

AWARDS SCHOOL ROOM CONTRACT

Building Committee of Board of Education Holds Special Meeting.

Several Members Think Price of Tenders Offered Too High.

John Hayman & Sons, contractors of this city, have been awarded the contract for the construction of two additional rooms to the Tecumseh Public School in South London at a cost of \$12,471.

The tender offered by the successful firm was the lowest of three opened at a meeting of the building committee of the board of education at a special meeting Thursday afternoon. The second lowest tender was but a few dollars higher than that offered by the Haymans.

Although the figures were almost \$1,000 less than the contract price of two similar rooms constructed last year, they were high enough to provoke considerable discussion among the members of the committee.

Trustee Bryden Campbell was emphatic in his belief that the price was too high. He could not see why the passing of a year should not make a greater difference in building costs. He pointed out that an eight-room school in Springfield, Ontario, was being constructed at a cost of \$11,000, and so he could not see why expenses should be relatively considerably higher in London.

Other members of the board stated that the cost of labor had not depreciated considerably in the past year, and that building cost was almost as high.

Trustee H. Hayman, chairman, at this point preferred the information that building costs next year would be higher still. He stated that wages in the building trade would increase rather than decrease. He predicted that bricklayers would receive higher pay than at the present time.

Trustees Disappointed. The majority of the trustees were disappointed that more firms had not offered tenders, and that the price of those stated had not been lower. In face of the fact, however, that the rooms were urgently needed, and an early start must be made, they felt that they should make the best of what had been offered.

The contractors will be urged to start building as soon as possible. Full sanction of the board to go on with the work is expected in the near future.

Members of the Evangelical Association of Western Ontario held their annual picnic at Springbank Thursday afternoon and evening. Seven hundred were in attendance, including numbers from Zurich, Chesley and Crediton, as well as scores from other points.

Picknickers brought both dinner and supper with them, purposing to spend the full day at the park, and in the evening speeches were scheduled from several prominent officers of the association. A long program of races and sporting events was run off in the afternoon.

Teams for the various contests were chosen amongst the Reds and the Blues, with Chester Mahwinney leading the Blues, and Capt. H. F. Elber the Reds.

The baseball game, which was featured as the big event of the day, went with a score of 11 to 6 in favor of the Reds, but at the final counting of points, the Blues were 10 points ahead, winning the bean bag race, the dodge ball contest, statue race and sack race. The Reds were victorious in the relay race and the club grab.

President S. M. Hauch of Crediton officiated at the supper, which was served in the pavilion at 5:30.

WILL ENTERTAIN KIDDIES. St. Mary's Church Holy Name Society will hold a picnic at Springbank on Saturday afternoon. The picnic is being held chiefly to entertain the children of the city.

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Trade Commissioner From China to Visit City.

THE local chamber of commerce has been advised by the commercial intelligence branch of the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, that Dr. J. W. Ross, the Canadian government trade commissioner for China, will be arriving at London on October 13.

The purpose of Dr. Ross's visit to London is to get in touch with any firms or individuals who are interested in the possibilities of export trade to China, and he will be glad to arrange interviews with as many London business men as possible upon his arrival here.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

So we labored in the work; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared.—Nehemiah iv. 21.

WORK, according to my feeling, is as much of a necessity to man as eating and sleeping. Even those who do nothing which to a sensible man can be called work, still imagine that they are doing something. The world possesses not a man who is an idler in his own eyes.—W. von Humboldt.

SATURDAY—Annual sports meet for playground children at Thames Park.

Board of Works holds picnic at Springbank.

Sons of England picnic at Port Stanley.

SEVERAL MINOR actions were disposed of in the first division court by Judge J. C. Judd at the courthouse this morning.

A. E. SHERLOCK, 363 Ontario street, has reported to the police that his auto, bearing license number 65-22, was stolen at Springbank Park Thursday night.

KILPATRICK BROTHERS have taken out building permits at the city hall to erect two dwellings, each two stories in height and of brick construction, on Adelaide street. These proposed new residences are estimated to cost \$3,800.

In addition, R. Fisher has taken out a permit from Inspector A. M. Piper to erect and stucco a house at 911 Colborne street, at a cost of \$800.

Building Inspector Piper has issued 86 permits for construction work in London this month, and the total estimated cost of the work involved is \$128,935.

KIWANIS TEST INTELLIGENCE

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awarded to a boy of the St. Thomas delegation.

Reference was made to a letter from Owen Dawson, who was in charge of the Shawbridge Boys' Band during their ten-day visit to the farm, in which he spoke of the Kiwanis camp as an absolutely ideal outing place for boys.

During the time of camping, 625 Kiwanis visited the camp, which made an average of four trips a day. There were a hundred and forty boys registered, the largest attendance at one time being one hundred and twenty.

Much Interest Displayed. From the splendid nature of the report and from the enthusiasm shown by Kiwanis, there is given every indication that the interest displayed in the Sage's farm camp during the past season will be by no means decreased during the season of 1923.

District Organizer Kiwanian Harry Lorimer was a guest at the luncheon, and in a hearty Kiwanis manner led a song.

Bill Taylor roused much enthusiasm with a laughing song, and until, on joining in the chorus, they found that laughing to music was not altogether an easy job. Kiwanians were ready to assist it as their club song.

De Wolfe Reid, district trustee, of Montreal was present at the meeting and spoke briefly of his appreciation of the Kiwanis Club boys' work.

An urgent appeal to all members to provide a record attendance from London at the Windsor convention, which is to be held next month, is being made by the committee in charge. Harry Morgan, chairman, announced that at the next meeting slips would be provided for all those who wished to signify their intention of being in attendance.

It is understood that the club winning the cup, which is being given for the best attendance, is to be determined on a mileage basis, and for that reason, in order to compete with the Montreal Kiwanis, for instance, who are a long distance from Windsor, and would thus require only a few delegates to run up a good mileage score, London being a comparatively short distance from Windsor, will find it necessary to send an especially large number of delegates.

GERMAN MARK SLUMPS. London, Aug. 25.—The German mark slumped early in today's dealings on the London exchange market, being quoted at more than 10,000 to the pound sterling.

LIEUT. GEO. M. LESLIE DIES. Hamilton, Aug. 25.—Lieut. George M. Leslie, who served with the C. E. F. overseas, died this morning in the Brant Park Hospital, following an operation.

PUBLIC INVITED TO FIELD SPORTS

Playground Patrons to Provide Big Program Saturday Afternoon.

Above everything else the officials in charge of the city playgrounds hope that the public will show interest in the activities of the children of the city by attending by the thousands the huge field day and program of sports which will be staged by the patrons of the eight playgrounds combined at Thames Park Saturday.

To encourage parents and others to attend in large numbers no admission will be charged and band concerts will be provided to add zest to the program.

Altogether it is expected that 4,000 kiddies will take part in the activities to show the grown-ups of London just what is being accomplished at the eight recreational centers. The little performers will play at every kind of game and will give exhibitions of swimming, drills and physical work.

At 1:15 o'clock the children will assemble at the federal square, from whence, headed by a band, they will march in a colorful parade to Thames Park, just beyond Ridout street bridge.

A tennis tournament will begin at 1:30, and at 2:15 the play-off in the boys' and girls' junior baseball leagues will commence. At 3 o'clock an exhibition of pyramid formation will be given by the boys, while the girls will perform a trio dance at 3:30 p.m.

Senior baseball, between the east and the west, will be played, both by girls and boys at the same time, to be followed by volley ball and dodge ball in semi-finals and finals.

At 4:10 the all-important track events will begin. At 5 a farewell dance and a men's volley ball game will take place. Prizes will be presented at 5:20 o'clock.

Officials of the Ontario game and fisheries department point out that a real sportsman never kills an undersized fish when caught unless the hook has been lodged in the fish in such a manner to warrant its being killed.

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SUMMONS THREAT HAS GOOD EFFECT

Fish Vendor Reduces Damages Sought Against Motor Car Driver.

When a local motorist crashed into the fish cart of a street vendor last week, the cart was damaged and the owner also claimed that his horse was made lame by the accident. He demanded \$70 damages from the motorist, in lieu of which legal action was threatened.

The motorist, feeling that the damages asked were exorbitant, sought Dr. C. S. Tamlin, veterinary inspector for the board of health, to examine the fish vendor's horse and report on its injuries. Dr. Tamlin looked at the horse in his owner's stable and discovered that the animal was lame.

Closer scrutiny, however, revealed the fact that the cause of the limp was a horseshoe nail, which had run into the horse's foot, and caused pain at every step.

Relating the incident a few hours later, Dr. Tamlin said: "I do not know if the fish vendor deliberately drove the nail into the horse's foot in order to collect damages from the motorist, but I accused him of doing so, and declared that I would summon him to court for cruelty. This threat had its effect, because before I came away from the stable the fish man offered to settle with the motorist for ten dollars instead of seventy, as originally asked."

LONDON LITHO. EMPLOYEES HONOR DEPARTING MEMBER

Present Club Bag and Illuminated Address to Allan Gow.

By the presentation of a handsome club bag and a farewell picnic held at Springbank Wednesday evening, members of the London Printing and Lithographing Company honored a departing member, Allan Gow, who is shortly leaving to occupy an important position in New York City.

Supper, held in picnic style, served as a prelude to the events of the evening, which commenced with the presentation to Mr. Gow of the staff's parting gift, accompanied by an illuminated address, which pleasing act was performed by R. Tufts.

Couched in graceful terms was the appreciation which every member of the staff held for Mr. Gow, and the regret felt by all that he was leaving the company.

Equally expressive of their general esteem was the enthusiasm with which the staff sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

A brief response by Mr. Gow signified that, although he was leaving the city, it was not without a genuine regret at leaving the friends he had made here.

Messrs. Gow and Tufts captured the teams in a useful game, which formed the wind-up of the evening.

Obituaries.

ALFRED G. EDWARDS. Alfred G. Edwards, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards, died Thursday at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Edwards, 182 Oxford street. The child, who was known to his playmates as "Buddy," attended the Talbot street school.

RICHARD T. TURNER. The funeral of Richard T. Turner, who died early in the week at Port Huron, was held Thursday at the DeLaware Cemetery. Mr. Turner was 61 years old and had lived in Port Huron the greater part of his life.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Harry Holder, B. Robinson, George Bradford, Geo. Downs, J. J. Abbott and Alec Query.

NORA FITZGIBBON. The funeral of the late Nora Fitzgibbon, who died Wednesday, was held at 7:45 Friday morning from the home of her nephew, Thomas F. Gould, 413 King street, to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung by Father Mahoney at 8 a.m.

Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery, where Father Mahoney conducted the service at the grave. Pallbearers were Messrs. M. O'Sullivan, James Callahan, A. Tillman, J. P. Forester, Joseph Nolan, F. B. Poole.

The stream of motors which formed the funeral procession and the masses of flowers at the grave were significant facts in connection with the esteem in which Miss Fitzgibbon was held during her lifetime.

MISS HELEN BOYLE. The funeral of the late Helen Boyle, who died Wednesday in St. Joseph's Hospital, was held from the family residence, 202 Sydenham street, Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Monsignor McKeon. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery, where Father Mahoney conducted the service at the grave.

Pallbearers were Dr. E. Loughlin and Messrs. Stuart Draper, J. Lindsay, W. Knott, T. Phalen, M. Gloude-mans.

ZILLAH PANTON. The funeral of Zillah Panton, whose death occurred at 224 Dundas street, at the residence of John Cambridge, Tuesday, Aug. 22, was held from the Oatman Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 24, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Geo. T. Watts, of the Wellington Street Methodist Church. The deceased was 81 years of age, and had spent the most of her life in this city. She is survived by one brother, Edwin Panton, and one sister, Mrs. Dayton, both of the city.

Mayor Expects Coal to Arrive Next Week.

NO further details regarding the shipment of fifty cars of coal, to be sold to Londoners by the city as a relief to the fuel shortage, have been obtained, Mayor Cameron Wilson reported Friday morning. Aside from the fact that this coal, which is of the Ohio lump variety, has left the mines, but has not yet crossed the Canadian border en route to London, no further information can be obtained regarding the whereabouts of the fifty cars.

If this fuel crosses the border safely and is not confiscated by the railways, Mayor Wilson expects it to arrive in London early next week, when delivery to city homes will be commenced.

REPORT DECLINE OF IMMIGRATION

Authorities Believe Decrease Due to Present Stringent Regulations.

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—Immigration to Canada continues to fall off, according to the latest statistics covering the months of April, May, June and July. The decrease in that period compared with the corresponding months is 34 per cent. Arrivals totalled 32,849. Of this number 16,909 came from the British Isles, 10,449 from the United States, and 6,490 from other countries.

In the same months of last year, 26,230 came from Great Britain, 14,219 from the States, and 9,477 from other countries.

The newer restrictions which make it harder for immigrants to