OTTAWA MAN IS SENTENCED TO REFORMATORY

Convicted of Stealing Eggs From Local Produce Firm.

For stealing nine cases of eggs from the C. A. Mann produce store on December 1, Ludger Grison, alias George Graham, of Ottawa, was today sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of not less than three months and not more than two years in the Ontario reformatory. Although Grison has had a long criminal record, the magistrate felt reluctant about sending him to the penitentiary, as he wished to give him an opportunity to reform.

On the night of December 1, Grison broke into Mann's store on King street. In a wagon he removed nine cases of eggs, valued at $200. Two nights before he stole two cases of eggs from the Ontario Creamery. He disposed of the eggs by peddling them through the country. He was arrested a week or so later in Toronto. He pleaded guilty, and also admitted that he had a prison record when he was arraigned in the local court.

On November 29, 1912, Grison was convicted in Ottawa on three charges of stealing. A week or so later he was sentenced to six months in jail for house-breaking. In November, 1914, he was sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary for burglary. He was again convicted in 1917, and sentenced to three years in the same prison. He was released on November 13, 1918, in order to join the Canadian army.

Magistrate Graydon asked Grison why he persisted in leading such a life when he had every opportunity to live straight. He asked the prisoner to think things over when he goes to prison, and if he should decide to reform to let him know. If He would do this, the magistrate promised he would intercede on his behalf.

BOYS' KIND DONATION

Sunday School Scholars of Old St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, Send Contribution to Byron Sanatorium Patients.

The boys at the Byron Sanatorium were more than pleased at the very kindly remembrance in the form of a check for substantial amount from the Sunday school scholars of old St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, through D. G. Cuthbertson, superintendent, and if the members of the school could have heard the kind words spoken about their gift they would have been more than pleased.

Wintertime with peace caresses Ev'ry man who health possesses.

THE wintertime does not annoy the man who is possessed of good health, and he is sure to feel right if he takes care of himself. If you have a symptom of any ill attend to it at once and save trouble. If you buy drugs of these folks you'll save trouble and money.

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SEES CONTINUATION OF CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Situation Is Reviewed at a Meeting of Life Insurance Heads.

At the meeting of the life insurance presidents held in New York, the president in introducing T. B. Macaulay of Montreal, president of the Sun Life, said:

"The invisible and unfortified boundary line between the United States and Canada is a shining example of what international relations may be between people of a common ancestry, and having common aspirations. Our admiration for the sturdy people of the north has been intensified by their heroic part in the great war and by their courage and wisdom in meeting the heavy problems of reconstruction. That so many Canadian companies are members of this association we consider a presage of the cordial relations which we believe will always exist between life insurance interests of the Dominion and life insurance interests of the republic. Mr. T. B. Macaulay, the distinguished son of an honored father, patriotic leader in public affairs affecting the Dominion, a professional and accomplished actuary of international repute, now president and managing director of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, will speak of "Canadian Life Assurance."

The following is an etxract from Mr. MacAulay's address:

"I like to remember that it is, but a question of time when the total sums assured by the companies will be paid out in death claims or endowments. It is true, unhappily, that some of the policies will lapse, but we can rejoice in the fact that lapses form a continuously diminishing percentage of the total, and in any case every policy thus cancelled is at once replaced by several new ones. Viewing the matter from a humanitarian standpoint, think what it will mean to have, say, two billions of dollars distributed among the population of Canada during possibly the next 50 years, to just the people who will need it, and at just the time when they will need it. There is a danger that we may become so absorbed in the commercial aspects of our calling that we may at times forget its vast social importance. If there is one business that can be said to approach the divine in its character, that business is ours. I often speak of it as philanthropy reduced to a business basis, and thus enabled to be carried out on a scale compared with which all our charitable efforts must of necessity be the veriest trifles."

LONGED FOR THE TRUTH

The O. T. A. Has Been Accused of Forcing Some Men to Lie, But Here's Something Different.

Passengers on a Ridout street car last night were treated to a little comedy as unexpected as it was amusing.

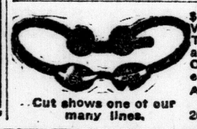
It appears that earlier in the evening a male resident of the south end had been induced by friend wife to leave his happy home in quest of a sympathetic medico, who would furnish a "per," which in turn would furnish the main ingredient for the Christmas brandy sauce.

Arriving down-town the hubby promptly visited his wife's proposed list of M. D.s, but in every case the N. D. sign was diplomatically displayed, which, as everyone knows, means "nothing doing."

Tired, discouraged, and filled with an inward self-pity, he at last gave up the unequal struggle and boarded a south-bound Ridout car at Clarence and Dundas streets. As the car leisurely increased the distance from the centre of the city, the gloom on his countenance deepened, and as he rose from his seat to get off the car at his destination his facial expression registered hopelessness.

Right there fate handed him the peak load. A sudden lurch of the car threw him unceremoniously into the lap of a fat woman, who promptly and harshly accused him of being drunk.

Perhaps the angry tones of the irate female sounded a premonition of the reception he would receive when he reached home, and informed his wife of his failure, for, with a look of hopeless resignation into the face of his accuser, he groaned: "Oh, gee, missue, but I do wish that you were telling the truth."



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WESTERN ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS MEET

Informal Discussion Held at This Morning's Session.

Informal discussion was the order of the opening session this morning of the convention of public school inspectors of Western Ontario. From a membership of about 20 there were a dozen or more inspectors present in the county council chambers, where the convention is being held. Inspector P. J. Thompson of East Middlesex is president and Inspector J. H. Smith of Stratford is secretary.

A large attendance was anticipated for this afternoon's session, Principal John Dearness of the London Normal School being one of the leaders of the discussions on the prgram. Consolidated schools, the workings and effect of the new adolescent act, and various other topics are on the program for this afternoon. There were no formal addresses this morning, and possibly may not be this afternoon.

Following adjournment at noon a luncheon was tendered by the local board of education in Smaliman & Ingram's restaurant. Among those present this morning were H. D. Johnson of West Middlesex, J. H. Smith of Chatham, J. E. Benson of Windsor, J. M. Cole of Woodstock, R. A. Patterson of Ingersoll, Dr. D. A. Maxwell of Kingsville, T. W. Stanling of Brantford, and C. B. Edwards and V. K. Greer of London.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP RAILWAYS FAVORED

Life Insurance Presidents At Annual Meeting Discuss Important Question.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Life Insurance Presidents at their recent meeting at the Astor House in New York city:

"Resolved, that this association unqualifiedly subscribes to the principle of private ownership of railroads, and believes that with the credit afforded by recent federal legislation, adequately-secured bonds of efficiently-managed railroads constitute attractive and reliable investments."

"Resolved, that the highest efficiency and maximum of service to policyholders is possible only through the co-operation of thoroughly competent and trustworthy agents; and that the responsibility for the ascertainment of trustworthiness and for the development of competency should rest upon the company by whom the agent is selected and equipped as its representative before the insuring public."

RED TRIANGLE NOTES

As the month of January is considered in boy circles as the health month, plans are being made by the physical committee of the local "Y," whereby the different C. S. E. T. boy groups can compete against one another in group games. Certain physical tests will also be given them. Popular among these are the swimming contests. These will not be officially commenced till March 1. The C. S. E. T. Hockey League has completed its organization and the games will be played as soon as the weatherman permits. In the meantime, the schedule is being drawn up. Basketball will be played till the C. S. E. T. League is started. The use of the East End Town Hall gymnasium has been secured for Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Any groups wishing to use the gym are asked to communicate with David Allan, physical instructor of the "Y," to receive the necessary permit.

NO CHARGES MADE

By Fred Young Against Harry Wray, Says F. Tucker.

The following letter has been received by The Advertiser:

"In your issues of Wednesday, December 22, a letter appeared in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, in which it said that Fred Young had made charges against Harry Wray, of the local branch of the Government Employment Bureau. I was misinformed about these charges, and wish to state that Mr. Young did not make any of the charges against Mr. Wray.

"(Signed), F. TUCKER."

MOTOR CAR DEALERS TO PRESS HARD FOR A REFUND OF TAXES

Government Officials Believe It Matter Between Agents and Makers.

UNFORTUNATE SITUATION

Many Agents Stand To Lose Heavily Unless Government Acts On Their Behalf.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Representatives of the Canadian automobile dealers and of the confectionery manufacturers will have a conference with Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, on Wednesday next with regard to the luxury tax. The automobile men claim that the tax which has now been abolished has already been paid by them on automobiles which will not be sold until next spring. The confectioners desire that the tax be removed on confectionery the same as on other commodities.

With regard to the complaints of the manufacturers of confectionery, because they are still subject to the special tax, while it has generally been removed, it appears that the Government's action in retaining this tax was very largely because, in the first instance, the tax is put upon the manufacturers themselves, and was not collected at the counter from the public, and therefore was not subject to the complaints which have recently been so insistent, that with the stress of Christmas shopping it was not possible to properly collect the taxes, and on the further ground that of all industries in the country that ought to be able to stand taxation at the present time, the confectionery business stood first. The chief cost of manufacturing candy is sugar and its distillates, and since the tax was put on sugar has dropped from 22 to 11 and 12 cents per pound. The tax is a tax not on the retail cost, but the manufacturer's price, and is, therefore, comparatively small on a pound even of high-grade candies. The tax does not apply to the children's candy in packages selling at 10 cents or less per carton or the 1-cent variety. Moreover, the Government needs the revenue, and confectionery may well be regarded as a "luxury."

Dealers Hard Hit.

The automobile dealer is in exactly the same position as everybody else who pays luxury taxes. Refunds have not been given. It would seem to be a matter to be properly adjusted between the manufacturers and the agents. Undoubtedly it is agreed many of the agents will be put in an unfortunate position, but it is very unusual to give notice of change of taxation or to grant refunds. Somebody, it is pointed out, is hurt whenever taxation is imposed, to devise any scheme of taxation which deals with everybody absolutely fairly.

The automobile industry has been representing that it was impossible for them to sell cars at all. Representations were made that upwards of twenty thousand people were out of work. It would certainly appear that if there is any truth in the representations made, if it was necessary to shut down automobile factories, tire and accessory plants, that the loss of taxes already paid is small compared to the general benefit received. The point made by the agents that they are not allowed to collect the tax from the public is doubted here. They cannot, it is agreed, collect the tax as a tax from the public, but they can charge the public just what they choose to fix on their cars, and the large part of the cost of automobiles is represented by sales.

The above appears to be the attitude in official circles here.

YULETIDE SPIRIT INVADES COURT

Magistrate Graydon Takes a Lenient View of Fight.

The Christmas season saved two local youths from a fine of $10 each when they appeared in police court today charged with being disorderly. They were both allowed to go after they had paid $2 each into the coffers of the court.

It was the result of a fight which took place in a restaurant Wednesday night. Money was the root of the trouble. One of the youths was alleged to have offered only 60 cents in payment of a bill of 70 cents. When the proprietor, who was also the cashier, objected, the boy felt hurt, and so to avenge his feelings he threatened to smash the man's nose.

The proprietor ordered the boy out, and a waiter standing near, hearing the words, added force to the order of his employer by trying to throw the offender out. When they started to fight the owner interfered. When another frequenter of the cafe saw that the odds were 2 to 1 against the boy, he took a hand in the fracas. He tried to hold the proprietor away so that the two could fight it out.

At this juncture the police arrived, and the boy and his champion were taken to the police station.

"Why do you persist in acting in a disorderly manner?" the magistrate asked the second youth.

"I wasn't disorderly, your honor. I was only fighting," was the reply.

The magistrate said that he would have fined him much heavier if it was not Christmas-time.

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKERS DISTRIBUTING BASKETS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Demand Exceeds Supply, and S. O. S. Is Sent Out to Citizens.

The Neighborhood Workers of the city have been swamped with requests for Christmas cheer from the needy families in the city, and the workers are trying to distribute the good things in a systematic manner, so that no family will be overlooked.

That the distributing of warm clothing and food will have to continue long after Christmas is the opinion of Rev. T. D. McCullough, as a great many bread-winners are out of employment.

A pathetic case was brought to light this morning where the one little member of a family has chickenpox and the father is out of work. The man visited the headquarters of the Neighborhood Workers and asked for help. Any persons wishing to assist any family with Christmas cheer or clothing are asked to get in touch with the Social Service Council, in the Bank of Toronto Building.

DIVIDENDS AWAITING MRS. GEORGE TEMPLAR

City Clerk Baker Receives Request From Saskatchewan.

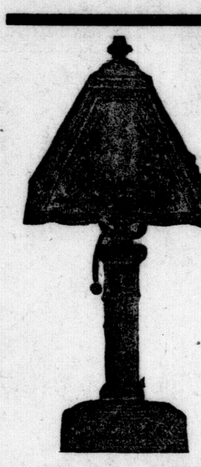
Accumulated dividends from stock in a western grain elevator are waiting for a London woman if she can be located. M. Burwell of Gray, Sask., has asked City Clerk Baker to locate Mrs. George Templar. Her husband died here two years ago during the influenza epidemic. Her maiden name was Crowder, and her family resided in Chelsea Green. The writer states that a company at Gray is anxious to pay her dividends, which have accumulated on stock held by her husband.

ST. CATHARINES OFFICIAL DIES.

St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—Albertus P. Friseman, aged 85, for several years secretary of the water commission, died this morning.

Electrical Christmas Gifts

At Reduced Prices



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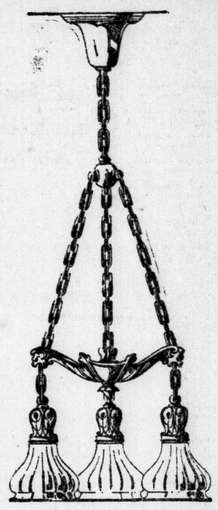

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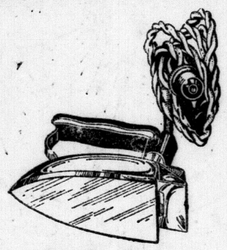

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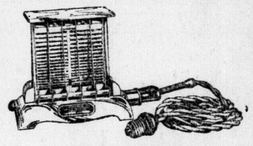

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THREE DAY SHIFTS FOR CITY LABORERS

Thirty-Four Men Engaged At Civic Employment Bureau Wednesday.

Three-day shifts on city work, in order to provide as much employment as possible, were started today by Acting City Engineer H. McNab. Thirty-four men were engaged through the new city employment bureau at the East London hall.

A corresponding number of men who were engaged temporarily some time ago, will be laid off until the end of the week, when they will take the places of the men engaged today. Some time will be required before the system is working properly, Mr. McNab said. A number of new men have only been on for a day or two, and it would be unfair to lay them off today. In a week or so it is expected arrangements will be perfected so that the work will be divided evenly among the newcomers.

Sewer construction is the work on which most of the city employees are now engaged, although a few are still working at paving.

About forty men have been engaged by the new bureau since it was opened by William Casson. Five were taken on the first day and thirty-four Wednesday.

CENTRAL WELFARE BODY NEEDS FUNDS FOR WORK

Money Donated by Red Cross for Relief Is Exhausted.

With the establishing of a central welfare distribution committee among the soldiers in the city it is expected that the needy returned men and their families will receive much closer attention than has been experienced in the past. At a meeting of this committee last night it was found that to continue this work there would have to be more funds donated, as the $2,500 donated by the Red Cross in 1918, has been used for relief work among the organizations which are looking after the returned men. It was intimated that the Red Cross has a large amount of money for this purpose, and a suggestion will be put to the society to have it turned over to this committee for the distribution. With one committee looking after the needy men, much overlapping is prevented and cases can be dealt with immediately upon learning the facts. It was suggested that the Soldiers' Aid Commission be appointed to distribute the money, as it is always in touch with the returned man and their financial condition. The committee will ask that all societies, which are giving relief to the soldiers to co-operate with the S. A. C.

COLLIER SUCCEEDS WOODRUFF.

St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—H. N. Collier of this city was chosen to succeed the late Welland D. Woodruff on the board of directors of Coniagas Mines at the annual meeting. During the year the company paid out $500,000 in stock dividends and bonuses, and the directors of the company report a successful year, notwithstanding labor difficulties.

PHONE 3561

234 DUNDAS STREET

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Many Wise Purchasers Have Found Their Heart's Content This Year at Wray's Jewelry Store

Our trade continues to grow, which goes to prove that those who purchase Christmas gifts at Wray's have appreciated fair treatment and prices.

This store is considered the largest Jewelry Store in London, with the largest stock and staff of affable clerks.

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WOMEN'S SPECIALS

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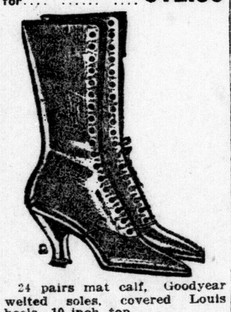

24 pairs mat calf, Goodyear welted soles, covered Louis heels, 10-inch top.

The same shoe in patent vamp, with mat calf quarters and full covered Louis heels. Regular $18.00.

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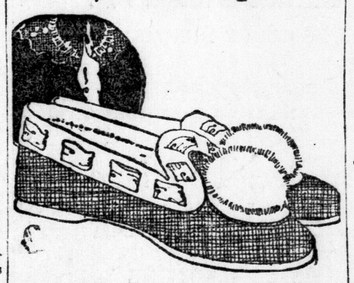

Men's Romeo Slippers, with elastic sides, brown or black; all sizes,

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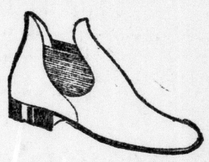

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SCOTTISH FISHING CENTRES VOTE TO REDUCE LICENSES

London, Dec. 23.—Canadian Press.—Peterhead and Aberdeen, the leading centres of the Scottish fishing industry, have voted for a limitation of liquor licenses, which means a cancellation of 25 per cent of the existing licenses. These are the last districts to vote in Scotland. The complete poll shows that Scotland is against drastic changes, but the prohibitionists have erased 41 licenses, and 35 parishes have voted for limitation of the number of licenses.

ARMENIAN SOVIET DECREES ABOLITION PRIVATE PROPERTY

London, Dec. 23.—The Armenian Soviet has decreed the abolition of private property and the repudiation of all debts and other obligations, says a dispatch to The London Times from Constantinople.

MONTREAL PUBLISHER DIES.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Alfred Leithead, aged 50, president of the Montreal Herald Publishing Company, Limited, died suddenly early this morning at his residence in Outremont. Mr. Leithead returned home yesterday from his office early in the afternoon on account of not feeling well, but he did not retire until about 1 o'clock. While undressing he suddenly collapsed and died before a doctor could be summoned. He is survived by a widow and two brothers, both of this city. In his younger days the deceased was an active participant in sports.