

HURON AND ERIE SHOWS PROGRESS DURING YEAR

Net Profits Are Set Down as \$565,548, an Increase of \$4,425.

MEET JANUARY 14

Shareholders Gather to Consider Agreement With Dominion Savings Society.

The Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation has issued the annual report for the past year in which it is announced that a meeting of the shareholders of the company will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The meeting is being called for the purpose of electing the directors and officers for the ensuing year and to consider the agreement made between the corporation and the Dominion Savings and Investment Society for the purchase of the assets of that company.

The report shows growth in its Canadian debenture department, in addition to increases in saving department, reserve fund and total assets.

The net profits of \$565,548, were \$4,425 greater than for the preceding year. Dividends at 7 per cent per annum absorbed \$350,000, and after paying government taxes of \$44,066 and making a substantial addition to reserve fund, \$25,243 was carried forward to 1923.

Markets Canadian.
This corporation has achieved success in marketing its Canadian debentures. At the end of 1922 the amount invested by the public was \$8,394,000. Last year's total reached \$10,643,000, an increase of \$2,249,000. This is greater than the combined increase for 1920 and 1921.

Savings deposits at the end of 1922 totalled in round figures \$2,900,000, and although depositors during 1923 transferred slightly over \$900,000 to the corporation's debenture department to avail themselves of the higher rate of interest, an increase of \$181,000 is reported. Deposits, therefore, advanced to \$4,081,000.

Two hundred thirty-three dollars have been added to the reserve fund, which now stands at \$1,500,000 over the preceding year.

Assets Increased.
Assets increased from \$22,712,000 to \$23,167,000, a gain of \$455,000, after having repaid over \$200,000 of sterling debentures issued to investors in Great Britain. The corporation announces for the first time that it has no real estate and other than office premises.

This year the Huron & Erie has met the "acid test" of its mortgage investments continuously since 1907, at which time Thome Cronyn became general manager of the first mortgage investments now totalling \$16,500,000 over the preceding year.

In addition to its mortgage investments, cash on hand and in banks totals \$914,800. This latter amount, added to its holdings of government securities, totals \$1,700,000. The strong position of possessing immediately realizable assets equal to 100 per cent of its outstanding debentures, frequent and exhaustive verification of the corporation's books, accounts and securities were made by its auditors, who are annually appointed by the shareholders.

The Huron & Erie has eleven branches, as follows—London, Ontario, four; Toronto, Windsor, St. Thomas, Chatham, and Edmonton.

NAP PAYMASTER, ROB HIM OF \$42,000

Credits Tie Air Station Official To Tree After Getting Money.

Special to The Advertiser.
Vancouver, Jan. 31.—Bandits yesterday kidnapped Capt. Norman D. paymaster of Langley Field, robbed him of the air station's bill of \$42,000, and fled in a wide-flung hunt for the paymaster, clerk, Cota Goff, for Goff's clerk, tied to near Big Bethel, about nine miles from Hampton, Va., where the kidnapping took place, according to the Langley Field report.

Cota and Goff declared they were held up by two civilians a short distance from the bank, as they were leaving for the station. Threatening them with weapons, the bandits disarmed the officers, took the money, carried them to the tree, and tied them.

TIGERS TO DROP MUMMERY AFTER SIGNING UP BURCH

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Following up information that Burch of New Haven Westminster, who was barred recently by the United States Hockey Association, has signed for the Hamilton club, the N. H. L. it leaked out today that another member of that team may be Canadians in the near future.

Manager Leo Dandurand this morning wired to Stanley Veno, stormy petrel of Maritime Province hockey, who created such a furore by his movements a couple of years ago, making him an offer to play with the Habitués. Veno and Burch played together as amateurs with the Westminster Thunders, who may oppose one another as professionals.

With the signing of Willie Burch, the Hamilton club has decided to release Harry Mummery, the big defence player.

BELIEVE THAT FRENCH HAVE VIOLATED PACT

Paris Delegation Declines To Leave Lausanne With Other Allies' Representatives.

FINAL SESSION TODAY

Turks Are Preparing Counter Proposals To Allied Draft Treaty.

Associated Press Despatch.
Lausanne, Jan. 31.—Complications suddenly arose among the Allied representatives of the Near East peace conference at a late hour tonight, when the French delegation announced that it had been decided to remain in Lausanne as long as there was any hope of carrying on successful negotiations with the Turks.

The British delegation considered the decision of the French as a flagrant violation of the understanding reached by the Allies a few days ago, that all of them would leave Lausanne at the end of the week if the Turks did not sign tomorrow the treaty which had been handed them. All the British delegates announced officially tonight that they would adhere to this program whatever the other Allied delegations decided to do. Earl Curzon will start for London Friday.

Last Session Today.
The long-heralded "final" session of the Near Eastern conference will be held tomorrow morning. Whether there will be a rupture or an adjournment of a nature that will be equivalent to a rupture or whether there will be a continuation of negotiations which eventually may lead to peace, are moot questions tonight.

The Turkish delegates tonight informed the Associated Press that they were preparing counter suggestions to the Allied draft treaty. The Turks are furious over the treaty as it stands.

"Have you read this treaty?" asked one Ottoman delegate of the correspondent. "It is a complete rupture of the study this evening, pale and seemingly exhausted. 'Well,' he added, 'they talk at the economic capitulations. They are in knots.'"

Disclaim Knowledge.
The indications late tonight were that the Turks would tomorrow adopt an attitude which would place responsibility for the rupture of the negotiations upon the Allies. A statement issued by them declares that the Allied treaty not only contains some clauses which the Turks never heard of, but also some which in the sessions of the sub-commissions both agreed should be left out of the compact. The statement declares that the Turks never heard of the clause, threatening the open door, by which the Turkish government should consult the Allies on the Ottoman debt before granting concessions to Turks or foreigners.

ADVISE CO-OPERATION IN GRAIN MARKETING

Saskatchewan Growers Pass Unanimous Resolution To Solve Problem of West.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, Jan. 31.—Official co-operation of the three prairie provinces in the development of a grain marketing plan is proposed in a resolution which passed unanimously through the convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, which opened yesterday.

It was resolved that the executive of the association endeavor to co-operate with the provincial government, with the officials of the prairie provinces and with the officials of the federal government in the development of a system of grain marketing.

The record as advocating a co-operative record as advocating a co-operative wheat board for the 1923 crop. It was considered that today's resolution would supplement the decision by meeting the feeling that the disgruntled farmers themselves should prepare to devise a co-operative, voluntary scheme for marketing not only wheat, but all other grains in the event of the wheat board, if secured, operating one year only.

CANADA'S PARLIAMENT OPENS THIS AFTERNOON

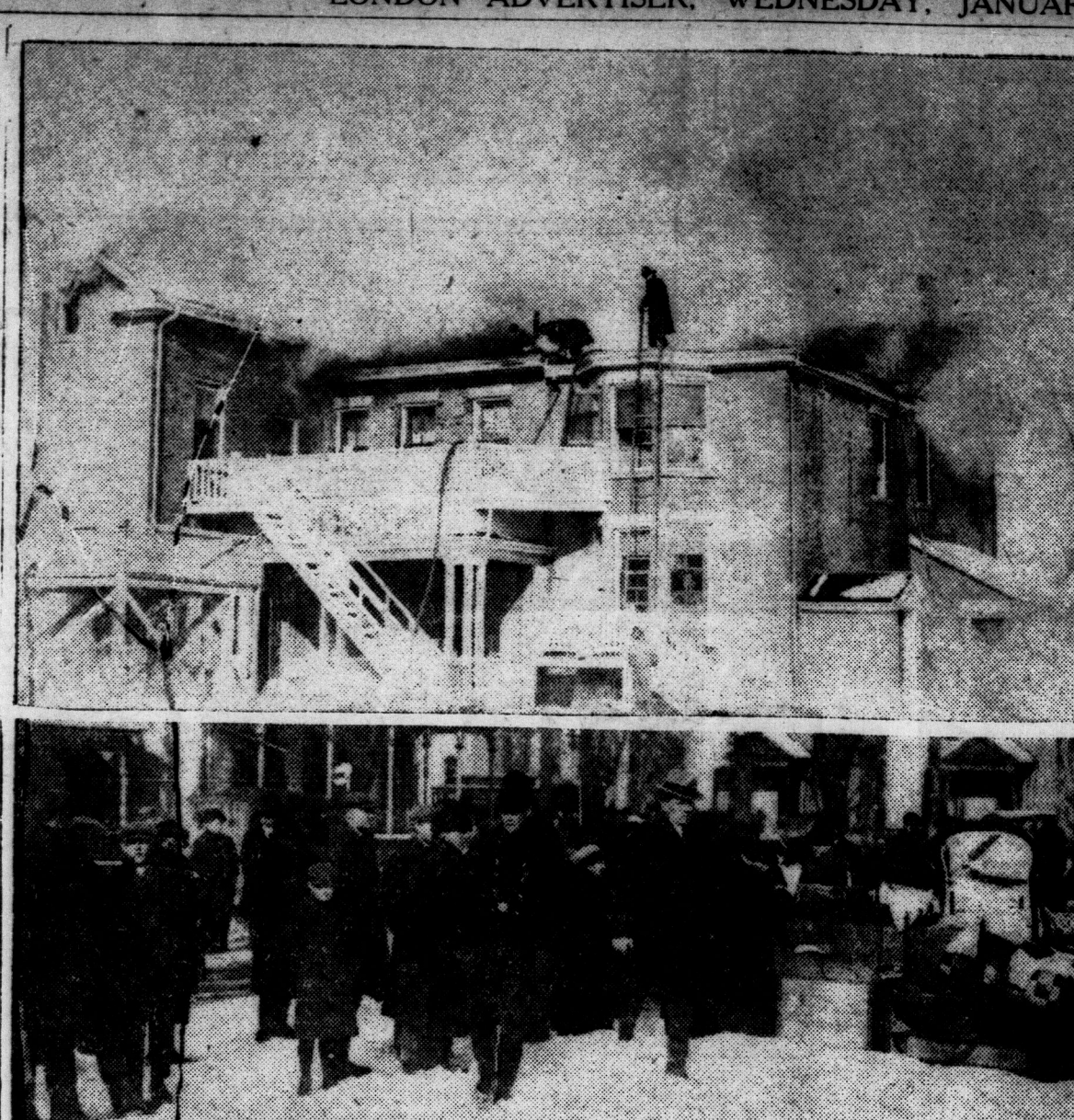
Six New Members Will Be Introduced in the House of Commons.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Everything is in readiness for the opening at 3 o'clock this afternoon of the second session of the fourteenth parliament. For weeks the employees of the parliament building staff have been touching up here and there to have all bright and shining for the arrival of the members, and the few finishing touches required will be applied tomorrow morning.

Opening day is always a big day in Ottawa, socially and otherwise. Marking the beginning of the social "season" here, it is the signal for the commencement of a series of functions which last throughout the parliamentary session.

Tomorrow will see a few changes in the personnel of both houses. In the commons six new members will be introduced and signed the oath of which will be sworn and sign the oath. The three new Quebec members, Messrs. Meehan, Jacques, and St. John, will be introduced by the prime minister and Sir Lester B. Pearson. Hon. R. E. Fynn, junior member for Halifax, will be presented to the speaker by the prime minister and Hon. W. S. Fielding, and the new member from Gloucester, N. B., Mr. Robichaud, will be introduced by Hon. A. B. Cope and either the prime minister or Pless Michaud.

NAMED HEALTH OFFICER.
Special to The Advertiser.
Port Lambton, Jan. 31.—W. A. Cathcart has been appointed medical health officer for the township for 1923.



ALWAYS HOME BADLY DAMAGED BY FLAMES.
Above are shown two pictures of Alway Hall, children's home on Wharmistoe road, snapped by The Advertiser photographer while the fire was in progress at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The top picture shows the smoke commencing to envelop the building as firemen on the roof prepare to run lines into the upper windows. The lower picture shows the crowd, with Mayor Wenig in the light fedora hat in the foreground. To the right of the picture is shown the goods saved from the home.

Stratford Man Freed of O. T. A. Breach On Account of Tardy Prosecution

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Jan. 31.—A rather peculiar case was aired in police court yesterday afternoon, when James Campbell, 44 Rebecca street, was charged with buying liquor from a man named Smith. The charge was returned to him by the O. T. A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell gave evidence that the whiskey was purchased legally in April, 1921, from a man from Kitchener, named Smith. Mr. Campbell said that he had bought three cases, of which there were 26 bottles left when the officers searched his house. As the legal time in which a complaint could have laid had elapsed, Magistrate Makins dismissed the charge.

FARMERS TO CONTINUE AS POLITICAL FACTOR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, Jan. 31.—Organized farmers from Saskatchewan are to continue a factor in provincial politics. The convention of grain growers today refused to even consider a resolution, which sought to rescind last year's decision to enter provincial politics on the ground that it threatened to disrupt the association. Several other resolutions sent in from locals on the subject of politics, similarly were passed over without discussion or action.

The delegates endorsed, with no discussion whatever, the action of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, in recommending the appointment of a federal royal commission to investigate the banking system, and asked that bank charters be extended one year, or until the proposed commission should be able to report.

The action of the Council of Agriculture in attempting to formulate a plan for funding of farmers' debts also was approved.

PEEL SAVES EXPENSE BY CARING FOR BRIDGES

Special to The Advertiser.
Brampton, Jan. 31.—By expending \$10,000 annually for six years, Peel County has brought its bridges into such a state of repair that only \$1,050 was spent on bridges last year. Arrangements for borrowing from the good roads' account instead of from the banks saved the county \$1,535.97 last year in interest.

The total receipts for 1922 were \$413,479.84, and there is a balance on hand of \$44,517.30, the balance in favor of the good roads account being \$23,327.38.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS.
Special to The Advertiser.
London, Jan. 30.—The British cabinet met late today to hear Stanley Baldwin's report of his American debt-finding mission. The chancellor of the exchequer gave the ministers an account of negotiations in Washington.



CRUOL IS APPOINTED FOR DETROIT BOARD

Mayor J. C. Lodge Is Congratulated On Choice of New Commissioner.

PRAISES SERVICES

New Official Given Credit For Present Efficiency of Department.

Detroit, Jan. 31.—Frank H. Cruol, former police commissioner, was appointed by Mayor John C. Lodge today to succeed Dr. James W. Inches, who tendered his resignation, to take effect Friday.

In his announcement Mayor Lodge gives all credit for present efficiency of the police department to Mr. Cruol, whom he states, "reorganized the Detroit police department from a country constabulary into a metropolitan police force." It was during Cruol's administration that a traffic division was organized in Detroit, the police department was completely reorganized and liquor laws rigidly enforced.

Following the announcement of the appointment many citizens called on Mayor Lodge to congratulate him on his selection. The mayor said he had reached the decision, because he realized that there was no man as well fitted for the job as Cruol.

"When Frank Cruol was police commissioner he enjoyed the respect of the men on the force, and the morale of those under him was wonderful. They knew that there would be no favoritism shown, and that when Frank Cruol said 'Yes' or 'No' he meant it. His orders were never disobeyed, and his work in closing saloons which had an unsavory reputation won for him the admiration of all classes of citizens," the mayor said.

EXPECT M'GREGOR TO CONTEST ESSEX

Split Reported in Factions Favoring Tolmie and Healy, Compromise Looked For.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Jan. 31.—Lieut.-Col. Walter L. McGregor of Windsor, who went overseas as commander of the 21st Battalion, Windsor, will be nominated at Thursday's convention of the Liberal party as a candidate to succeed the late Hon. W. C. Kennedy as member of parliament for Essex County.

That there is a serious split between factions of the party which favor Major J. C. Tolmie, M. P. P., and Albert F. Healy was admitted tonight by an officer of the executive committee. Should this schism widen during the convention Lieut.-Col. McGregor appeared to be a "dark" and promising candidate, it is said, in any event, his name will go before the delegates.

Ward meetings here tonight to select delegates were rather poorly attended. In the fourth ward, which is entitled to 30 delegates, the meeting was attended by less than the number of needed representatives.

WROXETER

Special to The Advertiser.
Wroxeter, Jan. 31.—While attending her household duties Saturday, Miss Mary Carmichael had the misfortune to fall from a chair, fracturing two ribs and receiving a severe shaking up.

While employed with his wood-cutting machine Saturday, Tony Meahan had his hand badly lacerated, and it is feared amputation of the thumb may yet be necessary.

J. Sanderson of Howick Township has purchased Robert Colston's residence and implement shop, and will take possession the first of March.

Miss Bessie Lovell, missionary, left this week on her return trip to Africa.

Balantyne has sold his residence to William Westlake, and with Mrs. Balantyne left on Monday for Toronto, where he will engage in a grocery business.

Thomas and Mrs. Jones of Prince Albert, Sask., former residents of the village, are visiting here after an absence of 24 years.

GETS 5 MONTHS IN PRISON.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 31.—Five months' imprisonment was the sentence given by Judge Rose in the criminal assize court yesterday by Samuel Nesbitt, found guilty of manslaughter some days ago by the jury.

He was charged with having caused the death of 6-year-old Max Malinsky, when his automobile collided with a truck which pinned the child to a hydro pole.

MANY TROUBLES BESET VISITOR AT STRATFORD

Colored Gentleman First Buys Marriage License, But Is Jilted by Sweetheart.

THEN LOSES MONEY

Refused Relief, Deserted by Friend, Seeks Haven in Jail.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Ont., Jan. 31.—Dread of present in the county jail a gentleman of color by the name of William J. Harris, whose present indigent circumstances have been brought about through a long chain of events that are rather interesting. He first loomed on the local horizon some months ago when he purchased a marriage license from City Clerk Dorland authorizing him to "make marriage" with a colored lady in St. Mary's. In a short time he returned, weeping bitter tears because the lady of his choice had refused to marry him. He innocently asked a refund on the money invested in the permit. He departed sorrowfully, and nothing was heard of him until quite recently.

This time he visited the office of the relief officer and appealed for help. He explained that he had come from Saginaw, Mich., upon being notified that his niece was dead in St. Mary's, but after he had arrived in St. Mary's this had dwindled to \$17. On how the \$17 had disappeared he was somewhat indefinite, and only said that he had lost it. On being refused relief he became noisy and was ordered out. Later he came back with a companion, who promised to see that he got anything he wanted. He was put on the train for St. Mary's.

His friend, however, deserted him just outside of the city hall. Harris did not appear to be a "dark" and promising candidate, it is said, in any event, his name will go before the delegates.

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GERMANY MAY ASK INTERVENTION BY U. S.

Thyssen, Ruhr Industrialist, Confers With American Ambassador At Berlin.

By FERDINAND JAHN.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Berlin, Jan. 31.—Fritz Thyssen, the Ruhr industrialist, yesterday held an hour's conference with Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador to Germany. Following this rumormongers were spread that both Germany and France were sending out feelers concerning the possibility of American intervention in the Ruhr situation.

It is understood that when Chancellor Cuno informed the world that Germany would not negotiate until France withdrew from the newly occupied area, he did not mean it in the strict sense of the word. Germany, it has been learned on the highest authority, might negotiate if assured that the conventions would lead to French evacuation.

German industry is now feeling the pinch of the Ruhr occupation. The cost of production has been doubled since it has become necessary to import coal from England. The coal operators of England are already demanding partial payment in foreign currency for coal which has not yet been delivered.

BURGESSVILLE.

Burgessville, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Roy Butchart and Carlton of Detroit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Butchart here.

Mrs. Glen Topham and family are visiting relatives in Mitchell.

The U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. clubs meet at the home of George Henderson on Friday evening, February 2. The U. F. W. O. members are to answer the roll-call with a New Year's resolution.

The Willing Workers' Sunday school class of the Baptist church held a class party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Craig at Norwich Gore on Monday night.

The regular meeting of the Women's Mission Circle was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Melville Hughes.

PRIEST CHARGED WITH MURDERING YOUNG GIRL

Associated Press Despatch.
Erie, Pa., Jan. 30.—Sophia Zymanowski, a servant in the parish house of St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church, was shot and killed as she approached the building in company with Mary Wojniak, the housekeeper, last midnight, and Rev. Father John Danblinski is being held awaiting the result of an investigation. The girl was shot three times through the heart.

DRURY DEFENDS PARTY IN FERGUSON ATTACK

Leader of Conservatives Challenges Ontario Premier To Go To The Electorate.

TIMBER ISSUE AIRED

Redistribution Bill Will Not Be Brought Down At Present Session.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 31.—The leaders of the Conservatives and the leader of the government met yesterday afternoon in what was really the opening big battle of this session of the Ontario Legislature. No words were wasted in congratulating one another. Hon. Howard Ferguson poured vigorous and biting criticism against the government as a whole and the majority of the ministers individually, to be followed by Premier Drury, who stoutly defended his regime, his associates and himself, and countered by pointed attacks on the record of Mr. Ferguson both as a minister of the crown and later as leader of the opposition, paying particular attention to Mr. Ferguson's speeches during the summer and autumn.

Challenges Government.
Mr. Ferguson challenged the government to go to the country with the constituencies as they are now without a redistribution, and Mr. Drury challenged Mr. Ferguson to state his mind on the O. T. A.

The Conservative leader accused the government of incompetency and extravagance, whereas the prime minister described Mr. Ferguson as making irresponsible speeches while in opposition, backed by a record of irresponsibility while in power. Altogether it was a lively afternoon in Queen's Park, and the crowd which filled every foot of the galleries got plenty of action.

The timber question furnished the greatest material in the debate. Both leaders went over the oft-disputed points. Mr. Ferguson claimed the attitude of the government was upsetting the lumber industry and driving capital away from Ontario. He attacked the Backus deal as a most unfortunate thing for the province.

Drury Defends Record.
Mr. Drury defended the record of the government with a lively and radical, claiming the recent events had proven its policy was the sound one. He supported the administration stand on the northern development outlined the action of the government in regard to the Backus deal to show that every move had been given full publicity and that the English River limits to Mr. Backus had been in the best interest of the province.

He accused the Conservative when in power with handing out limits without competition, and said the Kapszas settlement, as conducted by Mr. Ferguson under the name of government, had meant a loss of nearly a million dollars to the provincial treasury.

Discussing redistribution after the sitting had adjourned, Premier Drury said there was no intention on the part of the government to bring in a redistribution bill this session.

Early in the sitting Wellington Hall, Liberal leader, criticized the practice of members of special committees, particularly the hotel committees, giving forecasts of their report to the press before it was submitted to the Legislature.

COUNSELS THE CONVENT NOT TO GIVE UP WARDS

M. J. O'Reilly Claims Institution Can Keep Kidnapped Stratford Children.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Jan. 31.—M. J. O'Reilly, K.C., acting for the sisters of St. Joseph here, stated today that he did not think it necessary that the two sons of W. R. McElarty, placed in a Roman Catholic institution here, should be given up. They were placed in an institution by the father, who was arrested on a charge of abducting them and remanded at Stratford, pending the trial of the father.

His wife is complainant, and the trouble between the pair is over religion, the mother being a Roman Catholic and the wife a Protestant.

When asked if the Stratford court would be informed of the whereabouts of the children, Mr. O'Reilly said he did not think so, and that they (the convent authorities) had nothing to do with that.

WHITE OAK

Special to The Advertiser.
White Oak, Jan. 31.—The regular weekly gathering of the Young People's Society of White Oak was held Sunday night, with a large attendance. Mr. Byron Shipley acted as leader.

The topic, "John Huss," the Bohemian martyr, was given by Mrs. H. Smale. Other features of the meeting were readings by Miss Irene Clark on "Students of Character" and Miss Letitia Leam, who favored the audience with a brief sketch of the life of John Howard Payne and circumstances in which he wrote the famous song, "Home, Sweet Home," afterwards singing it.

A vocal solo was rendered by Miss M. Mary also a sacred piano solo by Miss S. James.

Next week's topic is "Jesus Teaching on Worship," to be given by Cecil Wilson.

Miss Marjorie Holborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holborn, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Chas. O'Brien, who is convalescing after his recent attack of pneumonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dunlop and family are preparing to move to their former home near Wallaceburg.

TOBIAS BRINGS ACTION AGAINST PROF. LAUDIE.

Stirling A. Tobias of Hamilton is bringing a \$3,000 damage action against Prof. A. Laudie of this city, the case to come before Judge Lennox, the winter assizes opening at the courthouse Feb. 5.

Mr. Tobias claims that Laudie, during a massage treatment, used some lotion which resulted in severe burns on the back of his patient, throwing him out of work from May until October, 1922.