# ODDFELLOWS FETE LONDON ORPHANS

## Santa Claus Visits Two Hundred Children in Protestant Orphanage.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Oddfellows of the city last night for the benefit of the Protestant orphans of the city was well attended, over 200 orphans being present as well as about 800 others.

The concert opened with a parade from the Oddfellows' hall on Dundas street at 7:45, and proceeded to the Central Collegiate led by Santa Claus and escorted by Canton London, No. 1. A band also accompanied the parade.

The auditorium in the collegiate proved to be a fine place to entertain the children, and toys, clothes and other Christmas necessities were distributed to the boys and girls.

Joseph Brown acted as master of ceremonies in a very capable manner, and opened the program by introducing Mr. Hayter, who played several banjo selections.

Following this was a solo by Miss Grant in a fine soprano voice. Scotch dances and songs were then given by Miss Flossie Paddock of this city, who is only 7 years of age.

Several selections were then enjoyed when Miss Ginsburg, elocutionist, recited. Miss Ginsburg is also small, being 10 years old.

The Harmony boys then entertained the audience with a few selections under the direction of Mr. Merritt, their leader.

Numerous other selections were given by the orchestra as well as by individual singers.

Speeches by D. A. Black, chairman of Christmas tree committee, and Mr. Kelly, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Mayor Wenige, who was to have given an address, was not present owing to another engagement.

## MANITOBA LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE JAN. 15

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The legislature of Manitoba will be convened on January 15, it was officially announced today. An order-in-council will be passed at the next meeting of the legislative council fixing this date for the session.

# HOTEL SCRIBE IN PARIS BRINGS C.N.R. BIG RETURNS BY LEASE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—It is stated in an official announcement from the headquarters of the Canadian National Railway that the property purchased by the system last year at the corner of the Rue Scribe and Boulevard des Capucines, in Paris, has been leased to a well-known hotel company, of which the manager is M. Ruhl of Paris. The lease is for 45 years at an annual rental which will return to the railway 5 per cent on the cost of the property., the hotel company paying all taxes on the property, also insurance.

In addition to this, the lessee grants to the Canadian National Railways free quarters for office purposes on the street floor level, this arrangement to continue through the life of the lease.

The space to be occupied by the C.N.R. is estimated to have a rental value of $600,000 for the period of the lease, an offer of that amount having been refused. The hotel company intends immediately, at its own expense, to put the premises in suitable condition for first-class hotel purposes. At the expiration of the lease the property and all improvements revert to the Canadian National Railways.

# MINISTERS FAVOR ENTERING UNION

## Presbyterian Church Announces Eighty Per Cent Back Church Union.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The results of an official census of the ministry of the Presbyterian church in Canada on the question of church union were published in a statement issued at the headquarters of the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening, when the last returns from the 77 presbyteries were received. The statement is as follows:

"Of the 1,630 ministers on the constituent roll in 77 presbyteries, as reported, 1,307 will enter the United Church; this being 80.1 per cent of the total. The number of those reported to have definitely decided not to enter the union is 197, being 12 per cent of the total. The balance of 126 ministers are reported to be undecided as to whether they will enter the union or not.

"The census was conducted by responsible men in each of the 77 presbyteries by means of a uniform questionnaire. No minister was required to make a declaration one way or the other, the census being purely voluntary, and it is reported that many of the 126 undeclared took advantage of this condition for the time being. Some of the foreign missionaries and a few others with whom the presbyteries' representatives were not in touch, owing to distance, were not included in the above figures.

"It is noted from the returns that the ministers who have declared that they will not enter the union are almost all in local centers, and if they were distributed over the 77 presbyteries there would be less than three ministers to a presbytery. The ministers of the Presbyterian church have no vote in the congregational voting which commences on Monday, Dec. 22 and the above returns are important as showing their position."

# HUDSON BAY COMPANY TO EXPAND OPERATIONS

## Conditions in Western Canada Warrant Resumption of Pre-War Plans.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 21.—It is stated here that the management of the Hudson's Bay Company considers that conditions in Western Canada have sufficiently improved for the company to resume its pre-war program in connection with its chain stores.

Additional sites have been secured at Vancouver and the rebuilding of the older portion of the existing stores in that city will be undertaken at an early date. Additional properties have also been acquired at Edmonton, but operations for expansion in Winnipeg are in abeyance, pending the announcement of the plans of the municipality.

# BRICK ST. HOME RAZED BY FLAMES

## Residence of Andrew Hammond Completely Destroyed in Fire.

The home of Andrew Hammond, Brick street west, was completely destroyed by fire that started shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday night, during the absence of the family. The entire contents of the house were also prey to the flames, the blaze having made such rapid headway before it was discovered, that it was impossible to force an entrance to save any of the family possessions. Surrounding buildings were saved, due to the efforts of neighbors, who formed a bucket brigade, and piled snow on the roofs of the buildings to prevent the sparks from setting fire to the roof.

The Hammond family left at 8:40 for London. At 9:10, Mr. Hammond's father, John Hammond, who lives a short way from his son's residence, saw flames coming from the kitchen window. Other persons in the vicinity also had noticed the fire. When they arrived on the scene the blaze had made such rapid headway that they confined their attentions to saving adjoining buildings, as it was impossible to check the fire. The London fire department was asked for assistance and number 3 company responded.

When the Hammonds left the house a lamp was left burning on a kitchen table and a valuable bulldog was also left in the room. It is believed that the lamp exploded or else the dog pulled the tablecloth and knocked the lamp over and that the fire was started in this manner. The skeleton of the bulldog was found in the ruins of the building.

The residents of Brick street are giving a shower some time during Christmas week to gather clothing for the family, as the only clothing they have is that which they were wearing when they left home.

The loss is estimated at between $7,000 and $8,000, partly covered by insurance.

# E. ODETTE NAMED LIBERAL BEARER

## East Essex Constituents Select Former Tilbury Mayor To Contest Seat.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—Amid wild scenes of enthusiasm, E. G. Odette, former mayor of Tilbury, was chosen standard-bearer of the East Essex Liberal party at the convention at Belle River Saturday.

Others nominated to represent the party in the forthcoming federal elections were: S. Ducharme, Belle River; F. X. Chauvin, Tecumseh; Dr. G. Lacasse, Tecumseh, and U. G. Reaume, mayor of Ford. After brief speeches, Dr. Lacasse and Mayor Reaume withdrew.

Odette swamped all the remaining candidates in the balloting. It was then that Mr. Chauvin, who secured less than 20 votes, asked the convention to make the choice of Odette unanimous. This was done spontaneously by more than 100 delegates, who broke into wild cheering and applause when Odette's victory was announced.

Mr. Odette said he favored placing an export duty on all Canada's natural resources. He pledged himself to the cause of Liberalism. Each of the other candidates made brief addresses.

Senator A. B. McCoig of Chatham predicted a sweeping victory for the party and maintained that the issue of the Canadian National Railways would soon be a dead one as far as ex-Premier Meighen and his party were concerned. The convention went on record as indorsing the present King regime and the representation of E. Tellier for North Essex. R. L. Brackin, K.C., M.L.A., made a forceful address.

Dr. A. T. Trottier of Belle River was elected president of the association over Dr. P. N. Gardner of Ford. For the vice-presidency, Dr. G. Lacasse, Tecumseh, defeated George A. Scott and Dr. P. N. Gardner, both of Ford. E. Demarais of Belle River was chosen second vice-president, and A. J. Gordon, secretary-treasurer.

# MONOXIDE GAS CAUSES DEATH OF THREE GARAGE EMPLOYEES

Special to The Advertiser.

Holly, Michigan, Dec. 21.—Deadly monoxide gas last night caused death of three men in the Bringard Garage near here. The victims are: Harold Duboiville, 22, William Brown, 20, Fred Wagner, 23.

The bodies of the three were found by truck drivers on their way from Midland to Detroit, who stopped at the garage. Unable to arouse any one they forced an entrance and found the bodies near a coupe on which the men had been working. The ignition switch of the car was turned on and the gas tank empty indicating that death had come suddenly to all three and the motor had run until its gas supply was exhausted.

The men had been engaged in fitting a heater to the car.

# MANUFACTURERS HIT TORONTO TAXATION

## Representative Holds Lengthy Brief Before Ontario Statute Revision Committee.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Claiming that manufacturing industries were in a hazardous position, owing to the condition of the times, Strachan Johnston, K.C., representing the Ontario Manufacturers' association held a lengthy brief before the statute revision commission this morning. The commission is holding public meetings, preliminary to consolidation and revision of the Ontario statutes.

Mr. Johnston endeavored to show that taxation in Toronto was exceptionally severe. He quoted the taxation imposed on seven firms in Toronto and Montreal to show that both assessment and subsequent taxation in the Quebec city were decidedly lower than in Toronto. In his tabulation he showed that a well-known electrical firm was taxed to the extent of $601,875 in Toronto, while in Montreal the same firm would be taxed $414,852 on the same assessment. This took into consideration the fact that the tax-rate of Montreal was 14.5 mills and in Toronto 30 mills. The difference in taxation was due to the fact that in Toronto and Ontario there was added a 60 per cent business assessment and a dividend assessment.

Proceeding with his argument, Mr. Johnston stated that the manufacturing business was entitled to more consideration than the banks which had placed their representations before the commission.

SPANISH WAR ZONES.

Zones of influence in Morocco, where the Spanish are being pushed off the map.

## STORM HITS SHIP OF IRON, PROFIT OF $15,000 RESULTS

Special to The Advertiser.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—A storm which struck the British steamship "Islemoor," en route from England here with a cargo of pig iron, resulted in a profit of $15,000 to her charterers. During the delay caused by the storm the price of pig iron advanced $3 a ton.

# O. C. T. A. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

## Large Increase in Financial Resources For Past Year Is Shown.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association held Saturday afternoon in the association rooms, Dominion Savings Building, was satisfactory in every respect, especially from a financial standpoint.

Revenue from all sources, the financial report stated, was $76,338.15, while the interest from investments was $39,668.74. The balance to capital account is $44,013.12 after all expenses for the year have been paid.

A special committee composed of President F. E. Harley, First Vice-President A. E. Cowley, E. N. Hannah and J. H. Laughton, was appointed to consider recommendations made by Mr. Hannah as a result of his trip to the Imperial conference of Commercial Travellers in London, England, last July.

Mr. Hannah stated that he was in favor of a publication printed solely for the benefit and information of commercial travellers in Ontario and Canada, and declared that publications of such a nature were a decided success in other parts of the empire.

Mr. Hannah also went on record as being in favor of old-age pensions for travellers, and pointed out that they were successful overseas.

President Harley said that a letter had been received from Toronto people who had interested themselves in the possibility of a magazine for travellers, and that the committee would look into the matter and report.

Secretary George T. Hair stated that the last $500 of the $2,500 donated to the London Sick Children's Hospital for the furnishing of a room in the hospital had been paid.

The travellers decided to appropriate $400 from the general fund for special charitable donations always made at Christmas.

Immediately after the general meeting President Harley called the board of directors into conference.

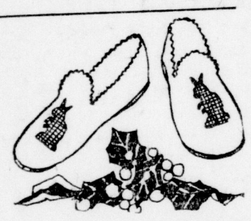
# Christmas Slipper Sale

**CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS**

FELT SLIPPERS, leather soles, Sizes 3-10 and 11-2 ..... 65c, 75c, 85c

Red and Blue Strap Slippers, fancy figures on vamp, leather soles—

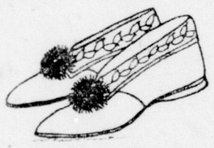
Sizes 4-7, at ..... 75c  Sizes 8-10, at ..... 85c  Sizes 11-2, at ..... $1



**BOUDOIR SLIPPERS**

Suede, kid, patent, blue, gray, brown, black, some padded heels, some solid heels.

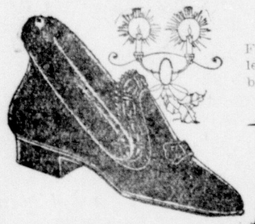
Prices.... $1.00, $1.25 to $1.75



**KOZY SLIPPERS**

Fine Felt Kozy Slippers, padded soles and heels, brown, gray, ecru, orchid, wine, blue, mauve.

Prices $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75



**Ladies' Felt Juliets**

Fine, smooth Felt Juliet Slippers, fur bound, leather soles and heels, navy blue, sizes 3-8, at ..... $1.35

Brown, Gray and Black at $1.50.

**SPECIAL**

Broken lines in Felt Slippers, Men's, Women's and Children's. Regular $1.50 to $2.50 Sale ..... 95c

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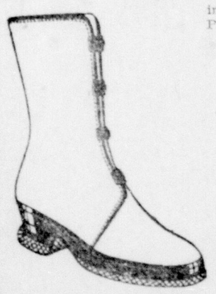
Fine kid, elastic sides, turn soles, extra fine quality, sizes 5½-11. Priced at ..... $3

Men's Fine Alligator leather Slippers, extension leather soles, leather heels, sizes 6-11. Priced at ..... $1.50

**SPECIAL—MEN'S PLAID FELT SLIPPERS,** leather soles, at $1.00.

Men's Felt Kozy Slippers, padded soles, leather heels, all colors, sizes 6-11. Priced at ..... $1.50

Heavier leather, in brown only. Priced at .. $2.50



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Children's Goloshes, priced at ..... $2.75 and $3.00

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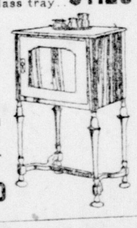
Walnut or mahogany, equipped with metal and glass trimmings. Special, $19.50



**Polychrome Candlesticks**

Beautiful designs. $2.25 pair

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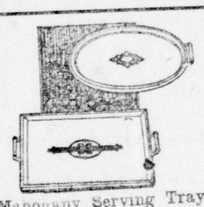

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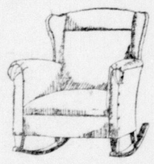

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