

Plea For Furniture and Christmas Cheer Comes From Ex-Londoner

Letter to The Advertiser From Out of Stricken Haileybury Conveys Words of Thanks and Pleas From James MacFarlane and Family.

Out of Haileybury, ruined by fire and now besieged with snow and intense cold, comes a message of thanks to the people of London who gave of their means to relieve the suffering of the people bereft of home and belongings.

The letter which follows was written to The Advertiser by James MacFarlane, Jr., whose wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Noble, 51 A. street, this city. Immediately after the fire Mrs. MacFarlane and her children returned to the shelter of her mother's home. Considerable publicity of the unfortunate case was given in the columns of this paper.

In the letter Mr. MacFarlane makes a heartfelt plea for furniture for the stricken northerners, and a Christmas plea for the children who otherwise will face a cheerless holiday season, forgotten by Santa Claus.

The letter reads: "Dear Sir,—Again allow me to intrude on your space to thank the people of London who have been kind to my wife and family while they were exiled in London by the fire that destroyed the town of Haileybury on Oct. 4th.

"It would be impossible for me to thank them individually, and although perhaps it is unfair to mention names here, I would like to mention a few names in particular.

"Mrs. MacFarlane would like to thank the people of London who have been kind to my wife and family while they were exiled in London by the fire that destroyed the town of Haileybury on Oct. 4th.

"Since she came home one lady by the name of Mrs. Gillett of Hamilton road sent a Christmas gift for us all. We desire to thank her for her useful gifts at this time of the year.

"We understand there is a crowd of furniture being shipped from London to Haileybury. I am not a man to beg, but that is what we need most now. At supper tonight, in my home, everyone was looking for their particular box to sit on, boxes which had been shipped to the north with rolled oats or sugar or some other necessity. Our table is a big box about four feet by three, and our chairs a multitude of small ones. Our bed, a box out in two and put side by side so as to be long enough for the mattress; our cupboards are made of the same material—everything is boxes, and we are lucky.

"Our home is no exception to the rule. I was in conversation with one of the Red Cross nurses (God bless them, for they are tireless workers). She told me she was called out to an urgent case the previous night, and said, 'If you could have seen the circumstances of the place I was called to it would have broken your heart to see what they were trying to get along with in the shape of a bed.'

"Under these circumstances, the winter with us, allow me to ask the people of London to get together and ship two or three cars of furniture. It need not be new, for we are easily satisfied.

"Christmas is upon us again and the children are looking in vain for Santa to come, but I am sure he will come. The people of London will not allow them to be disappointed and to multiply Christmas trees, something we never have heard of before, will help them to enjoy Christmas in their own homes.

"The indomitable spirit of the people is demonstrated by the number of building permits that have been issued to the total of \$10. In the fire 760 homes were lost.

"We work all hours in order to get the weatherman for he is unmerciful in this north country. In conclusion, allow me again to thank the people of London for their benevolent spirit, which is amply demonstrated by the amount of help they have sent to the fire sufferers of Northern Ontario.

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BUS OWNERS GIRD SELVES FOR FIGHT

Fee Bylaw Will Cause Battle in City Council Tomorrow Night.

OPINIONS ARE DIFFERENT May Mean Beginning of War to End Between the Companies.

Whether the police commissioners possess untrammelled authority to specify license fees for motor bus operators is a question which divides the municipal experts of the province, asserts City Clerk Sam Baker.

Once again the several independent bus lines of the city have engaged in a deadly combat with the London street railway corporation, and the developments of the past 24 hours have created keen interest in every quarter of the city.

The city clerk holds to the opinion that "everything hinges" upon the outcome of a regular session of the members of the finance committee of the city council tomorrow night. A thorough consideration of the local transportation services, involving chiefly the operation and maintenance of the bus lines, is scheduled, precipitated by the recommendation of the police commissioners that the bus owners be assessed 100 per cent for one year.

Will Present Bylaw. City Clerk Baker states that a bylaw, authorizing this undertaking, will be presented to the committee, and should the members sanction the proposal there will be no question of its validity, once the final approval of the city council as a body is obtained.

In any event, a grim battle is anticipated. The bus operators are evidently determined to fight every step of the way to oppose the adoption of what they consider to be an "exorbitant charge." One mass meeting has already been held, while another is set for tonight at which is expected Mayor-Elect George Wenig will attend upon invitation.

Should the city councilors decide, however, to withhold from the proposal, the bus operators will be obliged to accept the fee, and decline to pass the bylaw, there will be ample room for a test case in the courts, city authorities point out. If the police commission should then insist that the fee be imposed and collected, or the bus owners fined or jailed.

Opinion is certainly divided when it comes to an interpretation of the act in this respect. "Personally, I do not care to express my own idea, I have, however, considered the municipal act narrowly, and I do not find where the police commissioners are empowered specifically to fix the charge."

"It does provide that the commission may regulate the buses, and grant the license. Whether within the meaning of the act it was primarily intended that the granting of the license included the setting of the fee is a question that will have to be determined by the legal authorities, should the occasion arise."

Which has been divided in this respect, it is different from the fact that at the municipal conventions, when the subject was introduced for debate.

Would End Question. "However, if the members of the city council pass the bylaw, as recommended by the police commission, there will be no question of the legality of the charge. The councilors are empowered to act in this respect. There is no question about that."

In the interim, both transportation factions are evenly "girding their loins" for the fray, and the indications are that the two factions intend to test out the declaration by R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the street railway company, that "one or the other must go."

Simultaneous with the official announcement that the street railway company proposes to initiate a 100 per cent reduction in fare comes the information from the several independent bus operators that they will exchange tickets issue transfers and maintain a standard fare—six tickets for 25 cents.

It is generally understood that additional buses will soon be plying on the city streets.

Obituaries

DAVID HAMILTON. Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—David Hamilton died here Monday night, following a sickness of several months.

He came from Forest, Ont., and settled at Basswood, Man., 22 years ago. For many years he was engaged in farming and in the live stock business, being widely known as a stock dealer in the three prairie provinces.

Mr. Hamilton and his family took up residence in Winnipeg six years ago. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, was connected with the Congregational denomination, and was a Liberal in politics.

Mr. Hamilton's wife died at Forest before the family moved west, the surviving members being two daughters, Magdalene and Elizabeth G., and one son, Norman, and a sister-in-law, Miss Mary Duffus.

MRS. DANIEL MULLENS. The death occurred Saturday morning at Glenwood Hospital of Mary Anne Mullens at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Mullens was for many years a resident of this city, was the wife of the late Daniel Mullens, who is survived by three sons and a daughter. The sons are: William P. Mullens, grocer, of this city; Frank Mullens, of Toronto; and Augustus Mullens of Toronto. Mrs. M. Johnson of this city is a daughter. The funeral took place from the home of William Mullens, 43 Dundas street west, at 3:30 this morning, followed by a celebration of requiem high mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. The interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

ORGANISTS DEBATE DUAL OR SINGLE CHURCH OFFICE

A meeting of the Organists' Club was held last evening at the studio of Miss Minnie Raymond. In the absence of Mr. F. Linforth, Willgoose, the chair was occupied by Dr. J. H. Smith. After the business of the evening, a debate took place on the subject, "Should Organists and Choirmasters Be a Single or Dual Position?" Chas. E. Wheeler was leader of the side in favor of the single position, and Dr. J. H. Smith for the side in favor of the dual position. Clever and amusing points were brought out on both sides, the result being a tie.

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EVERYBODY'S "EYING" IT

Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win two tickets for the Grand Theatre.

Two tickets for the Grand Theatre tomorrow await "Red Pepper Burns," who contributed the winning item today.

On a slippery street a man ahead of me who could not keep his feet at all. So he tried the middle of the road, but after having to dodge a few autos he finally got back to the curb, and tied his handkerchiefs, one on each foot, and wasn't he pleased with himself!—RED PEPPER BURNS.

A woman going west on Dundas street who dropped a parcel. A young man and woman going east did not notice the parcel, and they managed to kick it quite a few steps before it was recovered by the owner.—T. L. W.

The congregation of a local church gathered in the Sunday school room after the regular service for a little singing, the pastor announcing that the city council tomorrow night was in the Sunday school room singing a song. Immediately a cat which was in the Sunday school room meowing, much to the amusement of the congregation.—BUNNY.

About 9:30 o'clock in the morning, a woman all dressed up in her seal coat, etc., at the corner of St. James and Richmond streets, bail a Richmond car and politely ask the conductor, who came to assist her, what time the bus would be along. With a smile, the conductor said, "My dear lady, I have nothing to do with the buses."—B. E. W.

Two young men rushing madly down Dundas street. Crossing the street, they risked their lives by striding in front of a moving street car and barely escaping being knocked down by two automobiles that were passing. Ten minutes later the two men passed again, murmuring apologetically to the rather angry-looking young ladies, who had apparently been waiting for them fifteen minutes or more after coming out of church. "Sorry to have kept you waiting so long."—REEL CHIV-ALRY.

A woman strolling leisurely along Clarence street, when a big red-faced man drove swiftly up in a nice shiny car and accosted her, saying, "Lady, would you care to go for a drive with me?" Drawing herself up haughtily, she favored the "masher" with cold stare and a chilly "No, thank you." The man, who was looking man seated in another car nearby to take a keen interest in the proceedings. Noticing this, the woman laughed, hopped into the "masher's" car, and they drove swiftly away, his arm about her waist. "Now, I am quite all right for you, as I happen to know, they have been man and wife for many moons."—SEB-12?

Military Men In City Favor Site At Vimy For Canadian Memorial

Present Day Youthful Hubby Places Newlywed of 19th Century in Shade

There you have the case in the proverbial nutshell. Another newlywed says: "Harold is the most willing boy. Every day he clears off the table, washes the cloth and scrub the dishes, and leaves Harold to do the housework. He bathes the two children Wednesday and Saturday nights. They positively won't let me do it."

Read this from the lips of an elderly woman who married a product of the chivalrous Victorian era. "No; William never washes the dishes. William has always said that all the housework, shine William boots every morning and fix the furnace. William is never heeppened. He simply can't stand the sight of a heeppened husband. William says they're only half men."

At this stage in the conversation, William's ominous visage appeared on the threshold and the reporter fled. But all middle-aged ladies told the same story. And they did complain a bit. They had been taught from girlhood that "women's place is in the kitchen, and they believed it in spite of present-day contradictory evidence.

On the other hand the gushy young married girls went to bridge parties, movies and afternoon teas. Friend husband was always on hand to clean up. If he objected, his wife would never admit it. Truly, girls the modern young man makes a "simply adorable" housekeeper.

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DAWSON SCORES DRAYTON CHARGE

New Director of C. N. R. Declares Attack at Conservative Meeting Unfounded.

Special to The Advertiser. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 12.—Replying to the remarks of Sir Henry Drayton in Toronto on Saturday night, Mr. E. G. Dawson, of Prince Rupert, one of the new directors of the Canadian National Railway, made the following statement to The Advertiser:

"The charge reported as being made by Sir Henry Drayton that I am a bootlegger is absolutely unfounded and unwarranted, and if a definite statement were made, would, in my opinion, be libelous. My business is wholesale grocery, and when the British Columbia moderation act came into force my firm was appointed distributing agents in Northern British Columbia for a Victoria brewery to distribute beer in that territory to the government liquor stores. This Hon. H. H. Stephens, member for Vancouver, made a charge in a public speech some time ago that upon inspection being made, would be several hundred barrels of beer short, which evidently had been disposed of illegally. I demanded, on behalf of my firm, an investigation into the matter. The investigation was conducted by the chief inspector and by the public accounts committee, who absolutely exonerated me and my firm, there being absolutely no evidence against us, and the report was tabled in the House of Commons. The C. N. R. board would reflect upon the Mackenzie King government."

In his speech to Toronto Conservatives on Saturday Sir Henry Drayton insinuated Mr. Dawson was known by some people in British Columbia as a bootlegger.

ACACIA LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The following were elected officers for 1935 of Acacia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Temple: W. M., Bro. J. H. C. Woodward; I. P. M., W. Bro. E. Fremling; S. W., Bro. J. H. Langford; J. W., Bro. E. Chamberlain; treasurer, V. W. Bro. C. A. Whitman; secretary, W. Bro. J. W. Pleaves; chaplain, Bro. J. W. Pleaves; S. D., Bro. A. G. N. Bradshaw; J. D., Bro. Geo. Overton; D. of C., Bro. C. H. Bending; I. G., Bro. G. Garrow; assistant secretary, Bro. W. G. Harding; S. S., Bro. L. Moffatt; D. D. S., J. S. Bro. W. M. Mann; Tyler, R. V. Bro. J. W. Wallace; representatives of Masonic board of relief, W. Bro. Dr. J. N. Wood; finance board, Bros. J. H. C. Woodward, J. H. Langford, E. Chamberlain; Masonic Hall, Limited, Bro. J. H. C. Woodward; Masonic Bureau, Bro. W. G. Harding; board of examiners, R. W. Bro. L. A. Ross, V. W. Bro. C. A. Whitman; and Bro. J. N. Wood.

THE COUNTY COURT cases billed for this morning were all settled out of court, and the court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

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