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LONDON COLORED FOLK WIN PRIZES AT CENTENNIAL

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, the Get Acquainted Club and The Dawn of Tomorrow, all combined, won the 6th prize in the Centennial Parade held in the city last Monday. The importance of this victory becomes more enhanced when it is related that the procession extended for five miles in length and that the colored people were competing with some of the biggest and most wealthy firms in Canada. Awarding of the prizes was made on the following qualifications: originality of idea and interpretation of same; general appearance, beauty and design; appropriateness to Centennial Celebration and the attention given to details in the floats.

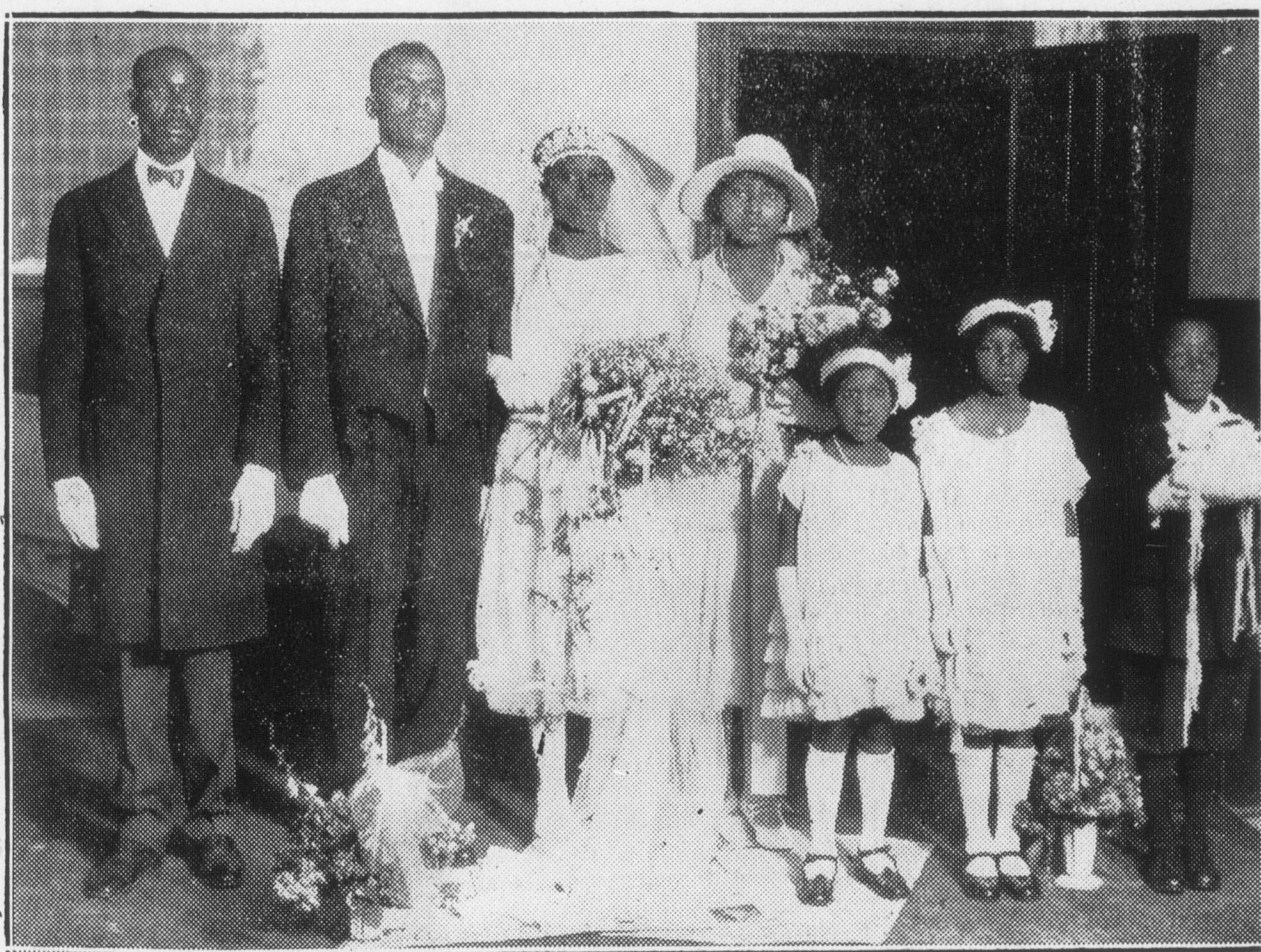
The Get Acquainted Club with a separate car, but in connection with the League, also won a special prize for vehicles other than floats. The car which represented the club was the most beautifully decorated car in the five mile parade.

Along the route of these two prize winning vehicles the tremendous crowds witnessing the parade was most liberal with their applause. If there was ever a time in the life of the city in which there was a mutual feeling of respect, good will and genuine friendship between the two races, that spirit was at its height last Monday when the colored citizens

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Indian Girl Wins \$1000 For Making Best Use of College Education

Miss Ruth Muskrat, full-blooded Cherokee Indian girl, who graduated from Mount Holyoke College last year, has been awarded the Henry Morgenthau prize of \$1,000 for making the best use of her college education. The award was made in recognition of her work among Indians. She is at present in charge of the placement bureau of Haskell Institution, at Lawrence, Kan., the largest existing Indian school.



Popular Members of a Toronto Wedding Party

The B.M.E. Church was last Wednesday evening the scene of one of the most elaborate weddings that has taken place in the city of Toronto

for many moons. The photograph above shows the bridal party. From left to right they are: John Carter, best man, John Mitchel Williams, the bride-groom; Miss Rachel Adina

Stephenson, the bride; Agnes Brown, Doris Bailey, Flower Girls; Francis Gibbons, train bearer; Thomas Foster, ring bearer.
Cut Courtesy of The Toronto Globe.

AN ODE TO LONDON OLD BOYS

Ah! swiftly moves the steady hand
of time
No matter what the work nor where
the clime
By mankind Chosen for the life long
tasks
Which economic law of each one asks.
And all along the speed-way we call
life,
Where weaklings trampled fall 'mid
surging strife
Bright resting places greet us as we
pause
To bask with ego in the throng's
applause.
No brighter spot can man e'er hope
to find
Than that prepared by those who
stayed behind
To gaily deck the old home town
again
In welcome to the boys, now stalwart
men.
So here we gather free from business
care,

To smile with joy at good friends
everywhere
And boast again in reminiscent mirth
That London is the best old town on
earth.
As one by one we greet the old pals
here
With hearty clasp and jovial words
of cheer,
We realize that men from out this
town
On every side the globe have won
renown.
What greater honor can a city claim
Than that she turns out men who
climb to fame?
So though they call you London in
the Woods
We know full well that you've turned
out the goods.
Now as we mingle gaily in this scene
Bright mottled as it is, with nature's
green,
We feel the thrill which only can be
known

By growing boys, who, feeling quite
alone,
Go back to mother's knee and by
God's plan
Are given help which only mothers
can,
For as we come in answer to your call
We know you've been a mother to us
all.
But as the sounds of joy are rising
high,
A deeper reverent feeling seems to
cry
For silence, till we pay the homage
due
This glorious shrine as to fond mem-
ory's view
We call again the hardships bravely
met
By pioneers that they might firmly
set
Foundation here, on which there
stands to-day
The city of our birth in grand array.
—J. ARTHUR NICHOLS

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Editorial

ACT IN CONCERT FOR OUR OWN DEFENCE

It is gratifying to learn that the U.N.I.A., The Colored Political Club and the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People met "under one flag" last Friday evening to take up a common cause. Out of the three bodies grew a temporary organization whose object is to do whatever in their power lies to bring pressure upon the authorities in order that the injustice done the colored waiters of the C.N.R. might be righted. This body elected a quota of officers and a substantial sum was collected for the purpose of carrying on the work.

There were many prominent and fluent speakers at this meeting and addresses were not of an incendiary or Bolshevik nature. They savoured of soberness, thoughtfulness, and they rang with great earnestness. A desire was expressed that other organizations would join in this common effort and the doors are still open for them to do so. A committee was appointed to invite officers of the brotherhood of railway union to be present in order that the newly formed body might obtain all possible information on the subject.

It was unanimously decided to send a protest to the federal government after facts and data had been secured. We call the attention of all colored organizations and especially the Branches of the C.L.A.C.P. to the action of this Toronto body. We call upon them to raise their voice in solemn protest against this injustice to the race. Send your protest to the minister of railways and get your friends both white and colored to do so individually and collectively. Let us bombard the minister's office with Protest. Let us see if British justice includes its colored citizens as well as others. We shall be pleased to give any information we possess or otherwise assist any organization in making its protest. We hope every colored organization will take some action. We EXPECT every branch of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People to ACT AND ACT AT ONCE.

Letter to the Editor

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THE NAKED TRUTH.

Mr. Editor:—

There has been a general opinion that race prejudice has been monopolized by the ignorant or lower classes.

But every now and then we get proof to the contrary, that the real royal palace of this monster is in the temples of the powers that be or the mighty.

The very latest proof of the source of this inexplicable race discrimination comes in an order from the General Superintendent of the Dining Car Department of the C.N.R. replacing all colored waiters operating on the International Limited from Montreal to the United States border, for no other reason that their faces were black.

And to add to this miscarriage of British justice, the excuse given for the move was, "That their services were unsatisfactory."—Laugh, everybody! Surely the joke is on the official, and not on the replaced men.

How flimsy, how indefinite, how shallow, how unbelievable such a statement, when colored men have served the travelling public on the Grand Trunk lines for more than thirty years, with efficiency, courtesy, and with the greatest respect for the satisfaction of the traveler, so much so that they made the International Limited famous, raising it from a three or four car affair to an up-to-date twelve car train.

This particular train is operated from Montreal to Chicago on both Canadian and U.S. territory, how strange the difference in color effects the service in the two countries.

The underlying truth of the matter is that this antagonism toward colored waiters has been incited by demagogues, who have represented the colored worker as a menacing competitor for their jobs.

We are grateful to the Can. Brotherhood of Ry. Employees for the opportunity it offered to these men to engage in collective bargaining, for an equalization of pay for both black and white workers for the same work.

This was the cue that gave the management the opportunity they so long desired to exert their prejudice under the guise of "Unsatisfactory Service."

Let us cite a few facts in connection with their methods of employment, and their appreciation for the men employed.

First, most of these men came from homes that were in the midst of the best social, educational and industrial environments—to what? A job, that's all, and conditions at times that were almost unbearable.

During the summer months, the busy season, there was continual doubling out of the home terminal, without proper rest, absolutely no concern or regard given to the health of the men; no steps made for wholesome recreation. Some of the sleeping quarters having as many as six men in one room and many other forms of intimidation that made conditions such that any efficient waiter would soon leave.

'Tis true they put on more equipment for service, but not additional help, and no increase in pay. This

fact alone would discourage the best of employees.

Summing up the whole question, "The Environmental Handicaps of the Colored waiter in Canada has been enormous."

Their removal from this train is purely a labor move and not for better service, as claimed, for the colored worker is a service man. The internationalization of labor is an important factor in the gradual social change, and the railroad problem of "Satisfactory Service" in Canada cannot be solved to the exclusion of the colored worker.

Thus, through thirty years of disadvantages and discouragement, the colored waiter has been able to carve his way into the intellectual life of the Canadian travelling public.

The fact remains, inferior pay, inferior workers, in this the management is in error for they reverse the thing entirely, for in the most part, untrained, inexperienced white dining car waiters, who replaced experienced colored waiters at \$65.00 per month, are being paid \$79.50, and moreover where there were five in the colored crews, there are six in the white.

More pay, more men, worse service the truth is obvious, "The Color Question." No one could blame Diogenes for looking for a perfect man.

These men higher up are so blinded by prejudice that they cannot appreciate that the capacity of the colored worker is no longer a question.

Too many successes have been made in the industrial and commercial world of records to allow the charge of inefficiency to stand.

Employers of colored workers in Canada may be provided with proof of the fitness of these workers.

The trouble is that the management has not popularized the idea of the use of colored waiters.

They seemingly are not aware of the excellent quality of service these workers have rendered or else they won't admit it for it is plain to be seen that they limit them to certain occupations without regard to fitness for better positions and meritorious service. We feel certain that the travelling public is not in accord with the stand taken by these officials, in dismissing these men because of their request for a decent wage.

It is bad enough to be under-paid but it is still worse to be branded as "unsatisfactory" when you ask for a wage, commensurate with your cost of living.

Will wonders ever cease? Indeed the reflection is on the company and not on the worker.

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MONTREAL

On Sunday, July 4th in the absence of Rev. Este, Sister Isadore occupied the pulpit of the Union Church and preached to a very large and appreciative audience.

We are pleased to see Miss Cully, our faithful secretary of the W.C.T.U. able to be out again after a period of severe illness.

A social under the auspices of the Excelsior W.C.T.U. was held at the residence of Mrs. Hight, 1982 St. James Street on Thursday, 22nd inst. A very pleasant evening was spent in recitations, readings, songs, addresses, etc.

We all extend our sympathy to Miss Alice Wade in the loss of her Nephew, J. Wade of Demerara, South America.

Mr. Thomas Jones, brother of our social worker, Mrs. B. Johnson, is quite ill at his residence.

Others on the sick list are: Mrs. Jennie DeShield, St. Antoine St.; Mr. W. Shepherd, General Hospital. Mrs. Daniel Dupont, Hospital.

The Maple Leaf Club, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, gave their annual moonlight excursion on the 15th of July.

Miss J. Stucker of New York spent two weeks vacation with her brothers in Verdun.

Miss Alta Lyons was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jefferson, Verdun, last week.

Children's Day was celebrated at the U.N.I.A. Hall on Sunday 18th.

LONDON

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People held their meeting in the basement of the B.M.E. Church on Tuesday evening, July 26th. Every one showing great enthusiasm over the great part they are to take in the Centennial to be held in this city from Aug. 2 to 7th. They are anticipating having a float representing the progress of our people in the past 100 years.

The Get Acquainted Club will have a car in the parade under the auspices of the League which is to be beautifully decorated in the Club colors.

On Wednesday, August 4th, a Community picnic will be held at Springbank. All are invited to attend and bring a full basket. Supper to be spread at 6.30 p.m. We are also invited by the city to take part in all the sports on the grounds. Out of town visitors are invited to make use of this invitation.

The out of town visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. Carpenter of New York City, Miss Bertha Johnson, of Brantford and a host of friends we haven't space to mention.

Mrs. Louise Washington is confined to her bed in Victoria Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

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Quarterly meeting July 11 and the reopening of the Church was a grand success both spiritually and financially. Rev. T. H. Jackson of Toronto delivered two wonderful sermons. Rev. S. A. Lucas assisted throughout the day.

Out of town visitors for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Harris and daughter, Miss L. Cockrane. Mr. R. Anderson and Bro. and Mrs. Carrie Fields all of London.

Mrs. Ed. Davies and daughters, Mrs. Hurburd and Miss Charlotte of Buffalo are visiting Mrs. Davies son, Mr. W. Saunders.

Mr. Jackson Peel was a visitor in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. Johnson.

Master Ferdie Johnson who is in the hospital is in a very critical condition. We trust he will soon have a turn for the better.

Mr. James Mathers is also in the hospital in a very serious condition.

Aug. 1st the Canadian League are having a picnic at Mohawk Park and a lawn social on the spacious lawn

of Mrs. C. Watkins, 1 Park Ave. in the evening. Everyone is cordially invited to join us and have a grand outing for the afternoon and the evening.

Miss Gladys Walker entertained on July 8th at a luncheon in honor of Miss Shadd, Miss Vera Morrey's guest.

Miss Olive also entertained in honor of Miss Shadd.

A number of Brantford friends and relatives of the late Mr. Silas Henderson of Burford who was buried on Friday, July 23rd, attended the funeral.

Rev. H. D. Wright leaves for Windsor on July 26th accompanied by Mrs. Wright and daughter, Mrs. Vera Ashby of Montreal. The Rev. and family will be absent for a week as he will assist Rev. Lawson with his quarterly meeting while there.

Mr. Jackson Sr. of Oil City was with his son Rev. F. H. Jackson while in the city.

Miss Gladys Walker spent the week end in Toronto on business.

Miss Mary Payne, Mrs. Myles Man-

HAMILTON

The pulpit was occupied Sunday morning by our pastor, Rev. Claude A. Stewart and in the evening by Bro. Arthur Burke of Canfield.

Rev. Claude A. Stewart (our pastor) spent Sunday in Toronto and occupied the pulpit of Grant A.M.E. Church in the evening, it being quarterly meeting there.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duncan in the loss of Mr. Duncan's father.

We are sorry to report the relapse of Mr. T. J. Holland. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Miss Elfreeda Holland is spending a few days in Guelph, the guest of Miss Evelyn Duncan.

Mr. J. C. Holland is up north on the private car. We miss him very much from our midst.

A Jiggs dinner was held in the S.S. room, on Tuesday, July 20th, under the auspices of the Stewardess Board. This was a great success.

Mrs. Jess Brown spent a few days in Detroit and Pontiac, attending the funeral of the late Dr. C. Emery Allen.

A lawn social was given in the rear of the Church, Monday evening, July 26th, under the auspices of Club No. 6, Captain, Mrs. Alleygood. All present enjoyed a good time.

A concert was given for the benefit of St. Paul's Church in the East End Spiritualist Church on Friday evening under the auspices of Club no 8, Captain, Mrs. Florence Bell.

Mrs. J. C. Holland was called to Oakville to the bedside of her brother Mr. Ollie Johnson, who is seriously ill. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Frank Wesley and Mr. Thos. Elden of Stratford spent the week end with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown.

Master Fred Holland and Charlie Brown ran 2nd in the district athletic sports held in Scott's Park on Saturday, July 24th.

We are glad to report those in the Sanatorium are progressing favourably.

Any person having notes for Dawn of Tomorrow please hand to Mrs. May Brown.

We are glad to see Mrs. Greenidge at Church again after her recent illnesses in the General Hospital.

Mrs. Wilson of Detroit is visiting her mother Mrs. Lewis, 32 Sawyer Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbot spent the week end in St. Catharines. The guests of Mrs. Talbot's mother.

ning and Master Lloyd Manning of Pittsburgh are visiting their mother, Mrs. Bertha Payne.

Mrs. Mathews and family of Stratford were in the city to see their brother-in-law.

ST. CATHARINES

Mr. Jim Little and his brother, Mr. Charlie Little, worshipped at the B.M.E. Church on Sunday and were the guests of Missess Louise and Clara Bell.

Mrs. Geo. Bell and Miss Ada Ball paid a short visit to Niagara Falls, Ont., the guests of Mrs. Rev. Johnson and called on many friends.

Miss Louise Bell and Miss Margaret Wilson paid a flying visit to Buffalo, the guests of Mrs. Thomas Delsworth.

Mrs. Diggs and her son Mr. Edward Diggs and his wife, together with Mr. Diggs' sister and her husband, Mr. Morehead, all from Auburn N.Y., paid a visit to Mrs. Cummings and were the guests of Mrs. George Bell.

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Were you at the Baptist Sunday School picnic given at the Island last Thursday, July 29th? If not you missed a rare treat. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and the picnic baskets were overflowing with good things to eat and drink. Everybody helped to make the children happy and the rain even refused to come down.

You very seldom see weddings now but we were lucky last Wednesday night to be present and enjoy a real wedding and they tell me the wedding bells are due to ring again soon. Who is next?

Mrs. Price, who has been visiting her son in Philadelphia and also visiting the Sesquicentennial, has returned to Toronto looking well and happy and seems to be getting younger every day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery have returned to the city after visiting the Sesquicentennial and several Eastern Cities, including Washington and New York. They both look well and rested after their visit.

Don't forget the Garden Party, Aug. 12th, 1926 at the home of Dr. T. H. Lewis. You know you always have a nice time out there and you know it is a worthy cause. Bring big appetites and full purses and you will certainly enjoy yourselves.

Dr. and Madame Brewton are giving their annual business picnic, Aug. 10th, 1926 at the Island and they always make it pleasant for you. Prizes will be given in each of the different contests to the winner. Come early, bring a large basket and small appetites so everybody can get a taste.

Mrs. Ola Beecher has returned from New York where she has been spending the past few weeks visiting and attending the summer School at Columbia University.

Mr. F. E. Simpson, who has been spending his summer vacation with his wife and family in Collinsville, made a flying trip to the city looking much better after the rest.

Mr. Glassco, the popular barber on Queen St. West, was the winner of a five tube radio set for the small sum of 25c. Some people are born lucky.

Mrs. Westheimer is spending the summer with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Westheimer and seems to like Toronto very much. Mrs. Westheimer's home is in Georgia the land of sunshine.

Mrs. F. Dunlap, the sister of Mrs. Jones, of 105 McCaul St., is visiting in our city and looking a great deal better than when we saw her here before.

NIAGARA FALLS NEWS

A grand lawn festival was given by the Young Men's Club of Niagara Falls, Ont., Friday, July 30th, at the Gross Estate, on Buchanan Ave..

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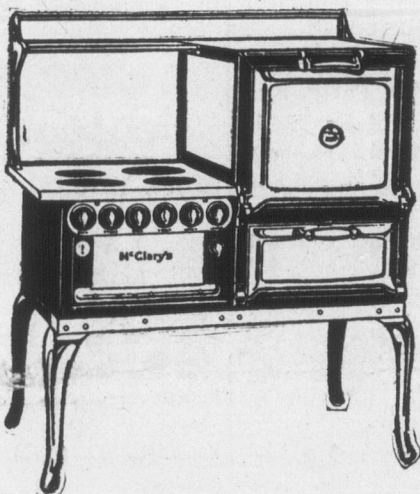
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London Colored Folk Win Prizes at the London Centennial

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won and the white citizens were pleased to see them win. Even before the colored people had had any dream of being among the prize winners white citizens began to congratulate them and to raise hope high in their breasts. The children of a hundred years hence will be told a great and wonderful story of the magnanimous spirit which existed between the colored and white people of the city of London on her 100th birthday.

The bulk of the credit for the great display made by the float and the Club's car goes to Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Albert J. E. Butler, (for the float); Mrs. Florence Poindexter and Mr. Fred Ball (for the car). The Anderson brothers built the log cabin which occasioned many favourable comments. While the above mentioned deserve special mention, the colored people as a whole are to be congratulated upon the splendid support they gave in the Centennial parade. The children represented on the float were models of beauty and good behaviour. Mrs. Jane Cromwell made an ideal mother to them.

TORONTO FOLK ATTEND SMART WEDDING

One of the most brilliant weddings ever solemnized between members of the colored race in Toronto, took place at 7.30 in the evening in the B.M.E. Church, when Miss Rachel Adina Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robert Stephenson, now of this city became the bride of Mr. J. M. Williams, a well-known merchant, dealing in West Indian products.

Long before the actual performing of the nuptial ceremony by Rev. F. O. Stewart the church was crowded with friends and invited guests. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party entered the church and took their place under the floral arch, the Union Jack and the Jamaican flag, intertwined with the roses.

The bride, charmingly gowned in white satin, with the cap of her embroidered net veil banded with orange blossoms, carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and baby's breath. Miss Gladys Bramwell, the maid of honor and the five bridesmaids wore gowns of pink georgette, with drooping ping hats and carried bouquets of delicate pink rambler roses. The bridesmaids included Miss Ivy Hansen, Miss Rosine Rogers, Miss Winnifred Browne, Miss Agnes Brown and Miss Mabel Gill. Wee Thomas Foster, in the role of ring bearer, and dainty Doris Bailey in blue ruffled crepe, as flower girl, preceded the bride in the procession while pretty little Francie Gibbons, also wearing blue ruffled frock, acted as train bearer. The bride was given away by Mr. Dudley Marshall. The groom was attended by J. Carter, and the ushers included J. Lavell O. Lavell, J. Harvey and A. Stewart. Rev. F. O. Stewart officiated.

Several selections were sung by the choir, including "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden," while a solo was rendered by Mrs. Fox during the

signing of the register. Following the marriage service a reception was held at 553 Queen Street west. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will spend a honeymoon in Niagara Falls. They will reside in Toronto.

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