W. O. DAIRYMEN IN CONVENTION HERE ON JAN. 12

President W. G. Medd of Exeter to Preside—Hon. Manning Doherty to Speak.

The fifty-fourth annual convention o. the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario will be held in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, January 12 and 13, in the Masonic Temple, and will be officially opened by President W. G. Medd of Lobo on Wednesday. The exhibits will be placed in the basement, and at 4:15 o'clock on Wednesday the judging of butter will commence. At 8:15 o'clock in the evening the mayor of the city and President John Bridge of the Chamber of Commerce will give an address of welcome to the visitors. After this Hon. Manning W. Doherty, minister of agriculture for Ontario, will address the convention.

On Thursday the exhibition hall will be opened at 8:30 a.m. and closed an hour later. Lectures and discussion of dairy matters will then follow till 11:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. the sale of the exhibits will take place. Lectures and discussion on the advancement of the dairy industry will continue to 4:30 o'clock, when the convention will be closed.

The following officers were in charge of the association for this year: President, W. G. Medd, Exeter; J. Scott, first vice-president, Woodstock; George Taylor, second vice-president, Guelph; J. N. Allen, third vice-president, Dunnville; Directors—T. Ballantyne, Stratford; R. Myrick, Springford; James Donaldson, Atwood; R. Johnston, Bright; H. Mannell, Woodstock; Geo. Kinney, London. Secretary-Treasurer—Frank Herns, London.

GREATER LONDON SHOWN ON CAUCHON'S GREETING

Wishes Enjoyment of Greater London, Free From Level Crossings.

Noulan Cauchon, of Ottawa, town-planning expert, is sending out as Christmas greeting cards a postcard engraved with a map of London laid out free from level crossings. On the margin of a card addressed to Secretary Gordon Philip of the London Chamber of Commerce, he writes: "Wishing the members of the chamber of commerce the compliments of the season and the happy enjoyment of a greater London free from the juggernaut of level crossings."

MARTIN G. FOLMAR IS ON VISIT TO PARENTS

Local Insurance Man Recovering From Injuries Received in Automobile Accident.

Martin G. Folmar of London, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on the Harwichtown line, near Blenheim, some time ago, was sufficiently recovered to leave a few days ago for the home of his parents in Tory, Ala. Following the accident, Mr. Folmar was a patient at the home of W. J. Holdaway of Blenheim, until he was well enough to travel. He was accompanied to the south by his father and brother, who had come to Ontario on hearing of his accident, and by a nurse, who is still in attendance. A telegram has been received by Mr. Holdaway stating that Mr. Folmar had reached Alabama safely.

EVERY CIVIC EMPLOYEE REMEMBERED BY MAYOR

City Laborers to Number of 500 Each Receive Crisp Dollar Bill.

Every city employee has received some token from Mayor E. S. Little, along with his best wishes for a happy Christmas. Nearly 500 men employed on outside construction work yesterday found a crisp dollar bill in their pay envelopes, along with a Christmas greeting card, and today all the clerks and heads of departments at the city hall received gifts of some kind.

ALMOST CLEAN HEALTH SHEET FOR PAST WEEK

Whoever is responsible for good health in the city has been able to present the citizens with almost a clean sheet for the week preceding Christmas. Only fifteen cases of all kinds of communicable diseases were recorded. Four of these were chickenpox, four diphtheria, one scarlet fever, two smallpox and four whooping cough. Twelve houses were quarantined.

COURT DEFIANCE, C. O. F. ELECTS 1921 OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the last meeting of Court Defiance, No. 7, Canadian Order of Foresters, in Sherwood Hall on Tuesday evening, as follows: Chief Ranger, Geo. W. Stevenson; vice-chief ranger, Arthur Geary; financial secretary, Jos. W. Holliday; recording secretary, Wm. A. Reid; chaplain, Chas. Wyatt; treasurer, Stanley W. Reid; senior woodward, Alex. Allison; junior woodward, David Allison; senior beadle, Arthur Wyatt; junior beadle, F. H. V. Cook; auditors, Wm. H. Broadley and Levi A. Jackson; court physician, S. J. T. Bean, M.D.; finance committee, Wm. H. Broadley, Jos. W. Holliday and Wm. A. Reid; hall trustee, John Peters.

MANY GRANTS VOTED BY I. B. S. THIS CHRISTMAS

A total of $310 in charitable grants was voted this Christmas, and distributed by the Irish Benevolent Society. The following are the amounts donated to various institutions and societies: Protestant Orphans' Home, $50; Mount St. Joseph's Home, $50; Byron Sanatorium, $25; Byron Sanatorium Ladies' Aid, $25; Children's Hospital, $25; House of Providence, $20; St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Peter's Cathedral, $30; St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Mary's Church, $15; St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Michael's Church, $10; Aged People's Home, $15; Victoria Home, $10; Children's Aid, $15; Convalescent Home, $10; St. John Ambulance Corps, $10.

CITIZENS OF WARD 3

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited as

ALDERMAN

if you indorse my principles of unity, service and efficient administration of our business.

Max Lerner

Independent Citizens' Candidate.

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TO LEAD THE LEAFS

LARRY DOYLE, the famous ball-player, who will direct the fortunes of the Toronto team next year.

City Briefs

GIVE EMPLOYEES TURKEYS. — The Parnell Baking Company gave a turkey to each of its employees Thursday afternoon for a Christmas gift.

GIVEN MASONIC RING.—The operating staff of the hydro commission station at the corner of Horton and Ridout streets presented Chief Operator S. J. Dalton with a Masonic ring for a Christmas present.

SUCCESSFUL AT OSGOODE.—The names of the Londoners who were successful in the examinations at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, were announced as follows: W. E. Dyer, J. A. Morrison, J. F. McMillan, F. J. Murphy and H. C. Logan.

FALSE ALARM.—The entire fire apparatus turned out Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock, when a false alarm was received by telephone from Fullarton and Talbot streets. The full complement responded to the alarm, because of the fact that it came from the business area of the city.

ISSUE WRIT.—The Hobbs Manufacturing Company of London has issued a writ in the county court against A. F. Pickford & Co. of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to recover $359.45, the amount of goods supplied by the plaintiffs to the defendants, according to the plaintiffs' statement of claim.

PRESENTS FOR KIDDIES.—Thirty little kiddies were made happy by a generous donation of toys sent to the Preventorium on Wednesday by the Knights of Honor class of the First Methodist Church Sunday school. This makes the sixth year that the class has acted the part of Santa at the institution.

FARMERS WANT HELP. — Farm help is still in demand, according to the Ontario Government Employment Bureau. A considerable number of married men can be readily placed in good farm situations, and a smaller number of married men with families can be placed. The farmers applying for the assistance of the latter are prepared in all cases to provide suitable homes for their employees.

PATIENTS ENTERTAINED.—A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Westminster Hospital, when the patients in all departments of vocational work to the number of 18, were entertained on Tuesday in the large vocational class room by the ward aides and vocational instructors. There were liberal and much appreciated contributions from many of the merchants in town. These will be separately acknowledged by personal letters.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.—London reports to Bradstreet's say that business is somewhat better since the removal of the luxury tax on the majority of the articles on which it had been imposed. It is too early yet to say what the result will be, but it has certainly had an immense effect on sentiment and has put new life into all circles in the business community. Considerable expansion is expected in an industrial way in the spring as some new concerns have decided to locate here. Otherwise industry here is more or less irregular as is the case elsewhere. Collections are very fair.

G. T. R. SAVING $300,000 A YEAR BY RE-ROUTING A FREIGHT IN EAST

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canadian Press.—President Kelley of the Grand Trunk, who is chairman of the committee of management appointed under the Grand Trunk acquisition act, has made a report to Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, covering economies effected in the co-ordination of the operation of the Grand Trunk and Canadian National systems up to November 30 last. Although much has been accomplished in the process of consolidation there are still many matters under consideration in connection with which there are legal or physical differences which must be dealt with before parallel trackage can be abandoned and more direct connections established which will permit a further considerable saving in train mileage. Capital expenditure connected with the consolidation of facilities to date amount to $508,473 at an annual cost of $75,927. But this expenditure will result in a saving per annum estimated at $965,775. In addition, there is a credit to capital account of Canadian National Railways from salvage of $338,000.

A saving of over $300,000 per annum is rendered possible by the routing of freight by Grand Trunk between Toronto and Napanee and by Canadian National between Napanee and Ottawa, and Grand Trunk between Napanee and Montreal.

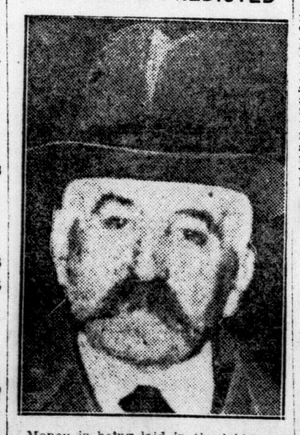
THREE SCORE HOUSES TO BE READY JAN. 1

Housing Commission Makes Plans for Next Year.

The business of the housing commission for 1920 was officially closed last night. Preliminary plans for continuing the next year's work were made with a view to using the remainder of the 1919 appropriation and that of 1920, a total of about $500,000. Fifty-nine houses will be available by January 1, it was stated.

Chairman E. R. Dennis and the commissioners commented on the growth of the city, and the share the housing commission had taken in the general progress.

HIS FALL IS PREDICTED



Money is being laid in the lobbies of the French Chamber of Deputies that the Leygues ministry will go out of office soon after the new year. Photo is of Premier Leygues of France.

MOTOR BUS WILL BE ON STREETS OF LONDON ON MONDAY

Here On Exhibition From Akron, Ohio—Will Carry Ninety Passengers.

The first "real" motor bus ever brought to London will be on exhibition next Monday, Ald. Harley said today. It was built by the Goodyear Tire Company of Akron, Ohio, and it is not for sale. If citizens are sufficiently impressed with it, however, to vote for the establishment of an auxiliary transportation service here the plans and specifications will be turned over, and the city can have the buses built wherever it pleases.

It was hoped to have it here this week, but the drivers were not willing to leave before Christmas.

Filled to capacity this monster automobile holds ninety people. Its main feature is the fact that it has six wheels eliminating much of the strain which usually falls on the two rear wheels of a car. Its seating capacity is forty-four. It has a 70-horsepower motor, and can attain a speed of 25 miles an hour. It requires headroom of about seven feet, and a turning radius of 35 feet.

The seats are upholstered with D'arcy springs. Half of them are placed lengthwise and the other half crosswise. The bus is roomy, and permits passengers to carry parcels and suitcases. It is equipped with variable springs at the back, which makes for easy riding when not fully loaded, and with long, easy springs at the front. A tandam rear axle gives additional easy riding facilities.

The six-cylinder motor is properly muffled and carried on a flexible subframe separate from the main frame to make the passengers unconscious of the presence of the motor in the bus. A constant mesh type of transmission makes for noiseless and positive speed changes.

The corners at each end are tapered to facilitate handling in traffic. The driver is located in a compartment separate from the passengers, and there is a conductor to take fares and safeguard the passengers.

Two doors are used for either entrance or exit. It has an adequate lighting system, and lighted route signs at the front and sides. There are stop and start signals, and the windows are equipped with positive anti-rattlers, felt-lined, similar to limousine windows.

WILLIAM M'DOWELL IS ALLOWED FREEDOM

Christmas Spirit Still Permeates the Police Court Atmosphere.

The spirit of Christmas had much to do with giving freedom to William McDowell of Van street, who was arrested two weeks ago as the result of an exciting chase down Clarence street, after he had been seen on the roof of the Artistic Ladies' Wear store on Dundas street, early Sunday morning. When he was arraigned before Magistrate Graydon today for sentence on the charge of vagrancy he was given the benefit of the doubt, and so was let off with a warning.

During the past week a letter was received by the magistrate from McDowell's mother-in-law, pleading for leniency for the prisoner. She claimed that if McDowell was sentenced his wife and two children would suffer. Because of this plea, and because of the Christmas season the magistrate decided to give McDowell his freedom.

The police endeavored to investigate the claim made by McDowell that he has been employed by the Detroit Decorating Company at a wage of $75 a week. No reply has been received to their communication to the Detroit firm.

The magistrate reiterated his statement of one week ago that he did not believe one word of the story told by the prisoner. No honest man, he said, would be prowling about the roofs of buildings at 6 o'clock in the morning. He warned McDowell that the charge might have been a more serious one.

C. A. S. INSPECTOR IS GLAD OF ASSISTANCE

Newspaper Story Apparently Conveyed Wrong Impression, Says W. E. Kelly.

Inspector W. E. Kelly of the local Children's Aid Society informed The Advertiser today that comments on the relief granted by neighbors to a destitute family, published Thursday, conveyed the wrong impression to the public. This report made it appear that the inspector resented the assistance rendered by citizens who did not consult any charitable institutions before doing so.

"I have appreciated every individual effort that has been put forward on behalf of the little family," he declared. "That little woman had to be carried along until a permanent arrangement was made. I would further state, that it will be very beneficial in our work if cases such as this are reported to us, that we may take hold or assist them."

The case referred to is that of a south end family, the father being a veteran of the British navy. He died in Victoria Hospital on Monday, following injuries received at work, and neighbors at once appealed for assistance. Donations reelved by Mrs. N. J. Foster, 323 Grey street, president of the Simcoe Street School Mothers' Club, included a total of $26 in cash, of which $6 was used to purchase shoes for the widow yesterday, $7 from Mrs. Lewis and friends, Byron; $6 from the Huron & Erie Girls' Club; bag of apples, potatoes, Christmas cake, roast of pork, eggs and cheese from an unknown farmer, various baskets of vegetables, a rocking chair, and a stove from others. In addition Mrs. (Dr.) McLean has sent coal to the home, and the young people of Chalmers Presbyterian Church have sent a cord of wood to the home.

The funeral expenses of the dead father were borne by the Soldiers' Aid Commission, the children were provided with dresses, scarfs and coats by the Daughters of Scotland, and three of them are now wards of the Children's Aid Society until the little mother can support them. County Clerk John Stuart has provided her with a check for $50 from the London and Middlesex Patriotic Fund, which will be utilized to replenish the furniture in the little home sold to buy food during the husband's fatal illness. All these contributions will, no doubt, add to the cheer of the little family.

MACHINES FOR CANCELLING LUXURY STAMPS WILL NOT BE REDEEMED

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—By Canadian Press.—There will be no redemption of the machines issued to the merchants for the purpose of cancelling luxury tax stamps, according to Hon. R. W. Wigmore, minister of customs and inland revenue, who stated this morning that announcement to that effect given out yesterday had been in error. The merchant who received cancelling machines for luxury tax stamps were not charged anything for them, but were simply charged two dollars for the license. Therefore the department can make no rebate for return of the machines.

NATIONAL PIE COUNTER

Job Hunters Lay Siege to President-Elect Harding, Who Has Almost a Quarter of a Million Positions To Dispose Of.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—When Warren G. Harding assumes the robe of chief executive of the nation next March he automatically will become the greatest job dispenser in the world.

As soon as it was published that Mr. Harding had chosen Point Isabel as a playground letters and telegrams by the thousands followed him there. The "I did it" boys, eager to get into the first line attack upon the pie counter, wanted the president-elect to have first-hand information as to their valiant services in his behalf in the battle of the ballots. Before storms and wind spoiled tarpon fishing at Point Isabel, the correspondents with Senator Harding reported that he was planning to cut short his visit there and move even further away from the job seekers' offensive. He was safe from their onslaught while at sea to and from his trip to Panama, at least so far as a limit was placed on the wireless communication with the ship on which he was a passenger. With the president-elect's return to this country the scramble for jobs is on in earnest.

The president-elect is merely paying the penalty of having attained great power. His predecessors have had similar experiences, although no former president at the beginning of his term has had so much patronage to dispose of as Senator Harding will have. The latest records of the census bureau and of the civil service commission disclose that when Senator Harding enters the White House there will be approximately 600,000 persons on the executive rolls of the government, and this does not include the judicial and legislative lists nor the muster rolls of the army and navy. Of this great total 450,000 men and women are in the classified service, which means that having passed civil service examinations they are reasonably immune from political attack. The remaining 240,000, however, hold the places, large and small, upon which the covetous eyes of the job-hunters are set.

Best Pay to Governor of Philippine Islands.

Without the postoffices of any class, the new president will have a multitude of jobs to fill. The ten cabinet posts, each paying $12,000, of course, rank first, although they are not as remunerative as other places at the disposal of the president. The best paying positions in the Government service, aside from the office of president itself, is that of governor-general of the Philippines, which carries a salary of $18,000, the vice-governor receiving $10,000. Other territorial governorships which President Harding will fill are: Porto Rico, $10,000; Alaska, $7,000, and Hawaii, $7,000.

Next in importance to places in the cabinet are the 11 ambassadorships. They each pay $17,500, and include posts in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru and Spain. If the international atmosphere clears sufficiently during his term, the new president also will have ambassadorial posts, not now filled, in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Russia and Turkey.

Next in diplomatic importance are the ministers. Six of these, China, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia, Luxemburg, the Netherlands and Poland, pay $12,000 each.

Board Positions.

On the commissions there are places that are sure to attract numerous applicants. These include the interstate commerce commission, with 11 members, under the new transportation act, at salaries of $12,000 each, and a general counsel at $10,000; the United States shipping board, with five members at $7,500 each, and three administrative places that pay $10,000 each; the federal trade commission, with five members at $10,000 each; the federal reserve board, with five members at $12,000 each, and an executive secretary who is paid $10,000; the farm loan board, with five members at $10,000 each; the United States tariff commission, with six members at $7,500 each, and the civil service commission, with three members at $5,000 each.

The treasury department seems to offer a good harvest. Auditors of various departments of the Government are places eagerly sought. The compensation runs from $4,000 to $5,00. Then there is the post of treasurer of the United States, a comfortable office with a perquisite of $5,000 a year, and a registrar of the treasury, who draws $4,000 a year for the privilege of having his signature printed on all $1 bills.

The commissioner of internal revenue, a trying job always, and with added difficulties now, receives $10,000. A newly-created place that is certain to have many applicants is that of prohibition commissioner, not only because of the power of this office and the $7,500 salary, but also because this official has a big lot of assistants and deputy commissioners under him, who draw salaries from $5,000 down.

The director of the war risk insurance bureau, an important post, receives $7,500 a year.

The customs service boasts of one of the real good jobs of the Government, that of collector at the port of New York, who receives $12,000, and has a large staff of inspectors under him. The New York collector also has a private yacht at his disposal, and in other ways is an important official.

A Position of Power.

The comptroller of the currency, although his own salary is only $5,000 a year, wields great power as the guardian of the people's money deposited in national banks over which he has jurisdiction. He has a large staff of bank examiners, assistants and clerks under him, the chief examiner receiving three times as much as the comptroller.

The department of the interior is growing in importance. The Indian commissioner, recognized as a political office, receives $5,000 a year. The commissioner of pensions, the commissioner of patents, and the commissioner of education, all $5,000 jobs, are among the places that probably will change hands in the next administration, as no doubt will the director of the geological survey.

The reclamation service is another branch of the interior department that is regarded as supplying political plums. Likewise the bureau of mines may be made the subject of a political raid by the Republicans, but it is a department of experts, usually not disturbed.

The superintendent of Capitol buildings and grounds is an easy berth, paying $6,000, while one of the most interesting places in the interior department, although not very remunerative, is the director of national parks, who gets $4,500.

The department of agriculture probably will be as little disturbed by the incoming administration as any other department of the Government, for the reason that the technical positions there usually are difficult to fill because of the special training required and the small salaries paid.

For Hungry Lawyers.

The department of justice will be ready picking, not only because of the several good places among the assistants to the attorney-general in Washington, but there are many solicitorships and innumerable United States district attorneyships and United States marshalships in every Federal subdivision of the country.

The "jobs" listed are only the "high spots" of the thousands the president-elect will have to dispense. His first act probably will be to name his secretary, who will receive $7,500. This will be followed by the selection of his personal staff of stenographers, and White House clerks. If he follows the rule of his predecessors he will not make many changes in the personnel of the executive offices or in the White House proper, for there he will find men who have faithfully served through many administrations.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, Dec. 24.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Abitibi..	53¾	53	C Dairy. ..	50	
do pfd.	90	..	do pfd. ..	82	
Am Cy.	34	..	Coniaf's.	190	..
do pfd.	65½	60	Smelters	16½	16
Ames, p.	45	..	Con Gas.	133	..
A Sales..	7	..	Cr Res..	15	12½
do pfd.	72	70	Cr Nest..	..	39
A Sugar.	20	19	Detroit..	86	84
Barcel...	4	3½	Dome .	1200	1225
Brazilian	29¾	29½	Canners. ..	..	31
B C Fish	40	36½	do pfd.	80	..
Bell Tel.	..	101	D Iron..	80	..
Burt, c..	..	94	DSCorp.	43	42¼
do pfd.	..	94	Dom Tel.	..	81½
C Bread.	20½	19¾	Duluth..	..	14¼
do pfd.	86	84	Ford M. ..	..	260
C Car..	..	86	LWoods.	150	135
Cement.	59	56¾	do pfd. ..	..	94
do pfd.	89	..	Larose..	25	20
C Fdry..	90	..	Mackay.	69½	68¾
C S L..	41	40	do pfd.	..	64
do pfd.	63½	62	M Leaf..	139	133
CGElec..	93	92	do pfd.	93	92
do pfd.	90	88	Mexican	10	5
C Loco..	83	..	Monarch	70	..
do pfd.	84	..	do pfd.	85	..
C P R..	..	134	NSSteel	4	3¾
C Salt..	90	..	do pfd.	22	21
			Nipis'g.	590	850

FLOUR.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Flour—Unchanged to 30c higher; in carloads, first family patents quoted at $9 30@9 55 a barrel in 98-lb sacks. Shipments, 58,119 barrels.

Bran—$26@28.

GRAIN.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Cash: No. 1 northern, $1 68⅝@1 75⅝. Futures: Dec., $1 60; March, $1 61⅝; May, $1 81.

Corn—No. 3 yellow 65@66c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 42¾@43¾c.

Flax—No. 1, $1 98½@2 00½.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; beef steers closed steady to weak; bulk, $10 50@13; top, $13 50; all other classes steady with yesterday.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; lights 30c to 40c higher, others mostly 15c to 25c higher than yesterday's average, but closing weak; top, $10 35; bulk of sales at $9 65@10 20; pigs 25c to 35c up; bulk of desirable 90 to 130-lb pigs, at $9 65@10 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; fat classes steady; no feeder sales; compared with a week ago, fat lambs and yearlings are 75c to $1 higher; aged sheep strong to 25c higher. Yards closing early.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

HON. T. J. MACNAMARA, minister of labor, who presented to the House of Commons the Government's scheme to mitigate hardship and relieve the present situation. He declared that the outlook was the darkest in many years.

OWEN SOUND WOMAN DIES AT 104; SAW CROWNING OF QUEEN

Mrs. Ann Brown Believed To Have Been Canada's Oldest Lady.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A special dispatch to the Star from Owen Sound, Ont., says:

"Mrs. Ann Brown, who died here yesterday, aged 104 years, is believed to have been Canada's oldest lady. She saw Queen Victoria crowned over 80 years ago, and remembered a feast given on the village green at Topcliffe, Yorkshire, by her grandfather, to a company of British soldiers who fought against Napoleon Bonaparte a century ago. She knitted socks for Grey County soldiers who fought in the great war of 1914-18, and was still quite active until she met with an accident a few days ago, from which she never rallied. In 1837, when a maid of 20, she travelled in one of the first steamboats from Hull to London, arriving just in time for the coronation of Queen Victoria. She came to Canada in 1858 with her five children after the death of her husband, and in 1866 took up 120 acres of land in the township of Sydenham, four miles from Owen Sound."

RED TRIANGLE NOTES

Extensive Christmas plans for the needy of the city are being made today by the different C. S. E. T. groups of boys. This month is known throughout all boy circles as the "Service Month," and with this motto facing them all groups are preparing to do some good among the poor of their churches. Popular among these is the boys' group in St. Paul's Cathedral, which will look after a poor family of their parish, giving them a Christmas dinner and some clothing. The senior boys' group in the Talbot Street Baptist Church will give baskets of food to the poor, as will the junior boys. Askin Street Methodist Church groups supply the boys of the Children's Shelter, and the boys of the Muncey Indian reserve with food and clothing. Knox Presbyterian boys have prepared baskets for the poor of their church. The boys of Dundas Centre Methodist Church are giving clothes and food to one of the children's shelters. "The Hoodoos" and the "Swastickes" of the "Y" have each donated $5 towards the Free Press Santa Claus fund.

U. S. RELIEF FOR CORK.

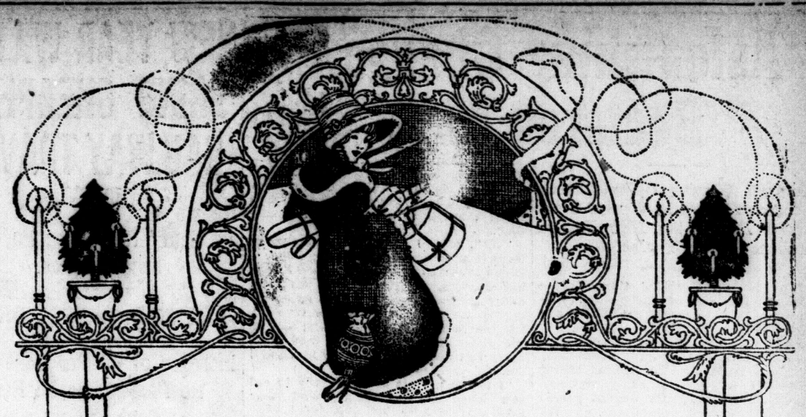
London, Dec. 24.—The Evening Standard's Cork correspondent says that at yesterday's meeting of the relief committee announcement was made that a ship was coming from New York with goods for the sufferers from the recent fires and disorders, while United States sympathizers also were sending large sums of money. The English and American Society of Friends has offered its help.

GROVELAND MILLS CUT WAGES.

Groveland, Mass., Dec. 24—The Groveland Mills, which manufacture women's goods, today announced their first wage reduction in forty years. The reduction will go into effect January 3, and will affect about 300 employees. Its amount has not yet been determined, A. D. Vessey, the owner, stated.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDATURE.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—George Wedlake, hydro commissioner, has announced his candidature for the mayor's chair, at present occupied by M. M. MacBride, M. L. A. There will likely be four in the field.



Our Christmas Wish

Through January's snows, April's showers, June's sunshine, October's Indian summer, and December's joys, may yours be a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Artistic Ladies' Wear Co.

211 Dundas Street.

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CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

it was found to contain only Christmas tree ornaments. He protested the procedure, claiming it was violation of a citizen's constitutional rights.

An eccentric burglar last night invaded the "Fifth avenue zone," forbidden to criminals, and was captured in the act of entering a fashionable apartment in West Fifty-seventh street.

The burglar specialized in the use of a small new-fashioned tack-puller as a "jimmy."

In many fashionable apartments robbed in the last six weeks police have found a small tack-puller, and, lying close by, a bit of blue wrapping-paper.

The wrapping-paper was identified later as that used by a large department store, and for hours yesterday a detective kept vigil at the hardware counters of the establishment. He was rewarded when a man appeared and bought several of the dainty "jimmies."

Followed by the sleuth, the man walked to the apartment house in Fifty-seventh street, unwrapped one of the pullers and started work on a door.

As a result of a statement which police said the man made to them, Kasper Firman, proprietor of a woman's clothing store in Forty-seventh street, was arrested, charged with receiving stolen goods. His entire stock of goods, valued at $15,000, was confiscated by police, who said several articles were identified as having been stolen recently.

SLUGGED, THEN ROBBED.

Menlo Park, N. J., Dec. 24.—John M. Cornell, 70 years old, restaurant proprietor, today was beaten unconscious, when he awakened to find a man going through his pockets.

MEAN CHRISTMAS BURGLAR.

Braintree, Mass., Dec. 4.—The crime wave struck this town in its softest spot—the Christmas trees of its school children—and today the Yuletide spirit of goodwill to men was mixed with a wish that the town's meanest thief be brought to justice. Four big trees hung with toys, fruits, candy and the other goodies intended to bring joy to the kiddies of the Hollis school, were stripped by the burgler.

HOLDUP IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A second holdup of a remarkably cold-blooded nature occurred yesterday, when Demitri Lucas of the Point St. Charles Business Club was shot at point blank three times by a man who later gave his name as Charles Martin, 51, and said he had just arrived from the United States.

The man tried to enter the club and was being conducted to the door by the porter, Lucas, when he pointed his revolver at the latter's abdomen and fired twice, the bullets searing Lucas' flesh. In a scuffle that ensued another shot was fired, which just missed the porter's head. The man then ran away, but was captured by the traffic police. In his pockets were found an automatic pistol, 35 cartridges, and a few dollars in American money. He is being held on a charge of attempted murder.

MONTREAL HOUSE ROBBED.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Another daring house robbery was reported to the police of the Laurier avenue station last night by T. J. Duggan of 146 St. Joseph boulevard west. Mr. Duggan reported that Mrs. Duggan had left her home for a few minutes, and that when she returned she found that someone had entered the house and had barricaded the front door. She called for aid, but the burglars had made their escape through the back door of the house with $1,700 worth of goods. A necklace, a ring, fur coat and other articles were found to be missing. The burglars had gained admittance to the house by breaking the glass in the back door. This is the latest of a long list of robberies of similar nature which has been reported within a few weeks to the police. In most cases the police have kept reports from the public, whereas publicity would have served to warn householders of the danger of leaving homes unprotected.

BRANTFORD GROCERY ROBBED.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—The grocery store of James McCann, West street, was broken into last evening, and tobacco, fowl and groceries were stolen.

BURGLARS DYNAMITE SAFE.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Burglars this morning dynamited the safe in the office of Rubenstein Bros., and stole $5,000. Alderman Louise Rubenstein, a partner in this firm, is former figure skating champion of the world, and president of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

KILLS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

Bradshaw, Neb., Dec. 24.—Worry over depreciation of the value of a large tract of land he purchased some time ago is said by neighbors of Carl Nickleson to have prompted him to kill his wife, three children and himself here early today.

Nickleson used a hammer to slay his wife and a razor to kill his children, Irene, aged 12, Madeline, 4, and Neil, 3 weeks, as they slep. Then he shot himself.

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Butter Spreaders, half dozen $4.00
Butter Spreaders, half dozen $6.00
Odd Pieces—Spoons, Forks, Pickle Forks, each....45c

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Casseroles, each .... $1.75 to $15.00
Casseroles, special, each $5.00

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AVIATOR CONFIDENT

Lieut. Evans, who is now in the Canadian capital directing the search for the missing balloonists, believes the men are being cared for by traders or Indians in the Quebec lake country, has buoyed up their spirits, and it was an optimistic spirit that the mother and her two little ones went about the work of preparing for tomorrow's festival just as they would were "daddy" to be with them on Christmas Day.

"Why should I give up hope?" asked Mrs. Anna L. Farrell, somewhat proudly, in reply to the questions that were put to her today. "Hasn't my husband frequently gone away on long trips from home on duty and been out of communication for days and days. It is his duty."

Son Studies Maps.

With her as she spoke stood her two children, Eugene, 15 years old, and Emily, 14. Eugene has carefully studied all the information received concerning the missing balloon. Over maps of the province of Quebec he has pored and sought to trace the possible course of the helpless aircraft which carried his father.

"I am somewhat anxious to hear from him, yes," continued Mrs. Farrell, "but I believe, and I have studied the problem, too, that he is safe with his comrades in some isolated part of Quebec.

"Perhaps they have landed near a forest, and have caught up with trappers who are now starting out. I realize that it is next to impossible for strangers to find their way out of some of the forests in Northern Canada without guides. It would be a perilous trip and probably the trappers are taking care of them, but cannot abandon their work to guide the men out of the forest at this time. My husband and his comrades will have to stay with the trappers until they have time and opportunity to take them to some place from which they can communicate with us."

GAS OVERCOMES FIREMEN.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—More than a score of firemen were overcome by monoxide gas in a fire that destroyed three upper floors of a downtown five-story building this morning. Twelve persons sleeping in an adjoining building were carried to safety.

London and Port Stanley Railway

Timetable Effective December 5, 1920.

To St. Thomas—†5, †*6:10, 7:15, †*8:15, 9:20, 11:20 a.m., *12:20, 1:20, 2:20, *3:20, 4:20, *5:20, 6:20, *7:30, 8:20, 9:20, 11:20 p.m.

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