Takes Decided Stand

on the Subject.

Should Set Up an Altar in

the Home.

The following commissioners to the

General Assembly, which meets in

Hamilton in June were appointed by

J. F. Scott, of Port Stanley; Rev. Jas.

Against Sunday Cars.

Home Missions.

Hamilton Road Mission

ported the prayer of the petition.

ilv altar.

the church.

the Province.

Church Work.

Sabbath Schools.

The report on Sabbath schools was

presented, and showed a very satis-

factory increase in all its spheres of

work. At the conclusion of the session

the question was raised concerning the

systematic study of the Bible in the

Schools. After some discussion it was

moved by Rev. J. G. Inkster and Rev.

Dr. McDonald that the General As-

again on Tuesday, May 4, in the Alma

Mrs. J. O'Donnell, South London

Personal Mention

Street Church, St. Thomas.

her recent bereavement.

the Lord's Day.

until fully signed.

THE INFLUENCE OF



HAMILTON ROAD CHURCH ADVANCING

Presbyterans Are To Be Formed Into a Congregation at Once.

At the session of the London Presbytery held yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church, the application from the session of the King Street Presbyterian Church to be allowed to Mr. Brigden at All Saints' Church the form communion roll and to organize a congregation at the Hamilton road mission, was received, and the prayer

of the petition granted. The session of the King Street Church, which is now in charge of the 381 Ontario street. was authorized to form the roll and to organize the seperate congregation to be known as the Hamilchurch, providing sufficient funds can much appreciated. be secured, as Rev. Mr. Smith is supplying the pulpit for the time being. Smith is very popular with the NEW CANDIDATES nembers of his congregation, and an effort will be made to have him take the position permanently.

A PUBLIC MEETING IN CHELSEA GREEN

To Consider the Matter of Appointing a Magistrate and Constable.

Green board of control, attended the meeting of the Westminster Township presented the petition from the board constable and magistrate.

Several residents of the Green had also turned in a petition asking that ents, 216 Rectory street, and his reno action be taken in the appointment of the constable and that a public meeting of the ratepayers be called for Wednesday night when the matter will be discussed. The request of the ratepayers was granted.

The matter of opening up the base line crossing the Pere Marquette tracks and of running a road south from the Thompson road, was not taken up.

ALL AINTS' AGAIN

Defeated Trafalgar Lodge in Carpetball Game.

All Saints' carpetball team has 84 to 74 at the close of the game.

and Harry Gardner

George · Burrows, Fred Templar, Ed Burgess and G. B. Drake-84. At the finish of the game the victors entertained Trafalgar Lodge and about one hundred friends to a lun-Addresses were delivered by Rev. T. B. Clarke, the pastor of the church, H. Gardner, D. Tagg, C. H. Parsons, George Burrows, Capt. Bartlett of Chelsea Lodge team, E. H. Wingett and others. The lunch and entertainment was in charge of Messrs. Rogers.

MORE CARS WERE HANDLED IN FEBRUARY

Than in January, According to Grand Trunk Figures.

The monthly statement issued at end giving the number of freight cars last year. In February of 1908 the report shows

while the figures for the month just ended are 19,465 the present rate of increase in traffic all. the figures will soon be up to the old

still greater increase had it not been attack of pneumonia.

for the embergy on cattle, hides, straw

Mrs. E. M. McRobe and all other material which would road and Hill street, who has been ill cause the great of the foot and mouth for some time, is recovering.

- ich passed through the city rathe charious to the embargo. on the each were cut off and it is her fat ly that any of the articles milered under the original instructions, were allowed to cross the

Railroader- are very hopeful and it is thought that within a few weeks business will be much brisker as the outlook for a busy year is very bright. Freight and passenger traffic is increasing daily and many factories which have made few shipments dur-

Night.

The Midgets defeated the Champions In a slow game of carpetball in the All Saints' League last evening, the score being 48 to 40.

The match was held in the league *lubrooms on Hamilton road.

Following was the lineup: Midgets—Eugene Rysler (captain), Ed. Burgess, Charles Parkinson and C. H. Parsons, 48. Champions-Jack Hart (captain),

The Tigers are now leading in the league with the Midgets second and Champions third.

LOCAL DEAF MUTES

and Mrs. W. H. Gould, Jun.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould, jun., 227 Adelaide street, the other News. evening, when Mr. Fred Brigden, of Toronto, entertained the deaf mutes, of

Over 45 mutes attended the illustrated lecture on the life of Christ given by same evening.

this city, to a luncheon.

EAST END NOTE aofw awiwyoiywy Miss Marie Downey, of Toronto, is visiting her friend, Mrs. A. J. Graber

The special prayer service held at King Street Presbyterian Church last ton Road Presbyterian Church. Per-Rollins, the pastor, and attracted a evening was conducted by Rev. James mission was also given to appoint an very large congregation. A number of ordained minister in charge of the solos, rendered by Mrs. Wheeler, were

WERE INITIATED

Juveniles. A meeting of Court Jeffery, a juve-

Hall last evening and two new candidates initiated. The serious illness of one of the nost popular members, little Joe der such conditions might be con-Chairman Gibling of the Chelsea Biggs, of Rectory street cast a gloom tinued. over the meeting. One month ago he meeting of the Westminster Township council held Monday afternoon, and greatest number of new members in composed entirely of men, mixed choirs ecommending the appointment of a taken ill with pneumonia, spinal menthe year. Two days later he was ingitis developing shortly after. He is now at the home of his par-

MASS FOR MISS FOSTER.

covery is not expected.

the repose of the soul of Miss Susie oster, who died at the residence of the priests of St. Mary's a month ago. Rev. Father Frank Foster, president of Assumption College at Sandwich, lawyer of the city jokingly. cted as celebrant, and Father Dan Foster, of Mt. Carmel, as deacon. Both WON THE MATCH Rev. William Kelly was sub-deacon, but differences of opinion as to its ness. nd Rev. Father Tobin, the assistant rector, master of ceremonies. Father McKeon, the rector of St. Mary's, was also in the sanctuary

LARGE CONGREGATIONS.

The special services being conductproven that it is about the finest in ed at the Hyatt Avenue Methodist the city and Monday night defeated Church each evening continue to at-Trafalgar Lodge, one of the best in tract large congregations. Rev. G. N. London, by 10 points. The score was Hazen, the pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church, occupied the pulpit The teams lined up in All Saints' last evening, giving an excellent exclubrooms on Hamilton road, as fol- position of the parable of the los sheep. A meeting for women was held Trafalgar Lodge-E. H. Wingett this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Rev. (captain), E. Winder, J. M. Wyckoff, Mr. Hazen again delivered an address. A. H. Drake, George Walker, E. Walker Mrs. M. Chowen rendered a number f solos in excellent voice. Rev. J. W. All Saints'-C. H. Parsons (captain), Baird, of Hyatt Avenue Church, conducting the revival.

PUPIL INJURED. Little Edith King, of 98 Mamalon street, met with a painful accident, while playing in the basement of the Chesley avenue school at about 11 this morning, when o'clock she tripped over the edge of the coal box, sustaining two deep cuts below the eye. She was taken to a near-by phys:cian, who dressed and put a number of stitches in the wounds.

EAST END NOTES. A horse belonging to a farmer residing on Hamilton road east, dropped dead on Rectory street near the Grand Trunk crossing the other night. A number of friends of Miss Alice Jaques tendered her a surprise party

at her home recently. Several members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of the Grand Trunk offices in the east Chelsea Green, gathered at the home of Mrs. Douglas Monday evening, and handled in the local yards, shows an presented her with a handsome Japanincrease of 1,684 over the same month ese tea set. The presentation was made by Mrs. William Haynes, while Mrs. Alex. Durdin read the address. Mrs. that 17,781 cars were put through, Douglas is removing from the Green. About fifty friends of Mr. John Burgess met at his home in Chelsea Green This is taken by railroaders as an Monday night to celebrate his birthunfailing sign of good times, and at day. An enjoyable time was spent by

The many friends of Mr. LaMarsh of 522 Hamilton road, will regret to The statement would have shown a hear that he is seriously ill with an Mrs. E. M. McRoberts, of Hamilton

BETTER FRUIT THIS YEAR

Is the Opinion of Ontario Fruit Growers' Association.

A highly-successful meeting fruitgrowers of the O. V. G. A., London branch, night at Berri Vue Fruit Farm. The attendance was the largest of the season, and the spacious room was taxed which have made few shipments dur-ing the past year or so are ordering full committee attended, and were: Chairman, J. Sharman; executive, S. Dawson, T. A. Baker, H. Wickerson MIDGETS BEAT CHAMPIONS W. Woods, and honorary secretary, Wm. Bartlett, jun.

During the meeting a large number In a Slow Game of Carpetball Last of fruitgrowers joined the co-operative society. A tender for berry hoves and baskets was accepted, which will benefit the growers financially. Several important motions were

carried unanimously, and will come into active operation this season. The growers intend spraying their fruit trees this year, and first-class

market during the season. The meeting closed after a hearty vote of thanks had been tendered to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baker for the the stock was badly damaged. George Templar, Fred Parsons and L. kind reception they had received at their home.

The Nordheimer Player-Piano-Anyone can play it. 20 zxv.

MIXED CHOIRS IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

But the Ladies May Have Places Apart From the Men.

Sopranos and mezzo-sopranos, altos

and contraltos, and other sorts of WERE ENTERTAINED voices that girls use in singing are indispensable in the composition of a choir, according to a recent decision Pleasant Evening at the Home of Mr. of the Congregation of Rites of the Roman Catholic Church, and so the edict prohibiting the women of that church from joining in song along with their brothers, husbands and sweethearts is revoked, says the Toronto

But-and the condition may not meet with general approval-the girlies may not sing out of the same hymn-book as the men, each singer helping to hold Twenty-two deaf mutes, including up the book as in the good old days. eight couples, accompanied by twelve Nor may they sit in the same pew or standed the affair stand beside the same music rack. They will have to take a separate location in the church, according to the

The Separate Location.

Commenting on this novel feature, W. Moffat, Chalmers; Rev. H. MacKay, the Catholic Register of current issue, St. George's Church, London Junction; which is published under the personal Rev. D. MacKay, of Cowal, and Rev. supervision of his Grace Archbishop A. Henderson, ministers; Mr. Charles McEvay, says: "A separate location for the singers Duffin, Dorchester; Peter McGregor,

will by no means prevent their singing Muncey; James Walker, Mosa; Thos. in unison, and, by the way, may be productive of other beneficial results gal His grace goes on to say that the decision is in reply to a doubt proposed by several of the curia of New York. They explained to the congregation of rites the difficulty experienced in obtaining choirs composed entirely of men and boys, and the fact

that it was impossible to have choirs at all if women were not allowed to Meeting of Court Jeffery, A. O. F take part. It was shown that the choir took no part in the ritual, but merely sang the responses and other necessary parts, and were placed as far as possible from nile A. O. F. court, was held in Society the altar in a special part of the church. It was asked if, as seemed to have been conceded in a certain case, the practice of using mixed choirs un-

> The answer was to the effect that could be employed, provided the male and female singers be separated from The work at Hamilton Road, Chelsea

one another.

Quite Authentic. Catholic clergy are reticent about making a statement in connection with did work done at Knollwood Park. Mr. the new order. They have not yet George M. Millar, the superintendent Solemn high mass was celebrated received official notice of the change, of the Sunday school, was praised very although their information in regard highly. The convener of the home this morning at St. Mary's Church for although their information in regard to it is quite authentic.

"It would seem as if the Pope believed in woman suffrage in assenting chell and his session, deserved the to the change," declared a Catholic greatest praise. "The idea of excluding women from on standing orders for the various municipal elections." the choir was never very popular. Of meetings of the year. They were adoptlests are brothers of the decased course, nothing could be said about it, ed and will serve to facilitate the busi advisability certainly existed. Women are better singers than men, as Dr. Vogt or any other choir leader would tion from the mission at Hamilton agree, and a choir, like men, cannot Road, signed by 43 members and 17 get along without them. Their singing adherents, petitioning the presbytery to sweeter, and more inspiring to de- organize them into a congregation. votion. Besides, no reason can be advanced to prove that they have not the the session of King Street Church, as well as prayer."

ALL READY FOR THE BIG PARADE

Washington Jammed With Great Crowd to Witness the Inauguration.

Washington, March 3.-With every prospect of good weather, with all preparations complete, and with each incoming train and boat adding to the numberless hosts gathered here from far and near, the national capital awaits the coming of the morrow whom William H. Taft will be inaugurated

President of the United States So great is the congestion in the streets, at the hotels, and everywhere except at the vast union station, large enough to house a standing army, that the ordinary route of Washington life has been temporarily suspended. The time-honored inaugural parade. which a greater number will be enabled to witness, is claiming more interest than the inauguration cereonies itself. The latest estimate of

the number of men who will march is

placed at 50,00, not the least of which will be the governors of fourteen states, each accompanied by his staff. Having encircled the globe with the battleship fleet, 3,000 blue jackets are here to take part in the parade. Marching clubs are arriving from very direction, and they will form a very conspicuous feature of the parade. Probably the largest of these delegations will be composed of the thousand members of the New York County Republican Club, which will have the distinction of escorting the retiring President to the station before falling in line in the inaugural parade. Mr. Roosevelt will walk to the station in true democratic style, and will occupy a modest drawingcar during the trip to New York. President-elect Taft and Vice-President Sherman both are here ready to

be inducted into their respective Practically all the Tafts are here, oo, and Mr. Sherman's family came last night aboard a special train, bearing also the Businessmen's Club of Utica, N. Y., Mr. Sherman's home

FIRE IN WINGHAM STORE

Woman and Son Who Lived Over It Had Narrow Escape.

Wingham, Ont., March 3.-Between and 9 o'clock Monday night fire broke out in the back part of the book, stationery and fancy goods store of Elliott & Walley, in the Gregory building, opposite the Queen's A coal oil lamp was knocked Hotel. over and set fire to some rubbish on fruit will be offered on the London the floor, and in a few minutes the whole of the inside of the shop was The fire brigade soon exin flames. tinguished the flames, but not before those who are in those institutions be-Mrs. Patterson, who lived over the

but got out safely.

have had as inmates many insane persons, and the authorities desire to get rid of them, but so far have had no accommodation for them. It is the intention to remove the harmless cases the houses of refuge and make them chargeable to the counties from which they come.

ed, has few such cases. Inspector Mc-Callum knows little of this feature of The Presbytery of London the work, although he does investigate to find out if all patients chargeable to the city really belong to the corpor-

one of them generally the jail physi

YARMOUTH WANTS VOTE OF PEOPLE

rotation at the meeting of the Presbytery of London, yesterday: Rev. D. Johnston, of English Settlement; Rev. Cars to Operate on Sunday.

petition against Sunday cars being permitted to run to Port Stanley on Rev. Mr. Rollins, convener, presented a petition, which was signed by every member of the presbytery present. It opposes the changing of the railway act in any way that would allow the tunity to vote on the question.

London Street Railway Company or The Reeve's Opinion. the Southwestern Traction Company to run cars from London to Port Stanley. The full petition will not be published Rev. Dr. McCrae presented the home mission report. Mr. J. D. Bannatyne supplied the Mount Brydges church. Green and Knollwood Park has been prosecuted with earnestness and suc-His grace the archbishop and the cess. Mr. Walter Bell, Mr. Mitchell, He had been creditably informed that and others gave reports of the splenmission committee declared that Mr. Rollins and his session, and Mr. Mitshould the request be granted Rev. Dr. Ross presented the report

Vote of the People. Rev. James Rollins presented a peti-The petition was forwarded through to have the lines built and same right as men to worship in song, which has had a supervision of the the people would favor Sunday cars work. The sesison was represented by Mr. Rollins, and Mr. Grieve, who sup-

Rev. J. G. Inkster reported on the ture should be left to deal with it. church life and work. Certain ques-Seek Information. ions had been sent out concerning different phases of the church work. Mr. Inkster's report was a compendium of the answers received. It spoke strongly of the influence of the home life in the world, and recommended that in view of the great strategic importance rural districts f the province. to stay in the home, and further its influence for good by setting up a fam-It was also resolved that the ministers be urged to present the claims of the ministry on the young men of

The reeve stated that all the mem

Anderson, seconded by Councillor Penhale, that an answer to the deputation re Sunday cars that this counsembly be overtured through the synod cil consider the advisability of passing a resolution asking the Legislaasking that the Bible be introduced as ture to defer action until the people a text-book into the various schools of have an opportunity to vote on The session then adjourned to meet question, at a special meeting of the council on Monday, at the hour of 11

ARTISTIC RECITAL BY MISS JEAN ROBB

wishes to thank her many friends and And Her Pupils in the Auditorium neighbors for the kindness shown in Last Night.

Mr. Rex Guycount, Dundas street, has returned from a sojourn on his Miss Jean Robb, assisted by sixteen farm in the Canadian west. Mr. Frank T. Hendry, general agent for the Santa Fe Railway at Detroit, to the large audience present. is in the city today. programme consisted Miss Lyda Kestle, of Exeter, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Richard Johnson, Wharncliffe road, West London. Miss Eva Howse, of St. Thomas, has

returned home after spending the and won enthusiastic applause for week-end with Miss Meta Holder, this those taking part. In the intervals between Miss Edna Wilson, of the third concession of London Township, intends leaving this evening on an extended visit to friends in Wanipeg and other western points.

The many friends of Mr. Charles L talented manner. Mountjoy who has been seriously ill The sketches put on last night were in Victoria Hospital, will be pleased to hear that he is so far recovered as siderable skill to bring them out as o be able to be removed to his home, Watson street, South Loudon

LONDON WILL NOT BE GREATLY AFFECTED

Big Investigation To Be Made by the Government Re Asylum Patients.

There are few, if any, cases, at the London Asylum, chargeable to the city who are not insane. The Provincial Government is ordering an inspection of all asylums, and all cause they are old or infirm, or suffering from other maladies than insanstore, and her son, who was just recovering from typhoid fever, had a
narrow escape from being suffocoted,
be placed in the asylum.

John.
At Copenhagen—Heligolav, from New
York.

At Gibraltar—Cedric, from New York. For some time a number of jails

London, so far as can be ascertain-

"I know little about that part of the question," he stated to The Advertiser. "All patients committed from the city are certified to by two medical men, cian. If these two men say that the man is insane and should be removed to the asylum, it is generally done. We THE HOME LIFE have other places where all other sorts of cases are treated, so we can have few that are really not insane in Rev. Mr. Inkster Says Every Family

Yarmouth, March 3 .- At the reguvote will be taken up at a meeting as Friesian Association, \$50, and a sil the council next Monday at 11 o'clock. ver cup." Rev. John Currie moved and Rev. D. Reeve W. G. Saunders occupied the Johnston, of Ilderton, seconded, that a chair, Deputy Reeve Campbell and Councillors Penhale and Anderson committee, consisting of Mr. Rollins, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Scott, of Port Stanlso being present. A deputation from ley, Mr. Reid, of St. Thomas, and Mr. the Yarmouth branch of the Lord's Day Alliance waited on the council. Tait, elder, be appointed to draw up a

Rev. Mr. Reekie, of Sparta, addressed the board in their behalf. He explained that the object of the deputation was to ask the council to pass a resolution asking the Ortario Legislature to defer action re Sunday cars until the people have an oppor-

The reeve explained that the mat ter was coming before the Legislature and personally he was of the opinion that the council had no right to interfere. The question had never been presented to the council, either for or against. The time for taking the rote at the municipal elections had peen allowed to pass, and the people had made no request whatever to have the matter placed before them. if the legislation was secured the traction lines would be extended to the town of Aylmer and the village of Sparta, and he felt sure that the residents of the municipality were anxious for the extension of the lines and might block the whole matter or at least set it back for a year, as no vote could be taken until the next

Mr. Reekie replied that it was only right that the people should have a right to vote upon the question-that the council were elected to guard the interests of the municipality by asking the Legislature to defer action, as he well knew the people were anxious he was also of the opinion that a majority of rather than the lines be not extended. He was also of the opinion that the council should not interfere with the Legislature in any way. The question

was now before them and the Legisla-Considerable discussion took place in regard to the matter, and Councilor Penhale expressed the opinion offsetting the dangerous tendencies of out what the result had been from the running of Sunday cars in other pass a resolution of this kind at the and tickets committee, March present sitting; that the ratepayers should be given an opportunity to tion asked for the use of the grounds petition or by being present when the was granted. council was considering the matter.

pers of the board not being present he did not thank it would be right to deal with the matter. If the council were going to take any action every member should be present. Wait for a Vote. It was finally moved by Councillo

o'clock a.m. The motion carried.

of her pupils, gave a recital in the Auditorium that proved a decided treat The three sketches entitled "The Cricket on the and "How I Won a Wager," and in every sketch the dramatic work and elocution were of the highest order,

various pupils, and were rendered most acceptably. The whole programme was under the direction of Miss Robb, and she took several parts in her usual

of a varied nature and required conthey should be understood. In every instance the interpretations given by Miss Robb and her pupils showed them to be real artists. Those who assisted Miss Robb were Misses Maud Chamberlain, Isabel

Peace, Luella Tanney, Leah Davis, Olive Poole, Myrtle Poole, Myrtle Tory, Estelle McConnell, Jean Walker, Mae Daniels, Meda Gould, Mrs. Mills and Messrs. Stanley Newton, Harry Widdowson, Will Goldsmith and Frank Whitton

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 2.—At New York—Kroonland, from Antwerp; Carmania, from Naples. At Queenstown—Mauretania, from New York. At London-Lake Michigan, from St.

BIG FEATURE

The Western Fair Board Makes a Grant of \$800.

\$1,000 ADDED TO

For Horses, Cattle, Swine and Speed Contests.

At a meeting of the executive comnittee of the Western Fair board, held yesterday, Secretary Hunt read the following report of a meeting of the finance committee held on Monday afternoon, and after hearing it the mem bers discussed it and made some slight changes in the prize lists.

The report was as follows. "At a meeting of the finance com-mittee held on Monday afternoon a list of the grants that have been received lar meeting of the Yarmouth Town-ship council it was decided to petition British North America, \$25; Hon. Adam the Legislature to defer action in the Beck, special, \$24; Canadian Jersey matter of Sunday street cars for this cattle Club, \$50; Shorthorn Breeders' place until the people vote on the Association, \$250; Dominion Swine The matter of taking the Breeders' Association, \$50; Holstein-

These grants were referred to their respective committees

The Estimates. In discussing the estimates for the year it was decided to add at least \$1 .-000 to the prize list, to be divided as follows: Horses, \$200; cattle, \$400; swine, \$100; trials of speed, \$300, and poultry, \$50.

Secretary Hunt submitted a sketch of an "Old English Village" for the coming exhibition. It was decided to lay the matter over for the present. The estimates are as follows:

Receipts. Gates and tickets, \$15,000; stands, \$7,500; dog show, \$750; booths and privileges, \$4,715: City Agricultural Society, \$250; horse entries, \$450; speed entries, \$350; cattle entries. \$150; sheep entries, \$60; swine entries, generation. \$50; poultry, \$400; general entries \$650: dog entries, \$375; ring permits,

\$450: specials, \$500: interest \$300:

subscriptions, \$100; Government grant,

\$1,250. Disbursements. \$13,000; dog prizes, \$600; Prizes.

judges, \$550; printing and advertising. \$3,000; billposting, \$500; rent of offices, \$250; salaries, \$1,900; office expenses, \$1,000; general expenses, \$1,-600; grounds and buildings, \$4,000; \$300; gates and tickets, \$600; live stock, \$300; agricultural, horticultural and dairy, \$300; main building, \$300; machinery, \$100; dog show, \$200; attractions, \$6,000; medals and cups

The Dog Show. The members were practically unanimous in the opinion that the dog show should be granted \$800, as it is growing to be an important feature of the

fair, and it was also decided to mate the poultry grant at \$150 and agriculture at \$50. The programme of races will be materially added to. Director McCormick pointed out that this was an essential, as other fairs were spending far more

There will be another meeting of the board on March 18. Attractions Committee. The attractions committee meets this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the poultry committee at 8 o'clock this evening that it would be a good plan to find main building committee Thursday night, cattle committee and sheep and swine on Saturday, March 13; agricul-He tural and horticultural committee on of the home life, that parents be urged did not think .t would be wise to Thursday afternoon, March 11; gates The Queen's Park Athletic Associa-

> express their opinion, either by a this year, as before, and their request Poultry Exhibit. A communication from a number of poultry exhibitors, asking that special ections be added to the prize list for

Rose-Comb Rhode Island Reds, was referred to the committee. There were present: President W. J Reid, and Messrs. Wm. McNeil, Dr. Routledge, J. W. Jones, T. H. Shore, R. Oke, Ald. J. H. Saunders, Ewen, C. E. Trebilcock, Ald. Fitzgerald, J. H. Brown, Wm. Moore, James Murray, John Pringle, W. W. Gam-George McCormick, and Secretary Hunt.

HOUSE DEBATES MINER'S ESCAPE

Nothing to Show That Government Should Make an Investigation.

Ottawa, March 2.-In the Commons today Mr. J. D. Taylor, the Conser-Hearth," "Pygmalion and Galatea," vative member for New Westminster, again brought up the matter of the escape of Bill Miner, the outlaw. He expressed surprise that in view of the recent developments, the Government had not decided to make a further insketches recitations were given by quiry. He said that the minister of justice had admitted that the officers of the British Columbia penitentiary had allowed a number of people to visit Miner without permission from his department.

Mr. Taylor quoted an interview with C. P. R. Detective Bullock in which Bullock declared that the story that Miner had certain bonds in his possession was false. He spoke of a signed statement made by ex-Warden Burke to the effect that there had been a delay at Ottawa in replying to his request to be allowed to offer a reward for the capture of Miner. Burke hinted that a telegram had been falsified at Ot-

tawa by someone interested in having the outlaw liberated. Hon, A. B. Aylesworth quoted a letter from ex-Warden Burke dated Feb. 6, in which Burke said he had no further information. The minister could not understand why it had been necessary to resume the discussion. Everything possible had been done Miner might be captured any day There was nothing, he said, for which any official at Ottawa need apologize

eral, showed that there was nothing more that could be done. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out that Mr. Taylor had neglected the custom

of the House in not notifying the department that he intended to bring up this matter; consequently the discussion could not be so complete as it otherwise would have been. The Premier said they were all delighted when they learned that the American desperado had been caught and convicted, but they felt ashamed that he had been allowed to escape. However, nothing had been shown to prove that there should be another investigation. He deprecated the introduction of irrelevant matter into the discussion

The House then went into supply on the railway estimates.

THE PRIZE LIST LAYMEN'S MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED

Millions Are in the Dark, and Workers Are Needed.

An enthusiastic meeting of the laynen of Dundas Centre Church connected with the laymen's missionary movement was held in the schoolroo last night. Fully one hundred were present, and after partaking of opper prepared for them by the ladies of the church, they listened with interest to some splendid addresses on the work the laymen are doing throughout the country.

The Movement Mr. C. E. German, president of the aymen's committee in London, spoke first, and gave a general outline of the start of the movement and the progess it has made in two years.

Referring to the movement, which started in Canada last year and lasted a month, Mr. German said it was one of the biggest campaigns that had ever been undertaken. extended from Sydney to Victoria, and the laymen aimed to raise \$1,500,000. or one-third of the entire amount of Canada's share.

He pointed out that notwithstanding all that had been done there were still billion people who as yet have not heard the teachings of the gospel. Approximately there are 13,000 missionarles in the various mission fields, and t is estimated that they can evangelize 325,000,000 people in the present

Millions in the Dark

Mr. German pointed out that there yould be 675,000,000 who would, at this rate, never hear of Christ. North America had as its share in the evangelization of the world, 600,000,000 people abroad and 50,000,000 at home, to ook after. Canada's share of this work would be to look after 40,000,000 people, and in order to do this \$4,500,000 would be required, \$3,200,000 for the work of looking after the foreign missions, and \$1,300,000 for home mission

The church membership in Canada about 900,000, which would be required from each one. The

Church Membership.

Methodists have undertaken to look

after 14,000,000, the Presbyterians 12,-

000,000, and the Baptists 6,000,000. "The businessmen should remember however," said Mr. German, in con cluding, "that our share is not represented by \$5, but by the very best we can do." Not Too Eager. Mr. J. A. Patterson, K. C., of Toonto, spoke next, and took the ground money on their races than London, and that the church was not nearly as consequently were getting better races. eager as it might be in extending the missionary cause. The laymen wished to evangelize the world in the present generation, and its wonderful success

had been in the enthusiasm which has

been aroused everywhere. Everyone

could help by working and getting

others to work. Mr. Patterson stated

that every third person in the world

is a Chinaman, and the work of

spreading the gospel in China was one of vast importance. To do the work Canadian men and money would be re-Mr. D. A. McDermid spoke last, and showed the work the laymen of Dundas Centre have been doing, and

lected since the movement began. A PRESENTATION TO MR. ARCHIE SCREATON

quoted figures showing the money col-

Original Snake Islanders Honored Charter Member of Club.

The original Snake Island Fishing Club had a session last evening at the residence of Mr. Fred Screaton elebrate the birthday of Mr. Arch Screaton, one of the charter members of the club. He was presented with fine pipe by Mr. John Callard on behalf of the club. In a short speech he spoke of the many excellent times they had had on the island, and expressed the hope that Mr. Screaton would live many more years to take in this the greatest of all trips. The party then sat down to a progressive whist game, Mr. Attwell Fleming, of Toronto, winning the prize, and Mr J. I. A. Hunt getting the booby prize. An excellent lunch was served at the conclusion of the game. Those present were Messrs. C. Mc-Callum, John Callard, John Graham. Ald, Donald Ferguson, Attwell Reming (Toronto), Alf. Talbot, W. C.

NORTH MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The people in the country districts are getting worked up over the route be taken by the North Midland Railway, and a meeting of the residents of the vicinity of Fanshawe and Ballymote has been called for this evening to discuss the matter and see if it is not possible to get the railway company to stick to its original intention of routing via these places to the

north. The railway has already been surveyed this way, but the opposition of a few people over the matter of rights. of-way, and the action of the people along the Proof Line road and Johns who have offered the company inducements to take the Proof Line route, has led the railway company to abandon the Fanshawe route.

Mr. Welch, for the railway company, has been asked to attend in the endeavor to reach some amicable settlement, as the great majority of the residents see what a tremendous benefit the railway would be to them.

A Talent Tea.

The Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a talent tea in the lecture hall of the church on Friday afternoon next. A great many useful about. It had been shown that the and fancy articles will be offered for At Gibraltar—Cedric, from New York: penitentiary officials were to blame.

At Naples—Hamburg, from New York: Mr. Jacques Bureau, solicitor-gen
to turn out in large numbers. sale, and the ladies expect their friends

Fitzgerald, J. F. Fitzgerald (Toronto), F. G. Jewell, J. I. A. Hunt, Arch. Screaton and Dr. Thompson.