FOUR FINE HORSES, TWO DOGS, TOLL OF FIRE EARLY TODAY

Sir George Gibbons' Stock and Stable Damaged $8,000

BIG HUNTERS ARE LOST

Magnificent Thoroughbred Animals Perish When Wire Starts Blaze.

Four magnificent horses, among the best and the last of the many fine stables that have been owned by Londoners, were burned to death in a fire discovered at 2:40 o'clock this morning in the barn of Sir George Gibbons on Wellington street at Dufferin avenue. The loss will be in the neighborhood of $8,000.

The fire was discovered by Stephen Berryhill, driver of an Advertiser motor delivery, as he was on his way to the office. Mr. Berryhill at once notified a policeman, and an alarm reached the central hall in a moment. The firemen were on hand in five minutes, and when they reached the building the fire was roaring all about it.

Dead Before Discovery.

It was apparent that the blaze had been in progress for twenty minutes or half and hour, and that the imprisoned animals had suffered a terrible death before the firemen arrived. No sounds came from the stable, which was in flames. The firemen worked for two hours before the blaze was completely vamped, and large amounts of water were poured into it. Showers of sparks fell everywhere and hundreds of people were aroused, but slate roofs in the vicinity protected the homes.

The horses lost were valued at $1,500. An electric car which Sir George drives and which was being recharged cost him $3,000 some years ago. A Victoria worth $800, a Boston trap worth $200, a phaeton worth $200, musk ox robes worth $500, coachman's livery worth $150, and grain and hay and harness worth $300, were lost. The building was damaged to the extent of at least $1,000.

Well Known to Public.

The horses lost were known to everyone in London who has an eye for a fine horse. They have been the family stable and mounts of the Gibbons' family for many years, ridden by Sir George and his son and daughters at the hunt, or used as coach horses.

The team Prince Albert and Woodburn were best known to Londoners. The former was a chestnut and the latter a brown. They were pure thoroughbred stock and worth $1,000. Woodburn was purchased from T. C. Patterson of Toronto.

Prince Albert apparently made a fight for his life, as he was found near the outer door, having broken his halter strap. All the other horses died in their stalls. Darkey, a pretty black horse, was of trotting stock and had a mark of 2:30.

Billie, a big rangy hunter, was Sir George's saddle horse, and was purchased from Cormack, the ex-jockey, who has a stock farm near Woodstock. Billie appeared at many shows, and could top the timber at six feet. He was regarded by some as the finest saddle animal in London, and followed the hounds first up on many a run.

Arthur Hill Loses Dogs.

The loss struck all concerned as a personal matter. Sir George and his family loved the animals, and all were the pets of Arthur Hill, who has been trainer and coachman for the Gibbons family for 24 years. The latter is heartbroken over the loss. He also lost two thoroughbred dogs, one a Boston Terrier and the other an Airedale, valued at $100.

The fire was caused, apparently by a leakage in the recharging apparatus to which the electric car was connected.

It is not known if Sir George will replace his horses, although George S. Gibbons will likely have a stable of hunters before long.

CHOIR OF ST. ANDREW'S HONORS W. A. McCUTCHEON

Popuar Soloist Given Handsome Scarf Pin Last Evening.

Following the service of praise last evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the soloists of the evening and members of the choir were entertained at supper by the Ladies' Aid of the church.

A program of much interest followed, Mrs. George L. MacDonald, president of the Ladies' Aid, performing the duties of hostess and chairwoman in a happy manner.

Madame Hazzard Peocock of Detroit, whose singing delighted at the concert, was called upon for a recitation, and complied with the request, also responding to an encore.

Mrs. MacDonald referred to the fact that it had been intended to make a presentation to Mrs. W. A. McCutcheon, who is leaving the city shortly, at a meeting of the Aid the day before. Owing to the absence of Mrs. McCutcheon then and also last evening, Mr. McCutcheon was asked to accept a handsome cut glass vase on behalf of his wife. An address was read by Mrs. Gemmill, expressing the appreciation of the Aid of the services of Mrs. McCutcheon and the regret felt over her departure. Mrs. Jack Morrison made the presentation, Mr. McCutcheon making a suitable reply.

Immediately after, Mr. Wheeler, organist and choirmaster, called upon Mr. McCutcheon to stand up again, and after a speech which kept the audience in ripples of laughter, presented the retiring bass soloist with a beautiful pearl scarfpin on behalf of the choir. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the evening to a close.

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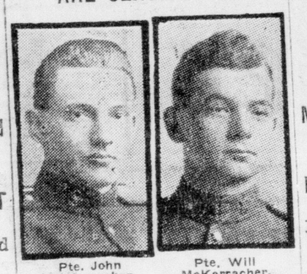

Pte. John McKerracher. Pte. Will McKerracher.

Ptes. John and Will McKerracher, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John McKerracher of Wabash.

Pte. John, who enlisted at the beginning of the war, escaped without a scratch until he entered the engagement at Langemarck, where he was severely wounded, and so badly gassed that he has not been on duty since. For some time he has been engaged as head cook in a sergeants' messroom at Epsom, Surrey, England.

His mother received word from him to the effect that he is rejoicing over the fact of having received permission from the medical authorities to return once more on active service in France. He says that he believes it would be the death of him had he to remain cooking much longer. He will spend a short time at the training camp, and hopes to become a member of the artillery corps in order to avoid marching.

Pte. Will McKerracher is one of the 186th Kents, who have safely landed in England, and doubtless by this time he has met his brother, whom he had not seen for seven years.

MOTHERS WHO SEE NEED OF STRAP IN SCHOOLS, WINNERS

Given Decision by Judges at St. George's School.

BREEDS WHOLESOME FEAR

Children in Charge of State and Should Be Under Discipline.

Corporal punishment in the public schools should not be abolished, according to the decision given at a debate on the subject at a meeting of the St. George's School Mothers' Club last night. Mrs. J. Rose, Mrs. J. Sumner and Mrs. T. Benson, who took the affirmative side of the resolution, contended that corporal punishment bred fear, and that no one had the right to punish a child except the parents. They advocated suspension.

Breeds Wholesome Fear.

Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs. W. S. Tanner, who advanced the negative side of the question claimed that punishment which bred a wholesome fear for authority and not the abject cringing of the coward, was beneficial, and pointed out that the law demanded that every child be educated and disciplined. The children, they said, were under the control of the state during school hours. They claimed that suspension was not a suitable substitute, as it left a stigma on the child as a jail sentence did on a man, and made the child an outlaw. The real punishment fell on the parents of the child.

Judges for Negatives.

The judges, Mrs. (Dr.) F. W. Hughes, Mrs. C. B. King and Mrs. G. F. Rogers, decided in favor of the negative side.

A pleasing musical program followed at which Miss Straitch sang several solos and duets were given by Charles Rose and Douglas Westman. A recitation by Miss Reynolds was another feature of the evening.

At the close of the meeting the club voted $10 to the Children's Aid Society.

THREE MONTHS FOR "PACKING" LIQUOR

James Lawson Told He Will Be Making Good Wage in Jail.

Pleading guilty to having liquor on premises other than a private dwelling James Lawson, 68 Maitland street, was fined in police court today $200 and costs or in default of payment three months in jail.

Lawson was arrested in a King street hotel at 10 o'clock last evening by Patrolman Noonan. He was searched by Inspector J. E. Keenleyside, who found three bottles of whisky in his possession. When his residence on Maitland street was searched fifteen additional bottles of whisky were found and two cantainers of cider.

Lawson asked that he be allowed time to pay the fine, but Magistrate Graydon declined, and as a consequence Lawson will spend the next three months at the county jail.

"You will be making fairly good wages at that," commented the magistrate as Lawson was leaving the dock.

One citizen pleaded guilty to intoxication and presented that time-worn alibi: "I got my liquor from Montreal by express, drank it home and then came out on the street." He paid $10 and costs.

Wilfrid McInteer, charged with failure to support his wife, was ordered by Magistrate Graydon to pay $4 a week towards her support. This he agreed to do.

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NEW SYSTEM FOR GARBAGE WAGONS IS BEING DEVISED

Men Will Work From Stables Toward Incinerator.

MANY CITIZENS ARE SORE

Revision Likely To Lead To Greater Efficiency, According To Engineer.

City Engineer Brazier is devoting much time to studying the garbage collection problem, and will submit a scheme to the next meeting of the council, which he considers will make for efficiency.

Numerous complaints are received daily at the city hall relative to garbage matters, and since Mr. Brazier has been given full charge he has set about to make improvements. He has a draft of his plans ready, but will not report until he has gone to Toronto to get some information.

Work From North.

It is proposed to start teams at the north end of the street, where the stables are located, and work through to the south end, where the incinerator is. The cross-town streets will be worked from east to west, half the city being dealt with daily. In this way it is thought that more ground can be covered with less expense and more efficiency.

The board of health has recommended that collections from restaurants be made three times a week. Some objection has been taken particularly by Ald. Moorhead, who thinks that the scheme might interfere with the collections in the outlying district, which are none too good now. However Mr. Brazier has this matter under his consideration, and will make a report on it.

One of Sore Spots.

It is expected that the garbage question will be settled with advantage to the citizens at an early date. There is certainly much room for improvement, as this department is one of the sore spots in civic administration.

HOSPITAL TO CHARGE FOR DRUGS FURNISHED

Patients at Victoria Must Pay for Medicine After May 1.

At a meeting of the trustees of Victoria Hospital yesterday afternoon, it was decided after May 1 to charge extra for all medicines furnished to patients in private and semi-private rooms. Owing to the tremendous increase in the cost of drugs due to war conditions, it is found necessary to discontinue the practice of providing medicine, and charging it in with the bill for private and semi-private patients.

Accounts for the month, totalling $15,889.70, were passed. The cash receipts totalled $5,125.50.

The contract for improving the heating system in the main building was awarded to Noble & Rich.

During the month 308 patients were discharged, 307 admitted, and there were 26 births and 16 deaths. In the free dispensary 152 patients were treated.

MAJOR TYRELL WINS PRAISE FOR HIS WORK ON EGYPT RAILWAYS

Nephew of Mrs. Campbell Won Through to El Arish.

The College Times of April, 1917, contains a reference to Major W. G. Tyrell, R. E., who is the only nephew of Mrs. Dr. Cl. T. Campbell of Queen's avenue. The item is as follows:

"Major W. G. Tyrrell, R. E., is in charge of railway construction with the British expeditionary force in Egypt, and the following extract from the commander-in-hief to the general officer commanding the eastern force has been received: 'I heartily congratulate you and all concerned, especially Tyrell on the great success in having reached El Arish by rail.' This was in reply to a letter from the G. O. C. to the commander-inchief, saying: 'I am sure you were delighted to hear last evening (January 7, 1917) that the first train has actually reached the site of the future station at El Arish. Tyrrell has managed the railway construction splendidly, and deserves the greatest credit.' Major Tyrrell left Upper Canada College for the R. M. C. in 1906, graduated at the head of his class, and received a lieutenant's commission in the Royal Engineers; later he became captain in the Railway Construction Company, and then major. He was mentioned in dispatches for gallantry in December, 1916."

THREE LONDONERS IN DAY'S CASUALTY LIST

Three Londoners figure in the casualty lists received this morning from Ottawa. A message received by Joseph H. Thompson, 857 Adelaide street, states that Pte. Frank Thompson, infantry, was admitted to No. 14 General Hospital at Wimereux, France, on April 10, suffering from gunshot wounds in the hand.

Pte. John Edward Pugh was admitted to the same hospital on the same day with a severe gunshot wound in the left arm, according to a message received by David Pugh, 155 Madison avenue.

Another Londoner, Pte. James Robinson, was admitted to No. 22 Stationary Hospital at Wimereux on April 10, suffering from a fractured skull. This information was contained in a message by Mrs. Mary Helen Robinson, 505 East Ontario street, today.

RECEIVES WORD OF LIEUT. TINLING'S DEATH

E. C. Mitchell, manager of the London branch of the National Drug and Chemical Company, has just received word from the company's general manager, Charles W. Tinling, that his eldest son, Lieut. Charles Burnaby Tinling, has paid the supreme penalty. His name appearing on the casualty list as having been seriously wounded, and that he afterwards succumbed to his wounds.

Mr. Tinling was born in Hamilton, Ont., in March, 1893. He received his early education at High Field, Hamilton, from which he passed into McGill University, entering the double course of arts and medicine. He was a B. A. of McGill University, and had passed his third degree in medicine. When the McGill University Corps was formed, he, like the other students, joined as a private and before long was made company sergeant major of A. Company. When on the death of one of the lieutenants he was selected for a promotion, and was made lieutenant in the McGill University Corps, and also the Government certificate of qualification as a lieutenant.

When the McGill Hospital Corps was formed he decided to join it, feeling that his training would be of service and being a qualified sergeant he like other students entered as a private which branch of service he served for upwards of a year. He afterward transferred to the 82nd Highlanders, voluntarily transferring from a non-combatant to a combatant, and it was while performing his duties as a lieutenant in above battalion that he received the wound that afterwards caused his death.

Y. M. C. A. WILL AID IN ORGANIZING BOYS

R. E. G. Davis, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, will leave today on a trip throughout Western Ontario, in an effofrt to organize the boys of this district for service in connection with the greater production of foodstuffs.

A number of Y. M. C. A. officers have similarly volunteered their services in organizing the boys of the province, and the trips are being made under the auspices of the organization of resources of the public works department.

Mr. Davis will speak to the high school boys, and will address meetings of the parents, and will organize campaigns among the boys to secure help for the farmers who are in need of it.

His trip will include Windsor, Amherstburg, Leamington, Essex Centre, Strathroy, Watford, Petrolea, Thorndale, Chatham, Ridgetown, Glencoe and Sarnia.

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BATTERY REPELLING IMAGINARY ATTACK AT PORT STANLEY

Two Scows Got in Line of Fire On Tuesday.

SHELLS GO ABOUT 2 MILES

Men Do Some Fine Shooting at Targets Set Out in Lake.

Citizens of London who would like to witness the bombardment of Vimy Ridge, and yet are unable to go to France to see it, can gratify their wishes by going to Port Stanley, where a bombardment approximating in intensity, if not in volume, that which is taking place in France, is going on daily. No, the "Port" is not being bombarded by pro-Germans from across Lake Erie, but the gallant lads of the 63rd Battery are repelling an imaginary attack, and incidentally obtaining some very good practice in gunnery.

A detachment of 41 men and five officers from the battery left the city yesterday morning in a special car, and after spending the morning getting everything in readiness, at 3:30 o'clock began firing at the canvas targets which had been fixed out on the lake.

Scows Cross Line of Fire.

Some delay was occasioned by the appearance of a couple of scows, which had the temerity to cross the line of fire, but when they had passed in safety the firing began.

"We obtained some splendid practice," said Major Cameron, speaking to The Advertiser today. "The men were very keen, and did some very fine work. Lieut.-Col. Brown was present yesterday and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with our arrangements."

The range is about 1¾ miles, and the line of fire nearly parallel with the shore, so that the results of the shooting can be observed by one of the officers located on the hill. Percussion chells (those which explode on striking) are used to get the range, and when this has been found, "time" shrapnel, with fuse set to burst after a certain number of seconds have elapsed, is fired.

Leave Camp in Morning.

Each morning a detachment leaves the camp at Queen's Park, and on its arrival at the lakeside, the remainder of the morning is spent in drill. Then precisely at 2 o'clock every afternoon the shooting begins, and in the evening the artillerymen return to the city.

Quite a large crowd was on hand yesterday to witness the defence of "Port," and many residents of London and St. Thomas are going down to see the 63rd in action today.

MUST KILL HORSE TERRIBLY BEATEN

William Spettigue Says Employee Has Ungovernable Temper.

William Spettigue of the London Fertilizer Works, stated today that the horse beaten by an employee who chained the animal to a post and then beat it with an iron bar, would have to be killed. Mr. Spettigue stated that the employee guilty of the act was usually a good man who did not abuse horses, but that he had an ungovernable temper. He is not now in the employ of the works.

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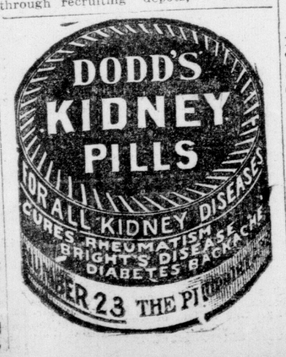
DISTRICT RECRUITING MAINTAINS AVERAGE

Three Hundred Signed Up in First Half of April.

Recruits continue to come in to the various units in this military district at approximately the same rate that has prevailed during the past two months. During the first half of April 300 men have joined the colors in Western Ontario, which is about the same number as enlisted in the latter half of March.

The 241st Kilties Battalion at Windsor leads all other units in the district, having obtained a total of 76 men during the past two weeks. Major Baling the first two weeks. Major Baling four is well up in the list, and passed 72 men through the recruiting depot at Amherstburg.

Of the men enlisted through the efforts of the individual units, and not through recruiting depots, the 63rd Battery obtained 24, the 64th Battery at Guelph 15, and 10 signed up with the Canadian Engineers.



DR. HILL WOULD "GAS" RATS NOW SCAMPERING ON FEDERAL SQUARE

Dr. H. W. Hill, medical officer of health, would gas the swarms of rats that are found on and near the Federal Square. He would use sulphur fumes to get rid of the pests.

He says the rats do not constitute a serious menace to public health. Destruction of the rodents should be carried out by the city, he stated to The Advertiser. The rats constitute a menace only in some of the plague districts, such as San Francisco, he claims, and although they are dirty and an economic loss to the city, they do not present any real danger.

FINE CONCERT FOR CONVALESCENT MEN

Lombardo Brothers and Other Talent Gives Wounded Men a Treat.

Convalescent soldiers at the Central Military Hospital last night enjoyed one of the best concerts arranged for their entertainment yet. The Lombardo Bros. Orchestra contributed its services free and vocal numbers were given by the Misses Myrtle, Fay, and Gladys Davis, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Husband, Miss L. Livingstone, Miss Beula Ashton, Clifford Curnoe, Miss Rena Curnoe, Miss Hicks and Miss Woods. A piano solo by Miss Scott was much enjoyed as well as recitations by Miss Ethel Patterson and Miss Sybil Higman. Miss Dorothy Munro and Miss Lilian Terew contributed dance numbers to the program. Master Sam Munro was prevented by illness from being present.

Flowers presented to the soldiers who were not well enough to leave their cots were donated by West's and Dick's flower stores. Ice cream was donated by Silverwood's and the City Creamery; biscuits by the McCormick Manufacturing Company and cakes by those who arranged the program.

ST. THOMAS ASKING COMPANY TO TAKE OVER CITY SYSTEM

Has Counter-Proposition if Traction Deal Fails.

ST. THOMAS, April 17.—As the result of the council conference this afternoon, in reference to the purchase of the southern half of the London and Lake Erie Railway line—St. Thomas to Port Stanley—a committee of five was appointed to meet the directors of the company, with a counter-proposition should the deal for the municipality taking over the Traction line fall through. This counter-proposition is that the L. and L. E. take over the city street railway, and operate it in connection with a shortened line to Port Stanley. It was reported that the power bill of the Traction Company would be cancelled if the company agrees to this proposition.

The written proposition asked for by the council was presented by T. H. Purdom, K.C. It stipulated that for $168,000 the company would sell its line from St. Thomas to Port Stanley, including with the line, four passenger cars, one baggage car and plant. In response to queries as to what would be done if the city did not require the plant, cars, etc., Mr. Purdom declared the L. and L. E. would take back all unused equipment at the valuation of the same.

It was pointed out by Mr. Purdom that uniting of the municipal system of St. Thomas and the southern half of the L. and L. E. would make it a paying proposition, and would place it in a position to meet the competition of the London and Port Stanley. Citizens of St. Thomas would patronize their own line to the lake, which was something that they would not do were the Traction line operated by a private management.

The suggestion was made that if the city would take $168,000 in stock, and the present company a like amount, the present road could be made to pay.

General Manager Warburton of the L. and L. E. estimated the joint earnings of the southern end of the L. and L. E. and the St. Thomas street railway at $44,000. Operating costs would be 70 per cent of this amount.

The assurance was given by Mr. Purdom that if the southern half of the road were sold to St. Thomas, the northern half would not be disposed of to Beck. The fear was expressed by Ald. Handford that if the Port Stanley section were bought by the city, Beck might buy the northern half, and tear up the rails to divert traffic to the London and Port Stanley.

COLLECT EVIDENCE REGARDING DEATH

Camp orders announce that a board of officers will assemble at the call of the president for the purpose of collecting and recording all evidence procurable relating to the cause of death of Pte. D. L. Nichol of the 241st Battalion, and that the board will be composed as follows: President, Major R. Emmerton, musketry instructor, Military District No. 1; and Lieuts. J. A. G. Clarke and R. D. Torrance, 13th Battalion.

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