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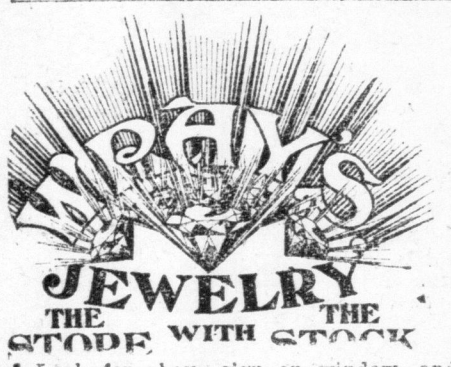
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The old folk's concert, which was given some months ago in the Auditorium and proved such a success, will be repeated on Jan. 25. The next number of the affiliated society and entertainment course is the Weather-was Brothers Quartet.

Work for Strong Men.

Able-bodied men out of employment are rather scarce these days. Inspector Sanders, of the Charities Organization Society, could use half a dozen at the present time, but none are to be had. "I have work for several able-bodied men," he informed The Advertiser. "It is apparently impossible to get them. It is seldom that there are so few idle men."

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At the fourteenth annual meeting of the London Builders' Exchange the following officers were elected for 1912:

President, William Nutkins; vice-president, E. R. Dennis; second vice-president, L. H. Martyn; recording secretary, A. C. Nobbs; secretary-treasurer, George S. Gould; board of directors, John Moran, H. Hayman, George H. Belton, Thomas R. Wright, Ben. Noble; delegates to the Canadian National Association of Builders' Exchange, E. R. Dennis, district organizer, Wm. Nutkins, alternate, E. H. Belton; George S. Gould, alternate, H. Hayman; L. H. Martyn, alternate, W. T. Brown.

Exchange auditors and representatives to Western Fair Board, Messrs. Donald Ferguson and Ed. Gerry.

Chairman of entertainment committee, E. R. Dennis.

The reports of the officers were very encouraging, the financial statement showing that the receipts from members' dues and entrance fees were far in excess of any previous year, only four certificates for 1911 remaining unpaid.

The retiring president, Mr. John Jones, in presenting the report of some of the work that had been attempted during the past year, thanked the members heartily for their kind co-operation with the executive in their every endeavor to promote public good or Exchange benefits.

He made special reference to the many social as well as educational gatherings that had been held, and also pointed out that the credit for having industrial training night-schools in London established and in operation now, rested entirely on the Builders' Exchange.

The organizing efforts of the Exchange had also been very successful. Several distinguished important matters would have to be dealt with by the new board at once, among them being the workmen's compensation act, the consideration of the lien law and provincial association details. There

will be a full meeting, and before adjourning it was decided to have a banquet as soon as possible.

Forty-four dollars per minute.

About \$44 burned every minute during 1911 represented the fire waste of Canada that year. Mr. J. B. Laidlaw contributes an important article to the annual number of the Monetary Times, pleading for efforts to make a hole in the fire waste. The results of sixteen fire companies doing business the world over are compared in the columns of this issue, showing their business in Canada, the United States and the world, respectively. Mr. Henry Lay, the well-known adjuster, of Vancouver, discusses the relation of fire waste to fire insurance. That there will be important developments in the future is the opinion of Mr. L. K. Fife, the well-known Canadian actuary. He gives an outline of what he thinks these developments will be. Mr. H. Polman Evans contributes to this annual number an instructive article on industrial insurance. Another insurance article of interest, the respective merits of personal and corporate surety bonds, is treated by Mr. George Weir.

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COUNCIL QUICKLY
TRANSACTS WORK

Applications to Lay Steam Pipes Are Referred Back to Committee.

REPORT ON CAMP SITE

Reported That 555 Acres Are Available

—Special Committee To Adjust Officials' Salaries.

The first real session of the city council was remarkable for its brevity. A large amount of business was transacted in a short time, there being little or no unnecessary discussion.

The application of the Helena Costume Company and Greene-Swift & Co. for the right to cross certain streets with their steam pipes, was referred back to the board of works for further consideration. There was no discussion on the question. It is understood that the terms do not suit the applicants, and the latter are insistent that if the terms are insisted on—that the companies remove their pipes on six months' notice from the council—that the application will be withdrawn.

The city solicitor was instructed to prepare a bylaw along the lines of that in force in Toronto to charge for areas under sidewalks.

Report on Cove Property.

The recommendation of No. 3 committee that seven additional men be placed on the fire department, was referred back. Ald. Wright explained that the matter would be further considered before action was taken.

Ald. Rose and Ald. Bennett insisted that the union label be asked for when tenders for firemen's clothing were called for.

Ald. Richter pointed out that the solicitor had advised the council that this could not be done—that all merchants and tailors in the city, whether they had the label or not, should have the privilege of tendering.

After some further discussion it was decided to refer the matter back to the committee for settlement.

City Engineer Wright presented a report and map on the cove rifle ranges and adjoining property, as to its suitability for military camp purposes.

There were 364 acres of cove rifle ranges—364 south of Oxford street and north of the river, 92 at the city farm, and 99 acres at the rifle ranges. The aldermen were not prepared to take definite action on the matter, and the clause was referred back.

On the motion of Ald. Ashplant, a committee consisting of Ald. Richter, Ald. Moore, Mayor Graham, Ald. Ashplant, Fire Chief Atkinson and City Auditor Jewell was named to arrange the details of a firemen's benefit fund.

A special city hall committee will be appointed. Ald. Richter thought it would be wise to have a special committee, and moved that the mayor be empowered to name such a committee. The motion carried, and his worthy will appoint the aldermen on this body.

Reception for Curlers.

It was decided to give a civic reception to the Scottish curlers on Feb. 1. Mayor Graham brought the matter up, and suggested that they be entertained. The council agreed. The manufacturers' committee will arrange the details.

His Own Sorrows.

The curlers were instructed to attend the convention in Toronto on Wednesday to request legislation to force all wires underground.

A resolution of condolence to the family of the late ex-Ald. J. H. Meacham was introduced by Ald. Murphy, and carried by a standing vote.

Ald. Bennett's motion that a special committee be named to adjust the salaries of officials was introduced, and carried. This matter will be under the care of Ald. Richter, Robinson, Wright and Bennett, who will report as soon as possible.

For more than a year the council has been discussing this matter, and Ald. Richter was the first to suggest that the question be taken up by a committee of the whole, and the suggestion carried. The committee will meet next week.

Western University Governors.

The following were appointed by the council as governors for the Western University: Sir George Gibbons, T. H. Smallman, Capt. T. J. Murphy and James C. Duffin.

The council also named Messrs. S. J. Radcliffe, Dr. F. R. Eccles and Dr. W. H. Moorhouse as senators of the Western.

A large number of local improvement bylaws were passed.

Those present were: Mayor Graham, Ald. Richter, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Spittal, Ald. Johnston, Ald. Wright, Ald. Colquhoun, Ald. Smith, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Cline, Ald. Blandford, Ald. Robinson, and City Clerk Baker.

NORTHERN BLIND PIGS

Large Quantities of Whiskey Have Been Seized By Provincial Police.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The provincial police in Northern Ontario are busy seizing shipments of liquor which are contrary to the law. During December 599 bottles of whiskey were seized.

The list of seizures follows:

Dec. 6—Two barrels of port wine.

Dec. 11—Five gallons of wine.

Dec. 13—Eighteen bottles of whiskey.

Dec. 18—Twenty-four bottles.

Dec. 20—Two hundred and seventy-six bottles.

Dec. 21—Ninety-six bottles.

Dec. 22—Eighteen bottles and one gallon of wine.

Dec. 25—Eight bottles of gin.

Dec. 27—Thirty-six bottles of whiskey.

Dec. 29—Twenty-nine bottles of whiskey and 480 bottles of beer.

QUERIES ANSWERED

P. D. ONT.—I have been served with a county court writ for damages. How soon after the service of the writ should I be served with a statement of claim? Please insert in the daily 2 p.m. edition. ANS.—The statement of claim must be delivered within three months after you have entered an appearance, which you should do within ten days after service of the writ by your solicitor. If no appearance, judgment goes by default, and damages are afterwards assessed.

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The Hundredth Anniversary of His Birth Will Be Memorable Occasion.

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Writer's Great Love for Children: His Word Picture of Them His Greatest Accomplishment.

London, Jan. 15.—Few could observe an entire nation paying to the memory of a beloved man such homage as is now being accorded by all Britain to the memory of Charles Dickens, without counting it one of the greatest experiences of their lives. At a time when the country is torn up with warring factions with the agitation of many important questions, Englishmen, almost to the last man, have united to make memorable the hundredth anniversary of the great writer's birth, which falls on Feb. 12.

It is the spirit of Dickens himself, entered into the person of each of his admirers—or lovers—that is prompting the generous recognition of what he did for all the English-speaking world, the gifts of inestimable value that he presented to "his people" in the product of his genius.

London has awakened to the occasion with unprecedented fervor. Not in the Dickens pictures that adorn windows of shops and homes, not in the festivals and exercises that are being arranged, not in the eloquent recitals of his praise, is the greatest tribute to Charles Dickens seen. It is a more practical tribute, a more substantial one; subscriptions are being raised for the benefit of the five grand-daughters of the author, who, it was recently discovered, have been living in straitened circumstances.

Big Subscriptions.

One of these subscriptions conducted by a London daily newspaper has already resulted in the amassing of more than \$2,000 or \$20,000. It is expected that during the final month it will increase to five times that amount. The contributions are not all confined to England; many of them come from India, Australia, South Africa and America. All over the world the love for the great benefactor is being manifested.

Among the great things attributed to Charles Dickens is the awakening in human beings in general of a true understanding of children, of the realization that they have minds and hearts and souls. In answering the question, why did Dickens—a lover of the quaint, the odd, the bizarre, of strongly marked character and mannerism—choose to extol or could be at ease in the delicate nuances of fancy, one contemporary journalist writes:

There is no mystery about the reason. Dickens had a rare love of children, and the insight that is born of love and a rare memory of the way he thought and felt as a child. And the reason of that, in turn, is obvious enough. His own childhood was miserable. Distress, suffering, shame stamped recollection into him.

His Own Sorrows.

"You may read in the 'Life' how exactly, how minutely the tale of the hard life in mean streets, of little Copperfield reproduces his own sorrows. He has indeed, no Mr. Murdstone to torture him, but there was no Betsy Trotwood to come to the rescue. The penury, the servitude of rough work among rough lads were not observed or imagined. They had been lived through."

"It is this which gives the rare poignant reality to his ill-used children, not only to David, but to the Marchioness and Tiny Tim, which discovers paths in those young ruffians, the Dodger and Charley Bates. It is this which fired his imagination whenever his scene needed a child, which gave us the affectionate subtlety of the study of Pip and the Jellyby children, which urged to make even so slight a figure as Quilp's boy vividly alive. He had to show us children as they are to themselves, passionately real, vastly important. The familiar sentimental theory about poets who must 'learn in suffering what they teach in song' is often a snare and delusion. But it was precisely true of Dickens."

"It explains not only his supreme success with children, but the odd mingling of mastery and success and elaborate, laborious failure. His child-rearing advice, his 'The Children of the Poor' and 'The Ragged Dicks' most charming child fancy that ever was written down, some of the most vivid moments of child life, perhaps the finest, the purest expression in all literature of the inherent pathos of children. But they give us, too, some of the richly embroidered sentimentality that ever was wrapped about a child."

The reason is, simply, that he loved childhood too well. He remembered childhood too well. The sorrows of a child, the pathos of a child's suffering meant so much to him that he was always trying to make more of them in print, that he could never be sure he had made the world understand."

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