LATEST NEWS OF WESTERN ONTARIO

BRUSSELS CITIZEN DIED IN MANITOBA

Remains of John McLachlan Were Brought Home From Portage la Prairie.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Brussels, Jan. 26.—The funeral of John McLachlan, who died recently at Portage la Prairie, Man., was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. McLachlan had made his home with his daughter in the west for some years. His wife died 25 years ago.

Reeve Leckie is attending the county council meeting at Goderich this week.

Miss Beatrice Harris had a finger broken by getting it caught in a table leaf.

The local curlers were defeated in the tankard competition at Wingham, one rink losing by 8 and the other by 2 shots.

Angus McKay, formerly of Brussels has accepted a position as teacher on the Indian reserve of Moore Lake, near Carlyle, Sask., and left for his post this week.

Attwood curlers were here recently and were badly defeated by the local club.

The Farmers' and Women's Institute meetings, which were held here were well attended. The addresses were most interesting. The speakers were Mrs. Shaw, of Hespeler, and Messrs. Silcox, of Iona, and Lewis, of Burford.

The first carnival of the season was held last evening, and attracted a splendid crowd.

Mrs. A. B. McDonald, wife of Barrister McDonald, has left for her home in Cranbrook, B. C., after visiting her parents here.

Tuesday evening next a tea meeting will be held in the Methodist Church. The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Ross, of Hanover and Rev. Mr. McCamus, of London, who will speak for and against church union, respectively.

Conrad Bernath, a resident of Grey Township for upwards of 50 years, died at an advanced age and was buried at St. Thomas on Thursday afternoon. He is survived by his wife.

LONDONER'S BROTHER FATALLY BURNED

John A. La France Put Kerosene In Coal Stove to Start the Fire.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Jan. 26.—Mrs. D. B. Brickman has received details from Chicago regarding the death of her brother there on Monday. Mr. La France was lighting a fire in his barber shop. The fire in his coal stove, it seems, had almost gone out, and in an effort to revive it, he threw a quantity of kerosene on the smoldering embers. An explosion, which immediately followed, set fire to his clothes, and in an instant he was a mass of flames. A passerby who noticed him ablaze rushed to the rescue and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not before La France had been terribly burned about the body and head. The unfortunate man was hurried to a hospital, where everything possible was done to relieve his sufferings. After hovering in great agony for about two days, death ensued on Monday night.

Deceased was a barber by trade, but for a time had conducted a hotel in St. Catharines. He was aged only 28 years. He leaves a wife and a young son. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Peter La France, of Walkerton, and four brothers and four sisters. The remains were interred in Chicago. His mother and his brother George, of London, went to Chicago for the funeral.

EXPECT FAST GAME

Ingersoll Hockey Team Is Preparing for Hot Fight at Paris.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Jan. 27.—Now that the local intermediates have disposed of the Drumbo septette on their own ice interest in hockey circles is concentrated on the game with Paris in that town on Monday night. As many teams know from bitter experience the Parisians are a tough proposition at any time and particularly at home. However, the home team is undaunted, and they intend putting up a game fight.

The funeral of John Kerr, whose death followed a brief illness with appendicitis, took place from McIntyre's undertaking rooms to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Rev. Alfred Bright officiated, and the pallbearers were Messrs. Kay McKay, John Kennedy, Jas. Hennessy, D. Shehan, Thos. Hennessy and Jas. Kirwin.

The annual meeting of the Ingersoll branch of the Children's Aid Society will be held in the council chamber on Monday afternoon next at 4 o'clock. Mr. J. F. Morrey is secretary of the local branch, and has always shown a deep interest in the work.

LEAVING THE O. A. C.

Guelph, Jan. 26.—Professor Crow, of the Ontario Agricultural College, has accepted the proffered appointment of superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Kentville, N. S. He will leave for his new position some time in February. By his removal the college loses a specialist in fruit-growing, who was a very popular and a valued member of the staff.

Loss of Appetite

Which is so common in the spring or upon the return of warm weather, is loss of vitality, vigor or tone, and is often a forerunner of prostrating disease.

It is serious and especially so to people that must keep up and doing or get behindhand.

The best medicine to take for it is the great constitutional remedy

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Which purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system.

Get it today. Sold by all druggists everywhere. 100 Doses $1.

TWENTY-SIXTH BALL BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Strathroy Dance Given By Officers Was Greatest Event of the Season.

SPLENDID DECORATIONS

Armories Was Very Gay With Smart Military Uniforms and Beautifully Gowned Women.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Jan. 27.—The annual ball given by the officers of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment was held in the Armories last evening and proved one of the most successful and enjoyable of a long line of brilliant dances held under military auspices here.

People from all over Ontario were present, and the ballroom was well filled. It presented an unusually attractive appearance with its typical military decorations, the smart uniforms of the officers and the throngs of gaily-dressed women.

Among the invitations to those out of town were those to the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Mrs. Hughes, Ottawa; Major Colin McKenzie, Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. R. Thacker, Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. and Miss W. E. Hodgins, Lieut.-Col. A. C. McDonell, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Belton, Major G. W. and Mrs. Gordon Hall, Major L. W. Shannon, Major E. R. Tooley, Capt. Anderson, London; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. McKenzie, Sarnia; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. McKeown, Lieut.-Col. William Gartshore, Lieut.-Col. H. R. Abbott, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. B. Robson, Major D. H. Hogg, Capt. A. Mortimore, Capt. R. Brown, Capt. and Mrs. H. S. Milligan, Capt. H. L. Stevenson, Hon. Adam and Mrs. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Insley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKillop, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robson, Misses E. Johnson, B. Adams, Piggott, M. Hall, N. Barnard, Messrs. E. Carleton, C. J. Atkins, W. H. Avery, F. Cuddy, A. Johnson, W. Robson, all of London; Major and Mrs. J. H. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McKay, Mr. Wm. Priest, Ailsa Craig; Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Routledge, Lambeth; Mr. and Mrs. D. McArthur, M. P. P., Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Gunn, Mr. George Elliott, M. P., Mr. and Mrs. F. Elliott, Mr. John Morgan, Ailsa Craig; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Towers, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. MacVicar, Major F. Gorman, Sarnia; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. F. B. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. George Rason, Windsor; Mr. A. J. Windell, Mr. F. Eanson, Galt; Mr. Cook, Littlewood; Mr. Ray and Miss Squires, Alliance; Miss M. Field, Mitchell; Miss C. Hughes, Mr. James Cox, Mr. G. Wood, Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. F. Fanton, Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Humphries, Sarnia; Mr. W. Hanley, Ilderton; Lieut.-Col. John Trimm, Brantford; Miss Leckie, Detroit; Captain M. E. Cutcliffe, Captain N. C. Towers, Capt. M. E. Harris, Brantford.

The Strathroy invitations included Misses F. Rapley, McBeth, Adamson, Meekison, Robertson, Lawson, Wright, Mitchell, Freele, Wallace, Mihell, Scott, McIntyre, Richardson, Ballantyne, McGeary, Newton, McNeil, Buttery, Hill, Prangley, Whitehead. Messrs. Evans, F. L. C. Evans, Wright, Harris, Prangley, Hodgson, Dampier, Robertson, Parker, Sands, McGeary, McDonald, Newton, Avery, Campbell, Patterson, Dawson, Welch, McKeller, Rapley, Hodgins, Dr. McDougall, McBeth, Dr. Jepson, Lieuts. F. W. Robinson, McCuddy, Chesham, R. Lewis, Wells, Thompson, Richardson, Gordon, Ballantyne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gundry, W. H. Tanton, Don Graham, J. Bogue, R. M. Pincombe, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Donaldson, Wm. Manigault, George Endicott, H. E. Mihell, Charles Wright, D. C. Ross, M. P., W. D. Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Willmott, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dymond, David Evans, James Camerons, Harry Mihell, H. S. Rapley, George Richardson, James McIntosh, C. Robinson, Wm. Friele, R. J. Thomson, James English, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richards, L. W. Cuddy, Charles Connor, E. J. Wright, W. H. Stepler; F. W. Wright, E. C. Sexsmith, Thomas Wilson, J. A. Newton, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rapley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stevenson, of Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bogue, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bixell, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rapley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Malone, R. J. Avery, Wm. Geddes, C. W. Ray, R. M. Truman, W. H. Rapley, Mayor and Mrs. Berden, Major and Mrs. F. W. Orr, Hon. Major Rev. S. F. and Mrs. Robinson, the Misses E. Endacott, Banghart, Cox, Waters, S. Dinsmore, Moore, K. and J. Moore, Brock, Butler, Hughes, Cameron, Richardson, Healy, Marshall, McIntyre, Woods.

OWEN SOUND ACCIDENT

William Moxley Injured When Jointing Machine Started Suddenly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Owen Sound, Jan. 26. — Wm. Moxley met with a very painful accident at the Owen Sound Table and Furniture Company's plant. He was operating a jointer, and it became stuck, and while trying to start it he had his thumb and the end of his small finger torn off, when the machine started up suddenly.

Fire yesterday destroyed Mr. Lee's house and contents on Fifth avenue west. It was such a long run for the firemen that by the time they arrived at the fire the flames were beyond control.

The Wiarton hockey team turned the tables on Owen Sound in a Northern League game here last night by a score of 4 to 2. It was a very poor exhibition of hockey. The home team showed a great reversal of form since their game here with Markdale last Monday. Owen Sound and Markdale are again tied for first place in this district.

HELD FOR FORGERY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Windsor, Jan. 26. — Frank J. Sullivan, who claims Mount Pleasant, Mich., tas his home, was arrested here this afternoon, charged with having passed forged checks on a Michigan bank and on several Essex County people. Sullivan has been in the county for several weeks, representing a horse-breeding syndicate, and the checks he handed out were in amounts ranging from $10 to $30.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS HELD BIG INSTALLATION

Elliott Chapter at Mitchell Was Visited By Rt. Excellent Companion Elliott.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Mitchell, Jan. 26. — At the regular meeting of Elliott Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Right Excellent Companion Elliott installed the following officers: First principal, R. P. Nichols; second principal, Dr. A. D. Smith; third principal, A. J. Blowes; scribe E., William Babb; scribe N., W. Schafer; treasurer, William Elliott; principal S., Dr. Armstrong; S. S., G. Kidd; J. S., Dr. Cull; janitor, R. Smith.

At a meeting of the public school board W. R. Cole was appointed chairman; Mr. Wm. Marty, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. James Goforth, janitor. The committees of last year were reappointed. Mr. J. W. Fields was reappointed the board's representative on the high school board, and Mr. J. A. Myers on the public library board.

Mr. Joseph Hannon has purchased from Mr. John Kreis his 100-acre farm, con. 2, Logan.

Mrs. John Byers is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Ferguson, in Lucan.

Mr. James Jones announces the engagement of his daughter, Minnie Jane, to Mr. Frank A. Manna, manager of the local branch of the Merchants' Bank. The wedding will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Trinity Church.

Mr. W. C. Trew, of Craig, Sask., is at present visiting his sister, Mrs. James Hodge.

Mr. John Cook, of Logan, has sold his farm, containing 100 acres, to Mr. Robert Mutton, for $6,400. Mr. Cook intends going to the west in the spring and will take up land in Saskatchewan.

NEWS DISPATCH TOLD SON OF FATHER'S DEATH

Henry Purdy Died Away From All Relatives at Port Huron.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Exeter, Jan. 26.—Through an item that appeared in a paper Henry Purdy, of this town, was located and informed that it was his aged father, Henry Purdy, who was found dead in Port Huron on Saturday evening last. Upon the finding of the body in his home on Sarnia street, where he had lived alone for many years, Coroner Albert Falk happened to learn that he had relatives in Canada, but just where he did not know.

It was finally discovered, however, through a news item, and the son in Exeter was notified. The body will be held another week until the two daughters can arrive in Port Huron. One of the daughters is located at the Canadian Soo, while the other is residing in Minnesota.

FOREST WEDDING

Miss Eleanor Levitt Becomes the Wife of Hugh M. Ridley.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Forest, Jan. 26.—Mr. Hilland Pettypiece, of Amherstburg, spent a few days with his uncle, H. J. Pettypiece, recently.

J. A. McLellan, of Goderich, formerly of the Bank of Commerce, Forest, visited here for a couple of days recently.

The bachelors and benedicts held a very enjoyable dance in the town hall on Thursday evening, at which there were about 50 couples from Forest and neighboring towns. Costello's orchestra, of Port Huron, furnished the music.

Mrs. J. N. Gordon left today to visit relatives in Niagara Falls.

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage recently when Hugh M. Ridley was united in marriage to Eleanor R. Levitt, of the 6th line, Warwick. Mr. and Mrs. Ridley will leave shortly for the Northwest, and will reside near Moose Jaw.

William Joy, who has been spending the past few weeks visiting old friends in Forest and vicinity, has left for his home at Marble, Minn.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Morley held at Beechwood Cemetery was largely attended. Captain Clark, of the Salvation Army, conducted the services. Deceased, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Stonehouse was Mr. Morley's second wife. Beside her husband, two brothers and one sister survive: William and John Stonehouse, of Forest, and Mrs. Wm. Daley, of Warwick. The pallbearers were the two brothers, the brother-in-law, and three stepsons, John, Sherman and Joseph Morley.

Charles McLean, who has been reeve of Forest for the past eight years, was elected warden for the county of Lambton by the county council on Tuesday.

RIPLEY 7, BRUSSELS 6.

Brussels, Jan. 26.—In a very exciting Northern League game here tonight Ripley defeated the home team by a score of 7 to 6. The lineup:

Ripley—Goal, G. Ferris; point, W. Ferris; cover, Harris; rover, Weidenhammer; centre, Bowers; left wing, T. Ferris; right wing, Wilson.

Brussels—Goal, G. Armstrong; point, S. Fox; cover, W. Scott; rover, A. Hawkshaw; centre, C. Scott; left wing, C. McMillan; right wing, E. Ewan.

ST. MARYS FUNERAL.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, Jan. 26. — The funeral of Mrs. Ann Dinsmore was held from the residence of her son Henry today, and was very largely attended. Mrs. Dinsmore was 77 years of age, and one of the pioneers of Blanshard.

LISTOWEL 12, CHESLEY 5.

Listowel, Jan. 26.—In a fast exhibition game played here tonight Listowel defeated Chesley by a score of 12 to 5. The game was a scheduled O. H. A. game, but owing to Chesley defaulting the game in Chesley they decided to play an exhibition game. The line-up:

Chesley—Goal, Ryan; point, Taylor; centre, Rocker; cover, McKay; right, Krueger; left, Hepenstahl.

Listowel—Goal, Seinkham; point, Roos; centre, Burt; cover, Wilson; right, Schinbein; left, Terry.

Referee—Bamford, Listowel.

DIED AT WALKERTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Lucknow, Jan. 26.—Mrs. McLaren, of Lucknow, died yesterday at Walkerton. She was for many years a resident of Lucknow. The funeral will be held here.

REFUSES TO GIVE PEACE ASSURANCES

Lord Londonderry Resents the Action of Churchill Over the Belfast Meeting.

London, Jan. 26.—Lord Londonderry, ex-viceroy of Ireland, and one of the Unionists who are opposing the proposed home rule meeting in Belfast, today sent a letter to Mr. Churchill, in reply to the communication addressed to him Thursday by the first lord of the admiralty. In his letter Mr. Churchill informed Lord Londonderry that he would advise the Ulster Liberal Association that he would not insist on holding the meeting in the Ulster Hall, but that he intended to deliver a speech somewhere in Belfast on Feb. 8.

"So far as the Ulster Unionist Council is concerned," says Lord Londonderry in reply, "its main objection, which is in the interest of law and order, is removed if you determine to hold your meeting outside the districts which passionately resent your action. . . . At the same time, having regard to the intense state of feeling created by your proposed action, the Ulster Unionist Council cannot accept any responsibility with reference to your visit to Belfast, and they do not desire to give any assurance they might be unable to fulfill.

APPLICATIONS FOR WORK NOT SO NUMEROUS

Charity Organization Society Finds Conditions Fair in London.

The Charity Organization and Humane Society held an interesting session in the society's office in the city hall Thursday afternoon.

The inspector submitted exhaustive reports on both the Charity Organization and Humane Society departments of the work since the last meeting of the board.

The report dealt with fifteen of the more important of the cases coming under his notice. It said in conclusion: "Though the weather has been so severe, there have not been many men out of work, and where there has been destitution it has usually been owing to sickness. The applications for work have not been nearly so numerous as in past years. Only about twenty cords of wood have been cut so far. Some who have applied for work have not been very anxious to get it. Two men were sent to a coal and wood yard to shovel coal, but they refused the work when offered $1 50 a day, saying that they would not work for less than $10 a week. In addition to the wood-cutting, we have provided men with odd jobs, shovelling snow, etc. Relief in fuel and groceries have been given to 23 needy families.

"The Christmas Santa Claus work made possible by the newspapers has certainly done a great deal to relieve distress in the city by providing warm clothing, underwear, dresses, coats, toboggan caps, shoes, rubbers and stockings for the children of the needy. The work has been given a permanent value by the subsequent visits to the homes of the children by the ladies interested in the work."

The report on the humane branch of work showed much activity on the part of the society's officers in that direction. Thirty-two cases had received the attention of the officers. There were four convictions in the courts for cruelty to animals—three being for cruelty to horses, and one for cruelty to swine. In the latter the offender was a farmer living just outside the city, who in the cold weather had kept his swine without being properly housed, bedded or fed. Six horses were destroyed and four were stopped from working until their condition was improved.

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting, the president, Mr. H. E. Gates, occupying the chair.

HARRISTON.

Harriston, Jan. 26.—Mr. Stevens, of Strathroy, is the new junior in the Traders' Bank here.

The Thirty Club gave their third dance of the season in Carnegie Hall on Wednesday evening. A large crowd was present, and all enjoyed an excellent programme furnished by Murchison's orchestra.

Mr. J. B. McCready has returned from Wisconsin to spend a few weeks at his home here.

Mr. F. F. White, of Toronto, recently at Harriston, was here yesterday.

W. C. Chambers, M. P. P., made several shipments of horses to his works in the Nipigon district recently.

HARRISTON ACCIDENT.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Harriston, Jan. 26. — A new rifle in the hands of W. Thompson, a clerk in Collison's hardware store, was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through his foot and lodging in the floor.

CAMLACHIE.

Camlachie, Jan. 26.—Miss Mattie Schram spent several days with her cousin at Parkhill recently, but has returned to her home again.

A number of young people from here attended the skating carnival at Wyoming Rink. Some dressed in costume and all had an enjoyable time.

Messrs. J. Ironside, Frank Schram, and Geo. McGregor spent Friday in Sarnia.

Mr. Sam Ross has rented Mr. K. E. Cairns' farm, and will get possession about May 1.

Misses Myrtle and Edgia Rodgers, of Aberarder, have returned to Detroit, to take positions there.

Sunday Assignments.

The following are Huron College appointments for Sunday, Jan. 28, 1912: Rev. Principal Waller, St. James, morning; Rev. Professor Wright, Woodstock; J. A. Shirley, Brantford; K. Alexander, St. Marys; P. N. Harding, Granton; C. Langford, Dover; E. Jacques, Thamesville; F. V. Vair, Parkhill; A. S. H. Cree, London Township; A. A. Trumper, St. David's; Rev. T. B. Clarke, Belmont; H. C. Light, St. Mark's; F. C. Ryott, Milverton; R. E. Charles, Port Stanley; W. Moulton, Dutton; W. H. Boyd, Chelsea Green; W. R. Haines, Inwood; R. Lee, Home for Incurables; F. Lewin, Aged People's Home; C. DuPlan, Dungannon; C. Simpson, Muncey.

OBJECT STRONGLY TO MAIL ORDER BUSINESS

Goderich Board of Trade Passes Resolution Asking That Conditions Be Changed.

[Canadian Press.]

Goderich, Jan. 26. — The local board of trade has unanimously passed the following resolution, moved by N. C. Cameron and seconded by D. McEwoy: "That this board, after careful consideration, is satisfied that the large departmental stores and others, which carry on business by the system known as the retail mail order and catalogue systems, are doing a serious injury to the merchants throughout the Province, and as they contribute nothing towards the upkeep of the various municipalities; resolved, that an effort be made to remedy, or at any rate, mitigate, this evil, and for that purpose the Local Legislature be requested to pass an act compelling companies and persons conducting such business, either to pay a fixed annual license fee to each municipality in which goods are sold and delivered by said means, or to pay an assessment, by way of percentage on the value of the goods so sold and delivered in any municipality other than the one in any municipality other than the one in which they are assessed and have their chief place of business. And, further, that the various boards of trade throughout the Province be communicated with and requested to take this matter up with their local members, and urge them to assist in procuring the said legislation."

The resolution was carried.

ENGINEER GOWANLOCK IS DEAD AT WINDSOR

Had Charge of Newspaper Special Running Between Toronto and London—Died of Paralysis.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Windsor, Jan. 26. — Robert Gowanlock, for 35 years a Grand Trunk engineer, is dead at his home here as a result of an attack of paralysis. He ran the fast newspaper special from Toronto to London when it was put on in 1892, and had had many fine runs. He was 66 years old, and leaves his wife and two sons, Robert and Frank.

OVER ICE BRIDGE

Pelee Island People Market Tobacco Under Unusual Conditions.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Leamington, Jan. 26.—There is a bridge of ice between here and Pelee Island, and the natives of that island are making good use of it. By working to the westward a smooth field extends to within three miles of the mainland. A winding trail of sleighs loaded high with tobacco is crossing daily. This opportunity to market their crop dispenses with the cost and trouble of spring shipment by boat. The distance of 17 miles is made in three hours, but at that the trip is made perilous by the possibility of a sweeping snowstorm that soon covers the trail and leaves the drivers at the mercy of a capricious place and the instinct of the horse.

PARK SCHOOL CLOSING

Results of Recent Exams and Conclusion of Winter Term.

The closing of the winter term took place at the Park School, Public Library Building, on Friday morning, when the results of the recent examinations were published. The students who came first in their divisions were as follows:

Senior, Third Year—Helen Pope.
Second Year—Ruth Young.
First Year—Enid Fisher.
Junior—Grade VIII.—Shirley White.
Grade VII—Evelyn Hayman.
Grade VI.—Elsie Wood.
Primary—Grade IV.—Markaret Jordan.
Grade II.—Laura Allen.
Grade I.—Helen Percival.

The programme of the usual meeting of the Literary Society was provided by the junior division, Grade VIII. debated on the subject, "Resolved, that trial by jury should be abolished." Those who supported the negative were Isabel Ivey, Isabelle Graves, Honor Cronyn, Irene Wood, while the affirmative was taken by Shirley White, Edith Summers, Julia Butler and Marian Coles. The negative won.

Some entertaining readings and recitations were also given, among which were Isabel Ivey's clever rendering of Mrs. Ruggles in Kate Douglas Wiggins' "The Bird's Christmas Carol," also Margaret Scatcherd's "Dolly's Lesson."

Satisfactory reports were presented from the Charity Society and also from the skating and hockey clubs. Ruth Young presided.

MISS ANGLIN BETTER.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 26. — Having recovered from her temporary indisposition, which prevented the performance last night, Margaret Anglin appeared tonight at the Academy of Music in the first production on any stage of a new play by Henry Arthur Jones, entitled "Lydia Gilmore."

MME. CURIE BETTER.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Mme. Curie, who had been laid up with appendicitis at a private hospital since the beginning of the month, is now convalescent. She has returned to her own house.

STRIKE AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—No change is reported in the strike at the plant of the Steel Company of Canada here. The thirty-two heaters, who quit rather than accept a reduction in wages, are still out, and with them are nearly 200 men who are idle in consequence. No overtures for settlement have come from either side. A mass meeting of the strikers has been called for Saturday.

MONUMENT TO CARTIER.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—The Quebec Government today informed the promoters of the Cartier monument that a sum of $10,000 would be voted during the present session of the Legislature for the erection of this monument.

Mr. E. W. Villeneuve says the idea is to erect a $100,000 monument to George Etienne Cartier, the cornerstone of this monument to be placed on May 20, 1913, which will be the fortieth anniversary of Cartier's death, and the unveiling to take place on Sept. 6, 1914, the centenary of Cartier's birth.

POSTOFFICE BURNS.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Jan. 26. — The general store and postoffice at Dawn Mills, Gore of Camden, conducted by Mrs. Harvey Obey and her sister, was destroyed by fire.

LAURIER DECLARES FOR WIDER TRADE

Arrangements With Australia and British West Indies Under Discussion.

A TRIBUTE BY FOSTER

Cabinet Minister Compliments the Ex-Premier on Work in Past for Reciprocal Trade.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Government's substitute for the Liberal programme of larger markets with all the world, and particularly with the market nearest at hand, was discussed in the Commons this afternoon. It was noticeable that the proposals for a scheme of interimperial trade, upon which so much stress was laid by Premier Borden during the recent campaign, attracted but little attention from a small and listless House, and the Premier himself and most of his colleagues were absent during the greater part of the debate. The whole programme of developing trade with Australia and the British West Indies, as developed by Mr. H. B. Ames and Hon. George E. Foster, is evidently not regarded as a very vital present issue, and the interest of the members was centred more in the absentee French Nationalist-Conservative supporters of the Government, who are in open revolt because of the English-speaking ministers' reluctance to summarily dismiss the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, than in the somewhat academic discussion of the feasibility of preferential trade agreements with sister dominions.

Hon. Mr. Foster announced that a beginning had been made in the direction of carrying to a consummation the efforts of the late Government to secure some reciprocal trade arrangement with the West Indies. Representatives of the various legislatures of the British West Indies would be in Ottawa towards the end of March to take up with the Government here the question of reciprocal tariffs and better steamship and cable connection.

The feasibility of a trade arrangement with Australia, which has been a moot subject for the last ten years or more, was discussed at considerable length by Mr. H. B. Ames, of Montreal, who has made a long and full study of the question, and who contributed much valuable information to the House. He urged the advisability of opening up immediate negotiations between the two Governments looking to mutual reciprocal tariffs on specific terms, and suggested the possibility of a large trade development in the export of Canadian goods, especially fish, lumber, agricultural implements, motor vehicles and paper, to Australia, while from Australia, Canada could take light wines, prunes, lime juice, raisins and currants.

Opposition Leader.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the Liberals had always been in sympathy with the policy of developing trade with Australia, but he pointed out the difficulties in the way. The main objection was that protectionists in Australia were like protectionists in Canada, and would oppose competition from outside, even though it came from a sister dominion. "The Canadian protectionist," observed Sir Wilfrid, "wants the British preference on manufactured goods only on the condition that they do not compete with Canadian manufacturers."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who brought up the subject on the motion to go into supply, drew attention to the recent communication of the minister of trade and commerce. Hon. Mr. Foster, to the Commonwealth Government, suggesting that Canada was ready to enter into negotiations for the improvement of tariff relations and better steamship connections. Dr. Pugsley thought that the Government would be well advised to move ahead at once to encourage better steamship facilities. That phase, he thought, should come ahead of the tariff, as more likely to produce practical results. Then the ex-minister of public works quietly but effectively noted the anomaly of the Government seeking to better Canada's trade relations by tariff negotiations in view of the attitude taken by the party during the last election campaign, and especially in view of Premier Borden's carefully prepared statement at the New York Canadian Society banquet last December, that Canada must continue to adhere to its policy of tariff independence, and that he was a disbeliever in framing tariffs by diplomatic methods.

This method, said Mr. Borden in New York, had been tested between different portions of the Empire, and had been found to work out unsatisfactorily. That was a definite statement of Government policy. Yet apparently the minister of trade and commerce was now seeking to do what his leader had said could not be satisfactorily done.

Hon. G. E. Foster.

Hon. Mr. Foster thought there was room for reasonable and remunerative exchange. He complimented Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the efforts made during the past ten years, but recognized that political conditions in Australia had been particularly unfavorable to the consummation of any trade arrangements. He was not prepared to indicate what should now be done. "If it so happens," said Mr. Foster, "that I should be one of the Canadian negotiators, it were better that I should not indicate my views." In reference to the pending negotiations with the West Indies, the minister announced the arrangements through the colonial office for the coming of the delegates to Ottawa in March.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"Be it much, or be it little, we are anxious to get it," observed Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the prospective trade to be secured from both sources. Canada took little in exports from Australia but wool and meat. The wool came via Britain, and there was a small market in Canada for Australian meat. But the Liberal chief recognized that there was a wide field in Australia for Canadian exports in manufactured goods. If it were possible to secure a slight preference for these the benefits to Canada would be immense. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the view that Canada should send commissioners to Australia to co-operate with the present able Canadian agent, Mr. Ross. He was prepared to suggest the name of Hon. Mr. Foster, who had studied the subject and could be trusted with the "light wines of the antipodes." But the great difficulty which Sir Wilfrid saw in the way of successful negotiations was that "protectionist will negotiate with protectionist." (Laughter.) The Canadian protectionist supported the British preference only if it did not compete with Canadian manufacturers. Likewies the Australian protectionist was most ready to oppose preference to a sister dominion in competing manufactures. Sir Wilfrid had been interested to note Mr. Foster's advocacy of private negotiations "around a table." Last spring, he recalled, Mr. Foster had bitterly arraigned secret negotiations around a table. "However," added the Liberal leader, "for myself I never regarded his anathemas as genuine in that matter, and I would now charge him not to be afraid of his own argument, but to trust himself. (Renewed laughter.) He will find that we will not do as he did, but will be ready to support any reciprocal trade arrangement which goes to enlarge Canadian markets and increase the prosperity of the Canadian people." (Applause.)

After some further discussion the House went into supply.

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