

C. P. R. AUTHORIZES LARGE IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE IN THE LONDON DISTRICT

Will Spend \$245,000 During the Year For New Stations, Additions, Etc.—London's Share Is \$7,000 For Round House Improvements.

During the coming summer the Canadian Pacific Railway will spend \$245,000 on improvements in this district, approval of expenditures to this amount having been received by the board of directors from the head office in Montreal. The improvements include the erection of new stations at Ayr and at Puslinch. London will benefit to the extent of \$7,000, this sum to be spent for improving the local roundhouse.

Ayr \$25,000 will be spent for a new station, which will be one of the most modern structures owned by the company in this district. This will greatly improve the village of Ayr and will mean much to Western Ontario. The station at Puslinch, situated near Guelph, will be erected at a cost of \$15,000.

Chatham will benefit more than any other part of the district, as \$45,000 in improvements is to be spent there this year. Plans for this city call for the expenditure of several thousand dollars on the extension of the inter-change branch, which will connect the quietest branch with the main line. A new platform will be laid at the Chatham station and a large steel tank will also be erected. Plans call for other extensive improvements at the Mapleton station.

A forty-foot extension will be made to the express room of the Mapleton station, the interior of which will also be completely remodelled. The company plans to spend \$15,000 at this station. The roundhouse at Windsor will be equipped with new machinery to cost several thousand dollars.

Between Zorra and Woodstock a passing track will be laid. It is estimated that this will cost about \$3,000.

Superintendent Williams states that the approval of \$245,000 expenditure does not mean that only this amount will be spent in this district during the coming summer. The estimates for this district run into a much larger sum and call for improvements at practically every station in the London division.

The superintendent will secure the materials for the erection of the new stations, and the work is expected to commence about March 1.

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MANY DEPUTATIONS HEARD ON THURSDAY BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Essex Wants St. Thomas-Longwoods Highway.

HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

\$300 Voted To Each One in County, Besides \$2.50 For Every \$1 From Province.

A deputation from the Essex County Council came before the Middlesex County Council on Thursday to ask the latter body to support the building of a provincial highway through St. Thomas as well as on the Longwoods road route. The Essex County Council, in response to popular demand, had unanimously for this plan, the deputation declared. The Kent County Council had been waited on also, and it favored the proposition. The matter was referred to the board of road directors.

Deputations from Metcalfe Township and from Carleton Place Township were present to ask that changes in the designation of county road system in their municipalities be made. The matters were referred to the board of road directors.

R. M. Hobbs, an aged resident of the Proctor Line road, asked for compensation for damages done to the portion of his property over which traffic went during the time that a section of the road in that locality was being repaired. He asked for 75 rods of fence wire, and \$50 as restitution. The board of road directors will deal with the question. The Children's Aid Society asked for a grant, and had its request sent on to the finance committee.

Representatives from the London District Junior Farmers' Improvement Association asked for a grant. They said that other counties were giving similar organizations grants ranging from \$250 to \$500. The finance committee will deal with this.

County Hospital Patients. County Victoria Hospital cost Middlesex \$5,055.12 during the year 1919, according to the report of Trustee W. J. Pauline. The cost per day per patient was \$2.75.

Motions that \$200 be granted to Manor Park School, \$200 to Wardsville High School and \$50 to the East Middlesex Teachers' Institute were referred to the finance committee.

Fred Bayly was appointed trustee of the Thorncliffe High School for a term of three years, and Dr. Kerrigan was appointed trustee of the Stratford High School for a like period. The finance committee the county council granted \$300 to each high school in the county and decided to grant \$2.50 for every \$1 granted to these institutions by the Provincial Government.

Pa-says-I holler less for candy when I have my fill of POST TOASTIES—Candy Superior corn flakes rich in natural sweetness.

DELIGHTFUL EVENING GIVEN BY ARTISTS AT WESLEY HALL

Luta Laymon and Mrs. Brickenden Acclaimed by Large Audience.

Wesley Hall was filled last night for the Luta Laymon recital, which was indeed an overwhelming success. Not only for Miss Laymon herself, who appeared perhaps to better advantage than ever before, but also for Mrs. Catharine McCormick Brickenden, who by no means took a secondary place on the program. It was a dual triumph, and as such it should be recorded. Miss Laymon's beautiful contralto voice, with its marvelous volume, rich tones and delightful quality was heard in fascinating Italian, Russian groups of songs, but the number of the evening which stood out as something beyond all the rest was Sidney Homer's "Song of the Shirt," sung with an understanding and abandon which would be difficult to excel. Miss Laymon's voice is particularly adapted to this song and gives a setting which is magnificent.

Other numbers which might be especially mentioned were: "Then Weep O' Eyes," from Le Cid (of Massenet), and "Deep River." The last one of the Russian group, "The Singer," having caught something of the fire of the Russian composer also included "Heavenly Clouds" (Dargomyzhsky) and "Lullaby" (Tchaikovsky), and the Italian group "Caro Mio Ben" (Giordani), "O Cesare di Plasencia" (Verdi) and "Il Segreto per esser felice" (Donizetti).

Mrs. Brickenden gave a delightfully varied program, opening her numbers with the classic "Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare, but perhaps no number of the entire program was more delightful than a selection from James Barrie's "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals." The extraordinary versatility of the reader was evidenced as she changed from one character to another with the utmost rapidity and conviction. During the evening she presented the parts of an old factor, a young suitor, a sure-footed maid, an old Scottish charwoman and others of different dialects, a rough young Scottish soldier, a fashionable mamma, her foppish suitor, her incorrigible young daughter and a small boy who didn't want to go to school. And every one was a convincing character.

Mrs. Brickenden has a rare talent in public here and never to any extent until last night, when she proclaimed herself an entertainer of the most delightful kind. Her splendid impersonation of Shakespeare's ill-tempered scolding mother stood out in marked contrast to Barrie's quiet, beautiful little old charwoman, who invented a son that she might have a share in the war. "Poor Dear Mamma" from "The Gadshifter" was also excellent. By tone, the conquest of mamma's suitor by the young daughter of the house being told in a manner in which every humorous point was brought out delightfully. A last encore was given on request. It being the presentation of a young boy, who used every excuse to obtain permission to stay home from school.

A. D. Jordan acted as accompanist.

"FAIR AND WARMER" AT GRAND THEATRE SCORES ANOTHER HIT

Famous Farce Delighted Audience Thursday On Return Engagement.

"Fair and Warmer," Avery Hopwood's latest success, which drew crowded houses to the Grand Theatre when it was first staged, was again accorded an enthusiastic reception when, in response to popular demand, it was re-staged last night. The play, which was reviewed by The Advertiser fully when it was first screened here, is a riot of richest humor, and last night's audience was kept in a state of nervous excitement by the hilariously-provoking situations which were developed in the story. "Fair and Warmer" has won a record-breaking success in New York, and London theatregoers who witnessed the play will surely admit that this was deserved.

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HENRY C. PERCIVAL, VETERAN OF FENIAN RAID, PASSES AWAY

Died On Same Farm Where He Was Born Eighty-One Years Ago.

The death of Henry Christopher Percival occurred on Thursday at his residence, lot 8, concession 2, London Township. He was born in 1829 on the farm on which he died. Here his father, the late Joseph Percival, settled down about the year 1818, when he came to Canada from Ireland.

He deceased was a regular member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, East London, for a great many years. He was a veteran of the Fenian raid, and also served the colors with the old 6th Field Battery in 1866. He was one of the few left to recall the old pioneer days and the subsequent growth of the city of London. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. The children are: Frederick, at home; Harry C., with the G. T. R. and Morris, at the D. S. C. R. and Mrs. Philip Brock (formerly Miss Fern), of London Township. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Grove Cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Beverly.

DORCHESTER LIBRARY. DORCHESTER, Jan. 29.—At the annual meeting of the Dorchester public library held recently, the report of the treasurer showed the library to be in good financial shape. The librarian reported 53 books purchased during the year at a cost of \$70.89. This makes the total of books in the library 2,038. The 120 board is as follows: Albert Hodder, president; Mrs. T. McFarlane, vice-president; Miss Catherine McCullum, secretary; J. Hunt, treasurer; Mrs. D. Carroll, librarian; members, Misses C. A. Chittick, Mae Parsons and Eva Finch, and E. Abbott.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN BADLY NEEDED

Question Is Discussed At Luncheon Given by Hospital Trust.

COUNTY WOULD HELP Warden Confident Grant of \$12,000 Would Be Made by Middlesex.

The question of securing funds for the proposed children's hospital was discussed at length, when members of the county and city councils visited Victoria Hospital on Thursday evening, and were tendered a lunch by the hospital trust. The necessity for a children's hospital in this city was vividly described by a number of speakers.

Dr. H. A. McCallum in a brief address stated that there was nothing more important in the life of the city at the present time than a hospital for the sick children. At this time, when the country had successfully emerged from a war, he believed much attention should be given to the children. Many men were lost in the war, and the children of the present day, Canada could not afford to have children growing up in these times with maimed arms or legs.

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Dr. Robert Ferguson said that it was necessary to start early to build up Canadian manhood. A children's hospital he considered absolutely necessary, and the county and city should be a great task to raise the money for the hospital.

Dr. Ferguson referred at length to the crowded condition of Victoria Hospital, and the great need of an addition to that institution. Hospitals were essential in a nation's progress, and he believed that a children's hospital would not be backward in making a grant to the fund. It was the duty of both county and city to measure up to the need of the poor. The war had shown Canadians what they could do, and he did not believe it would be a great task to raise the money for the hospital.

Sure County Would Help. Mayor C. S. Little said that the city and the county had always united on vital questions, and he believed there would be no division between them in the question of the establishment of a children's hospital. The county had never refused to help in any emergency, and he believed that the city would take charge of the new hospital, if it were erected.

Miss Stanley, lady superintendent of the hospital, considered it impossible to train nurses properly to deal with children's diseases under the present conditions. The medical men get the standards, she said, and the nurses and young physicians of the staff maintained them. She also stated that the hospital could not be carried on without the help of the county and the young ladies in training would have to be provided with more room.

Arthur T. Little spoke briefly on the plans for Western University. An enormous sum would be needed for the carrying out of plans for this great educational institution. Subscriptions of more than \$100,000 would be needed to carry out the plans, Mr. Little said. The difficulty encountered, he stated, was that the people would not necessarily have to subscribe to something which would not be completed in this generation. It was the duty of the people of today, however, to consider the education of the generations to follow.

George McNeil gave a lecture in the operating-room, illustrating the various diseases of children.

Col. W. M. Garthshore presided, and expressed the opinion that the children's hospital would be established here before many months had elapsed.

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Pre-Inventory Sale

Tomorrow, the last day of our business year, will mark the end of the stocktaking clearings which have featured the month of January. The response to sale events were never so great and owing to high costs, the amount of savings by these sales are greater than ever before, which is surely realized by thrifty buyers who have watched this space from day to day. We would draw your attention particularly to the sale of ladies' hose tomorrow. Over 200 dozen to be sold at 49c pair at least a third below the spring season price, and also remind you that this price is for Saturday only.



Sale of Ladies' Hose Over 200 Dozen Pairs, 49c Per Pair SATURDAY ONLY

Here is an opportunity to stock up for the coming season, a clearance of superfine Cotton Hose, in both black and colors. This particular brand of hose is one of the finest on the market, well shaped in the knitting and no seams, as beautifully finished as lisle, double sole, heel and toe, seamless, widened top; black, pearl, grey, smoke and brown.

160 dozen, black, sizes 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 inches. | 25 dozen, smoke, sizes 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 inches.
17 dozen, pearl grey, sizes 9, 9½ and 10 inches. | 9 dozen, brown, size 9 inches only, 10 inches.

These hose should be taken in half-dozen and dozen pairs as the price is at least one-third less than spring season's value. A special factory clearance. Get your supply Saturday morning 49c pair

HOT WATER BOTTLES, 79c

12 dozen Hot Water Bottles, another gross, same quality as last sale lot, the preferred quality, all made in one piece, seamless, and cannot leak. Saturday morning, while they last 79c each

AT TOILET COUNTER

English Lavender or Violet Soap... 2 for 25c
Boracic or Cold Cream Bath Soap... 30c cake
Cuticura Soap... 30c cake
Vinolia Castile... 23c bar
Lifebuoy Soap... 2 for 19c
Goblin, an excellent bath soap... 2 for 19c

Requisitions For the Kitchen Specially Priced Saturday

Last day of January sale is most important. Your stock of Kitchen Towels, Dusters, Glass Towels and Mop Cloths come last on the list. You can replenish these to real advantage on Saturday. You should buy your full season's supply at these special prices, as rarely indeed are such prices obtainable in these lines. Quantities are limited. See window today.

23-INCH CHECK UNION GLASS TOWELING, 39c YARD.—This is about one-third off regular price, good quality, nice even weave, 300 yards only. Sale price 39c yard

24-INCH PLAIN LINEN TEA TOWELING, 43c YARD.—Linen Tea Toweling, in extra wide width, good drying quality, 450 yards only. Sale price 43c yard

DUSTERS AND POLISHING CLOTHS, 23c.—20 dozen Extra Size Heavy Planellette Dusters; these are particularly good values, about one-third off. Sale price 23c each, \$2.65 dozen

HEAVY MOP CLOTHS, \$2.25 DOZEN—40 dozen Heavy Mop Cloths; these are most durable, good size, at below cost price today, for churches, offices, etc., have no equal. This sale saves you one-third. Special 20c each, \$2.25 dozen

Sheets and Sheeting

8-4 SHEETS of strong, durable bleached cotton, a double-bed sheet that is serviceable and at a very special price to clear; 8-4 size \$1.63 each

8-4 TWILL SHEETING, one piece only of bleached twill, just enough for two or three early shoppers, to clear less than today's cost price, 8-4 size 49c yard

9-4 PLAIN SHEETING, good bleach, a heavy, firm weave, strong durable sheeting, extra wide for those who like a big sheet. See this value and note width, 9-4 76c yard

Brushed Wool Sets

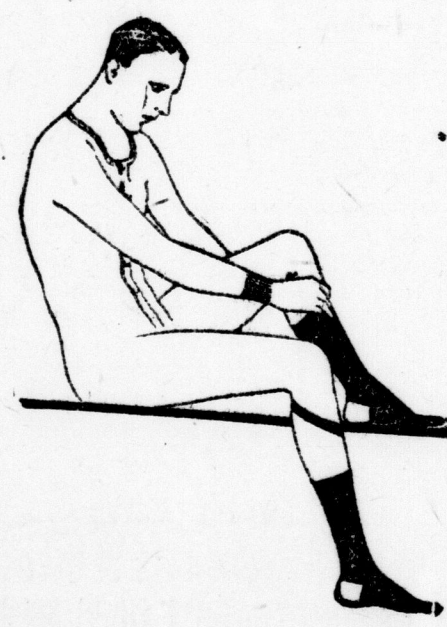
Clearance \$1.98

About 10 dozen girls' sets, pretty styles, in brushed wool, cap and scarf, in choice assortment of colors. All one price Saturday \$1.98



Final Clearance Men's, Boys' Overcoats Boys' Suits and Men's Underwear Saturday

Here are opportunities not to be overlooked, as one-third off present prices, considering the tone of the market for next season, is most significant and mean a greater benefit than the dollars and cents represented in the savings on the lines to be cleared Saturday. They are clean, reliable and desirable styles and qualities. Just the garments you would select if paying the regular price.



MEN'S GLOVES, \$2.50 Tan and grey mink, also to cape, with knitted wool lining. This lot includes some of the very best lines, and are worth much more than sale price. Sizes 7½ to 9½. Price, Saturday, per pair \$2.50

BOYS' SCOUT GAUNTLETS, wool lined, tan shade, the boys' favorite. Price \$1.25 pair

MEN'S WOOL SCARFS, in a dark grey shade only, good heavy weight. To clear Saturday at \$1.19 each

MEN'S HEAVY RIBBED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, \$1.29 GARMENT.

Tiger Brand Winter-Weight Shirts and Drawers, elastic ribbed, natural shade, wool and cotton mixed; a few dozen garments to clear out Saturday at this very special price. These garments are unshrinkable and very durable; sizes in shirts 36 to 44, sizes in drawers 34 to 40. Price \$1.29 garment

BOYS' TREX SUITS, \$12.65.

These suits are extra good value, made up in the belted style, with blouse knickers, colors are grey, brown and mixed shades, sizes 24 to 33 for boys ages 6 to 15 years. Saturday price \$12.65 suit

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