"Count de Spoof" on the Register May Prove a Dead Beat After All

Local Hotelmen Know to Their Sorrow—Women Are Worse.

"Like the poor, the 'dead beat' we have always with us," wailed the manager of one of London's hotels.

Hotels, by the adoption of more and protective measures, have vastly cut down their losses from various kinds of swindlers. Nevertheless, the sum out of which they are mulcted each year by slick gentry—of both sexes—is still tremendously large.

Restaurants, too, are included in the "dead beat's" itinerary of "easy meat." The odd meal and even the extra silver set, including knife, fork, spoon and a bottle of catsup, are not too small pickings. Fashions change among the "defrauders of innkeepers" as the penal statute terms them. No sooner do hotel managers and their satellites evolve a method of blocking a particular kind of "beat" than some new and more ingenious dodge is devised.

Those who most tax the patience and income of the hotelman are the "skippers." In hotel parlance a "skipper" is a man or woman who engages a room, remains for a period and then checks out, leaving an unpaid bill.

"The old-time skipper who used to come in with a battered valise and hang-dog air, the valise loaded with bricks to make it heavy, and engage a cheap room, has almost disappeared," one hotelman told The Advertiser. "His method was to leave bag and bricks behind and disappear at the first evidence that he would be pressed for payment. In his place we have a dapper, smiling, friendly chap with expensive-appearing baggage. Probably he will take the best room in the house. He is genial with the clerk, but just condescending enough to give the impression that he is a person of consequence. Perhaps he is. That is why we have to move carefully."

Seven-Day Limit.

It is usually on the sixth or seventh day that the "beat" departs or tries to. Sometimes, if he has lots of nerve, he will walk boldly out, carrying his bags, and get away with it. Sometimes he will leave his bags in the checkroom and call for them later in the day. Frequently he will have carried most of his belongings out in packages, making several trips, and leaves his baggage in the deserted room.

"If we have reason even to slightly suspect the intentions of a guest, he is asked to call at the office," the manager continued. "He is politely spoken to, asked how he likes the hotel and if everything is satisfactory, is informed that the management hopes he stops here on his next visit to the city and that he will speak a good word for the house. We have usually either abandoned or confirmed our suspicions before the guest has the faintest idea of what it is all about. It is the duty of bell-boys to say to every person going out with luggage, 'Can I take your bag, sir? Are you checking out?'"

Very courteous these bell-boys can be, and very adroitly and inoffensively can they steer one toward the cashier's window.

Yet the clever "skipper" eludes this vigilance every day.

"How about women 'beats'? Many of them?" the manager was asked.

"Yes," he smiled ruefully, "and they are pretty difficult to handle."

"How is that?"

The Hotel Pays.

"Well, they usually arrive without any money and leave with some. They have lost their money or they have wired their husbands for some, or they have come to the city to take a position and will be in funds in a few days. If they are plausible enough they are quite likely to get a loan from the hotel. Then, in a few days, they are gone."

It was explained that the hotel "beat" is wary of charging up telephone calls, telegrams or other items by which he might later be traced.

One of the common types is the "four flusher." This is the man or woman who pretends to be someone or something he isn't. Not many days ago a faultlessly groomed man of middle age, quite dignified, almost austere in demeanor, registered at a local hostelry and introduced himself as Judge So-and-so from Toronto. He made good on the bluff, ran up a tidy bill and then disappeared.

The restaurant man has clashed with the "dead beat" on numerous occasions. The "beat" never fails to have a good meal. His excuse is usually that he has donned a new suit of clothes and forgot to put money in his pockets, or that he arrived at the bank too late to cash a check. Of course, some people are entirely sincere, but the majority of them, sincere or not, fail to pay the debt.

Insult to Injury.

The cafe swindler seldom lacks nerve. Instances of a guest feeding on the best delicacies of the table and then going to the counter and asking for a package of cigarettes, without paying for either meal or smokes, are not rare. The package is opened before any reference is made to the bill. The alibi follows and the proprietor is bound to accept it for fear the "beat" is an honest man, and maybe a prospective customer.

Women are harder to deal with. If the manager even hints that their word is not good, they inevitably go off in a huff, never to return.

Men have been known to eat a full meal, buy cigarettes, proffer the premeditated excuse, and go out with half a dozen knives and forks. The theft is discovered after his exit. Some even go so far as to hook the artificial flowers on the table, cram their hip pockets with a bottle of catsup and disappear with the butter plates.

I SPIED TODAY

EVERYBODY'S "spying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win two tickets for the Grand Theatre.

It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

We have two tickets for the Grand Theatre, tomorrow, waiting here for "Speed," who sent in the winning note for today.

A street car conductor, with a jag on, in a Dundas street car. He was acting very strangely with the passengers. He was refusing fares, issuing transfers to everyone who entered the car, and at several street corners refused to let passengers on the car. He was later removed.—SPEED.

Coming from work, at 5:30, two of London's brave policemen, in civilian clothes, standing at the south end of Ridout street bridge, taking names of boys riding wheels without lights. Some heavy job for little men.—TOM.

At the Winter Garden, a young man, asking a young lady, whom he did not know, for a dance. The young lady said: "I never dance with men I don't know, but I will dance with you if you will not tell any person" (an old story).—W. M. J.

A pretty, young girl, coming west along Dundas street, towards a group of high school boys, vainly struggling to keep the naughty wind from showing her colors—paddy green bloomers. The girl thought: "It takes little to amuse little minds," but the boys firmly believe: "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."—PASSHER-BY.

While riding on one of the city street cars, a stout lady entered and seated herself beside a small, shabby-looking boy. He kept continually "snuffling" until the poor lady was almost distracted. She turned: "Have you a handkerchief?" The answer came slowly: "Yes, mam, but I don't generally lend it to strangers."—G. P. A. K.

At 7:30 this morning, a "full" moon, which has been hanging around our city for some time, but became very full early this morning. Apparently he was none the worse for being out on a spree all night, for although he was very much windblown, he had a happy smile on his tippy countenance, and still looked very tight. I wonder if certain London citizens were with him when he got his.—SEN TREE.

Poor Old Ponzi Is a Timid Piker Compared With This Young Man

And the Reporter Would Follow If He Had Money and Nerve.

The process of making baser metals into gold, or converting coppers into dollars, is one which every man would like to master. It rests with enterprising "Get Rich Quick Wallingfords" and "Ponzis" to put sudden wealth ideas into practice. Most of them are foiled in the long run, but a local young man seems to have struck a money-making arrangement that is reaping for him much luxury and little work.

Like all speculation, his system was really very simple. Two years ago he managed to accumulate a thousand dollars. At that time Danish kroners were worth 14 cents, the lowest they had been in years. He naturally concluded that they would shortly return to a higher figure, and he bought eight thousand of them on margin. They went up two ponits, netting the investor a neat little profit, and he re-cashed his money, fearing that they might return to their previous low rate. As a matter of fact, they kept on going up, but that has nothing to do with the story.

Swiss Came Next.

With his profits from Danish money, the young man looked at the financial page of a newspaper, and read that Swiss currency had reached a new low level. He reinvested in this money, and when it jumped two points, he cashed it in again and realized a little harvest. He waited a few months, and the British pound was announced to have gone down to unprecedented depths. The speculator followed the same policy. He was wise enough to cash in on the first ten-piont increase, figuring that most ruined bankers lose on their speculations through not being contented with a small profit and hanging on until the stock decreases in value.

Then the investing genius repeated the same process. Danish money had again dropped, owing to the failure of one of its prominent banks. He put all his cash in foreign currency just when it had shrunk to unheard-of proportions. Each time the reaction took the form of a material gain, and each time a two-point increase was registered. The young man did not wait for more. He promptly took the first profits. He was taking no chances.

Of course this system is pathetically simple, and the young man was fortunate that he did not speculate in German marks, Austrian money or Russian rubles, for these monies did not stop when they reached new lows—they went lower. He made it a rule to buy only foreign exchange of countries which he considered basically sound—countries that had not been badly demoralized by the late war.

Luck and Shrewdness.

"When a speculator makes money he usually imagines himself a pretty shrewd manipulator," the young man told an Advertiser reporter, "but when he loses he blames it all on luck. Now, I do not claim to be an expert financial man; I think I am lucky. Nevertheless, you must agree with we that the system sounds mighty good. If a country which has survived the war and chaotic after-conditions records an unprecedented decline in the value of its curerncy, you can be pretty sure that it will soon recover. That's the idea I had back of my earnings."

The reporter left the young man's lodgings with a feeling of sublime hope. The chap had certainly made a lot of money. He had a fine car and beautiful apartments. Why couldn't the reporter do the same thing? There were two reasons, however, that formed an insuperable obstacle. One was that he didn't have a thousand dollars with which to buy Danish kroners, and the other was that if he did have it, he would never have the nerve to invest it in foreign exchange.

ORDAIN E. J. DAVIS TO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Lambton and Middlesex Clergy Officiate at Interesting Ceremony.

HELD TALBOT ST. CHURCH

Dr. Bowley Green Delivers Ordination Sermon Tuesday.

A ceremony that was impressive as well as interesting, and the memory of which will long be cherished conducted in Talbot Street Baptist Church Tuesday night, when Earnest J. Davis was ordained to the Baptist ministry by a council composed of representatives of the Baptist Church of the Middlesex and Lambton Association.

The examination and the statement of Mr. Davis' calling to the ministry was held in the afternoon, and it was then decided to ordain him to the Baptist ministry in the evening.

Delivers Sermon.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Bowley Green, pastor of Talbot Street Church, taken from the sending out of the workers during the ministry of Christ. "The supreme task of the church is the evengelization of the world," declared Dr. Green. "It has no other business and no other program. It is its business to testify to the truth, as it is found in Christ Jesus. Evangelization is to be carried on by testimony.

"It is the chief business of every minister of the gospel, and of every Christian man and woman to testify to the truth. The results do not rest with us. The Lord said 'Go,' whether men receive you or not; testify to the truth. Never forget for one minute that your business is evangelization. It is a sobering thought to every preacher, that though he proclaim the word faithfully, only here and there will be found the one who receives the truth. That is none of your business.

Privilege and Duty.

"Then there is the privilege, as well as the duty, and the sublime thought that we—sinners saved by grace—have been given a partnership in this work. The spirit, impulse, and the whole genius of the Christian church is missionary. Andrew found Simon, and Philip found Nathaniel."

Dr. Green pointed out as well that the church has not the choosing of the ministers, that being done by the Lord Himself. "I would rather have one minister in London, filled with a spirit which would shake the city to its heart, than a dozen men, who were not sure but what they might be doing better in some other line of business?" was the speaker's conception of the style of preaching that proved effective.

Reads Invocation.

Dr. Sowerby, who was in charge of the ordination services, read the invocation, while the Rev. C. H. Geer, of the Broderick Memorial Church, St. Thomas, read the Scripture. After the ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. Bowley Green, D.D., pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, Rev. F. A. Steven, of the China Inland Mission in this city, made the Prayer of Ordination.

In an eloquent address of welcome to the Baptist ministry, Dr. Sowerby pointed out to the young men the sorrows and tribulations that necessarily become a part of a clergyman's life in preaching the gospel of God on earth, and told him that the ministry demanded men of most sterling qualities.

"You are in every special sense a laborer of Christ," he said in part. "You have been called into the inner circle, and have been given a special commission to do. I wish you all the joys, contentment and hardships that will be yours—for hardships there will be.

No Labor Unions.

The speaker stressed the fact that ministers did not form a labor union, but pointed out that the work of the laborer and the minister was, in many respects, similar. Instead of working with iron and steel, the minister of the gospel works on the hearts and souls of men, he said.

"Your work will never perish," he said in conclusion. "It will last for ever and ever. As a brother minister, I welcome you."

The charge to the candidate was made by the Rev. John A. Johnston, of the Calvary Baptist Church, Toronto.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, who is a graduate of Moody Institute, will leave London, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, for China. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of the Rev. F. A. Steven, of the China Inland Mission in London.

See Display Floor Coverings and Furniture (2nd Floor)

Kingsmill's

Toytown Now in Full Swing (Basement)

Super-Values To-Morrow

Talk about Value-Giving—Here are Super Values—Every item offered at a fraction of its to-day's real worth. These "specials" are for one day only—Thursday. The quantities are limited and we cannot guarantee each item. Sales to last all day.

$10 Silk Scarfs, $5

From France come these Scarfs, 20 inches wide, over two yards long; pure silk crepe with heavy silk fringed ends; lovely patterns, washable; white, flame, henna, blue, mauve, cream and rose.

Main Floor—Front.

Fancy China, 50c

1 tableful of 75c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 pieces

About 200 pieces of Fancy China in this lot. Bon-Bon Dishes, Cups and Saucers, Cake Plates, Butter Dishes, Mayonnaise Sets, etc. Splendid gift things and formerly priced at 75c to $1.50. Your choice....50c

$5.00 7-inch Brass Candlesticks for $2.50 a pair

20 pairs of Heavy English Solid Brass Candlesticks in very pretty design. These make a charming gift and can seldom be purchased now in this extra heavy solid real English brass.

Basement.

"Pyrex" Glass Pie Plates, in Nickel Frames, $2.50

Nickel-plated pierced frames, in a very pleasing design with Pyrex glass linings. Guaranteed not to break with oven heat. A charming gift and a most useful article.

Basement.

$12 Heavy Cut Glass Water Sets at $8.95

Includes heavy star bottom jug and six choice star bottom tumblers. All in crystal real cut glass. Very heavy and of excellent quality. Charming new patterns.

Basement.

Women's $4 Glove Silk Stockings at $3.50

Best quality, perfect goods. Niagara Maid Glove Silk Hose, in all colors (evening shades as well) and black. All sizes. Fancy gift boxes free with every pair. Buy all you'll need to-morrow.

Main Floor—Front.

Women's and Misses' Burberry Style Coats, $18.75

Pure wool materials of extra quality heather mixtures, colorings or plain colors with plaid backs, half lined with shot colored silk serge, belted and plain styles, all the very newest. Regular $25 values.

Main Floor—Rear.

New Velvet Dresses for afternoon and evening wear, $25

A remarkably low price for these most fashionable of new models in Silk Velvet and Canton Silk Dresses. Black and colors. A pleasing variety of charming new models (just received), and at such a reasonably low price you'll be agreeably surprised to get one for so little money.

Main Floor—Rear.

Yard-wide Duchess Satins, Imperial, Guaranteed Quality. Regular $3.00, for $1.98 per yard

5,000 yards of best, guaranteed quality Imperial Duchess Satins, full 36 inches wide; such colors as navy, jap, copen, French blue, rose, pink, sky, coral, orchid and brown. For blouses, dresses, separate skirts, etc. To-day's wholesale price from the manufacturer is more than our sale price to-morrow. This is without doubt the best silk event we've ever held. Your choice to-morrow.....$1.98

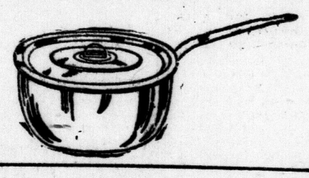
East Aisle—Rear.

Sale of Stamped Goods for Embroidering Christmas Gifts

Beautiful patterns, dainty designs, easily worked and most attractive Christmas presents make Kingsmill's Fancywork Department always busy. Note these special prices for to-morrow. The qualities are excellent, the values truly remarkable.

Repp Scarfs, 18 by 36 inches 59c
13-Piece Luncheon Sets at 69c
Card Table Covers at 89c
Brown Linen Scarfs at $1.00
White Lawn Dressing Sacques at $1.79

ONE-DAY SALE
5-Quart
ALUMINUM SAUCEPANS
98c



All Quality Brand (guaranteed to wear 25 years).

Regular $2 value.

200 only, all first quality high-grade aluminum. Every piece guaranteed to wear 25 years. Note the large size. It is a real $2 value. To the first 200 customers to-morrow at 9 a. m. 98c

Mail orders must send 14c for postage.

Basement.

Mahogany Serving Trays, 12 by 18 in., $1.95.
Basement.

Kingsmills

10-Inch Sleeping Dolls, real hair, jointed limbs, 39c.
Basement.

WENIGE TO SPEAK TO MOTHERS' CLUB

Rectory Street Organization to Entertain Five Hundred Children.

Rectory Street Mothers' Club claims the distinction of being the first mothers' club, if not the first organization in the city to book Mayor-elect George Wenige for an address. Announcement was made at the December meeting of the enterprising club on Tuesday evening that Mr. Wenige has consented to speak at the January meeting. Other important plans of the club include the entertainment of the five hundred children of the school all afternoon and evening of Friday, December 22.

Chesley Avenue Mothers' Club was "guest of honor" of Tuesday's meeting, enjoying with the Rectory street members a musical program, put on by E. W. G. Quance, supervisor of music in the school.

Community singing was a prominent and popular feature, other numbers including a solo by Mrs. B. Davis, instrumental, Miss Irene Sinclair, and reading, Miss Miller. Mrs. R. Sinclair is the progressive president of the club.

RIVERVIEW CLUB.

"We forgot we were sedate mothers, and felt we were children back at school again," was the way the mother of a grown-up family expressed the pleasure of herself and other members of the Riverview Mothers' Club in certain features of the "party," given in their honor Tuesday evening by Principal Newhouse and the teachers.

Taking charge of the program of the December meeting of the Mothers' Club, the staff received in the attractive kindergarten room, to which Christmas decorations lent added gaiety. The program, introduced by the principal, included solos by Miss Gladys McEvoy, Christmas readings by Miss Mitchell, and firth provoking comic selections by Miss Bessie Hardie.

Next came games, led by the teachers, "Jolly Miller," and others, familiar in childhood days, the club members entering into these with enthusiasm that could not be equalled by their sons and daughters.

A tempting supper was served in the domestic science room, the tables used for work in school hours transformed to very gorgeous banqueting boards with streamers of red and green.

During a brief business session, Mrs. Charles Walker, president of the club, who very warmly expressed the thanks of the guests to their host and hostesses, also made an appeal for return of sealers, given out some time ago to be filled with fruit for the children's shelter.

BOYLE MEMORIAL.

The London Institute of Musical Art took charge of the program for the December meeting, Tuesday evening, of the Boyle Memorial Mothers' Club, Miss Taylor giving a most helpful talk on teaching music to younger children, and Miss Ivy Smith contributing much enjoyed piano numbers.

IN REPORTING the presentation of medals to the children of Cronyn Memorial Church during the Sunday service, Miss Brickwood was referred to as the superintendent of the Sunday school. This was an oversight. Miss M. Brickwood is the supervisor of the junior congregation, and it was the children of her class who received the medals on Sunday morning.

ELECT DIRECTORS OF KIWANIS CLUB

Officers Will Be Selected Later From Members of Board.

The board of directors of the Kiwanis Club for the ensuing year, elected by ballot of the members on Tuesday, are as follows Col. W. Beattie, William Davidson, J. B. Hay, Frank C. Morrow, Hugh Murray, Albert Murphy, Harry Muir, T. H. Yull and Neil Stryker.

From these will be chosen the officers of the club, consisting of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Arthur Ford, the retiring president, will be a member, ex-officio, of the board of directors.

While not as yet assured, it is likely that the naming of the respective officers, as well as the choosing of the chairmen of the various standing committees will take place at the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club, on Friday, Dec. 8.

ORACLE CLUB WILL STAGE MOCK TRIAL

Sensational Society Case To Be Dealt With at Council Chambers.

A new departure in the programs of the Oracle Club will be enjoyed tomorrow evening, when a mock trial will be launched.

The affair will take the form of a sensational society case, in which a young man, the pampered son of a wealthy manufacturer of dandruff remedies, will be charged with manslaughter.

Former Crown Attorney Douglas, prosecuting attorney, will endeavor to prove that the young man, whose role is taken by Stanley Raymond, is a dissolute law-breaker who should receive the punishment of the state. While driving at a speed of 90 miles an hour on the Lambeth highway, the culprit is chased by a motorcycle policeman. Attempting to elude his pursuer, the villain turns abruptly up a side road, and the policeman runs into him, being killed in the accident. It is shown that on a previous occasion the prisoner tried to bribe members of the police department.

Gordon Tennant, attorney for the defence, will endeavor to show that the prisoner is a victim of wrong home environment. His mentality has become warped. He is the son of the idle rich, and should be pitied rather than condemned.

Major Albert Murphy, local solicitor, will assume the judicial robes for the trial. The program has been sent out to members, and the participants in the affair have had the programs framed.

A large crowd is expected to cram the county council chambers, where the trial will start, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

MOCHA FALL CEREMONIAL COMMENCES AT TEMPLE

The fall ceremonial of Mocha Temple was commenced Wednesday morning. At 10 o'clock the business meeting was held, and at 2:30 p.m. the election of officers. Initiation of the novices begins at 4 o'clock, extending to about 7:30 o'clock, and a buffet lunch will be served from 5:30 o'clock to 9. The Shriners in the evening will attend one of the theatres and bring to a fitting close this annual event.

REV. G. W. DEWEY TO GO TO PETERBORO

Pastor of Empress Avenue Church Announces Decision at Special Meeting.

After consultation at a special session of the board of trustees of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church, Tuesday night, Rev. George W. Dewey, pastor there for the past four years, has decided to accept a call issued from St. James' Methodist Church, Peterboro.

Mr. Dewey received the call ten days ago, but it was not until after the special meeting that his decision was announced.

By arrangements with the congregation of Empress Avenue Church, a transfer of pulpits will be effected between Mr. Dewey and Rev. J. H. Chapman, present pastor of St. James Church, the latter coming to London at the close of the conference year.

Mr. Dewey is spending his second term at the Empress Avenue Church, having been stationed there fifteen years ago for a term.

While in London, he has been an ardent worker in the activities of the Ministerial Alliance, and has been closely identified with the work of the London Methodist district, as well as the local Methodist council.

Previous to coming to London his ministry was spent in the Bay of Quinte and Toronto conferences.

His first station was at Brighton, and he was later moved to Trenton, Tweed and Lindsay.

In the Toronto conference, Mr. Dewey was stationed at Aurora and at Agnes street and Davenport road churches, Toronto.

Coming to the London conference fifteen years ago, he was stationed at Empress Avenue and left there to take charge of congregations in Blenheim and Stratford.

He will take charge of the Peterboro congregation at the commencement of next conference year, July, 1923.

MAY TAKE ACTION AGAINST MILK MEN

Authorities Score the Plan of Granting Licenses to Producers.

Local health authorities contemplate drastic action to prevent milk producers, who do not sell in London, from obtaining licenses for the same, it was announced Wednesday.

This is being done in many instances, it is claimed, farmers coming from a long distance, sometimes, in order to secure a license, thereby entitling them to a free tubercular milk test.

The question has been raised as to this procedure and the issue will be debated shortly by the members of the board of health.

GIVE QUIT CLAIM DEEDS TO LAND BOARD SOUGHT

North End Residents Sign Away Land Adjoining Richmond Street School.

An interesting sidelight to a recent real estate tangle over school board property came to light today when Secretary W. A. Tanner stated that property owners, adjacent to the Richmond street north school, over which the trouble arose, had given quit claim deeds for the four feet three inches of property in question, and still held some three inches more property than their deeds called for.

Some months ago the property was sold, but the purchaser, Thomas Terry, discovered that a line fence was separating him from the "four feet three." Surveys were made, and while the fence had been erected about twenty years ago and there was a question of "squatter's rights," the matter was finally settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Hielan'man Knew What He Wanted And What He Wanted Was Quite a Lot

A contributor whose forebears came from the west of Scotland sends this. He calls it the "Hielandman's Prayer," and vouches for its authenticity:

"Good and gracious providence, bless all the McGregors and all the McGregors' children for a thousand years. Be gracious, please, to send up rivers of whiskey, the very finest of whiskeys, and mountains of potatoes, and breads, and cheese as big as the hill o' Morven.

"And likewise send us further tons of tobacco, and sneeshan, as numerous as the seas on the sandshore.

"God bless the Queen, and the Prince of Wales, Parnell and all the other members of the royal family.

"Bless, moreover, the haverin eedicts that call Brittain England, and the British people English.

"And bless, too, the Juke o' Argyle, that puts up posts to scratch the backs , and likewise, moreover, for evermore, langsyne.

"Bless, too, the wee stirk, and make him a big coo by Martinmass, and pulle the strength o' Samson into Dougald's arm, and make him bring forth kail and lang corn prodigious.

"Bless the wee soo, and make him a big pig by next Martinmass. Bless all the bairns, Duncan,, and Rory, and Flora, and young Rory, and glorious days for evermore, amen, langsyne."

C. S. E. T. GROUPS START HOCKEY LEAGUE IN CITY

Boys Choose Slate of Officers for Coming Season.

The fact that London will be minus a hockey arena this winter, and the fact that the majority of hockey lovers seem disgusted at the alleged lack of "sport interest" in the city, did not dampen in the least the enthusiasm of the Trail Ranger and Tuxis Boys in the Forest City, who gathered at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night to organize the C. S. E. T. Hockey League for the coming winter.

The officers elected for the season are: Honorary president, Mr. Hair; president, Cameron Wilson; vice-president, Jack Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Spearman, and executive committee, Jack White and Ken Murray.

It was decided to divide the league into three groups. The first group, the juniors, will be composed of boys who have not reached their 15th birthday prior to Jan. 15, 1922. Those who are under 18 on that date will be classed as intermediates, while the senior group will consist of young men who have not reached their 20th birthday.

Each church or group deciding to enter a team will be asked to submit to the secretary the names of two men who will be available for referees. Registration closes Dec. 15.

BONDHOLDERS MAY GET CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

Montreal, Que., Dec. 5.—There are rumors in the bond market that there may be conversion privilege for holders of Canadian Light and Power and Montreal Public Service Corporation bonds, both 5 per cent issues, into a 6 per cent issue of the Quebec-New England Hydro Corporation when the financing of the project is announced.

The Public Service Corporation will be replaced by the new company to handle the Carillon Power property and Canadian Light and Power is controlled by Public Service.

MAY DELAY WORK ON NEW CITY HALL

Municipal Authorities Question Probability of Construction in Near Future.

While the impression seems to have gone abroad that the defeat of the city hall bylaw means the immediate construction of new civic offices on the federal square, mnuicipal authorities question the probability of this undertaking in the near future.

Many opinions as to the probable cost of a hall on the federal square have been forthcoming from various quarters during hte recent campaign, and it seems to be the belief of the majority that at least $1,000,000 would be required for the project.

If it should be the desire of the new mayor and council to institute action in this respect during the coming year, it would be imperative, officials opine, to go back to the people with a request for three-quarters of a million dollars, if the estimate is correct, or nearly so. Just what the ratepayers would do with a request of that nature is somewhat problematical at this moment, but if they were possessed of the same mind upon expenditures as at present, its defeat would be inevitable.

Whether a suitable city hall could be erected on the federal square for about $300,000 is now a debatable question. The city possesses at this moment approximately $250,000, voted in past years by the ratepayers for this purpose, while the sale of the present site, the Spencer Block, should yield, the authorities say, probably $100,000.

There is a growing feeling among the citizens, however, that as the city hall problem has dragged along for ten years or more another year or two of delay would not affect the situation materially, and the building could be deferred until such time as the corporation will be in a much better condition financially and the country is back to normalcy.

CANDIDATES FOR ORANGE LODGE RECEIVE DEGREES

Women of Order Elect Officers at Pottersburg Meeting.

The Rev. William Lowe, 2056, L. O. L., held a meeting Tuesday night at Pottersburg, when a number of candidates were advanced through the various degrees by the county officers. Several new applications were received. The lodge looks forward confidently to a successful and busy season.

The ladies' lodge met Tuesday night for their annual election of officers, The result of the election was as follows: Worthy mistress, Mrs. Cross; deputy mistress, Mrs. Allen; chaplain, Mrs. Campbell; secretary, Mrs. Raynard; financial secretary, Mrs. Grofener; treasurer, Mrs. Roach; first lecturer, Mrs. Fletcher; director of ceremonies, Miss Mabel Cross; inner guide, Mrs. Scanton; outer guide, Mrs. Roach; guardian, Mrs. Cross; past mistress, Mrs. Cross.

POSTPONE INVESTIGATION OF CITY WATER LEAKAGE

Officials Forced by Cold Weather to Halt Operation.

The inspection of water taps in the city, with a view to tracing the leakage and waste of water, has been brought to an abrupt stop by the cold weather, and will not likely be resumed until early spring. The Pitometer Company of New York has been conducting the inspection.

Some time ago the public utilities commission decided, upon the recommendation of E. V. Buchanan, general manager of public utilities, to have an inspection of taps made, and where leaky taps were found to instal a meter. Operations were immediately begun on the section bounded by Queen's avenue, Maitland, York and Ridout streets.

Mr. Buchanan pointed out that it was only with difficulty that a high water usage during the night in winter was traced. It might be caused through the practice of letting taps run to prevent freezing, or it might be through leakage, he said. In the warmer months of the year, the proposition was an easy one to take care of.

PUPILS OF MR. THOMAS MARTIN are to be heard tonight in what promises to be one of the most brilliant recitals of the season in the assembly room of the Institute of Musical Art. Assisting with the program are pupils of Miss Dorinda Abbott. Among the artists are Miss Laura Kirkwood, Miss Marlyne Pocock, and many other gifted young students.