LOCAL C.P.R. MEN FEEL STRIKE MUST BE AVERTED SURELY

Men Have Much Sympathy With National Cause.

COMPROMISE EXPECTED

Right Spirit Is Likely To Be Shown by Men and Company.

The threatened strike of conductors and trainmen on the C. P. R. is the principal topic of discussion in railroad circles today. The attitude of most of those concerned seems to be that a strike will be averted by compromise.

That neither the employees nor the company could afford to precipitate a situation that might lead to a national situation was the opinion of one close to the situation.

Strike Improbable.

"The men have too much sympathy for the cause they are serving to leave their work at such a time, and the company realizes that it cannot afford to permit them to strike," said an official in close touch with the situation. "I may say that the men have never given an undertaking that they would not strike in war time. If anything, it was an unwritten decision but at the same time it is probable that they consider the sentiment of that attitude binding.'

Compromise Likely.

"I think a strike is unbelievable, and that the solution will be found in compromise. While there was a vote of all the men of the London division, the points in dispute are mostly of western origin, and the matter is being taken up there entirely. The officials at London know less about the situation than the newspapers, as they have not been consulted in the matter. I do not believe that there is any cause for alarm, as the right spirit will be shown by both company and its employees."

ALLEGED DESERTER OF 160TH GIVEN REMAND

Pleads He Was Led Away While Intoxicated.

James Lee of Walkerton, a member of the 160th Battalion, was arrested yesterday on the charge of desertion from his battalion, which left the city on Saturday last.

He appeared before Police Magistrate Judd and pleaded not guilty to desertion on the grounds that he had not gone away intending to desert, but had been induced to go to Sarnia while under the influence of liquor.

He was remanded until Wednesday next for a hearing to permit Major Osborne to gather further evidence.

CHARGE OF STEALING PART OF IRON STOVE

Isaac Goldstein Pleads Not Guilty—Judgment Reserved.

Isaac Goldstein, Hill street, appeared before Capt. Thos. Robson, J. P., at the court house this morning charged with the theft of some iron the property of A. Nurden of Dorchester Township.

Goldstein, who is a junk peddler, is alleged by Nurden to have entered his yard and taken away the lower portion of a stove.

Judgment was reserved until Tuesday next, and Goldstein allowed to go on his own recognizance to appear.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

An enjoyable concert in aid of McClary Employees' Brass Band was held in the dining-room at the foundry on Friday evening. The hall was filled and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the excellent program of instrumental and vocal music, whistling, boxing and sketches.

Col. Gartshore was present and gave the introductory address.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES TO BEGIN AT "Y" MONDAY

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes will commence on Monday, October 23. The senior businessmen's classes will commence one week later, October 30.

The prospects for a successful season of gymnasium classes is very bright, especially the boys' classes. The gymnasium has been painted and decorated again, new apparatus has been installed, all tending to increase the interest in the physical work.

F. Galpin, J. P. Ferguson, C. G. Markle will be assistant directors this season.

The schedule for the various classes is as follows:

Seniors (18 years and over)—Monday, 8 to 9:30; Thursday, 8 to 9:30.

Junior Businessmen (under 35 years)—Tuesday, 5:15 to 6:15; Friday 5:15 to 6:15.

Senior Businessmen (35 years and over)—Monday, 5:15 to 6:15; Thursday, 5:15 to 6:15.

Leaders' Corps—Thursday, 6:30 to 8.

Boxing—Monday, 8:30 to 9:30; Thursday, 8:30 to 9:30.

Wrestling—Monday, 8:30 to 9:30; Thursday, 8:30 to 9:30.

Athletics—Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:45; Saturday, 2 to 3.

Basketball—Monday, 6:30 to 7:30; Saturday, 3 to 6.

Physical and Medical Examination—Monday, 8 to 9; Friday, 7:30 to 8:30; Saturday, 10 to 11.

General Exercise—When gymnasium floor is not occupied.

Private Exercises—Room always open to senior members.

Noonday—Monday, 12 to 1; Wednesday, 12 to 1; Friday, 12 to 1.

Junior Employed—Wednesday, 7:45 to 9; Friday, 7 to 8:15.

Junior Schoolboys—Thursday, 4:30 to 6; Saturday, 10 to 11:30.

High School—Tuesday, 4 to 5:15; Older Boys—Tuesday, 8:15 to 9:30; Friday, 8:15 to 9:30.

PERSONALS

Miss D. McNaughton returns home today from New York city, where she has been for several days owing to the illness of her brother, John McNaughton.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. R. Maynard and family desire to thank their friends for their many kindnesses and sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for the many beautiful floral tokens received. b

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allan and family wish to extend their thanks to their many friends for the kind sympathy shown them in the sad bereavement of their son and brother Capt. James R. Allan.

CITY BREVITIES

LIEUTENANTS APPOINTED. — Lieut. G. Y. Masson and Lieut. I. S. Reid of the 21st Regiment have been appointed to the 241st Battalion.

THE NARROW WAY.—Dr. Silcox's theme tomorrow evening at the First Congregational Church will be "The Narrow Way No Narrower Than Other Ways."

GIVEN A WARNING.—Joseph Baynes appeared before Police Magistrate Judd in police court this morning charged with vagrancy. He was allowed to go with a warning.

RETURNS TO NEW YORK.—Miss Lydia Young of New York has returned after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Young of Talbot street.

$5 FOR SAILORS.—Mrs. H. A. Boomer has received a subscription of $5 towards the Lady Beatty fund for sailors' relief from Miss Ada Meredith.

WILL OPEN CHURCH.—Bishop Fallon will go to Canard River Sunday to formally open the splendid new church which has just been erected. The church is one of the largest and best appointed between Windsor and Montreal.

WINTER GARDEN POPULAR. — Thirty-three hundred people have attended the Princess Winter Garden since the opening on Tuesday night. This is the greatest opening week attendance since the Garden opened.

GO TO 153RD.—Lieut. J. L. Williams and Lieut. E. Norgate, both of the 30th Regiment, have been appointed to the 153rd Battalion. Both these officers were formerly N. C. O.'s in the Wellington unit.

MORE FOR BELGIANS.—Mrs. H. A. Boomer gratefully acknowledges a subscription of $2 from "Mother and Daughter" and another of $1 from "R.," to the Local Council of Women fund for immediate relief of the Belgians.

GOING TO HALIFAX.—Rev. G. F. Assiter will leave for Halifax, N. S., on November 1st, where he will conduct a month of evangelistic services. Before leaving farewell services will be held in the church Sunday, October 29th.

CHOIR CONCERT.—The Centennial Methodist Church will give its annual choir concert Tuesday evening, October 24. Mrs. Harold V. Hamilton, soprano soloist of Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton, Ontario, will assist. A fine selection of choruses and part songs have been prepared by the choir.

DR. MANNING TO PREACH.—Rev. Dr. Thomas Manning will preach anniversary services at Dundas Centre Methodist Church tomorrow. Good music and a special thankoffering are on the program. Dr. Manning is the guest of J. Parnell-Morris while in the city.

TWO PERMITS ISSUED.—Permits were issued this morning to S. F. Lawrason for a two-story brick addition to his factory on Nelson street, to cost $2,600, and to R. H Smith for a one story veneer house on Wreay street, costing $1,450. Building Inspector Piper reports the permits for the month now total $75,000.

VISITING NEW YORK.—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan of this city are spending a few months in New York, and are happily situated for the present at 106 Morningside Drive. A few days ago Mrs. Duncan was a guest at a meeting of the Women's Press Club of New York held at the Waldorf Astoria.

PATRIOTIC DONATIONS.—Mrs. H. A. Boomer has received the following donations: $5 from Miss A. Meredith, for the fund Lady Beatty is raising for the sailors; $2, anonymous, for the Duchess of Connaught's fund, and $2 from "Mother and Daughter," for Belgian relief.

START HOLY NAME SOCIETY.—A Holy Name Society will be organized at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Already about 700 connected with the parish have signified their intention to join. Such societies flourish in many large centres, and it is expected that the organization in St. Peter's will prove one of the liveliest in the Dominion.

TWO WRITS.—Two writs were issued in the county court today. Coates, Burns and Wanless have entered suit against David Pfaff claiming $229.51 for goods sold and delivered. James Hand has issued a writ against James Cruickshank for $339.00 claiming that amount due from defendant as the maker of three promissory notes.

AUSTRALIAN JOINS.—Engineer recruits come from almost all known countries in the world. Australia is the latest to contribute a man in the person of Reg. Williams. He was born and brought up in the city of Melbourne, and heard the Empire calling him from Detroit. He came, Norman Millar, a Pennsylvanian, and C. J. Campbell of Battle Creek, Mich., came with him to London and signed up.

APPLICATION GRANTED. — Only one case was heard before Mr. Justice Sutherland at the weekly sitting of the high court at the court house today. M. P. Macdonough, acting for the executors of the estate of the late Annie Walsh, asked that one of the trustees be removed by reason of the said trustee being absent from the province. The application was granted.

SALE OF LIVERY STOCK.—Horses, wagons and sleighs were the main demand at the auction sale at Hueston's livery stable today. Horses sold at a good price, while the carriages and wagons went cheaply. There was a great demand for wagon accessories, but the prices paid were not high. The attendance was mostly composed of farmers, while a few citizens gathered to witness the sale.

MEETING FOR MEN.—The Young Men's Christian Association will open its Sunday afternoon men's meetings Sunday afternoon, October 29, in the Lyric Theatre, when Rev. Dr. J. W. Graham of Toronto will be the speaker. Dr. Graham will have a special message for the men of London. The association has made arrangements for a number of prominent speakers for the season, among them being Mrs. Harris Armour of Georgia, one of the most eminent speakers on the continent. In her own state she is the leader of a great moral reform movement. Her address in the Lyric Theatre is expected to be of intense interest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Sunday school of the Askin Street Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. A. D. Crews of Toronto, editor of the Methodist Sunday School publications, speaks three times. Morning and afternoon the Sunday school of 700 pupils will occupy the gallery. The orchestra will lead the music at all services.

REMANDED TO JAIL. — Charles Peterson charged with the theft of several articles of jewelry from the residence of Angus Galbraith of Appin, appeared before Judge Macbeth today to elect trial. He appeared before Capt. Thomas Robson on Wednesday last for a preliminary hearing. He declined to elect today and was remanded to jail until Monday, when he will appear again.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZES. — Last evening the No. 2 committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which R. I. Watson is chairman, met and organized for the coming season. R. J. Webster was elected chairman of the educational features of the association, James Gray the furnishing committee, and W. A. McCorkindale chairman of the social work. These sub-committees have their plans well in hand and will advance the activities of the association.

PRESIDENT HONORED. — At the regular meeting of the Simcoe Street Mothers' Club, held Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Lloyd of Chalmers Church gave an interesting address on "Sunday in the Home." Piano selections were given by Miss Alma Dayton; reading by Miss M. Countryman and a duet by Miss Rena Curnoe and Mr. Blake. Mrs. Wright, the retiring president was presented with a case of silver teaspoons. It was decided to send parcels to all the boys that attended Simcoe Street School, who are now serving the empire. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

SECOND DEGREE EXEMPLIFIED.—The exemplification of the second degree was the principal feature of a meeting at Kilwinning Lodge, No. 34, A., F. and A. M., last evening. The event is known as past masters' night. The following took the various offices: W. M., Thomas Woolley; S. W., C. C. Reed; J. W., S. F. Glass, M.P.; chaplain, Very Rev. Evans Davis; treasurer, A. A. Campbell; secretary, U. A. Buchner; S. D., Finley Marshall; I. C., Jos. Dambra; S. S., J. S. Keays; J. S., E. W. M. Flock; D. of C., C. R. Reed. Refreshments concluded the evening.

HOSPITAL TRUST MET. — Only routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of the hospital trust Friday afternoon. Those present were W. A. Gartshore, E. C. Mitchell, Ed. Screaton, J. W. Laidlaw and G. H. Heard. The hospital report for September was as follows: Patients admitted, male 191, female 151, children 86; total 338. Patients discharged, male 87, female 135, children 96; total 318. Deaths 25. Births 22. Number under treatment on September 30th, 208; number treated in free dispensary 162. Cash receipts $4,302.55.

Boy and Bulldog Out For Adventure

Windsor Lad and Canine Friend Dodge Former's Father Twice.

Leaving his home in Windsor a week ago because of a difference with his father, Willie, the 13-year-old son of W. Scott of Windsor, came to the city on Monday last, bringing with him his faithful bulldog.

On instructions from the father he was detained at the Children's Shelter until the arrival of Mr. Scott.

The father arrived yesterday afternoon and with the boy, who still had the bulldog, proceeded to take the train for Windsor.

While the attention of Mr. Scott was attracted for a minute to some passengers who were getting off a train that had just arrived the boy and the bulldog slipped away and have not yet been located.

A. M. C. DRAFT OF 58 MEN LEAVING FOR EAST TONIGHT

More Recruits Are Needed as the Depot Is Under Strength.

The A. M. C. draft from the Ambulance Training Depot, No. 1, leaves for the east tonight at 7:13 o'clock by the Grand Trunk. The draft is composed of four officers and 54 N.-C. O.'s and men under the command of Capt. R. Coutts.

The men will be carried on a special car attached to No. 16 train. They will form up on the A. M. C. parade ground at 6 o'clock and will march to the station headed by the Depot Pipe Band.

The Ambulance Training Depot has sent over to the front drafts aggregating almost 500 men since the outbreak of war. The units has been asked to supply at least 35 men per month in the future, and Major Smith is calling for recruits. The depot is already more than 50 below strength, and unless volunteers come forward in larger numbers than has been the case in the past it will not be possible to supply the needed reinforcements.

FUNERAL OF MISS PURDOM

Services Were Conducted by Rev. D. C. MacGregor.

The funeral of Miss Isabel Purdom, daughter of the late Alexander Purdom, was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Burwell street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D. C. MacGregor, pastor of St. Andrew's Church. He referred to the devotion of the late Miss Purdom to the affairs of the church and Sabbath school. The pallbearers were five nephews: Alex H. Purdom, J. Wilson Purdom, Thos. Purdom, Llewelyn Purdom and Clarence Bell.

FUNERAL OF FLORENCE MAYNARD

The funeral of Florence Maynard took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her mother, Mrs. R. Maynard, 821 Queen's avenue, to Woodland Cemetery. The services, both at the home and grave, were conducted by Rev. Jas. H. Boyd, pastor of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. Beggood, W. McGinnis, C. Pierce, J. C. Inwood, C. Freeland and H. Freeland. Many beautiful floral tokens were received. Besides her mother she leaves a sister, Mrs. A. E. Pierce, and two brothers, Charles and Will Maynard, all of this city.

BURIED AT ST. PETER'S.

The funeral of the late Louis Hill, who died in Victoria Hospital on Tuesday, was held from the funeral parlors of E. C. Killingsworth on Friday morning. Services were held at St. Peter's Cathedral, requiem high mass being sung by Rev. Father Tobin. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

TWO SEIZURES IN STRATFORD.

STRATFORD, Oct. 20.—The police raided two places on Wednesday, where it was alleged liquor was being sold with more than the regulation two and a half per cent alcohol. The Dominion House and Melvin's barber shop were the places entered. A seizure was made at each place, and the liquid sent away to be analyzed.

CHURCHES TO PAY GARBAGE TAX, SAYS DECISION BY JUDGE

No Stated Case For Appeal Is Presented.

FRIENDLY SUIT POSSIBLE

City May Enter Action To Have Question Cleared Up.

Judge Macbeth handed out his decision today on the appeal of the churches against the garbage tax. It is to the effect that the court of revision had no right to remove from the assessment rolls the assessments of the various churches. This means that they must be replaced on the rolls, and that the churches must pay the tax. No appeal will be made, as George S. Gibbons did not present a stated case for the court of appeals.

The right of the city to collect the tax will have to be decided in a different court, in a different way.

Only One Alternative.

The only alternative now open to the churches is to refuse to pay the tax, and have the city sue them for the amount. Then the various courts up to the court of appeal will have to give a decision on the matter.

That this will be done is likely, although the city may not take any action for some time. That will have to be determined later. Some of the churches, the First Presbyterian Church, for instance, have not paid their garbage tax for two years. Three years may elapse before the church is sued. In that case, it may not be until next year that the case may reach the courts.

May Begin Suit.

There is a movement on foot to sue some one of the churches for the tax, in order to make a test case, and settle it for all time to come. It will be in the nature of a friendly action to determine the rights in the matter. Some of the governing bodies of the churches have asked that this be done, and it will probably be agreed to by the council.

The official opinion of Judge Macbeth will be presented to the council at the next session, and it is probable that a friendly suit will be instituted at once, in order to get the matter out of the way before the next collection of taxes.

T & L. Council's Members May Be Sued by Grocers

Action on Allegation That There Is a "Ring" Considered.

According to information given to The Advertiser today the London Retail Grocers Association at their next meeting will discuss the question of commencing legal action against members of the trades and labor council, who at a recent gathering in the course of an argument about the high cost of living, made reference to a "ring" among the grocers. Many of the members of the grocers' association are incensed over the matter, and it is stated will demand satisfaction.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Sergt. Bert Kerry of the 12th Field Battery, was killed in action on October 10, according to an official telegram received by Mrs. Bert Kerry of 20 Regina street, his wife. He was one of the original members of the 6th Field Battery of this city, commanded by Major, now Lieut.-Col. Wood Leonard. During his two years' service in France he won the D. C. M. He also served in the Boer war.

Sneak Thief Gets Away With Boxes For Tobacco Fund

Steals Several From Stores Collecting for Soldiers' Comforts.

The meanest sneak thief who has operated in London for some time has been very busy in the past few days in stores in which special boxes were placed to collect pennies for the soldiers' tobacco fund. A number of the collection boxes have been stolen. They were left in prominent places, generally on the counters, so that anyone who wished could make a donation.

It was not thought that anyone would be mean enough to steal the offerings for soldiers' tobacco, but many of the boxes have been taken. That the thief has done pretty well is indicated by the amounts collected in other boxes which escaped. In one of these, which was placed in a local factory, the employees had put in $8.50 in pennies and nickels. The police are working on the case.

SOLDIERS WILL ATTEND SERVICE AT ST. ANDREWS

Main Body Going to Presbyterian—Roman Catholics to St. Mary's.

The men of the Engineers, the 118th and 149th Battalions, No. 1 Special Service Company and Ambulance Training Depot will march to St. Andrew's Church tomorrow morning for divine service.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. McGregor and Capt. J. A. McGillivray, chaplain of the 149th Battalion. The men will fall in at 8:40 o'clock and will march to the church by way of Dundas street, Adelaide street and Queen's avenue. Headquarters staff and the brigade staff will be in attendance.

The Roman Catholic soldiers will parade to St. Mary's Church for a change.

Officers commanding units in towns outside of the city will make their own arrangements for church service.

QUALIFYING FOR STRIPES.

A squad of thirteen N. C. O.'s and eight men from the 241st Battalion, under Sergt.-Major Grant, is attending the school of instruction for N. C. O.'s at the armories on Dundas street. The men are being put through a strenuous course and when qualified will all be given stripes in the Kilties.

The names of the men are as follows: Sergts. Tapson, Lindsay, Stephenson, McGill, Corps. Stewart, Wallace, Campbell, Beck, Morris, Doidge, Lance-Corps. McCabe, Campbell, McMillan, Ptes. Gordon, Welborn, Spencer, Dodd, McKenzie, Ball, Richards, Jenkins.

G. T. R. BRAKEMAN, SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT, HAS DISAPPEARED

Wife of Angus L. McDonald Can Find No Trace of Him and Fears Foul Play—Husband Has Had Previous Roving Spells, But Always Sent Word.

No further word has been received by relatives in regard to William Angus Leaman McDonald of 105 Elm street, East London, a brakeman on the Grand Trunk Railway, who, it was reported, had met with an automobile accident near Mount Brydges on Tuesday night.

The Advertiser received a long-distance message in regard to the accident, and the story which appeared in the afternoon edition of the paper on Wednesday was the first intimation to his wife and a sister, Mrs. Pook of Dame street.

Mrs. McDonald has made inquiries at Mount Brydges, but has been unable to discover any news to relieve her suspense.

"I have almost turned grey with worry during the past few days," said Mrs. McDonald, when seen today in the cottage home on Elm street, around which everything within and without was in beautiful order, cosy and homelike.

"His sister, too, is almost broken down with anxiety," she continued, adding: "We wouldn't feel so worried if we hadn't heard of the accident and found that Mr. McDonald is down for sick leave at the Grand Trunk. Our fear is that he is so badly injured that he is not able to speak and to tell where he belongs.

Fears Foul Play.

"Sometimes I get a fear that he has been foaled and harm done to him.

"You see, Tuesday was pay day for the Grand Trunk employees, and my husband left the house about 10 o'clock to go to Stratford to meet the pay car. He came back to the city, because after that he sent me up a large order of groceries, enough to do a month. He didn't come home all day, but I didn't feel particularly anxious, because I thought he might have been called out on the road. But when he didn't come home in the evening or send any word, I just couldn't go to sleep. I sat up all night watching for him. The next day I made inquiries at the Grand Trunk and found he was put down for sick leave. I didn't know what to make of it, so I went to my brother-in-law's home to see if he had heard anything. He told me what he had seen in The Advertiser.

"I have heard since that he was in the National pool room at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, but after that I have been unable to discover any trace of him. I have also heard that he had received a letter offering him a position on the C. P. R. at Windsor, but if this were so, he would let us know and he wouldn't be put down on sick leave at the Grand Trunk.

Has Roving Nature.

"I have told you already we wouldn't be so worried about his disappearance if we hadn't heard of the sick leave and the accident for my husband was always a roving boy and gave his family great anxiety by going away for weeks at a time without letting them know while he was growing up. This is the fourth time he has gone off without warning since we have been married.

"We were married four years ago after going together for some time. Apart from his going off from time to time like this he has always been the best of husbands and a good provider. He had a splendid garden this summer, and we have our own chickens. We are paying for our furniture now and have paid over a hundred dollars down to the present time. Yesterday the payment was due, and, of course, I couldn't meet it. We have such a comfortable little home, it breaks my heart to think I may have to give it up. I will have to unless I can keep up the payments till he returns.

Always Sent Word.

"Other times he has been gone for as much as two months. He would always let his sister know a week or so after he had left where he was. She hasn't heard anything this time, unless it has reached her this morning. It would relieve our anxiety if we only knew. I have a feeling that I can't get rid of that he is some place to sick to tell who he is or to let us know.

"I want, if I possibly can, to keep our home together, and what I would like to do would be to go out and work, if I could only find someone who would come in and stay with our boy and take good care of him while I am out. I have been wondering if some soldier's wife wouldn't be glad to do this if she only knew about it. I don't want to lose what has been paid on the furniture if I can possibly help it and I do want to keep the home.

"My boy is just the image of his father and he is all I have now. We buried our 7-months-old baby in June."

Tears Overflow.

The tears which had been gravely kept back up to this point overflowed, and it was a moment or two before the narrative could be resumed.

"My husband was with the 135th Battalion for a time, but was discharged last February owing to physical unfitness. He went back to the G. T. R. in April. His discharge paper will give you a full description of him, so if he is sick any place out through the country and people read about him, they will be able to identify him. The discharge paper said, '27 years, 9 months old; 5 feet 6¾ inches in height; blue eyes, fair hair, fair.'"

Mrs. Pook, Dame street, a sister, who was also seen in regard to the disappearance, stated that her brother was possessed of a roving spirit from his earliest boyhood. He had always turned up safely, though until his whereabouts was known, he had caused much anxiety. She is, like his wife, anxiously awaiting news of him.

IN PREMIER MARTIN THE CAUSE SOUGHT OUT ITS CHAMPION

He Had No Desire To Take Reins of Office.

A STERLING CHARACTER

Brainy and Earnest, He Also Has Courage Which Makes for Success.

The Toronto Star has the following to say of Premier Martin of Saskatchewan:

M. M. Martin, M.P., is a son of the manse and all the better for it. Without repugnance he has survived the Shorter Catechism, though it left his sense of humor slightly impaired. He has sane, sad eyes, with a certain wistful quality, which bears analysis, for they look out from a perfectly clean mind upon a world of which they have seen more than they would have the tongue describe. Though William Melville Martin, member of Parliament for Regina—which, Federally, is very much more than the capital city of Saskatchewan—is only just forty he has gone through nine sessions at Ottawa. He knows that Parliamentary life in his native country is just one disillusionment after another. The grasshopper becomes a burden on the banks of the Rideau Canal, and the gopher threatens to become an election menace on Wascana Creek, which meanders through Regina on its way to seductive Qu'Appelle.

They began to threaten Billy Martin with Provincial woes last winter when the troubled clouds broke over the buildings alongside Lake Wascana. He didn't want the premiership then. The still small voice tells him not to want it now. He knows he isn't as experienced as Calder, who has been acting premier for years, all told, but won't take on the regular job. He has never fancied himself as driver of the sort of chariot in which a prime minister makes the best of uncertain standing room. Team work he likes. Team driving—well, he doesn't hunt for trouble, of which he has seen too much already.

He Knows the Handicap.

W. M. Martin becomes premier without self-deception. He knows that, having only lived in the West since it began to expand, and never having been through pioneer conditions, his qualification is not like that of old George Langly, for instance, the clever Englishman, and minister of municipal affairs, who, in his lonely shack overlooking the South Saskatchewan a few miles north of Saskatoon, suffered all the pains of cold and hunger in the days when scarcely anybody believed the country would ever amount to anything; and along with that belief was a recurring fear that it could never afford the price of a ticket out of it.

Premier Martin is called in to make the best of a bad job, which does not look nice, because sundry members of the Legislature have been sent to jail for accepting bribes, and others, including the Speaker, have been censured for receiving campaign contributions from liquor licenses. Can he make an end of "machine" electioneering? The greatest political quality is courage. Those who went to school in Ontario with Bill Martin know him to have courage, and that if he fails to do what is to be done it will be no fault of his.

He is a man of character. He will find it easier to succeed because of his wife. He himself was born at Norwich, in Oxford County. His father had a church at Exeter. Mrs. Martin belongs to Mitchell. She became a bride ten years ago. She is a vivacious, brainy helpmate to the man she calls Melville. She delighted to spend a few days in Ottawa, not for social glory, but because it was good to feel the pulse of great affairs. She is interested in high politics. She is a thorough progressive. She has abundant faith in the possibilities of re-creating Canadian public life.

Unless the signs belie, the lady of the premier of Saskatchewan will have something like a salon. Brains will not be scarce where they are.

Canada's Youngest Minister.

Mr. C. A. Dunning, who succeeds Mr. Bell as provincial treasurer, is the youngest cabinet minister in Canada. From the beginning he has been general manager of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator System. He went to Europe on the Rural Credit Commission three years ago. He is one of the ablest business men in Canada. He came from Leicestershire with his father when he was sixteen years old, and farmed near Yorkton till the Elevator System was founded. He is a product of the grain growers' movement. His stripe may be judged from the fact that, till his marriage three years ago, he lived at the Regina Y. M. C. A. He is the second Englishman in the Saskatchewan Cabinet, the other being Mr. Langly, minister of municipalities.

SEAPLANE AND BALLOON OF FOE BROUGHT DOWN

Good Work by British Airmen Off Belgian Coast.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 21, 2:50 p.m.—Describing aerial operations of the British naval service off the Belgian coast yesterday, an official statement issued today by the British Admiralty says:

"The secretary of the Admiralty announced that on the morning of the 20th a naval single-seater seaplane attacked and brought down a hostile kite balloon near Ostend. The balloon descended in flames.

"A similar machine engaged a large hostile double-engined tractor seaplane, shooting both the pilot and the observer. The seaplane side-slipped and dived vertically into the sea two miles off Ostend. The remains later were seen floating on the water. Both of our machines were undamaged."

GONE OVERSEAS

Twenty Men of 63rd Battery Left Petawawa October 1.

A party of 20 men of the 63rd Battery left for overseas on October 1st. The men went from Camp Petawawa. A list of the men has been sent to Major Cameron and is only now available.

The names are as follows: J. H. Aiken, H. S. Brown, F. R. Clark, V. E. Dodds, W. F. Dunning, S. E. Elgie, B. Esson, C. Hodton, Geo. Houston, Ed. Holley, Ed. Morris, C. W. Mossey, O. G. Moyer, Jas. McPhail, J. W. Orton, E. H. Sodewater, M. E. Thompson, G. L. Woods, R. J. Woods, R. J. Wright.

What's Doing in London Churches

Congregational News of Interest to All Denominations in the City.

SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS.

Huron College appointments for Sunday: Stratford, Rev. G. B. Sage, D.D.; Burford, Rev. J. Seton-Adamson, M.A.; St. Georges, W. Davis; St. John's, London Township, J. Chapman; Paris, A. S. Mitchell; Epiphany, L. Hagger; Chelsea Green, W. Hendry; Aged People's Home, H. Crosby and C. Bruton.

WILL AMALGAMATE.

The amalgamation discussed for some time of the Kensington Mission with the congregation of Empress Avenue Methodist Church has been completed. In the near future arrangements will be made for the members of the Kensington Mission to worship with the Empress avenue congregation in the Empress Avenue Church.

An adult class for Bible study is being organized in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and will meet during the winter months each Sunday morning one hour before the church service. G. W. Hofferd, B. A., of the Normal School staff has been secured as teacher, and during the discussion of the lesson under consideration will give suggestions for teaching. It is proposed to take up the international lesson series, and in this way valuable assistance will be found by teachers of the Sunday school for their afternoon classes. The class is intended for all interested and has been specially arranged for those who are unable to attend the regular Sunday school sessions.

Anniversary services are being held in several of the Methodist churches of the city tomorrow. In two or three cases former popular pastors are coming to preach to the congregations.

For the anniversary services, Dundas Centre Methodist congregation is looking forward with pleasure to sermons from Rev. Thomas Manning, D. D., of Stratford, who was pastor in Dundas Centre some time ago. Mr. Manning was president last year of the London Conference, and is looked upon as one of the very able men of the church. Under the direction of Parnell Morris an especially fine musical program will be presented by the choir and soloists, Mrs. L. Keenleyside, Bert Howcroft and Frank Webster.

Rev. George M. Dewey of Stratford, a former pastor, is coming to the city to conduct the anniversary services on Sunday in Empress Avenue Methodist Church, West London. Mr. Dewey will be welcomed on this occasion by many old friends, and his visit to the Empress Avenue Church will be almost in the nature of a home coming.

Announcement is made of anniversary services to be held at the Gore Methodist Church. At 3 o'clock Rev. Byron Snell of Hale Street Church will preach and at 7:30 p.m. Rev. D. Rogers. The anniversary entertainment will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when a good musical and literary entertainment will be followed by a bountiful supper.

The First Methodist Church pulpit is to be filled by visitors at both morning and evening services tomorrow. Rev. J. B. Silcox, D. D., of the First Congregational Church will preach at the former and Rev. F. Louis Barber, Ph. D., at the latter.

Rev. George A. Mackenzie is to be the preacher, both morning and evening, on Sunday in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church.

Anniversary services are being held tomorrow in the Christian Church, corner of Dundas and Elizabeth streets, Rev. D. Rogers preaching in the morning and Rev. Capt. Hindson of the 153rd Battalion taking the evening service.

"The Narrow Way No Narrower Than Other Ways" has been announced by Rev. Dr. J. B. Silcox as the theme of his evening sermon tomorrow in the First Congregational Church. Rev. G. F. Assiter of the Christian Church is preaching there in the morning.

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will entertain soldiers in camp in the city the second Thursday evening of each month during the coming winter. This was decided upon at a well-attended executive meeting a day or so ago. It was also decided to hold a Halloween frolic for the young people of the congregation in the gymnasium.

A special invitation has been extended to those born on the farm to attend the morning service tomorrow in Wellington Street Methodist Church, when the pastor, Rev. W. J. Ashton, B. D., will preach on the subject, "God Honors the Man Who Toils."

The minister, Rev. J. G. Stuart, is preaching on Sunday in Knox Church on the subject, "Our Women's Missionary Enterprise."

In Talbot Street Baptist Church tomorrow the pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham, at the morning service, will give echoes of the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec held in Hamilton during the past week. In the evening his subject will be "The Curtain of Fire."

Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B. A., the minister, is preaching Sunday evening in King Street Presbyterian Church on "The Battle of the Marne and the Vision of Angels."

H. C. OF L. DELEGATES RETURN FROM OTTAWA

Mayor Says Case Presented in Good Form to Cabinet.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson and Ald. H. E. Ashplant returned at noon today from Ottawa, where they, with a large deputation from all parts of the country, interviewed the members of the Dominion cabinet yesterday afternoon regarding an investigation into the high cost of living.

"We had a satisfactory interview," declared the mayor. "We had a large representation, and the case was presented in good form. The Government promised to look into the matter. It is certainly a question for the Government to handle. We cannot do it locally or by municipalities, as we have not the necessary machinery. It is a big problem, and should be handled in a big way."

Ald. Ashplant had a further interview personally with Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, relative to the currency question, and its effect on the high cost of living. This feature will probably be inquired into as well.

WANTS RELIEF FROM LEASE.

The license board, at its meeting in Toronto next Friday, will hear the case of H. H. MacCall, lessee of the London House, who is seeking relief from lease given to J. W. Hampridge.

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SEVEN COLORED MEN OF CHATHAM ANSWER CALL

Recruiting Meeting Held For No. 2 Construction Battalion.

At a recruiting meeting held at Chatham yesterday to secure recruits for No. 2 Construction Battalion, seven volunteered. The meeting was addressed by Lieut.-Col. Sutherland, O. C., Captain Maclaren, and Professor Wallace from London, and several prominent colored citizens of Chatham.

Those who volunteered were: Cornelius Wright, George Jones, Charles Lee, Joseph Leroy Wand, Sagasta Murphy, Percy Parker and Charles Lynn.

Three were signed up in this city today before 1 o'clock, showing decided activity in recruiting for this battalion.

TO INSURE GAS PRESSURE.

SARNIA, Oct. 20.—As a further indication of the preparedness plans of the Union Natural Gas Company to prevent a recurrence of last winter's trouble of breaks in the main line, it has been announced that the Imperial Oil Company of this city, a large consumer of this fuel, has been placed on an independent line, thus enabling the full pressure of the mains to be received by the citizens who depend on this product for their heating and cooking. The company has expended several thousands of dollars in enlarging the supply pipes and anticipates a big winter's business.

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CONSTANTINE'S ACTS

fact. The point has been the subject of rumors in well-informed circles, but a cautious censorship in the Allied countries kept it from public knowledge. Now allusions of a guarded kind in the newspapers show that there is abundant reason for the belief entertained in Athens among political and military leaders.

Smyrna has represented the one concrete goal of Greece in the way of reward for aid to one of the conflicting sides in the present war. It is said that when the Greek public learns that its aspirations for the old and opulent Greek city in Asia-Minor are finally to be frustrated because of the vacillating and pro-Prussian policies of King Constantine its anger may lead to excesses the result of which will be appalling.

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LONDON'S DONATIONS

instances and this is as it should be. We cannot afford to fall down in this, as it is particularly our affair. The ladies who so cheerfully give their services in preparing hospital supplies must be assured that money will be forthcoming to buy the materials.

"The objective for the British Red Cross, however, to better the amount —$71,904—which was raised last year, was decided upon, as the importance of the British Red Cross cause could not be denied.

"The question of pushing the work of the teams vigorously throughout Friday by calling for reports