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## A Lively Election.

Western Ontario Travelers Poll an  
Immense Vote.

President Struthers and His Ticket  
Victors by a Big Majority.

The New Officers and Executive—Mr.  
Struthers' Speech—Amendments  
to the Constitution.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held Saturday in the Assembly hall of the Masonic Temple. The president, Mr. R. C. Struthers, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The first business taken up was the election of officers, and rather the appointment of scrutineers, and a returning officer to count the ballots. Two scrutineers, Messrs. Frank Jewell and Bert McDonald, had been appointed, one by each candidate for the president's chair. A motion was made that Mr. John O'Connell be appointed returning officer. Mr. Tassie objected, and moved in amendment that the two scrutineers agree on a returning officer. The vote on the question was very close and exciting. A great deal of feeling was expressed by some of the members as to the manner in which the vote was taken. Mr. Tassie's element wished to count in those who voted with them and who had come in after the motion was put. Warm words passed, but everything was soon settled amicably. A member rose and said that the meeting was a London City Council on a large scale, and for a gathering of business men a little unusual. The year and days were taken on the amendment, and the room divided on a vote of 17 yeas and 23 nays. The proxy votes were then counted, and 28 yeas counted and 20 nays. This made the vote 45 yeas and 23 nays. The scrutineers then retired, and shortly afterwards announced a unanimous vote that they had agreed on Mr. O'Connell.

On moving the adoption of the annual report the president said: "Mr. Struthers, the greatest pleasure, at the conclusion of this my second year of office, to meet so large and representative a gathering of our members. This is by far the largest attendance in our history, and it is very gratifying to myself and your other officers, as showing the interest taken in the work of the association, and it will be an evidence to all concerned of your ability and intention to uphold and promote all legitimate efforts made to increase your influence and usefulness."

After referring to the change of scrutineers from the press representatives, and expressing the hope that the report would be continued, Mr. Struthers went on to say: "We can heartily congratulate ourselves on the results of the past year. Although our membership has been somewhat reduced, owing to the arbitrary action of the railways with regard to the qualifications for traveling privileges, yet, owing to the ability and perseverance of your officers, the net reduction has not been nearly as serious as at first threatened. There are still, however, a large number of cases the subject of investigation and consideration, and I sincerely trust we will be able to induce the railways to modify their objections sufficiently to allow us to embrace all those persons, especially old members who are bona fide, traveling in connection with the wholesale and manufacturing interests, even if they do not travel the full four months and otherwise."

"The number of members removed by death has been about the same, and their mortuary benefits, amounting to about \$3,300, have been promptly paid on receipt of proofs of claim, in most cases within one week after this has been done. Some of the deceased members were intimately and favorably known to us all, especially Messrs. C. S. Switzer, and H. C. Allison and J. A. Abbott. I am sure that every member will join with in deploring their untimely death and in expressing to their families and friends our deep sense of loss and our most sincere sympathy."

"Our very satisfactory experience of the plan of carrying on our accident insurance will go a long way towards removing the doubts some of our members have had as to the wisdom of adopting it, and I trust that our experience may always be as favorable."

"I can heartily congratulate you on the amount added to the reserve fund, viz.: \$4,603.28—it is the largest addition of any year of our history."

"With regard to the report of the special committee on constitution and bylaws appointed by the last annual meeting, now submitted for your consideration, there will probably be some difference of opinion on some of the changes involved. All I can say is that it has been intended to give expression to the views of the majority of the members as understood, and having been so framed, I think should receive our support. It is possible that some of the other changes proposed might be desirable, but I think they should have been put before the committee by the gentlemen in charge of them, and who were members of the committee, and that it is impossible for a large meeting like this to enter on general discussion of the whole bylaws with any hope of arriving at a satisfactory result. However, this may be, and whatever differences of opinion may exist upon any point, I hope every body will unite to carry through the business in a quiet, orderly and business-like manner, and that the proceedings throughout will be characterized by good feeling and harmony, in keeping with our reputation and the season of the year. I beg to move that the report as printed be taken as read and received and adopted."

Mr. Robt. Tait seconded the president's motion, which was carried.

The report showed the continued prosperity of the association. The roll of membership now stands as follows: Traveling members, 875; associate members, 40; total, 915. Mortuary benefits amounting to \$3,300 were paid out. Disabling accidents had occurred during the year involving a probable cost of about \$500. The reserve fund of the association now amounts to \$14,935.79; disbursements, \$5,949.21; balance, \$8,986.58. The assets were \$27,522.73; liabilities, \$234.59; balance of assets over liabilities, \$27,288.14.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

A special committee had prepared a complete revision of the constitution, covering the objects of the association, the name and location, membership, officers, directors, etc., and their duties, elections and appointments, meetings, funds of order, payments, mortuary benefits, accident bonuses, disposition of funds, expulsion, amendments and dissolution. The revision was printed and copies distributed. Mr. Tait moved their adoption and Mr. Conroy seconded.

Mr. A. S. Tassie had prepared a large number of amendments to the constitution as revised, and as a two-thirds vote was necessary to carry either a bylaw or an

amendment Mr. Tassie arose to propose a compromise. It was understood, he said, to overlook the fact that two factions were present in the room and were pretty evenly divided. If Mr. Tait's faction supported him and Mr. Tassie's crowd supported the speaker things would be in limbo and nothing could be done. As a compromise he proposed to take an informal vote of the members present as to whether they would support the bylaws as revised or the amendments. If his side lost they would withhold all opposition to the bylaws and let them be adopted. If they won he wanted Mr. Tait's crowd to withdraw all opposition to the amendments. This led to a lot of discussion and it was agreed to fight the difference out and an adjournment was made until 2 o'clock for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon.

The meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association resumed at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the discussion of bylaws and amendments was again taken up. A sub-committee composed of Messrs. Tassie, Tait, D. McKenzie, Conroy and Dillon was formed to try and effect some mutual agreement between the promoters of the bylaws and the different amendments. When they returned Mr. Tait presented the report of the committee accepting Mr. Tassie's amendments in the following particulars: 1. Making the secretary eligible for association membership. 2. Providing for an annual statement on Nov. 30. 3. Striking out the clause to advertise special meetings. 4. Providing eight days' notice for the meetings of the association. 5. That payment of benefits where no provision is made shall be to the legal heirs. 6. That the funds of the association be invested in its name. 7. Changing the article on expulsion so that a member could only be expelled for felonious or indictable offense, or for gross misconduct.

Mr. Tassie agreed to drop a clause fixing the secretary's office hours, and he also spoke of a clause omitted by Mr. Tait from the report, giving every member the right to inspect the books on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Crabb wanted to know if any member could see the minutes of any meeting. President Struthers said that they could, and Mr. Tassie also dropped that proposal.

Secretary Robinson said that making a statement in November would entail two during the year; but could be done in eight days' notice for the board meetings, because it was sometimes necessary to call an emergency meeting.

Mr. Tassie waived that point, and it was dropped. The amended report was adopted unanimously, and Mr. Tassie was requested to assist the secretary in getting the bylaws into shape.

Mr. Overall and Mr. Savage were re-appointed auditors and reporters to remunerate the auditors and reporters was carried.

As the scrutineers were not prepared to report the meeting adjourned till 8 o'clock. President Struthers expressed his pleasure at meeting so many travelers, and cordially invited all to attend a little affair he was getting up for Friday night next.

Evening Session.

The meeting began at 8 o'clock, but as the scrutineers were not ready to report, another adjournment was made until 10 p.m.

It was after 11 o'clock when the announcement was made that the returning officer was ready to declare the result of the polls. By this time the banquet hall held as large a crowd as it had at any time during the day. Never before has so much interest been taken in the election or so much spirit been manifested. The friends of Mr. Struthers and the other candidates had worked hard and canvassed for their respective choices, and the result was the largest vote that has ever been polled by the association. The Dillon ticket was overwhelmingly defeated, not one of their number being elected.

The figures read by Returning Officer Overall were as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT.

R. C. Struthers.....507

M. J. Dillon.....294

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

P. J. Conroy.....475

C. E. Perry.....225

FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Wm. Gray.....365

Dan Mackenzie.....321

FOR DIRECTOR.

R. G. B. Moore.....528

W. Craig.....294

F. H. Crabb.....279

H. G. Colbourne.....271

F. T. Mortimore.....263

Wm. F. B. Barclay.....254

Harry Linn.....241

Wm. H. O'Brien.....231

James Stevenson.....222

A. Nicholson.....220

T. H. Parkinson.....219

John E. Richards.....209

James H. Hume.....200

C. Edwards.....200

This leaves elected Messrs. R. G. B. Moore, H. G. Mortimore, A. Nicholson, W. J. Conroy, Wm. E. Barclay, W. H. O'Brien and James Stevenson.

The result was greeted with applause. Mr. Struthers, who had been returned to the president's chair for the third time, said: "I would just like to say that I feel very much honored here to-night, not only in being elected for the third term, but because of the large majority. It shows that the majority of the association has been satisfied with the work that I have taken for the last two years, and I would simply say, gentlemen, that I may have made mistakes, and if I have they have been errors of judgment. I have done my best, and I could for the association, and I hope that I will not betray your confidence through the next year. I will endeavor to do everything I can to the best of my judgment to further the interests of the association. (Applause.) If there has been any feeling of any kind engendered during this contest it has not been so in my case. I do not think I have said an unkind word against my opponent, and I am sure that Mr. Dillon has been very liberal in that respect. I have only the kindest feelings towards him, and if there has been any ill feeling worked up I hope that it will be forgotten, and that we will unite and all forget our past, and work in the interests of this association." (Applause.)

After expressing his pleasure at meeting so many travelers, Mr. Struthers went on to say: "Variation in the opinion was being some very good men in the persons of Mr. Linn, Mr. Richards and Mr. Burns. One gentleman whom we will not have with us next year, but who has been a very big help in the interests of the association, I have referred to Mr. Tait. I don't think there has been a man on the board who took more interest in the association and worked in its interests more than did Mr. Tait. And if it was thought advisable for a traveler to be president of the association, Mr. Tait by seniority, should have been a candidate for that office. But Mr. Tait was probably for a little too modest, and I wish it and simply retired, and in his retiring this board loses a very desirable and valuable member." (Applause.)

Mr. Dillon, the defeated candidate, then addressed the meeting, and thanked those who had voted for him. P. J. Conroy, first vice-president, followed him.

Mr. Dan McKenzie, second vice-president, spoke next, and after him each of the

members of the new board talked for a few minutes.

A vote of thanks was, on motion of Messrs. Dillon and S. Munro, tendered to the retiring officers, after which the secretary, Mr. Alf. Robinson, made a short address.

At a meeting of the new board held in the secretary's office immediately after the election, with all the members present, the secretary, Mr. Robinson, was unanimously re-elected and many kind words said of the manner in which he had discharged his duties. Mr. J. W. Little was elected trustee without opposition and an executive committee formed, consisting of the president, first vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer. The secretary's and president's guarantee bonds were on motion ordered to be renewed, and the scrutineers and reporters will receive the usual remuneration.

## PLEBISCITE WORK.

St. Marys to Have a Mass Meeting on  
Tuesday—Prisoners in the Central  
Hall to Vote on the Measure for  
Prohibition.

A plebiscite mass meeting is announced for St. Marys on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, in the town hall. It will be the final meeting before the vote.

PRISONERS IN PRISON.

By request of Mr. W. T. Spence, and with the consent of Warden Massey, Mr. J. H. Snider, of the Helping Hand Mission, who at all times has access to the Central Prison, made a canvass on the prohibition plebiscite of those at present incarcerated there. Mrs. O'Reilly, superintendent of the Mercer Reformatory, also obtained a vote of the unfortunate women who are prisoners in that institution.

The following figures give the results and express the views of some who should know the corrupting influence of the liquor traffic:

CENTRAL PRISON.

For prohibition.....207

Against prohibition.....10

Neutral.....26

Total inmates.....243

MEACRE REFORMATORY.

For prohibition.....72

Against prohibition.....10

Neutral.....10

Total inmates.....92

It will be seen from the above that 75 per cent. of the male and 88 per cent. of the female prisoners are in favor of a prohibitory law, while only 17 per cent. and 12 per cent. respectively are against. Without accepting their own statements, a careful investigation of statistics and facts proves that about 85 per cent. of all those at present in prison are brought there directly or indirectly through drink. Surely the fact that over 81 per cent. of those now in our prisons record themselves against their recognized destroyer ought to arouse within all the divine impulse which causes men to hasten to the relief of their fallen brothers.

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MAIN LINE—Going East.					ARRIVE. DEPART.				
High Express.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8:15 a.m.	8:59 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Abnash Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:15 a.m.	4:59 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12:10 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
High Express.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10:50 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
Abnash Express (A) (D).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6:50 p.m.	6:59 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
Express (C).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:20 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
..... Limited (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MAIN LINE—Going West.					ARRIVE. DEPART.				
Chicago Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9:50 a.m.	8:56 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
West Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8:15 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Abnash Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:50 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Express Limited (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12:10 p.m.	7:19 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1:25 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
High Express (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6:30 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
..... Limited (A).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8:55 p.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....
..... Limited (D).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:35 p.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....
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High Express (H).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8:15 a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....
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London, Huron and Bruce.					ARRIVE. DEPART.				
Chicago Express (H).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9:50 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
..... Limited (H).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:20 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
St. Marys and Stratford Branch.					ARRIVE. DEPART.				
Express—Mail.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:15 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
..... Limited (H).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2:45 p.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....
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..... Limited (H).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7:50 p.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Toronto Branch.					ARRIVE. DEPART.				
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## Births, Marriages and Deaths

## MARRIED.

BEAL—HANNON—On Dec. 21, at the residence of the bride's uncle, W. H. Oke, Esq., William street, by the Rev. J. C. Anthill, D.D., Mr. Carl G. Beal to Miss Hannon, both of this city.  
Hamilton papers please copy.

## DIED.

CLEESON—In Pittsburgh, Pa., on Dec. 24, Thomas Cleeson, formerly of this city.  
Funeral notice later.

MOONEY—In this city, on Dec. 24, Eva May, daughter of Albert and Mary Mooney, aged 3 years and 8 months.  
Funeral private.

GABE—In this city, on Dec. 23, Mrs. Elizabeth Gabe, aged 63 years. Her end was peace.  
Funeral from her daughter's residence, Mrs. Davis, 272 Adelaide street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Tuesday at 3 o'clock. Services at the house at 230. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

THORNTON—On Sunday, Dec. 24, at Potlatchburg, Samuel Thornton, aged 73 years.  
Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 2 p.m., from the family residence at above. Services at 1230 Dundas street, and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

GRIGG—In this city on Dec. 24, 1903, at the family residence, 66 Bruce street, James Otto, son of James and Mary H. Grigg, aged 2 years and 4 months.  
Funeral private.

M'ROBERTS—On Sunday, Dec. 24, Elizabeth J., beloved wife of Alexander McRobert, aged 32 years and 10 months.  
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## UNSETTLED WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 24—11 p.m.—A storm is

driving over from the lower lakes a tendency to an eastward movement across the

lower lakes. It is showery from the lakes to the Atlantic. In the Northwest high

pressure prevails with temperatures in the Northwest below zero and moderate tem-

peratures further west in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 40°-45°; Calgary, 4°-15°; Edmonton, 4° below-10°; Qu'Appelle, 10° below-20°; Winnipeg, 16° below-0°; Port Arthur, 8°-10°; Toronto, 32°-45°; Kingston, 30°-38°; Montreal, 34°-40°; Halifax, 22°-28°.

## TO DAY'S PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 25—1 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Unsettled, with increasing east to south winds; occasional rain in southern; snow or sleet in northern portions.

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## FROM POVERTY TO WEALTH.

Wife of a laboring Man at Niagara Falls Heard Good News.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Maguire, the wife of a laborer living in this city, and who is in straitened circumstances owing to a series of misfortunes, has been informed through execution that she is the heir to an estate in England which will give her \$350,000 and a life interest in the Morworth estates, which cover two townships, with the strong probability that this amount will be doubled.

Mrs. Maguire's mother was the daughter of the baronet recently deceased, though she herself is above 50 years of age. Mrs. Maguire says that she is the only heir.

Interest of Mrs. Maguire are being looked after by prominent attorneys, and correspondence has been exchanged on the subject which leaves no doubt of the correctness of the statements.

## Rising Rapidly.

The mild weather of the last few days, together with the rain of Saturday night, has caused the river to rise considerably, although not enough to create any alarm.

Between 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 9 o'clock last night the water had risen about a foot and a half, and was still rising.

## An Elevator Accident.

An accident, under rather peculiar circumstances, happened at McCormick's works on Saturday. In the building are two elevators, one used for carrying freight and the other for carrying sugar—on which no employee is supposed to ride. During the afternoon Mr. John Armitage, of 622 Dufferin avenue, who works there, was going up to the second story, and being in a hurry tried to make a short cut by stepping across the sugar elevator opening. He had across the sugar elevator opening. He had stepped on the opposite side when he started to come down. An employee, who saw the danger in which Armitage was, called to him and warned him. He had not time to jump off at the other side of the elevator, so the only way to escape being crushed was to drop to the ground floor, two stories below. This he did, emerging seriously injured, although one foot was badly sprained, but no bones broken. The unfortunate man was removed to his home, where he is now doing well.

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## A HOLIDAY THOUGHT.

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## LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Fanning speaks in Woodstock to-morrow night.

—Heard everywhere—"Thanks. Same to you. Many of them."

—W. K. Evans has come from Detroit to spend his Christmas here.

—Mr. Lud. K. Cameron, Queen's Printer, Toronto, is in the city.

—Mr. W. Owens, barrister, Forest, is spending the Christmas holidays at home.

—N. J. Ferguson, city, is spending the holidays with his father, Leonard Ferguson, St. Thomas.

—Miss Emily T. Goodman, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Carrie Walker, 245 Clarence street.

—The lady telephone operators were handsomely commended by many of their patrons Saturday.

—E. D. Worcester, vice-president of the Michigan Central Railroad, is seriously ill at his residence in New York.

—Mr. J. W. Belcher, of Windsor, late soloist in the Dundas Central Methodist Church, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. A. Mackay and Mr. Mrs. D. Harney, of Toronto, are among those spending the Christmas holidays in town.

—Tessie Le Garie, of Talbot street, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dineen, of Dufferin Hill Farm, Peelton, Ont.

—Mr. Henry Boyd, student of the Ontario Veterinary College, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents in South London.

—Mrs. T. C. Kneelside and family left last evening via the C. P. R. for London, Ont., to spend the winter with friends. (Windspeck Free Press.)

—The boys of the Protestant Orphan Home were made happy by viewing the Christmas windows of the Dundas and Richmond street stores Saturday night.

—A leading attraction in the line of amusement to-night is the performance of the Orient Minstrels. The Grand Opera House will be the place to spend a pleasant evening.

—Mr. W. Black, formerly of the ADVERTISER, but now instructor in the printing department of the Mimico Industrial School, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

—Messrs. E. Wolfe and W. Clarke, of the G. T. R. news department, have gone to Jacksonville, Fla., for a portion of the winter, and expect to witness the Corbett-Mitchell battle.

—Samuel P. Hyers, United Press editor of the Chicago Herald, formerly of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, this city, paid a flying visit to London on Saturday.

—On account of Christmas falling on Monday, the Sons of England Band had their usual serenade on Saturday night. Visits were made to a number of the leading residents of the city.

—A treat is guaranteed for those who attend the performance of the Orient Minstrels at the Grand to-night. The troupe has already won fame through recent performances in the city.

—Manager Break provided the married men in the street railway employ, 43 in number, with turkey on Saturday. And now the single men will endeavor to be married by next Christmas.

—The grip has been attacking the Danish colony at Potlatchburg. The foreman of the street railway factory was somewhat inconvenienced the other day when he found seven of the employees laid up with the malady.

—The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mooney, 354 Globe street, will learn with regret that they have sustained in the death of their bright little daughter, Eva May, who died yesterday from croup at the age of 2 years and 8 months.

—Mr. W. H. Dell, of London West, has received word that his son Harry has headed the list of successful students at the recent examinations of the Montreal Veterinary College. Londoners carry off honors not only in Toronto, but Montreal as well.

—Wm. Bryan, a cigarmaker, was arrested on Saturday night on a charge of fraud. The complainant is Joseph Rankin, who says that Bryan secured a box of cigars, valued at \$160, stating that he wanted them for a Christmas box for his brother. Bryan was remanded till Tuesday.

—Mr. Alexander McRoberts, of 647 William street, will have much sympathy in the rather sudden loss of his wife. Deceased was out Wednesday, but was taken ill and died yesterday of inflammation.

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## HUNT BROTHERS.

which was induced by a previous attack of la grippe. Mrs. McRoberts leaves four children.

—The boys of the head room of the London West school on Friday entertained the lower rooms to a concert, consisting of readings, recitations, songs and instrumental selections on the violin by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Liddicoat occupied the chair. At the close the successful pupils were presented with entrance certificates.

—Services of a nature suitable to the Christmas season were held in the Dundas Central and Astin Street Methodist churches yesterday. In the former edifice Rev. Dr. Antill conducted the services, and in the latter Rev. Thomas Cullen delivered an excellent sermon in the evening on "The Power of a Vote." The music at both churches was of a special character.

—A telegram was received in the city yesterday bearing the intelligence that Thomas Gleeson, a tanner, formerly employed in Pittsburgh after two days' illness with the grip, deceased was unmarried and a brother of Miss Mary Gleeson, who resides at the corner of Waterloo and Simcoe streets. The remains will be brought to the city for interment.

—Should proposed arrangements be completed, the London West electric car will be of great service to the school children living in the southern portion of the village. Mr. D. C. Macdonald, and it been negotiating with the company, and it is understood that a reduced fare will be charged during the winter months for children going to and returning from school.

The Baptists and Prohibition.

The committee appointed by the recent Baptist Convention have issued an appeal to the voters of the Ontario Baptists "to declare in favor of the abolition of the traffic," and endorsing the appeal of the Dominion Alliance.

Strathroy Notes.

The classes in the Princess avenue school enjoyed their usual Christmas treat on Friday afternoon. A literary program was carried out in each room, after which cards, oranges and candy were distributed. The boys and girls wished to provide Christmas fare for the poor, and brought contributions to the school house for this smaller gifts were several bags of potatoes and turnips, baskets of apples, carrots, tomatoes, parcels of fruit, corn and onions. Three chickens, cans of salmon and lobster were donated, also a large quantity of tea and sugar, boxes of soda biscuits, parcels of oatmeal, rice, corn starch, coffee, cocoa, raisins, cheese, butter, 100 loaves of bread, a cake, a pie, some clothing and a few gifts of money. Proceeds to be distributed to the sixteen families and the rest sent to the W. C. A. E. M. Farmers' Institute.

A meeting of directors of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute was held in the Court House here on Saturday afternoon. President Elliott in the chair. Arrangements were made for a meeting of the institute on Jan. 10 and 11, at which C. A. Zavitz, of Guelph, will give an address on "The best varieties of grain for Ontario farmers to grow," and "Keeping up the fertility of the farm." Mr. L. Patton, of Oxford Mills, will handle the subject of "Paying for milk according to amount of butter-fat," and "Dairying as compared with other branches of farming, from a financial standpoint." D. W. McLeod, of Toronto, will advocate the "Curing of corn fodder dry." At the evening session the proceedings will be continued by good music.

Successful Model School Students.

The Board of Examiners in connection with the recent Model School examination last evening in the County Buildings on Sunday. There were present Inspector Carson, Mr. John Dearnley, H. D. Johnson and W. F. May. Of 45 candidates in London only 4 failed, and of 33 from Strathroy 7 did not pass. Those from the latter place who passed were A. Bond, W. Bryan, C. J. Campbell, J. T. Collins, C. P. Corneil, A. W. Curry, M. Elliott, J. H. Garner, J. W. Hedley, A. T. Jones, H. McPhail, A. McLean, D. McMechan, J. E. McLeod, John Pedden, C. F. Price, G. A. Robertson, C. Strachan, L. Trauman, E. M. Young, Basil Atchison, Lizzie Banks, Minnie Bishop, E. B. Birt, K. M. Dunlop, Maggie Edmonds, Eva Lee, Jessie Murdoch, Martha Nichols, Dora Rose, Ada Stuart, Sarah M. Tait.

Forty-five candidates tried the examinations at London, and of these four failed. Those who passed were Miss A. Bailey, M. Batty, A. Battie, M. Braid, M. J. Brown, E. Campbell, M. Dundas, B. Cubbon, M. Fortner, E. J. Glenn, A. H. Grigg, J. Gurney, A. Holpins, M. Jenkins, E. R. Johnston, M. A. Lee, M. McArthur, M. McConnell, M. A. McEwan, C. McNaughton, B. E. Mills, M. A. Rigby, M. Sharp, Gertrude Sutton, E. Scott, K. Sutherland, J. Taylor, B. Thompson, M. A. Webb, and M. Wm. A. Gibson, B. H. Keating, G. B. Kennedy, W. G. Millard, T. D. Orme, E. E. Portmouth, F. Tanton and F. R. Whiting.

"Held Up" in Bed.

On Friday night a case of housebreaking and robbery occurred on con. 2 of London township. Edith Dalton being the loser. Dalton is unmarried and lives alone. On the night in question he retired at the usual hour. About 2:30 in the morning he was surprised on waking to find two men in his bedroom. Seeing that Dalton had been awakened, one of the men seized him and held him in bed, threatening to shoot if he raised any outcry. The other man then went through Dalton's clothes, securing \$17.50. The burglar had gained admittance by breaking in the front door, and after ransacking the house they departed. Dalton came to Village Constable Ward's office in London West and related the particulars, and a search was made for the burglar, but so far no trace of them has been found, although a clue has been obtained.

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