

BUSINESS MEN WILL ASSIST CHILDREN'S AID

Forty Little Ones Are Now Being Cared For in Shelter.

For the first time in the history of the local Children's Aid Society, a strong committee of practical business men has been appointed to look after the financial end of the work. This was done yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting held in the office of the president, Sheriff D. M. Cameron, and presided over by him.

Those named to act with the president, and the first vice-president, Mrs. P. E. Leonard, were H. E. Gates, D. H. McDermid, Major T. J. Murphy and C. F. Compin, with a fifth still to be appointed.

Valuable suggestions in regard to the obtaining of supplies were offered by Bryon Campbell.

A detailed report was given of the extensive repairs which have just been completed on the Children's Shelter, (Wharfedale road, these including practically a new roof, new floors in some of the rooms, new ceilings where necessary, painting and papering and, in fact, the remodeling and repairing of the whole interior to make it habitable. D. H. McDermid and Richard Sanders were named a committee to investigate and make out the work has been properly finished.

It was reported that 40 children are being cared for in the shelter at the present time, and that the Mayor, Sheriff Cameron, Messrs. F. E. Leonard, Baker, Wisner, John Welf, McKinnon, Miller, Hardie, Jones, D. H. McDermid, C. F. Compin, B. Campbell and Richard Sanders.

CANDIDATES BASHFUL ANIMALS AT PRESENT

Few Come Out From Hiding to Announce Desire for Public Office.

The elections on January 1 are not setting the people wild in anticipation. The candidate is a very bashful animal at present, few of the species having come from their hiding places. It certainly looks as if Mayor Stenson and Controller Gammage will have a battle for the mayoralty. The latter says he is in the field to stay. The former has definitely announced himself. Others have been mentioned but none have consented. There may be an eleventh-hour candidate, but that does not seem likely now.

For the other offices, there does not appear to be a surplus of candidates. It would not be surprising to see a mad scramble at the last minute to get persons to run.

However, the citizens do not seem to be worrying just now.

NEW OFFICERS.—The annual election at Canton London, No. 1, P. M. L., O. P., resulted as follows: Captain, W. A. Walker; lieutenant, W. R. Shaw; ensign, Percy Pawley; clerk, Capt. J. L. Goodburne; accountant, Major Geo. E. Shaw.

SEVEN LONDONERS COMING WITH PARTY ON SUNDAY

Twenty-Six Returned Men Expected to Leave Quebec Saturday.

Word has been received by the Soldiers' Aid Commission that a party of returned men, who arrived on the Massabie on December 4, will probably leave Quebec on Saturday and arrive in London on Sunday morning at 11:15, via the C.P.R.

There are 26 men in the party from Western Ontario and seven of these are residents of London.

The following are from London: J. A. Black, 325 Rattle street; S. Brown, 233 Talbot street; C. Griffiths, 41 River view avenue; E. Hope, 733 William street; S. Angles, 475 Grey street; R. Baldwin, 115 Sackville street; W. B. Johnston, 104 Thomas street; J. Carter, 15 Beale street, Woodstock; T. Maltby, 63 Hinks street, Woodstock; W. H. Warren, Box 442, Woodstock; W. Macintosh, Rodney; C. W. Ward, 31 poster street, Chatham; A. Gleason, 45 Mammoth road, Walkerville; H. Bonnett, 23 Charles street, Stratford; W. Cody, 233 Dundas street, London; E. Le Kinder, Mount Brydges; G. Gardner, R.R. No. 3, Tilbury; D. Harriot, Ayr; H. E. Oke, R.R. No. 5, Alvinston; C. S. Thornton, Highgate; J. E. Van Sigmond, Seaford; J. Hamlin, Wellington street, Preston.

MONTREAL WHISKY TOO STRONG FOR THIS ONE

Another victim of Montreal whiskey appeared in police court today and pleaded guilty.

He stated that he had procured a gallon from the Quebec metropolis by express and had only taken a few small drinks. Apparently the potency of Montreal liquor was greater than he imagined, because he claimed to remember but little after his few drinks until he awoke in the police court cells with a thirst and a headache.

Being his first offence under prohibition law, he was fined the minimum \$10 and costs.

CLUB'S BIRTHDAY

Boyle Memorial Mothers Entertain Friends From Other Clubs.

The Boyle Memorial Mothers' Club had a very enjoyable time on Tuesday night. It being the birthday of the club, there were invited guests from Lorne Avenue and Chesley Avenue Clubs.

The program was very interesting. Miss Brenton gave a talk on "The Constitution of the Mothers' Club," which was much appreciated by all, as the facts were all made clear. An instrumental by Miss Rita Mills; a dance by Little Irene Hilbert; an instrumental duet by the Misses Perrin; readings by Miss Doane and Miss Eva Tolmie; and a solo by Mrs. Nattrass were much appreciated.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Shameless in War Time.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Thoughtful citizens will concur in commendation of The Advertiser for its timely editorial calling attention to the almost criminal foolishness of frittering away our resources upon mischievous luxuries at a time when human misery and life are trembling in the balance and essentials are the only things that count. People need but open their eyes for a moment any day for evidence of waste in a dozen ways, not only needless, but in many cases positively injurious and appalling. Slowly but none the less surely the substratum of common sense in the community is taking the measure of grafters, slackers and wasters as enemies of the nation. For a time the public may be fooled and misled to its own undoing, but judgment reasserts itself and writes its indelible lesson with an iron pen. Hence the rapidity with which we have recognized the wisdom of the mandate against one aspect of the booze traffic, so long a tolerated plague spot upon otherwise reputable and important business of conducting houses of public entertainment. The defence offered for the amusement craze that is needed as a relief from the seriousness and sorrow of war time is a flimsy pretext by participants in a whirlwind of fancy engineered by crafty and shameless greed. Forms of amusement have ceased to be recreative in any true sense, but instead dissipate physique and nerve energy, not to mention resources needed for the war victims. It is not a costly dope of frivolity for which the hearts and homes stricken with the burden and ferocity of conflict are calling, but sane, wholesome and solid consolations. To those ears that ring for returning sounds over "the worn doormat," the "light fantastic" is now but a hollow mockery and a waste of energies that should be consecrated to the high purposes of the nation. All honor to men of the calibre of Rev. Canon Tucker and others who, by their truly prophetic courage raise their voices in warning protest against the plague of amusement over the graves of the falling sons of Canada, whose wretched sodden shoes the revellers are unworthy even to stoop and unfasten. Intoxicated with pleasure or the lust for gain, multitudes seem yet unconscious of the dreadful portent of the conflict, and read the bulletin-boards with the callous curiosity of idle spectators at the bloody shows of Nero. Must this war go on longer and still longer and become yet more terrible until through a deluge of suffering, as Margaret Sherwood has told us, we learn how false are the gods the world has been following with swift feet?

MIDDLESEX.

Canon Tucker and the Foreigner.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: In your issue of the 1st inst., it was stated that Canon Tucker questioned the advisability of admitting foreigners into an Anglo-Saxon community. He also is reported in your contemporary—as having said that if Mr. Tony Zaccano was a Spaniard he would introduce bull-fighting into London, as well as promote prize-fighting. Mr. Zaccano has written an excellent letter dealing with the questions raised by the canon, and is apparently quite able to take care of himself. Hence, I will leave the question of prize-fighting to him to settle, with this remark, viz.: That it did not originate in a "foreign" country, using Canon Tucker's definition of foreigner. It seems to me that prize-fighting is a by-product of Great Britain.

What I strongly object to is Canon Tucker's statement about foreigners. I, too, am a foreigner, and if the foreigners are eliminated from Canada, police, general, and from London in particular, it strikes me that Canon Tucker will soon be preaching to an empty pew, for we are not to a great extent natives of some country other than that in which we live? But be this as it may, I would ask the canon what does he really know of Italy, or of Spain? Has he ever lived in either country? If he has, then he must surely have noticed the Christian politeness, courtesy, gentleness and general good behavior that, alas, is altogether too lacking in Canada. There he will find that the stranger in a broken language tries to find his way, he will not be made run of and held up to ridicule, as is so frequently the case here. Let the canon ask his way, even in "the east end of Montreal"—to which he so glibly refers—and he will find the little French boy not only direct him with hat in hand, but this same little boy will go blocks out of his way, accompanying him lest he should miss the road.

Not so long ago an Ontario newspaper had a series of letters from one of the members of its staff abroad. Italy and France were referred to, having been visited for a lengthy period, and the writer stated that it was only when one was in these countries that the lack of decent manners prevailing in Canada was most painfully brought home. Hence, I am quite sure that the canon will have to go farther afield before he can lay claim to the supremacy of the "Anglo-Saxon," and as being entitled to a land all his own. Further, if we take a census of the foreigners and the Anglo-Saxons in Canada and compare the records of each for crimes, it will be found beyond cavil that the foreigners do not come out second best.

With recruiting, I have nothing to do, but I venture the opinion that London is not as bad as the canon would paint her, when he says that "they say in other cities that in London men are seen in civilian clothes who ought to be at the front, etc." At what "side points" is London getting a bad reputation? Please, sir, tell us, and also kindly tell us who are "they?"

In conclusion, I would say that it will be a sorry day for any country, even that of the "Anglo-Saxon," when the principle of the "holier than thou" principle, as, apparently, the canon believes.

Yours truly,

London, December 7, 1916.

FORMER WESTMINSTER MAN GETS IMPORTANT POSITION

Dr. Archibald MacCallum Named Chairman of Advisory Council.

A message received by The Advertiser from Toronto, announces that Archibald Byron MacCallum has been appointed chairman of the advisory council on industrial and scientific research. He is a brother of Dr. H. A. MacCallum of this city, and occupies the position of professor of bio-chemistry in the University of Toronto. He was born on the 8th conception of Westminster Township. He has been president of nearly all the scientific societies connected with biology, chemistry or physiology, on the continent. He has also been honored by universities throughout Great Britain, United States and Canada.

DRAWING-ROOM SALE DECIDEDLY ATTRACTIVE

Mrs. Boomer's Annual Affairs Draws Large Number—Choice Articles Offered.

Mrs. H. A. Boomer's annual drawing-room sale for Local Council aid purposes, held yesterday afternoon in her new home at 377 William street, attracted a large number of patriotic touch was added to the rooms by flags and the attractive wares offered for sale were in themselves most decorative.

In the library, to the right of the entrance was a fascinating assortment of "Canada" toys, including engaging dolls, building toys, puzzles, a dozen things that any boy or girl would love for Christmas, not to mention true-to-life birch bark canoes, that would make the dearest kind of work baskets or hanging baskets. Mrs. Ball and Miss Grant had charge of this department.

In the drawing-room, attention was first attracted by a table of dainty bags, collars and fluffy trilledies presided over by Mrs. Elphinstone.

Bargains in real linen tray-cloths, dresser scarves, luncheon sets, crocheted slippers, etc., were on sale by Miss MacDonald.

A few feet away, a table was spread with pretty English knick-knacks, all of low prices. There were delicate silver vases, cigarette cases, souvenir pins spoons and ever so many more things ideal for Christmas remembrances. The collection was in charge of Mrs. Annie Elliott.

In the dining-room, Mrs. Niven and Mrs. Edge poured tea and coffee. Mrs. Harris and Miss Nora Niven serving. Mrs. Boomer was "the life of the party," greeting and welcoming all who called. Mrs. Yarker, Miss Margaret Macdonald, Miss Roberts and others rendered valuable assistance.

Pudding having an important part in charge of the treasury.

The drawing-room sale is to be continued today and every night left over from yesterday is going at half-price. Drawing took place yesterday afternoon for a beautiful birch bark canoe, Miss Grant holding the fortunate ticket.

SOME SPECIAL VALUES IN BEDDING

A new shipment of English Flannelette Blankets, extra length, size 68x90 inches, fine soft quality, no loose nap. Our last shipment of these. Only \$2.00 pair.

EXTRA LARGE SIZE COTTON FILLED COMFORTERS, \$2.95 EACH.

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35 pairs Wool Nap Blankets, extra size 70x84 inches, good heavy quality, slightly soiled. These have pink or blue borders, used greatly in place of wool blankets; our regular price is \$3.75 pair. While they last only \$2.85 pair.

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3 Pairs for \$1.00

Plain Black Cashmere Hose, seamless, spliced heel and toe, good weight; sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Saturday only \$1.00. Three pairs for \$3.00.

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Six dozen Men's Billfolds, threefold with place for bills, identification card or photo, notebook and pencil, also calendar and stampbook, black Morocco, tan and brown calf. Special \$65c.

MEN'S SWEATER COATS

always are acceptable gifts, with or without collars, all wool, in plain grey, plain brown, navy, maroon and mixed colors; sizes 36 to 46. A large assortment at, each \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Boys' Underwear

Boys' Combinations, fine fleece-lined, in grey or white, very neatly made, comfortable and a very satisfactory line; sizes 26 to 32. Price, per suit \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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Men's Fancy Shirts, assorted stripe patterns in madras and percales with silk stripe, soft cuffs, neatly boxed; a splendid gift; sizes 14 to 16½. Price \$3.00 each.

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Nightshirts for men of fine, soft American flannelette, in blue, pink or mauve stripes, large, roomy garments; sizes 15 to 19. At \$1.00, \$1.35 and \$1.50 each.

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December Sales and Christmas Shopping Saturday

Saturday will mark the real beginning of holiday shopping for out-of-town customers at Smallman & Ingram's, and besides the great treasure house of gifts, many special sales have been arranged for tomorrow. First a clearing of ladies' suits, about 25, at \$6.95. Six ladies' Persians and Astrachans at half price, and 38 Men's Overcoats at \$9.95. These are outstanding features in the Saturday list, and would probably need no further reference to dispose of all. They will be briefly outlined below, also a pre-Christmas clearing of Millinery. Many shoppers find it advantageous to come from a distance to make their purchases here. What they save by so doing in most cases more than pays for the time and expense of the trip, besides assortments are so much greater and you find just what you want.



Pre-Christmas Millinery CLEARANCE

Shapes, Trimmed Hats, Flowers, Ornaments, Mounts and Wings, all grouped for quick clearance Saturday and priced at remarkably low figures. Some of these you may have looked at when priced at twice and treble these figures.

Two tables of Trimmed Hats. Sale prices \$1.95 and \$2.85. Some sold as high as \$9.00.

All the better Untrimmed Shapes up to \$7.50 for \$2.69.

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Sale of Black Dress Silk

Tomorrow 400 yards of Rich Black Armure Merv Dress Silk, 38 inches wide, one of the most satisfactory kinds for service. This is an extra heavy quality pure silk warp and filling, rich dye, dull finish. For Saturday, only 400 yards on sale, at \$1.38 yard. Have your orders in early so as to insure delivery.

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