

WAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR CITY CHURCHES

Favorable Progress Reported at Vestry Meetings.

SOUND FINANCIALLY
Encouraging Reports Presented and Officials Appointed.

Last night was business night with the Anglican churches in the city, when eight of them held vestry meetings.

Very Rev. Dean Tucker of St. Paul's, in his opening address, after congratulating his vestry on the fine report presented, referred to a report issued nine years ago, which had recommended a number of things that had since been accomplished.

These recommendations included: Making the church revenue equal to the church expenditure, something which had been achieved for the first time in the history of the church this year; remodelling of Cronyn Hall; the installation of a new organ; improvements in the Sunday school; removal of the church debt; interior decoration of the church.

Of these recommendations all had been accomplished with the exception of the remodelling of Cronyn Hall. "It was a great record," said the rector, "one that we may well be proud of, and an incentive to face with courage the problems of the future."

Despite Conditions. This progress had been won in spite of adverse conditions, that during the last twelve years had constituted a heavy burden for the church to carry. There had been a mortgage of some thirty thousand dollars. This had been removed when the great war came along, bringing with it a demand for other efforts, both in service and in a financial way.

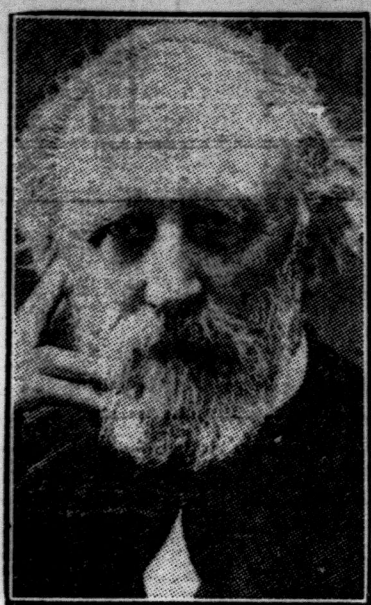
After the war came the forward movement, to which the church had contributed \$21,000. Since then church activities had grown and waxed strong, so that today with the various church associations well organized and under way, the congregation of St. Paul's might justly feel that their church was at last on its feet, that it was in a very healthy condition, and that the future was bright and full of encouragement.

The financial statement showed in the church's budget apportionment more than \$500 above that required. There was a general discussion on the matter of improvements that would have to be made to the rectory and Cronyn Hall, which resulted in the matter being referred to the corporation with power to act.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Delegates to the synod, T. W. Baker, Dr. A. J. Grant, J. A. I. Hunt; substitutes, James Orr, Fred Kingsmill, C. W. Nicholls; clerk of the vestry, P. D. Mitchell; wardens, T. S. McKenney, Innes Carling; auditor, R. J. Blandford.

St. George's. At St. George's Church, West London, the vestry meeting was largely attended. The financial report presented was satisfactory, showing total receipts of \$7,300, and a sum of \$1,000 devoted to improvements in the church. Reports from church organizations were encouraging, and the church generally was seen to be in a sound financial condition.

The following officers and delegates were elected: Delegates to the synod, J. W. Hope, G. F. Dexter; substitutes, P. A. Andrews, R. A. J. Stinchcombe; wardens (north side), W. C. Bending, S. White, H. G. Coultis, S. F. Andrews, W. Wilson, J. Hobbs Jun., A. Thorne; sidesmen (south side), J. K. H. Pope, G. Finlayson, C. W. Nicholls, J. Stokes, G. J. Guymer, H. V. Nicholls, F. Hodgins, J. R. De Pott, J. T. Marget, R. A. J. Stinchcombe, R. M. Gallagher; sidesmen (north side), M. Wilson, D. Davidson, A. Bending, T. F. Dexter, A. H. Jeffries, F. A. Andrews, S. F. Sims, W. Wilson, W. A. Hump; people's warden, P. C. Turville; rector's warden, J. H. Hobbs; vestry clerk, F. T. Bending; select vestry, J. J. H. Pope, F. Copp, G. F. Dexter, F. Hodgins, W. Wilson, D. Finlayson, S. T. Bending.



ALEXANDRE RIBOT, former premier of France, is dead, aged 80.

Miss A. H. Gower, Miss A. Smith, Miss L. Gahin, Mrs. Sims. The vestry passed a resolution that in their opinion it was in the best interests of the church that the age limit of members of the vestry should be changed from 21 to 18, all other requirements having been complied with.

All Saints. In All Saints there was a full turnout, and the congregation had the pleasure of hearing an unusually good report on the financial condition of the church, which showed total receipts of \$7,500, and left a balance of more than \$800 in the bank.

A new organ had been installed during the year and paid for, and the church was able to face the coming year free of all obligations. Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Rector's warden, R. Burt; people's warden, E. Hooper; auditors, H. Slade, F. Newton, C. Pope; vestry clerk, J. Wild; select vestry, G. B. Drake, H. F. Hill, F. Parker, W. Bell, F. Newton, T. Hill, H. Slade, C. Pipe, J. Hunt, J. Boyle, C. Steen, Mrs. Patton; delegates to the synod, G. B. Drake, W. Bell; substitutes, J. Wild, E. Risler; delegates to the Bible Society, E. Risler, O. Connelly; chief usher, R. Napman.

St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's also faced a year of sound financial standing, clear of debts, and with substantial payments made on the rectory mortgage and several improvements carried out. The reports sent in by the different departments of the church were all very favorable, and showed a great improvement over any preceding year.

Officers elected were: Auditors, H. Wiltow, W. Stewart; select vestry, R. P. Wright, Arthur Edwards, Hubert Holmes, H. E. Henderson, John Farnham, Mrs. H. H. Hitchens, Frank Wilson, Horace Matthews, Geo. Lay, Russell Ardell, H. Biernes.

St. James. The annual vestry meeting of St. James' Anglican Church was held last night in the Sunday school rooms, with a large and enthusiastic gathering present.

The delegates to the synod elected were G. P. Collier, R. E. Davis and A. T. Nash, and the substitute delegates were R. H. Cullis, E. J. Dawson and C. Hodgins.

Wardens were re-elected. They are: George E. Forsythe, rector's warden, and C. Hodgins, people's warden.

The report presented by the wardens was the best in the history of the church. Total receipts were \$8,303. There had been no special collections and all expenses have been met to date with a balance of \$680.45.

Many improvements to the church, Sunday school, rectory and organ were made in the past year, and the interest on the mortgage has been paid up for the year, with a balance in the mortgage account of \$169.92.

A splendid gift to the church was made by Miss Eleanor Emery, in the form of a lot immediately west of the church. A committee was appointed to have plans and estimates prepared for the extension of the Sunday school upon this lot. This commit-

I SPED TODAY

EVERYBODY'S "spying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win one dollar.

It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

One dollar awaits "J. C. M." who contributed the winning item today.

One of the outside entrance doors of the new Central Collegiate tied with a piece of clothes-line to hold it shut. What do you know about that?—J. C. M.

Whilst walking home on the Hamilton road east, a barber shaving himself with a safety razor—WHAT NEXT!

A young man (name on request) and his "sweetie," who were snow-balling one another on the so-called Federal Square.—MAC.

A squaw duck, which is very rare in this part of Canada, was swimming and diving in the River Thames, above Ridout street bridge.—COLD AIR DUCK.

A well-known lady walking hurriedly down Dundas street, suddenly stoop and briskly pick up a green-back all rolled, and slip it into her pocket. Halfway up the street, she took it out, opened it up and examined it. It only proved to be a cigar store coupon, and she threw it away with a grumbled face.—"WILE."

A service car from a local garage respond to a call from East London to pull an auto out from a deep snow-drift, in which it was stranded. The service car driver found the snow-drift to be worse than flypaper, his machine becoming stuck, despite vain efforts to back up. Finally, with the aid of several boys skating nearby, who gave a helping hand, the driver of the auxiliary car was enabled to free it from the drift and assist the stalled car to the road.—JAKE.

Walking across the G. T. R. tracks, a colored porter standing on the platform of a dining car, displaying a nice fat chicken that he was going to clean. The engine gave a quick jerk and the chicken fell to the ground. The colored man very nearly broke his neck going after it.—A. G. V.

DEAD STRIKER'S BODY HANGING FROM BRIDGE

Associated Press Despatch. Harrison, Ark., Jan. 16.—The body of E. C. Gregor, a Missouri and North Arkansas striker, was found hanging from a bridge near the railroad yards this morning. Gregor is said to be the man who opened fire on officers and citizens who searched his home yesterday afternoon, according to a telegram to the Arkansas Democrat.

See is to report to a special meeting of the vestry on Feb. 2.

Church of Redeemer. The annual vestry meeting of the Church of the Redeemer, held last night in the church, was well attended, and the general report for the year 1922 was favorable in regard to the church as a whole and the various societies.

The following officers were elected for this year: Rector's warden, John P. Wade; people's warden, G. Farr; vestry clerk, J. Thompson; auditors, P. D. Banghart and P. Southam; sidesmen, N. Ashman, G. Brett, H. Mason, and D. Hueston; envelope clerk, H. Pope; delegates to the synod, A. Wallace; substitute, H. Pope.

Christ Church. At the yearly meeting of the vestry of Christ Church, the following officers were appointed for this year: Vestry clerk, A. P. Parkinson; auditors, W. A. Hayden and R. J. Crook; rector's warden, P. J. Vrooman; select vestry, C. W. Milligan, J. Reynolds, T. W. McKee, J. Wild, J. Percy, G. Noble and H. Wakeley; sidesmen, F. W. McKee, H. E. McCormick, R. Marr, H. Wampler, E. Thompson, H. Winder, G. McKenzie, L. Quick, A. Stephen and A. Tucker; envelope clerk, R. Cheswick; delegates to the synod, W. A. Hayden, D. J. Vrooman; substitutes, C. Milligan and R. Cheswick.

A group of English numbers proved most popular, "A Pastoral" (Carey), "My Lovely Celia" (Moore), and "Symphony and Fawns" (Bemberg).

As conductor, accompanist and soloist contributing a generous share of the program, Mr. Morris had a busy evening.

His organ numbers, ranging from a difficult Fantasia in F Minor (Frederic), the excellent "Songs of Gilead" (Wely), and Largo from the New World Symphony (Dvorak), to the familiar Dvorak "Humoresque," revealed a true command of technique, and a musical quality that was most appealing.

DAN McARTHUR HONORED. Dan McArthur was honored last night by Trinity Chapter, O. E. S., when he was presented with a past worthy patron's jewel. W. A. O'Dell, of St. John's Lodge, 2084, was also recently honored by the members of his chapter, when he was presented with a past master's jewel.

CONVINCED THE CITY REQUIRES SOLICITOR

London Wants One Who Gives Advice Without Humming or Hawing.

Ald. Grdon Drake is more convinced than ever today that London requires a permanent city solicitor with an office in the city hall.

He instanced the city hall tangle as ample proof of what might have been avoided had the city council a solicitor "on the job" at every council session to lend advice, when required, without delay and without being asked.

"Exclusive of what time has been lost we have lost several hundred dollars for election purposes," he said. "Another vote of the people must be taken, and that will cost money."

"We want a city solicitor who can devote his whole time to municipal affairs and be present at the sessions of the council. Too much time is lost waiting for communications sent back and forth. We want a man who will 'yes' or 'no,' who will be independent, and give his opinion, and not hum and haw about it, either."

"Furthermore, we do not want the position linked with the city clerk's department. Keep the two jobs separate. We'll save money and time in the long run, and time is money."

GERMANS MUSTER IN PATH OF FRENCH

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claring the default, and Kemball Cook, the British delegate, following the British policy, abstained from voting.

The hurried decision followed Germany's refusal to make any more deliveries in kind, including coal, wood, and building materials, so long as the French remained in their present position in the Ruhr.

There was very little discussion. President Barthou said Germany's refusal was "an open defiance of the Allies, which must be met with instant force." The Italian and Belgian delegates agreed. The United States representatives, Roland W. Boyden and Col. James A. Logan, were present, but had nothing to say. The vote was then taken.

Today's default applies specifically to the coal, wood and cattle deliveries which have actually been stopped by Germany. The delivery of eggs and building materials apparently have not yet been held up, although such shipments within a few days. The new policy of requisitioning announced last night by one of the authors of the French ultimatum, government, is expected to be put into effect at once.

MARK FALLS LOWER. Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 16.—The French threat to arrest the German coal directors in the Ruhr valley has caused a panic in Berlin, says a Central News despatch from the German capital this afternoon. On Berlin exchange the dollar rate was around 18,000 marks.

On the London exchange the mark today fell to 72,500 to the pound sterling on the possibility of further drastic action by the French in the Ruhr.

The French franc was slightly better, being quoted at 69.05 to the pound.

FRENCH OCCUPY DORTMUND. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Paris, Jan. 16.—Official announcement of occupation of Dortmund by French troops was made today. The French line was further advanced to the north of the district, and has since been entirely renovated. The basement has been fitted out to be used for Sunday school and young people's work, while the upstairs auditorium has been enlarged so that it has now a seating capacity of more than three hundred.

Salvation Army officers are well pleased with the progress made with the hall, believing they are now in a position to carry on the work of the Army to the full extent of the demands made upon it in this part of London.

LONDONERS WARNED TO BEWARE OF FRAUD

Postal Authorities Believe Alleged Business Fakir Seeks Refuge in Country.

Postal authorities in London received a warning this morning from the Detroit postmaster to be on the lookout for one Henry George, alias Harry Martin, who is wanted in several American cities charged with operating fraudulent business schemes.

The American authorities have reason to believe that he may have taken refuge in Canada.

D. J. McLean, district supervisor of postal service, has in his possession now a full description of the man with a record of his operations since he controlled a grocery store in Windsor, Mr. McLean was in the Border Cities at that time, and in speaking to The Advertiser this morning he said that he used to know Mr. George well, as he frequently purchased groceries at his store.

At that time he was as fine a man as any could wish to meet," said Mr. McLean.

His family are extremely well off, Mr. McLean pointed out, and are respected citizens of the United States. His father owns farm lands that are worth in excess of \$75,000.

George's description is as follows: Age, 52 years; weight, 210 pounds; height, 5 feet 7 inches; fair complexion, smooth shaven, dark hair closely clipped around the edges. Usually wears diamonds and is flashy dressed.

The United States marshal at Grand Rapids, Michigan, holds a warrant for the arrest of George under the alias of Harry Martin, for operating a fraudulent scheme there in 1922 under the name of the United States Buyers' Association.

His scheme, according to the circular, is as follows: Advertisements are placed in the daily papers for agents or district managers. Agents vary sums, ranging from \$25 to \$100, for outlays, consisting of circulars, mailing lists and membership certificates. The agent sells the membership certificates at \$2 each, retaining this amount as his commission, and the purchaser is enrolled as a member of the company, or association, and is entitled to purchase groceries and other commodities listed in their price lists at greatly reduced prices. Some orders are filled, and when the business shows evidence of prosperity an interest is sold to an innocent party.

The United States Postoffice Department ask that if this man be located he be held and a wire immediately be sent, government rate, collect to A. E. Gernier, postoffice inspector in charge, Chicago, Illinois.

SALVATIONISTS OPEN NEW HALL SATURDAY

No. 2 Hall Renovated and Ready for Use.

The Salvation Army will open the new hall No. 2, on the corner of Edward and Tecumseh avenue, on Saturday. There will be an open air service and ceremony at 7:45, which will be followed by an indoor supper in the hall in charge of Col. G. Miller, general field secretary of this district.

There will also be all-day services on Sunday, and during the week services in connection with the inauguration of the citadel. On Monday night there will be a turkey supper, followed by a grand musical concert, in which the four bands of the city will take part. On Tuesday, Jan. 30, the band of No. 2 hall will give a musical program.

No. 2 hall was some time ago found to be insufficiently equipped to meet the needs of the district, and has since been entirely renovated. The basement has been fitted out to be used for Sunday school and young people's work, while the upstairs auditorium has been enlarged so that it has now a seating capacity of more than three hundred.

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SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ASSAULT ON GIRL

Fred Olsen Gets Two-Month Term—Police Probe McCormick Claim.

No decision has been given in the case of Ken McCormick, recently tried in city police court on a charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, yet.

Today when the case came before Magistrate Graydon McCormick was bailed "until called for." Apparently McCormick's claim that "another party was the owner of the four-one-gallon jars of liquor which officers found in his grocery store, is to be probed.

McCormick was arrested two weeks ago Saturday when provincial and city police visited his place of business on Wellington street and found the four gallon jars in a basket at the rear of the store. He was tried the following Tuesday. Decision was reserved for a week. Then it was served for another week. Now it has been reserved sine die.

Fred Olsen was sentenced to two months in the common jail for an assault on Mrs. Irene Slade. The week he has already spent in jail will be deducted from his term.

ELECT JAMES M'KAY LONDON MODERATOR

St. James' Presbyterian Minister Chosen by Unanimous Vote.

Rev. James McKay of New St. James' Presbyterian Church was made moderator of the London Presbytery by unanimous vote at the first session of the new year, held in the St. James' Presbyterian Church this morning.

Rev. McKay succeeds in office Rev. Robert Stewart of Dutton.

Rev. Dr. John McNair of London was elected clerk of the Presbytery to fill the place made vacant by the death of Rev. J. G. Stuart.

Speaking as moderator pro tem, Rev. T. A. Symington of Knox Presbyterian Church, London, voiced the deep and sincere regret of the presbytery occasioned by the passing of their former clerk, Mr. Stuart. A resolution of sympathy was drawn up and approved by the presbytery.

Business of a routine nature occupied practically the entire morning. The decision was reached to again make application to the Home Mission Board for grants in the charges of Port Stanley and Wallaceport.

The important issue of the day, the overture regarding church union, will be brought before the presbytery early in the afternoon.

The overture to the general assembly in favor of early consummation of organic union will be presented by Rev. Dr. Beattie, while Rev. James McKay and Rev. J. M. McGillivray of St. Thomas are prepared to oppose it.

WANT ACT DECLARED, JUDGE COMES AFTER

Mayor Insists Juvenile Court Be Established Before Magistrate Appointed.

"We're not going to worry about a juvenile court judge until the delinquents' act is officially proclaimed and the court actually established," Mayor Weir asserted today.

"First get the court, then I believe we can get the suitable man," he said.

His worship has no suggestions for publication as to a likely judge, other than to strongly proclaim that it will not be one of the so-called "office-seekers" if he has anything to do with it.

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CONVICTS J. BELBECK OF PERJURY IN COURT

Judge Macbeth Will Sentence Prisoner on Friday of This Week.

James Belbeck of this city was convicted by Judge Macbeth in county court this morning of perjury and remanded for sentence until Friday of this week. It was claimed by the crown that Belbeck had perjured himself in the course of a trial to determine whether or not he was guilty of a breach of the Ontario temperance act in September of last year.

Last autumn revenue officers discovered a complete still for the manufacture of liquor in the house on the Wade farm east of the Asylum road. Belbeck was known to be working on the farm at the time, and he was later arrested as the alleged owner of this still. Along with the still were found two 19-gallon kegs of molasses.

Belbeck swore in his first trial that he had secured these molasses from Escott's merely because Henry Garside, a grocer on Hamilton road, had asked him to do so. Mr. Garside contradicted this statement, and his wife swore that Belbeck had purchased the molasses from the whole sale through her husband's grocery store.

John Moule Testifies. The first witness to be heard was John Moule, police court clerk, who testified that he had received information against Belbeck on September 19 of last year.

Mrs. Ethel Garside stated on the stand that Belbeck asked for two barrels of molasses at her husband's store, and that she had sent him to the wholesale for them. He did this, and on coming back paid her for them.

Henry Garside from the stand stated that he knew nothing of the sale of the molasses, and did not see Belbeck on the day in question.

Visits Wade Farm. Cecil Webb, revenue officer, then testified that he visited the Wade farm on the above date, and there he found a complete still, the two kegs of molasses, several jugs and a bag partly filled with crushed corn, along with a scribbler with the name of Roy Belbeck upon its cover.

Mr. Webb stated he saw no one on the premises and made no arrests at the time.

At this point Crown Attorney Elliot sought to obtain from Mr. Webb just what was used in the manufacture of liquor but the judge objected to such questioning as being immaterial.

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Regular \$100.00.	Sale \$80.00	Regular \$50.00.	Sale \$35.00	Regular \$10.00 pair.	Sale \$8.00	Regular \$5.00.	Sale \$2.50
Regular \$200.00.	Sale \$160.00	Regular \$25.00.	Sale \$15.00	VASES		Regular \$4.00.	Sale \$2.00
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If you want to be continually happy you must know when to be blind, when to be deaf, and when to be dumb.—MY JEWELER.