

LEW BOWERS, NEW MANAGER, ARRIVES

Takes Over the Grand—Has Had a Long Experience in the Theatrical Business.

Mr. Lewis H. Bowers, who has been appointed by Mr. A. J. Small to manage the Grand Opera House in this city, arrived in London yesterday.

Mr. Bowers is one of the best-known theatrical men in the business today, and comes to London with a ripe experience, which will be used to good advantage in securing attractions for London theatregoers.

"Lew," as he is familiarly called by his many friends, is not by any means a stranger in London. For many years he has brought companies to this city, which have pleased the patrons of the Grand. Among these may be mentioned "Red Feather" and the "Princess Chic."

Years ago Mr. Bowers was a newspaperman, having been reporter in Louisville, in which city he was born. He worked for some time on the Courier-Journal, one of the famous American dailies, of which Col. Henry Waterson is the well-known editor. After leaving newspaper work, Mr. Bowers became the manager of the McAlley Theatre in Louisville, remaining in that position during 1891, 1892 and 1893. Later he took the management of a large production, and after a time has traveled all over America, with different companies.

Mr. Bowers promises that Londoners will be treated to some very fine attractions this season. The house will open under his management on March 6 with "The Volunteer Organist." On March 8, "Peggy from Paris" will be produced here, and on March 9 Al Wilson will appear at the Grand in "Met in the Alps."

The house staff has not as yet been completed, but so far the following have been engaged:

Treasurer—Mr. Wm. Cagler, now of the Majestic Theatre, Toronto.

Assistant Treasurer—Mr. C. Fitzgerald, London.

Leader of Orchestra—Mr. James Cresswell.

Head Usher—Mr. Wm. Graham, London.

Doorman—Mr. Samuel Loughrey.

The other employees will be engaged at once.

Mr. Bowers announces that it is the intention of Mr. Small to spend at least \$10,000 on the Grand at the close of the present season. The three or three-and-a-half million dollar stores facing on Richmond street, and these additions will be fitted into apartments.

The balcony will also be raised, the lower floor of the house will be lowered, and the stage will also be dropped a couple of feet.

Mr. Bowers has brought Mrs. Bowers to London. With a full knowledge of his business and a frank, genial disposition, there is no doubt that the new manager of the Grand will be very popular in London.

INVITATION TO PASTOR

Rev. D. E. Martin Asked To Stay Another Year at Hamilton Road.

At a largely-attended meeting of the quarterly board of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church, held last evening, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Moved by F. W. J. Ball, seconded by W. D. Yeo, that we extend to our esteemed pastor, Rev. D. E. Martin, an earnest invitation to remain with us for another conference year.

In extending this invitation we desire to express our acknowledgment of the business ability, the pastoral faithfulness and excellent pulpit ministry of our pastor. We feel that the very gratifying success of our cause during his stay with us is in a great measure due to these most admirable qualities and his untiring efforts to further the interest of our church.

Be it resolved, that in view of the immediate necessity of a new church, and the wonderful growth of our city in the district surrounding our church it is of the utmost importance, that Bro. Martin be allowed to remain with us and continue on in the good work which he is doing, and that a strong appeal be made to the conference with this end in view.

The pastor, in accepting the invitation, subject to the powers that be, gratefully acknowledged the generosity of the board, and the uniform cooperation of the church and congregation and expressed himself willing to labor as diligently during the coming year as heretofore.

LIBERAL CLUB BOWLERS MET DEFEAT BY IDEALS

Tommy Dewan's team of Liberal Club bowlers, under the management of Vic Brock, visited the Ideal alleys last night, and were defeated by 170 pins. The Liberal Club bunch showed up well in the first two frames, but fell down on the third trial. Chittick, of the Ideals, was high score man with 262 points. Summary:

LIBERAL CLUB.

Worrell 171 155 139 465
Burgess 136 163 120 419
Fuss 148 129 160 437
Murray 140 112 128 380
Dewan 162 173 148 483

Totals 747 742 695 2194

IDEALS NO. 2.

W. A. Herworth 147 144 189 480
Mason 165 130 140 435
Lashbrook 181 181 168 530
Chittick 166 202 180 548
Ayers 132 150 129 411

Totals 781 807 766 2354

TO DISCERN and deal immediately with cause and overcome them. The disease has secured a lodgement, in the chief aim of the medicine, and the result of patient study along this particular line. At the first appearance of a cold the Syrup will be found a most efficient remedy, arresting development and speedily healing the affected parts, so that the ailment disappears.

EAST ELGIN CONSERVATIVES.

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A MERRY TIME FOR THE BUYERS

Outside Staff of C. S. Hyman & Co. Entertained in Fine Style by the Firm.

For the first time in the history of Messrs. C. S. Hyman & Co., tanners, practically all of the firm's representative hide buyers are here, where they will spend several days in visiting the city and in getting acquainted with the officials at headquarters.

It has long been the desire of Mr. C. J. Beal, the manager of the firm, to bring the buyers of the company in closer touch with each other, in order that they might profit by one another's experiences, and be mutually benefited. However, it has been impossible to gather the buyers together, for various reasons, until recently, or, to be exact, the day before yesterday.

When the buyers arrived, over a dozen stables, they were made to feel at home, and everything was done to make their visit as pleasant as possible.

On Monday the visitors spent the day in getting acquainted, and in holding a general talk over their work. Yesterday they were driven about the city and given an opportunity to view the various points of interest. Last night a banquet was tendered them at the Tynes Hotel, during which each visitor expressed regret at the enforced absence of Mr. Hyman, whose picture adorned the front of the banquet menu cards.

As a token of appreciation for their excellent services, each visitor was presented with a substantial token by Mr. Beal, on behalf of the firm, in the form of a paid-up accident and life policy for \$2,000. In addition to the hide buyers, those present at last night's banquet included the officers of the C. S. Hyman Company.

The visitors will remain in the city for several days. They are: Albert E. Long, George F. Long, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; John E. Meisereau, Sydney, C. E.; George Wood, Halifax, N. S.; Richard Arscott and George Teed, St. John, N.B.; Arnold Porter, Sherbrooke, Que.; E. R. Robbins, Regina, N. W. T.; Joseph P. Starkey, Chatham, Ont.; George Thuring, St. Thomas, Ont.; James H. Watright, and Thomas Phelan, London.

MRS. SCHABACKER'S FUNERAL

Remains of Respected Citizen Taken To Ingersoll for Interment.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catharine Schabacker took place from her residence, 36 Wellington street, this afternoon at the G. T. R. depot, where the remains were placed on the 2:05 train for Ingersoll, where interment took place.

Services were conducted at the house by Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, of which deceased had been a valued member for some years. Coming here in the early 'ties, the late Mrs. Schabacker became a member of the First Presbyterian Church, but when Chalmers Church was opened in the south end, she identified herself with that congregation. In her long years of residence in London she made very many friends, all of whom were extremely sorry to hear of her death, and have expressed their sorrow to the bereaved husband and family.

Among the mourners today were the five children of the deceased—Mrs. A. E. O'Neill, of Chicago; Mrs. R. S. Stewart, of Pelee; Mr. Harry Schabacker, of Chicago; Mr. George Schabacker, of Toronto; and Mr. Gus Schabacker, of this city.

The pallbearers were ex-Ald. Joseph Johnson, ex-Ald. William Wyatt, ex-Ald. J. W. Jones, Messrs. William Stratford, Thomas Parkes and William Wright.

WARD FIVE MADE GOOD

Defeated South London Bowlers in the Liberal Club Tournament.

East London bowlers were some better than the South London trundlers last night in the Young Liberal Club bowls, winning by 18 pins after a fine game. Ward 5 got an early start and had 66 pins to the good. The southerners made a strong finish, but could not quite get up. McCormick, of the losers, got best single frame, getting 166, in the second venture. C. Young and Russell each got 155. Russell got high average, rolling 304 in his two frames.

The finals will begin tonight, when wards 2 and 3 line up. On Friday night ward 5 plays the winners for the prizes. The score last night was:

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Totals.....

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C. Young 158 126 284
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Totals 566 573 1139

Majority for ward 5, 18 pins.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

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LITTLE MORE PAY FOR SERGEANTS

Policeman McDonald Promoted—New Man for the South-east End.

The board of police commissioners met last evening at the police station. Mayor Judd occupied the chair, and Judge Macbeth, Police Magistrate Love, Chief of Police Williams and Police Clerk Moule were present.

Acting Sergeant McDonald was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and to take the place of the late Sergeant Crawford. The appointment was to date from Jan. 1, from which time Sergeant McDonald has been filling the vacancy occasioned by Sergeant Crawford's death.

It was moved by Police Magistrate Love, that the men made to feel at home, and everything was done to make their visit as pleasant as possible.

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FIRE SUFFOCATES SIXTEEN PUPILS

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veloped. It was the smoke that proved so fatal.

Before the fire alarm was sounded the men of the local station were on their way there, a passerby having seen the smoke and dropped in to warn the brigade. Immediately Capt. Carson and a number of his men started out to the scene, and before the first alarm had finished sounding they were preparing to rescue the children.

So speedily had the flames spread, however, that even in these few minutes those children who had not escaped at the first call were pinned in the upper flats of the school, with a seething furnace of smoke and flame beneath them.

Children at Every Window.

At every window were seen the imprisoned children and teachers, while from the windows on the lower flat nothing could be seen but evidences of fire.

Capt. Carson at once organized his men to set up an extension ladder to the second story window, where Miss Maxwell was signaling for help. The ladder was promptly run up, and every man who could draw upon it got in position to make a living chain to rescue the little ones. Capt. Carson headed the ladder. Inside the window was Miss Maxwell, surrounded by a swarm of children and excited almost to the limits of endurance.

As soon as the firemen had formed their living chain to safety, Miss Maxwell handed her little pupils one by one to Capt. Carson, and they were swiftly passed down the ladder from hand to hand to the ground. Thus the work went on until probably 40 of the children had been saved, and it seemed that none were left. Then Capt. Carson called to Miss Maxwell to save herself.

"No, there are others inside, and we must save them," she replied, and ran back to look for the other little ones who she knew must be on the upper floor. That was the end.

"Miss Maxwell ran back, and we called to her to come out, as the room was full of smoke and flames," said Capt. Carson. "I saw her hurrying to look for any of the other children who might have been overcome. We could not follow her—it would have been simply suicide. A moment later she fell in the thick smoke. It was all we could do, and an hour later her body was carried through the window, along with those of the children she had tried so hard to save."

That is the tragic story of the fire. It was confusion at a time when confusion meant death, and death to those who were utterly unable to understand why they met it. The building was an old-fashioned one, with crooked stairways, narrow passages, and not a single fire escape. Had there been a fire escape the firemen are positive that there need not have been any lives lost.

The fire broke out in the cellar, where there were two furnaces for the hot air heating system and large piles of wood.

One of the children on the ground floor went out into the corridor and returned in excitement, and hurried to Principal Maxwell, and told her he had seen a lot of smoke coming up, Miss Maxwell, without alarming her pupils, told them to get their clothes and hurry home. As a result, it seems that every pupil on the ground floor got away safely. Then Miss Maxwell ran upstairs and warned the other teachers, and the same order was given.

But the fire spread more rapidly than the news. By the time that the upstairs pupils had been notified by their teachers to get their clothes and run home the stairway was full of smoke, and the little ones were afraid to venture down.

The kindergarten was on the upper floor, and most of the classes there were composed of very young children, and they all became so excited at the sight of the curling smoke that they were afraid to run to safety when they reached the stairway. One of the older pupils ran down and called to the rest. Many of them followed, but in the terrible confusion of the moment a great many of the others feared to venture

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Against these there are a few "capital receipts," such as the first payment on the sale of Cobalt Lake, which amounted to \$108,000, or 10 per cent of the total, and the bonuses of timber netted \$535,970. Included in the direct liabilities of the Province, which total \$15,041,986, are the issue of bonds of \$5,840,000 and \$3,600,000, against which it has as an asset the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. On it was expended up to the close of last year \$408,580 in excess of the loans.

Argument for New Hall

Blaze in the North End Averted by Neighbors.

A small fire which occurred on Grosvenor street yesterday afternoon has proven a strong argument in favor of the establishing of a north end fire station.

The firemen made good time to the scene, but the journey was such a long one that had not the neighbors fought the flames to good effect at the cottage would undoubtedly have been burned.

"The time it takes to drive that distance gives a fire a great chance to do its worst," said Fire Chief Clark today. "I do not know what would happen if a blaze broke out in one of the big institutions in the north end."

"What we want is a station with a chemical wagon in it, so that it can have a chance to fight a fire before the flames get too great a start. The north end fire station should have been built years ago."

W. C. T. U. MEETS

Convener of the Building Committee Reports Progress.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday, with Mrs. McDermid, the president, in the chair, and over thirty members present.

The treasurer's report for January was adopted.

In connection with the week of

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