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FAREWELL BANQUET
TO CANADIAN CLUB'S
POPULAR PRESIDENT

Friends Gather To Honor J. H. Fowler, B.A.

TRIBUTES ARE GENERAL
Wonderful Expression of Regret and Praise at Departure Made by Speakers.

The warmest tributes to his worth as a newspaperman, friend and citizen were paid to J. H. Fowler, B.A., at a banquet tendered by the members of the Canadian Club at the Teumess House grill room on Saturday night. Mr. Fowler, for many years a member of The Advertiser editorial staff, leaves for Ottawa this week, where he will engage in the role of a capital correspondent. He will retain his connection with The Advertiser, and will give special attention to the affairs of Western Ontario constituencies.

Mr. Fowler has been president of the Canadian Club during the present year, and the club has been conspicuously successful under his guidance. It was natural that the club should have marked his departure for a new field of activity, but it was unusual that everyone present should have expressed such keen personal regret. There has seldom been in London a more spontaneous expression of appreciation of a man who has come in close contact with all classes of citizens. While the banquet was a Canadian Club function, it partook of the nature of an official farewell for the city public, business, political friends and opponents, the bar and city officials, were represented, and in an informal way gave Mr. Fowler something to carry away with him that was more precious than gold—that is, the friendship and goodwill and permanent friendships and that as an "institution" he would be much missed.

A pleasing feature was the presentation of a handsome club bag by E. J. Carly and Philip Pocock, on behalf of the Irish Benevolent Society. Mr. Fowler's good works for this organization were remembered in a tangible way.

A. A. Campbell called on Jared Vinz and Rev. Canon D.P., to propose the health of the guest, and as past presidents of the Canadian Club they expressed the most hearty sentiments of gratitude. As president of the club, Mr. Fowler had been of value to the city, but it was a journalist and a citizen he came first.

In his response Mr. Fowler spoke of the kindness with which everyone in London had always treated him. He would carry away with him the memory of that absence of hatred and ill-will.

Messrs. Carly and Pocock referred to Mr. Fowler's achievements for the city, while George S. Gibson said that with Mr. Fowler it was first of all a triumph of personality. C. B. Edwards, who knew Mr. Fowler from his earliest days as a reporter, paid a tribute to his skill and trustworthiness.

Mr. Fowler, who was formerly a correspondent at Ottawa, said Mr. Fowler possessed the ideal requisites for achieving success at the capital. U. A. Buchner referred to the fact that Mr. Fowler was usually the "life of the party" wherever he went.

Other brief tributes were paid by G. Rogers, W. J. Laing, H. T. Reason, Gerald Pearson, Dr. Robinson, Frank Jewell, Aid. Ashplant and C. R. May. C. C. McLean, a former president, introduced the speakers.

THREE CONFIRMATION
SERVICES ON SUNDAY
TAKEN BY BISHOP

Confirmation services were conducted in three of the local Anglican churches on Sunday evening by Bishop Williams of Huron. In the morning a class of seventeen was confirmed at St. Mark's Church, and in the evening a class of thirty at St. James' Church, South London.

The bishop preached at the morning service in Memorial Church. Rev. G. Q. Warner, the rector, in the evening held a special reception service for the Allied armies. It was announced at the evening service that in special services will be held on Good Friday. Three hours, commencing at 12 o'clock noon, will be devoted to prayer for the success of the Allied armies.

Following is a list of those who were confirmed at the Sunday morning service: F. W. Blaylock, Peter Swain, Bradley Granger, William T. Fitzgerald, Freeman Talbot, Herbert Meek, Mrs. J. M. Rider, Edith Dean, Dorothy Trevelyan, Evelyn Walker, Agnes Davis, Nellie Howell, Sarah Fitzgerald, Kathleen Gibson, Ruth Granger, Miriam Eckert, Pearl Egget.

Bishop Williams confirmed 20 young people at St. James' Anglican Church on Sunday evening. The necessity of faith was emphasized in the confirmation sermon. Special music, under the direction of Charles Dwyer was rendered by the choir. Rev. C. C. Waller, who has been in charge of the work during the past four months, has been most successful, the members state.

Those in the confirmation class were: Arthur M. W. Muir, John P. Aiken, Allan J. York, John P. McConnell, Charles E. McConnell, Newton J. T. Bigelow, Chester St. C. Abell, Georgina Isabel Mansbridge, Lorraine Crouch, Gladys Holland, Margaret Ida Thomas, Eleanor S. Hessel, Muriel S. Jones, Edith C. Bentley, Thelma N. Logan, Kathleen B. Richardson, Grace H. Sabine, Marjorie A. Larned, Kathleen E. Sealbrook, Helen N. Sealbrook, Lillian T. Dunn, Florence E. Carleton, Lillian M. Gilbert, Iva Rose Kingsley, Dorothy I. Campbell, Eleanor S. Chandler, Doris E. Clarke, Gladys H. Complin.

The afternoon service in the St. Mark's Church was well attended. In his sermon to the candidates, the bishop urged them to study the Bible carefully. Those who were confirmed were: Winnifred Dunston, Ethel Gladys Wannamaker, Lily Turner, Mary Mervoise, Herman Cecil Hodgins and Harold Edmund Skeffington.

ADDED FEATURES OF
1918 WESTERN FAIR
PLANNED BY BOARD

Pure Food Show and Art Exhibit Included.

ADDITIONS TO PRIZE LIST

Treasurer Resigns and F. G. Jewell Takes Over That Office.

The appointment of F. G. Jewell, C.A., to succeed D. Mackenzie, treasurer of the Western Fair Association for the past thirty-six years, was an important item of business transacted at the meeting of the board of directors held on Saturday afternoon. Much regret was expressed over the resignation of Mr. Mackenzie, the official of the longest standing, who, indeed, has been closely associated with the association the greater part of its history. The directors put themselves on record to this effect in a resolution moved by W. E. Louman and seconded by Controller J. H. Saunders.

Owing to his new office, Mr. Jewell tendered his resignation as auditor, and Messrs. Date and Searson were appointed in his place.

The meeting was devoted largely to consideration of recommendations of committees in charge of arrangements for the next Western Fair.

A pure food show, held in the process building is to be a feature of the Western Fair of 1918. The exhibits will be placed by the Retail Grocers' Association, but the show will be under the control of the fair board, and the building will be open to exhibition visitors the same as others on the ground.

An effort is being made by the board to secure a loan of pictures from the Canadian National Art Gallery of Ottawa for the exhibition. Among other new features will be the selling of the cheese and butter on Monday of Fair week, instead of Friday, as has been the custom in the past. Friday night is to be made one of the most attractive of the whole week, with a special program. About \$1,500 is being added to the prize list this year, another indication of the board's growing up. Some of the recommendations of committees submitted and accepted re prizes, etc., were as follows:

In the thoroughbred class light horses, the stallion section will be put together in one section; prize money, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10. In the farmers' class there will be a section for 3-year-olds on the line; prizes \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5. In the speed department every heat will be a race, with eight 400 yards and two 200 yards events. The cattle exhibitors will be asked to give the names and numbers of all registered animals, including their heads and groups, to the secretary, on their entry forms, or their prize money will be withheld. A fourth prize of 25 cents will be placed on all classes of poultry, and some new sections added to both poultry and pigeons.

On recommendation of the finance committee, the salary of Secretary A. M. Hunt was increased \$200.

The deep regret of the board over the sudden death of one of its members, Charles Treblecock, was expressed in a resolution moved by Controller Saunders and seconded by Mr. Oke, and the secretary instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Treblecock and family.

Lieut.-Col. W. M. Garshore presided.

VETERANS' HOME FUND
NOW GOES OVER \$1,000
MARK FOR CASH GIFTS

Promise of Furnishings for Three Rooms Also Secured by Canvassers.

Subscriptions to the Great War Veterans' Memorial Home fund in London now total \$1,103, according to an announcement made by Signaller W. E. Capewell, who with Capt. Warburton is looking after the canvass in the downtown district. In addition to the cash donations, two bedrooms in the new home will be furnished, a reading room will be fitted up and a rug will be given by friends already canvassed. The members of the G. W. V. A. expect to reach their objective by the end of the month.

The campaign committee announces the following additional donations:

Sir Adam Beck \$100.00
Major Ingram 50.00
Col. Hobbs 25.00
Leonard & Sons 25.00
Scandrett Bros. 25.00
A Friend 20.00
Trafford's 10.00
Twigg's 10.00
Mr. Mitchell 5.00
Kingsmill's 1 rug

To Cure a Cold in One Day, take LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. B. V. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

REAL PRAIRIE BLAZE

Five Acres Burned Over to North of McCormick East End Factory.

London staged a prairie fire on a small scale Sunday afternoon in the field northeast of the McCormick Manufacturing Company factory, Dundas street east. In the long grass the fire burned fiercely, the flames shooting 10 to 12 feet in the air. The firemen were called to the scene, but could not reach the fire with water lines on account of the condition of Palmerston street.

Chemicals were used, however, and the fire was confined to a space of about five acres in extent. The small boys had the time of their life killing the field mice that were driven out of their nests by the flames. When they tired of this sport they took off their coats and beat the fire out with them, regardless of the heating their coats would get from father later.

No damage was done by the blaze.

RECOUNT OFF

Overseas Vote In West Middlesex Will Not Be Scrutinized Again.

Press cables from the old country announce that the demand for recount of the soldiers' vote in West Middlesex has been withdrawn. The recount in North Essex, it is announced, has also been called off.

DIZZINESS, CONSTIPATION

bad taste in the mouth, dyspepsia, or "the blues," and other miserable ailments call attention to the liver. It is torpid. Take Hood's Pills—they rouse the liver and relieve all liver ills. They are the old and favorite family cathartic. Purely vegetable. Gentle and thorough. 25c. All druggists.

Growing Boys and Girls

The great strain that the younger people are subjected to at school sometimes makes them susceptible to Nervous Troubles. They become pale, languid, easily tired and irritable due to too much confinement and to mental worry and study. Hacking's Heart and Nerve Remedy supplies the required amount of nourishment to the blood, adds tenacity to the heart and is soothing and quieting to the nerves. This remedy will increase the mental and physical powers of the younger people and restore their youthful vigor and capacity for work. Price 50c a box, \$1 for dealer. C. B. Hacking, Phm.B., Listowel, Ont.

Looking to Easter Fashions



Many quaint conceits are revealed in the new modes for early spring—simple lines charmingly modeled in fascinating fabrics, strike the dominant note in fashionable feminine attire—for growing-ups as well as for grown-ups. Silks, Satins, Georgettes, Embroideries and Laces are all to be enrolled in the service of Madam La Mode this year—often to be worn in picturesque conjunction with smart jaquettes of velvet or velveteen, and all of these delightful novelties are interestingly featured in this early Easter display, which includes many exclusive creations from New York designers.

SPRING COATS FOR WOMEN

MODELS AT THEIR BEST FOR EASTER.

Coats that present all the successful style-themes of spring are assembled now in absolute completeness. Notable groups of Spring Coats are especially featured in this section, coats that stand in readiness to meet every demand, no matter at what price your limitation is set. Ladies' and Misses' Topcoats in velours, gabardines, tricoots, Delhi cloths and Donegal tweeds, in pastel shades, sand, rose, Pekin blue, harvest, green and taupe.

Donegal Tweed Coats in belted styles at \$15.00, \$18.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00

Navy Serge Coats in belted styles, convertible, at \$16.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 to \$50.00

Velour Coats, showing shawl and convertible collars, with outer collars of silk, novelty pockets, button trimmings, Empire styles for the small women, belted in nearly all models, in full length or showing 2 to 4 inches of the skirt. Prices \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00 to \$65.00

Black Coats in serge, at \$18.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 to \$35.00

Black Moire Silk Coats at \$20.00 and \$25.00

Black Gabardine Coats \$40.00, \$45.00 to \$55.00

Handsome Coat of black silk poplin, silk lined throughout, collar of marabout, cuff trimmed with two rows of marabout banding, belted style, with pleats from waistline at back. Price \$78.00

Satin Coat with marabout collar and cuffs, at \$85.00

SPECIAL DISPLAY OF
EXCLUSIVE EMBROIDERED
VOILES

A beautiful range of High-Grade Voiles, richly embroidered, in pastel shades of pink, mauve, green, maize and black, in stripe and conventional designs on white grounds. This line of Voiles comes in short lengths only, and to those desiring something exclusive we would suggest an early visit in order to secure a waist or dress length; 38-inch width. Prices, per yard \$2.75 and \$3.50

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Easter Hats

NEW PARIS IDEAS, ALSO OUR EXCLUSIVE ORIGINATIONS, FOR WOMEN AND MISSES.

Interpreting in harmony of colorings, richness of materials and supremacy of style, the dominant trend of the real Easter hat.

Copies of original creations from abroad and the classic conceptions of our own designers, destined for the particular purpose of dress and street attire of the woman of individual and exclusive tastes. Our Easter display this week assures our patrons a choice of hats with the real Paris air. Prices \$6.00 to \$15.00

SECOND FLOOR.

Silk or Lisle--The
Easter Hosiery

All-Silk Hosiery of good quality are becoming more and more difficult to procure. We are fortunate in having contracted for an ample supply, and have the qualities you have learned to depend upon from this store; new styles, quite the prettiest we have seen, and we are sure that you will think so, too; silk, lisle and cashmere.

Ladies' Fibre Silk-Ankle Hose, in black, white or tan, double garter top, heel and toe; sizes 8 1/2 to 10; seamless. Price 55c pair

Ladies' Heavyweight or Lightweight Black Lisle Thread Hose, seamless, double garter top, heel and toe; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price 35c pair

Ladies' Lightweight Black Cashmere Hose, deep double garter top and sole, seamless, fine quality; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price 85c pair

Ladies' Dark Tan Pure Cashmere Hose, seamless double feet, full fashioned; sizes 9, 9 1/2 and 10. Price \$1.50 pair

Boys' and Girls' School Hose, in black, 1-1 rib, cotton, good weight, seamless double feet; sizes 6 1/2 to 10. Price 25c and 40c pair

BEAUTIFUL MODEL SUITS
FOR EASTER PARADE

Just a walk through this section is an inspiration to the woman who is planning her Easter outfit, and women who wish to attain apparel distinction should by all means give these garments attention. With so varied an assortment, the pleasure of selection is certainly added to. Popular-priced Suits in Black Serge, Poplin and gabardine.

Suit of Fine Serge; coat in belted style, convertible collar with outer collar of white silk, tailored sleeve, five rows chain stitching trimming side of coat, silk lined; skirt in two-piece style. Price \$30.00

Suit of Fine Serge; coat in Russian belted style with uneven fronts, shawl collar with outer collar of black silk, set-in tailored sleeve, back of coat trimmed with five rows of half-inch silk braid, novelty pockets trimming front of coat, silk lined; skirt two-piece with box pleat over hips. Price \$35.00

Suit of Fine Serge, in plain tailored style; coat has notched collar, three-button closing, collar, pockets, cuffs and seams in back of coat showing braid binding and button trimmings, satin lining; skirt two-piece, belt across back. Price \$27.50

Other styles \$21.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$60.00

NEWEST COATINGS

Wool Velours, beautiful shades, lovely soft quality for ladies' long coats, for spring and summer wear.

52-inch Velour, beautiful soft finish, lovely shades of Pekin blue, French grey, raspberry and buttan. Price \$4.50

54-inch Velour, creations of beauty, soft finish, handsome shades of rose, buttan, burgundy, French grey and harvest fawn, exceptional value. Price \$5.50

52-inch Velour, two colors only, navy and rose, good wearing qualities. Price \$3.00 yard

54-inch Broadcloth, beautiful novelty shades, superior quality, in new beaver, Quaker, harvest, new rose and buttan. Price \$7.50 yard

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