all, there have been a number of changes of teachers from one school to another, probably about thirty of these.

New School Opened.

The Lord Roberts School, the fine new building to replace the old Princess Avenue School, was open for business for the first time this morning, and consequently, the school children of that district had a very big new interest in life.

According to Inspector Edwards, the formal opening will not take place "until the dust of the Western Fair is allowed to settle." Moreover, temporary seats are being used for the present, and it is not intended to invite the public for a formal opening until the permanent desks are installed and everything completed as far as possible.

Registration Day at Normal School.

Today is registration day at the Normal School and, after registering their names, obtaining information and getting their bearings, the students are free until Wednesday morning when the regular classes will open at 9 o'clock. It is believed this term's class will be a large one, though it is not probable all students will be in for a couple of weeks.

Neither Principal Radcliffe nor Vice-Principal Dearness seem to have suffered from the fact that they devoted a large part of the holiday season to the kindergarten-primary summer school which proved a great success.

Record Attendance at Collegiate.

The opening day attendance at the Collegiate Institute was again a record one, and Principal G. F. Rogers expressed the opinion that the numbers of students will at least equal those of last year, when the problem of overcrowding for the first time became a very serious one.

"We will have to make use of the Quebec Street School again in order to look after our work," further stated Mr. Rogers.

All Classes Resumed at Technical School.

The best attendance for opening day in the history of the London Technical School was reported by Principal H. B. Beal, who further stated that all work was being started today. He further announced that it would be advisable for applicants to report for the day classes immediately or it will not be possible to hold their places for them. Registration for the day classes will be kept open all this week, and next, and Principal Beal will be in his office in the school each evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The evening classes will not open till October, and registration for these will take place the last two weeks of September.

ONE MORE TEST

London's Expensive Street Cleaning Apparatus Being Tried.

The new $7,800 motor street flusher, for which great things are claimed, will be tested this afternoon. Preliminary tests have been made, and the machine worked satisfactorily. However, the test will be made more drastic, and the capacity of the flusher will be discovered.

PRIZE-WINNING BABIES OF LABOR DAY.

Advertiser Illustrations.

Some of the cup takers at the big baby show that was one of the features of the Labor Day sports and picnic held at Queen's Park on Monday.

SOLDIER-FATHER RETURNING HOME TO FAMILY HERE

Has Been Discharged From C. E. F. Because of Its Plight.

WERE LEFT MOTHERLESS

Small Children Had To Be Given to Shelter on His Wife's Death.

The military authorities have recently given a practical demonstration of their recognition of a claim upon a man which precedes even the needs of King and country, the claim of a family of helpless, unprotected children. The case to which reference is made is that of Pte. George R. Bridge of the Army Medical Corps, who has received his discharge from the Canadian expeditionary force to return to Canada and look after his seven children, the six younger of whom have been cared for in the Children's Aid Society Shelter since the death of their mother several weeks ago.

Pte. Bridge was overseas when his wife died, leaving the seven disconsolate children.

Kind-hearted friends of influence at once interested themselves in the case, with the result that the machinery was set in motion whereby the release of the father from the army was obtained. Now, he is on his way back and, it is expected, will be in the city before the end of the week.

Previous to enlisting, Mr. Bridge was a bricklayer. He formerly resided on Briscoe street, but more recently on Methuen avenue, where the death of Mrs. Bridge occurred. Those who know him well speak most highly of Mr. Bridge, and deeply sympathize with him in the sadness of his homecoming.

FINAL WELLS REPORT PRESENTED THURSDAY

Additional Water Supply Figures Will Be Available.

Testing at the Macgregor wells continues, and a definite report will be made to the utilities commission on Thursday on their capacity and purity.

A survey is being made on the Kilworth Springs, and an approximation of the quantity of water to be found there will be given.

The reservoir at Springbank is now full, the holidays giving the springs a chance to catch up with the output.

WILL LET IT DIE

Council Sending No Wreaths To Obsequies of Safety Zone.

The city council will allow the "safety zone" idea die a natural death.

The experiment at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets did not produce any results worthy of mention, say officials, so that the scheme will be abandoned.

PLEASED WITH WORK

Toymakers' Association Appreciate London Women's Endeavors.

Mrs. S. F. Lawrason has returned home from Toronto, where she attended on Friday last a meeting of the executive of the Ontario Equal Franchise Association, of which she is treasurer.

While in Toronto, on request of the president and other members of the executive of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. Lawrason interviewed Secretary Beebe of the Canadian Toymakers' Association in regard to the exhibit to be brought to London. Mr. Beebe expressed his appreciation of the interest in the movement being taken by the leading women of Canada through the National Council of Women, and particularly of the stand taken by the London Local Council.

PERSONAL

Doctor and Mrs. Barday have returned from Davenport, Iowa, where they attended the drugless convention, at which 3,600 delegates were present.

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Miss Rhea Patton of this city spent the week-end in Stratford.

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Wm. G. Lumsden of Winnipeg, who is visiting his parents at 413 Horton street, has been admitted to Victoria Hospital to undergo an operation.

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Mrs. G. Blackwell and daughter Flossie have gone on a holiday to Detroit.

DIES IN HOSPITAL.

David B. Lees, formery a resident of Vancouver, B. C., died in Victoria Hospital here on Sunday. He had no relatives in this city. He was 31 years old. The funeral will be held on Wednesday from the undertaking parlors of John Ferguson Sons at 10:30. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Gustavus Munro. Interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

PAISLEY DOCTOR STRICKEN.

PAISLEY, Sept. 4.—Dr. R. B. Grant, a prominent and much esteemed citizen, was stricken on Friday at his residence with a serious illness and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

SAYS HOG BUYERS ARE STILL CHARGING FEE FOR INSPECTION

Mooretown Subscriber Writes Regarding the Abuse.

PROMISE OF GOVERNMENT

Hon. Mr. Hazen Declares That the Cost of Inspection Is Borne by Country.

A letter received by The Advertiser indicates that the hog buyers of the country are not at all respecting the order of the Dominion Department of Agriculture regarding the fee of one-half of one per cent "for inspection."

This abuse, which cost the farmers many thousands of dollars, was criticized in the House of Commons in the spring by A. B. McCoig, M.P. for Kent, with the result that Hon. Mr. Hazen, acting minister of agriculture, promised that it would be corrected.

A Mooretown subscriber writes that the inspection fee is still being charged. A Kent farmer, on the other hand, informs The Advertiser that recently he sold two lots of hogs at Chatham, and was not asked to pay the fee. The Mooretown letter follows:

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Some months ago there were some items in the newspapers about the one-half of one per cent deducted from the price paid to the farmers for their hogs, for inspection. I think a statement on this question would be of interest to a large number of your subscribers. The hog buyer offers, say 11 cents a pound, to the farmer. When settling up after weighing the hogs, he states he has to deduct their inspection fee. If the farmer refused to pay this fee, could he compel the drover to pay the 11 cents per pound, and what proceedings would the farmer have to take to recover the balance? Could you tell us who gets this fee, the drover or the packer? As we understand, the Government pays the inspectors. Is there any way of remedying this? Yours truly,

MOORE SUBSCRIBER.

Mooretown, Sept. 2, 1916.

Issue in Parliament.

The following extract from Hansard of April 17 last, shows how the question was settled by the Dominion authorities:

Mr. McCoig—On the excuse of the inspection they have been extracting this fee, one-half of one per cent.

Mr. Hazen—Who has?

Mr. McCoig—The buyers. They have even put in their advertisements that the reason they have retained that fee was the necessity for inspection. Without the necessary publicity informing the farmers that they do not have to pay for the inspection, the men in the rural districts believe that the Government is collecting its fees for inspection through this channel. I think that should be corrected. It is not for a private member to do it, but for the minister of the department. But if, by means of this representation, they wrong the farmers to the extent of over $100,000, I think that some course could be taken by the department to stop that illegitimate way of dealing with this important industry. If the Government compensates for hogs killed because they have contracted tuberculosis, or other contagious disease, the Government should compensate for hogs condemned at the abattoirs and not take from the men who are producing healthy hogs a fee to make up for the losses caused through hogs of inferior quality.

If one section of the country produces a healthy lot of hogs, why should the packers or the buyers take a portion off the price of every lot that the farmer brings in? If you are going to allow this practice to be carried on by these people, the only fair thing to do is to say to them: We will allow you, as we do under the contagious diseases act, a portion of the loss and settle it in that way. An amount could be put in the estimates to cover such payments, and then the burden would fall equally upon the producers in all parts of the country, and not unfairly on a few.

Mr. Hazen's Promise.

Mr. Hazen, acting minister—The veterinary director-general informs me that the department has caused a statement to be published in the Agricultural Gazette and in the different farmers' publications throughout the country, pointing out that the farmer is not called upon to pay anything for the cost of inspection; that that cost is borne entirely by the country, and that there is no reason why the farmers should contribute anything for that purpose. That statement has been given wide publicity through the publications to which I have referred. He further informs me that certain packers throughout the country used to have a statement on their letterheads to the effect that a certain amount had to be paid to them for the purpose of covering Government inspection, and that they have been compelled to take that statement off their letterheads and cease giving these false statements to the farmers throughout the country. I entirely agree with my honorable friend that every possible publicity should be given to this fact. From what the honorable member for Kent says, the abuse is evidently rather widespread. I will certainly call the attention of the officials of the department to the matter, and if they have not taken all possible steps to make these facts public in the past, I will give instructions that they do so in the future.

The Advertiser suggests to "Moore Subscriber" or to any other farmer required to pay the fee in the future that complaint be made to the department of agriculture at Ottawa.

NILESTOWN S. S. PICNIC.

NILESTOWN, Sept. 4. — The Sunday school picnic was held on the lawn of John Knott yesterday. Sports of various kinds were provided, and a more gleeful bunch of little folk would be hard to imagine.

LABOR DAY PICNIC AT QUEEN'S PARK MOST SUCCESSFUL

Baby Show and Tugs-of-War Splendid Features.

4,000 IN ATTENDANCE

Annual Celebration Was One of the Best Ever Held Here.

The Labor Day picnic and celebration at Queen's Park yesterday, held under the auspices of the members of organized labor of the city, attracted at least 4,000 people to the park, and was admittedly the best and biggest event of its kind seen in years.

Ideal weather conditions contributed a great deal to the success of the celebration, and the program presented included many special features in addition to the numerous events advertised.

Went Smoothly.

The committees who had the management of the picnic in hand are deserving of commendation for the prompt manner in which the program was carried out, and the absolute absence of any confusion during the running off of the various events.

The outstanding features of the afternoon were the tug-of-war contests and the baby show. It would be hard to determine on which the audience was the most enthusiastic, for each received hearty ovations from the crowd in the grandstand.

The Baby Show.

The baby show was divided into a number of classes, and in each case the judges showed exceptional ability and skill in their selections. Mayor Stevenson and Fire Chief Aitken assumed the burden as judges, and discharged their duties in a manner that met with the utmost approval.

The first class in the baby show, the best baby boy under twelve months, brought out forty competitors. After some consideration the first prize, a silver cup, was awarded to James Gordon Smith, the eleven-months'-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of 119 York street.

William Verdun Roulton, the six-weeks'-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roulton, was given second prize.

For the heaviest baby boy, Harold Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson, of 836 Steadwell street, was given a silver cup.

Heaviest Girls.

For the heaviest baby girl Helen G. Monroe, the eleven-months'-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Monroe, of Wilton Grove, carried off the honors, and silver cup, her weight being 31¼ lbs.

For the best baby girl under twelve months Dorothy Hodgins, daughter of Mrs. A. Hodgins, of 325 Hale street, was declared the first prize winner, with Noreen Calley of 88 Dreaney avenue as second.

Only one pair of twins entered for that class, Jack and Lyla Hume, the two-year-old son and daughter of Mrs. A. O. Hume, of 163 Wharncliffe road south. They were each awarded a silver cup.

The prize for the best looking mother with baby under twelve months went to Mrs. Leonard McNichol of 622 Maitland street, mother of Harry McNichol, twelve months old.

The youngest father with baby was James G. Morgan of 189 Hyman street, 22 years old, with baby Helen Catherine, aged five months.

In addition to the baby show events above named, three special events were placed on the program.

Prize War Baby.

For the youngest war baby, the conditions being that the father be either at the front or a returned soldier, the first prize was awarded to the three-weeks'-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie of 21 Bathurst street. The father is Secretary Ritchie of the Returned Soldiers' Association. Second prize in this class went to the six-weeks-old baby of Mrs. Arthur Day of 17 Hume street, Ealing P. O.

The second special, a silver cup presented by Lady Beck, to the best war baby, to be judged from the standpoint of physical condition, age and beauty, was awarded to Frederick, the eight-months'-old son of Mrs. Edward Pritchett of 11 Alexander street.

The father is at the front with the 70th Battalion, and three uncles of this prize-winning baby are also doing their "bit" in France.

A special cup, presented by the lady boot and shoe workers, for the best baby under twelve months, whose father was a union member, was given to Alexander, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Laughton of 17 Becher street.

The Tug-of-War.

The tug-of-war events created a great deal of enthusiasm, and the different teams were cheered at every fresh pull.

An exhibition pull by heavyweight teams selected from the G. T. R. employees and the 160th Battalion was won after a severe struggle by the men from the Bruce Battalion.

This particular event brought out greater applause than any other number of the entire program.

The G. T. R. team was captained by Samuel Karn, and the men on the team were William McCrae, anchorman; J. J. Spring, W. Sproule, E. Schott and R. Finlay.

The 160th team, captained by Sergt. Watts, assisted by Lieut. McKetchine, was composed of Lance-Corp. Anderson, Ptes. McArthur, Nelson, Brown and Deschardines.

The silver cup awarded to the 160th Battalion in this event, was donated by the Returned Soldiers' Association. Each man in addition received a gold locket from the members of the trades and labor council.

A Long Pull.

The first tug-of-war pull between two teams from McClary's was won by the team captained by Floyd McPhail, in the time of three minutes and eight seconds.

With F. McPhail as anchorman were also William Short, Ted Smith, Alex Ntuk and Vicella Lobor. On the second McClary team were Joe Castle, anchorman, John Andrew, Pete Bolarres, Mike Christian and Dick Georghoff.

The winning McClary team pulled next against a lightweight team from the G. T. R., the members of this team being Messrs. Perkins, McDonald, Hill, Rollings, and Collyer.

The G. T. R. team won after a hard, long pull, and were awarded a silver cup.

In the race events, the first, a single ladies' race of 75 yards, was won by Edith Trudell, with Frances Lankin second, and Dorothy Henry third.

The 100 yards single men's race resulted in J. Lightfoot first, W. G. Crandon of St. Marys, second, and H. B. Hughes third.

The fat man's race brought out a pretty contest, which was won by Richard Oatridge with J. M. Rowntree a close second.

Amusing Feature.

The two races that possibly created the most amusement was the boot and shoe race for 50 yards, open to boys in the one class, and girls in the other. In the girls' race Rena Curnoe was first, Winnie Cummings second, and Irene Lee, third.

In the boys' race, James White came first, Earl Cadwallader, second, and Charles Thompson, third.

The reporters' race, for 75 yards, which was run in something under 60 seconds, was won by George Martin, with "Bob" DeHarte a close second.

The married union men's race of 100 yards, went to F. Amesbury of the Boilermakers Union, with G. Summers of the International Machinists, second, and A. Opsey of the International Typographical Union, No. 133, third.

Married Ladies' Race.

The married ladies' race, wives of union men only, brought out a number of entries for this event. Mrs. L. Bastla, was given first prize, Mrs. P. Hall, second, and Mrs. C. Berry, third.

The bicycle race, twice around the track, was won by W. A. Godfrey, with Max Cohen second, and Arthur Jackson, third.

On the platform in front of the grand stand, several dancing contests were presented.

In the Irish jig, in costume, Dorothy Joyce was awarded first prize, and Kenneth Dunlavey second.

Highland Dancing.

In the Highland Fling the prizewinners were Jessie Cooper, first, J. McLean, second, and J. Tyrell, third.

In the sword dance first prize went to Fred Tulett, and second to Lloyd Burton.

The sailors' hornpipe prizes went, first to Isabel Graham, and second to Violet Hunt.

Lilian Ruth Tyrell was awarded a special prize for being the youngest dancer, aged six years.

The Lewis Trio presented a high-class aerial act, introducing some high-class work on the swinging trapeze.

The music of the afternoon was furnished by the Marconi Club band, the First Hussars band, the London Pipe band, and "Susie's" comedy band.

The last event was completed a few minutes to six, and the spectators all expressed themselves highly pleased with the afternoon's program, and many words of praise were heard for the well-regulated manner in which everything was carried out.

SOUTHERN MANITOBA WHEAT IS BADLY DAMAGED BY RUST

London Member of R. N. W. M. P. Reports It So.

Corp. Gordon Simpson of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, formerly of The Advertiser staff, is in the city, owing to the death of his mother recently. His period of enlistment with the Mounted Police will end shortly, and he plans to enlist in one of the overseas battalions and go and do his bit for the Empire.

Corp. Simpson has been on duty recently throughout Southern Manitoba, and declares that much of the wheat crop there has been ruined by black rust which swept into the country from North Dakota. Farmers everywhere, he says, are simply setting fire to their fields of grain and will not harvest any of it. There is no known method of combatting the black rust which spreads quickly and destroys the wheat completely.

From trips through Alberta and Saskatchewan, Corp. Simpson found the grain there in excellent condition and unaffected by the rust.

"People here have no idea of the immense numbers of Americans who are pouring steadily into the West," he said today. "They are coming over in thousands and many are going up into the rich Peace River district north of Edmonton."

OPTIMISM PREVAILING THROUGHOUT WEST, HE SAYS

Utilities Chairman So Reports On Return From Trip.

Philip Pocock, chairman of the utilities committee, has returned from a two weeks' trip to Winnipeg and the west.

"There will be a crop equal to that of 1914 in the west," he stated today. "That is the opinion of financial and railway men there. With the higher prices, the returns will be almost, if not quite as good as in 1915, when there was an enormous yield. I found conditions good and everything satisfactory."

Questioned as to the operation of prohibition in Manitoba, Mr. Pocock stated that the concensus of opinion was that it was a good thing, and was working out most satisfactorily.

LEGAL QUERIES

If a clerk was engaged by the month and received his pay monthly, what notice must he give his employer in leaving?—Lavro. Ans.—One clear month's notice.

NEW FISHERY CRUISER

Gasoline Power Boat For Lake Erie Service.

The Wawana, a gasoline cruiser, which cost $10,000, will soon be put in the fishery patrol service at Port Stanley. It was recently completed at Owen Sound, and is now making the trip to the Erie port. It is believed that it will supplant the Vigilant as the fisheries patrol boat in that section of Lake Erie.

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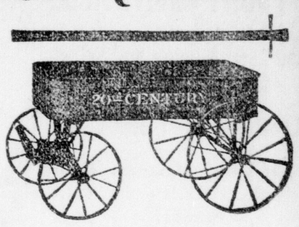

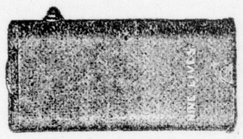

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WILSIE FAMILY REUNION HELD AT SPRINGBANK

Nearly 100 Members Attended Annual Gathering Labor Day.

The annual reunion and picnic of the Wilsie family held yesterday at Springbank was one of the most successful held since the inception of the outing ten years ago. Nearly 100 relatives were present. This is not as great a number as in some former years, but it far surpasses last year's turnout.

There were representatives of the family from Woodstock, Owen Sound, Thedford, Mount Brydges, Belmont and London, with its surrounding district. Luncheon was served in the pavilion, and the afternoon was spent in a social manner. No games or races were held this year.

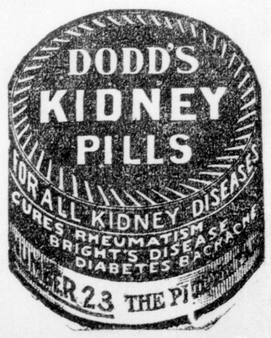
The officers for the coming year were elected. Every member who served last year was returned to office, the slate being composed entirely of women. Mrs. G. M. Wilsie being honorary president; Mrs. A. C. Wilsie, president; Mrs. Eli Smale, vice-president; Miss Pearl Wilsie, secretary. The executive for the year will be Mesdames Levi Wilsie, Howard Scott, Ira Peer, Thomas Glasgow. A vote of thanks was moved to the officers for their work throughout the past year.

It was decided to hold the next annual reunion at Springbank at the same time if possible.

MOVING PICTURE TALK

Mabel Taliaferro, the delightful and gifted screen and stage star, will be seen here in the stellar role of "Her Great Price," a wonderplay in five acts, which will be shown at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday. In this production Miss Taliaferro is seen in a role after her own heart, and like the parts that have made her famous throughout America, England, Ireland and Australia. Anyone who ever saw this fascinating little star in such successful plays as "Polly of the Circus," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Springtime" can never forget her. She has lost none of her charm since coming to motion pictures, and in fact, critics have declared that she has surpassed her best efforts on the speaking stage.

LONDONERS GET IT

Local Firms Get Contracts For Sewage Disposal Castings.

The board of control today decided to award contracts for a number of castings and special work for the sewage disposal plant to local firms. When the question came up some time ago no London firms tendered. It was referred back, and today it was decided to give a portion of the work to the London Foundry Company at $3.10 a hundred, and another portion to the Vulcan Iron Company at $4.85 per hundred pounds. One firm could do one class of work and the other could do the balance. The prices were more favorable than those received from outside firms.