ADVISES THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF GAS CO. RECORDS

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M.L.A., Would Like To See Expert Auditor On Books.

A thorough investigation of all the gas company's records by an expert auditor was advised today by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, the city's member who made a lone fight in the Legislature against the passage of the increased rate.

"The bill has gone through, but fortunately it is only a tentative agreement for a year," he said. "In the meantime the city can get busy and see that no such price is approved permanently. The bill makes provision for the appointment of an expert auditor, and the city should take advantage of that. They could get one of the Hydro commission's experts to make a valuation and to determine what a fair rate would be.

"With figures like this to back it up the city would be in a better position to lay its case before the Legislature.

FINE PIANO RECITAL

Given by Pupils of Mrs. McHardy-Smith Assisted by Miss Margery Talbot.

A very fine piano recital was given last night at the Institute of Musical Art by the pupils of Mrs. Nello McHardy-Smith, assisted by Miss Margery Talbot, vocal pupil of A. D. Jordan. The program was as follows:

Tarantelle A Minor .....Pieczanka
Miss Lenore Luney.
Valse Craciense .....Gallup
Miss Velma McLandress.
Fairy Dance .....Slater
Miss Jean McGowan.
Menuet Clothique .....Boellmann
Miss Laura Zwicker.
Etude Mignonne .....Schutt
Morris Dance .....Gorman
Miss Thelma Rennie.
Capriocio Brilliant .....Mendelssohn
Miss Aita Cox.
Evening Story .....Tellier
Miss Phyllis Eliot.
Over the Snow .....Lynes
Miss Maxine Richardson.
Love Song .....Cadman
Miss Muriel Pegler.
Impromptu C Minor .....Rumbold
Miss Edith Kirby.
Sonato B Minor—Largo Scherze....
.....Chopin
Miss Mildred Barker.
Spinning Song .....Litoeff
Miss Merle Clark.
Cantique d'Armour .....Liszt
Roy Goulding.
Concerto G Minor .....Saint-Saens
Miss Madeline Simson.

The orchestral parts were played on second piano by Mrs. McHardy-Smith.

CHIPPAWA CANAL PROJECT

H. T. Gibbs Gives Interesting Illustrated Lecture Thursday night.

On Thursday evening H. T. Gibbs of the Westinghouse Electric Company gave an illustrated lecture on the Chippawa Canal development to a packed meeting of the International Correspondence Schools Club. The lecture was necessarily somewhat technical, but Mr. Gibbs sustained the interest of his audience to the last. One would have to see the views shown in order to fully appreciate the magnitude of the Chippawa Canal development, which when completed will be a big factor in creating permanent prosperity for London and the province in general.

Views were also shown of the L. and P. S. stations, shops, equipment, etc., also Port Stanley. At the conclusion of the lecture, E. V. Buchanan gave a few remarkable comparisons, showing that when this development is completed sufficient electricity will be generated to illuminate ten streets completely encircircling the globe.

SELF-DENIAL CAMPAIGN

Western Ontario Towns Respond Nobly To S. A. Cause.

It was stated at Salvation Army headquarters here today that the Self Denial Campaign for this district would in all probability be completed by the end of the month. Staff Captain Ritchie was in Ingersoll this afternoon winding up the work in that town. In the evening he completed the business in Woodstock. Nearly every town in the northern part of Western Ontario has finished the campaign and in every case the objective was reached.

London did not conduct a campaign. The army asked for a grant from the United Welfare Fund Association.

NEGRO IS MURDERED.

Meridian, Miss., April 15.—George Marshall, negro, was taken from Constable Null at Lauderdale yesterday afternoon by a small body of men, and his body riddled with bullets.

WESTERN U. TO GET $200,000 FOR THIS YEAR

Increased Grants Given To All Three Ontario Universities.

NO SUCCESSION DUTIES

R. L. Brackin Made Spirited Appeal On Behalf of Western University.

TORONTO, April 14.—Substantially increased grants to all three of the province's universities were announced on the floor of the Ontario Legislature today by Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education. The grant which the Government proposed to make to the University of Toronto, he said, would be practically $900,000 greater than last year; Western University would receive $200,000, as compared with $84,000 last year, and Queen's University would be given $325,000, as compared with $165,000 last year.

This Year Only.

Representatives of the three universities had been consulted, he said, and all had expressed themselves as satisfied with the proposed grants. They had been given to understand that the provision was a temporary one for this year only, pending more exhaustive consideration on the part of the Government of the universities commission's report. The premier definitely announced the abandonment of the 50 per cent succession duties proposal.

London Best.

R. L. Brackin, Liberal member for West Kent, pleaded for special consideration of the needs of Western University. The Government, he said, should contribute proportionately more to Western and Queen's than it did to Toronto. A metropolis of a million inhabitants, he declared, was not an ideal university centre, and never could be. London, on the other hand, offered ideal conditions for a university centre, and he regretted very much that, although living in London was cheaper and conditions infinitely better, Western Ontario students frequently passed right through London to come down to Toronto for university training.

HOW TO GROW A DIAMOND

A traveler one day heard a man make the assertion that he knew how to grow diamonds. A friend accused him of either being a real genius or an enemy of the truth, and insisted on knowing something of this discovery—the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So William tells him: I learned this method from a jeweler in London. He formed a diamond-growing club and the members started by selecting a small diamond and later had it exchanged for a larger stone and in every transaction he allowed full purchase price of the last diamond bought. I joined the club and planted $25 in a small diamond. It was a small stone, I know, but the next month, cutting down on my smokes, sidetracking a few movies, left me a little surplus, so when I again hit London I had $25 to the good, so looked up My Jeweler and traded the dewdrop for a $50 diamond. I did this over and over again till now I have a real beauty, blue-white and perfect stone—the only kind Mr. Nash sells. Say does My Jeweler grow diamonds? He surely does and his store is 182 Dundas street, London, "where you will eventually buy." b

If you require a messenger boy don't put a card in your window, but use an advertisement in The London Advertiser. An advertisement of fifteen words will only cost 30c.

ROBERT STEWART IS ELECTED SCHOOL TRUSTEE, MANOR PK.

Succeeds T. Fleming, Who Recently Resigned—Meeting Tonight.

Robert Stewart of Manor Park was elected a school trustee in S. S. 22, Westminster, at a special meeting of the ratepayers in Manor Park school house on Wednesday. He will succeed T. Fleming, chairman of the board, who resigned recently.

Much enthusiasm and interest in school affairs were manifested by the large number of ratepayers present. Three candidates were nominated, R. Stewart, Messrs. Wilmer and Woodhouse. Mr. Stewart won by a substantial plurality.

In addressing the meeting the successful candidate said that he would endeavor to work in harmony with the other members of the board for the best interests of the community. Other speakers advanced the belief that under the new board, school affairs in Manor Park would be conducted harmoniously, and that the school district would become an educational rather than a storm centre.

The first meeting of the new school board will be held this evening.

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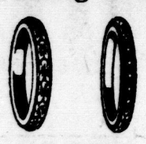

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EXCELLENT CONCERT AT CRONYN CHURCH

High Class Program Given by Choir and Talented Assisting Artists.

The London public but rarely hears such a delightful concert as that given last evening by the Cronyn Memorial choir at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. The choir itself was in excellent voice, responding to the direction of the leader, Clarence E. Gilmour, in a manner which indicated careful training and having an appreciation of the numbers rendered, which made their contribution a treat indeed. And assisting the choir was the distinguished Toronto baritone, J. Campbell-McInnes, who has been heard in London several times, and always with the greatest delight. He was accompanied by George Reeves, solo pianist, also of Toronto. A third solo artist was the Rev. G. Q. Warner 'cellist.

Mr. Campbell-McInnes' program was a more varied one than yet given here, and it would not have been complete without the final group of Robert Louis Stevenson's children's songs, set to music by Graham Peel, at the rendition of which he is such a master.

An "English Renascence Group," "Modern French Songs and Ballad" and "British Folk Songs," were delightful groups of national songs, another type of song which receives an exceptionally fine and sympathetic rendition by Mr. Campbell-McInnes. The biggest numbers of the evening were included in a "classical group"—Bach's "Come, Blessed Death," Handel's "Where'er You Walk," Blow's "The Self-Banished," and Purcell's "Kind Fortune Smiles" and "An Evening Hymn."

In addition to being a most efficient accompanist, George Reeves also demonstrated his ability as a solo pianist. His numbers were Chopin's "Etude in A Flat" and "Clair de Lune," "Serenade of the Doll," and "Jardin Sous Pluie," by Debussy. The program was rendered still more delightful by the inclusion of two 'cello numbers by G. Q. Warner, "Elegie" (Massenet) and "Le Cygne" (Saint-Saens).

The choir's offering was an interesting selection of ballads, opening with Pearsall's well-known ballad madrigal, "Let Us All Go Maying," and coming to a close with Montague Phillips' lovely part song, "O Tender Sleep." Attacks and releases were met with precision, and throughout the whole program delicacy of shading and vigor of interpretation were noted. "Beauteous Morn" (German), sung by the soprano and alto sections of the choir, was a beautiful number, as was "Oh, the Merry May," by Fletcher.

The baritones and tenors were heard alone in "The Water Lily" (Hadley), a very fine part song, and "The Land o' the Leal" (Button), one of the most popular numbers of the evening. Other ensemble numbers were "My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land" (Elgar), "My Bonnie Lass She Smileth" (German), "The River Floweth Strong, My Love" (Rogers), and "The Evening Star" (Samuel Coleridge-Taylor).

BLENHEIM PAPER TO HAVE BRAND NEW HOME

Enterprising Proprietor Plans Thoroughly Modern Building and Equipment.

Blenheim, April 14.—By September 1 the local weekly newspaper, the News-Tribune, will have new quarters, according to information given out today by its proprietor, J. Mercer Denholm, who has given the contract for the erection of a fine building on his lot on Main street, nearly opposite the Union Bank. S. Bruce Nichol, a young man of town, who did service overseas as a draftsman, prepared the plans and specifications, and has the contract for the carpenter work, while J. J. Cookson of town has the contract for the mason work. The building is to be 30x54 feet, the front to be stucco and the walls concrete block. The plans show the building to be a very fine, up-to-date structure.

On Friday next, Prof. Tomlinson of Guelph Agricultural College, who is an expert in beautifying town plots, lawns, etc., is to be in town on behalf of the Horticultural Society, and will give free instructions to all who may desire to know how to make more beautiful the fronts of their premises. The Horticultural Society is to be congratulated on bringing the professor here.

On Sunday evening next a great mass meeting in the interests of the referendum will be held in the Presbyterian Church, and the evening service in the other churches will be withdrawn, according to arrangements made last evening at a meeting of the drys. The Ministerial Association have undertaken to provide the speakers for the evening, and a great meeting is looked for.

As far as can be gathered from the fruit-growers of this district, the heavy frost which visited this district on Sunday night did not do any serious damage to the fruit buds.

WABASH

Wabash, April 14.—The funeral services for William Phillips, an aged resident of this place, were conducted in the Wabash Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. F. Craik. Six nephews acted as pallbearers, and interment was made in the Phillips burying ground. Surviving relatives are one son, William, and one daughter, Mrs. Claire Norton, both of Wabash.

EXCLUSIVE SPORT SUITS FOR TOWN OR COUNTRY

This collection of suits includes Belted or Directoire models. Some gain attention through their very simplicity, others are handsomely embroidered and braided; all are beautifully tailored, and though light in weight yet warm enough to withstand the season's unexpected breezes.

Charming Trimmed Hats, the Better Type, Specially Priced Saturday, $8.95

About sixty hats in the lot, strictly no two alike, varying in styles from close fitting suit hats to large drooping brim hats of mohair and tulle, suitable for misses and matrons, as well as a number of toques for elderly ladies. Hand-made hats in materials such as Georgette Crepe and Tulle, combined with Cellophane and Mohair Braids; others of Lisere, tagel and fancy basket weave, braids, trimmed with smart bows of ribbon, tiny mercury wings. French Flowers, Metallic Ornaments and Glycerined Feather Fancies. Colors of navy, pearl-grey, nigger, henna, jade, black with white, Harding blue, sand and all black. Special Saturday $8.95

—See Window Display.—

At Toilet Counter

Pepsodent Tooth Paste, 39c.
Palm Olive Soap, 3 for 25c.
Lifebuoy Soap, 3 for 25c.
Naples Castile Soap, 6 for 25c.
Dorin Compact Powder, 39c Each

Main Floor.

Sunlight Soap

Today and Saturday
13 cakes for $1.00
6 cakes for 50c
Bring your Rinso coupons and get 2 packages for the price of one.

Basement.

Bloomers, 65c, 75c

10 dozen Girls' Bloomers, made of splendid quality black sateen, finished at knee with elastic; sizes 4 to 14 years. Special, Saturday ..... 65c and 75c

Sale of Blouses Saturday $4.98

Sixty smart Over-Blouses, consisting of Crepe de Chine, Taffeta and a few Satin, trimmed in front with beaded or embroidered motifs. These are cut kimono style, fitted band at waist line, fastening at either side. Comes in a variety of shades. Light and dark shades. Special $4.98

Percale House Dresses $1.59

Ten dozen Morning Dresses, made of fancy stripe and check percale, two styles to choose from, loose fitting style, with belt at waist or fitted to waist line, all smartly trimmed with plain or self material. Light and dark shades. Sizes 36 to 44. Special $1.59

Cover-All Aprons, 98c.

10 dozen Cover-All Aprons, made of splendid quality checked print, in a nice assortment of light and dark colors; sizes 36 to 44. Special Saturday.....98c

Nightgowns, $1.29

5 dozen Ladies' Slip-Over Night Gowns, made of good quality white cotton, neck and sleeves finished with lace. Special, Saturday $1.29

Hosiery Prices Are Lower.

Ladies' Heather Mixed Pure Cashmere Hose, light weight, seamless, double heel and toe; sizes 8½ to 10. Prices ..... $1.59 pair

Boys' and Girls' Pure Wool Hose, with turndown tops, in brown, grey and lovat shades, sizes 7 to 10. Prices ..... 75c to $1.75 pair

Ladies Fine Lisle Thread Hose, seamless, in white, brown or black, double garter top and sole, sizes 8½ to 10. Price ..... 45c pair

Ladies' Outsize, Black or White, Extra Fine Lisle Thread Hose, made especially for stout people, double garter top and sole, sizes 9, 9½ and 10. Price .... $1.15 pair

Children's 1-1 Rib Black Cotton Hose, good weight, splendid school stocking, seamless, double feet, sizes 6½ to 10. Prices ranging from ..... 35c to 75c pair

Navy Serge or Gabardine Suits, braid trimmed or plain tailored. Price $35.00

Navy Serge, Gabardine and Tricotine Suits, in box styles or belted, trimmed with braid or embroidered, silk lined. Price $45.00

Navy Tricotine Suits, novelty suits with bead and embroidery trimming. Prices .....$57.00 and $59.00

Sport Suit of Paddy Green Jersey Cloth, belted, vest of silk, sides embroidered, accordion pleated skirt. Price $59.00

Sport suit of Terra Cotta Jersey Cloth, silk lined, belted, embroidered accordion pleated skirts. Price.. ....$59.00

Heather Jersey Suits, sport styles. Price $37.50

These Are Very Smart.

New arrivals in Sport Skirts in stripes and plaids, plain or pleated styles, in grey and black stripe, grey and blue stripe, brown and blue plaid, black and white plaid, and grey, blue and tan plaid, band measures 27 to 34 inches. Prices $20.00, $22.50, $25.00

Lighter Underwear for Children.

Ribbed Cotton Vests, low neck, sleeveless or short sleeves, ages 4 to 14. Price 50c

Fine Plain Knit Cotton Vests, low neck, sleeveless, ages 4 to 14. Price 75c

Fine Knit Cotton Drawers, tight knee, aged 4 to 14. Price 50c

Ribbed Cotton Drawers, loose knee, lace trimmed, ages 8 to 14. Price 65c

Fine Knit White Cotton Bloomers, finished with elastic at waist and knees. Ages 4 to 6. Price, 75c. Ages 7 to 14. Price 85c

Athletic Combinations, white dimity check, for the small boys. Ages 4 to 8. Price $1.25

Knitted Cotton Waists, with tabs for suspenders, ages 4 to 12. Price 50c

—Second Floor.—

Saturday's Special Values in Linen Department.

LARGE-SIZED COLORED BATH TOWELS, 59c EACH.

40 dozen go on sale Saturday at this special price, which is nearly half former price. Imported English Red, Grey and White Stripe Towels, in good weight and extra size. You will do well to lay in your supply for the summer season. Very special ..... 59c each

TWO-YARD BLEACHED TABLE CLOTHS, $2.75.

Very heavy weight, in dice pattern, hemmed ready to use; a splendid cloth for kitchen use; bleached; 60x72 inch. Specially priced ..... $2.75 each

COLORED BORDER BATH TOWELS, ONE-THIRD OFF.

About 100 Towels, balance of old stock, marked at one-third off regular prices; pink and blue shell edge, also blue jacquard border. Sale prices .... 83c and $1.10 each

36 dozen Face-Cloths, at half price; all white only; a very nice quality in medium size. These should go by the dozen lots on Saturday, so be early for your share ..... 10c each, $1.10 per dozen

Two pieces only, Brown Art Linen, for library scarfs, centres, etc., at one-third off regular; 18 inches wide. Special ..... 50c yard

Saturday at Candy Counter

200 cakes Riley's Creamy English Toffee ..... 19c cake

100 pounds of the famous Minto Mixture .....39c pound

Purses at Leather Goods Counter.

Real Leather Back or Top Strap Purses in sheepskin, having an overlapping frame and place for car tickets. Special value $1.19

A nice assortment of Children' Novelty Purses. These come in many pretty colors; some are all silk, others are trimmed with leather, having a small hanging mirror. Prices ..... 75c and $1.00

Kiddies' Hats.

Fancy Straws and Ready-to-Wear Hats. Ages 2, 3 and 4 years. Prices ..... $1.75 to $4.50

Boys' Hats, tweed and soft felt. Ages, 2, 3 and 4. Prices .... $1.00 to $4.50

Sailor Tams in navy and white serge, for little boys or girls; size 6 and 6½. Prices ..... $1.50 to $2.50

Baby Bonnets, corded silk, crepe de chine, and pretty soft silk. Prices ..... 85c to $4.50

Infants' Shop—Fourth Floor.

"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"
DUMBELLS' HIT
Record 26268—"I Know Where the Files Go On a Cold and Frosty Morning."
10-Inch, $1.00

Men's Suits, Saturday, $37.75

Tomorrow an exceptional group of Hand-Tailored Suits in new models and patterns, herringbones, pencil stripes, shadow cloths, Lovats, etc. These are an unusual value. See them in the window and be here early Saturday.

Men's and Young Men's Suits $25.00

Greys and Light Mixtures, Foxes' Blue, Irish Serges, etc., are grouped Saturday, special $25.00

Imported English Wool Gabardine Topcoats, $27.50

Another shipment of these popular coats, showerproof, for street and motor wear, with or without belts. Specially priced $27.50

BOYS' SUITS, $13.75

Wool Tweeds of splendid quality, made up in the very best styles, for boys 9 to 16 years; exceptional value for Saturday. This is a feature that should interest parents, every suit has quality and workmanship that insures satisfaction. Sale price **$13.75**

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Spring Underwear for Men.

Fine Balbriggan Combinations, short sleeves and knee length ..... $1.35 suit

Athletic Combinations ..... $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50 suit

Elastic Ribbed Combinations, white only, short or long sleeves ..... $2.35 suit

Kiddies' Combinations for boys 3 to 9 years, fine dimity cloth ..... $1.25 suit

Jap Silk Athletic Combinations for men ..... $5.00 suit

Men's Work Shirts, $1.95

Good strong work shirts in blue chambray or black and white drill, full sized garments. Price ..... $1.95 each

Silk Socks, $1.00

Men's Pure Silk Socks, "Holeproof." Black, navy, white, steel grey, pearl grey and brown. All sizes. Price $1.00 pair

Men's Negligee Shirts Each $3.35

English Shirts, made from Anderson's Zephyr Cloth. These have collars to match. Also fine Madras Shirts of Canadian make, superior quality, in neat patterns. All one price Saturday $3.35

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A miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Roy McFadden was recently held at the home of her aunt, Mrs. William Hannon. Mrs. McFadden was formerly Miss Hazel Shaw of Croton.

Rev. Sidney Davidson of Tupperville occupied the pulpit of the Wabash Methodist Church on Sunday morning, and gave a very interesting discourse on the work that is being done by the Social Service Department of Canada.

A temperance meeting was held last evening in the Latter-Day Saints' Church, the speakers being Rev. F. Craik, Methodist minister, Rev. J. Roberts, Free Methodist, and Elders Wm. Taylor, Wm. Ross and Wesley Badder. Appropriate solos were rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Craik and Miss Eva Boyle, and special singing was given by the united choirs of the Methodist and Saints' Churches.

Free Methodists are holding their regularly quarterly services this week. The meetings will commence on Friday evening and terminate on Sunday evening.

WILL UNVEIL SARNIA'S MEMORIAL MONUMENT ON MAY THE 24TH

Sarnia, April 14.—A site on the west end of Victoria Park, adjoining Christina street, has been selected for the erection of the memorial monument bearing tablets on which will be enscrolled the names of Sarnia's dead war heroes and also all Sarnians who served with the Allied forces during the war and preparations are being made for the construction of the foundation. Mayor George Crawford has suggested that if possible, the unveiling services be conducted on May 24.

Advance polls to enable railway men, sailors, and commercial travelers who expect to be out of the city on April 18, the regular voting day, to mark their ballots on the referendum, will be opened tomorrow evening in the city hall and at Davis' store, at the tunnel, and will also be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 o'clock. Voters coming under the above classification must secure a certificate from the chief returning officer, Sheriff Albert J. Johnston before they can vote at these special polls, and the sheriff will be in his office every evening this week from 8 to 8:30 to issue the certificates.

DEATH OF B. W. WILSON.

Ridgetown, April 14.—After an illness extending over many months, the death took place on Wednesday at the family home of one of Ridgetown's most prominent citizens, in the person of B. W. Wilson. Deceased was born in 1843 in the Township of Howard, on a farm adjoining the town of Ridgetown, and had lived here all his life. A few years ago he suffered a stroke, but soon recovered from the first attack; repeated attacks, however, wore down his rugged constitution, until about a month ago he was forced to his bed.

Mr. Wilson served on the council boards of both town and township, and was mayor of Ridgetown for two terms, and also served as warden of Kent County. He contested the county in 1883 in the Conservative interest.

He is the last one of the family, his brother Neil and one sister, Miss Hannah, dying about a year ago. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but will likely be in charge of the I. O. O. F., No. 144, of which he was the only remaining charter member.

MELBOURNE

Melbourne, April 14.—The members of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Beattie, the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. E. Richards; first vice, Mrs. W. G. Robinson; second vice, Mrs. J. Scott; secretary, Miss E. Cornielle; treasurer, Mrs. J. Collier; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Theaker. The ladies also decided to organize a mission band, appointing Mrs. (Dr.) Brown superintendent; assisted by Mrs. Theaker. At the close of this meeting the Ladies' Aid elected the following officers: President, Mrs. A. B. Carruthers; vice-president, Mrs. G. McLean; secretary, Miss Robinson; treasurer, Miss Corneille.

Rev. Walter Beach of Ada, Minn., preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning.