

## THREE LONDON BOYS WILL GO TO TORONTO

Popular Young Citizens Will  
Represent City at Provin-  
cial Parliament.

### CARE USED IN SELECTION

Queen City Organizations Will  
Entertain Youths From  
Various Communities.

Every municipality and council in Ontario will be represented at the Provincial Boys' Parliament that is being held in the Ontario Legislative Chamber, December 27, 28 and 29. London was entitled to three members, and as the result of a keen election among the Tuxis Senior Boys have chosen Milt Walker, Phil Burton and Claude Gunther.

These three boys are all well known and popular amongst their fellows, and are well qualified to represent the city in this parliament.

Claude Gunther, thought very highly of by those who know him best, earned this criticism of his abilities from the teachers in charge of the Tuxis work: "Responsibility will fall naturally on the worthy, and in Claude is to be found an officer in a most efficient group (Ahmeeks), a Sunday school teacher, and a Trail Range Mentor."

Phil Burton, an athlete and all-around sportsman, possessed of a special manner that allows him to make and hold new friends easily, is also a Trail Range Mentor. He was sports editor of the Boys' Own Times for a while, and is exceptionally well equipped by social and mental gifts to speak in Toronto on behalf of London.

Milt A. Walker, who is now in his third year in medicine at the Western University is a typical Tuxis boy who has lived the fourfold life well. Fond of games, an enthusiastic worker in every field in which boys' work is featured, he also is in the possession of a sunny nature that makes social life a pleasure for himself and those who are brought in contact with him. He has held every office that his Tuxis group and the Y. M. C. A. had to offer, and has a wide experience that should make him invaluable in this kind of work.

These boys will be billeted in Toronto and will be entertained by the Rotary Club, by Toronto city council, and by the lieutenant-governor of the province at his home.

Great things are expected from this boys' parliament in the way of improving the methods of training and practice in the various groups, and also from the fact that the experience the boys will gain from meeting together and discussing their mutual problems is bound to have a broadening and most beneficial effect on the boys themselves.

Lloyd Houlding of the Y. M. C. A. points out that the greatest care has been taken in selecting these representatives, and that if all the other centres have instituted as searching a trial and test, then the boys' parliament will contain the very cream of the boyhood of Ontario.



PHIL BURTON.



MILT WALKER.



CLAUDE GUNTHER.

## News From City Churches

### NEW ST. JAMES' AUXILIARY.

The annual business meeting of the Lillian MacVicar Auxiliary, New St. James' Church, was held this week. Following the opening exercises, the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Wheable; president, Miss Doris Tanner; first vice-president, Miss Jessie Weir; second vice-president, Miss Hattie Park; secretary, Miss Annie Murray; library secretary, Miss Ruth Tanner; treasurer, Miss Leona Mottashed; pianist, Miss Irene Brown.

### ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD.

At the brotherhood meeting in the Robinson Memorial Church last Sunday, it was decided that by active work in the community and helping other brotherhoods, as well as getting their help through visits, they could best fulfill the topic of the day's discourse, "In What Way Can the Members of Our Brotherhood Give Practical Expression to the Spirit of Christianity?"

### CITY CHURCHES ENTER LEAGUE.

The various churches in the city are already making application for entry into the Hockey League, that is being organized for the C. S. E. T. boys.

Over thirty groups have entered up to date, and W. H. Spearman of the Y. M. C. A. is desirous of receiving more registrations. Rink cushions have been allotted by the public utilities commission for the use of this league, the management of which is in the hands of the following committee: Cameron Wilson, president; Jack Ferguson, vice-president; W. H. Spearman, secretary and treasurer; Kenneth Murray and Jack White.

## Recall Glorious Deeds of R.C.R. On Birthday of Famous Regiment

Officers Will Give Colorful Fete at Headquarters of Unit in City To Celebrate 39th Birthday—Will Display Flags Won on Many Battlefields.

Founded Dec. 21, 1883, the Royal Canadian Regiment tomorrow celebrates its 39th birthday.

Originally organized for the purpose of giving instruction and assisting in the non-permanent active militia in Canada, this noted regiment whose present headquarters is London, cherishes a record for service to Canada and the empire unapproached by any other military organization in these parts.

With colors displayed and exhibiting the battle honors of Saskatchewan, Northwest Canada—85 and Paradeburg, South Africa—99-1900, officers of the R. C. R. will celebrate the occasion of their unit's birthday in the mess Thursday evening. Following this a dance will be given.

The history of London's "battalion" is flushed with traditions of military achievements worthy of the oldest martial establishments of India. Its enviable record in the Northwest rebellion is only surpassed by its contribution to victory in South Africa. Again the Royal Canadian Regiment added the memory of great accomplishment to its already proud reputation in the great war.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill, officer commanding, will tomorrow conduct the usual anniversary ceremonies. Col. Hill has served with the R. C. R. for 23 years, the longest term of any of the regiment's officers on men.

In recognition of the regiment's work during the Boer war, Queen Victoria awarded it her royal cipher V. R. I. No other colonial organization was so honored, and the reg-

ment thus has the distinction of being the only overseas unit able to boast possession of the Queen's cipher.

When she died much controversy was heard in connection with the unique possession of the royal badge. Eventually, however, the Duke of Connaught, honorary colonel of the regiment, decreed that the R. C. R. should cherish the gift so long as it exists as a unit of the imperial forces.

The 22nd of February is always celebrated as Regimental Day. This is to do honor to former members of the battalion who fell at the battle of Paardeburg, South Africa, on that date 23 years ago. The last veteran of the Boer war left the regiment one year ago, being too old to continue in service.

As a further reward for the battalion's work in South Africa, the regiment one year ago, being too old to continue in service, was presented with a special banner. All these colors shall be on display Thursday evening.

Officers and men possess numerous medals and honors as a result of meritorious action in the war of 1914-18. Captain S. M. Gregg, a former officer of the R. C. R., now in Toronto, is a recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest honor bestowed by the British government for extraordinary bravery during the past war.

The complete story of this R. C. R. officer's exploit was broadcasted from coast to coast by Stewart Lyon, then Canadian war correspondent on the western front.

As yet the regiment has not received its colors in connection with the recent war. When these do come to hand, it will be able to display a collection of battle banners equalled by no other military unit in the country.

## RECALLS METHODS OF BANK IN EIGHTIES

Heads of Institutions Held in  
Reverence by Members  
of Community.

There is an interesting sidelight on past and present methods of banking, as revealed in a letter read last night by Dr. A. C. Jeffery, in the course of his lecture to the Historical Society.

The letter was written by Charlie Murray, who was from 1874 to 1888 manager of the Federal Bank in London, and the son of Adam Murray, one time county treasurer.

Speaking of the ways of banking in vogue in his time, he says: "I recall the times when banks and money were held in reverence, much different than in these democratic times. A citizen then when he needed bank credit, had to go through a mental coach previously to screw up his nerve to broach the dread proposition. When I was a lad, a friend and relative of my father took me into the Bank of Upper Canada, presided over by James Hamilton, a most genial and kindly gentleman in private life. My friend was admitted and humbly proffered his request for two hundred pounds currency. I will never forget the stern, determined countenance of Mr. Hamilton. One hundred dollars! What do you want one hundred pounds for? The matter was finally explained, and though the man was good for twenty times more, he was told to go and get an indorser."

"Our friend had rather a dour, Scotch temper, but cautious with a'l, and when he got outside, he said some unkind words about bankers. 'I remember some years later being in the Bank of Montreal, when a man came in whom I knew, to make a considerable savings deposit. The bank accountant was in the teller's box, and when the depositor took out his roll, he showed a very dirty pair of hands. The banker looked disgusted, and said in a loud tone: 'Go and wash your hands and come back and make your deposit!'—and the man did so."

"Ye gods and little fishes! Imagine such a thing in the present day and generation."

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The Tonic and Laxative Effect of Laxative BROMO Tablets soon relieve a Headache caused from a Cold. The box bears the signature of Dr. W. D. Groves. (Be sure you get BROMO). 30c. Made in Canada.

### ELMAN AND THE VICTOR.

To those who had the pleasure of hearing this famous artist while he was in London, the announcement that he has made a new record, No. 6809, "Fond Recollections," will come as a pleasant surprise.

This and all other Elman selections, which number over fifty of his favorites, may be procured from the Home of the Victor, Mason & Risch, Limited, 248 Dundas street, London, Adv.

## McCORMICK'S GIVE CHRISTMAS TREAT

Hundreds of Employees En-  
joy Dinner and Social  
Evening in Factory.

### HONOR HEADS OF FIRM

Will Give Christmas Tree to  
Children On Friday  
Night.

Never in the history of the McCormick Manufacturing Company has there been such a large and enthusiastic gathering as filled the big dining-room Tuesday night, on the occasion of the annual Christmas concert, according to F. J. Ward, chairman of the evening.

Beginning at 6 o'clock with a real Christmas supper, at which more than six hundred sat down, the tables replete with everything from eggs to apples, the evening continued with dancing and games and cards, to an all too early close, for the happy throng that had gathered.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. extension work, there was a fine program of part songs and choruses. Everyone had a fancy paper hat, and some of them most becoming, and there was a liberal supply of colored streamers and the ubiquitous squeaker.

Frank A. McCormick, president of the company, who was received with enthusiasm, in a brief and witty speech, spoke of the successes of the year, and in thanking the employees for their loyal co-operation in the work of the firm, prophesied a greater and wider success in the years to come, and in conclusion wished them a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

He was presented by the employees with a box of his favorite cigars, and all the executives were included in this spirit of the season by gifts done up in innumerable rolls of paper, the unwrapping of which on the platform proved the occasion of the greatest hilarity to everyone present.

As soon as dinner was over and the tables all cleared away, the evening was devoted to dancing in the large hall, and eucure in the cosy little alcoves at the east end. There were moonlight dances and fox trots and all the latest steps, and the dancers in their gay colored caps blended charmingly with the bright decorations of the room.

At 8 o'clock there was a carpet-ball competition in the gymnasium and at 11:30, lights out, and the close of a jolly evening's entertainment, that marked an epoch in the annals of the social side of the company.

The arrangements were in the able hands of a committee of the Employees' Welfare Association, consisting of J. L. Skinner, W. J. Wood, Ben Christiana and Fred Oliver. F. J. Ward, secretary of the association, officiated in charge of the general arrangements.

On Friday night the employees will give their annual Christmas tree for the children.

## HOUSES AT PINE LAWN WORRY ONCE AGAIN

Roofing Problem To Be Discussed  
At Final Meeting of Housing  
Commission.

The "southeast school" issue is not the only problem that "is with us always" for the "celebrated" Pine Lawn angle is due for another consideration at the final session of the housing commissioners set for tomorrow.

While an award has been handed down, directing the replacement of the roofs of the city's 47 houses in the Pine Lawn area, it would appear that everything is not developing quite as smoothly as one would expect.

Commissioners stated this morning that nothing definite had transpired since the last meeting, one of expressing the suggestion that unfavorable weather was responsible for the delay.

While routine business only is set for consideration Thursday night, Commissioner D. J. Tallant gives assurance that he will still insist that the contractors be compelled to proceed with the work as outlined by the arbitrators recently.

### Obituaries

MRS. JULIA KILBOURNE.  
The death of Mrs. Julia Kilbourne, widow of Isaac Kilbourne, occurred at Victoria Hospital Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Kilbourne was 78 years old. The funeral will be held from the residence of her son, Edward Kilbourne, lot 2, concession 3, Dorchester, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made Thursday at the Dorchester Union Cemetery.

THOMAS GLASGOW.  
Thomas Glasgow, one of the oldest residents of Delaware Township, passed away at his home, lot 15, concession 4, Monday, in his 81st year. Mr. Glasgow leaves his wife, Mrs. Glasgow, one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Robler, of Ada, Sask., and one son, Ira, at home.

The funeral will be held from the above address, Thursday, at 2 p.m., to Scotch Cemetery, and the services will be conducted by the Rev. W. Sutcliffe of Byron.

## ANOTHER VALUABLE PICTURE HAS COME TO LONDON

Londoners are becoming more and more interested in art, and this is a great asset to any community, as our homes are judged by the pictures we hang.

The valuable picture is by G. Morland, "The Gypsies," painted 1790, and is exhibited at 182 Dundas street, upstairs, in the new offices of the Steel Realty, next to De Luxe Cafe, over John A. Nash, My Jeweller Store, "where you will eventually buy."

### SPECIAL PRICES FOR CHRISTMAS

The Standard Drug, Limited, advertisement in this issue contains a host of bargain prices which are going to hold good from now till Christmas. Articles that have been marked down could easily be used for Christmas gifts. French ivory toilet ware and genuine ebony, for instance, make ideal gifts, and here is an opportunity to get articles of this nature at a saving.

## I SPED TODAY

EVERYBODY'S "spying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win a one-dollar bill. It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

One Dollar is here for "I Spied" who contributed the winning item today.

A man got off a Normal car with a new sleigh in one hand and a pair of skates in the other and ran right into his boy who had been sent to the store. Dad looked crestfallen as he surrendered the sleigh and skates.—SPIED.

A group of men cutting ice at the Cove Ranges.—H. P.

An elderly man riding a ladies' bicycle on Dundas street, carrying an oil hand lamp to comply with the law.—D. E. L.

While walking up Dundas street, I received two jolly schoolgirls. One of the girls had a pair of glasses with a fountain pen fastened to the top, and the other had a pen fastened to her hat.—A YOUNG ADVENTURER.

An elderly woman, sitting down in a well-crowded street car, with a parcel under her arm. The other passengers were suddenly startled by hearing the word, "Mamma," from the parcel. It caused much amusement in the car.—A TALKING DOLL.

A man and his wife walking on Richmond street, pass a clerk from a wholesale hardware. A battle suddenly started, in which the clerk floored Mr. Husband. While he was down on the sidewalk, however, friend wife tore the back out of the clerk's coat and hit him on the head with a Christmas parcel.—G. W. B.

Two collegiate girls, with their heads close together, over a slip of paper in their hands. Suddenly one uttered a low moan and sank to the ground in the snow bank. Her companion, with a wall of despair clutched wildly at a telephone post for support. We rushed to offer our assistance, whereat both girls replied: "We've been comparing our answers in our physics exam, and we've both made the identical, idiotic mistake!"—H29.

## Wireless Officer Broadcasts Tragic Tale of Reliance Wreck

Walks a Mile Through Two Feet of Snow To Get  
Story to "His Old Paper."

### Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Norman Stoute, wireless operator on the tug Reliance, which was wrecked and abandoned, on Rowe Island, personally sent the following story by wireless to the Toronto Star last night, from Sault Ste. Marie, shortly after he had arrived there with a party of other survivors.

The story was received at the Star's radio station, and is the first story for publication ever sent directly by wireless to a newspaper office, in Canada, and received on its own radio equipment, and by its own staff.

Although his feet were frozen, and he was suffering from exhaustion after his terrible experiences, since his ship was wrecked, Mr. Stoute walked through two feet of snow, from the Algoma Central wireless station to the Marconi wireless station at Sault Ste. Marie, in order to get his story to "his old paper," as he phrased it, without delay.

Up to April of this year, Mr. Stoute was a member of the Star business office staff.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, we left Gargantua at 8:15 in the morning, in clear weather. Coming towards Sault Ste. Marie, a dense snowstorm came up, and Captain Williams checked down the speed. In about an hour we suddenly hit the rocks off Rowe Island. Captain Williams ordered the engines reversed, and the propeller was broken on the rocks.

Driven Mile by Sea.  
"The sea drove us three-quarters of a mile over the rocks towards Rowe Island, and at 1:15 in the afternoon we filled and settled in thirteen feet of water. Just after we struck attempts were made to launch the lifeboats, and the first one got away with the nine men who eventually reached Boiesseau Camp after a long trip through the bush. Immediately after, when attempting to launch the big lifeboat on the top deck, a violent swell struck us and we hit the rocks with great force, throwing three members of the crew, McPherson, Johns and Regan, into the water."

"The Reliance was covered with ice, which added to the hazard in lowering the boat. McPherson struck the tug going over and injured himself seriously. We saw him drown in a few minutes. A life belt was thrown to him, but he could not hear us hollering to him to grasp it. The lifeboat was lowered, and an attempt was made to get the other two men, but a big sea lifted it off the fall hooks and we lost it. Johns and Regan managed to get a hold on the lifeboat, and with almost superhuman efforts defied the waves for a few moments. But they were exhausted and had to let go."

### Final Boat Swamped.

"Our final lifeboat was swamped while we were trying to launch it, and we were thus left without any visible means of saving our lives. A raft was hurriedly constructed, despite the mountainous seas, and the rolling ship, Captain Williams and Wheelman Longdale left on this raft for the island, to try to find the first boat that had got away with Currie and eight others, in order to bring it back for the rest."

"They had a very narrow escape in getting to the island, and by the time they did get there the wind and snow had increased to such a volume that it was impossible to do any more that day. The Reliance by this time was practically on her side, and the water in her was level with the lake. We stayed in her all that night with no sleep or fire, eating what little food we could salvage from the water as it floated from the cook house."

"Next day the sea having subsided a little another raft was made and launched. Great credit is due Engineer Walsh and Mate Harrison for their work on this craft. With the exception of four men we all got to shore by means of the raft, although we were all soaked. We found the captain and wheelman on shore, but in a very weak condition, they having had no food or shelter since the day previous, and the weather was bitterly cold."

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On Sunday we got two men alive from the wreck; of the other two, a Finlander named Charles Salo, died on the tug. He had been taken aboard ill at Puckasaw, and was going to the Soo. We got his body ashore. Before we could get the last man, Bill Gow, a fireman, away from the tug the wind and sea came up again with such force that we could not handle the raft. Gow was left stranded on the wreck alone. He made a small raft of doors and other bits of wreckage, and on this flimsy craft he knelt and propelled himself to the shore.

"The next day, Monday, the tug Gray arrived on the scene, and that's all. The Reliance was apparently very sturdily built."

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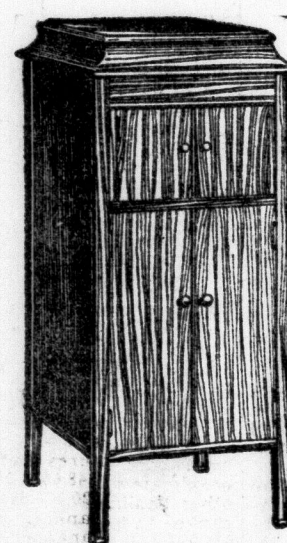
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