

WOMEN'S COUNCIL WORK REVIEWED

Annual Meeting Yesterday,
With Addresses in the
Evening

SHOULD BE POLICE MATRON APPOINTED

Hon. R. J. Ritchie Says Such Official
is Necessary—The Good Work in
Providing School Playgrounds Com-
mended—Other Matters of Im-
portance Taken Up.

There was a large and representative gathering in the Orange Hall Thursday afternoon when the Local Council of Women met in annual session. Nearly every local society with which women are connected was represented, and reports were received from each.

Mrs. David McLellan, the president, occupied the chair and gave an interesting address. She said it was to be regretted that the by-laws asked for by the council last year had not been passed by the city. These referred to the appointment of a police matron and the obtaining of a patrol wagon.

Dinner for Old Newsboys.
Much discussion took place over the offer of W. E. Earle to place the Victoria risk for one evening for the purpose of giving the newsboys a dinner. The ladies were asked to provide the lunch and a committee of ten were appointed to make arrangements. Saturday, Feb. 29, was the day mentioned for the dinner.

Reports from different societies followed. Mrs. George Murray reported for the Women's Art Association, a very successful year. The exhibitions of the association were well attended.

For the Victorian Order of Nurses, Mrs. G. F. Smith told of good work done. Miss Johnson's report of the King's Daughters' Guild was very thorough. Mrs. J. McLeod told of the work being carried on in the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Reports of the Associated Charities' work, as they have before appeared in the press, were presented by Mrs. Hall, the secretary.

For the St. John W. C. T. U., Mrs. Clark reported, and Mrs. Eagles spoke for the North End, while Miss Jane Leckie reported for the county W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Geo. F. Matthews' report of the Natural History Society was of special interest as it told of the new building and the lectures being delivered there.

Mrs. Lovitt reported progress in the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission.

A clever report was that of St. Vincent's Alumnae, prepared by Miss Catherine O'Neill.

In a carefully prepared report, Miss Estey told of the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Eight meetings had been held during the year, and the membership is 144. The departure of Mr. J. E. Irvine was mentioned. A balance of \$1,400 for the year was reported.

The report of the High School Alumnae, prepared by Miss Walker, referred to the library established by the society, and the gift of works of art to the High School.

Mrs. Woodman reported for the Wednesday Evening Club. The three subjects studied during the year were Great Men, What is True Faithfulness, and What Are the Highest Art Ideals.

An active year was reported for the Ladies' Aid of St. Stephen's church. Mrs. Bullock referred in terms of pride to the passing of legislation during the past year which would allow feeble-minded women to be admitted to the bar and congratulated the council upon having among their number the first lady barrister in New Brunswick.

Legislation.
The reports of the standing committees were then heard. Mrs. T. H. Bullock, convener of the committee for securing the passing of laws for the better protection of women and children, reported in the last session. She said there seemed to be an objection among women towards asking for legislation. This, according to resolutions passed by the National Council of Women, was a very important part of the council's work. In Montreal, a legislative committee had been appointed by the branch there to wait on the legislation proposed by the law-makers.

No Feeble-Minded Women Here.
Mrs. Murphy, as convener of the committee for the custodial care of feeble-minded women, made the statement that as far as could be ascertained, there were no feeble-minded women in New Brunswick. She had written to the authorities in all the centres of population but was told that such a thing as feeble-mindedness did not exist. Under the circumstances a home would not be necessary.

Mrs. Brittain, who had charge of the immigration work, reported little accomplished.

The report of the Needlework Guild showed that 45 garments had been made during the year.

The officers elected by the council were: Mrs. David McLellan, president; Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, recording secretary; Miss Grace Leavitt, treasurer; Miss Ann Whitaker, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. D. Sprague, Mrs. G. F. Matthews, Mrs. C. N. Skinner, Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. Dever and Miss Berryman, vice-presidents.

Evening Session.
Every seat in the Orange hall, Germain street, was occupied at the evening session. Mrs. McLellan was the chair and Mayor Sears was on the platform as were some of the more prominent members and officers of the order. Addresses were made by his worship, Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Robert Maxwell, M. P., and Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Fiske read very instructive and interesting papers on the workings of the council—local, national and international.

The failure of the agitation set on foot by the ladies to secure for the city a police matron and patrol wagon was referred to by the speakers. Mayor Sears thought the ladies should be a little more belligerent and put on some of the armour worn by the women who lately visited Westminster, and he ventured to say that the common council would give them all they asked for.

In the opening address the president referred to the very efficient work of the

affiliated societies. She referred to the great measure of success which had followed the institution of supervised playgrounds in the city and hoped to see the scheme enlarged this coming summer. She pointed out that success had attended their efforts to have the by-law against expelling in public places better enforced, and also that the appointment of a police matron had not been made. She concluded by making feeling reference to the death of Miss Harriet Peters and the removal of Mrs. S. D. Scott from the city.

The Secretary Reviews the Work.
The secretary, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, then presented her report. This was a very interesting one. She first referred to the fact that there are now twenty societies affiliated with the council. The report then went on to note the success which had been met in the agitation for compulsory education in this province and the appointment of a police matron. She regretted that nothing had been done in the matters of a patrol wagon and a police matron. The council sent a petition to the municipal council asking for these. A delegation afterwards waited on the council. Though they were treated with every courtesy nothing was done.

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Cut Received on His Eye Had the
Same Effect as a Surgical Operation.

A Baltimore despatch to the New York Herald says:

A fall on a slippery pavement, when the razor-like edge of a piece of ice performed an operation for which some oculists charge \$1,000, has restored the eyesight of the Rev. Samuel H. Cummings, a minister, who has been totally blind for twenty-five years. The Rev. Cummings states:

"I slipped on one of those sliding pieces of ice and fell heavily on my face. A piece of ice on my nose was shattered or cut by the shock when I fell, and I am seeing through the little rifts or punctures in it, which reflect things abnormally and curiously."

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Generous Bequests of Mur-
dered London Merchant to
Various Charities.

London, Jan. 30.—The unusual public interest in the tragic death of William Whitley, who was shot and killed in his great department store Jan. 24, by Horace George Rayner, was shown by the scene at the funeral of the merchant this morning. Long before the hour for the ceremony thousands of persons gathered about the Whiteley residence, and dense masses lined the streets leading to the church.

Mr. Whitley's will makes a number of generous charitable bequests, the chief being the setting aside of \$5,000,000 to provide and maintain alms houses to be known as the "Whitley homes for the aged poor." He leaves \$250,000 to each of two sons and his sister and her two daughters are given annuities of \$5,000 each. His wife, from whom he had been separated, was provided for during life.

In addition to several other family and household bequests the dead millionaire leaves some varying from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to a number of hospitals, while the sum of \$25,000 is given to the St. John's Hospital. To be applied to the giving annually through a certain clergyman of "Whitley homes for the aged poor." The second sum is to be devoted to the promotion of cricket, football, rowing and swimming. Any residue is to be divided between Mr. Whitley's two sons.

THAW JURY IS HARD TO GET
(Continued from page 1.)
Immediately after a tardy opening of the morning session. The delay was due to a conference of the attorneys with the presiding judge. This conference had hardly got under way when the rumor went out that two jurors were to be excused. Finally, when court opened, District Attorney Jerome announced that it had been unanimously agreed to relieve Jurors David S. Walker and Louis Haas from further service. Mr. Walker, who is a son of John Brisen Walker, was the occupant of seat No. 4, and Mr. Haas was No. 9 on the jury roll. Both are young men and unmarried. Neither could offer an explanation for the court's action in ordering their discharge, and Mr. Walker especially appeared to be taken by surprise.

It was taken for granted that the release of these two jurors had ended the day's surprises, but during the luncheon recess rumors of a new trial were spread by the personnel of the jury were put in circulation, and these were given color when it was learned that another earnest consultation of counsel with Justice Fitzgerald was in progress. The name of the juror under discussion was again discussed about the court building. It was generally believed that the juror in question was the one who had been particularly pleased to have on the trial panel, and that the lawyers for the defence had endeavored to the last effort to dislodge him.

Thaw's attorneys had been none too willing to allow Messrs. Walker and Haas to be replaced. Mr. Haas, after a long argument by the district-attorney that they consented in the case of the third man. The afternoon conference was held in the court building, and there was a thoroughly angry man. He dispatched his assistant, Mr. Garvan, on an important errand and set down, pulling viciously at his stomach, to wait for the clerk before he could call the roll of the jury.

Jerome Wrath.
When no announcement was made as to further discharges from the jury panel, it was taken for granted that Mr. Hart-ridge and the others of Thaw's counsel would be replaced. Mr. Hart-ridge, however, was not replaced. The examination of the first taleman called after the conference was carried on under circumstances that indicated the feeling which existed on both sides and once a taleman nearly eighty years of age, whose neither side appeared to want, came very near to taking the oath because Mr. Jerome refused to carry on the examination when counsel for the defence declined to give immediate consent to the proposed juror's withdrawal. The juror was then called to the stand and the taleman and all challenges for cause had been withdrawn, when Mr. Jerome at the last moment interposed a peremptory challenge for the people.

Mr. Garvan returned to court after an absence of forty minutes and Mr. Jerome called another counsel from the law office. The juror was then called to the stand and the taleman and all challenges for cause had been withdrawn, when Mr. Jerome at the last moment interposed a peremptory challenge for the people.

Third Juror Let Go.
Towards the end of the afternoon session a messenger came from the district-attorney's office, there was a whispered consultation with Justice Fitzgerald and the attorneys, and it was announced that, because of ill health, juror No. 11, Henry I. Kleinberger, a silk merchant, would be relieved from further service. This action was a complete surprise and evidently had no connection with the earlier conference. Mr. Kleinberger's physician had informed the district-attorney's office of the danger to his patient's health, and it was readily agreed that he should be excused.

Two of the three new jurors added to the panel were secured at the morning session. They are Oscar A. Pink, a salesman, forty-five years of age, who replaced Mr. Walker as No. 4, and Wilbur S. Steele, a manufacturer, forty years old, who replaced Mr. Haas as No. 9. The juror secured during the afternoon to replace Mr. Kleinberger as No. 11, is Joseph B. Bolton, fifty-seven years old, a clerk. All three are married men, and there is no connection with the earlier conference. Mr. Kleinberger's physician had informed the district-attorney's office of the danger to his patient's health, and it was readily agreed that he should be excused.

It is believed tonight that the twelfth juror will be secured by morning. The uncertainty as to the term of service of the juror now sitting on the trial panel was so strong that the predictions of a new trial were made. In addition to the fact that Thaw's attorneys might give one of the jurors, if he is in turn would agree to the excusing of a juror whom the defendant does not altogether regard with favor. This could not be verified.

The release of so many sworn jurors has resulted in an increase by ten in the number of peremptory challenges allowed each side. The defense has used twenty-one of its original thirty, and now has eleven left. The prosecution has twenty peremptory challenges still at its command. District-Attorney Jerome announced today for the first time that he had decided

GOOD EFFECTS OF ENFORCING SCOTT ACT IN MONCTON

Only Five Arrests for Drunkenness
During January, the Lowest
for Years

New City Council Organizes--
New Pastor of First Baptist
Church Arrives--English Mail
Special Delivered--Engagement
Announced.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 31.—The newly-elected city council held its first session this afternoon. The only business was the appointment of standing committees for the year. The principal chairmen of the committees are: Finance, Ald. Robinson; police, Ald. Crandall; fire, Ald. Gross; board of works, Ald. Bourque.

The council settled the claim of W. H. Edgerly for the value of goods from a sewer overflow, for \$1,000.

Rev. H. Gratton Dockerell, the new pastor of the First Baptist church, has arrived in the city and will preach his introductory sermon on Sunday next.

The special with the English mails, which reached here from Halifax about 10:30, was detained half an hour at Memramook by a broken tire on the engine. The engagement is announced of C. Lionel Harrington, barrister, and son of Judge Harrington, Dorchester, and Miss Mary Arbutnot Willett, daughter of George B. Willett, Moncton.

January has been a record month in police circles. The number of names on the police books for the month was only fifteen, including ten for protection and four for drunkenness. This is the smallest number of arrests for any month for many years.

THREE HUNDRED TORONTO TELEPHONE GIRLS ON STRIKE

City Without a Service for a Short
Time Yesterday--Company Getting
Outside Help.

Toronto, Jan.