MINISTER DENIES SESSION STORMY

Presbytery Meeting Quiet, Rev. T. A. Symington, the New Moderator Declares.

REPORTS GIVEN

Rev. T. A. Symington, M.A., pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, was chosen as moderator of the presbytery of London until June 19 at the meeting of that body yesterday afternoon. He succeeds Rev. James Anthony of Fingal.

"The impression that has gone abroad that the meeting of the presbytery of London held yesterday was of a stormy and controversial nature," stated Mr. Symington to the Advertiser this morning, "was decidedly not the case. Routine business, including the appointment of committees to function until June 19, when the Presbyterian church in Canada enters the United Church of Canada, was carried out amicably and promptly.

"The home mission report received from Aylmer and Springfield, where co-operation with the Methodists has been in effect for the past year, revealed entirely satisfactory conditions to the congregations of this district.

"With church union arranged there was also an apparent desire upon the part of both unionists and anti-unionists to co-operate until June 19. Under the leadership of Rev. W. R. McIntosh and Rev. James MacKay, a motion was unanimously adopted calling upon the congregations of the presbytery to be loyal to the mission schemes of the church in the meantime. It was actually a pledge by both parties to work together for the common cause until the inevitable division takes places. The remark made by the clerk, Rev. John MacNair, D.D., with regard to persecution and upon which so much emphasis has been laid, was at most only an unguarded lapse in the fine spirit manifested in all proceedings of the court."

The following committee conveners were appointed until June next: General interests, Rev. T. A. Symington and Mr. David Ross; home mission, Rev. N. A. Campbell, Ivan; foreign missions, Rev. D. C. Patton, Glencoe; Sunday school and young people's society, Rev. F. W. K. Harris and Rev. John Richardson; benevolent funds, Rev. G. W. Oliver, Melbourne; students and life service, Rev. James Anthony, Fingal; statistics, Rev. John Galloway, Ilderton; finance, Col. C. M. R. Graham; property, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D.; permits, Rev. I. H. MacDonald, Kintore; historical, Rev. Robert Stewart, Dutton; church union, Rev. Wm. Beattie, D.D.

FISH RULING AROUSES LABOR'S SUSPICIONS

Abolition of Stall Direct Blow at Cause, Arthur Mould Declares.

By passing the resolution to do away with the municipal fish stall in the market house basement the city councillors who voted for it have made lasting enemies of the labor movement in London. It was labor in London which was the driving force behind the fish stall in the first place. And now that it sees its pet stabbed in the back and thrown into the ditch outside, it will not be slow to demand an explanation from every alderman who helped in the deed.

Arthur Mould, president of the Labor party, said today:

"Labor as a whole in London will greatly regret the decision of the city council to do away with the municipal fish stall. It will look with suspicion on the men who have opposed it. Instead of doing away with the fish stall labor would prefer to see a municipal market in the city. It was the labor men and women who worked hard in order to have the municipal fish stall initiated in London, and they have been well served with it ever since. To take it away is a direct blow at labor, and one that will not be forgotten. We will find out who was at the bottom of the suggestion in the council, and make a point of asking him for a reason sufficient to justify his attitude."

HEARS FROM JUSTICE.

Sheriff Graham has received official word from Mr. Justice Rose that he will arrive in the city next Monday morning to preside at the winter assizes, which open at the court house at 1 o'clock that afternoon.

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News From City Churches

ST. PAUL'S GUILD.

The young people's guild of St. Paul's Presbyterian church held a social in the Sunday schoolroom last night. Mr. Chalmers acted as chairman and a very interesting program was given, consisting of a reading by Mrs. Pellette, a duet by Mrs. Chalmers and Mr. Chalmers, a violin solo by Miss Eleanor Eagan, a piano solo by Mrs. H Bryant. Rev. Mr. McKillop gave a very interesting address on the "Life of Robert Burns." Refreshments were served under the convenership of Mrs. H Bryant.

FIRST METHODIST CLASS.

The study class of the First Methodist church, under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. Barnard, met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Boomer, on Colborne street, Tuesday afternoon. There were 17 members present. After a brief review of the first three chapters of the study book, "China's Real Revolution," the fourth chapter was read by the members. At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

ST. ANDREW'S BOYS.

The Rover and Pilot groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church met last evening for their regular meeting at 7 o'clock. The only feature of the meeting was the appointment of W. Quigley, who was made the assistant mentor of the Pilot group.

ST. DAVID'S A. Y. P. A.

A delightful theatre party was last night enjoyed by a number of the members of the A. Y. P. A. of St. David's Anglican church, when they attended the Majestic theatre to see "Outward Bound." Plans are being made by the members for a sleighride party to be held on Wednesday evening of next week.

DUNDAS CENTER W. M. S.

A splendid prayer service was held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the W. M. S. of the Dundas center Methodist church. Mrs. D. N. McCamus occupied the chair, and during the afternoon interesting talks of a missionary nature were given by Mrs. McCamus, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. McAulisse and Mrs. J. H. Tennent, each lady taking half an hour for her address.

ASKIN STERET JUNIOR M. C.

The members of the junior mission circle of the Askin street Methodist church last night entertained the teen age girls of the church at the supper hour. The supper, which was under the convenership of Miss Adelyne Orchard, was served in the basement of the church, after which the girls enjoyed a delightful program which was arranged by Miss Verna Dobbyn, in the Sunday school room. The supper table was attractively decorated in pink and green, with green candles in silver holders. Four of the honorary past presidents, Mrs. James Brown, Miss Margaret Norris, Mrs. William Copp and Mrs. A. D. Dobbyn, poured tea at the supper table, and Mrs. Thomas Copp, the present honorary president, also assisted in pouring tea. The program was presided over by Miss Marjorie Courtis, and included the following numbers: An opening hymn, followed with prayer by Mrs. Brown; the Bible reading by Miss Edith Copp; a few words of welcome by the president, Miss Courtis; readings by Miss Minnie Dobbyn, violin selections by Miss Davidson, and a piano solo by Miss Florence West.

A feature of the program was a short sketch, "Dollars and Diana," which was presented by Mrs. LeRoy Hiles, and the Misses Freida Dobbyn, Elsie Courtis, Bessie Courtie, Myrtle Foster, Alfreida Courtis and Edith Copp. Mrs. J. H. Childs then gave a short prayer, and after the closing hymn, Mrs. Thomas Copp pronounced the benediction.

NIKATOR CLUB.

The members of the Nikator club of the Dundas center Methodist church, after which the boys enjoyed per meeting. The supper was served by several of the ladies of the church, after which the boy enjoyed an interesting address given by E. J. Jenkins, the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. During the evening plans were made for a sleighride party, which is to be held next Wednesday.

ST. LUKE'S REPORT.

A year of good progress was reported at St. Luke's Anglican church vestry, the meeting of which was held this week. Favorable reports were received from all the organization. The total receipts amounted to $1,530, and after a final balancing there was a surplus of $126. In the warden's report a balance of $6.52 was announced, with every claim against the church for the past year liquidated.

The following are the officers: Rector's warden, Charles Ward; people's warden, William H. White; vestry clerk, Miss V. Monteith; auditors, J. H. Anderson and T. Willis; sidesmen, H. Lance and H. Doyle; lay delegates to synod, H. Lance and J. H. Anderson, substitute.

Hearty votes of thanks were extended to the church wardens on their satisfactory reports; to the choir and the various organizations of the church, to the rector, Rev. A. S. H. Cree, and to T. A. Willis, the assistant rector.

CHALMERS M. B.

A splendid meeting of the mission band of the Chalmers Presbyterian church was held yesterday afternoon in the small schoolroom. Bessie Black, the new secretary, read the minutes, and the members repeated the first psalm in unison. The younger members repeated the first verse of the hymn, "Can a Little Child Like Me," while the older children repeated "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." It was decided that the members would learn all of these two hymns for the next meeting. It was also decided that Ciola Philips, the first vice-president, would be in charge of the next meeting. The children were reminded of the junior membership certificate and pin, which has been offered as a reward by Mrs. M. B. McEacheran of New St. James' church to the one who is most regular in attendance and successful in bringing in the largest number of members. The certificate is valued at $5. Mrs. G. Bryce, the superintendent, has also offered a prize to those who are most faithful in attendance.

It was the social meeting of the band, and the following program was greatly enjoyed: Readings by Jean Stanfield, Violet Howard, Edith Bailey, Bessie Black and Glen Thompson, and songs by Jessie Duncan, Elva Kelman, Grace Couch and Mabel Black. May Duncan, the president, presided over the meeting, and Evelyn Thompson acted as pianist.

It was also decided to elect the delegates to the annual convention of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian churches, which is being held in St. Thomas in February, at the next meeting. The next meeting will be entirely religious. At the conclusion of the afternoon a treat of cookies was enjoyed by the children.

CENTENNIAL W. M. S.

There was a large attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of Centennial Methodist church, which was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pirie, Princess avenue. Mrs. George St. Clair, the president, occupied the chair, and the opening devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Joseph Cake. A very interesting letter was read by Mrs. M. Watkin from Coqualeetze institute, where the society supports an Indian boy. Mrs. R. H. Read read the scripture lesson, after which Mrs. R. Tufts spoke on "Christian Stewardship." Mrs. W. P. Dundas gave a short talk on temperance, closing her remarks with a prayer for the work of the O. T. A. Mrs. W. G. Young, district superintendent, encouraged the ladies with an inspiring address on prayer. During the afternoon W. Wortman sang "My Task." He was accompanied by Miss Minnie Orr. Miss Annie Chesley gave a very appropriate reading.

A feature of the program was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. Hugh Rowland. Mrs. A. E. Sherlock read the address and Mrs. A. Liddicoatt presented the membership. Mrs. Rowland, though taken by surprise, fittingly replied, thanking the ladies and assuring them of her continued interest in the society. Mrs. (Rev.) Thomson closed the meeting with prayer, after which Mrs. J. H. Chapman's group, which had charge of the program, assisted by the hostess, served afternoon tea.

REDEEMER A. Y. P. A.

The literary meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of the Church of the Redeemer was held on Tuesday evening. A feature of the evening was a playlet, "The Broken-Hearted Club," which was presented by a number of the young girls of the association, including the Misses Marian Tether, Louise MacPhee, Dorothy MacPhee, Jean Kennedy, Alice Parry, Edna Farr, Emily Sugden, Beatrice Brett, Bernice Farr, Helen Tomlinson, Jean Parry and Lillie Fox. Other numbers on the program included readings by Miss Helen Tomlinson and instrumentals by Miss L. Fox.

T. Willis is to be the speaker for the next meeting of the A. Y. P. A., when his address will be on "Queen Elizabeth and the Church." George Farr, the president, presided over the meeting.

W. P. NEAR RECALLS ECLIPSE OF 1905

Was Member of Ungava Expedition—Clouds Spoiled Observations.

A total eclipse of the sun provides quite a thrill—if it doesn't happen on a cloudy or stormy day. That is the opinion of W. P. Near, London's city engineer, who was a member of the first expedition of the dominion observatory to witness the eclipse of 1905.

An expedition was sent to Ungava to make photographs and observations on the eclipse. Elaborate equipment and arrangements were provided and quite a large party set out for a journey of some hundreds of miles in order to get under the direct path of the sun's shadow.

Unfortunately the day was cloudy. There wasn't any more thrill to the eclipse in the wastes of northern Quebec than there is during the twilight at Port Stanley, possibly not as much.

Arrangements made were all in vain, and no photographs could be taken. Rays of the sun were reflected by the clouds so that a dim light was cast all over the district for about two minutes. It was not sufficiently dark to necessitate lighting lanterns.

Dr. Chant, who will be in charge of government observations on the Hamilton mountain on Saturday of this week, was a member of the Ungava expedition.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN HEALTH ARRANGED

The faculty of public health is conducting a correspondence course in public health which has been designed for teachers, nurses, clergymen and social workers and others interested.

The objects of the course are to furnish up-to-date public health principles. There are 30 lessons, together with text books and examination papers.

The course takes up disease, and its prevention, accidents, attacks of animals, causes of infectious diseases, fevers, sanitation, and other features.

PROVIDES WORK.

The recent cold snap has meant increased activity among coal dealers, and has enabled Superintendent J. C. Spencer of the government employment bureau to place six men. They all have jobs shovelling coal off the cars.

ISSUES WRIT.

Fred P. George of this city has issued a county court writ through Jarvis and Vining against S. Stephenson of Chatham for $405.30 which the plaintiff alleges is owing on an advertising agreement.

HARRY WRAY,
newly elected chairman of the housing commission, who urges a thorough clean-up of the work in the past and periodical reports on the work being done.

GIRL, MAN GIVEN SIX-MONTH TERMS

Found Guilty in Police Court on Charges of Vagrancy.

A 19-year-old girl, Sarah Hooper of Stratford and Ralph Murray, 24 years old, of the same city, were sentenced to serve a reformatory term of six months each in police court this morning upon charges of vagrancy.

Both were arrested in London a week ago. Upon their appearance in court the next morning they were remanded to jail until today.

Several days ago Sarah Hooper made a statement to the police that she had been travelling about Western Ontario with Murray for immoral purposes, and that Murray had been living on money which she had earned. When Murray pleaded not guilty to the vagrancy charge in court today, the Hooper girl was put in the witness box to give evidence.

Changes Story.

She changed her story, however, and declared that her statement to the police had been a lie. She admitted visiting Stratford, Kitchener, Preston, Guelph, Brantford, Galt, Hamilton and London, but declared that another man had accompanied her. She met Murray in London the day before they were arrested, she said.

Murray denied travelling to the Western Ontario towns with the young girl and told the court that he had met her in London. He admitted, however, that they had registered in a local hotel as man and wife.

Police Record.

His record, produced in court, revealed that he had served several reformatory sentences. In 1918 he was given from one to two years for the theft of a motor car and had also served terms in jail on other theft charges.

"The reformatory is the only place for you two people," the magistrate said. "If I had the authority to have you flogged, Murray, I would have it done. You will be sent to the Ontario reformatory and the girl will go to Mercer."

SHOOT FOR CUP.

A featupre of the 1925 cadet shooting competitions will be the match for the Laura Secord challenge cup. The competing teams will be made up of ten members each. They must be bona fide members of a bona fide cadet corps, according to Deut.-Col. George H. Gilespie, cadet officer for Military District No. 1.

REPRESENT TOWNSHIP.

Reeve A. C. Hodgins, Austin Winter and Richard Dengate will represent London township at the town-planning gathering at the city hall this afternoon. Miss Mary Grant, clerk of the township will also be in attendance. Reeve J. S. Cousins of Belmont will look after the interests of Westminster township.

SANSONE BETTER.

Sylvadore Sansone, who was removed from the county jail to Victoria hospital a week ago Sunday, is progressing favorably, and will be back in the jail in a few days, Sheriff Graham intimated today. Sansone is under sentence of two years and ten shes.

INSPECTOR BETTER.

Inspector George Tustin of the humane society, who has been ill with a heavy cold, is on the job once more. Mr. Tustin is preparing for a trip into the country toward the end of the week.

HONOR DIRECTORS.

Directors of the London Life Insurance Company have each been presented with gold-headed umbrellas, with their names engraved on them, in token of the 50 years the company has been in existence.

INSPECTOR BETTER.

License Inspector Walter Bolton, who was confined to his bed with an attack of appendicitis, was back at his desk in the Royal Bank building this morning.

LABOR WAS AIDED BY LEMIEUX ACT

Ald. Frank McKay Points Out Benefits, But Says Measure Proved Inadequate.

The general opinion of Labor in London on the failure of the Lemieux act is summed up in the statement of Alderman Frank McKay, chairman of the Ontario division of the Dominion trades and labor congress: "While the Lemieux act was not everything that Labor desired, it certainly was a help in many cases where there was a dispute between employers and employees. Even if only by making a conciliation board compulsory before either a strike was called or a lock-out announced, it undoubtedly prevented both these circumstances in some cases.

"The objection which Labor had to the act, however, was that the penalty for a breach of the law was not always impartially enforced. I know of cases where the employer committed a breach of the act and where the penalty was not enforced. That was our real objection.

"I see that the privy council states that similar legislation to that which was provided in the Lemieux act is within the jurisdiction of each of the provinces in the dominion. If that is the case there should be no difficulty in passing such legislation. By the way, it is worthy of notice that it was a conciliation board, and not an arbitration board, that was functioning under the Lemieux act. The awards of this board were not binding on either party, and the resulting lack of finality in the act was another weakness.

"As to making such provincial acts as may be passed homogenous, I am not sure how that can be done. It would obviously be a serious fault if each province had a different act. Perhaps the British North America act could be amended, or perhaps there could be some other way in which the various acts could be co-ordinated. If this can be done and some means found to give impartial enforcement of the penalties, and also some finality to the act, so that the conciliation board would give place to an arbitration board, then Labor will not, I think, regret the passing of the Lemieux act and the decision of the privy council."

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE CARNIVAL

Over 250 Boys and Girls to Appear in Mammoth Spectacle.

One of the most stupendous productions ever undertaken in London will be the "King's Winter Carnival," which is to be given in the Central collegiate institute auditorium on Jan. 30, under the auspices of the Lord Roberts mothers' club.

Over two hundred and fifty children will take part, and for the past three weeks their mothers have been busily engaged preparing costumes under the general direction of Mrs. H. T. Reason, president of the club, and Mrs. D. C. McNaughton.

So elabroate are some of the costumes that it has taken only the greatest ingenuity and art to create them. The Queen of Midgetland's costume alone is adorned with from twenty-five to thirty yards of roses, which extend in a train nine feet long. The role of the queen is being played by little Margaret Hamilton Culbert, niece of A. H. Hamilton.

The Fairy Queen, a brilliant little creature, is being played by Margaret Graydon, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Graydon. Her entrance in a tiny flower-decked automobile will be one of the spectacular moments of the whole carnical. Miss Aileen Reason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reason, as Twinkle, will appear in a sparkling ballet costume.

There will be many others, too, in pretty costumes, in chorus and dance. There will be the Old Woman in the Shoe, with her army of children, flower choruses, nursery rhyme folk, and others, all having a definite part in the production.

The second part of the carnival will take the form a musical play. E. G. Quantz is writing the orchestration for this act and training an orchestra of ex-pupils of the school.

Between acts several attractive numbers will be given, so that there will be no wearisome waiting on the part of the audience. There is to be a rainbow dance, the march of the Chinese lanterns, a very beautiful butterfly dance and a humorous number "We've Got the Mumps."

FUMIGATE JAIL.

The county jail received its first fumigation of the new year today, when sulphur fumes were wafted even unto the court house corridors. Governor Dawson explained that the "incense" was burned about every six weeks, as a sort of safety-first measure.

MANY SEEK HELP.

John Farrell of the immigration department reports an increased demand for farm help. Farmers are already beginning to think of spring work and are getting their applications for men in early. At the present time Mr. Farrell could place a number of single men on farms as well as married couples.

Snapper, Condemned to Die, Must Pay For His Crime

A signed petition testifying to the good qualities of Snapper, a small, curly-haired terrier, condemned to death by Magistrate Graydon a week ago on a capital crime of viciousness, was presented in court today. Snapper's counsel, one of the city's most prominent lawyers, pleaded for leniency and commutation of sentence, but Snapper must forfeit his life.

He was charged with attacking and biting two citizens. The men gave evidence in court last week and declared the little dog had run up to them and bit them on their legs, drawing blood.

"All the terriers in the country are not worth the risk of one person getting hydrophobia," the magistrate declared. "The dog must be done away with and the owner is to show me a signed statement at the end of the week that the animal has been destroyed.

WOMAN DEMANDS $3,000 FOR REPUTATION SLURS

Clara Smith of London is asking the court to allow her $3,000 damages against Walter Webb, a farmer of Nissouri township, alleging that the latter has made false and malicious statements about her to several people.

The plaintiff charges that her character and reputation have been injured as a result of Webb's remarks. The latter declares in his statements of defence that no malicious statements were made, and asks that the case be dismissed.

T. W. Scandrett will appear for the plaintiff, and McEvoy & Henderson for the defendant. It is the last jury case on the list of four.

NEW UNIFORMS.

Jail officials including Governor Dawson and the turnkeys, will shortly blossom forth in brand new uniforms. The orders have been given a local firm and the boys will soon be seen in the court house corridors garbed in the latest New York styles for men.

CITY SALESMAN SUES BRISCO FIRM FOR $3,000

Clinton J. Northwood, London salesman, is claiming $3,000 from R. M. Brisco, Carrie S. Brisco, Ernest C. Brisco, and the R. M. Brisco Company, Limited, in a non-jury supreme court action to be heard at the court house next week before Mr. Justice Rose.

The plaintiff claims that the above amount is due him on some share transactions, and also asks the court for an accounting of the business.

McEvoy & Henderson will appear for the plaintiff.

CLAIMS $1,030.23.

Robena E. Walker of this city is suing Arthur Quinton for $1,030.23, which, she alleges, is due on a mortgage. The defendant states that the property for which the mortgage was given has been transferred, and that he has no further interest in it. Winnett, Morehead & Neely for the plaintiff, and Menzies & Cluff for the defendant.

$7,000 PAYMENTS SECURED BY COURT

Judge Warner Gives Report of Juvenile Body To City Council.

Judgments under the unmarried parents act during 1924 amounted to $7,000, according to a report made by Juvenile Court Judge Quintin Warner at last night's minority meeting of No. 1 committee. Ald. McKay's committee is taking care of juvenile court matters this year in place of an especially appointed body.

Judge Warner reported increased activities of the department during the year, and recited decisions of cases under his jurisdiction.

It was decided to meet the representatives of the county council when estimates are being struck for the year and hold a joint meeting on the matter of finance. Ald. Frank McKay, Ald. Thomas Clift and Ald. L. H. Douglass were present along with Judge Warner.

IMPROVE OFFICE.

Changes in the partitions, cutting of new doorways, etc., in the board of education offices in the public utilities building were begun this morning. Some weeks ago the board approved of changes suggested by Administrator V. K. Greer which would greatly improve the communication between the various offices, including that of W. A. Tanner, assistant secretary and purchasing agent, and Inspector G. A. Wheable, with his own office.

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Gossip Around The City Hall

Assessment Commissioner H. J. Bennett is preparing a report for the city council regarding the advisability of having city income tax collected by the federal officials. Though the scheme has not been generally indorsed, Mr. Bennett's report will show details of the work, which will provide a basis for full discussion of the project.

The Ontario Retail Lumber Dealers' association, now in annual convention at Hamilton, will receive an invitation to hold their annual meeting in London next year. The mayor has sent an offer to the convention and hopes are entertained that the dealers will accept.

According to the mayor, a new firm, known as Monarch bakeries, has been secured for London. The firm is starting out with ready capital as soon as a site for operations is settled on and will be in the retail bread and pastry business.

Work of renovating cattle and horse sheds at the Western Fair grounds has been completed, at a figure much below the original estimate of $5,000. A new roof may be built on the cattle shed later on, but this cannot be undertaken at the present time of year.

A special meeting of the city council will likely be called sometime next week to discuss the redrafting of the plumbing bylaw.

Building permits issued this month by city offices have been few in number, and building is at its low ebb. However, this lapse is usual in January of each year, and a heavy construction program for 1925 is anticipated.

On Saturday morning the city tax department will be the plaintiff in a division court case when a citizen will be sued for arrears in taxes. This is almost a precedent in tax circles, and it fulfills the policy of efficient collections.

Some twenty conventions have already been booked for London during the present year. Last year saw many large gatherings in the city, greater than in previous years, and 1925 may break the record.