SAY IT WITH FLOWERS---
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Cold Weather Has Got To Bill; Poet Loosens Imagination

Nevertheless He Has Hopes of Cheap Meat Yet.

"I see there is a man in this here London who is going to raise buffalo meat, and he is one that will sell it at a reasonable price," remarked the Poet Bill today as he stepped in from the frozen north this morning.

"I guess we'll be able to get a slice of buffalo meat now," continued Bill, "but say," and this he emphasized with a warning wag of his index finger, "if you are going to eat any of it, be sure that the table is set in the middle of the room. If you don't, you'll break your jaws against the wall while you're chewing the buffalo."

"How's the weather up north, Bill?"

Bill waited an impressive minute before he replied.

"Ever notice this gold dog with the green eyes I wear for a tie pin?" counter-questioned Bill.

Who hadn't?

"Well," said Bill solemnly, "it was so cold last night it curled up the tail of this here dog."

"Some draft!" remarked the genius of the staff who, like everyone else who knows that dog tie pin appreciates the fact that the curled up tail has been one of the most characteristic features of that characteristic dog, through all its metallic career.

"Anyway," said the Poet Bill, "you don't see any spring hats kiting around Huron County. No, sir. Not on your life. Last night beat anything I ever seen. When I stepped off the train and went to blow out my lantern, what do you think? The flame was froze solid an' wouldn't budge. Why, one of our hens laid a frozen egg yesterday. The wife found it in a nest."

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DIED IN PORTLAND, ME.

Pte. Frederick Charles Harrison, eldest son of Mrs. Joseph Ryan, 37 The Ridgeway, died at Portland, Maine, on Tuesday from Spanish influenza. Pte. Harrison left London three weeks ago with a detachment of the A. M. C. The remains will be brought to this city for interment.

DEATH OF JOHN A. JOHNSON.

The death of John Angus Johnson occurred at the home of Harry Hedley, London Township, at a late hour yesterday, in his 63rd year.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, and two brothers, George and Adam.

The funeral will be held from the undertaking rooms of George E. Logan on Thursday, at 2:30 o'clock.

Interment will be made in Hyde Park Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MISS GIBSON.

The funeral of Miss Jane Gibson was held on Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her nephew, H. E. Straitch, 517 St. James street, to Vining Cemetery. Rev. D. C. MacGregor conducted the service at the house. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. E. Nichol of Thorndale.

DEATH OF MISS MACFIE.

The death occurred last night of Miss Catherine Macfie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hector Macfie, after a lingering illness. Miss Macfie is survived by one sister, Miss Sarah, and two brothers, John and Roderick, all of this city.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, 15 Stanley street, to St. Martin's Church, where requiem high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

DEATH OF W. C. PACK.

W. C. Pack, a prominent farmer of the vicinity of Lambeth, died in St. Joseph's Hospital Tuesday night, after an illness extending over several weeks. Mr. Pack was operated on two weeks ago and complications ensued.

Mr. Pack was a prominent member of the London and Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association, having been president of that body for several years. He was also a director of the Lambeth fair.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BURIED AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

The funeral of Mrs. G. Avey was held from the family residence, 29 Poplar street, on Tuesday afternoon. Services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. N. Norton. The pallbearers were: A. Burgess, G. Watson, B. Taylor, W. J. Avey, E. Lance and W. G. Avey. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

JEWELRY STOLEN.—The epidemic of housebreaking that has been prevalent in the city for some time is merrily proceeding. Last night some time between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock the residence of C. F. Stevens, 300 Hyman street, was entered by thieves and a quantity of valuable jewelry stolen. The police have found no clue as yet.

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"There's a Reason"

REAL ESTATE IS MORE ACTIVE IN CITY THAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Demand General in All Parts For Good Residential Property.

MEDIUM PRICES WANTED

Houses From $2,500 to $4,000 Sell Well to Returned Soldiers.

Local real estate agents report an almost unprecedented amount of business. They say that both house and business property has been for the past few weeks and still is changing hands to an extent which is most unusual. They ascribe this fact to three main causes, namely, that houses cannot be secured on a rental basis, that returned soldiers are seeking homes and that farmers, many of whom have recently sold their farms at very advantageous figures, are coming in to the city to live.

General in City.

The boom in real estate, the agents say, is not confined to any one part of the city. There is a big demand for houses in West London, and one agent stated that he had had more inquiries for house property in that section of the city than any other. Another's experience was that South London and North London were the favored districts, with the area north of Dundas street in the eastern part of the city a close runner-up.

Rumors of large transactions incidental to the establishment of new places of amusement, say the agents, have had a marked effect on downtown business property, for which a demand has developed such has not been experienced for a great many years.

Want Medium-Sized Houses.

In the case of house property, it was stated that medium-priced houses, ranging from $2,500 to $4,000, were principally in demand. Many houses of this class have, within the last few days, been sold to returned soldiers, and a great many farmers have also been asking for property valued between those figures. The agents, however, find that farmers are slow to close transactions, and are very "canny" buyers.

A large number of inquiries for apartment sites gives rise to the supposition that new buildings of this character are projected for the near future, and in the opinion of the real estate men, the present season bids fair to excel in every respect any previous season in their experience.

REV. FATHER TOBIN GOES TO ST. THOMAS

Appointed Rector of the Holy Angels Church.

Rev. Father John V. Tobin of this city is leaving shortly to take over the Holy Angel's Church, St. Thomas, as successor to Rev. Father McCarthy, who is going to Bothwell. Father Tobin was rector of St. Martin's Church, South London, until last Easter, when he was taken ill. The Holy Angel's Church, St. Thomas, will be the first church that Father Tobin has had since his illness.

LOCAL NEWS

CHIMNEY FIRE—The firemen had a run to the home of J. A. Wilson, 100 Inkerman street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon to a chimney fire. The damage was negligible.

CASE DISMISSED.—Mrs. Silverman, charged with stealing some coal from the Grand Trunk Railway, was found not guilty in police court today. The case was dismissed.

ATTACH SENDER'S NAME.—Military headquarters here advises that all correspondence to soldiers overseas should bear the name and address of the sender, in order that the communication may be returned in the event of its being undelivered.

DRAINAGE MEN TO MEET.—The Ontario Farm Drainage Association will meet at the Tecumseh House Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. One of the questions discussed will be the licensing of drainage machines. Mr. Hyatt of Middlesex County is president.

ARRANGING MEETING. — The executive committee of the Women's Liberal Association met this afternoon in Hyman Hall to arrange for a public meeting on Thursday evening, March 6. J. C. Elliott, M.P.P. of Glencoe, has been secured to give an address on this occasion on "The Laws Pertaining to Women and Children."

RECOMMENDS 4 COMMITTEES.—The committee on committees of the London Chamber of Commerce is this week recommending to the directors the personnel of the following authorized committees: Industrial area, centralization of public health activities, peace memorial building (asked for by the city council), and fire prevention.

COSTS TO PLAINTIFF.—Fred B. Jarvis, whose action for $2,000 damages against the London Street Railway was thrown out at the last session of the assizes by Mr. Justice Rose and whose appeal for a new trial was allowed by the court of appeal, was not ordered to pay the costs of the trial and appeal as reported yesterday. The order was that the costs are to (not against) the plaintiff in the cause, which means that if he is successful in the new trial the defendants will pay them.

S. A. BRANCH AT DORCHESTER.—At a largely-attended meeting on Monday afternoon of the township council and residents of the Township of Dorchester, it was decided to form a branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. The officers appointed for the work were: Chairman, Colin Campbell; vice-chairman, Mrs. H. Sutton; secretary, A. George. The Soldiers' Aid Commission tries to form a branch at any place where there are four or more returned men.

GOOD PROGRAM PROMISED. — In aid of the well baby clinics in the Chesley avenue school, a concert will be given in the school Thursday evening, under the auspices of the mothers' club. Readings by Miss Edna Read and Sybil Higgman, songs by Misses Gladys Stanfield and Gertrude Wood and Capt. Tom Robson, bagpipe numbers by Miss Gladys Comber, juvenile Scotch dancing and selections by the Selby-Young orchestra will be features of the program.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.—A series of "Forward Movement" meetings in progress this week in King street Presbyterian church has aroused much interest, the aim being to place the forward movement of the Presbyterian church before the congregation from a number of angles. To this end, the minister, Rev. W. R. McIntosh spoke on Monday evening on "The Child and the New Era;" Rev. James MacKay of New St. James' church on Tuesday evening on "The Church and the New Era"; Miss M. J. Thomson, a returned missionary, speaks tonight on "The World and the New Era;" Mrs. J. M. McEvoy on Thursday evening on "The New Era and the Work of Women."

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray of St. Thomas, returned chaplain, gives the wind-up address on Friday evening.

MOBILIZING MAN POWER TO CARRY ON WORK IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCHES

Christian Men's Federation Representative Is in City.

Robert McHardy, representing the Christian Men's Federation, which has its headquarters in Toronto, is in the city this week in connection with a nation-wide movement to organize the men in congregations for the purpose of carrying on the work in their local churches. He is interviewing ministers and a number of laymen while here, laying before them the desirability of thus mobilizing the man power in the churches for definite service.

Five or six local churches already have successful organizations along this line, among these St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Talbot Street Baptist and Askin Street Methodist.

The Christian Men's Federation movement in England has been growing apace in the past few years, and associated with it the "Sisterhood" movement for women.

COMMITTEE'S OFFER TO MEDIATE GETS NO ANSWER FROM FIRM

Ministerial Alliance Action in Molders' Strike Held Up.

"Nothing to report" is the statement of the London Ministerial Alliance special committee which has offered its services to assist in settling the differences between the firm of Beatty Bros. and the striking molders.

No reply has yet been received by the committee to the letter addressed to the firm and mailed a week ago today, announcing the appointment of the committee, on request of a deputation representing the strikers which appeared before the Ministerial Alliance at the regular meeting Monday, February 16, and offering its good offices.

So far, the committee has heard only one side of the question, and can take no farther steps unless asked to do so by the heads of the firm of Beatty Bros., says the convener, Rev. Byron Snell.

INFLUENZA RAGING AGAIN IN ENGLAND

Alarming Increase in Number of Cases and Deaths.

London, Feb. 26.—Deaths from influenza increased at an alarming rate last week, according to official figures issued today. The total number of deaths from this cause in 96 great towns of England and Wales was 3,046, as compared with 1,363 in the preceding week.

In Greater London the number of deaths was 974 as compared with 451 the previous week.

SLIPPERY PAVEMENTS BROUGHT MANY HORSES AND PEOPLE TO EARTH

Pavements were taboo as far as drivers of horse-drawn vehicles were concerned today. Those whose business did take them on icy paved streets ran into plenty of trouble. Horse after horse was seen to sprawl on Clarence and Dundas streets, and while in a number of cases harness was broken, the police stated they were not called on to destroy any animals with broken legs.

Pedestrians also had their difficulties and numerous falls were registered in the early hours of the day.

ASKS FOR REGULATED SYSTEM OF DISCHARGE

Calgary Council Wants Resolution Indorsed by London.

Having as its object the rehabilitation of the returned soldiers with the least economic disturbance possible, the Calgary city council has forwarded a resolution to the London city council, and in all probability it will be indorsed.

The resolution asks that the Dominion Government, which is responsible for the soldiers, inaugurate a regulated system of discharge whereby those wishing to leave the army immediately may do so and those who remain in it for some time may be paid enough to keep them and their families until such time as they may find suitable occupation in civil life. A copy of this resolution has been forwarded to all cities in Canada.

C. OF C. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO GIVE VIEWS

With the third issue of the chamber of commerce bulletin received by the members today inclosed a questionnaire, issued by the directors, to ascertain the wishes of the members regarding the holding of regular weekly membership meetings.

Some of the members have expressed a desire to meet at noon weekly, or every second week, and the result of the questionnaire will guide the directors in whatever action may be taken in the matter.

The questionnaire asks, among other questions: "Would a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. be more convenient for you than a meeting at noon?" It also asks for an expression of opinion in regard to the advisability of arranging for a speaker for each meeting, for alternate meetings or leaving the meetings open for impromptu expression of opinion from members on topical subjects.

STORE CLOSED AS MARK OF RESPECT TO HERO

As a mark of respect to the late Capt. James Roy Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, 845 Hellmuth avenue, who was buried in England on Tuesday afternoon, the firm of Gray's, Limited, closed yesterday for the afternoon.

The funeral, which was of a military nature, was held to Brockwood Cemetery in Surrey. Interment was made in the Canadian area.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS GET TWO-THIRDS OF TAXES

Regarding the Lloyd estate, Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant has sent a communication to the council that two-thirds of it are assessable for public school taxes and one-third for separate school purposes. It was formerly reversed, but Dr. George S. Weir made an investigation and reported to the commissioner the mistake.

Mr. Grant submits that as the property was tenanted by public school supporters the public schoolroom taxes were not affected in any way by the error.

No. 1 committee will deal with the communication this afternoon.

FORFEITED CHANCE; GOES TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

A youth who purloined a G. T. R. pay check some weeks ago, and who frittered away the proceeds along the gay white way of Guelph, was remanded till April 5 at the time in order that he might mend the evil of his ways.

He stuck to the straight and narrow path until a few days ago, when he again fell by the wayside, and in company with another boy, stole two bicycles. The pay check artist was sent to the Victoria Industrial School, Toronto, for an indefinite period by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon when he appeared in juvenile court today. The other youngster was remanded a week.

Seen and Heard Day-by-Day In The Down-Town District

HOW ABOUT SPIRITS' UNION?

Toronto mediums recently called a meeting in order, as the press reports announced, "to consider the formation of a protective and progressive association for the furtherance of spiritual philosophy and religious freedom." One of the "common people" was heard to remark that now it would be up to the spirits to form a union and refuse to have anything to do with mediums who are not accredited members of the mediums' organization. If this is ever brought to pass one cannot help wondering what will be the result. Will the spirit of a non-union man here be allowed to enter the spirits' organization hereafter? On the other hand, will the spirit of the non-unonist have any desires, if a spirit may be said to have desires at all, to affiliate with the union spirits? When one wishes to tell his mother-in-law what he thinks of her after this, for no one dares say what he thinks of her while she lives, he may have to consult two mediums, one a member of the association and another who is not.

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

Reading in the news dispatches from England the other day that letters of thanks from the army council were to be presented to the soldiers who have survived the war, one citizen remarked that he was reminded of a certain lad. The youngster had a cousin who was forever hurting him and apologizing for it afterward on the supposition that an apology entitled her to hit him again if she wished. The lad stood this as long as he could, and one day he replied to her apologies: "I am getting tired of this 'I beg your pardon business.'"

"If the governments would get down to brass tacks and do something substantial for the soldiers and not bother sending letters of thanks, the men would be better pleased," continued the man who believes in action.

RECOGNIZED!

Two overseas soldiers had returned to London Sunday morning, and as they stepped down from the railway coach, one pointed to a young officer standing nearby and remarked to his comrade, "That's the blankety-blankety blank who put me in the clink at Shorncliffe." And the youthful officer continued to walk the platform unmindful of the compliments which had just been bestowed upon him.

Male Admirers More Than Ready To Help Reputed Heiress Out But Police Chief Turns a Deaf Ear

Officers, Privates, Waiter and Woman Who Considers Herself Wronged Make Petitions for Her Release On Bail.

The reputed heiress from the Northlands, who is languishing in the County Bastile until her parents are heard from, has any amount of male admirers who are only too anxious to come to her assistance.

The young damsel, who is a pretty blonde of 21 summers, has apparently run into a tough winter. She was arrested early Sunday morning as a vagrant by the police, and was remanded to jail for a week on Tuesday. Her father is said to be a millionaire mine owner of Timmins, Ont.

Gay Lochinvars.

"This city is full of gay young Lochinvars," stated Chief of Police W. T. J. Williams this morning. "Half a dozen gay young bloods and some old ones, too, have been 'round to see me, asking that we let the girl out on bail. They all promised to shield and protect her until her parents arrived."

The husband of the irate female from Woodstock, who did her best to pull the blonde tresses of the pretty young thing out of her head when she met her on the street the other day, was one of the petitioners who stood on the threshold of the chief's sanctum and begged for leniency.

One man declared that the little lady was all pure gold, and that the police in arresting her were making a big mistake that they would likely be sorry for.

Waiter Interested.

A waiter from one of the hotels who had fallen prey to the sweet smiles of the girl, appeared after court this morning and tried to wheedle the chief into allowing him an interview with her, but the chief was all the same as granite.

A militia officer and a private were also included in what might be termed her "jail door Johnnies." However, all were treated alike, and there will be no open sesame to the ponderous doors of the county jail, as far as the girl's male admirers are concerned.

UNDERWRITERS DEMAND LARGE INCREASE IN FIRE DEPARTMENT IF TWO-PLATOON PLAN STARTS

If Carried Out, Would Mean Additional $32,644 for the First Year—The Question Comes Before Committee Tonight.

If the demands of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association are met by the city in connection with the establishment of the two platoon system in the fire department it will mean an additional expense for the first year of $32,644.45. The question will be discussed at the meeting of No. 1 committee this afternoon.

Chief John Aitken and a committee from the firemen's union will wait upon the committee of the council with a report on the system from the different angles.

Chief Aitken is of the opinion that the two-platoon system could be inaugurated with an addition of ten men to the present staff or about 60 men in all, at an additional expense of $9,604.50.

Men's Proposal.

The men are willing to install telephones in their homes at their own expense. During the winter they will work in ten and fourteen-hour shifts, but during the summer months the hours will be eleven and thirteen. The shorter shift being the day one in each instance.

The Canadian Underwriters' Association bases its estimate of the number of men needed on a population of 56,000. It requires one paid man for each thousand of population for the single platoon system and 50 per cent more men for the double platoon. On this basis the department is short at least six men at the present time.

Aldermen in Favor.

All of the aldermen are in favor of the two-platoon system. They think London has outgrown the twenty-four day for its fire fighters. There is some doubt as to whether the city will endeavor to meet the Underwriters' Association half way or whether the committee will recommend that the system be inaugurated according to the report of Chief Aitken. It will likely be settled this afternoon.

PENSION OFFICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PRESENT QUARTERS

Negotiations Under Way For Royal Bank Suite.

Whether the local branch of the board of pension commissioners will leave its cramped quarters in the Bank of Toronto building for more spacious quarters in the Royal Bank has not yet been determined.

Inquiry at the Royal Bank elicited the information that negotiations were in progress, but no definite arrangements had been arrived at yet.

There was some talk of requisitioning other offices in the Bank of Toronto chambers, but tenants of the offices that were desired stated this afternoon that they had heard nothing more about having to get out.

About the only thing that is certain is that the board needs a lot more room in order to carry on its work in a satisfactory way.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM CITY HALL

AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE.

At a meeting of No. 1 committee this afternoon it will be decided whether City Solicitor T. G. Meredith will be instructed, if the council approves, to proceed to lay an application before the Dominion railway board for an overhead crossing for pedestrians at Egerton street at the G. T. R. The committee will likely recommend that this be done.

TAKE ONE MILL.

Practically one mill of the taxes will be taken up this year in the extra salaries of the public school teachers and janitors. It is estimated that $40,000 will be necessary to pay this. It is thought that the additions to the assessment this year will provide a sum equal to this, however.

GENEROUS LONDON.

Nearly every day evidence is forthcoming that London has treated her soldier sons more generously than have some other cities. Recently City Treasurer James Bell received a call from W. L. Taylor, of 84 High street, asking that his son, Pte. Leroy Taylor, who died recently, be added to the list of insured London men. As Pte. Taylor has lived in Toronto for the five years previous to his enlistment, Mr. Bell advised him to write to that city and make application.

This morning Mr. Taylor brought a copy of the reply to the city hall. The letter states that no applications have been accepted from Torontonians for insurance, who joined the forces since August 28, 1917. Not until January of 1919 did London take this attitude, and later in the year it decided to take all London residents on the list of insured irrespective of the date of their signing on.

SHOWING IN MANITOBA.—W. J. Slessor and W. H. Wilkey of this city shipped white and black rose comb bantams, respectively to the Manitoba provincial exhibition at Brandon today. In all they sent 30 birds.

FLU EPIDEMIC COST HEALTH BOARD SUM TOTAL OF $4,842.89

Caused Department To End Year With Deficit.

As a result of the "flu" epidemic which cost the city board of health $4,842.89, that department finished last year with a deficit of $3,735.80. The total estimate of the expenses of the year was $9,855, while the outlay was $13,590.80.

Included in the "flu" expenses are the following items: Nursing, $1,937.50; food, $506.09; decorating Latter Day Saints' Church, which had been used as a hospital, $249.37; treasurer No. 4 nursing division, $400; funerals, $100, and printing and advertising, $710.85.

For salaries of the officers and regular nurses the board paid $7,263.89; drugs cost $428.93; quarantine expenses were $37.37, and auto maintenance, including $200 for a car for the veterinary inspector, amounted to $824.42.

ALDERMEN DISCOVER ALLEGED ERROR IN MEASURE OF HOUSE

Assessed at 27 Feet Frontage Instead of Over 30.

Assessed for a frontage of 27 feet while the house measures between 33 and 36 feet in width from eave to eave, according to Aldermen E. R. Seabrook and W. A. Wilson, the house of Ward Hopper, of 22 Ridout street south, has furnished a mystery to the two aldermen who discovered it yesterday while inspecting the prospects for a breakwater to protect the property along the east side of Ridout street south. An effort will be made to discover the cause of this alleged error in the assessment.

UNWORTHY THOUGHTS

But Police Court Clerk Soon Dispelled Them.

Chief Williams, Inspector Birrell and the police court reporters thought they had discovered a scandal in the irreproachable life of Police Court Clerk John Moule this morning. One and all they gazed with bated breath at Mr. Moule, who is nothing if not courteous to one and all, grasping the hand of a female as with heads close together they traced something on a piece of paper.

However, it was only a near-story after all. Mr. Moule took great pains to explain that the woman could not write her name, and as the teacher in the first books helps the pupil to trace her name, so he too helped the woman to register hers. The gathering exonerated Mr. Moule in full. He was merely doing his duty.

ADMITS OFFENCE; IS FINED USUAL $200

William Hunter's Wife Provides the Cash.

"SAD, SAD WASTE, BOYS"

Lots of Broken Bottles Found in Yard by the Police.

William Hunter (colored), whom the police state they have been after for some time for handling whiskey, pleaded guilty this morning in police court to having liquor in a place other than a private home and was fined $200 and costs by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon.

"This man has been a great source of trouble to the police," stated the magistrate in passing sentence. "However, the fine will be but $200 this time. It is the first time that he has been caught."

Squad Made Time.

"The facts are that this man got the liquor off a Grand Trunk diner yesterday about noon," stated R. G. Fisher who was prosecuting for the city. The police got wind of it and chased him in their car. Mr. Hunter owned a Ford and didn't make such good time to his house as the flying squad, which arrived before he had time to destroy all the liquor."

Several full bottles and lots of broken glass were produced, taken from the yard of Hunter's Front street home. Inspector Robert Birrell was greatly exercised at the waste of so much good whiskey. He almost wept as he gazed at the goodly collection of broken brown glass.

Sad, Sad Waste.

"It's a sad, sad waste boys and I don't care who knows it," quoth the inspector as he gathered up the remains of Hunter's wanton baseball ability.

Mrs. Hunter was close at hand and paid her husband's fine, topping off the roll with a $100 bill.

Magistrate Grayden intimated that the men who brought the stuff in should be prosecuted as well, but as the police had no actual evidence to offer against them they will have to wait for the next time.

Stole Bicycle.

Percy Pickett, who claims Oshawa as his home, pleaded guilty to stealing a bicycle valued at $20 from Hugh Wilson. The prisoner, who is nothing more than a boy, stated that he had been here a week and, unable to find work, had stolen the bike. He was remanded for a week.

Five speeders, M. H. Ferguson, William McPhillips, Fred Deer, George Eccleson and J. Melly were each fined $5.

WILL MOVE TO HAVE NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE DOMINION

Dr. Edwards of Frontenac Will Test Opinion of House On Question.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Dr. Edwards of Frontenac intends to test the opinion of the House of Commons on the principle of national schools, and will move a resolution in the House to secure a discussion on the matter at an early date. In the Senate yesterday, Hon. Rufus Pope of Bedford, Quebec, undertook to move a similar resolution, but owing to some irregularity in the wording withdrew it for the moment. It is evident that the question will be debated in both Houses.

"THE BLACK FEATHER" DELIGHTS BIG AUDIENCE

Drama Excellently Presented in St. James' Schoolroom.

Notwithstanding the fact that this drama has been presented several times in the city, a large audience crowded the school room of St. James' Anglican Church, South London, last evening, and judging from the applause, were thoroughly satisfied with the performance. The plot centres around some important documents being taken from London to Vienna, and involves the intrigue of foreign spies and the British secret service.

Sydney F. Sims again scored heavily in a clever impersonation of Dick Kent of the British secret service, who, to all intents and purposes is a "Clever Club Johnny" who devotes his time to idleness. As Evelyn Thornton a true loyal assistant to Kent in his operations against the trio of spies, Mrs. Sims drew prolonged applause from the audience. C. D. McKenna as Sir George Caxton kept the house rocking with laughter with his outbursts of fury, and as his wife, Lady Caxton, Miss L. Fowler was seen in one of her best roles. The part of the king's messenger is cleverly taken by Frank Humphreys.

At a few hours notice, Miss L. Gahan kindly consented to take the place of Mrs. H. Duff, as the Countess Von Holtzberg, owing to the fact that Mrs. Duff was taken suddenly ill during the day. Considering the difficult nature of the character impersonated, and the length of the part, much credit is due Miss Gahan for the clever manner in which she assumed the role. As for the spies, the Baron Von Arnheim and Paul Hogue, played by Walter C. Holt and Ernest Wooster, respectively, their reception was a cold one at the hands of the audience, which was extremely satisfying from the standpoint of the character impersonated. The scenery, lighting and property was all in harmony with the atmosphere of the play, and altogether the production was entirely successful.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Morning sales: Canners, 5 at 37¾; Cotton, 140 at 59½ to 61; Goodwins, 38 at 12¾; McDonald, 720 at 34¾ to 35; Abitibi, 30 at 65; Dominion Glass, 310 at 41¾ to 42; N. A. P., 860 at 3⅞ to 4; Ames, pfd., 125 at 72 to 72¾; Brompton, 150 at 150 at 59; Car, 25 at 32¾; do. pfd., 85 at 88; Cement, 325 at 66½ to 66¾; Steamships, 40 at 43¾; Smelters, 85 at 25½ to 26; Asbestos, 5 at 52 to 52½; do pfd., 10 at 69; Dominion Steel, 125 at 61⅛ to 68½; Power, 128 at 89; Penmans, 75 at 86; War Loan, 1937, $500 at 98; Victory, "A," $20,000 at 100; "D," $15,100 at 100; "B," $10,000 at 101; "E," $7,200 at 102 to 102⅜; "C," $2,000 at 103¼; Converters, 200 at 49; Quebec, 60 at 16½; Riordon, 100 at 120⅜ to 122; Shawinigan, 225 at 116½; Spanish, 1,135 at 19½ to 19⅞; do. pfd., 535 at 74 to 75½; Steel, 50 at 60½.

WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 26—Wall Street, 1:30 p.m.—Reactions of 1 to 3 points in Mexican Petroleum and other oils caused temporary irregularity of prices at midday, but the undertone remained strong. Motors and kindred issues extended their gains. Marine preferred rallied 4 points, standard oils and steels also improving.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, Feb. 26.

Corn—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Feb.	$1 32½	1 32½	1 31	1 32
May	1 26¼	1 26¾	1 24¼	1 26⅜
July	1 22½	1 22⅝	1 20⅛	1 22¼
Oats—				
Feb.	58¾	59⅛	58½	59
May	59⅞	60⅛	59	59⅞
July	58⅞	59⅛	58⅛	58⅞

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Spring Arrivals In Children's Schoo [Shoes

Gent's 8 to 10½ Box Kip and Dongola Kid Bluchers, with hooks and extension soles, $2.25

Children's 4 to 7½ Box Kip Button and Lace Boots, spring heels, extension soles $2.00

Same style in sizes 8 to 10½ $2.25

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Same style in Brown Kid, sizes 8 to 10½ $2.25

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U. S. CITIZENS MUST ACCEPT LEAGUE PLAN OR EXPAND PROGRAM OF ARMY AND NAVY

Secretary Daniels Points Out Vital Question Before U. S. People.

NO HALFWAY DECISION

United States Must Assume Her Responsibility For World Peace.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, speaking last night before the National Press Club, declared that the American people today were face to face with making the choice either of a league of nations to safeguard the peace won by valor, or of entering upon a career of such naval and military expansion as would "enable us single-handed to guarantee American rights and American interests from Halifax to Tierra Del Fuego."

"There is no half-way house," said the secretary. "We must assume our share of the responsibility for world justice and world peace, in co-operation with other free nations, or we must reject the proposal of a league of nations indorsed by the chosen representatives of fourteen nations representing twelve hundred million people with all the burdens of militarism, expense and the danger of militarism which such choice involves, it is a momentous choice to be made in a momentous period of world history.

VETERAN TO SPEAK.—E. F. Church, lately returned from overseas, will give an address on his experiences in France at the First Methodist Church prayer meeting in Wesley Hall tonight.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Butter—Higher; creamery, 42@55c.

Eggs—Higher; Receipts, 707 cases; firsts, 39¼@39½c; ordinary firsts, 38@38¾c; at mark, cases included, 39@39¼c.

POTATOES.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Potatoes—Receipts, 26 cars; unchanged.

POULTRY.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Poultry—Alive higher; springs, 31½c; fowls, 31c.

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Morning sales: Dome Lake, 1000 at 22½, 1000 at 23; Dome, 125 at 13.25, 115 at 13.30, 50 at 13.15; Holly, 785 at 630; Kirkland Lake, 2000 at 47; Lake Shore, 1000 at 93; McIntyre, 100 at 177, 425 at 178; New Ray, 1000 at 15½; Porcupine Crown, 6000 at 29½, 500 at 29¾; Schumacher, 1500 at 37½; Baldwin, 1000 at 33; V. N. T., 500 at 25; West Dome, 1000 at 14¾, 2000 at 15; Wasapika, 3100 at 41, 3000 at 42, 300 at 41½; Adanac, 2800 at 22, 1500 at 21¾; Bailey, 500 at 5; Beaver, 500 at 40¾, 1500 at 41, 1500 at 41½; Buffalo, 100 at 45; Chambers, 1000 at 10; Coniagas, 200 at 255; Crown Reserve, 1500 at 50; Foster, 1500 at 5¼; Gifford, 2000 at 4, 1000 at 3⅞; Great Northern, 100 at 3½; McKinley, 500 at 47; Ophir, 1000 at 8⅞, 2000 at 9, 1250 at 8¾; Trethewey, 1000 at 38; Apex, 1500 at 4⅛.

TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Gross traffic earnings for the three principal Canadian railroad systems for the third week in February aggregate $5,209,092, an increase over the corresponding week last year of $1,029,390, or 24.6 per cent. Following are the earnings for the week just ended, with the increases over a year ago:

C. P. R., $2,729,000; increase $294,000.
C. N. R., $1,505,872; increase, $444,291.
G. T. R. $974,220; increase, $291,099.
Total, $5,209,092; increase, $1,029,390, or 24.6 per cent.

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TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, Feb. 26.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Barcel...	10¼	10	Tooke p.	71½	..
Brazilian	52½	52	Tor Ry.	50	..
B C Fish	47	46	Tri'wey	39	37½
Bell Tel.	130	..	Tucketts	28¾	27¾
Burt, c..	88	87	Tw City.	48½	48
do pfd.	95½	95	Win Ry.	48¾	48
C Bread,	19½	19½	Banks—		
C Car...	34	32	Com'rce	205	200
do pfd.	88	87½	Dom ...	215	..
Cement.	66½	66½	Hamil'n	185	..
do pfd.	..	97	Imperial.	..	206½
C S L...	44	43¾	Merch ..	193	190½
do pfd.	78	77	Montr'l	213½	211½
CGElec.	102	102	NScotia	270	..
C Loco..	62	61	Royal...	..	207
do pfd.	92	..	Stand ..	212	211
C Salt..	..	135	Toronto	201	..
C Dairy.	..	48	Union ..	160	159
do pfd.	..	85	Loans, etc.—		
C Smelt.	26	25½	C Land.	150	..
Con Gas.	152	151	C Perm..	..	172
C. Res..	50	49½	C Invest.	..	121
Canners.	38	37	DSavings	82	81
do pfd.	83	82½	H Prov.	..	135
Dome...	1300	..	H & E..	..	210
DSteel, p.	..	94½	20% pd.	..	201
DSteelC.	61¼	60¾	L Bank.	..	139
Duluth...	..	29	L & C...	126½	..
LWoods	167	..	Ont Loan.	..	..
Mackay.	40	36	20% pd.	..	155
do pfd.	66	65¼	R Estate	..	145
M Leaf.	138	136	T Mort..	..	134
do pfd.	99	98	Bonds—		
Monarch	50	49	C Bread.	94½	..
do pfd.	..	80	C Loco..	..	92
N S Car	12	11	D Iron...	..	87
do pfd.	42¼	41	Elec Dev	..	91½
Nipis'g.	950	900	Penmans	..	88
NSStee.	50	49	Ontario.	..	87
P Burt..