VANDERLIP ADMITS HARDING CHARGE UNFOUNDED

FINANCIER SAYS HE HAS NO FACTS TO BACK CHARGE

Frank A. Vanderlip, Before Senate Committee Admits "Only Talking."

TELLS HIS MOTIVE

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Frank A. Vanderlip told the senate oil committee today that he had no facts whatever to go on when he recently brought the name of President Harding into the oil scandal.

His Ossining speech asking for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the sale of Mr. Harding's Marion Star, he said, was made because he thought it "public duty" to call attention to current rumors so as to stop them.

"I don't even know the price the paper sold for," Vanderlip said. "The current story was $550,000."

He regarded the rumors, he said, as akin to the "whispering campaign" that marked the last month of the Harding campaign in 1920.

"I had full basis for what I said," he continued, "that these were current rumors.

"I had never heard any intimation that the money paid for the Star came from oil interests.

"I thought that my statements would bring us the truth and kill those rumors."

"You thought it your public duty to broadcast rumors which if not true were a reflection on the dead?" asked Senator Lenroot.

"I thought it my patriotic duty to bring out the truth and thus scotch the rumors," was the reply.

"I was a life-long friend of Mr. Harding. I wanted to clear his memory. That was my only purpose."

Questioned about his statement that the committee had not dared to push the questioning of Albert B. Ball, former secretary of the interior, Vanderlip said it was an impression he got from the newspapers.

Obituary

ANNA ISABEL RANAHAN.

The funeral was held this morning of Anna Isabel Ranahan, who died on Tuesday, from her home, 513 Richmond street, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Requiem high mass was sung at 8:30 by Mgr. McEwen, and interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery at 9 o'clock. The pallbearers were Thomas Ranahan, T. H. Ranahan, Harry Ranahan, Stewart Wilson, Alex. Wilson and Glennie Wilson.

EPIDEMIC CASES TRACED TO A MAN FROM THE WEST

Five cases of smallpox, one of which resulted fatally, and all apparently from the same source, have been isolated in the county within the past month.

According to local health officials it has been established that at least four of these cases were contracted from a Saskatchewan man who visited his relatives here recently. He is down with the disease, and two persons with whom he resided recently are similarly afflicted.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

Russians and Japanese clash in a terrific land fight. Three Russian warships have also been sunk by the Japs.

Floral Valentines replaced the old-fashioned cards on St. Valentine's Day yesterday.

A fire alarm system is to be installed in London, it was decided at a meeting of the fire commission last night.

The position of solicitorship of Ontario has been offered to A. Stuart, K.C.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

The Bulgaria and Pavonia, two trans-Atlantic, steamers have been reported missing with hundreds of passengers on board.

Count Tolstoi claims that the refusal of individuals to serve in the army is the best way of obtaining general disarmament. He regards a discussion of the question by a disarmament conference as impossible, because it will be by a hypocritical institution.

During the past few days private skating parties to the Princess Rink have been numerous.

Israel Quick, Thomas Rowe, Samuel Stevely, R. A. Carrothers, Dr. Hugh Stevenson, William Heaman, Alfred Talbot, Neil Cooper, William Skinner, George P. Lilley have all been nominated for the position of aldermen for Ward 3, to take S. J. Southcott's place.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
RHEUMATISM BRIGHT'S DISEASE BACKACHE DIABETES
NUMBER 4087 THE PROPRIETORS

Walked Tracks At Night To Locate Broken Rails

Alexander M. Webster, Veteran Railroader, Recalls Pioneer Work on Railroads.

WORKED 46 YEARS

Met With But One Accident in Many Years of Service.

Forty-six years a railroadman, 60 years a good Canadian, is something to be proud of.

This is the record of Alexander M. Webster, now living in the city. Mr. Webster, who started his railroading life on the old Great Western, made his early headquarters in Ingersoll. When he first joined up he was one of a section gang that got 80 cents a day, and each man had to spend one night in each week walking the road looking for broken rails. He was allowed to have the day following off, however.

After six years of faithful service, he was severely injured while coupling cars with the ancient pin and catch device. He lost his right hand. After that he turned his energies toward another side of railroading, and for 40 years has been station agent at Chatham, Ekfrid, Jarvis, and for fifteen years at Jeannette's Creek.

This was his last post, and when he retired a few weeks ago it was a strange coincidence that the presentation by his friends in appreciation of his services should be made on Jan. 31, 40 years exactly after the accident which caused the loss of his hand. Mr. Webster states proudly, however, that this is the only accident he was ever in, and that in all his 46 years of service the company has never lost a cent through his carelessness.

His father before him put in 45 years strenuous work in the same way, so the attraction of the steel road runs in the family. His large circle of friends in Jeannette's Creek, when he left them, gave Mrs. Webster a beautiful stand lamp and presented the veteran with an address, expressing thier regret at losing him and their thanks for the faithful and willing services he had always rendered them in his office as station agent. A great dinner was held in the town hall, and after the more sedate part of the gathering there was a dance lasting into the small hours of the morning.

Mr. Webster, who is of Scottish descent and whose people hale from Aberdeen, carries his years with ease and vigor. He says he is years young, and looks it. Railroading seems to have agreed with him.

He proposes to go home to see the old place next year, and looks forward with the greatest pleasure to the trip home in one of the new fast ships on the Atlantic. He declares he is going to spend the rest of his time planting trees, growing a garden and raising the best chickens in the countryside, and if youthful and determined assurance will do it, then Mr. Webster, with 46 years on the road and 60 lusty years in old Ontario, will make good his claims.

ALEXANDER M. WEBSTER,
veteran railroad employee, who has retired after 46 years of service.

BADGE COMPETITION AMONG 'Y' BOY GROUPS

Trail Ranger and Tuxis Groups Hold Inter-Group Contests.

In connection with the C. S. E. T. activities being carried on amongst the boys' groups of the city, there is a badge winning competition. This competition started the first of November and will close the 15th of April. It is open to all Trail Rangers and Tuxis Groups. To date 388 badges have been reported as won. There are several groups who have been doing badge work that have not yet reported on their progress.

The standing of the groups and badges won are as follows: Pilots of St. Andrew's, 107; Midgets of First Methodist, 64; Gordons of Dundas Centre, 56; Senecas of Askin Street, 43; Argonauts of Talbot Street, 27; Owels of King Street Presbyterian, 25; Wingfoots of Knox, 18; Beavers of First Methodist, 14; Pointers of Y. M. C. A., 12; Int. Nikators, Dundas Centre, 9; Onwegos of Knox, 7; Junior Swastikas, First Methodist, 3; Sioux of Y. M. C. A., 3.

C.S.E.T. 'KYRO' GROUP HOLDS BIG SING-SONG

Y.M.C.A. Is Center of Boys' Gathering Under Fred Warren.

The Kyro C. S. E. T. groups met in the Y. M. C. A. last night for their weekly supper and group meeting. The Ladies' Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. O. Keene, put on a splendid supper, after which a lively sing-song was held. Fred Clark, grand chief ranger, conducted the opening ceremony, after which the boys adjourned to their Bible study groups.

The attendance last night was the best this season, with only three boys absent. The Sioux group under the leadership of Morley McGregor is accomplishing some fine work with badge tests. Following the group meetings the boys adjourned to the gymnasium for their physical program, followed by a swim. The meeting was conducted by Fred Warren of the Y. M. C. A.

ISSUES WRIT FOR $5,000.

Joseph E. Peers of this city has issued a supreme court writ through G. M. Weekes against Ben Edwards also of this city.

Mr. Peers claims $5,000 damages alleging alienation of his wife's affections by the defendant.

GIRLS LOSE FAITH IN SUPERSTITION

One Avoids Walking Below Ladder, But Slips on Ice.

It never pays to be superstitious. This original adage was more or less justified yesterday when a young high school miss refused to walk under a ladder near the Majestic Theatre on Dundas street.

Five girls were returning to the collegiate at noon. They saw a large ladder extending from the middle of the sidewalk to the third story of a store nearthe theatre. Four of them walked under it rather than move to one side. The fifth, however, looked at her sisters aghast and decided she wouldn't taks such an awful chance. So she walked around.

But in declining to walk under the ladder and thus inviting bad luck this young lady tripped and fell with a severe thump on the icy curb. Her companions who mocked superstition by walking under the ladder, found her badly bruised and helped her up.

Needless to say, the unfortunate girl is not quite as superstitious as she was before the accident.

FRANK HAYWOOD IS DISCHARGED IN COURT

Physicians Who Examined Young Man Declare Nothing Wrong With Him.

Frank Haywood, charged with insanity, was discharged by Magistrate Graydon this morning, after Dr. Wilson and Dr. Robinson had examined him and reported that they could find nothing wrong with him.

Haywood was taken to jail on Feb. 1 and spent a week in jail, appearing on Feb. 8 before the magistrate. He was remanded for another week to be examined by the jail physician.

After strenuous efforts on the part of C. N. R. employees, Haywood was released on Feb. 11, appearing this morning, with the above result.

Employed at the C. N. R., and being a popular football player on their team, it was quite a surprise to hear that he was in jail on a charge of this kind. He is none the worse for his enforced confinement.

"Y" RIFLE INSTRUCTOR WINS COMPETITION

E. E. Murtagh Gets a Perfect Score in International Contest.

The Y. M. C. A. Rifle Club is enjoying the best season they have ever had. The boys meet three times a week with an average attendance of 12. Instructor E. E. Murtagh has just received further honors. He won first place in the International Instructors' Match for 1924. His score was a perfect one of 200, with 35 A's, 4 B's, and 1 C. J. I. Reaney, instructor at the Miami Military Instute at Germantown, Ohio, was second with a score of 35 A's, and 7 B's. Third prize went to Mr. Grant R. Dreidlin of Scranton, Pa., with 29 A's, 9 B's, and 2 C's. Mr. Murtagh is certainly to be congratulated on this fine achievement.

The boys at the Y. M. C. A. are also making a success of shooting this year. Francis Floyd, who won the trophy at Christmas time, has recently organized and started the first church unit in Canada. This unit is organized in the St. James' Anglican Church with Mr. Hessel as instructor.

Mr. Murtagh also has a class of girls who shoot at the Y. M. C. A. ranges and have already made a name for themselves and have defeated several of the boy marksmen.

JUSTICE LENNOX WILL SAY NOTHING REGARDING APPEAL

His Lordship Declines To Be Questioned Regarding the Topping Case.

OSHAWA DESPATCH

Mr. Justice Lennox today declined to make any statement for publication after reading a news despatch from Oshawa, stating that D. A. J. Swanson, counsel for Clarence Topping, was preparing an appeal, claiming errors on the part of Mr. Justice Lennox.

"Naturally, I have nothing to say about it," stated His Lordship, on being interviewed in his chambers by The Advertiser. "I never make a practice of giving interviews to the newspapers."

Asked if he had communicated with the attorney-general's department regarding a further examination of Topping by alienists, His Lordship again replied he had nothing to give out for publication.

Will Appeal Case.
Special to The Advertiser.

Oshawa, Feb. 14.—The case of Clarence Topping, convicted in London of the murder of his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, and sentenced to hang on April 10, will be appealed, D. A. J. Swanson, who conducted the prisoner's defence, announced here tonight. The appeal will be taken on five counts, each claiming errors on the part of the presiding judge, Justice Lennox.

Mr. Swanson, in his statement, will urge that the judge erred in refusing to hear testimony as to the general reputation of the prisoner; that the judge erred when he prejudiced the jury in attacking the evidence of Dr. J. H. Wilson of London, jail physician, who was an important witness for the defence; and that the judge erred when he said that Dr. Gordon Howland, eminent psychiatrist, called by the defence, had increased Topping's mental age without offering an explanation.

That the judge erred in refusing to direct an issue to be tried by the same jury as to Topping's ability to conduct his defence is another claim.

Mr. Swanson further alleges that the judge erred in his presentation of material facts in the case, Mr. Swanson will make formal appeal from the verdict and sentence in a few days, the necessary formalities now being complied with.

F. B. M'CURDY SEEKS HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Former Minister of Public Works Goes to Mexico.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, former minister of public works in the Meighen cabinet, was in the city yesterday on his way to Mexico, where he intends instituting a hunt for his brother-in-law, G. G. S. MacKenzie, who was captured by Mexican bandits recently.

According to information received by Mr. McCurdy, his brother-in-law was taken by Hipolite Villa, a notorious outlaw bandit chief, about two weeks ago. The government has demanded his release.

This week Mr. MacKenzie's sister, Mrs. Sedgewick of Hamilton, received word from Mexico that the release of her brother had been ordered by the leader of the rebellion, whom Villa was supporting. No substantiation of this information, however, was forthcoming, and Mr. McCurdy decided to leave for Mexico to learn of his relative's whereabouts. He stayed a few hours with his sister, Mrs. S. M. Fisher, while in London.

J. H. SAUNDERS HOLDS BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

Happy Gathering of Friends Celebrates Sixty-Seventh Anniversary.

J. H. Saunders' birthday party has become almost a civic event. For about 20 years now, a large number of his old friends have gathered at his home on that occasion to wish him "many happy returns." This week the birthday again came around and it was the 67th, although not a soul would know it from his appearance. The party which gathered at his home on Maitland street numbered about 30 and among them were City Clerk Baker, ex-Alderman Childs, Dr. W. S. Downham, Tom Robson, Clair Jarvis, W. A. Bluethner, former City Engineer Brazier, P. C. Hooper and a host of others.

The big event of the evening was, of course, the presentation. This year it was a handsome leather club bag, much handsomer than the one presented on a similar occasion 17 years ago and which Mr. Saunders has been making use of ever since. During the evening Captain Tom Robson sang an old time song, with W. A. Bluthner acting as accompanist, and after all the good wishes had been spoken and everyone had said as much as he wanted to say, supper was served.

DR. HILL TO SPEAK.

"Public Health in the Old Testament" will be the subject of an address by Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the institute of public health, for the benefit of the Edith Cavell Chapter of the Granduate Nurses' Association on Feb. 25.

LOOK LIKE REAL LIVE ONES.

These life-like looking black Ontario bears comprise a part of the extensive pictorial exhibition which the University of Toronto has forwarded to London to be placed on display in the Canadian section of the British Empire Exhibition. To impress the university on the minds of the thousands of visitors who will be seeing the exhibit, as "Ontario's most valuable asset," is the aim of the publicity effort.

News From City Churches

RIDOUT STREET W. M. S.

The February meeting of the W. M. S. of Ridout Street Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Brown, Wortley road. The chapter of the study book on the Asiatic emmigrant was given by Mrs. Griffin, assisted by Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Cooper and Mrs. T. Barnes. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. S. Scandrett. One of the important features of the afternoon was the making of further arrangements for "The Pill Bottle," a play dealing with the medical missionary, which is to be given on Wednesday, Feb. 27. It is being directed by Mrs. S. J. Martin, with Mrs. C. M. Trace as musical director. Mrs. Albert Horking as "Miss Barbara Lane," the daughter of a medical missionary in India, has the leading role. Others who take important parts are Mrs. John Bickle as "Mrs. Lane," Henry Muma as "Dr. Lane," Stanley Turner as the boy husband, Mrs. Stevenson as the outcast woman, and Mrs. Thiel as the Bible woman. At once a humorous and pathetic scene is the line-in-waiting outside the doctor's office, one of the major features of the play.

I SERVE CLUB.

The I Serve Club staged two merry valentine parties last evening. Tea and an evening of games were arranged for twenty-six children at the Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home by Miss Rose Saunders, Miss Gladys Noyes and Miss Marjory Dawson. At the Rescue Home, Miss Grace Sing was the convener of the committee, which arranged an evening of games and music with refreshments at the conclusion.

HAMILTON ROAD W. M. S.

In honor of the birthday of their hostess, the W. M. S. of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church held their meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chris. Butterworth. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Stannard and Mrs. Alex. Stein. Reports were given from the last meeting of the Presbyterial by Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Cree and Mrs. Bourne. Mrs. Mallough and Miss McNall were appointed representatives to the general committee for arranging the week of prayer. The program included an interesting address on the life of Rev. George McKay by Mrs. Mallough, and a solo by Mrs. Falls, with accompaniment by Mrs. Little. Refreshments were served at the conclusion, and a birthday cake was cut in honor of the occasion.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR.

Members of the St. Paul's Cathedral choir held a valentine party in Cronyn Hall last evening, enjoying themselves hugely with a program of games and music. At the conclusion refreshments were served by the social committee, which included Miss Mildred Granger, Miss Hilda Lambert, Miss Iva Logan, Miss Haynes, Miss Grigg and Messrs. Lambert and Swadling. About fifty were present.

CHALMERS W. M. S.

Members of the Chalmers Church W. M. S. held their regular meeting at the manse yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. F. Nichol, the president, in charge. The most important business of the afternoon was the giving of reports from the recent Presbyterial by Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. J. H. Brown and Mrs. W. T. Weames. The program included a solo by Mrs. Calvert and the reading of the Bible lesson by Mrs. T. R. Waugh. Mrs. A. J. Chapman was placed in charge of the next meeting.

KNOX C. G. I. T.

Forty girls were present at last night's meeting of the C. G. I. T. of Knox Church, when Miss Bertha Smith gave a talk on "How to Keep Fit." Miss McPherson of the South London Collegiate staff, who is in charge of the physical program, commenced her work last evening. It was arranged next week to invite Miss Helen d'Avignaud to tell of camp life at Port Bruce, and to show the pictures illustrating it.

STAR CLASS.

Members of the Star Bible Class of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church staged a delightful valentine party last evening at the Protestant Orphans' Home.

CHALMERS T. R.

The Trail Rangers of Chalmers Church met last evening under the leadership of their pastor, Sidney Pratt. Rev. John Richardson gave them a talk his work in the British Columbia mines.

SENIOR PATHFINDERS.

The Senior Pathfinders of St. Andrew's Church held a valentine party last evening at the home of their president, Miss Agnes McKay, Waterloo street. The evening was spent enjoyably with music and games. Refreshments were served at the conclusion under the direction of Miss Emma Boughner.

CHALMERS Y. P. S.

The early part of the program at last night's meeting of the Young People's Society of Chalmers Presbyterian Church was taken care of by the Mission Band members. They presented some splendid features which included the following: A clever address by Margaret Stanfield, on "If the whole world followed you, would it be better?"; a reading by Beth Duguid, "Aunt Mary's Thanksgiving"; a reading on "The Prodigal Son," by Eva Kelman; a reading, "The Master's Robes," by Florence Tilley; a missionary story by Bessie Black, "A Little Girl's Surprise"; a reading by Marjory Duncan, "The Little Foxes"; and a well-sung chorus by the entire band. Margaret Stanfield presided and the lesson was read by Violet Howard. Beth Duguid acted as pianist. Part two of the program included reports on the St. Thomas rally given by Miss Muriel Findlater and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES' AID.

Featured by a large attendance and happily carried out, the Valentine tea, held by the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon, was a great success. Pretty Valentine decorations and red tulips made a gay scene of the parlors, which were lit with red candles. They were arranged by Miss Margaret Hamilton and her committee. Tea was served by the social committee, of which Mrs. Robert Mercer was the convener, and the Valentine cloth, which covered the center table, traced a pretty pattern of hearts and lacy bouquets. Pouring tea were Mrs. Angus Morrison, Mrs. W. A. Malkin, Mrs. F. W. K. Harris and Mrs. Andrew Robson. The affair combined also a musicale in which numbers were given by Mrs. E. Wyatt, Miss Cullis, Miss Campbell, and the Sunday school orchestra. Each soloist was presented with a quaint lace-bordered bouquet as a favor. Mrs. Robert McDonald, the convener of the ways and means committee, distributed Valentine cards, which are to be used to enlist new members.

ST. ANDREW'S W. M. S.

An innovation by a number of young girls who came to look after the small children while mothers attended the meeting proved a particular success at the regular session of St. Andrew's W. M. S. yesterday afternoon and added greatly to the attendance. There were about 75 ladies present. Mrs. F. W. K. Harris, the president, conducted the business of the afternoon, which included a number of satisfactory reports, and an account of the Presbyterial, given by Mrs. Watson, the delegate from St. Andrew's Church. Miss Cannel conducted the mission study from "The Island Beautiful," and the opening devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Harry Ryan. A pleasant feature was the solo by Mr. Fred W. Barr of Cleveland. Mr. Barr was formerly a member of the choir of St. Andrew's Church.

VALENTINE TEA.

One of the most delightful of Valentine tea parties was that held yesterday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid of Cronyn Memorial Church. Including also a musicale, the affair was very well attended, and the sale of home-made cooking, which took place as well, excellently patronized. Among those who contributed to the program were Mrs. Innes Carling, Miss Alicia Element, Mrs. Owen, Rev. G. Q. Warner and Mr. Bremner. Mrs. Charles White and Mrs. Scarlett were in charge of the tea room, which was prettily decorated with Valentines and spring flowers. Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Thomas Orr poured at the attractive center table. Assisting were the Misses White, Mrs. Beuly, Mrs. Harold Childs and others. Among those in charge of the sale of cooking were Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Skinner.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Church of St. John the Evangelist held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The members were addressed by Mrs. Frank Anderson, president of the Diosesan W. A. Mrs. A. G. L. Clarke presided throughout.

WELLINGTON STREET W. M. S.

The guest of honor and speaker at last night's meeting of the W. M. S. of Wellington Street Methodist Church was Miss Elizabeth Thom, who gave an interesting address on Armenia. In order to accommodate a large attendance the meeting was held in the evening instead of in the afternoon, as was the custom. The result were satisfactory, over 70 being present. Mrs. Joseph Holliday presided during the splendid program, which included in addition to Miss Thom's address a solo by Mrs. L. Curnoe, a reading by Miss Irene Deacon, and a discussion of the study book led by Mrs. G. Kerr. Miss Claire Adams and Miss E. George conducted the opening devotional exercises. Refreshments were served at the conclusion by a committee composed of Mrs. L. Shirley, Mrs. F. Evans, Miss G. Wrigley and Miss L. Oliver.

EMPRESS AVENUE W. M. S.

Mrs. W. G. Young addressed members of the W. M. S. of Empress Avenue Church at their regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Young spoke particularly of the 10 per cent increase in giving, which is being asked in order to erect an assembly hall at the girls' school in Tokio, as a memorial to the late Miss Craig. Mrs. R. M. Berry presided over the session, which included the reading of the Bible lesson by Mrs. Mitcheltree and a solo by Mrs. Miller. Refreshments were served at the conclusion by Mrs. Lamport, Mrs. Knapton, Mrs. Lorking and Mrs. Johnston.

HYATT AVENUE W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Hahn presiding. There was a splendid attendance. Arrangements were made to hold a W. M. S. service on Easter Sunday. The members planned also to raise talent money, and this is to be brought in at a social evening on March 20. Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Petty were appointed to prepare a program for this event.

The program, one of interest, included a reading on China by Mrs. Porter, a duet by Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Merritt, and the reading of the devotional leaflet by Mrs. Mason.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—White terrier, rough hair, pointed ears, one leg off. Please phone 1180. Reward.

HISTORY EXAMS GROWING EASIER, SAYS INSPECTOR

Only Ten Important Dates in Dominion's Past Required For Student's Success.

STRAIN RELIEVED

Entrance classes of the public schools today have a much easier time than those of former years, as far as Canadian history is concerned, according to Inspector G. A. Wheable.

Where in the old day pupils were supposed to know by heart and repeat in every combination possible, according to arithmetical progression, etc., all the dates on which such and such a thing happened, students this year are required to know but 10 definite occasions, landmarks in Canadian history.

Although it is somewhere about 432 years since Christopher Columbus discovered America, those 432 years and their happenings have been condensed into 10 dates, no great strain for anyone to remember. No mention is made of dates concerning the recent world war.

Lucky indeed are the pupils of today with 10 when their fathers and grandfathers, had in the neighborhood of say five or six hundred, because it would seem as though something had happened every day of the four centuries.

The dates that they are now required to know, as set forth by the department and given out by Inspector Wheable are as follows:

Discovery of America, Columbus, 1492.
Arrival of Jacques Cartier, 1534.
Coming of Champlain and the founding of Quebec, 1608.
Capture of Quebec, 1759.
Quebec Act, 1774.
Constitutional Act, 1791.
War of 1812.
Rebellion of Upper and Lower Canada, 1837.
Union of Upper and Lower Canada, 1841.
Confederation, 1867.

O'GRADY APPOINTMENT NOT YET DEFINITE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 15.—It was stated in official quarters this morning that there was no information indicating, as stated in published reports, that James O'Grady was not going to Moscow as British ambassador and that instead he might be appointed foreign secretary. The reports are treated very lightly in these quarters.

Mr. O'Grady, who is Labor member of parliament for the southeast division of Leeds, was said to have accepted the offer of the Moscow post late in January, but no official announcement of his appointment has yet been made.

CHEF IS ORDERED TO KEEP CLEAR OF RESTAURANT

Owner Charges Man Had Interfered in Running of Business.

HAD BOSSED WAITERS

Harry Koestes, charged with disorderly conduct in the New Grill Cafe, was warned to keep away from the restaurant after being dismissed by Police Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon this morning.

Mrs. Susanna Paddock, who laid the charge, claimed Koestes had come into the New Grill, ordered the waiters around, opened the cash register and read her mail. He was formerly chef in the restaurant, but had been discharged when he refused to give customers their meals.

Because he possessed power of attorney for his sister, who was half owner of the cafe, however, Koestes thought he was entitled to take a part in the management. He, therefore, started to order groceries and in various ways interfered with the business.

William Short, a waiter, gave evidence that Koestes had made a nuisance of himself. The latter said he had merely opened his sister's mail.

"Under the terms of the contract made between your sister and Mrs. Paddock, you have no right to enter the New Grill except as a customer," the court said. "Mrs. Paddock has sole charge of the cafe. Your sister owns half of it, but she has no active influence in its operation.

"It doesn't matter whether you hold power of attorney or not, you have no right to enter without Mrs. Paddock's permission."

"But I have to sign checks for her," Koestes said.

"You can sign them some other place," the court told him. "I will dismiss this charge, but you must not interfere with the conduct of the business again."

Mrs. Paddock, on the stand, said she had ordered Koestes out of the building on one occasion. When he declined to move, she said she had evicted him herself out the back door.

ABERDEEN MOTHERS ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Give Successful Valentine Banquet Last Night in the School.

The members of the Aberdeen Mothers' Club marked St. Valentine's Day by giving a concert and banquet in honor of the teachers of the school. This banquet for the teachers has now become an annual event and is usually held during St. Valentine's week. The past presidents of the club took a large share in the program, which followed the banquet, telling of the pioneer work of the club which had made such a splendid gathering as last night's possible. The speakers were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Albert Rumball, Mrs. Will Bartlett and Mrs. H. Winnett, Mrs. Fred Logan having charge of the program.

Principal Claude Brown of the school was another interesting speaker, referring to the splendid co-operation which existed between the mothers and the pupils on account of the existence of the Mothers' Club, and compilmenting the members on their splendid relief work in the district.

The banquet was held in the domestic science dining-room downstairs, which had been effectively decorated with streamers of red hearts and birds. Candle-light lent its pretty glow to the tables. At the head table were seated the teachers and their wives and the past presidents of the club, all guests of honor.

Preceding the banquet a brief program was held, including readings by Miss Blossom Byrnes and Miss Viola Leff, a violin and piano duet by Mr. Harris and Miss Thelma Jacques and vocal solos by Bert Wherry, the accompanist being J. Blyton.

OLD BOYS GATHER.

Old boys of Queen's University, Kingston, resident in Western Ontario will gather at the Central Collegiate tonight for their annual reunion banquet. Professor W. T. MacClement, a former teacher at the London Collegiate, and now professor of biology at Queen's, will be the guest of honor and speaker. Approximately 100 graduates are expected to attend

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