



Nervous Prostration

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The Broom Is Here.

Street Railway Company's Mammoth Sweeper Has Arrived.

Fire at Paterson & Corbin's Shops and Narrow Escape of Some London Cars—The City Engineer Loses Patience and Is Putting Finishing Touches to the Road at the Company's Expense.

The street railway company received a telegram this morning stating that the machine shop at Paterson & Corbin's works at St. Catharines had been destroyed, but that three cars which had just been completed for the London street railway service had been got out without damage. These three cars are due before the end of the year, and they, with two that arrived this morning, will make 15 in all.

The new electric sweeper manufactured by the Toronto Street Railway Company also arrived this morning, and when it takes a fall out of the first snow storm which happens along Londoners will imagine it is a tornado on wheels, if contemporary accounts of the working of similar sweepers are correct.

In outward appearance it is merely an unusually large and heavy trolley car with two brooms, like those on the common street-sweeper machines, attached one in front and one near the rear. The brooms, however, are much bigger than those on the machines mentioned, and are made of stronger material. Likewise they move at a far greater rate of speed and with vastly more power behind them. Inside, the car is for the most part a wilderness of cogged wheels, endless chain-belts, levers, shafts, clutches, switches and other things of which none but a mechanic and electrician can guess the names and uses. Not quite all the space is taken up by the machinery, however, as room is left for an extra motorman, two men attend to the broom levers and a squad with shovels and hand brooms.

Yesterday the city engineer notified the street railway company that unless some attempt was made to put some of the streets torn up by the company into passable shape he would put city workmen on and charge the wages and expense to the company. As the company did not comply, Mr. Graydon this morning placed men at work putting down a stone crossing at Richmond and Horton streets. He will also have gravel hauled and placed on the tracks where the old tracks were removed.

Manager Carr is out of town. The new crossing for the L. and P. S. has arrived, but has been deposited at the C. P. R. If permission can be obtained from the Privy Council it will be used there temporarily.

A LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than a half-bottle cured me. I certainly believe it saved my life. I was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

MOVING.

That is what our holiday goods are doing. Do not leave your purchasing until the last moment. Now is the time to get the best selections. The XMAS CARDS, CALENDARS and BOOK-LETS this year are more varied, more artistic and cheaper than ever. Immense stock of BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS and HYMNALS. Our DOLLAR Bible beats anything we ever had. BOOKS, ANNUALS and CHOICE FANCY GOODS in endless variety. TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT off all Games and Toys.

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School Is Over!

Children Welcome the Advent of the Holidays.

Some Good Work in Distributing Christmas Cheer.

Closing Concerts Are Held in the Majority of Schools—Programmes and Other School Notes.

The public schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and for the last couple of days the various ward seats of learning have been the scene of excitement and preparation for the closing exercises. Concerts and a distribution of Christmas cheer were in order Thursday afternoon, and today there were more concerts and Christmas trees. The Christmas cheer gathered and distributed by public school children is assuming larger proportions with each succeeding year, and the children appear to take more pleasure out of giving than receiving. The schools are thus becoming, as it were, an organized charity in kindergarten form.

TALBOT STREET SCHOOL. Probably no other school in the city did so handsomely by the poor as the Talbot street school. The floors of four large rooms were fairly covered with provisions of all kinds, ranging from potatoes to poultry and twenty-pound roasts. The beneficiaries were named by the scholars, and each family received a large clothes basket full of substantial enough to last for two weeks at least. The gifts were distributed by the boys with their hand-sleighs, and they appeared to take great delight in the noble work. The closing concert by Principal Stewart's pupils was held during the afternoon. It proved a most enjoyable affair, as the appended programme will show:

Opening hymn; instrumental, H. Humpidge and Florence Williams; recitation, "Little Jim," George Matthews; instrumental, J. McLeod; dialogue, "Taking the Census," Gerrie Hodge and Mary Harvey; song, "The Cruel Hiss," several girls; dialogue, Lillian Grant, Merle Webbe and others; instrumental, Hannah Humpidge; recitation, "The Alarm," Maggie Evans; instrumental, Cora and Ada Douglas; recitation, F. Fletcher; instrumental, F. Williams; dialogue, F. M. Martin, F. Slater and E. Snow; instrumental, Merle Webbe and Cora Douglas; recitation, "Annie and Willie's Prayer," G. Hodge; song, "Sailing," A. Schussler; reading, Cora Smith; chorus, "Jingle Bells," class; reading, Fletcher; song, "What's the Score?" A. Schussler; dialogue, "The New Woman," F. Fletcher and several boys; hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." This afternoon the excitement centered about the junior classes, and in four rooms entertainments and Christmas trees were in progress.

MISS WINNETT'S CLASSES. Miss Winnett's class, Cobourg street school, gave an entertainment this afternoon, Master George Clarke being chairman by the vote of the school. The classes sang several choruses in excellent time; songs, readings and recitations were given by the following: Misses Lillian McHattie, Emma Johnston, Lily Fessenden, Jean Reid, Pearl Ward, Alice Hinde, Flavia Tambling, Annie McIntosh, Masters Chester Westcott and George Clarke. All showed the excellent effects of their teacher's training. After partaking of refreshments, the classes sang the National Anthem.

TREAT FOR THE PATIENTS. Last night the scholars of the green school gave an excellent entertainment at the Asylum. Forty pupils took part, and a lengthy programme of drills, marches, recitations, dialogues and music was given in a most pleasing and creditable manner.

AT RECTORY STREET SCHOOL. The children of the Rectory street kindergarten held their closing exercises Thursday morning, and the many little tots in the school acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their directress, Miss Buttery. The parents of the children and numerous friends were present, and greatly enjoyed the choruses, drills, etc., given by the classes. A large Christmas tree was loaded with gifts made by the children for their parents. The quality of the work was up to the standard.

Principal Althouse's class at Rectory street school held their Christmas entertainment in the kindergarten this afternoon, to which the parents of the scholars were invited. An interesting programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., was carried out, and the manner in which the girls and boys conducted themselves was highly complimentary to the principal. Besides the choruses there were instrumental duets, Bessie and Stella Flinton; recitation, "Total Annihilation," George Thody; reading, "Sam's Feast," Minnie Walker; dialogue, "An Art Critic," Bessie Flinton and Flossie Steels; reading, "Mother's Fool," Pearl Procter; song, "Ary Flack;" recitation, "Tartan Town Romance," Millie Short; instrumental duet, Lily Newman; recitation, "Irish Astronomy," Roy Gowie; recitation, "Pap's Letter," Flossie Steels; instrumental, Flossie Kirk; recitation, "A Wharf Rat," Cloyne Higgins; reading, "Major Jones' Christmas Box," Ida Terry; recitation, "Who Was the Thief?" Flossie Kirk; song, Prof. J. L. Flinton; recitation, "The Maiden's Prayer," Harry Woodbridge; instrumental, Bertha Ross; reading, "The King and the Cottager," Mabel Legg; reading, "Bishop Hatto," Bessie Flinton; dialogue, "Backwoods School," by the boys; song, Bessie Flinton; dialogue, "Holidays' Convention," Bessie Flinton, Dina Wood, Ida Terry, Flossie Kirk, and Bertha Ross.

The children of Rectory street school undertook a little charitable work this year. Some time ago the teachers asked them to bring anything in the line of groceries, provisions, boots, shoes, etc., for distribution among the poorer families in the city. Thursday was set for the bringing of the goods, and the way in which the children responded to the teachers' wishes was astonishing. Nearly everyone brought something. There were small parcels of sugar, tea, coffee, raisins, currants, biscuits, etc., and several pairs of boots and shoes. There were 3 large wagonloads, part of which was handed over to the "Ys" for distribution. The remainder went to the Aged People's Home.

AT ABERDEEN. Principal Kirk's class at the Aberdeen school had a Christmas entertainment yesterday afternoon, at which every scholar received a box of candy. The following programme was carried out, much to the enjoyment of the large number of parents who were present: Instrumental solos, Maggie Reid, Mary Young, Lily Smith and Flossie Kirk; parrot drill, by twelve girls from Mrs. Hawken's room; dumb-bell drill, by Frank Porter, Ralph Williamson, Jas. Burgess, Percy Evans and Harry Winslow; fan drill, by Hattie Rooke, Sadie Osborne, Lena Watwell, Nellie Wright, Maggie Reid, Sadie Mills, Lizzie Bur-

gees, and Kate Wilson; club swinging, Sadie Osborne; instrumental duet, Flossie Kirk, and Lily Smith; dancing, Edith Murray and Chris Hogg; recitations, Flossie Kirk, Flossie Sanborn, Sadie Osborne, Hattie Rooke, Hattie Williams, Nina Trace, Mabel Walstell, Sadie Wilson, Edith Murray and Laura Sanborn; dialogue by Frank Porter, Percy Evans, Norman Mason, Wilson Bell, James Burgess and Harry Winslow; autoharp solo, Edith McBride, Lily Bowman officiated as accompanist. The entertainment was concluded by a grand march of 40 of the pupils, and the singing of "God Save the Queen."

The Aberdeen kindergarten's closing entertainment comprised songs and games, and the unloading of a large Christmas tree, which had been heavily laden by the children with presents for their parents. Mr. Kirk spoke of the value of the kindergarten and the meaning underlying all that was done within its walls.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Local Orangemen have been called to meet tomorrow night to endorse Mr. Wallace's position on the school question.

—Mr. Frank Bryant, of this city, has been re-elected to the office of the Gladstone public school at an increased salary.

—Manager Carr, of the street railway company, left yesterday for a visit with friends and relatives in Toronto and other points east.

—The time to buy Christmas presents is now. Tomorrow and every succeeding day until Christmas the stores will be more and more crowded.

—A number of patients were transferred from London Asylum to Hamilton yesterday on a special G. T. R. train for the Atlantic express.

—Another shipment of three cars for the railway company arrived from St. Catharines yesterday. They will be wired and fitted with motors immediately.

—Sarnia Observer: The marriage of Miss Kirkpatrick, of this place, formerly of London, to Mr. Wm. Foote, of London, is announced to take place on Christmas night.

—A great number of the city bakers have started selling bread at 4 cents a two-pound loaf in order to meet new comers who have started business in town and are selling at that rate.

—Mr. David Saxe, city, was a member of the hotel-keepers' convention that waited upon Provincial Treasurer Harcourt yesterday in re the travelers' petition for sanitary reforms in hotels.

—The Bishop of Huron has issued his Christmas pastoral to remind the members of the flock of the holy festival, and of the offertory, which is usually given to the rector of the parish.

—The new Preston truck for the fire department has been completed by the Waterloo Company, and Chief Roe, Assistant Chief McMurchie and Fireman Dan McDonald, of No. 1 station, went to Brantford this morning to test the truck. The truck met last night and appointed the three above named to make the test.

—The funeral of Miss Sarah Nelson, of Francis street, who died suddenly, took place this morning from St. Peter's Cathedral. The deceased was only 18 years of age, and was an estimable young lady. Her father, Mr. William Nelson, who is employed by the Pullman Car Company, arrived from Chicago yesterday.

—It is satisfactory to learn that the Young Liberal concert was a financial as well as an artistic success. No one worked harder to secure this result than the manager, Mr. George C. Davis. The result achieved, in so short a time, shows how much can be accomplished in forwarding the interests of an organization when there is a live popular and able man at the head of it.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria Mission Band of the First Presbyterian Church for the election of officers was held Thursday afternoon. They are as follows: Honorary president, Miss M. Kennedy; president, Miss Beatrice Gibson; 1st vice-president, Miss Dunbar; 2nd vice-president, Constance Cameron; 3rd vice-president, Helen Bapty; treasurer, Miss Kennedy; secretary, Miss Bertha Hodge; organist, Miss E. Ferguson; assistant organist, Miss Constance Cameron.

—Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C. E. Horsman; vice C. R. Reid; president, E. Reid; M. of W. and L. M. Frank; K. of R. and S. Martin Simon; M. of finance, B. E. Galpin; M. of E. E. A. Parkinson; M. at arms, George Park; representative to the Grand Lodge, F. Harding; organist, E. Green; Bro. F. J. Fitzgerald, supreme representative; Bro. Bates, D.D.G.C., and Bro. Hawthorne acted as scrutineers. Mr. D. Dewar has presented the lodge with a photograph of the first Grand Lodge of Ontario, which the brethren prize very much.

—A very large crowd of Arcanumites possessed Trebilcock's Hall last night to play a whist tournament. The games were provided for those who were not whist players. Refreshments were served by Col. Leys, who was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. The city men also thanked the street railway company for holding the last car for them.

—Miss Nina B. Humphreys, of New York, will appear at the Collegiate Institute Conversazione tonight, in place of Miss Carlotta