

REVISING THE ASSESSMENT

Savings and Loan Societies Secure a Modification.

A Large Number of Appeals Dealt With and Many Dismissed.

The court of revision held a three-hour session yesterday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. A number of appeals were heard, and decisions given in all the cases heard at the preceding meeting.

Today the members will make a tour of West London to ascertain if there is any good reason for the large number of protests from that district. The court will resume Monday at 3 p.m., at which time the matter of the assessment of the street railway company's property will probably be reached.

Among the appeals heard at yesterday's session, the most interesting was that of the savings and loan companies of the city. The aggregate assessment had been raised from \$372,000 last year to \$470,818, the increase being largely due to the fact that this year's assessment included the net earnings, and the amounts carried to the contingent and reserve funds. The managers of the various companies met recently and decided to protest against an assessment on the amount carried to the contingent fund, though they did not object to the tax on dividends and amount carried to reserve fund.

Mr. T. H. Purdom, representing the Dominion Savings and Loan Company, presented the case for the companies. He said those institutions had made London one of the leading financial centers of Canada, and it was chiefly through their operations that London was today more largely than any other city in Canada, "a city of homes." He convinced the court that to include the item mentioned in their assessment would be a hardship. The assessment was modified so as to make a reduction in the total of \$46,118. The assessments confirmed were as follows: Agricultural Savings and Loan, \$17,100; Ontario Loan and Debenture, \$38,900; Dominion Savings and Investment, \$46,700; Huron and Erie Loan and Savings, \$146,000; London Loan, \$42,300; Canadian Savings and Loan, \$54,000; total, \$424,700, being an increase of \$52,000 over last year.

The Ontario Land and Oil Company appealed against an assessment of \$5,885 against certain property south of the Hamilton road, and three lots south of Nelson street. The three lots referred to the company were about to sell for \$700, and they had been assessed for \$1,400. The other parcel consisted of eight or nine acres of vacant land, which they had been vainly trying to sell for years. The assessment had been increased \$900. They appealed under section 29 of the assessment act, which provides that land south of the Hamilton road and unoccupied shall be assessed as farm lands.

At this juncture entered Messrs. Finnegan, Quinn and Daly, to protest against the cost of the projected sewer on Waterloo street, between Princess Avenue and Peel Street, being assessed against their property. They were informed that they came too late, as the matter had already been disposed of, the appeal of a number of other property owners along the line of the sewer having already been dismissed. The trio succeeded at last in being heard.

Decisions were given in nearly all of the cases in which evidence had been submitted at the first session. A large number of the appeals were from West London, due, Mr. Grant claims, to the fact that under the village regime the lines were not drawn so rigidly and impartially as now.

Isaac Sargent, whose planing mill was recently destroyed by fire, had his assessment reduced \$2,550. Decisions were rendered as follows:

REAL ESTATE.
Robert Russell, reduced \$50; Wm. David, dismissed; Balfour estate, reduced \$100; Joseph Fiddes, reduced \$100; Jas. H. Belton, dismissed; James Spry, dismissed; James Fiddes, dismissed; R. McNeil, reduced \$50; Mrs. Emily D. dismissed; Wm. Smith, reduced \$100; J. E. Hodgins and T. H. Haskett, reduced \$500 each; Charles Johns, dismissed; Matthew Kershaw, dismissed; Thomas Bayly, dismissed; W. J. Saundby, dismissed; J. D. Saundby, reduced \$400; Fred Ellis, dismissed; Hume B. Cronyn, reduced \$300; Malcolm McCrimmon, reduced \$400; Andrew Mc-

guson, dismissed; Mrs. Gardner, dismissed; Philip McKenzie, reduced \$4,500; Robert Annett, reserved; George B. Cooper, dismissed; John Hyslop, reduced \$50; Levi Hammond, dismissed; Alex. Currie, dismissed; George Duckett, rearranged; Isaac Sargent, reduced \$2,550; C. A. Jones, reduced \$225; John C. McCauley, dismissed; F. A. Shamp, allowed; Mrs. Tillman, dismissed; John Chapman, dismissed.

PERSONALTY.
R. C. Meade, reserved; Walter Mann, dismissed; S. F. Wood, dismissed; David Thomas reduced \$1,000; Queen City Oil Company, dismissed; Thomas B. Uren, changed to Mrs. Thomas B. Uren; John Graham, allowed; Henry Saunders, allowed; Richard Elliott, dismissed; Joseph Dudley, allowed; Jos. Needham, dismissed; Wm. Blair, dismissed; Geo. W. Logan, dismissed; Louis Rupe, allowed; J. E. O'Neill, allowed.

INCOME.
Cy Warman, reduced \$500; J. K. Flood, reduced \$400; F. G. Bowlan, reduced \$300; Wm. Giddons, reduced \$500; Edmund Chapman, allowed; William Steer, reduced \$300.

STATUTE LABOR.
Karl Wildern, allowed; Gilbert E. Corbin, allowed; Joe Boyd, allowed; R. W. Gibbs, dismissed; F. P. Beaumont, allowed; James Hussy, allowed.

THE WORK OF THE "Y'S"

The Annual Meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U.

Large Attendance at the Rooms During the Year—Progress in All Departments.

At the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. the reports of the general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. and treasurer were presented, and showed that the work had progressed, and that there existed a great need for such work among the young women.

The general secretary's report showed that the total attendance was 13,827, of which 9,958 visited the rooms during the day, 5,599 were present at the lunch hour, and 3,869 attended in the evenings. The lunch hour has been since its inception, an encouraging feature of the work. A number of young women from the educational institutions, offices, stores and factories spend their noon hour restfully in the pleasant apartment, and enjoy a cup of hot tea, coffee or cocoa, with the use of piano, library and magazine table. The housekeepers' mission in connection with the association has, through the kindness of the housekeepers of London distributed from its stores canned fruits, jellies, etc., to the sick and aged poor.

In the employment department many have applied for positions as domestics, factory hands and stenographers, as well as for work by the day. Many applications for girls for domestic service have been received, and in many cases the need has been supplied. Through its agency a number of young women strangers have been directed to suitable boarding houses.

Clothing and relief have been supplied to needy applicants. The special features of the report of the above association were the Tuesday evening class for Bible study, educational classes in grammar, composition, reading, arithmetic, etc., the physical culture class, a series of medical talks, and various literary and scientific talks.

Social evenings, both varied and interesting, have been held monthly. The Association's "King's Daughters' Circle has continued its good work of awakening and deepening the spiritual life of its members, of helping the poor and needy, and comforting the sick and sorrowing.

A number of families were supplied with Thanksgiving dinners. Clothing and other relief were distributed to those in need. The past season at "Summerholm" (the association's summer outing home at Port Stanley) has been a successful one, and many young women have availed themselves of the privilege of spending a week or two at this pleasant retreat. The comfort and appearance of "Summerholm" was much improved this year by the addition of verandas and four rooms, at a cost of \$297. Of this sum \$197 has been paid, leaving a debt of \$100, which the society hopes to wipe out this year.

The treasurer reported the receipts to be \$637 77, disbursements \$579 09, leaving a balance on hand of \$58 78. As the work undertaken by the so-

cety has been a work entirely for young women along Y. W. C. A. lines, a motion was made to disorganize as a Y. W. C. T. U. and reorganize as a Y. W. C. A. board of managers. This was carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss M. Treblecock; vice-presidents, Misses Fraser, Ware, Wright, Yates, F. Fraser; recording secretary, Miss F. Fraser; corresponding secretary, Miss Clara Treblecock; general secretary, Miss M. Kirkpatrick; press correspondent, Miss J. Gunn. The standing committees for the year were also appointed. The Y. W. C. A. having moved to their new quarters at 236 Dundas street, begin the year under more favorable conditions, and in a building better adapted to the work, and will be pleased to welcome both old and new friends.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"AT PINEY RIDGE" TODAY AND TONIGHT.

The story of the rich young mountaineer who is charged with having the taint of negro blood in his veins on the eve of his engagement to the daughter of a proud southern family, offers much of dramatic situation, and David Higgins, the author-actor, has taken full advantage of the chances given by this situation. He has set it in the best sort of stage surroundings, and out of it has made up four acts that are filled to the brim with fine sentiment, rich comedy and strong climaxes. This play will be given by Mr. Higgins and his company at the Grand, matinee and night, today.

"THE VICTORIAN CROSS."

In "The Victorian Cross" an English military play, which comes to the Grand next Monday night for a two-days' stay, the author has constructed a play with all the elements of success. The scenes are laid in England and India during the Crimean war of 1857, and it might be well to mention incidentally that our new governor-general was identified with the success of the British at that time. The piece is full of great interest, the author's situation, and strong, dramatic climaxes. The prices for the engagement will be of the popular kind.

"THE GEISHA."

London theater-goers are loyal to old favorites. The brilliant but venerable "Geisha" drew a crowded house at the Grand last night. The company was, on the whole, excellent, and the audience seemed to find this really pretty opera as entertaining as ever. The chorus was fair, and the quintet composed of Leonard Walker, Will T. Elmhanger, Arthur Stanford, Charles Hatty and Miss Amelia Baird, officers of H. M. S. Thistle, deservedly made a hit. H. W. Treblecock was a good voice, and made an irreproachable Marquis Imari, and Charles Danby, as Wun Hi, the irrepressible Celestial, could not be improved on. Miss Helen Rayton, though pretty and clever, is too characteristic American for a successful Geisha. She is too thin, her movements too abrupt, and she lacks the languorous, sinuous grace of the Orient. The girls were pretty, the costumes rich and beautiful, and the stage setting all that could be desired.

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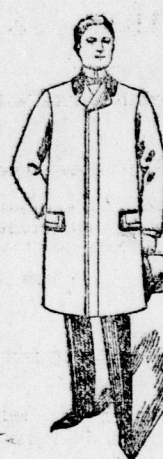
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