

HEATING COSTS SHOULD BE PAID

Secretary McElheran Expresses Opinion On Use of Public Schools.

In the opinion of R. M. McElheran, secretary of the board of education, neither the board nor the taxpayers of the city can afford to grant the free use of the public schools for meetings in connection with the coming municipal campaign.

Speaking to The Advertiser yesterday, Mr. McElheran said: "When the schools were granted for this use last year the conveners of the meetings were charged \$2 for the services of the caretaker, no charge was made for the heating or lighting of the schools, and according to reports very few of the meetings drew more than four or six people in addition to the speakers and the newspaper reporters."

"As the permission to use a school for such a meeting means that the fire has to be kept up, instead of being banked for the night, the extra cost has to be paid for, and it is only right that those who make it necessary should foot the bill instead of it having to come out of the rate-payers' pocket."

"This means that those using the schools should pay a rental of \$10 to \$12, including \$2 for the caretaker, for each meeting. There may be occasions on which the purpose and circumstances of the meeting might justify the board in foregoing the charge, but the meetings for which their use is sought now are of a political character, and those interested are a very, very small proportion of the community."

T. AND L. URGE GOVT. TO START WORK ON NEW POSTOFFICE

Indorse Children's Hospital and New Home for Incurables Bylaws.

London Trades and Labor Council last night passed a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government the undertaking of work upon the new post office at once in order to relieve the unemployment situation. The labor council will also point out the advisability of notifying the public utilities commission what roads are to be paved next, in the city, so that the commission will have time to put down water mains and look after underground wiring now, averting the possibility of teaching up and relaying the pavement afterwards.

Resolutions were passed indorsing the Children's Hospital, the new home for incurables, the paving of the Pipe Line road to Springbank, the building of a swimming pool at Springbank and urging that all roads in the city be repaved, and that work on the new sewer construction be started just as soon as possible.

Resolutions from New York asking council to indorse free trade with Newfoundland, as was a Winnipeg resolution, were also passed. A special committee was appointed to investigate the proposed new union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

A resolution will be sent to Hon. Walter Rollo urging that a labor representative be placed on the central body of the workmen's compensation board.

Following a discussion over the juvenile court, it was decided to ask J. J. Kelso of Toronto to address the meeting of the Labor Forum on the subject.

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT CHILDREN'S SHELTER ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

Youngsters Will All receive Many Gifts On Festive Occasion.

Preparations are under way to give a rousing reception to Santa Claus when he pays his annual visit to the Children's Shelter this year. The Public Utilities Commission has undertaken to supply a real old-fashioned Christmas tree right from the snow-covered slopes of Springbank Park.

This will be elaborately decorated with tinsel, electric lights, spangles, artificial snow and all the other Christmas things. Santa Claus will see that there are plenty of presents and Christmas goodies tied to the branches and placed beneath the boughs, so that once he gets busy it will take him no time to hand out lovely gifts to all the boys and girls.

The ceremony will take place on Christmas afternoon. Members of the Children's Aid Society, who have been largely responsible for inducing Santa to conduct this special ceremony, and furnishing him with many of the presents he will give out, will be present to enjoy the entertainment and to help give the kiddies a good time.

POSTUM CEREAL

used in place of coffee has many advantages, soon recognized.

Postum is better for health, costs less than coffee, yet has a flavor very similar to coffee.

Postum Cereal should be boiled a full fifteen minutes. Another form Instant Postum is made instantly in the cup, no boiling required.

Grocers sell both kinds

"There's a Reason"

TOOK NO PART IN THE CAPTURE OF STRONG

Fred Fuller, 108 Clarence Street, Resents Coupling of His Name in Evidence.

Fred Fuller, 108 Clarence street, credited by Vincent Strong in county court last week with such true friendship and generosity, that, according to Strong, he gave the recently-escaped prisoner \$185 and a lot of clothes, keenly resents the coupling of his name in court evidence.

Of course, the jury didn't take any stock in what Strong said about Mr. Fuller and about another man named Martin, for Strong was found guilty in three different trials on five different counts, but just the name, Mr. Fuller doesn't wish to let Strong's statements go unanswered. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Fuller brought to The Advertiser the following signed statement:

"To Whom It May Concern—Mr. Fred Fuller of 108 Clarence street had nothing whatever to do with Strong's capture. I met Strong when he posted the letter at the postoffice and this man where Strong slept (a returned soldier) cut his leg out, or I will open up what I know about him. Ask him when Mr. Egerton was talking to him in the afternoon and wanted him to explain the matter to the police. Furthermore, this man should assist Strong in view of what Strong has done for him."

Fred Fuller, 108 Clarence street.

Did Not Tell Police. In explanation of the above signed statement, Mr. Fuller told The Advertiser that he did not tip the police off to Strong's whereabouts. He was caught Strong in the act of carrying away a lot of silverware wrapped in a blanket, and he was a prominent citizen, whose name Mr. Fuller tends.

He stopped Strong, he states, took the silverware away from him and carried it back to his employer's house. The employer saw him bring the silverware back and questioned him as the man who had been carrying it away. He told his employer that he did not know who the man was, and the employer, who apparently had looked out just in time to see him stop Strong, said to him: "I believe you're a liar."

When Mr. Fuller followed Strong downtown and Strong spoke to him when he was posting a letter, which Mr. Fuller understood was the letter to the mail office, telling of his intentions to go voluntarily unaccompanied to Kingston. This was about 1 o'clock in the morning.

What Mr. Fuller wishes to make clear is that while he did not see Strong before he was captured, he neither had anything to do with the capture, nor did he have anything to do with which Strong blamed him, nor did he tell the police where to find Strong.

GETS JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES TO BUGGY

C. A. Powell of London Township Awarded \$161—Session Will Be Long.

Judgment for \$161 damages was awarded to C. A. Powell of London Township against the Western Canada Automobile Association in the jury sessions of the county court yesterday. Mr. Powell sued for damages to his buggy and personal injuries in an accident on the Prosser Line road near Springbank, Ont., on Tuesday, August 1st, 1921. The driver of the Western Canada Automobile Association's car, Rev. Leonard Bartlett, Montreal, was the defendant. The driver of the plaintiff's car, Mr. Wexler's automobile and another car, were also involved in the accident. The evidence of the defendant, J. W. G. Winnett, represented the plaintiff, and Gladman & Stansbury the defendant.

ST. JOHN'S ELECTS

Banquet Follows Election of Masonic Officers.

St. John's Lodge No. 20, A. F. and A. M., on Tuesday evening elected its officers. After the election a banquet was held at which the following were among the speakers: U. A. Buchner, R. G. Davis, E. T. Sessary. Officers elected are: B. B. Hookway, W. M.; W. E. Manness, J. F. M.; D. McArthur, S. W.; R. Johnson, J. M.; H. Macklin, chaplain; A. B. Greer, treasurer; R. Booth, secretary; J. F. Chapman, S. D.; W. G. Young, J. L.; L. Dolg, J. G.; Charles Gould, D. C.; S. T. Head, S. S.; A. E. Hall, J. S.; W. Vaughan, organist; John Wallace, tyler; R. Kitchen and W. H. Hampson, auditors.

ANNUAL CONCERT

Of Hyatt Ave. Methodist Church Was Great Success—Presentation to Superintendent.

The annual Sunday school concert of the Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church given last Tuesday evening in the Sunday school was largely attended. The program given by the various classes was heartily applauded. Much of the credit for the carrying out of the program is due to J. H. Brock, who trained the kiddies who participated in the concert.

Superintendent T. R. Myrick of the Sunday school was presented with an address and a house coat by the members of the Sunday school. The attendance lately has grown considerably under the able supervision of Mr. Myrick.

UNEMPLOYMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING OF P. U. C.

Construction of New Road in Springbank Park Quite Probable.

The matter of what work can be done and how far the public utilities commission can go in the provision of work for the unemployed men will be a feature of the meeting of that body at 3:30 this afternoon. The suggested construction of about a mile of new roadway in Springbank Park will be discussed and definite action probably taken.

The commission has already placed between 50 and 60 men, who otherwise would have been idle, at special work in connection with the supply of river water to the Canadian Pacific Railway yards. The work of laying the main for this purpose has been started on Quebec street, and will shortly reach the city. The pipe at present being laid is six-inch, but part of the line will be constructed of 16-inch pipe.

CONSIDER QUESTION OF LIMITATION OF AGENTS' COMMISSION

Toronto, Dec. 16.—A conference took place at the Parliament Buildings this morning between the provincial insurance department and fire insurance company managers to consider the limitation of agents' commission.

According to the proposed legislation submitted, from July 17, 1921, agency charges to the fire insurance companies, respecting applications for insurance served from or through the agency of any licensed agent or broker from any calendar month, shall not exceed in value the amount of 10 per cent of the total amount of the premium paid or payable by the assured in respect of such insurance.

PROSPEROUS YEAR

Enjoyed by L. O. L. No. 2056 London Junction—Officers Elected For 1921.

Prosperity has marked the passage of another year in the history of L. O. L. No. 2056, London Junction, the anniversary of which was celebrated by the holding of an enjoyable progressive checker contest and luncheon.

Addresses were given by a number of visiting brethren. Bro. Mark Garrett was winner of the prize offered in connection with the progressive checker contest.

The following officers were elected for 1921:

W. M., William Bacon; D. M., T. H.

BLOODY FINGER MARKS ON WHISKEY BOTTLE CONVICTS McDUGALL

Two Hundred Dollar Fine Imposed by Magistrate Graydon.

FIGHT IN LIVERY STABLE Attracted Constable and Arrest Quickly Follows.

Tell-tale fingerprints in blood on the label of a bottle which otherwise read "Irish Whiskey" was the conclusive evidence which convicted William McDougall of this crime in police court today.

McDougall was fined \$200 and costs, with the option of three months in jail. A companion was fined \$10 and costs when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated.

Although McDougall tried to "kill" the bottle of Irish, the blood did not come from that source. He had been fighting with a friend named Higgins, and in the battle friend and foe became covered with blood.

The noise of the fight, which took place in a livery stable on Wellington street, attracted Constable Berryman. When the constable entered the building, McDougall pulled away from the clasp of Higgins, and ran lightly up a score of steps in a stairway, in about 25 wobbly steps, and then, according to the constable, pulled something from an inside pocket and shoved it into some out straw.

Constable Berryman was not far behind and, imitating McDougall, put his hand into the straw. He pulled out a gory bottle one-quarter full of whiskey.

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Although Higgins claimed that he did not have the bottle, and that he was not drunk, he claimed that he had had two drinks, but that it took more than two to affect him. He said that he had been told the bottle was upstairs and that he went to get it when the policeman came in the door. The constable, however, beat him to it, he admitted easily.

The magistrate accepted the constable's story, hence the fine.

MILLIONS OF CHINESE IN NEED OF RELIEF

China Inland Mission Is Doing Much Good Work.

MORE FUNDS NECESSARY

Contributions Will Be Forwarded by Mrs. F. A. Steven, 598 Princess Avenue.

"The China Inland Mission has work in all the provinces affected by the famine. We believe the need has not been exaggerated by the daily press," said Mrs. F. A. Steven today. Our general director at Shanghai reports an estimate of about fifty-nine millions of people, or will be, in need of relief. This includes many of the Christians of that land.

The office of the above mission in Toronto is receiving funds for famine relief and will forward such with the utmost dispatch. The above statement is not made as indicating any change of policy on the part of the China Inland Mission with regard to appeals, but to meet recurring inquiries.

At the urgent request of friends Mrs. Steven (C. I. M. of this city) wishes to state that those desiring to contribute to the famine relief through this mission, can do so either through her or through Mr. Rowland Hill who has kindly offered to receive subscriptions at his Dundas street store.

All such funds will be promptly forwarded to this mission in Toronto by Mrs. F. A. Steven, 598 Princess avenue.

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The Christmas Store

The Spirit of Cheerful Service

It is the wish and earnest desire of the helpers in this store to be of real assistance to you at this season, not in a selfish commercial sense, but rather with the Christmas spirit of unselfish assistance, always willing to cheerfully answer your questions and direct you, and anxious at all times to suggest, rendering every possible assistance in the service of real helpfulness.

Gift Suggestions in Linens

When in doubt, make it linens. You cannot fail to please with a gift of fine linens. Our assortment covers a most extensive range at prices from 25c up. Many are the dainty gifts to be found at popular prices. Briefly listed are a few suggestions:

India Crochet Hand-Made Doilies, etc., 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16 inches. At, each	22c, 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c, 98c and \$1.25
India Crochet Trays and Centres. Each	\$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.00 to \$7.50
Madeira Doilies, 6, 8, 10 inches. Each	35c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 79c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25
Madeira Centres and Trays. Each	\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$6.50
Cluny Doilies, 6, 9 and 12 inches. Each	50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00
Cluny Oval Trays. Each	\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50 and \$5.50
Cluny Luncheon Cloths. Each	\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75 and \$6.00
Old Bleach Fine Huckaback Towels. Each	\$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.25
Old Bleach Fine Huckaback Guest Towels. Each	80c, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Dainty Colored Border Bath Towels. Each	98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.85
Assorted Bath Mats. Each	\$2.00, \$2.75, \$4.25 and \$5.00

Irish Hand-Embroidered Pillow Cases. Per pair \$2.95, \$3.25 and \$3.75

Irish Hand-Embroidered Envelope Cases. Per pair, \$4.75

Cosy Covers, Napkin Pockets, Handkerchief Cases, in dainty hand embroidery. At \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Fine Union Huek Bedroom Towels, damask borders. Each \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Dainty Lace-Trimmed Dresser Scarfs at, each 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50

MY GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

Three splendid Clocks moderately priced. These Grandfather Clocks are set in mahogany cases, and are 6 feet 6 inches high. Priced, at, each \$70.00 and \$75.00

One only Hall Clock, very high grade movement, with Westminster chime. Price \$240.00

Spinet Desks make acceptable Christmas gifts that are lifetime reminders of the donor, walnut and mahogany. Priced at \$70, \$75, \$80 and \$95

TENNESSEE RED CEDAR CHESTS, are moth proof and mouse proof. Furs may be stored in perfect safety. Priced at \$21.50, \$22.50, \$26.50, \$28.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$42.50, \$45.00 and \$48.50

FURNITURE DEPT.—THIRD FLOOR.

Why Not a Table or Piano Lamp For That Christmas Gift?

It would be hard to decide on a more acceptable gift, one that brings cheer and makes the home more attractive. We have a splendid range of both Table and Piano Lamps in walnut, polychrome and mahogany, also Boudoir Lamps in ivory enamel, and some special values to offer.

PIANO LAMPS in mahogany, walnut and polychrome, all well made and particularly well finished, fitted with two-light fixtures ready to attach. At \$16.50, \$17.50, \$19.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$28.50, \$35.00 each

SILK SHADES FOR PIANO LAMPS—A splendid assortment to choose from, in colors of rose, blue, brown and champagne. Prices range from \$18.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$28.50, \$30.00, \$32.50 to \$40.00 each

TABLE LAMPS IN MAHOGANY, \$5.50 AND \$16.50 EACH.

Table Lamps for your living-room, dining-room or den:

One-light socket \$5.50 each

Two-light socket \$16.50 each

HAVE YOU A JAPANESE JAR OR VASE YOU WOULD LIKE FOR A LAMP BASE?

We have attachments for such jars which you can quickly attach and remove without the aid of an electrician and without injuring the jar or vase in the least; the lighting fixture has two sockets and finished in bronze, sockets are adjustable; see these, they will please you; three inches, four inches, five inches and six inches in diameter; all complete with cord and plug. \$10.00 each

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

CANDLESTICKS, 55c EACH.

Mahogany Candlesticks, seven inches high, felt lined base, brass ferrule top 55c each

SOLID MAHOGANY CANDLESTICKS, \$2.25 EACH.

Guaranteed Solid Mahogany Candlesticks, nicely finished, ten inches high. Only \$2.25 each

BOUDOIR LAMPS, \$3.25 to \$5.50 EACH.

In mahogany and ivory enamel, felt-lined base, complete with socket, finished in brown mahogany. At \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.50 each

SPECIAL—SILK LAMP SHADES TO FIT THE LAMPS ABOVE, \$2.35 EACH.

Ten only Silk Lamp Shades, mostly rose, for boudoir lamps. These are marked away below our regular price. To clear Friday \$2.35 each

STORE OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT UNTILL 10 O'CLOCK.

Music Afternoon and Evening.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNS; LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 16.—St. Luke's Catholic Church in Westboro was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin early today, entailing a loss of \$100,000. When the fire was discovered at 2:40, the interior was a mass of flames, and the altar was called from Worcester, as the St. Luke's Church, on the opposite side of the street, was endangered. This building caught fire several times, but was saved. Rev. John D. McCann, pastor of St. Luke's, was awakened in the rectory by the dense smoke, and hurried into the church, scantily clad. In an effort to save the sacred vessels and vestments from the altar, but was driven out by the flames. The church organ, one of the finest in New England, 1860.

BRVES GOING TO GALVESTON.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Galveston, Texas, will be the training ground for the Boston Braves next spring. The barnstorming tour of recent years has been abandoned and only a few exhibition games, possibly with the New York Yankees, will be played. The Braves have trained at Columbus, Georgia, for the past two years.

ELECTED CALGARY MAYOR.

Calgary, Dec. 16.—Alderman Adams was elected for mayor by majority of 1,800.

BREAD PRICES REDUCED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—An average out of one and one-half cents in the price of a loaf of bread is announced by a majority of the wholesale bakers here. Under the new prices, standard loaves selling at 11c will be sold for 10 and 15 cents. The new price is within 2 1/2 cents of the pre-war level.

TEACHERS ON STRIKE.

Regina, Dec. 16.—According to J. R. Brownlee, secretary of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Alliance, every effort is being made by the alliance to prevent teachers from Saskatchewan responding to advertisements at Port Arthur and Port William, where the teachers are on strike.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAMS.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Plans for an ice hockey league composed of women players were announced today by the Back Bay Hockey Club of this city. It is proposed to have teams from Philadelphia and Pittsburg in the circuit.

Comfort Your Skin With Cuticura Soap and Fragrant Talcum

Better than lard for shortening—MAZOLA makes dainty flaky pie crust