

## URGES DRAMA LEAGUE TO EXTEND INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

Good Work Can Be Done for Western Ontario, Says Prof. McCready.

"The London Drama League merely to be the central body of drama effort in this city, or its influence to extend throughout Western Ontario" was a vital question which came before the league Thursday night at the Institute of Musical Art, on the holding of its second meeting. The question was suggested by S. C. Stevens, who presented the committee's report of the league constitution, and was later brought up by Professor McCready of Toronto University, who happened in at the meeting.

"The Social Service Council of Ontario is now organizing community centres throughout the province," he declared, "and in this connection they have the co-operation of Hart House, Toronto. In their effort to support and encourage drama in these various communities, they are taking up this work in an effort to present the bad effects of certain types of present day plays and moving pictures.

"I think that you might look out farther than London in your effort to encourage better drama," he said, and I should like to see the London Drama League co-operate with Hart House in an effort to foster the drama in Western Ontario. The organization as laid down by the constitution passed by the meeting last night was as follows:

(a) To encourage the production of drama by both professional and amateur. (b) To enable those who desire to study the art of the theatre an opportunity to do so. (c) To promote the study of the drama by means of reading circles, lectures, and recitals. (d) To foster a national drama by encouraging Canadian playwrights. (e) To aid in the restoration of the drama to its honorable place as the most comprehensive and democratic medium for the self-expression of the people.

The program last night was a fine one, the feature being a dramatic reading of Lady Gregory's play, "The Workhouse Ward," by Miss Mary Love, Dr. Cronyn and Rev. G. Q. Warner. The fascinating bits of Irish humor, in which this play abounds, were excellently brought out by those taking part. Dr. Cronyn, in giving a brief sketch of Lady Gregory, likened the Irish situation previous to the revival of the drama there, to which Lady Gregory personally took so large a part, to the situation in London at the present time, with its dearth of good productions.

"The dramatic revival in Ireland has some hints in it for us," he said. "Especially, if we should ever contemplate the establishment of a community playhouse. The players recruited by Lady Gregory were from the ranks of the workers, and her scenery and stage fittings were of the simplest. At first she had very poor support from the public and yet against great odds, she made a success of her undertaking.

Some very fine vocal solos, by Carmen Leann, accompanied by A. D. Jordan, completed the evening's entertainment. Dr. Tamblin, the president, occupied the chair. This is probably the last regular meeting of the league until the autumn.

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## APOSTOLIC DELEGATE ARRIVES MAY 24TH

Arrangements For Entertainment Made by the Local Roman Catholics.

Arrangements have been completed by local Roman Catholics for the visit of the apostolic delegate, Signor Peter De Maria, who comes to London on Monday next. He will arrive via Grand Trunk at 3:30 p.m., and one hour later will be the guest of the Roman Catholic clergy of the district at a dinner in St. Peter's Parish Hall.

At 7:30 p.m. a reception to Signor De Maria by the Roman Catholic men of this city and district, will be tendered in St. Peter's Cathedral. Following this ceremony he will be the guest of Bishop McFallon, who comes to London on Monday next. He will arrive via Grand Trunk at 3:30 p.m., and one hour later will be the guest of the Roman Catholic clergy of the district at a dinner in St. Peter's Parish Hall.

Headed by Bishop McFallon, prominent Catholics of this city will receive the apostolic delegate at the railway station here, and Bishop McFallon will accompany him on his Western Ontario trip. This is not an official inspection of anything like that," said Bishop McFallon to The Advertiser today. "It is merely a visit. The apostolic delegate with headquarters at Ottawa, is the diplomatic representative of the Vatican, receiving representations from the bishops of Canada, transmitting them to Rome and vice versa. He is a native of Italy, where he was a bishop for ten years prior to his Canadian appointment, and is a fine fellow, as you will see when he reaches London," said Bishop McFallon.

U. F. O. PICNIC  
Thousands Expected at Big Event in Queen's Park June 9.

Members of the East Middlesex section of the U. F. O. will hold a meeting Saturday night in the offices of the department of agriculture to make final arrangements for a picnic to be held at Queen's Park on June 9. The event will be one of the biggest of its kind this season, as thousands of picnickers are expected from all parts of the county and city.

Prizes totalling \$1,000 will be awarded in various events, which will include baseball and horse races. Special prizes will be given for the winners in a hay show, the oldest couple on the grounds, and the largest family at a picnic.

Hon. Manning Bohnert, minister of agriculture in the provincial cabinet, will likely be present, as well as T. A. Cregar, of the Dominion Parliament.

## CHECK FOR HOUSING SITE PURCHASE SENT

Notice that a check for \$10,000 to cover the cost of purchasing the Pine Lanes site was being sent to London was received by the housing commission at its meeting last night.

The provincial authorities refused to remit more than \$10,000, as this was the amount originally named. The \$10 will have to be provided later. This makes a total of \$112,000 in loans provided for by the city.

B. Shennanon offered to purchase a cement mixer which had been used on the building operations conducted by W. E. Dodd, the building superintendent for the commission. The mixer was left with the chairman.

CADET CORPS  
Inspection of the cadet corps throughout the London district shows them to be in an encouraging condition, according to Lieut.-Col. W. A. Macrimmon, official organizer and inspector, who has just returned from an inspection tour. Keen interest is being displayed in centres and in some cases the enrollment has been doubled. The total number enrolled in the district is about 7,000, although definite figures are not available.

No arrangements for a camp here as in previous years, will be made until the details of the government's budget have been announced.

HARDWARE AND METAL  
Important Changes in Prices This Week.

Hardware and Metal, May 22, will say: "In addition to important price changes which have been made this week, an important ruling has become effective in the way of a business turning over tax. This will have a vital bearing on all commodity prices and affect all phases of the hardware trade. The new legislation is so far-reaching that it is difficult as yet to comprehend the effect of the new taxation and opinions expressed by the trade authorities are very divergent. The imposing of a luxury tax will also affect many hardware lines and whether it will have influence on reducing sales remains to be seen.

Several lines have declined in price several points this week. Spelter and tin are also lower. Quotations on other lines, however, are very firm and many higher prices have been made, some of which are, as follows: Lawn mowers, cotter pins, sledge and team bells, screen doors and windows, wrenches, barrel bolts, brass wire, plow and clothes lines, jack screws, saws, iron handles, range boilers, sash weights, pump leathers, paste, lampblack, axle pulleys, oiled and annealed wire, curry combs, cistern pumps, posthole augers, chicken food, children's wagons and sleighs, lathe hatchets, gasoline, egg beaters, cap and get screws, wire rope, thinblades, steel belt lacing, nail pullers, saw weights, clothes pins, axes and fuel oil. No freight embargo on the United States, railroads continues to hamper industries and is the cause of many shortages. Jobbers state that in spite of the prevailing shortages the volume of business is very satisfactory and on some lines buyers are getting in their all stock.

Money continues to circulate freely and collections are very satisfactory.

## CLIFFORD COTTERILL IS SENT FOR TRIAL

Assault of C. H. Webster Has Bail Fixed At \$500.

Clifford Cotterill was committed for trial at the general sessions of the peace in June, on a charge of assault, by Constable H. M. Graydon in police court this morning. He was allowed out on \$500 bail.

Charles H. Webster, the complainant, claimed that on Monday, Cotterill struck him with an iron bar. Both men are teamsters employed by Charles Quick. They were hauling gravel from Manor Park to the corner of Wortley road and Bruce street. At their destination, Webster had dumped his gravel and Cotterill was driving a team behind him. The complainant wanted to back out, and so asked Cotterill to back his team in order that he (Webster) might get out of the place.

An altercation followed, and Cotterill took an iron bar, five feet long and two inches in diameter, from his wagon and struck Webster, who was sitting on the seat. Webster got off the wagon and grasped a pick. He told Cotterill that if the assault was repeated he would hit him with the tool. Cotterill dropped the bar and ran. Webster dropped the pick and followed.

The defendant on the road and threw him to the ground. Cotterill's uncle arrived on the scene and Webster let the defendant get up. Cotterill hit Webster with the bar again and told him that if he returned to the pick, he would murder him. Webster then phoned for the police and went to a doctor's office. His injuries were found to consist of two broken ribs and some cuts and bruises. He is unable to use his left arm, and so will not be able to work for some time.

Alexander McCoy saw the whole affair and corroborated Webster's evidence. He declared that when the two men were clinched on the road, the uncle saw Webster strike Cotterill with the pick. "I'll kick you in the face," and that Cotterill said: "I'll ever get you in the said, I'll murder you."

James Payne, who was working nearby, corroborated the stories of the two witnesses.

Albert M. Judd, who appeared for Cotterill, said that his client did not desire to say anything.

Magistrate Graydon then committed him for trial, and declared that owing to the serious nature of the offence, the bail which had been \$500, would be increased to \$500.

GODERICH, May 20.—A large modern dancing pavilion is being erected on Wright street near the Sunset Hotel. It will have the largest floor space of any dancing pavilion in this part of the country, and it is expected to be finished by June 1.

## NEGLECT CHARGES ARE LAID AGAINST SOME SETTLEMENT OFFICERS

Caused Starvation to Soldiers Says Letter to Pensions Committee.

Ottawa, May 20.—By Canadian Press.—A letter charging some unspecified officials of the soldiers' settlement board with neglecting their duty, and thereby causing great hardship and starvation to soldier settlers, and in some cases starvation of settlers' cattle, was read to the special committee on pensions and civil re-establishment this afternoon by Chairman Hume Cronyn. The letter came from F. W. Marshall, a former field supervisor of the board at Winnipeg, who stated that he had been the victim of a conspiracy, because he tried to expose some of the wrongs committed by the members of the board.

The chairman asked Dr. W. J. Black, chairman of the settlement board, for a report on the case before taking any further action. Dr. Black said the matter had been thoroughly investigated and reported upon.

The Great War Veterans' Association proposals on re-establishment were before the committee prior to these calls for drastic action, and amendments to the present regulations. Only ten of the thirty resolutions had been dealt with when the committee adjourned tonight, and in order to save time and trouble, the matter will be taken up again at a later date. A sub-committee was appointed to go over the resolutions with Mr. MacNeil, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association and then report back.

H. M. Mowat, member for Parkdale, appeared before the committee prior to adjournment, asking that a sub-committee be named to consider the question of establishing model towns for returned soldiers. Messrs. E. W. Nesbitt, Col. Hugh Clark and Dr. A. W. Chisholm were named to go into this matter.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION  
Three Hundred Masons Assembled at Woodstock—Banquet Held.

WOODSTOCK, May 20.—Three hundred Masons, representatives from the eighteen lodges in Wilson district, No. 6, gathered in Woodstock today, to attend the eleventh lodge of instruction for the district. The most worshipful of the grand master, Worshipful Brother F. W. Harcourt, and the grand secretary, Worshipful Brother W. L. Logan, of Toronto, were present.

The Thistle Lodge, Embo, exemplified the first degree, and Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton, exemplified the second degree. The third degree was conferred by the past district deputy grand masters of the district.

The proceedings were most satisfactorily carried out and intense enthusiasm was shown. The entire gathering sat down to a big banquet in the hall, which was held in the hall at 5:30 p.m., following which the grand master delivered a brief but inspiring address in which he dealt with the progress of the Masonic order and with the fine record of Wilson district. The proceedings were held under the direction of district deputy grand master, Worshipful Brother R. D. Montgomery, of this city.

## FRENCH FEDERATION OF LABOR DECIDES TO END WALKOUT

Strikes Ordered in Support of Railwaymen Are Called Off.

Paris, May 21.—The general federation of labor decided today to call off the strikes it had ordered in support of the railwaymen's walkout. The decision for the resumption of work was reached by a vote of 99 to 11.

## LARGE BAKERY DESTROYED BY FIRE; LOSS \$100,000

\$18,000 Worth of Flour and \$6,000 Worth of Sugar Lost.

St. John, N. B., May 21.—The little village of Milford, situated just across the St. John River from Indian town, was hit by fire last night which entailed a loss over insurance, of approximately \$100,000. The fire started in a bakery. The flames spread rapidly to nearby buildings and as the fire-fighting apparatus of the place is limited, the loss was heavy.

GOING TO BORNEO.  
Toronto, May 20.—D. N. Dunn of Sarnia Township and Stuart Nisbet of Plympton sail from Victoria, B. C., for Sarawak, Borneo, on Monday. They have been engaged by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company to drill for oil.

SEARCHING FOR "JOKERS" IN NEW DOMINION TAXES  
Toronto, May 20.—Sellers and buyers are busily looking for "jokers" in the new Dominion taxes, and so far these are a few they have found.

1. Retailers may drop the price of a \$45 suit to \$14.95 or less, and so far these are a few they have found.

2. Buyers may purchase various parts of machines, such as phonographs, and assemble them at home, if they are sufficiently good mechanics.

3. Two-piece suits of underwear may be bought separately, each being under the price limit, and thus the tax on expensive "combinations" is avoided.

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With plate glass mirrors.

Dressing Tables With three mirrors, \$32.50, \$38

Washstands \$6.90, \$11.50

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FURNITURE COVERINGS. Great variety. Plushes, a yd. \$2.95 to \$5.00. Tapestries, a yd. \$1.50 to \$11.75. Silk Damasks, a yd. \$2.50 to \$9.00. Shadow Cloths, a yd. \$1.25 to \$3.75.

\$1.95 a yard for heavy Broadloom silk, suitable for covering furniture; color, dark red; 50 inches wide. Regular \$3.50 a yd.

## CEDAR CHESTS

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A lot of people are buying gasoline to-day and using it wastefully. In so doing they are penalizing all the people.

Those who have studied the subject say that one-half gallon of gasoline per car is wasted a day through carelessness, through over-use of cars and useless mileage. This means 200,000 gallons wasted a day or 7,300,000 gallons per year.

This has to be stopped or the price of gasoline will prevent the use of thousands of cars. Anyone who wastes gasoline is doing an injury to you whether you own a car or do not own one.

There are about 400,000 motor cars and trucks in Canada. The motor car is a great utility. It gives opportunity to many thousands of people—men, women and children—to get out into the country, to have recreation and pleasure that otherwise would be difficult for them to obtain. It is a great agency in the promotion of good roads. It is a great agency, too, in the promotion of good health. Anything that restricts its use is of public concern.

Does the waste of gasoline concern the person who does not own a car, might be asked. Let us see.

THERE are thousands of motor trucks. They do a great work in the transportation of various commodities. If the price of gasoline advances the cost of transporting goods will be increased. You will have to pay it in the higher prices you pay for meat, for vegetables, for milk, for eggs, for moving your household goods, for anything and everything you eat or use. Directly or indirectly it will be in the bill the general public has to pay.

One gallon of gasoline will provide the energy to move a one ton truck 15 miles, or, to put it another way, it will move 15 tons of freight one mile. If the users of automobiles would save the one-half gallon they now waste each day it would equal 109,500,000 ton miles of haulage.

It is estimated that more than 30,000 tractors will be used this year in Canada. All of these require gasoline or other refined oil fuel. Without these tractors, Canada could not plant her crops, let alone harvest and thresh them.

It has been figured that the 7,300,000 gallons of gasoline wasted per year in Canada is sufficient to plant, harvest and thresh 15,500,000 bushels of wheat. Think what it would mean to you, to Canada, and to the world if the production of Canada's food crops were curtailed.

There IS a shortage of gasoline. In the last few years the demand for crude petroleum, practically all of which must be imported for the manufacture of gasoline in Canada, has increased more than 650 per cent. In a like period, production has increased only 150 per cent. A shortage of crude and high prices necessarily follow. Pennsylvania crude is to-day costing \$6.10 and Oklahoma crude \$3.60 per barrel at the wells, and these prices must be paid in American funds which adds another 10 per cent. These things render gasoline scarce and make it very high in cost.

Economy in gasoline means more than the general public appreciates. More gasoline is being used to-day than is being produced. That means that reserve stocks are being drawn upon. Curtailment of waste is imperative. It rests with users of gasoline to do voluntarily what otherwise they inevitably will be forced to do.

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