JAMES GRAY A LOVER OF SPORT AND A FRIEND TO SUFFERERS

Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home a Tribute to His Big-Heartedness.

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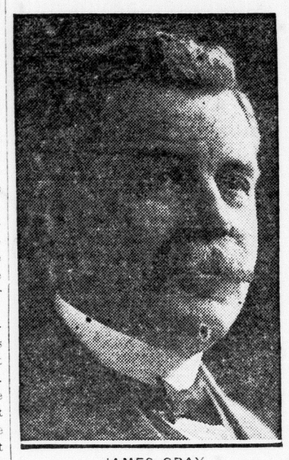

JAMES GRAY.

There is an old proverb to this effect: "A man who has friends must show himself friendly," and James Gray, citizen of London and patriot at large, has secured his friends in the orthodox way.

He has the unique distinction of having held many important offices, participated in civic affairs, received the unstinted gratitude of scores of people without provoking a ripple of envy or arousing a discordant note.

Few people would find it easy to picture the head of Gray's, Limited, as anything but a successful merchant, yet he began like the ordinary run of boys. Although Toronto gave him a birthplace he has been identified with the Forest City most of his life, from the time when he played in the vicinity of what is now the Ryerson school. Authorities state his father was a Scot and his mother of Irish extraction. From the former he inherited the soldier strain and perhaps the Reformer convictions in matters political. His intimate friends find a vein of wholesome humor which may be credited to the maternal side. Heredity and environment combined to foster a love of country and the practical insight to realize his aims. The boys who are disinclined to begin as messengers might find food for thought in the biography of successful men, and there are several people who can recall the parcel carrier and clerk of earlier years, who has risen in the business world to a place of assurance among his fellow merchants.

Has Headed Chamber.

He is a successful man of business and also a public-minded citizen. The chamber of commerce, having for its object the furtherance of London's interests, elected him to its presidency, and he is still on the board of directors of that body. He has refrained from seeking most of those civic and political offices which command publicity and has been most active in an unobtrusive way.

The hospital board is made up of five members, of which two are elected by the citizens and two appointed by the Ontario government. Mr. Gray and Col. W. M. Gartshore have given so generously of their time and business ability for the welfare of Victoria hospital that the citizens have re-elected them by acclamation and each has been chairman. A visit to the headquarters of the Salvation Army brings out the information regarding the children's home donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gray in memory of their two sons, Roy and Ronald, who had enlisted and gone overseas. The Ronald-Roy Memorial Home is a tribute to their memory.

The Young Men's Christian association holds a well-deserved place in the confidence of London's citizens, and Mr. Gray has served on its board as president; but, even more pronounced has been his loyalty to his church and congregation. He began as a Sunday school scholar in the class of Mr. Omand and rose by degrees until for 37 years he has been an elder of New St. James' Presbyterian church. It is said that as a boy he met his future wife in the Sunday school of St. Andrew's church; the atmosphere in which the parents found enjoyment is continued in the case of a daughter who became a mistress of the manse. Another lives in Vancouver, while the youngest son is in the father's firm.

Served in Militia.

Mr. Gray, like his father, has taken some interest in military training, and served with the 7th battalion, Canadian militia.

He is a lover of sports for its own sake, and as vice-skip on the bowling and Thistle rink green chooses his associates without regard to political affiliation. He showed his patriotic spirit during the war, but although urged by many influential friends to enter the federal arena, he passed on the privilege to others. Yet he finds time for hours of relaxation and community spirit, and the fact that he has taken the thirty-third degree is evidence of his interest in the A., F. and A. M. He is past president of Rotary club, and the Sons of Scotland also have in him an ardent descendant, and he is a frequent respondent to toasts at get-together meetings. He has been a member of the board of education, and president of the social service council in recent years. Citizens of London know in part what he has done for the municipal, social and religious life of their city, and even strangers have felt the benefit of his altruistic spirit and business courtesy.

OTTAWA VETERANS PROTEST.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A mass meeting of war veterans, held in the city hall here tonight protested against the action of the government in cutting down winter relief of veterans receiving less than a 20 per cent war pension. A petition was prepared which will be presented to his excellency the governor-general tomorrow appealing for the repeal of this action until such time as the government is in a position to provide sheltered employment for such disabled pensioners.

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KNOLLWOOD WILL MARK ANNIVERSARY

Speakers at the Presbyterian Church Event Will Be Mackay and Gilmore.

Knollwood Park Presbyterian church will celebrate its 18th anniversary tomorrow. Rev. F. W. Gilmore, Elmwood avenue church, and Rev. James MacKay, B.D., New St. James' church, and moderator of London Presbyterian presbytery, will be the speakers for the special services during the day. Carlyle Webster, student missionary in charge of the congregation since the resignation of Rev. William Smith to go to Chesley several months ago, will also assist at both services.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell, pastor of New St. James' Presbyterian church started the Knollwood Park church with services in W. W. Gammage's greenhouse in October, 1907, with 16 people in attendance. A committee, consisting of W. T. Brown, George Dickie, Walter Bell and C. R. Somerville, was appointed to purchase a site, and they did so at the corner of Oxford and Quebec streets. A frame building was secured and placed on the property and in December, 1908, the opening services were held with Mr. Mitchell presiding, and Rev. J. G. Inkster, First Presbyterian church, as the preacher, for the day.

George Millar and Alex. Omond from New St. James' church were appointed as superintendents of the Sunday school and continued as such for about two years, when Carlyle Webster, also of New St. James' church, succeeded them and has continued as superintendent practically ever since.

Rev. P. R. Nichol was appointed pastor of the congregation in October, 1909, and the work began to show steady growth. Later the church was united with Chelsea Green church under Mr. Nichol as pastor of both churches.

The present building, a fine red brick edifice, was built in 1918. In November, 1920, William Smith was appointed as a student pastor, continuing until as mentioned previously, his removal to Chesley a short time ago.

The congregation is in splendid working condition, well organized and under capable leaders, and is looking forward to increasing success in a growing community.

The present session at Knollwood park church includes Rev. M. F. Cree, B.A., Hamilton road church; Walter Benford, John Murray, E. Davis and G. C. Webster. The Sunday school has grown from 16 to 200 members. The women's association is doing a fine work under Mrs. James Balch as president. The missionary committees, although just recently formed, are growing rapidly under the following leaders: Miss C. McNaughton, president of the W. M. S.; Miss Bertha Robb, president of the Webster mission circle; Mrs. Haire, president of the Willing Workers' mission band, with an attendance of between 50 and 60 boys and girls. James Philip is president of a very fine young people's society, with a membership of about 40 young people.

An old-fashioned anniversary supper will be held in the basement of the church on Monday evening, following the special church services tomorrow.

SPECIAL SONG SERVICE IN HONOR OF VISITORS

In honor of Brigadier and Mrs. B. Taylor, who are visiting the London division of the Salvation Army over the week-end, No. 1 band and songsters will present a musical program tonight. Brigadier Taylor is the editor of the War Cry, the national newspaper organ of the Salvation Army, and is one of the most prominent men in army circles.

Tomorrow the usual services will be held, but special features will be introduced, and Brig. Taylor will speak at all the services.

Brig. Taylor was the first man of the Salvation Army in Canada to go overseas, serving as a chaplain in an ambulance corps.

EDUCATION COMMITTEES POSTPONE MEETINGS

Scheduled meetings of committees of the board of education have been postponed from Monday on account of the municipal election, until later in the week.

The regular advisory-vocational committee, which was to have been held on Monday evening, has been postponed until Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

The executive committee of the board will meet on Tuesday, instead of on Monday, on which day, however the advisory-executive committee, Administrator G. A. Wheable, B.A., Principal H. B. Beal and Principal E. A. Miller, M.A., will meet on the first day of the week.

The regular meeting of the board itself will be held on Thursday afternoon.

TRUSTEES FACING MANY PROBLEMS

Most Important Is Perfecting of Machinery For Administration.

In the opinion of Trustee A. R. Cairncross, the most important problem to be faced by the board of education next year is the perfecting of board machinery in connection with the present administrative system, which was evolved as the direct outcome of the survey made by Dr. H. L. Brittain of the citizens' research bureau of Canada nearly two years ago.

Mr. Cairncross, vice-chairman of the board this year and chairman of the Brittain survey committee a year ago, is a candidate for re-election on Monday chiefly, so he informed The Advertiser when interviewed, because he is desirous of being a member of the 1926 board for the second half of the two-year trial term, granted by Premier G. H. Ferguson, minister of education, for the new system.

"The new collegiate institute in East London is under way," observed Mr. Cairncross, discussing the more immediate issues, "and, while I was not in favor of the east unit, now that the board has decided that it should be built I am anxious that it be completed as soon as possible, and am giving every attention to its construction, so that when finished it will be a real memorial to the late Sir Adam Beck and a credit to East London. I opposed the east unit and supported the building of wings to the central collegiate, and a new collegiate unit in South London in two years' time, solely in the interests of economy and efficiency, as I saw then in considering the question of secondary school education in the whole city.

Rectory Saved.

"It might be pointed out," remarked Mr. Cairncross, "that, while the board did not see fit to adopt my plan, the delay required to consider that plan resulted in the saving of the Rectory street public school, to which there was such strong objection, and in the securing, finally, of the site upon which the school is now being built, at the corner of Dundas street and Highbury avenue.

"Regarding the request of the London Trades and Labor council to have the members of the board declare themselves on the fair wage clause," said the vice-chairman, "I have written the labor council that I will vote to have the clause inserted in all future building contracts while I am a member of the board, but that it is a matter for the whole board to decide whether or not such a clause shall become the policy of the board for all time to come.

"I can say definitely that I do not favor compulsory vaccination or inoculation of school pupils, though as regards the proposed diphtheria toxoid, there is no effort being made to make the inoculation compulsory. I believe in vaccination, but I do not know enough about this diphtheria toxoid to judge of its merits as such. At the same time, if convinced that the toxoid is a good thing, I see no objection to the school board supporting the board of health, since the inoculations will only be given where the desire for such action is expressed in writing by the parents of the child.

"I voted against putting the necessary equipment in the new east collegiate for manual training and household science because I believed that we had made sufficient capital expenditure in that connection. But I voted to retain those two departments in the collegiate institute because we have the necessary equipment in the central unit, and because the students of the other two units take the courses at nearby public school centers, which already have the equipment required for that particular class of work. In other words, the board has approximately $50,000 invested in equipment for three courses in the schools, and I believe that we should make full use of the equipment that we have. Furthermore, should the board decide to eliminate manual training and household science from the collegiate, then I would strongly support the backing up of the work one year in the public schools, where instruction is given now in the two courses to only the two highest grades, because I feel that three years instruction should be given the boys and girls in these two departments.

Benefit From Brittain.

"Despite the fact that Dr. Brittain's recommendation was for a board of six members, together with one separate school representative, and we have not reduced the board from the original number of twelve members and two separate school representatives," asserted Mr. Cairncross, returning to the subject of administration, "the board has derived great benefit from the modified Brittain plan, as it has been in effect during the past year. Some further modifications may be necessary during the coming year as a compromise because of this fact, but in any event the board will be able to retain all the very best features of the system.

"Accounts this year have been paid promptly upon receipt of the invoice of the goods purchased, and thus the board has derived the benefit of better prices and of the cash discounts allowed. The board has thus not only satisfied the business men dealing with the board, but at the same time has saved a very considerable amount of money on its own behalf, since the cumbersome machinery in previous years often times consumed six or eight weeks before an account was paid.

"The centralization of administration under one head in the main offices has proved of great benefit. Formerly the secretary, the purchasing agent, the architect, the superintendent of works, the attendance officer and the public school inspectors ran their own offices, but now with an administrator the offices all come under the direction of one individual. The bringing together of the heads of the public schools, collegiate institute and technical and commercial high school in the advisory executive committee has brought about harmony and the placing of matters before the board from an executive standpoint, and not in the former manner of each department head pressing only for his individual department, and at the same time business has been expedited by placing more responsibility upon the officials and executive heads."

JOHN PHILLIPS.

DAVID BROOKS.

C.N.R. SHOP MEN SERVE 91 YEARS

John Philips and David Brooks Are Long-Time Employees of Road.

John H. Philips, 504 Quebec street, after completing 46 years of continuous employment with the C. N. R. shops here, has been pensioned. The record of Mr. Philips is a remarkable one and one of which he is justly proud. Starting his career with the old Great Western Railway in the machine shop, where the car shops now stand, he witnessed many changes in the railway.

He recalls distinctly the spectacular fire that demolished the car shops in 1895, where all the workers had to be transferred from London to neighboring shops until the plant was rebuilt. Mr. Philips was sent to Brantford and spent considerable time on the road between London and Toronto.

In 1897 he was sent back to London to inspect the foundation of the splendid new shops that were just completed and to supervise the installation of the machinery in the plant. He was later made foreman of the iron machine shop and held this position till last month, when he was superannuated.

Mr. Philips has witnessed the change from a wood burning engine to the big oil-burning locomotives that now are so prevalent.

Next July he will celebrate his 71st birthday, but by all appearances one would think him to be much younger. He was entitled to be pensioned five years ago, but on the request of the officials he continued to work, and retired last month on his own accord.

Born in England, where he learned the machinist trade, he came to Canada when a young man and settled in London. He served with many firms before accepting a position with the railway, and was employed by the Stevenson machine shop, Ontario car shops and Leonard & Son.

45 Years of Service.

Another old car shops employee is David Brooks, 953 Hackett street, who has already spent 45 years of service in the railway and expects to see many more. He also started his railway work with the Great Western in 1880, and witnessed the fire that swept the shops. In speaking of the fire, he said it was the biggest he had ever seen. He was sent to Hamilton but returned to help construct the new buildings. Mr. Brooks started to work at the small wage of eleven cents an hour in the wood machine shop, and has been in this department ever since. He recalled some of the old superintendents, starting his career under Harry Childs and serving under John Kerr, Sam King, Mr. Clark and Mr. Hyman.

"There have been many changes in my time," said Mr. Brooks, "but the greatest change, in my estimation, is the change from steam engines to the hydro. The machinery in the shops is much improved and there is far more iron used than there used to be."

Mr. Brooks is 67 years of age, but is still hale and hearty and will likely see considerable more service yet. He was also born in England, and on coming to this country he started to farm in Westminster, but later moved to London and was employed by the railroad.

Two other old employees of the car shops are Samuel Dunlop, 872 Sedwell street, who has 40 years of service, and John Hagger, 208 Rectory street, who completed 34 years with the railway.

MURRAY BROOKS OF CEYLON IS WEEK-END GUEST AT "Y"

Mr. Murray Brooks, M.A., world traveller and the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Colombo, Ceylon, will be in London over the week-end and a guest at the local Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Brooks will arrive late this afternoon and will tonight address the local foreign committee of the association of this city, the committee includes, Messrs. E. Ivеid, W. C. Benson, L. ate, M. Dale, B. Swyze, J. D. Omond, G. Bere, E. Cadwallader, Henderson, L. Gray.

Tomorrow Mr. Brooks will speak at the Colborne street United church at the morning service and at St. Andrew's church in the evening.

Mr. Murray will illustrate the work being done overseas by the Y. M. C. A. when he addresses the foreign committee this evening.

Frenzied Turkey Escapes Through Window of Garage

Fine, Plump Bird Leads Citizens of North London Merry Chase When It Escapes From Owner, Who Won It in a Raffle.

The frenzied cackling of a running, flying turkey and the hoarse shouts of excited pursuers aroused North London residents this morning as the irate bird led a merry chase in and about the neighborhood. It evaded capture and is now roaming about the city.

It was a fine plump creature, won in a turkey raffle last night. This morning, when its admiring owner cut the cord which bound its feet, the bird clucked joyfully and with surprising agility perched itself upon the top of a closed automobile, almost out of reach.

Seeing that freedom was within its reach, only the pane of a garage window obstructing its flight to the open air, the bird flapped vigorously and head-first bucked the window, smashing it and alighting in the open.

Then the chase started. Its owner led the race, dressed only in his shirt sleeves. Running along Huron street, he called upon spectators to help him lay hands on the elusive bird, which by this time, realizing the strength of its wings had soared into the air. With a parting cackle it flew over a house-top and was lost to view.

British Mails

The next mails for Great Britain and Europe will close as follows:

Monday, Dec. 7, at 10 p.m.—Business correspondence for London and correspondence specially addressed for the New York route to connect with S. S. Berengaria, from New York, Dec. 9.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m.—Full mail for Great Britain and countries via Great Britain to connect with S. S. Melita, from St. John, N. B., Dec. 10.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m.—Full mail for Great Britain to connect with S. S. Metagama, from St. John, N. B., on Dec. 11.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.—Full mail for Great Britain and countries Megantic, from Halifax, Dec. 13.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 p.m.—Correspondence specially addressed for the New York route to connect with S. S. George Washington, from New York, Dec. 12.

Friday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m.—Full mail for Great Britain and countries, via Great Britain to connect with S. S. Ascania, from Halifax, N. S., on Dec. 14.

REV. B. H. ROBINSON SPEKS AT UNITED ASSOCIATION

Rev. B. H. Robinson, M.A., assistant pastor of Metropolitan church, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the London United church ministerial association on Monday afternoon at the Metropolitan church hall. Mr. Robinson's subject will be "Holy Days in Ecclesiastical History."

A short paper will also be given by Rev. Wm. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., First church, president of the association, on the subject of "The Value of the Cradle Roll to a Church."

It is expected that reports will be tabled at the meeting from the special committees appointed to look into the questions of books being sold in London and of the class of burlesque entertainment being provided. Some report may be given also of a conference of the ministerial and laymen's committee regarding a plan of newspaper advertising for the United churches of the city.

BRICK COMPANY SUES.

The Milton Pressed Brick company, Limited, of Milton, Ontario, have issued a writ in county court against G. S. Pettet of the city. Plaintiffs are claiming $265.75 for goods sold and delivered to Mr. Pettet. Gibbons, Harper & Braden are appearing for the plaintiff company.

CANDIDATE RECITES POEM ON HORATIUS

Lines Spoken by John A. Croden Create Sensation at Masonic Temple.

If the recent municipal election meetings accomplished no other purpose, they have made notable contributions to the joy of nations.

Consider, for example, the following classic by John A. Croden, aldermanic candidate, recited from the stage of the Masonic Temple at last night's meeting. Spoken in his best dramatic style, the lines created something of a sensation.

HORATIUS AT THE BRIDGE.

The council's brow was sad,
And the council's speech was slow,
And darkly looked they at the bridge
That soon was doomed to go.

The vote will be upon us
Before the bridge goes down.
Unless the bylaw carries,
What hope to save the town?

Then out spoke brave Horatius,
The captain of the gate (No. 2),
"To every man upon his earth
Death cometh soon or late

"And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his country
And the honor of his gods?

"O Thames, dear Father Thames,
To whom Londoners pray,
A Londoner's arms, a Londoner's life,
Take thou in charge this day."

Then brave Horatius blocked the bridge
With auto stretched across;
Himself stopped man and beast and car,
And paid three dollars cost.

FARMERS FIND ROADS IN BOGGY CONDITION

Cars Stuck in Mud With Produce on Way to London Market.

As a result of county and township roads freezing and thawing no less than three times this fall, road conditions are worse right now than they were at any time last spring, in the opinion of farmers on the local market today.

They report car after car being stuck in the mud, one man stating that he was forced to leave half his load in a neighbor's barn. Several farmers declared they had got stuck with loads of produce in their own lanes, while others stated they had to abandon their motor trucks and depend on faithful Dobbin to get them to market.

County Engineer Talbot stated that road conditions were bad over Western Ontario.

"The roads have been frozen and thawed out three times this fall," said the engineer. "They expanded with the frost, forming a crust and then this crust was cut to pieces when the thaw came. It is bad enough when this happens once, but three times in three months is too much for the majority of township roads that have but a light coating of gravel."

"In the sugar beet districts where heavy loads have been carried for the past eight weeks, untold damage has been caused the roads."

"Would the same law, in force during March and April regarding the overloading of trucks and wagons, cover the present situation?" the county engineer was asked.

"The county council has the power to pass a bylaw governing the load of trucks during November and December," said Mr. Talbot, "but Middlesex has not passed such a bylaw as yet. Some action may be taken at the session of the county council next week. During March and April there is a fine for any person who loads a truck or wagon to more than half its capacity. If that bylaw was in effect for November and December, it would save the county and the townships thousands of dollars."

TURKEY PLANS TO ADOPT CHRISTIAN ERA, CALENDAR

Associated Press Despatch.

Angora, Turkey, Dec. 5.—Following the lead of Rumania, Bulgaria, and other Balkan countries, Turkey probably will soon adopt the Christian era and the Gregorian calendar as mediums for measuring time. A special parliamentary commission has made a study of the Gregorian calendar with a view to fitting it to Turkish history and current events, and has unanimously recommended its adoption to the national assembly.

RUSSIA MAY HELP IN DISARMAMENT

Soviet Movement Will Be Asked To Aid in Peace Work.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Dec. 4.—Both the United States and Russia will be invited to participate in the preparatory work for the proposed conference to bring about world disarmament, if the council of the League of Nations approves measures agreed upon today by the council No. 2, especially appointed by the league to treat with disarmament problems.

Although no official announcement concerning the measure was made, the president was informed tonight that the members of the disarmament council agreed that no international conference to reduce armament burdens could hope to succeed without the collaboration of both the United States and Russia.

The necessity of having the co-operation of Russia in disarmament moves became evident at the conference for the control of traffic in arms when the countries bordering on Russia withheld final approval of the convention until such time as Russia would adhere to the document.

SECOND SON OF AL SMITH MARRIED YEAR IN SECRET

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 5.—Arthur Smith, 18, son of Governor Al Smith, secretly married Miss Ann Hess, 19, of Albany, a year ago, it was learned last night. His father did not learn of the romance until the young wife became a mother a few days ago.

In eloping, Arthur followed the example of his elder brother, Alfred E. Smith, Jun., who, on Oct. 15, 1924, when he was 23 years old, secretly married Miss Bertha Gott of Syracuse, N. Y. Details of the marriage of Arthur, who is the governor's second son, could not be learned.

NOTED AUTHOR DIES.

Associated Press Despatch.

Warsaw, Poland, Dec. 5.—Wladislaw Stanislaw Reymont, Polish novelist and poet and last year's winner of the Nobel prize for literature, died today after a long illness.

FIGHT OVER RUM LOOMING IN U. S.

Congress on Eve of Battle With Volstead Act Center of Attack.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The conflict that has enveloped prohibtion enforcement ever since its inception and has gained new momentum in the last few days, tonight was headed towards its original battleground—the floors of congress.

With the opening of congress only a few days away, both "wets' and "drys" are forming their lines for attack and defence. Recent developments indicate that, while some breaches exist in the ranks of the prohibitionists, the wets are counting on strong support.

Among various proposals to be presented to congress, outright repeal of the Volstead act will be sought by Representative Dyer of Missouri, ranking Republican of the house judiciary committee and one of the wet leaders, who heretofore had contended merely for modification of the law.

The prohibition problem, which was taken to the White House, was carried across seas today with a direct appeal to Pope Pius XI. for moral support of "civil authority" in this county. It was made by the United States committee for prohibition enforcement, including a number of Catholic and Protestant reform agencies, which delivered the complaint yesterday to President Coolidge.

PLAN FOR MONEY INFLATION BECOMES LAW IN FRANCE

Senate Adopts Bill Affecting Currency and Approves New Taxes.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The senate late tonight adopted the government's measure calling for financial inflation and increased taxation, 205 votes to 26. As the senate made no modifications in the bill as adopted by the chamber yesterday, it now becomes law.

The fourth clause of the measure providing for inflation of the currency to the amount of 7,500,000 francs, was passed by a vote of 196 to 59. The voting came after a featureless debate.

COUNCIL MINUTES SHOW WENIGE CAST DECIDING VOTE ON $1200 EXPENSES

Statement of Mayor That He Voted Against Proposal Nailed by Official Records—Opposed Submitting Itemized Legitimate Statement of Expenses.

The statement made by Mayor Wenige at the Masonic Temple last night to the effect that he had voted against the increase of $1,200 for the expenses of the mayor's office last year, is proven to be somewhat aside from the facts by the official records of the council proceedings for 1924. The mayor is recorded as having been one of the seven members of the council who carried the resolution to pay him this additional money for last year. Page 195 of the council minutes carries the following motion:

"Alderman Drake, seconded by Alderman Smith, moves that the mayor's expense of office account be increased from $1,800 to $3,000, to date from Jan. 1, 1924.

"The motion is adopted.

"The council votes as follows on the adoption of the motion, viz.: Yeas—His Worship Mayor Wenige, Aldermen G. B. Drake, N. P. Walsh, E. Smith, A. M. Towe, E. N. Warren and E. A. Shaw. (6).

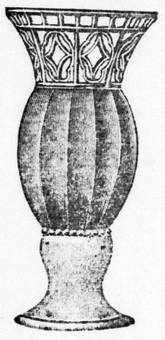
Nays—Aldermen L. H. Douglass J. Anderson, G. F. W. McKay, J. A. Greer, E. Hayden and H. Bottrill. (6).

Thus it will be noted that the council was evenly divided on this question and the mayor cast the deciding vote in favor of himself.

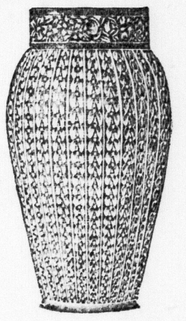
The resolution to which the mayor referred at the meeting last night, and on which he was recorded as voting against, demanded that his worship submit "an itemized legitimate statement of expenses," which statement he evidently did not wish to submit, according to the vote shown in the council minutes.—Advt.

A Cordial Invitation

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity of showing you, the citizens of London and district, the very latest of the new ideas in



Moorcroft, Gouda, Royal Gothenburg, Ouriflame Vase Lamps, Crescent Ivory Dinnerware, Tuscan China and many new novelties which have arrived for next year's trade.



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Trustees Give Figures On Wages Paid In London

Wm. J. Murray, architect and member of the board of education, is so interested in the present discussion in the press and on the street relative to the fair wage clause and the rate of wages to London labor, as compared with other cities in the dominion, that he has taken the trouble to give The Advertiser the following table of figures, gathered from the Contract Record and Engineering Review and from local contractors, giving the rate per hour for the different classes of labor:

Stone masons	$1.00	$1.12	$1.00	$1.25
Stone cutters	1.00	1.00	.75 to .90	1.00
Tile setters	1.00	1.00 to 1.12	.80	1.05 to 1.20
Bricklayers	1.00	1.12	.80 to 1.00	1.25
Plasterers	1.00	1.25	.80 to 1.00	1.07
Plumbers	.80	1.00	.65 to .75	1.00
Carpenters	.75 to .90	.80	.65	.85
Laborers (common)	.50 to .65	.35 to .40	.35	.35
Laborers (skilled)	.65 to .70	.60 to .75	.40	.40 to .50