ROYAL ARCH MASONS OPEN 66th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

MASONIC CHIEF REVIEWS GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Members Open in Toronto Today.

FINANCES STRONGER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The 66th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, parent body of Capitular Masonry in the Dominion, opened this morning at the Masonic Temple, with a record number of delegates representing every district in the jurisdiction, and a number of distinguished members of the royal craft from the United States in attendance.

The report of Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, showed a gratifying growth of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction. Despite the net loss of nearly 4,000 members a year ago through the severance o fthe chapters in the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan from the parent body, to form Grand Chapters of their own, there has been an increase in the province of Ontario of some 946 members. During the past eight years owing to the chapters of the four western provinces having formed grand chapters, 6,331 members were lost to jurisdiction of the parent body, but nevertheless the membership is now 24,547, a net increase of 5,368 during this time.

Loyalty to the royal craft and the country, was the keynote of the address of the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, of Trenton, Ont.

Reviewing the work of the past year, Mr. Spencer showed Capitular Masonry to be in a flourishing condition. During the past 12 months grand chapter officers consecrated and dedicated eight chapters. These were at Aurora, Georgetown, Caledonia, London, Blenheim, Smith ville, Toronto and Lambeth.

The visit to Canada during the next two or three months of Lord Cassillis, Grand Z of Scotland, was announced by Mr. Spencer. Lord Cassillis left London in December last for the purpose of visiting Royal Craft bodies in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, China, Japan and the United States, and is expected to visit Canada in May or June. The continual strengthening of the financial position of the grand chapter which Mr. Spencer comments on in his address is due, to a very large extent, se said, to the careful investment of the funds by the grand treasurer, George Moore, Hamilton.

The selection of grand superintendents for the various districts resulted as follows:

Western Ontario—P. J. McConnell, Windsor, St. Clair district No. 1; H. C. Ives, London, Ont., London district No. 2; R. Y. Morrison, Woodstock, Ont., Wilson district No. 3; William Downing, Kitchener, Ont., Wellington district No. 4; J. Hooper, Port Nelson, Ont., Hamilton district No. 5; H. C. Dunlop, Goderich, Ont., Huron district No. 6; J. A. Coleman, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara district No. 7.

"LIVE WIRE" COMES OUT.

The February issue of the "Live Wire," the publication of the utilities commission, contains all the reports of the department heads for the year 1923. This is the first edition of the booklet this year, as it will be published every two months.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

Four Japanese battleships were sunk in a great naval battle off Port Arthur.

Owing to a scarcity of eggs, brought about by the cold weather, fresh eggs are selling at 35 cents a dozen, and in some cases 36 cents.

Baseball magnates, meeting in San Francisco, went on record as being of the opinion that the time consumed in baseball games was too short, and they favored extending the time, without adding more innings, to two hours.

In deference to the wishes of Pope Pius X., His Lordship Bishop McEvoy has ordered the parish priests of the diocese to at once begin training classes of male voices to replace the female voices now in choirs in the local Catholic churches.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

The celebrated Ladies' Military Band of Boston, composed of 20 clever young ladies, will give a concert in the auditorium tonight. Every seat is taken.

The McCormick Manufacturing Company is doing well, so that it is able to distribute several thousands of dollars this year again among its employees.

At last night's meeting of the board of works, it was decided to call for tenders for the fixing up and strengthening of the city hall.

The Ridgetown Dominion says: "It is a relief to know, on the words of a couple of London clergymen, that our children may continue to skate, play ball, marbles, etc., without necessarily being possessed of a devil."

A report comes from the Peace River valley of an attempt of a party of Yukon travellers, whose supplies had run short, to kill one of their number, named J. A. McNabb, for the purpose of eating his body. The young man escaped.

WENIGE CONFERS WITH TREASURER ON CITY ACCOUNT

Would Need To Add $12,500 to This Year's Tax Rate.

BILL IS QUESTIONED

Mayor Wenige conferred this morning with City Treasurer Bell relative to the city's account with the provincial highway authorities for more than $163,000, the bill extending back to 1921.

The treasurer explained that the city has never paid any of this during the past three years, and estimated, roughly, that it would be necessary to provide about $12,500 in this year's tax rate if it is their intention to make any payment at once. He explains that the province allows the municipality to meet these payments in annual installments, although the amount seems to be increasing from year to year.

The mayor today questioned, as did the city treasurer, the bill just given its second reading in the Legislature, to prevent any member of the city council to sit on the suburban roads commission, the other members being county representatives.

Civic authorities generally, elsewhere as well as London, questioned this latest move from the new administration at Toronto, pointing out that it would have been received with little or no surprise, had the U. F. O. forces been in the control at Queen's Park. They cannot conceive, however, any move of this description, tending to lessen further the municipality's influence in county and provincial road building and maintenance.

RESERVE MARCH 7 FOR DAY OF PRAYER

Women's Missionary Societies Establish District Centers as Meeting Places.

March 7 has been set aside by Women's Missionary Societies as their special day of prayer. The city has been divided into nine districts each with a central place of meeting. Each district will set its own hour and the announcements concerning this will be made from the various churches.

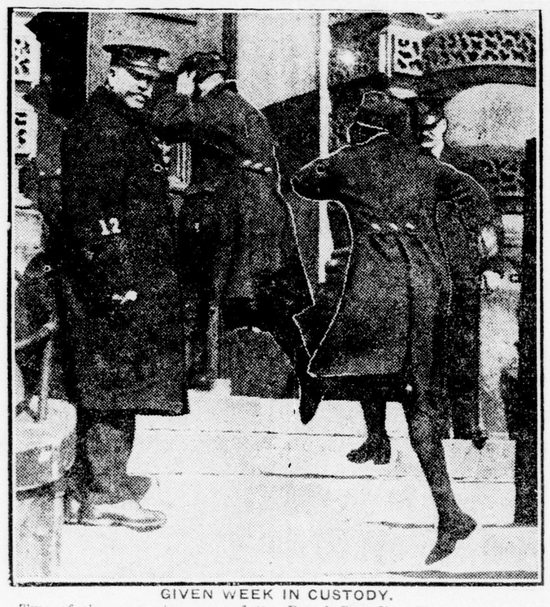
Following is a list of the various districts: South London, meeting in Wortley Road Baptist Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, Askin Street Methodist Church, Church of the Epiphany, St. James' Church, Ridout Street Methodist Church, Kensall Park Mission, and the Salvation Army; North London district, meeting in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Robinson Memorial Methodist Church, St. Luke's Church, Maitland Street Baptist Church, Colbourne Street Methodist Church, New St. James' Presbyterian Church, St. John's Church, and the Church of the Redeemer; South Central district, meeting in Southern Congregation Church, Wellington Street Methodist Church, Hill Street Sunday School, Bethemanuel Methodist Church, Hill Street Baptist Church, Christ Church, Christian Workers, Lewis Mission, and Chalmers Presbyterian Church; South East district, meeting in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Egerton Street Baptist Church, Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, All Saints' Church, Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Grace Methodist Church, St. David's Church, Gospel Hall, and Salvation Army; East London district, meeting in King Street Presbyterian Church, Adelaide Street Baptist Church, Centennial Methodist Church, Salvation Army, St. Mathew's Church, Church of Christ, Disciples; Latter Day Saints, Pentecostal Mission, and King Street Presbyterian; London Junction district, meeting in St. George's Church, Hale Street Methodist Church, St. George's Presbyterian Church, and St. Mark's Church; central district, meeting in St. Andrew's Church, First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Talbot Street Baptist Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Andrew's Church, First Congregational Church, Salvation Army, Cronyn Memorial Church, Dundas Centre Methodist Church, and the Christian Science Church; London West district, meeting in Empress Avenue Church, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, St. George's Church, and Empress Avenue; Knollwood Park district, meeting in Knollwood Park Presbyterian, Knollwood Park Anglican Church, and Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church; Chelsea Green district, meeting in Chelsea Green Presbyterian Church, and Holy Trinity Church.

CAPTAIN OF ADRIATIC SUBJECT TO HEAVY FINE

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Feb. 27.—Captain F. E. Beadnell, commander of the White Star liner Adriatic, from which treasury department officials removed 85 cases of wines and liquor Friday night, may be fined $11,700, when he returns to this city with his vessel on April 6, it was learned yesterday. The Adriatic sailed on a Mediterranean cruise Saturday.

Should the captain or officials of the line refuse whatever penalty is imposed, according to this official, the vessel would become subject to seizure.



GIVEN WEEK IN CUSTODY.

Two of the seven troopers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons sentenced to a week in jail in Toronto for assault on a fellow-trooper are shown doubling from the police van into the city jail, in an effort to dodge the camera.

News From City Churches

SENIOR GLEANERS' AUXILIARY.

The Senior Gleaners' Auxiliary of Knox Church held an enjoyable meeting last night at the home of Mrs. William Duncan, 10 Bruce street. Sewing for a child whom the Gleaners are looking after was carried on. At the conclusion refreshments were served and the members spent a short time together socially.

RETIRING CHOIR LEADER.

An event of unusual interest took place last Friday evening at Colborne Street Methodist Church, when the members of the choir did a fitting honor to their retiring organist and leader, Mr. N. B. Adams, who some time ago tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1. Following the practice, the ladies of the choir served a banquet in honor of the retiring leader and presentations were made both to Mr. Adams and to his wife. The former was presented with a gold-headed umbrella, accompanied by an address, read by John Shaw, in which the choir expressed their keen regret at his severing the connection with them, as after eight years of service under his faithful and careful direction a tie had been formed that they were sorry to break. Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Ross presented on behalf of the choir a cut glass sugar bowl and cream pitcher to Mrs. Adams. Both made fitting replies, Mr. Adams thanking the choir for their co-operation and support which, he said, had gone a long way in promoting and sustaining such a good feeling of harmony.

CRADLE ROLL TEA.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent recently, when the Cradle Roll department of the Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school held their annual tea. A large number of mothers and babies were present in spite of rather stormy weather conditions which prevailed. The meeting was opened with a short devotional period conducted by Mrs. Sid Reid. Rev. T. J. Holland and Mrs. Holland spoke briefly to the mothers. A short program followed, this consisting of a duet by Mrs. Little and Mrs. A. E. Brown, and several recitations by the children. Twenty-five children were promoted to the beginners' class. Mrs. A. E. Pierce, the retiring superintendent, who has had charge of this work for seven years, presented the certificates. Before leaving the platform, Mrs. Pierce was presented with a basket of china by the mothers, Mrs. V. Gower reading the address and little Jean Phillips and Kenneth Sage making the presentation. Mrs. Pierce made a very feeling and suitable reply. The Ever-Ready Bible Class served refreshments, during which time Miss Dorothy Pierce delighted with a piano solo. Miss Olive Marshall is the new superintendent.

ST. DAVID'S MEN'S CLUB.

St. David's Church Men's Club made of their annual banquet last evening a most successful affair. There were between 50 and 60 men present and a splendid program was carried out. Of this, the main feature was the address on "Service" by Very Rev. Dean Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral. Short addresses were given also by A. Adams and A. James, wardens, who represent the church officials, and another interesting feature was the solo by Mr. Scott of the choir of Cronyn Memorial Church. J. Markham, the club president, acted efficiently as chairman.

The banquet was served in splendid style by the Ladies' Guild of St. David's Church and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered them by all the men present, on motion of W. Parker and H. Adams.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AT HOME.

Between the hours of four and six yesterday afternoon, over one hundred and fifty people were guests in the parish hall of the Church of St. John the Evangelist forthe congregational at home, arranged in honor of new parishioners. The program included the following delightful numbers: Piano solos by Miss Evelyn Jarvis, Mrs. J. Daw, and Mr. Frank James; solos by Miss Dodo Simcox and Rev. H. H. Tancock; a cornet solo by Mr. Tucker; a Russian dance by Miss Edith Wynne-Price. The rooms were most attractively decorated with spring flowers and tea was served. Those pouring were Mrs. Frank Lawson, Mrs. Jeeves, Mrs. Wm. Greene and Mrs. McCormick.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY.

The girls' branch of the Women's Auxiliary of St. James' Church held their regular meeting last night and spent it entirely in practice for the missionary pageant which they are to present. The date of this has been set as March 18.

ST. GEORGE'S A. Y. P. A.

For their regular meeting last night the A. Y. P. A. of St. George's Church divided themselves into three groups. The first of these went skating, the second snow-shoeing, and the third, tobogganing. At the conclusion of the sport, all three groups went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs of Oxford street, where they were most pleasantly entertained with music and games and refreshments were served.

CIRCLE OF HOME INDUSTRY.

The regular meeting of the Circle of Home Industry of Southern Congregational Church was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. Hawks, Grey street, with Mrs. M. Todman, the president in the chair. Arrangements were made for a house social to be held in the near future, and a program committee were appointed. This includes: Mrs. Todman, Mrs. S. Angles and Mrs. B. Wherry. Miss Sadie Osbourne was placed in charge of the games.

EMPRESS AVENUE PLAY.

The cast of the farce-comedy entitled, "Her Honor the Mayor," which will be presented in the Empress Avenue Sunday School Thursday and Friday of this week, includes Mrs. Merle Chapman, Misses Margaret Bowie, Verda Goodland, Lorena Wade, Elsie Bowie, and S. G. Parsons, S. F. Goodland and Clifford Emigh.

ST. ANDREW'S BOYS.

Mrs. Angus Morrison and her group were in charge of the weekly supper for the boys of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last night. Following the supper the boys divided for the group meeting and games.

KING STREET C. G. I. T.

Thirty-five girls, representatives of the C. G. I. T. groups of St. James' Church, South London, were guests last evening of the C. G. I. T. group of King Street Presbyterian Church at their regular meeting. In honor of the guests, a special program was prepared by the King street girls, and this included a solo by Miss Estelle Yake. The guest of honor and speaker was Miss Beatrice Brown of the Y. M. C. A., and Miss Brown spoke on "The Recognition of God in Music." She sang also "The Rosary." Including both groups there were over fifty girls present. Miss Jean Johnston was in charge and Mary Smith conducted the devotional period.

SMILE-AWHILE CLASS.

The Smile-Awhile Class of Adelaide Street Baptist Church held a jolly skating party last evening. After an hour or two spent on the rink at Victoria Park, they returned to the church, where a delightful supper was served. Those in charge included Mrs. J. Baldwin, Mrs. McGouch, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Leader, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gilmour. A sing-song was enjoyed while supper was in progress.

SISTERS OF SERVICE.

The Sisters of Service of Cronyn Memorial Church held their regular meeting last evening. The greater part of the time was spent in quilting.

HALE STREET LADIES' AID.

Child Welfare was the chief topic of discussion at yesterday afternoon's regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Hale Street Methodist Church. Addresses on this subject were given by Mrs. Fishleigh, Rev. L. W. Reid and Miss Farleigh. The program included also a solo by Mrs. Rush, and a piano number by Mrs. Earl McLurg. Tea was served at the conclusion, with Mrs. R. McKenzie in charge. During the business session arrangements were made to hold a sale of home made cooking on March 15.

MARY McCRAE AUXILIARY.

The Mother and Daughter banquet, held last evening by the newly-formed Mary McCrae Auxiliary of Chalmers Church, was a most successful event. The W. M. S. acted as hostesses to the girls and their mothers, of whom there were a large number present, and served supper at tables prettily decorated with peach bloom and with pink candy baskets, set prettily at intervals. Miss Kelso was the speaker, and the interesting program included also a reading by Nan Kelman and a duet by Georgine Duncan and May Tilley.

HUSBAND IS FINED ON THE CHARGE OF ILL-TREATING WIFE

Wife Declares She Was Abused Upon Refusing To Attend Party.

BOARDER IS CALLED

Claiming she had been choked and maltreated, a local woman in police court this morning received judgment in her favor, when a charge of assault was laid against her husband, an automobile mechanic.

On Feb. 19, it is alleged he came home from work late, and asked his wife to accompany him on a party. The latter reminded him that she had already accepted an invitation for both next door at a birthday party. Becoming angered, he backed her against a wall, bruised her arms, tore her hair and seized her by the throat, according to evidence submitted by the woman and a boarder in the house.

William Henderson, for the defendant, declared that the boarder was the cause of all the trouble, and added that the plaintiff cared for her boarder more than she did for her husband.

The reason, the woman said, she refused to go to the party suggested by the husband was that on a previous occasion he had neglected her while the two had gone together on a picnic.

"It isn't your husband's fault that you're a wallflower," Mr. Henderson said. "He tells me you have not been a wife to him for two years."

The magistrate ruled that such evidence was irrelevant. Mr. MacPherson, for the plaintiff, cross-examined the accused, who admitted he had "held her arms," because he thought his wife was going to hit him over the head with a dish. His wife declared she was washing the dish at the time, and stated her husband threatened to kill both herself and Morgan, the boarder.

The boarder said he had been feeding and clothing the woman and four children for many months. His own wife died three years ago, and he then boarded with them. Testimony of the three witnesses indicated that much profane language had been used during the quarrel.

Mr. Henderson, summing up, said it would be a "rank injustice" to impose penalty on the husband.

"It looks to me as if the boarder is the nigger in the woodpile," he said.

The court fined the husband $10 and costs.

PRE-WAR STANDARDS OF CRIME REACHED

Cold Wave Has Apparently Had Good Effect on "Cut Ups."

The cold wave has apparently hit the crime wave, if there ever was one, a severe blow. Yesterday there was no police court case tried, and this morning the crowd of spectators witnessed only one. Interest in the doings of the hall of justice has lagged considerably of late owing to the small number of cases, but the single one heard this morning held exceptional interest. Consequently the police court audience departed well satisfied.

Officials are at a loss to explain the quiet condition of things this week. It almost looks, they believe, as if this city was returning to "before the war" standards so far as violation of law is concerned.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE DOES NOT FAVOR 'TRADE'

Mayor Wenige's Proposal Fails To Meet With Approval of Members.

Members of the vocational advisory committee do not take Mayor Wenige's suggestion relative to making the Technical School a Central Collegiate, and vice versa, very seriously.

Although the chairman of the committee, A. N. Udy, is out of the city, other members, when spoken to, had nothing to say. One member smiled and asked what the city would give "to boot" if the trade went through. Mayor Wenige suggested trading the Central Collegiate for the Tech. in order to relieve the congestion in secondary schools.

TEMPERATURE VARIATION OF YESTERDAY RECORD

A record-breaking variation in temperature was reported by the weather bureau in London for yesterday. At 2 o'clock in the morning the mercury was down to six degrees below zero, and twelve hours later it was 34 degrees above.

The thermometer again sank to unexpected depths last night, and mild weather predictions of experts were disproven for the second time in a week.

A. Y. P. A.

The A. Y. P. A. of the Church of the Redeemer held a business meeting last night. Among other things arrangements were made for a tobogan party to be held on Friday of this week. It will probably be held at the Kennels.

THE CROWNING GLORY IS A SHINGLED DOME

The "Bob" Gives Place to the "Shingle" in Coiffure Styles.

FAT HEADS FADE

Prison Cut Gives the Girls a Trim, Boyish Look, Much Desired.

Are you shingled?

This question is vital to fashionable women, according to Madame Bouchard, who maintains a hairdressing establishment on King street here. The bob, she states, has been succeeded by the shingle, and all stylish members of the sex who do not follow the latest vogue in hair manipulation are at least six weeks behind schedule.

A shingled head of hair is a splendid adjunct to any girl's appearance, Madame Bouchard declares. It is feminine for a "convict" hair cut. The head is shaved about half way up the neck, giving girls an attractive boyish look.

You can always "shingle" the girls out who shingle their tresses. They never have to bother with the condition of their coiffure, the local hairdressing specialist explains. The bob, of course, is still popular, but now that the tendency is for women to gradually follow the example of the brutal sex, she believes the time is coming when the well hair-dressed girl will shear her locks to a minimum and part them either in the center or on the side, like the orthodox male.

"This is the age of comfort and convenience," madame stated. "Persons who dislike bobbed or shingled hair are merely slaves to prejudice and custom. There is really no comparison, from a beauty standpo'nt, between abbreviated and long hair. The short kind lends youth and beauty to any girl. The shorter the better."

In a decade, Madame Bouchard predicts, hair done up in buns or done up in any manner for that matter will be as passe as padded shoulders. Although some may not welcome the prospect, girls most inevitably accept the edict of modernism which decrees the shingled dome for one and all.

COLLEGIATE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW

Members Will Discuss Buildings Inspected by Board Delegates.

Members of the collegiate committee of the board of education will meet tomorrow afternoon for further deliberations in the matter of new collegiates for London.

The members will discuss the schools visited by the special deputation at Windsor, Walkerville, Kitchener and Guelph, and it is more than likely that some concrete ideas may be put forward. The meeting will formulate a report to be presented at the next meeting of the board, and it is possible that several recommendations will be made. Two members of the committee are out of town, and will not be back in time for the meeting, Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt and Rev. Quintin Warner being in Kingston at the convention of the Urban School Trustees Association.

ENGLISH 'BLUE BOYS' OPPOSE POPLAR PLAN

Conservatives Instead Would Revise Whole Poor Law System.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 26.—The Conservatives have tabled an amendment to the Liberal motion relative to the size of the doles paid to the unemployed by the borough of Poplar, which will be debated in the House today. The Liberal motion condemns the minister of health for cancelling the order holding the Poplar guardians responsible for excessive payments of doles and urges that the real remedy is to be found in a reform of the London government and of the poor law system.

The Conservative amendment calls on the Commons to declare that the amount of poor law relief should be calculated on a lower scale than the earnings of an independent workman who is maintaining himself by his labor.

CHINESE COURT SAYS RUSSIAN MUST DIE

Alexis Korniloff, a Desperado, Is First White Man Thus Sentenced.

Associated Press Despatch.

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 26. — A Chinese court today denied the appeal of Alexis Korniloff, Russia desperado, and reaffirmed the death sentence passed last November. Korniloff was the first white man ever sentenced to death in a Chinese court.

Korniloff was convicted of escaping from the courtroom during a previous trial, slaying a Chinese constable and two secret service agents and attempting the murder of two other police officials.

JOSEPH M. DIXON,

governor of Montana, and one time leader of the Roosevelt Progressive party, may enter the United States cabinet as secretary of the navy.

DISCONTINUE GAS IN THIRTY DAYS

Union Natural Gas Company Serves Notice To South Harwich Users.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blenheim, Feb. 26.—Many South Harwich ratepayers who have been getting gas from the Union Natural Gas Company's main in South Harwich, are up in arms, having received notice that their supply of gas will be discontinued in 30 days.

It appears that the ratepayers, under the terms of the franchise held by the company from the township, have a right to the gas at 15 cents per thousand, provided the ratepayers lay lines to the company's main; this they did some years ago, but some time afterwards owing to trouble in maintaining the line handed the pipe line over to the company under an agreement that the company to continue supplying gas and the ratepayers pay an annual rental per house.

The ratepayers appealed to the council to defend their rights. The council are asking the minister of mines to issue an order to prevent the company from cutting off the gas until the matter in dispute is finally settled between the company and the ratepayers.

IMPERIAL COMMITTEE PLAN IS ABANDONED

Gt. Britain Foregoes Economic Venture to Which Canada Objected.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Abandonment by the British government of the idea of creating an imperial economic committee will be noted with satisfaction in government circles here.

The resolution to create the committee was passed at the recent imperial economic conference in London with Canada alone officially dissenting. Some objections, however, were raised by delegates from South Africa and India, and there was some doubt if they would nominate representatives to the committee, except on a few special subjects.

The dominions were to be represented on the committee by two members, but it was understood that Canada, in view of Canadian opposition to the committee, would not nominate representatives.

BIBLES PRESENTED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Middlemarch, Feb. 26.—Many members of the Methodist Church were guests of Rev. Mr. McGibbon and Mrs. McGibbon at Fingal last evening when two beautiful Bibles were presented to Misses Clara and Sarah Humphries in recognition of their valuable services to the Middlemarch Methodist Church. The address was read by Ross Tufford, superintendent of Middlemarch Sunday School, and the presentation was made by Mrs. C. P. Welter.

PROVINCE URGED TO BEAR WHOLE COST OF ROADS

Delegates From East Attending Convention Will Urge This Change.

WILL ACT AS LINK

Already the fight to have the province assume the entire cost of building and maintaining provincial highways has started at Toronto. Delegates from the eastern section of the country, attending the Ontario good roads convention, now in progress at the capital, propose to urge this change.

In connection with the proposal from Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of the local finance committee, provincial highway authorities referred to the advisory board to be appointed by the government to act as a link between the municipalities and the government. It is their opinion that this will tend toward a greater understanding between all concerned.

The highway authorities adopt the attitude, however, that the cities are receiving fair treatment, although they are not allowed to tender with others on any road building projects, as urged by Ald. Douglass. They state that the province shoulders a portion of the expenditures by the suburban road commissions, but has no say as to how the money shall be spent, or to whom the contract shall be let.

PRINCE FROM RUSSIA WORKS AT UNIVERSITY

Trained in Philosophy and Languages—Moves From C.N.R. to Laboratory.

Prince Constantine Nakashidze of Russia, who escaped from that country in 1918 and has lately held an obscure position as an "outside service" man with the local division of the C. N. R., has now been offered a temporary position as a laboratory assistant at the University of Western Ontario.

Prince Nakashidze carries papers with him, signed by the Russian consul at London, England, certifying to his education in Russia, where he was trained in philosophy, mathematics, languages and science. Several days ago The Advertiser found the prince in London, where he was working as a train laborer.

Many inquiries have been received by Dean W. Sherwood Fox, of the University of Western Ontario, regarding Prince Nakashidze, and offers have been made to employ him as a translator of languages.

OPEN AIR CHECKERS FOR CITY PLAYGROUNDS

Innovation From British Columbia May Be Introduced in London Centers.

An innovation in playground games may be undertaken by the utilities commission this year, following a suggestion made to General Manager E. V. Buchanan by a citizen, who has just returned from British Columbia.

The idea, as carried out on the Pacific Coast, is to set aside in the center of the playground a court about eighteen feet square. This is laid out in concrete, and divided into black and white squares, similar to a checker board. Pieces about one foot square are made and used by the players, who play checkers as though it were a smaller board, such as used indoors.

According to Mr. Buchanan's informant, the pieces are pushed by means of a crook, and when two children are playing the game, it is no uncommon thing to see the court surrounded by adults, watching them and shouting encouragement.

ISSUES WRIT FOR $573.11.

Gibbons, Harper & Braden have issued a county court writ on behalf of William Buchanan against A. Diviney for $573.11, balance of amount owing by the defendant to the plaintiff on two carloads of coal sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the defendant.

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