

POPULAR LONDON PASTOR DECIDES TO REMAIN HERE

Rev. James MacKay, B.D. Refuses Calls From Seventeen of Larger Canadian Presbyterian Congregations To Stay at New St. James Church.

Rev. James MacKay, B.D., New St. James Presbyterian church, has definitely decided to remain in London.

Mr. MacKay several days ago was tendered a unanimous and attractive call by the Dovercourt road Presbyterian church, Toronto, but he has come to the conclusion, entirely on his own counsel, that his duty is to continue as pastor of New St. James church here and as moderator of the London Presbyterian presbytery in this district.

The fact that Mr. MacKay did not even lay the Toronto call before his session to ask them to release him, shows that he was absolutely sincere in his frequently repeated promise that his congregation not to desert them for years to come if they stood by him in continuing as a Presbyterian congregation.

In announcing Mr. MacKay's decision this morning, W. D. Beamer, prominent member of New St. James' session, stated that Mr. MacKay had received calls from no less than seventeen of the larger Presbyterian churches in various parts of the dominion during the past few months, all of which he has declined, feeling that it will much more work for him to do in London.

Recognized Leader.

Mr. MacKay, as moderator of the London presbytery, is a well-known and recognized leader of the Presbyterian church in Western Ontario," pursued Mr. Beamer, "and this position affords him a wide field for his exceptional executive ability and boundless energy. Mr. MacKay's ministry in New St. James' church, extending over a period of ten years, has been singularly successful, and the congregation is now much stronger, both numerically and financially, than ever before in its history.

"Mr. MacKay's decision to remain in his present charge," concluded Mr. Beamer, "brings general rejoicing, not only to the members of his own congregation, but to his host of friends throughout the city and surrounding district."

Asked for some comment, Mr. MacKay was reluctant to say anything except that he had declined the call and forwarded his reply to this effect to Rev. Norman MacEachern, Bonar Presbyterian church, Toronto, interim moderator of Dovercourt road church.

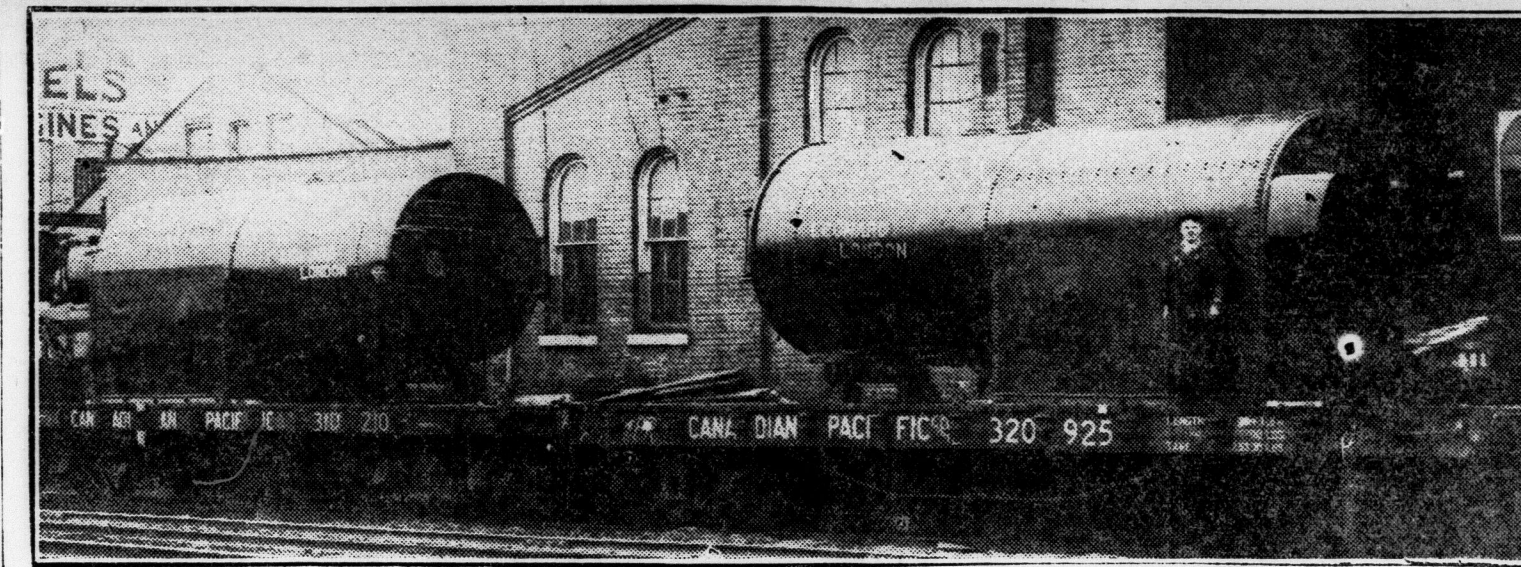
Has 1,500 Members.

Had Mr. MacKay accepted the Toronto call, where he would have succeeded Rev. James Wilson, D.D., pastor there for twenty years, the changes involved would lead back to London again, since there would have been no room for Mr. Wilson to go to Brampton Presbyterian church as successor to Rev. Malcolm McArthur, who was just recently inducted as pastor of Knox United church, South London.

The Dovercourt road church is not only one of the largest Presbyterian churches in the city, but also the largest dominion, having more than 1,500 members. The call embraced a stipend of \$4,500 per annum, one month's holidays and moving expenses.

At present, in addition to being moderator of the London presbytery, Mr. MacKay is a member of several important committees of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, including home and foreign missions, board of education, young people's and Sabbath school work, and reception of ministers.

Mr. MacKay, who took his arts course at Knox college, Toronto, and his bachelor of divinity degree at the Presbyterian college, Montreal, has been a member of Knox college senate and governing board for nearly six years.



PLANS COMPLETED FOR BENEFIT SHOW

Theatrical Mutual Association Elects New Officers at Annual Meeting.

Final arrangements were completed for holding the annual benefit show of the London lodge, No. 23, of the Theatrical Mutual association, at their annual meeting held in the Foresters' hall on Richmond street. The show will be held in the Patricia theatre and the proceeds will go to charity.

The following officers were elected: Fast president, H. Allister; president, L. James; vice-president, Earl S. Scandrett; 1st vice-president, R. Horne; 2nd vice-president, W. A. Kirk; recording secretary, J. A. Cleve; financial secretary, G. B. Courtney; treasurer, H. V. Floyd; chaplain, A. Kilby; marshal, A. Matthews; sergeant-at-arms, A. McElish; trustees, J. Saunders, H. Allister and S. Snider.

RECORD BOILERS ARE LONDON MADE.

Above are two portable, smokeless, firebox boilers made by E. Leonard & Sons of London for the American Cable Company, Vancouver, B. C. They were constructed last month and are the largest boilers of this type ever made in Canada, being 84 inches by 20 feet.

CHURCH NEWS

HYATT AVENUE LEAGUE.
The members of the Young People's league of Hyatt Avenue United church held a short meeting at the church last night, when Miss Vera Tidale read a Christmas story. Following the regular meeting the young people met at the home of Miss Eve Stephens, Lovett street, where a surprise party was given in her honor. Miss Stephens is leaving shortly to enter the Sarnia hospital training school for nurses. During the evening the members of the league presented her with a pair of kid gloves. Miss Lily Hoffman gave a short address and Miss Lily Jenkins made the presentation. At the close of the evening a dainty lunch was served.

LEAGUES ENTERTAIN.
The members of Empress Avenue and Robinson United Young People's leagues met at the Aged People's home last night, when an interesting program was given, including several selections by the Empress Avenue league orchestra, under the leadership of Leslie Lucas; pleasing vocal solos by Mrs. E. Tremmer and Eric Edwards, and Capt. Edwards, pastor of Robinson United church, gave a short talk. At the close of the evening a treat of oranges and candy was enjoyed, and the residents greatly appreciated the evening's entertainment.

EGERTON SENIOR B. Y. P. U.
An interesting missionary program was arranged at the regular meeting of the Egerton street Baptist senior B. Y. P. U., held last night. The president, Rev. Dr. Wm. Beattie, presided, and Rev. Mr. Tucker opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Malone took the topic on "Prayer and Missions," and Mrs. Oscar Olson gave a reading "The Dot Upon the Eye." Rev. A. Burgess led in the devotional portion. A Bible drill between the Blue Birds and the Red Birds, and a singing contest, the latter winning by one point. The offering of the evening will be sent to missions in India.

CALVARY LEAGUE.
The regular meeting of the Calvary United church young people's league, held last night, was in charge of the citizenship department. M. E. Muma presided, and the lesson was taken re-spectively. A very pleasing solo was contributed by Miss Joan Phelan, and the topic, "Thy Kingdom Come," was taken by the pastor, Rev. A. E. M. Thomson. Plans were made for the citizenship meeting to be held next Monday night.

COLBORNE Y. P. L. PARTY.
The members of the young people's league of Colborne street United church held a delightful skating party at Victoria park last night, when a large number of the young people gathered at the church, where delicious refreshments were served. Miss Eva Hobbs was in charge of the arrangements.

ST. MATTHEW'S A. Y. P. A.
The members of the A. Y. P. A. of St. Matthew's Anglican church, who were entertained at a delightful evening party

TOBOGGAN SLIDE HIGHLY POPULAR

Thames Park Chutes Meet With Hearty Approval From Boys and Girls.

London's newest and best toboggan slide at the Thames park playground is becoming increasingly popular. Plenty of snow and a somewhat steeper incline than the slide provided last year, with the top at the Ridout street entrance, have contributed to the popularity of the new slide, which has its top in a platform at the Craig street entrance to the park.

Two troughs have been prepared by the public utilities commission to provide better facilities for the tobogganers, and their efforts have thus far met with hearty approval in the large numbers of young boys and girls who have frequented the slide.

RADIO INTERFERENCE COMPLAINTS FEWER

Meeting of Research Club To Be Held Soon To Discuss Question.

Complaints as to radio interference have been fewer of late, according to E. V. Buchanan, manager of the public utilities commission and president of the Radio Research club, but, nevertheless, a meeting of the latter organization will be called within a few days.

It is the intention to have a preliminary meeting of members of the club only and that a later meeting of the general radio fans of the city will be asked to work out some plan of co-operation with the utilities commission, which body has indicated its willingness to provide a man to seek the cause and remedy of interference, providing the radio club is prepared to supply the necessary equipment.

Bert Baugh, secretary of the club, has been empowered by Mr. Buchanan to call a meeting of the radio club members at an early date to discuss the whole question.

TALBOT STREET B. Y. P. U.
The regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Talbot street Baptist church was held last night, with the vice-president, Bill Clarke, in the chair. A reading given by Miss Melissa Bryce was much appreciated. At the conclusion of the evening a social hour was spent and refreshments were served.

MAITLAND SENIOR B. Y. P. U.
The missionary superintendent, Miss Dunbar, was in charge of the regular meeting of the senior B. Y. P. U. of Maitland street Baptist church, held last night. Mr. Hamilton was the speaker of the evening. The junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Kenny, gave two choruses, and Tim Yager gave several Christmas melodies on the piano.

WORTLEY ROAD B. Y. P. U.
The regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Wortley road Baptist church was held last night and opened with a singing, after which W. McFadden led in prayer. Bob McFadden presided over the meeting and continued the study of the Gospel of John, taking the 9th chapter as the subject of discussion. H. H. Wood was the pianist during the evening.

PLAN SKYSCRAPER CHURCH.
New York.—A movement has been launched to amalgamate three of the largest Lutheran churches in New York and to use the funds according to the erection of a million-and-a-half-dollar skyscraper church.

TWO DIE IN PITTSBURG.
Pittsburg, Pa.—Two men succumbed to the cold yesterday in Pittsburg. One man, who died while under the influence of liquor, was found in a snowbank, and another collapsed on the street.

ROBS 41 DINNER PARTIES.
New York.—Caught peering into windows, Edward Russell, 22, confessed to police he had committed 41 dinner burglaries in New York since Nov. 15. Search of his rooms revealed \$29,000 worth of jewels and clothing.

HASN'T A PANE, EITHER.
Portsmouth, N. H.—John Pappas jumped through a plate glass window when he had committed 41 dinner burglaries in New York since Nov. 15. Search of his rooms revealed \$29,000 worth of jewels and clothing.

PROMINENT MAN DIES.
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Frederick Chromann, lawyer, a director of the Niagara Falls Power Company and prominent in the community, died at his home here last night following a long illness. He was 54 years old.

LONDON REAL ESTATE MEN ATTEND TORONTO MEETING.
Bert Weir and his staff of real estate salesmen, including B. Hookway, Lloyd Kelly, W. C. McCarther and T. Wilkes, attended a meeting of the Haven-Villa Corporation of Winter Haven, Florida, held at the King Edward hotel, Toronto, last night.

There were over 1,500 real estate dealers present from London, Toronto, Hamilton and other Ontario centers. A. Dick, representative of the company from Florida gave an interesting talk on Florida and its opportunities which was illustrated with moving pictures. The company is arranging a tourist trip to Florida on Jan. 16.

GRAND OLD MAN DIES.
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Alexander Dow, prominent farmer of Metcalfe, Ont., and "grand old man" of Carleton county council, in which he held office for a quarter of a century, died at his home at Metcalfe last night at the age of 71 years.

Yesterday was nomination day and for the first time in his political career his name was not put forward. He had been in ill health for the past six months.

REEVES ELECTED.
Port Dalhousie, Dec. 29.—Thos. Johnston was elected reeve of Dalhousie yesterday.

MASSACHUSETTS CONSIDERS REPRISALS AGAINST BRITAIN

Would Force English Insurance Companies To Suffer in Plan To Force British Hand in Rubber Trade—Bill Is Introduced in State Senate.

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—The people of the commonwealth of Massachusetts may be offered an opportunity for "reprisal" against Great Britain for "artificial hardship" they have suffered through increased rubber prices if a bill filed with the clerk of the state senate yesterday becomes a law.

The bill, filed by Senator William L. Hennessey of Boston would direct the commissioner of insurance to compile and transmit to the legislature a list of British insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts and the total amount paid in premiums to these companies in the last five years. "In order to enable the people of the commonwealth to take such action as they may deem effective by way of reprisal."

The bill would provide for the printing and distribution of the data as a legislative document and would direct the commission on the necessities of life to publish it in newspapers of the state, "to such extent as may be effective to apprise the inhabitants as to what extent their insurance premiums are enriching British interests."

CITY COUNCIL HEARS PROPOSITION TODAY

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Richmond street to York, thence to Wortley road to Emery street, to Ridout and along Craig street to the Wortley road again, and via York street to Dundas and Richmond.

A second bus line would run from Knollwood park to the Hamilton road.

Car. Made Monday.

Discussing the situation this morning a city official pointed out that the street railway could make money on a five-cent fare if it looked after the interests of citizens on such heavy lines as the Dundas and Hamilton road.

"The street railway can make money on those lines, but they lose money on the Ottawa, North Belt and Richmond lines," he stated.

"If the bus companies had to operate on Cheapside street and as far north as Brough's bridges on a five-cent fare, as Brough's bridges are out of business, as it is, the buses are grabbing the cream of the traffic on the lines where there are the most passengers. You can't blame them, but at the same time, it is not fair to the street railway."

The question of street railway fares is a matter for future discussion, in the opinion of several of the aldermen.

Ready To Quit.
Should the council refuse pointblank to ask the police commission to order the Metropolitan bus lines from the street, the street railway company is prepared to carry out its promise to place the cars in the barns on Thursday night and leave the streets to the buses.

The street railway company has been informed by bus manufacturing concerns that a five-cent fare is not practicable, and just what fares Londoners will pay in the future for transportation either on buses or street cars will depend on the amount of service the city will demand. If the citizens want 3-cent fares they will get 3-cent transportation. If they want fast service they will have to pay 25 cents for four tickets or even three tickets for a quarter, with arguments adjustable from time to time.

GEORGE MOIR INTERRED IN ST. PETER'S CEMETERY.
The funeral of George Moir, aged 68, who died Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital, was held this morning at 9:30 from the funeral home of E. C. Killingsworth. High mass was sung at St. Michael's church at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Murray, C. S. B. Father E. L. Tierney was deacon and the Rev. E. Howard, C. S. B., sub-deacon. Dean Stanley and Rev. Father O'Donnell were in the choir. The service was held at St. Peter's cemetery. The pall-bearers were: T. Fallon, Thos. Burke, R. Farrell, T. J. Kiley, W. O. O'Rourke and H. Delaney.

ARTHUR HARRISON IMPROVING.
The many friends of Arthur Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison who had been in hospital since his condition was somewhat improved today. Mr. Harrison took very sick on Christmas Eve. His condition has been regarded as critical by his attending physicians. Drs. Clegg and Thompson, and at one time his life was despaired of. Although his condition is still grave, hopes are held for his recovery.

PRESBYTERIAN RALLY.
A rally of the young people's societies of the Presbyterian churches of the city will be held at 10:30 o'clock, on New Year's Day, at Chalmers Presbyterian church. An out-of-town speaker will be secured for the occasion.

CITY ASSESSMENT FORMS RECEIVED

Income Tax Sheets Somewhat Different and Greatly Improved.

City assessment forms to be used by members of the assessment department on their rounds during 1923 were received by Commissioner Harry Bennett at the city hall today.

The regular assessment form to be used in 1923, upon which taxes will be levied, is practically the same as last year, but the income assessment notice is somewhat different and greatly improved. It carries the following special notice:

"This assessment is made and from information received covered by the just and correct. No persons, outside of the person making the return, the assessment commissioner, assessors or their assistants are entitled to any information respecting this income assessment. No explanation will be given over the telephone. Single persons who carry during the year 1923 may appeal to be exempted as a householder, not later than the 31st day of December, 1923. It is too late to appeal when tax notice is received the following year. In case of error, appeal at once. You may be too late when you receive your 1923 tax notice."

"You are assessable at your residence, no matter where your income was earned or derived."

D. MILLS IS ELECTED BROTHERHOOD HEAD.
At the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, London division, No. 96, annual meeting last night in the I. O. F. hall plans for the forthcoming membership campaign were discussed. Various reports showed the society to be in a flourishing condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Past president, T. Cribben; president, D. Mills; vice-president, W. Scott; financial secretary, F. S. Chapman; recording secretary, G. Bathgate; treasurer, A. Lafontaine; warden, J. McLeod; inner guard, P. E. Sudd; outer guard, A. Goldie; reporter, "Rufus"; local grievance chairman, L. R. Menzies; secretary of the local grievance committee, A. Evans.

RAILWAY WORKERS LAY PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.
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HARRY MUIR HEADS LOCAL KIWANIS

Succeeds J. J. McHale—Dr. Banghart Named Vice-President of Club.

Harry B. Muir has been chosen as president of the London Kiwanis club for the ensuing year.

Mr. Muir, who succeeds J. J. McHale as president, will have as his assistant, Dr. Percy C. Banghart in the position of vice-president.

Colin French was re-elected as secretary and B. B. Manning as treasurer, both of them having rendered excellent service to the club during the past year in their respective positions.

The board of directors of the club includes the following members: For two years—H. B. Muir, Dr. P. C. Banghart, C. C. Hunt, Frank McEachern and Harry Langford. For one year—J. J. McHale, Sam. Amos, S. P. Landon, Rev. C. Wm. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., and Fred Ross.

The new officers, board of directors and chairman of committees will be duly installed at the annual meeting of the club, which will be held tomorrow noon at the Teumseh house at 12:15 p.m.

Chairmen of committees have been named as follows: District trustee, John A. Nash; objective committee, Harry Langford and Ed. Gains; membership committee, T. J. Yall; attendance committee, Ed. Gains; boosters' committee, Lloyd Hocking; speakers' committee, A. R. Ford; entertainment committee, Bert Young; public affairs committee, Dr. Beattie; finance committee, John Buchanan; transportation committee, Archie Lyman; agricultural committee, Sam. Amos; sick committee, Ed. Shuttlesworth; reception committee, D. H. Hayden; sports committee, Russell McGee; inter-city relations, John A. Nash.

PASTORS WILL HEAR REV. JAS. HAMILTON.
Retired Ministers To Speak at Adelaide Street Church Tonight.

Rev. James Hamilton, retired Baptist minister, will be the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Deacons' and Pastors' Association at Adelaide street church at 8 o'clock to-night.

Mr. Hamilton's paper on "Church Discipline" will be followed by discussion by the members of the association. J. A. Reed, president of the association, will preside at the meeting.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS TONIGHT.
The International Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers and Shop Laborers will meet tonight at 829 Princess street. The meeting is in charge of the president, W. F. Clement.

SILVER BEACH CAMP REUNION TOMORROW.
Toboggan Party Planned For Junior Boys This Afternoon.

Activities of the local Y. M. C. A. are not lagging. Yesterday about 20 boys were shown through the city gas works, a tour of much interest. A change of schedule was made for the Christmas holidays by the prep. boys having their usual swim and games yesterday instead of Saturday.

Today there is to be a toboggan party, probably at the Hunt Club, at 2 p.m. for the junior boys. This evening the senior class is giving a checker tournament. Tomorrow night the Silver Beach boys' camp will have its 1923 reunion. About 150 boys are expected to be in attendance. Dinner will be served at the "Y" at 6:15.

After dinner the camp orchestra will play and the second edition of "London Y's Christmas" will be carried on, through bigger and better than ever, will be given out. Then comes the presentation of shields to the winners of the various athletic meets held during the summer.

FIRE DAMAGE \$25,000.
Associated Press Despatch.
Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 29.—Fire which threatened the business district of this city late last night was brought under control after a negro church and a negro dwelling had been destroyed and several other dwellings had been damaged considerably. The total damage was estimated at \$25,000.

RABBI H. J. SAMUEL DISAGREES WITH WISE.
Says Jews Consider Christ Symbol of Inhumanity of Christianity.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 29.—Jesus cannot stand for the Jew other than as a symbol of the inhumanity of Christianity," said Rabbi Herkner J. Samuel of the Temple Emmanuel this morning in commenting on the statements made recently by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, who recommended Christ as a great teacher.

While not agreeing with the view of Dr. Wise as reported, Rabbi Samuel, who represents the Reformed Jews of Montreal, expressed the opinion that the Agudah Hachoraim of America had made a very respectable exhibition in their condemnation of this man without investigation or deliberation.

BACK TO ROME.
Associated Press Despatch.
Milan, Italy, Dec. 29.—Premier Mussolini, after spending Christmas here, left today for Rome. He will stop at several hours at Rapallo to visit Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, who is spending a holiday on the Italian Riviera.

ONCE AGAIN A POSSIBLE BRIDE IS FOUND FOR PRINCE OF WALES.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—British society is again speculating as to whether a possible bride has finally been found for the Prince of Wales.

The speculation follows an announcement that Princess Astrid, niece of the king of Sweden, who is immensely popular with King George and Queen Mary, is to be a guest at Buckingham

palace as soon as the period of court mourning for dowager Queen Alexandra ends.

Astrid, who is 29, is one of the prettiest younger members of European royalty. She has an attractive personality, is a splendid dancer, is fond of country life and sports and is well versed in domestic science.

She is a daughter of Prince Charles and Princess Ingeborg, being a grand niece on her mother's side of the late dowager Queen Alexandra.

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