

PRINCIPAL BEAL REFUTES CRITICISMS OF THE "TECH"

NEW COURSES ARE SOON TO BE ADDED DECLARES BEAL

Principal of Technical School Submits Several Important Recommendations.

REPORT GRATIFYING

Criticism hurled at the Technical School of recent weeks would seem to be unfounded, following the reading of Principal Beal's inaugural at the meeting of the vocational advisory board today.

Besides refuting the criticisms, several recommendations have been made that undoubtedly will be carried out as soon as the committee settles down for the year's work.

Prominent among the recommendations made were those for the establishment of a course in bricklaying, following the completion of the six-room addition. A printing course will also be started as soon as possible. Physical training came in for some mention, the fact that there is no place for this to be conducted being noted and a recommendation that something should be done to relieve the lack of space.

In opening his address, Mr. Beal stated that the total enrollment at the school during the last school year was 2,132 students in all classes, more than 1,000 attending each of the day and evening classes.

He dealt in detail with the courses taught, these being a technical high school course for boys, high school economics course for girls, matriculation course, commercial high school course, general preparatory course for boys and girls, part-time course for adolescents, and special courses. Referring to the adolescent classes, Mr. Beal stated that he had never in his whole career seen a class of students so soiled in need of some form of uplift and training, stating that it was not a case of giving them higher education, but preventing them from becoming illiterate and later a charge on the community.

He referred to the work done in securing employment for the students and the close co-operation existing between the school and the school. Several letters were read showing that this part of the work was appreciated.

Distribution of Pupils.

The distribution of 180 students who left the school during the year without graduating was as follows: 10, dressmaking; 1, electric work; 3, commercial offices; 11, draughtsmen; 1, delivery; 5, drygoods clerks; 7, electrical work; 4, farming; 19, floor walker; 1, housekeeping; 25, machinists; 4, manufacturing machine operators; 3, printing and lithography; 3, plumbing; 2, retail clerks; 18, shoe trade; 3, switchboard operators; 2, tailoring; 2, tents and awnings; 1, telegraph operator; 1, wholesaler; 6, waiter; 1, other educational institutions; 23; left city; 21; illness; 2, unknown; 10, total, 180. Those Who Graduated.

The distribution of the 161 who completed the course and graduated from the technical and commercial departments was as follows:

Bookbinding 1, clerks in banks and offices 21, carpenters 3, draughting 19, dressmaking 1, electric work 3, farming 7, housekeeping 3, jewellers' apprentice 1, machinists 13, motor mechanics 4, manufacturing machine operators 3, nursing 1, printing and lithography 2, retail stores 11, railroad 1, stenographers and bookkeepers 48, other trades 3, higher educational instit. 6, left city 7, unknown 1, total 161.

BANK TELLER IS SENT DOWN FOR THREE YEARS

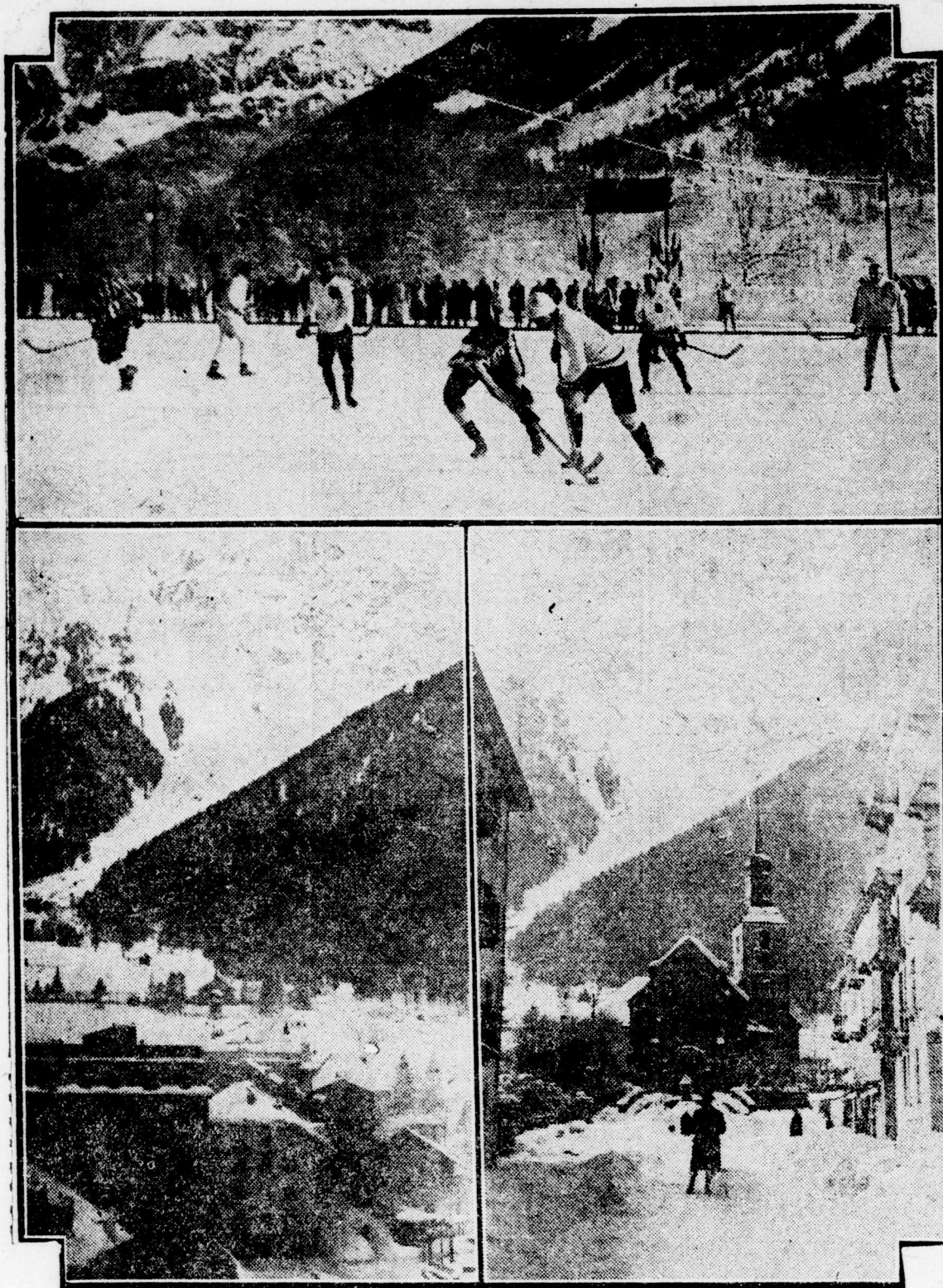
Canadian Press Despatch. Edmonton, Jan. 18.—Harry C. Davidson, former bank teller, who was found guilty of theft of \$18,000 from the Imperial Bank here, also of making false entries, was yesterday sentenced to three years in the Prince Albert penitentiary by Judge Simmons. Davidson was arrested in Florida.

In an attempt to get the sentence reduced to a jail term, counsel for the defence said he feared the association with "real" criminals at the penitentiary would "develop" another "Red" Ryan.

Make Up Your Mind To Take

to preserve your health—your best asset for making life successful. Good digestion is all-important. The best way to insure it is

BEECHAM'S PILLS



SCENES AT CHAMONIX, FRANCE, WHERE OLYMPIC HOCKEY WILL BE PLAYED. At the top, the open air rink, with a match between British and German teams in progress. Lower left, a view of the mountains from the hotel window. Lower right, the village church.

HOPE NEW SERUM TO PROVE BENEFIT

Dr. H. W. Hill Believes Treatment To Prevent Scarlet Fever To Be Effective.

High hopes are held out by Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health, that the new serum which is said to make people immune to scarlet fever, will prove most effective. The discovery of an anti-toxin for scarlet fever was announced by Dr. A. R. Doche, associate professor of physiology and surgeons in Columbia University, New York.

"It is already known," Dr. Hill said, "that the blood of certain individuals whom nature has made immune to scarlet fever will also render others immune if inoculated into their blood in sufficient quantities." "The announcement of Dr. Doche has not yet been commented on by medical men or medical journals. Consequently, we cannot speak with authority on it. However, the reasonable view is that Dr. Doche may have isolated some animal which is impervious to the disease and it is probable that this animal's blood can be procured in large quantities and made into a form of anti-toxin." "Full details regarding the latest developments in regard to the discovery will not be given out this month. In the meantime I would say the find looks promising. Past experience indicates that certain human beings are immune, and there is no reason why some animal could not be found that is also immune. The blood of such an animal might prove to have effective curative properties."

SLEIGHS AND SLIDES DECREASE IN FAVOR

Playground Scheme Given As Reason For Old Pastimes Disappearing.

"Things are not like they used to be," according to dealers in young people's playthings. The dealers have particular reference to sleighs and slides. The demand for boys' sleds has decreased by about 200 per cent.

No explanation is advanced for this state of affairs except that the youngsters are becoming too blasé to be seen on a sleigh. Their apparent antipathy to slides is reflected in the small number of times for sliding on sidewalks of the city. Five years ago police officials used to catch about half a dozen youngsters every week for this offence, but nobody is caught any more.

"I think the main reason lies in the development of so many parks and playgrounds where the boys and girls can skate and have a good time without resorting to sleighs and slides," a local merchant said. "We haven't sold a dozen sleds all winter."

Ferry Battles With Ice Floes

Associated Press Despatch. Mackinaw City, Mich., Jan. 18.—The Mackinaw Transportation Company's car ferry Chief Wawatam, which left St. Ignace yesterday morning at 4 o'clock with 30 men aboard, arrived here shortly before midnight after an 18-hour battle against ice floes. The Chief Wawatam was to leave at noon today on its return trip to the upper peninsula terminus in an effort to restore communication between the two peninsulas and move stormbound travelers.

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YEARLY BURNS CONCERT TO BE HELD ON JAN. 25

St. Andrew's Society Promises Splendid Program For Event.

On the evening of Friday, January 25, St. Andrew's Society holds its annual Burns' concert in the Patricia Theatre. A splendid and varied program of songs, dances and selections has been arranged by the program committee and includes such popular and well-known artists as Jean Anderson Thirde, Jessie Butt, and Duncan R. Cowan, all of Toronto.

Miss Thirde will sing here such beautiful airs as "Doon the Burn Davie Lad," "The Bonnie Briar Bush," and "Robbie Burns" and "Hame O' Mine." Duncan Cowan is a killed comedian with a host of admirers throughout the city.

The Munro Juvenile Pipe Band is a London feature of the program sure to please a Scottish audience. The London Ladies' Orchestra, a newcomer in London musical art is offering a medley of Scottish tunes. Charles E. Wheeler, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will act as accompanist and James H. MacIntyre will be chairman of the evening.

UTILITIES RECEIPTS IN 1922 WERE \$1,294,242.04

In a public statement today, City Auditor H. B. Ashplant shows that the total receipts in 1922 for all branches of the public utilities commission were \$1,294,242.04, divided as follows: electrical, \$830,835.22; hydro shop, \$220,820.12; waterworks, \$242,586.70.

October was the biggest revenue month during last year with December a close second.

REPRESENTATIVE NAMED.

Dr. A. J. Grant, chairman of No. 3 committee of the board of education, was appointed its representative on the special committee to investigate the accounting system of the board and the duties of the officials. Other members so far appointed are A. R. Cairncross and George F. Copeland.

WILL '24 PLATES CAUSE TROUBLE?

Auto Markers of Ontario and Michigan Are Similar This Year.

The new 1924 license marker for automobiles is a yellow plate with black figures, the same colors as are used in Michigan. Whether there will be any confusion or not between these two plates depends entirely on the shades of yellow used. No plates have arrived in the city so far, so it is a matter of speculation.

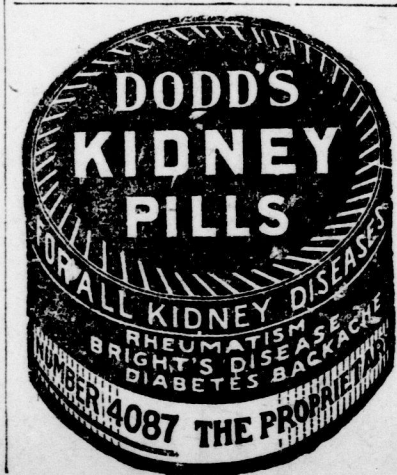
If the province decides on a delicate canary or a pale lemon, the difficulty disappears, as the Michigan yellow is dark enough to be an orange.

How the bootlegging and bank-robbing fraternity will react to the similarity in license plate colorings is still to be discovered. If the drifter Michigan plate gets a covering of nice June road dust it might resemble the Ontario plate, and if one of the "home plates" so to speak, comes in a slightly heavier shade than usual or if the color takes on a coat of sun-burn, then the speed cop and the rum hunter, "we going to have quite a little picnic telling one from 't'other."

DIVIDED VERDICT GIVEN IN MURDER INQUEST

St. John, N. B., Jan. 18.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the cause of the death of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, who was found murdered in her home in east St. John on Christmas night, after two hours deliberation last night, brought in a divided verdict. Five of the jurors favored holding Stewart Godwin, the mentally ill 16-year-old boy from the River, for trial for the murder of the woman, while the remaining three jurors refused to endorse this finding, contending that the boy had not been cautioned by the detectives before they quizzed him.

Young Godwin is alleged to have confessed that he killed Mrs. Whiteside, two detectives having testified that Godwin admitted to them that he struck the blows with an iron pipe that caused Mrs. Whiteside's death. No charge has yet been laid against the boy who is being held at police headquarters.



BOARD STRIVES TO COLLECT FEES OF OUTSIDE PUPILS

Education Officials Claim the County Council Are Partly Liable.

RULING SOUGHT

For the past year, high school students attending the local collegiate from counties other than those adjacent to Middlesex have paid no fees, with the result that steps will now be taken to collect the amount owing to the board of education for educational expenses in connection with their tuition.

This statement was made at the meeting of No. 3 committee yesterday afternoon, when Secretary Tanner asked the committee to take some action in dealing with the problem of outside pupils.

Mr. Tanner pointed out that the law, as laid down by the department, states that the county councils adjacent to Middlesex shall pay 80 per cent of the cost of education of students attending the high schools whose homes are in the said counties.

But no mention is made of other counties, with the result that no fees have been collected. Efforts have been made, but in every case the clerk of the county has written back and declared that London could not legally claim any fees, as they were not liable, according to the act.

While there are not many pupils attending from outside counties, nevertheless, the money that would be collected represents a tidy little sum.

It was pointed out to the committee that the board had the power to collect 100 per cent from the student, or 80 per cent from the county councils, but only where the student lived adjacent to the county in which the high school was situated, as far as the latter clause is concerned.

It was felt that the board could collect 100 per cent from those attending from distant counties, but this would bring the cost of tuition up to a high figure, as the costs of education, as estimated for this purpose, includes an average of the total maintenance expenses, capital and interest expenditures, and expenditures on equipment. In addition to which, these students board in the city and therefore have additional expenses.

The committee felt that it would be better to exact the 80 per cent from the county councils rather than 100 per cent from the student, and as a result, authorized Secretary Tanner to write to the department for a ruling on the matter.

City Treasurer James Bell also stated that nothing had been paid but that accounts for the past year and other periods not paid for, were being prepared, and would be sent to the councils involved.

Local county councils had always sent in their checks when requested.

SYSTEM OF SIGNING BILLS IS DENOUNCED

City Auditor States Task Is a Personal One For Heads of Committees.

City Auditor H. B. Ashplant states that the chairman of the various committees must sign bills accounts or effect an amendment to the regulations, safeguarding their action if they delegate their powers to their colleagues.

The auditor consulted City Clerk Sam Baker in this connection this morning and referred to the fact that it has evidently been customary for the chairman in the past to distribute the accounts among the members at the close of a meeting in order that each would sign a few and lighten the task.

This system does not meet with the auditor's sanction unless they add a precautionary measure to enable one to tell whose signature is on the account.

MRS. LOUISA GILPIN PASSES ON THURSDAY

Widow of Late Rev. J. W. Gilpin Was a Prominent Church Worker.

Mrs. Louisa Gilpin, widow of Rev. J. W. Gilpin, and a resident of London for the past eighteen years, died yesterday at her home, 40 Pine Line road. Mrs. Gilpin was a prominent member of Askin Street Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, William, Daniel, Herbert of Elwell, Michigan, and John, C. N. R. operator, city, and three daughters, Mrs. Albert Wilkins, Harrison; Mrs. J. C. Blair, Preston, and Miss Nettie Gilpin, at home.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from her late residence. The remains will be shipped via the C. N. R. to Harrison, where interment will take place on Sunday.

WILL GO TO TORONTO.

Plumbing Inspector J. Young and City Clerk Sam Baker will confer in Toronto with provincial health authorities, either January 24 or 25, on questions pertaining to suggested changes in the plumbing bylaw. The date of the conference is now being arranged.

Little Boys Are Favored When Londoners Seeking Children For Adoption

Girls Are Favored When Babies Are Not Wanted Permanently.

BILLY FINDS HOME

Care Shown to Ascertain the Parents of Children in Orphanage.

When Londoners wish to adopt a baby they usually prefer a boy. But when they wish to take a youngster into their homes temporarily they select a girl. This interesting fact is brought out in a report of the Protestant Orphans' Home of London.

Of the fifty odd youngsters who live in the Richmond street institution, about a dozen are released every six months to the care of the city or district committee either for adoption or just temporarily. Girls are the favored ones three times out of four when lonely married or unmarried people desire the blessing of humanity to brighten up their homes. But boys are given first consideration when permanent little boarders are required.

The "orphans" in the Protestant Orphans' Home are rarely orphans in the true sense of the word. Frequently their parents are separated, and the mother, denied an income large enough to support her youngster, is forced to place him in the orphanage. Often, too, a father whose wife has deserted him has not the facilities to take proper care of his children, and contributes a certain sum of money a week for their upkeep in the home. Some of the babies, of course, are real orphans, but the number is not large.

Londoners are very particular as to the kind of child they wish to adopt. They always want to know the child's name, sometimes they desire a girl not more than four years, with red hair and brown eyes. Unfortunately the institution did not have her "board" and the woman went away disappointed.

Requirements Humorous.

"The requirements may ask for are really very funny," the matron of the establishment said. "One of the primary requirements is that a boy or girl come from a respectable family."

Then the lady, whom all the children call "Mamma," told the story of Billy.

Billy was a little mite with an unfortunate history. He was such a bright child that almost every person wanting a boy for adopting would want him.

Recently a woman came in to look over the children. The matron pointed out Billy to her. "He is a very nice little fellow," she said, "but I don't like him. He is too small. I want a boy in classic style, combining him with light hair. When he entered the drawing-room to be inspected by his prospective new mother, he was spick and span."

In five minutes he came out with tears in his eyes. He just knew she wouldn't take him. Billy told his "Mamma," "Nobody seemed to want me. The woman had decided to take a girl at the last moment."

The explanation of the woman's change of mind was that she had acquired into Billy's ancestry, and it did not suit her conventional ideas. This happened again and again, until one day a big farmer brought a boy, and was shown Billy. He took him without asking a question. It did not matter to the farmer who Billy's parents were. He was adopting the boy, not the parents.

"Daddy" of Orphanage.

The "daddy" of the orphanage is a big boy of 17, who is attending high school, and taking a business course at night. He, his brother and sister, were placed in the institution years ago by their father. The latter disappeared into the interior of China and nobody heard of him for many years. Last month they received a letter telling the children "Dad" was going to come for them within two months. He would take them back to China with him.

Now the three youngsters, one a girl, are tip-top with expectation. They can't remember what their father looked like, but they like the idea of a trip to China. His springtime home to be on the Pacific, sailing forever away from the land of their birth.

Hereditarily cannot count so much in the lives of children as environment. This is indicated by the splendid records every one of the Protestant Home children have made. The children of negligent and frequently ignorant and unfortunate parents, the fine schooling and teaching they receive at the home develops them into remarkably intelligent and lovable youngsters. On no occasion within the past eight years has a single inmate of the orphanage brought discredit upon that establishment.

BAKER DECLARES HE IS NOT SEEKING OFFICE

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, O., Jan. 18.—Newton D. Baker, former U. S. secretary of war, laughed when he read a despatch from St. Petersburg, Fla., that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

"Nothing is further from my thoughts than a candidacy for any political office," he said.

LAWSON GIFT PLEASES.

Pupils and staff of the public schools are more than pleased with the gift of Ray Lawson, who at the beginning of the year donated 8,500 folders in which the samples of writing of the scholars will be kept. The folders are of heavy material and bear directions, prepared by Inspector Greer, on the outside.



SERGEANT JOHN BARNHILL, popular London police officer who has just completed his 25th year of service.

COMPLETES 25TH YEAR OF SERVICE

Sergeant John Barnhill Has a Splendid Record as London Police Officer.

A quarter of a century of splendid service on the London police force. That is the record of Sergeant John Barnhill, one of the most popular and respected officers that ever stepped forth on a police beat in this city. Sergeant Barnhill joined "London's finest" on January 2, 1899 with five other men, Richard De Coursey, the late Sergeant Tom Noonan, Timothy Donaghy, Inspector "Buck" Lucas and Jim Shill.

When Queen Victoria called for soldiers to fight her battles in South Africa, Sergeant Barnhill turned in his police uniform and donned the Queen's khaki, serving with the forces for nine months with great distinction. He was invalided home and after recovering his health, once more joined the police department ruled by Chief W. T. Williams.

Constable Barnhill as he was known at that time, was in many tight corners in the old days when London was known as the "rowdy city."

When the great war broke out in 1914, Sergeant Barnhill was not satisfied until he had enlisted. The blood of youth was not coursing through his veins as it did in '99 but that made no difference. He signed up with the 8th Battery in 1915 and was soon made sergeant.

He returned to London as a sergeant major and was frequently mentioned in despatches, winning the French medal Militaire. Sergeant Barnhill almost lost his life when blown up by an eight-inch shell in 1916. Invalided home, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry. He was a member of the 1st London Battalion of the Buffs, and was a member of the London Police Force when it was reformed in 1920.

Sergeant Barnhill is recognized as being one of Chief Brrell's best and most trustworthy subordinates. He is especially popular with the younger officers and gives them the "old time" "tips" from his wealth of experience.

EXCELLENT REPORTS ON WORK TENDERED

St. James Presbyterian Church Selects New Board of Managers.

Excellent reports of the past year's work were tendered at the annual meeting of New St. James' Presbyterian Church held last Wednesday evening. With W. G. Brown, acting as chairman, the report of the managers was read by J. A. McNaughton. The treasurer presented the financial statement which indicated receipts of \$8,129.58, and \$2,745 raised for the mortgage fund. The session record read by Mr. Ballantyne indicated 857 members. A splendid report was given from the Ladies' Aid Society. The receipts were \$1,144.01, and they have a balance of \$184.56 on hand. The Sunday school report showed an average attendance of 245, 73 per cent of the number on the roll. The general missionary contributions for the year were \$2,411.30, and the W. M. S. \$857.57.

The newly-elected board of managers is as follows: C. E. Nelson, D. J. Patterson, C. McDonald, H. E. Strength, Robert Stevenson, F. W. Scandrett and A. E. Chapman.

CONSCIENTIOUS ASSESSOR RESIGNS IN MONAGHAN

It is reported that an assessor has resigned his post in Monaghan Township, near Peterborough, because he had "conscientious" reasons for signing the assessment roll.

"There will be at least one assessor in Heaven," City Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett commented today.

ASK TWO MEMBERS.

Members of the city council have been asked to send two of their number to a session Thursday night next at which every charitably inclined citizen is invited to be present. It is proposed to amalgamate several of these bodies for temporary relief purposes.

ALDERMAN SMITH ASKS DEFINITION OF GROCERY STORE

Would Like Definite Answer From Competent Legal Source.

OPPOSES EARLY CLOSING

Here's a question from Ald. Edwin Smith which appears easy to answer off hand until one stops to analyze the several angles thereof—what is a grocery store?

"Ed" reminds that until recently he was actively engaged in the wholesale grocery business, but he would like to have a definite answer to his query from a competent legal source, the city solicitor, for instance.

And that is the very reason, he explains, that he voted at Wednesday's meeting of the finance committee against the grocers' early closing bylaw.

Ald. Smith goes on to point out that the people in this modern age could practically carry on if there were no grocery establishments at all, although he is not advocating such a development. What is sold in a grocery store is usually sold in another store somewhere. Ald. Smith states that his idea of a grocer is "a person who sells something that can be purchased at almost any other store except a grocery store."

"What is a grocery store?" asks Ald. Smith. "That is a question that has yet to be answered to my satisfaction. We are making the laws for the people and this request for early closing comes from grocers who have not stated just what constitutes a grocery, and I would like to have a legal opinion in that respect."

"If it is the desire of the members of the Retail Grocers' Association to close their stores early," he stated, "in order to do away with the employment of their help after 7 p.m. week nights and after 9 p.m. Saturdays, let them ask for an amendment of the bylaw that would compel them to have their clerks and drivers leave at that hour, while they (the employees) could stay on the job just as long as they chose—sleep on the premises if they liked. That would solve that problem for them."

The early closing bylaw comes to the city council Monday night for its preliminary hearing, and interest in the final outcome is manifested throughout the city, not only among the grocers, but all retail merchants, and the patrons of all.

MISS TOPEY-THOMAS READS MARCO POLO STORY

The reading of Marco Polo, by Miss Topey-Thomas, at the Playcraft studio, in Wolfe street, this week, was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

Miss Thomas' interpretation of the story, of Marco Polo, as told by Don Byrnie, was delightful. It is a tale of a Venetian adventurer, who forsook the counting house in Venice to become a missionary in China, where he won the heart of Golden Balls, daughter of the great khan. In an explanatory foreword, Miss Topey-Thomas stated that Don Byrnie was an American of Ulster ancestry, educated in Dublin, who wrote the Venetian story from a Celtic viewpoint.

Miss Topey-Thomas has given very few readings in London, and it is hoped that more of them will be given in future, in addition to the weekly recitals presented by her pupils at Playerscraft.

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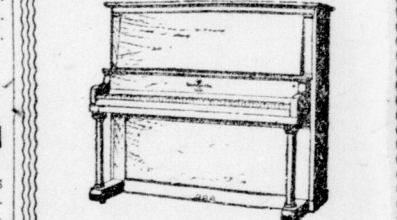
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