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NEAR SILENCES ATTACKS ON PAVING TESTS

Laughter and Lovely Children At Santa Claus' Party

DEPOSITORS CROWD BANK TO SECURE PAYMENTS

Bank of Montreal Starts Distribution of 25 Per Cent Dividend.

DEFEND GOVERNMENT

Association States Whole Question Must Be Kept Clear of Politics.

Home Bank depositors lined up in double rows inside the market branch of the Bank of Montreal this morning to receive the first official 25 per cent dividend distributed to savings holders since the Home Bank suspension was announced months ago. By 11 o'clock the crowds became so great that another line was formed in the street, and the staff of extra workers were scurrying about all morning without a hitch.

The bank will remain open until eight o'clock this evening, additional hours having been arranged for the convenience of depositors. At noon today it was estimated that $35,000 had been turned over on Home Bank savings accounts.

Men appointed by the London Home Bank Depositors' Association were on hand to ask each depositor to sign the white slip making over one-half of one per cent of his total deposits. The money thus derived will be used by the central committee at Toronto to carry the depositors' case before the government and demand that Ottawa assume all loss suffered by the savings holders.

It was necessary that this point be explained fully before depositors would consent to sign. About half of them, however, volunteered to turn over the one-half of one per cent asked for, while others decided to give it more thought before coming to a decision.

Members of the London Home Bank Depositors' Association this morning officially denied the report that they had attributed the Home Bank failure to the government at Ottawa. This statement, they claimed, was fictitious.

"We don't want to make this a political thing or stir up a controversy," one said. "We believe all governments since 1913 are culpable. As a matter of fact no action on the part of Mr. Fielding could have contributed one iota in preventing the crash. It was doomed as far back as 1920. The statement was obviously garbled with the intention of discrediting the present Liberal government."

WARNS AGAINST CUTTING TREES

Chief of Police Birrell Declares Private Property Must Be Respected.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell issued a warning today to youths and others who insist on cutting their Christmas trees on the private property of citizens.

"There are lots of Christmas trees on the market and there is no necessity to despoil peoples' property," stated the chief. "Two years ago there was an epidemic of that sort of thing, but nothing was reported last year and I hope there won't be this year."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Northerly winds; cloudy.
Sunday—Northeast winds; cloudy with showers.

Stations—	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	42	Fair
Calgary	40	16	Cloudy
Port Arthur	32	14	Clear
Parry Sound	40	34	Cloudy
Toronto	48	40	Clear
Kingston	44	33	Cloudy
Ottawa	44	34	Cloudy
Montreal	44	38	Cloudy
Quebec	34	30	Cloudy
Father Point	28	22	Cloudy
St. John	38	32	Cloudy
Halifax	34	30	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 49; lowest, 40.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 50; lowest, 40.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 35.43.
Today—8 a.m., 29.25.

3,000 LITTLE CHILDREN GREET OLD SANTA CLAUS

Everybody Has Splendid Time at Big Party—Prizes Are Presented.

CANDY, FUN AND TOYS

Santa Wishes That He Lived With London's Children All Year Round.

The children's party is over. Santa Claus has gone back home to put the finishing touches on his big bundles for Christmas eve. And everybody had a splendid time.

Hundreds of children of all sizes, from every street in London and from towns outside—swarmed to the Winter Gardens this morning. They wouldn't keep still enough to count, but they packed the big floor in a whirlwind of young laughter, excited anticipation and rapturous delight.

There were at least three thousand of them, and Santa Claus told The Advertiser after the party that he had "never seen so many girls and boys together in his life."

Long before eleven o'clock they began trooping in. Just inside the door they found some amiable young men with great canvas bags full of molasses candy and before long the whole place was a rythm of steadily moving jaws.

Dan Macaulay and his Winter Gardens' orchestra were there to greet them and shortly before eleven, Fred Gill, the inimitable comedian, appeared on the platform. He gave them a representation of George Beban in "The Italian and the Rose," and Mike Whalen in a tuneful skit, "The Ball Room."

Santa Arrives.

And then there was a scurry at the side door, a jingle of bells, a jovial laughing voice.

It was Santa Claus himself!

He was sharp on time—a rollicking friendly Santa Claus who captured the heart of everyone there.

With him were Ella Mae Scoyne, the Loveliest Child and two of her loveliest companions. Clare McCandless of Strathroy and Tennes Tanner, of London. Little Irene Roach, named second of the four, was ill at her home, 130 Garfield avenue, so Santa Claus went out there first and gave her the Advertiser's prize which she had won, and told her what a very dear little girl she is.

Santa Claus and the three lovely children had driven in state from The Advertiser building.

There was a big Packard, and right behind an equally big Studebaker which Frank McLaughlin had sent over from his garage in order that Santa Claus and the Lovely Children might have the best.

The old gentleman bounded through the door of the Winter Gar-

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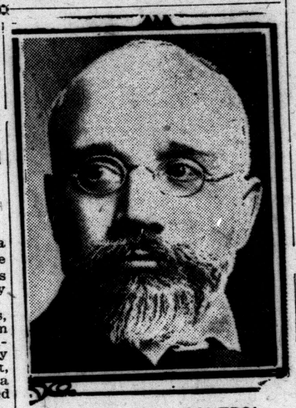

OFFERED FULL CONTROL.

Eleutherious Venizelos, former premier of Greece, who has been invited by the Athens committee to assume full control of governmental affairs. The aged statesman is now considering the request.

WILL GIVE VENIZELOS FULL SWAY

Grecian Council of Ministers Delete Conditions in Invitation.

DELEGATION ON WAY

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, Dec. 22.—The council of ministers has decided to instruct Col. Clastiras, of the revolutionary committee, to ask ex-Premier Venizelos, without any conditions and with complete liberty of initiative, to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand.

Former Premier Venizelos of Greece informed through news sources today that delegation bearing a leter from Col. Plastiras, head of the Greek revolutionary committee, inviting the ex-premier to return to Greece had left Athens for Paris yesterday on the steamer Andres, réplied through his secretary that he would be glad to receive the delegation. He expressed doubt, however, whether the explanation accompanying the invitation would cause him to alter his decision not to return to Greece for the present.

EXPECT RECOUNT RESULTS TONIGHT

Seven Subdivisions Left To Be Checked Over in Ward Three Tangle.

It will be definitely known by nightfall whether Ald. Gordon Drake is going to remain in the council as a representative from Ward 3 or if he is going to be replaced by ex-Ald. John Ashton, Labor candidate.

The official recount will be resumed at 2 p.m. by Judge Talbot Macbeth, and with another seven subdivisions to check over a final decision is anticipated by 5 p.m.

"I would rather the recount concerned someone other than Gordon Drake," ex-Ald. Ashton stated. "The election is over several days now, and I have the feeling now that I don't care much how it goes. Ald. Drake and I always got along well in the council, and for that reason only I am not too keen about it."

LITTLE ACCIDENT VICTIM SPENT RESTLESS NIGHT

Lois Gray, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Grays, Ridout street, who was struck by a motor car last night at the corner of Ridout street and Grand Avenue, is not progressing as favorably as anticipated, it was reported this morning. The girl is suffering from a fractured leg and spent a restles night. It is not definitely known yet whether she is hurt internally, but physicians expect to hold a consultation this afternoon.

MUSICAL ART CHOIR AT ARENA OPENING

As a feature of the opening of the London Arena tonight will be several selection by the London Musical Art Choir, comprising 110 voices.

GIVES DETAIL OF TESTING PAVEMENTS DURING YEAR

Engineer Near Presents Complete Figures To Show System Used.

WAS NOT EXCESSIVE

Douglass Declares Action of Official Proves Great Benefit.

In a detailed statement to the board of works today, City Engineer W. P. Near deals with the city's paving activities since he assumed office last spring, and he answers the charges that have appeared from time to time that excessive sums were expended for "testing purposes."

"Testing" of pavements and the raw material for the same has always been done as near as can be ascertained, by the city engineering department. This year, however, they have been more complete than in former years, it is claimed by the city authorities, while it is also stated that the tests were conducted in Canada while in other years they were sent to New York City.

Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of the board of works, submitted this statement from Engineer Near:

"Even though the inspection costs appear higher," the chairman stated "the services of the superintendent of paving construction were charged only when he was employed in that capacity. He is now on sewer work and was placed there as soon as the paving was done. The services of one superintendent were dispensed with this year—not, of course, as the result of this inspection.

"Had contractors done the paving, inspectors would have been needed to a greater extent to insure a good pavement."

"Engineer Near is to be congratulated that the citizens are assured that good pavements were laid in 1923, as indicated by the number of the tests on the material and road."

Report Follows.

The report follows:

Ald. L. H. Douglas, M.D.,
Chairman, No. 2 committee of the City Council.

Dear Sir: Pursuant to your request for a report on the inspection of asphalt in connection with the construction of pavements, I beg to report as follows:

Prior to starting the work of asphalt paving in the summer of 1923, I consulted with yourself as chairman of No. 2 committee and with Mayor Wenige and recommended that the services of the Milton Hersey Co. of Montreal be retained for the inspection of asphalt pavements

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ENGINEER W. P. NEAR.

City Engineer W. P. Near, in a comprehensive statement to the general public, outlines his pavement "testing" policies for the past year, refuting charges of extravagance.

FEWER RIDE ON LONDON'S STREET CARS

R. G. Ivey States Present Conditions Due to Increase in Shopping.

SERVICE IMPROVED

The people of London are not riding the street cars as much as they did a year ago, according to R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company.

A strong complaint was registered with The Advertiser from South London residents, regarding the Normal line, overcrowding, etc., but the vice-president attributes this chiefly to the increased number of shoppers throughout the day and evening.

"As a matter of fact," he stated, "we are giving better service throughout the city every day that the traffic demands. Not nearly so many people are riding the cars now as a year ago."

It was further pointed out that while the company, by reason of its agreement with the city—bylaw 916—is compelled to adhere to a certain service, the company is and has been maintaining a better service than was asked by the city council. the city hall records show that several years have elapsed since a bylaw was passed in council designating the headway on the various railway lines.

While there has been much talk among the aldermen in recent years about poor service, they have made no concrete attempts to further their efforts with legislation.

Both City Engineer Near and Ald. L. Douglass, chairman of the board of works, favor the passage of a new time schedule bylaw early in 1924.

The street railway authorities reiterate their willingness and determination to adhere to the bylaw in 1924.

AT LAST "BOBBIES" ARE IN LIMELIGHT

Illumination at Ridout and Horton To Prevent Injury to Traffic Cop.

One policeman of the local force, at least, will be in the limelight in the future, special plans having been made for this purpose.

The officer in question will be the one who directs traffic at the corner of Ridout and Horton streets during the busy hours, and who has, on more than one occasion, narrowly escaped being run over.

This morning General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities commission announced that he had secured a bright spotlight that will be suspended directly over the centre of the intersection, and which will shine down on the "bidecoat's" head. This step was made necessary through the fact that on rainy nights, when windshields are obscured, delvers cannot see the officer in the dark, with the result that several times he has had to hop, skip and jump out of the danger zone.

TIRES ARE STOLEN.

Thieves broke into the premises of the Lewis Tire repairing shop on Little and Simcoe streets last night and stole several repaired tires, Mr. Lewis reported to the police today. The thieves made entry through a window. Detectives are working on the case.

Farmers Claim Raffling Off Turkeys Pays Better Than Selling On Market

Many Prize Birds Have Been Won at Raffles in County.

SOME EVERY NIGHT

Many turkeys raffles this year ?
You betcha !

From the heights of Westminster township to the slopes of London township and even in the law-abiding Caradoc, many prize birds have been raffled off during the past two weeks, according to farmers attending the market today.

"We had a peach of a raffle last night" yawned one farmer this morning. "Twelve turkeys, 18 geese and ten pairs of chickens were raffled off at a neighbors place. I had some turkeys in on it and I made three times as much money out of them that I can get on this market.

"There is no county constable in Westminster now and the raffles have been more open than usual. We depend on getting our customers from town and they have been coming in droves. I have been at a raffle every night this week, with the exception of Tuesday. There is good money in them if you get the crowds.

"If there are only a few people there, a ticket on a turkey costs 25 cents, a goose 20 cents and chickens 15 cents. If more are present the price is cut.

"At one big raffle a farmer cleaned up over $100. Pretty fair picking I would say.

"Give you the names of some of the farmers? I should say not. You might tell some friend of a cop. However there won't be any more raffles till next year."

GRANTED PENSION.

Madame Curnie, French woman scientist and discoverer of radium, has been granted a government pension, which will enable her to devote the remainder of her life to research work.

HAS EYE REMOVED.

Archibald Gray, 65 years, section foreman on the M. C. R. at Rodney, had his left eye removed at Victoria Hospital this morning. On Tuesday a small flying piece of steel pierced his eye. He was taken to Victoria Hospital and physicians found it imperative to operate.

War-Racked Veteran Gives His Last Penny In Return For Woman's Hospitality

Westminster Hospital Patient Started for Moose Jaw To Visit Parents.

WAS CHRISTMAS VISIT

Halted on His Long Walk and Leaves Present For Child.

He wandered away from Westminster Hospital the other day, this stalwart veteran of the war.

It was getting along towards Christmas and he wanted to see the old folks way off in Moose Jaw. He didn't have much money, only thirteen cents, two five-cent pieces and three coppers. But people were kind and if he hurried, surely he would get home in time to clasp his mother once more and give her an old-time Christmas kiss and a hug. His father, too, would be there to greet him. How he would like to grasp his old dad's hand once more.

So this stalwart young chap, with shattered nerves started to walk to Moose Jaw.

He turned west on Brick street from the hospital gates and swung along until he came to Springbank hill. It was just about dinner time and he walked down the lane to the home of William England.

He knocked at the door and doffing his hat asked for a bite to eat.

Mrs. Richard England invited him in and while she set the table, he played with the little baby who gurgled and smiled at him from a cradle near by.

All during the meal this heart-starved soldier kept his eyes on the cooing babe and before leaving the house he went over to the cradle and chucked Mr. Baby gently under the chin.

"How do I get to Moose Jaw from here? he suddenly asked Mrs. England.

"You better go to London and take a train," she replied.

"I have no money," he replied simply. "I must walk, and I must hurry or I'll never get home in time for Christmas."

Mrs. England pointed out west and north for him, and after thanking her courteously for her hospitality, the veteran set off down the lane, only to fall into the hands of guards from Westminster.

Mrs. England watched her guest along the lane and then returned to her baby.

Just beside the pillow and covered by a sheet were two five-cent pieces and three coppers.

JIMMY BELL SPORTS BRAND NEW DERBY

City Treasurer Confident That One-Time Popular Lid Is Coming Back.

The "nice brown derby" is back—only in this case it is a nice new black one, and City Treasurer Bell is wearing it around the city hall, although it doesn't belong to him.

At least, not yet. Another member of the sta ffreceived it this morning (he desires that his name be withheld until he consults his advisers), and he was not quite sure whether it would be advisable to wear it out this week or not.

Jimmy Bell is positive, however, that the derbies are coming into their own again, and to demonstrate that he doesn't care about styles anyhow, just as long as the lid feels comfortable, he has confiscated it until further notice.

And he looks quite the "bee's knees" too, and many admiring glances drifted his way this morning. Bill Saunders was quite impressed as well.

POSTOFFICE HANDLES 3,000 PRESENTS FRIDAY

Forty-Seven Extra Employees Are Aiding the Letter-Carriers.

Postoffice officials report that yesterday was the busiest day they have ever experienced. Not for years has the rush been so great, and more parcels have passed through their hands this year than ever before. Yesterday more than 3,000 presents were delivered in the city.

According to Postmaster T. C. Duncan, all Christmas parcels are expected to be delivered not later than Tuesday noon. Forty-seven new men were taken on yesterday to aid the letter carriers in the distribution of their parcels. These men will be employed by the postoffice for four days.

CHOSEN ON COMMITTEE.

Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, appointed as one of three members of the British committee to examine Germany's financial situation.

FUNNY CARDS AT YULETIDE UNPOPULAR

Local Dealers Find That Londoners Are Sentimental Folk.

SALES ARE HEAVY

Londoners are sentimental folk. At Christmas time they like to receive serious Yuletide cards with old-fashioned wording and sugary greetings.

At least this is the opinion of local Christmas card dealers, who claim the sale of sentimental Christmas cards this year has eclipsed anything yet experienced in that line. Humorous and clever greetings, however, are distinctly unpopular, and the unfortunate dealer who stocked up with this variety is out of luck. The sale for them is practically nil.

Beverly Hay, of the Hay Stationary Company, said this morning that humor about Christmas time, particularly in connection with greeting cards, is not appreciated. Among a certain class, notably businessmen and scholars, the funny card has a strong appeal, but these are so in the minority that it does not pay to manufacture humor in this regard.

One clever card submitted to the public by an enterprising dealer ocntained these words of greeting: "Merry Christmas, but What Profits a Man if He Gain the Whole World and Leave a Rich Widow." This sort of facetious card doesn't go at all. The man on the street wants something of the saccharing variety. Pictures of old mothers and chubby children in nightgowns are in demand and slang or funny verses is taboo.

Jack Rooks Met Mr. Santa Claus

Little Jack Rooks, a smiling, fair-haired youngster, was the first on hand this morning, with one of the copies of last night's Advertiser signed by Santa Claus.

Santa Claus was mighty glad to meet him, and promised to be at his home, 148 Bathurst street, early Christmas eve. So Mr. Jack drove over to the party in high glee.

WELL-KNOWN TRAVELLER EXPIRES SUDDENLY

W. H. Judge, one of the best known of Western Ontario travellers took a hemorhage while walking along the street in Toronto yesterday afternoon and died a few hours later.

Mr. Judge, who was in the employ of the J. S. Fry people, made his headquarters in London for six years with James McDougall, commission broker, being the special Western Ontario representative of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refineries.

Mr. Judge was well-known and popular in every town in Western Ontario, and news of his death was received here today with great regret by a host of friends.

He is survived by his wife and three children, who reside in To-

MERCHANTS ARE PLEASED WITH TREND OF BUSINESS

State Moderate Priced Articles Are Claiming the Most Attention.

NOT HURT BY WEATHER

Furs and Heavier Clothes Are Only Articles Not in Demand.

The last week in local retail circles has been a "humdinger," according to several retailers spoken to by The Advertiser this morning.

All admonitions to shop early seem to have been ignored, in the opinion of the merchants, the rush during the past week having been sustained and heavy. Moderate priced articles have been claiming the most attention, the purses seeming to be a little tighter than last year, but not much.

The citizens do not seem to have confined themselves to any one particular choice of merchandise, all kinds being in demand. While some merchants stated that in some lines the business had only bee fair, the same merchants in speaking of other lines reported an excellent business.

In jewelry, the demand is general, although for the moderate-priced articles. Expensive gifts have been moving, but not as rapidly as in past years. Bargain tables, with articles priced at anywhere from $1 to $5 have attracted most attention, although today and Monday the jewelers expect a larger sale of higher-priced goods, as they say it is in the last day or two that the men of the family make their purchases, in order that they may not have to hide it for days from friend wife or daughter.

Smaller Articles.

In the haberdashery lines, the smaller articles, such as gloves, ties, scarfs, shirts, hose, etc., have been selling well, but the heavier stuffs, owing to the mild weather, are stationary.

Shoe stores state that slippers and other forms of footwear for women have been good sellers, and that in many cases it has been the men who have purchased, or have come in and purchased an order for footwear to be given as a gift. The merchants point out that by this method there is no danger of getting into trouble by giving high heels when low heels are favored, or by giving purple slippers to match a vari-colored bedroom.

Judging from the book stores, the public seem to have cultivated in the past year a decided taste for reading

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ANNUAL ILLS ARE HERE, BUT 'PERS' BRING CHEER

Dispensary Is Thronged With Seekers of Good Ale, et Cetera.

Are there many sick people in London at this festive season?

There must be hundreds of them, if the lineup at the liquor dispensary on Talbot street means anything. All week long there has been a continual stream of "sick and thirsty" citizens wending their way to the one legal place to secure liquor.

A beaming individual, the picture of health, strode into the dispensary this morning, and has his little yellow slip marked up for a dozen bottles of real ale. The clinking bottles were placed in a big paper bag, and he was soon on his way home with a smile that would make old Santa green with envy.

The Christmas sick spell was anticipated by dispensary authorities, carload of choice whiskeys and other carload of choice whiskies and other spirituous liquors arrived earlier in the month to take care of those who had bad colds and other ills that are deemed necessary at this time of the year.

It has been surprising, even to the authorities that hold sway over the dispensary, the amount of people who are so sick that they need an ale tonic. Dozens upon dozens of orders have been filled for a local brand of ale that hits the right spot almost any day, but which score a "double bullseye" on Dec. 25. It may be only Tuesday to a great many citizens, including Andy Gump, but it will be Christmas to those who were sick enough to get a doctor's script.

REBELS EVACUATE PUEBLA.

Associated Press Despatch.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—The rebels have evacuated the city of Puebla, "for reasons of military expediency," it is announced by their headquarters here. [illegible] held the city for several days.

WILL NOT SUSPEND NEW SALES TAX

DECIDE SALES TAX WILL BE ENFORCED ON JANUARY FIRST

Premier Declares Government Must Carry Out Will of Parliament.

WILL CONSIDER APPEALS

Canadian Press Despatch.

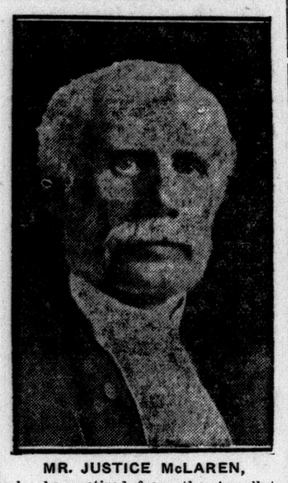
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—All doubt as to whether or not the new sales tax will go into effect on January 1 was removed this evening following a lengthy sitting of cabinet council, when Premier King stated positively that the tax would be enforced.

The prime minister said that the government must carry out the will of parliament which had approved the new tax. He intimated, however, that the minister of customs was prepared to consider appeals against the tax, and that where its operation appeared to work an injustice, efforts would be made to remedy this.

The new tax has met with much opposition on various grounds since it passed parliament and it was suggested that the government might suspend its operation until such time as parliament had an opportunity to look into some of the objections made.

The finance minister was requested by one influential organization to repeal the tax, substituting a turnover tax in its stead. It was claimed that the latter would realize as much or more revenue than the new sales tax at the same time bearing more lightly on trade.

It was objected that the returns to be made to the government under the new sales tax would necessitate a great deal of labor, inconvenience and expense to many business houses.



MR. JUSTICE McLAREN, who has retired from the Appellate bench of the Supreme Court of Ontario. He is eighty-one years of age.

PROTESTS BRITISH GUNBOATS IN CHINA

Sun Yat Sen Wires Ramsay Macdonald of Grave Situation.

Associated Press Despatch.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton government, today telegraphed to Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British Labor party, asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, and particularly the workers, the grave situation which the British representatives in China mainly have been instrumental in creating at Canton."

"My government is being threatened with acts of war by an international force of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats armed with soldiers, who have already landed at Shamen (the foreign section of Canton, where the administrative offices of other nations are located.

"This is the work of the diplomatic body at Peking, done at the instance of the British minister on advice of the senior consul at Canton, who is the British consul-general and the inspector-general of Chinese maritime customs, who is a British national."

Sun reminds the British Labor leader that China, admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods, "cannot be secured by a gunboat policy of old diplomacy," although it can be won by a policy aiming at the capture of Chinese good-will.

ELECTED AS COUNCILLOR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Kingston, Dec. 21.—G. H. Berkeley of St. Catharines, Ont., was today elected a member of the council of the American Phyto-Pathological Society here today.

LABOR PARTY PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION

Last Night's Session Was So Lightly Attended That No Action Taken.

So few attened a regular session of the London Labor Party last night that it was decided to adjourn until early in the new year. Ald. Frank McKay voiced the opinion that a general re-organization meeting should be held at that time in readiness for the coming federal campaign, and others in attendance including Ald. John Colbert, concurred. Election of officers for 1924 will be hel dat the next session.

AGENT OF KU KLUX KLAN CONVICTED OF MURDER

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Phillip E. Fox, former publicity agent of the Ku Klux Klan, was found guilty of murder in his trial on a charge of slaying William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney, here November 5. The jury recommended mercy in the sentencing of the defendant.

The verdict, under Georgia laws, provides a life imprisonment sentence. After hearing evidence and arguments for more than a week, the jury received the case late last night.

HOLD DEATHS ACCIDENTAL BUT DENOUNCE CROSSING

Manotick, Ont., Dec. 21.—While no blame was attached to any one in connection with the death of Bessie, Doris, Hazel and Grace Tomkins, who were killed here Saturday in a collision between an automobile and the Ottawa-Toronto train, the inquest jury here last night held the opinion that repairs should be made to the level crossing where the accident occurred and which was characterized as very dangerous. The deaths were declared to be accidental.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—County Judge Noonan yesterday sentenced Patrick J. Murphy to die in the electric chair during the week of January 28. He is one of five bandits implicated in the robbery of the Bingham-Dambach drug store on November 11, during which Mrs. Mayme Bingham was slain. A county court jury on Tuesday found Murphy guilty of murder, first degree, after deliberating less than ten minutes.

DRAKE IS LEADING IN THE RECOUNT IN WARD THREE

Alderman Regains Lead After Losing It in the Morning.

LABOR BACKS ASHTON

Ald. Gordon Drake now leads Ex-Ald. John Ashton by two votes in ward three's aldermanic recount, opened yesterday and which was adjourned after an all-day session until today at 2 p.m.

Seven more of the 25 subdivisions in the ward have yet to be checked over. It is tedious work, and the final result is not expected to be tabulated until late this afternoon.

The recount opened in the city hall at 10:30 a.m., with His Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth presiding, and when adjournment was ordered at 1:45 for lunch, after seven divisions had been checked, Ex-Ald. Ashton had taken the lead away from Ald. Drake, having gained three votes to the latter's one. This allowed him a majority of one, as Ald. Drake had a majority of one on election night.

Gains Eight Ballots.

During the afternoon session, when eleven more subdivisions were checked, Ald. Drake regained first place and increased his lead by one vote. During the day his net gain was eight ballots to seven of his opponent.

The advanced railwaymen's and commercial travelers' poll is one of the seven remaining subdivisions to be counted again, while the other six are from the extreme eastern section of the ward.

One other vote for Ex-Ald. Ashton is held in reserve, pending a final decision by Judge Macbeth, who seeks a ruling. The ballot is marked in a certain manner, and his honor understands that there is a supreme court ruling that would guide him in his judgment. This one ballot may yet enact a very important role.

In Case of Tie.

In the event of a tie vote, City Clerk Baker must cast the deciding vote. He will give it to Ald. Drake as now being in office. The clerk established this precedent when he voted for Dr. Hugh Stevenson when Col. Gartshore and the ex-mayor tied in a mayoralty contest.

Ald. Drake has served eight years in the council, and this would be his first defeat. Ex-Ald. Ashton is a representative of the Labor party, and served several years on the council, and was also chairman of the board of works.

J. M. Donahue appeared on behalf of Ex-Ald Ashton. The recount was ordered at the instigation of the London Labor Party.

H. J. BASSET IS HEAD OF THE KIWANIS CLUB

Officers Elected Yesterday—Poultry Association Is Reorganized.

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Dec. 21.—The Kiwanis Club elected as officers: President, H. J. Bassett; vice-president, Rev. S. L. W. Harton; directors, Fred Palmer, Ed. Willard, B. F. Bennett, Leon Shupe, Cecil Simpson, Allan Arnold, Ward Vair.

Poultry Association.

The Galt Poultry and Pet Stock Association has reorganized for 1924, with the following officers: President, Jas. Rose; vice-president, J. Paterson; treasurer, R. L. Wilson; show secretary, A. Martin; recording secretary, L. Hinrich; trustees, W. Lovell, H. Sheldon, J. Lowthorp; auditors, H. Sheldon, J. Newton.

Will Be Candidates.

Mayor D. N. Panabaker and Reeve G. A. Gruetzner of Hespeler, have announced their intention of seeking re-election. It is expected all the aldermen will do likewise.

SIR JOHN'S PORTRAYAL OF HAMLET IS ORIGINAL

Characterization of Tragedy Proves Naive and Distinct in Itself.

STRESSES RIGHT POINTS

Least of Supporting Artists Display Ability in Shakespearean Roles.

Sir John Martin Harvey's interpretation of those subtle and intensely morbid shades of character which have made Hamlet the greatest psychological enigma of all time, drew merited appreciation from Grand Theatre patrons last night. No other role, perhaps, is so admirably suited to the temperament of the noted English tragedian. The mighty Shakespeare himself could not have failed to commend this new and distinctly original characterization of the melancholy Danish philosopher.

There have been Hamlets and Hamlets. Some have been content to sacrifice the esthetic, emotional Hamlet for the virile, dominant Hamlet who so subtly reflects the undaunted philosophy of pessimism which was Shakespeare's. Sir John's Hamlet is not of the latter, and perhaps that is why his characterization seems so delightfully naive and distinct in itself.

The new Hamlet, whom Londoners have hitherto not seen, bares his soul to the world, and is unashamed. The torment of an introspective mind seeking to solve the riddle of life and death; the tolerant scorn of an heroic soul for the sickening orthodoxy of his fellows; the despair which genius always feels on finding that questionings bode no good and that the riddle of life and death shall always remain a riddle—these are the stressed points of this new Hamlet, who, by revealing his bleeding heart, strikes a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all whose misfortune it is to understand.

Traits Lovable.

The story of Hamilet has been too often told to bear repeating. It is Sir John Martin Harvey's projection of Shakespeare's philosophy as reflected in the haunted figure of the Prince of Denmark, which is worthy of comment. With the exception, perhaps, of John Barrymore, no other living Hamlet has so successfully "sold" the public on the charming, lovable traits of that tragic figure. In presenting an original Hamlet, however, Sir John in no way obscures the star of Shakespeare. He rather accentuates those points which the great bard intended should be accentuated.

The Martin Harvey production is particularly fortunate in its structure and method of presentation. The final scene, which in the Hamlet of Forbes Robertson closes with the death of the title figure, followed only by Horatio's soliloquy, is in this new Hamlet much more effective. Hamlet's slight body, hoisted high by sorrowed friends against a background of blue night, while brave music floods the air, gives a wonderfully thrilling effect.

Deserve Commendation.

Only the best of criticism can be directed at the supporting cast. Miss Marie Linden is the unquestioned feminine star of the play, as Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, and Harvey Braban, as the king, could hardly be improved on. As a character actor of the first rank Fred Grove in the role of Polonius deserves emphatic commendation. For the first time in local theatrical history a truly splendid portrayal of that materialistic old reprobate is faithfully depicted.

David Blain played the impetuous Laertes with consummate skill and Walter Pearce, the Horatio of the production, was also good. Miss N. De Silva did not show up as well as was to be expected in characterizing the beautiful Ophelia, being ill suited for the part. Her delineation of the mad Ophelia, however, was much better.

Sir John Martin Harvey's Hamlet is the greatest treat on this season's theatrical bill-of-fare.

WAS UNOPPOSED.

Reeve R. S. Coulter was elected in Cayuga by acclamation, as were members of the council.

"GIMME LIFT" NEW SLOGAN OF "CLUB"

Ridout Street Resident Appears With Sign On His Back.

An unconventional Ridout street resident this morning startled passing motorists by placarding his back with a small sign with the words, "Give Me a Lift" on it. The resident was walking to work, but before he had gone a block one of the motorists obeyed that impulse and took him into his car.

"This idea is not original," the Ridout street man confided. "I heard that people in Cleveland had tried it out with success, so I decided to follow suit. Hundreds of cars pass me every morning as I walk to work and seldom offer to give me a lift. The cars are almost always empty with the exception of the driver. I guess, however, the owners of cars are a bit diffident when it comes to asking a pedestrian to 'hop in.'

"The average motorist is usually only too glad to give a lift, but both motorist and pedestrian are too backward to offer or ask for one. I'm going to wear this sign every morning until the motorists get to know me. We should all do it."

SELLING BEER WILL BE DENIED ALBERTA HOTELS

Government Prepares Bill To Govern the Selling of Beer.

DRINK ON PREMISES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Dec. 21.—Hotels and restaurants will not be permitted to sell beer, according to the bill which will be submitted to the Legislature next month, implementing the recent referendum which was indorsed by a large majority for the legal sale in the province of intoxicating liquor.

Sale of beer by bottle or glass for consumption on the premises will be permitted, however, in such premises, consisting of a room conforming to strict regulations of the board, it is announced in a statement issued today by Premier Greenfield, following a three-day caucus of his supporters in the Legislature.

A liquor control board of three members with "very wide powers" is to be appointed to administer the act.

Permits are to be issued to residents and visitors, and they may purchase wines and spirits in sealed packages at government stores in quantities "limited by regulations of the board" for consumption "in private residences only." Beer is also to be sold only to permit owners.

There is to be a measure of local option governing the location of liquor stores and licensed beer premises. Bona fide clubs will be permitted to sell beer to members, subject to regulations.

FORMER LIBERAL MEMBER FOR EAST HASTINGS DIES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Belleville, Dec. 21.—Jeremiah M. Hurley, ex-M.P. for East Hastings, died here this evening at the age of 84 years. He was a native of this district. The late Mr. Hurley was elected in the Liberal interests for East Hastings riding in the year 1896 and sat in the House of Commons for one term.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES MARK ST. ANDREW'S

Elaborate Music Planned For Sunday—Dr. MacGregor To Speak.

The Christmas services on Sunday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be of a special Christmas character. The minister, Rev. D. C. McGregor D.D., will have a seasonable message at each service; the morning subject will be "The Unspeakable Gift," and the evening, "God's Last Appeal."

The following Christmas music will be given by the choir and soloists, under the direction of the organist and choir director, Charles E. Wheeler, F. C. C. O.: Morning, 11 o'clock, organ prelude, "Christmas Pastorale," Dinelli; "Shepherds' Christmas Song (Folkson), Riemann; Recit:" "Comfort Ye, My People," Air, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord," from Handel's Messiah; solo and chorus, "O Blessed Town of Bethlehem," Ashford; postlude, "March in D major," Guilmant. Evening, 7 p.m.—Organ preludes, Noel Languedogien," Guilmant; "Evening Bells and Cradle Song," Macfarlane; solo and chorus, "The Angel's Song," John Spencer Camp; organ, "Vox Angelica," Heinrich; "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus," Olf French Carol; "Holy Night," arranged from an old German carol; solo and chorus, "O Praise God in His Holiness," Turner; postlude, "Thankgiving," from Pastoral Suite, Demerest. Soloists, Miss Ulah Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Durst, Miss Phylis Gray, Miss Vivian Ferguson, Mr. A. L. Christiani and Mr. E. A. Webster.

At the Brotherhood at 10 a.m. the speaker will be Prof. A. G. Dorland, University of Western Ontario; the address, "World Peace."

DIAMOND HUNTERS REPORT ALL ENJOY GOOD HEALTH

Mr. George MacGillivray of this city has received several interesting letters from his son Lester, who, with a party of five, is still hunting for diamonds in the bush of British Guinea. All members of the party, Lester MacGillivray says, are in comparatively good health. They intend to spend ChCristmas day in the interior many square miles of which were never trod by a white man before.

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WINDSOR MAY LOSE CIVIC GOVERNMENT

If Suit Is Allowed City Will Face Loss of Administration.

HOLD NEW ELECTION

But Until Then All Business of City Must Stand.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—If the application of Gilbert J. P. Jacques, unsuccessful candidate at the recent municipal election, for permission to start suit to set aside the election on the grounds of fraud and impersonation, is allowed by County Judge J. J. Coughlin at Sandwich tomorrow, the city will be without a civic administration until the suit is settled, city hall officials explained today.

A new election, which would cost approximately $3,500, could be held early in the new year in the event of the courts deciding that there is sufficent ground to invalidate the December election, and although the old council will remain in power until the question raised by Jacques is settled they would have no power to vote money, so that perhaps for several weeks the city's business would be at a standstill.

Because the affidavits of persons who have told Jacques and his agents that they did not vote, although records of election officials show them as having marked ballots, were not complete this afternoon the application to the county judge will not be made until Saturday morning.

TOTAL CAPITAL $17,349,000 IN WEEK'S INCORPORATIONS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Authorized capital of $17,349,000 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended December 15, compared with $11,471,000 for the previous week, and with $12,893,900 for the same week last year.

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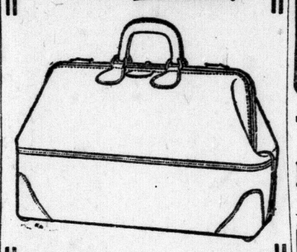
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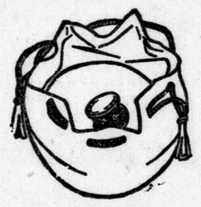
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WHAT DID LONDON'S COUNCIL DO DURING 1923?

TAX RATE WAS SLIGHTLY LOWERED; REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS ARE ITEMS IN WORK OF CITY FATHERS

Changes in Engineering Department Have Met With Satisfaction.

NEW STEPS HERALDED

Mayor Wenige's Next Inaugural Address Is Awaited With Interest.

By WILLIAM SHARMAN.

So this was 1923.

The men of civic aairs mark time as the scenery shifts gradually to 1924. This is the period of retrospection—the thrill that comes once in the year—when aldermanic sessions are few and far between.

And there is nothing in the municipal procedure bylaw to discourage a search for a good reason for a group of reasons why 1923 should be listed in gold lettering.

It's all quiet again along Main street, and no doubt that "easy attitude of super-mediocrity will persist until such time as "Overtime" Wenige delivers another of his hair-raising inaugural addresses. The defeated candidates have presented their alibis and the successful have selected their favorite chairs for the ensuing term.

Just what is the aldermanic record for the current year? Just what concrete proof is there to submit to convince the skeptical that Mayor Wenige and his associates have achievements to their credit other than possible reputations as expert conversationalists?

Just what has Mayor Wenige and the members of the common council done during their term of office? Have they "left undone those things which they ought to have done" or have they "done those things which they ought not have done."

Much was said both in and out of the council during 1923. Much is said both in and out of the council every year. And much will be said both in and out of the council next year, and the next following, and the year after that. The mayor and twelve aldermen will expound their views, and lift their clarion voices in much the same manner and volume in one year as in another.

This Consolation.

And there is always this consolation; that no matter how incompetent or unreasonable one council may be or seem to be, to the general public, it will be always possible to elect a worse one.

Ald. George Burdick's timely comment at the farewell session was: "We didn't poke one another in the eye as they did in Toronto," while reference was also made to a Michigan mayor, who last year threatened to throw one of his aldermanic opponents through the window. Nothing quite as sensational as that occurred during 1923, and no one need ever dare essay the remark that the British right of free speech was ever violated. As a general rule, the municipal procedure bylaw was blandly ignored. Members talked often and at length. Their opinions were voiced so all could hear, and very rarely did anyone object.

Mayor Wenige did feel impelled one night to admonish Ald. William Wilson, while now and then Ald. Wilson felt it his duty; perhaps from his respected position as "dean of all the councillors," to correct Ald. Watt. But a sharp command, "Sit down, Watt," or "Don't be jumping up and down, Drake," was the extent of Ald. Wilson's lesson.

Taking them "by and large," as they would say at Ottawa (so it must be right), the 1923 legislators behaved about as well as they have done in past years.

And now as to their record. While they appear in the public limelight probably more than any other of the city representatives, not excluding the city's delegates to the important seats in the governments, the general public seems to have never quite gathered the significance of the fact that the mayor and aldermen possess but a 4 per cent spending power. They jingle together but 4 cents out of every dollar.

And this is what they did in 1923:

THE TAX RATE.

This was lowered; not much but a decrease in the rate from 34.9 to 34.7. Just what difference this actually made in the tax-bills and with the normal assessment increase, can be best answered by the ratepayers themselves, who naturally will know if they paid more to the tax collector in 1923 than they did in 1922.

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT.

This branch was completely reorganized and the new commissioner Harry Bennett has given the council assurance that greater efficiency will prevail despite a reduced staff of assessors. The employees of this department were put on a permanent basis and while wages were readjusted, a substantial saving was accomplished.

The council feels that a more equitable system of assessing will be continued. Commissioner Bennett states that many "gaps were plugged" during the year, while the income assessment returns will be greater as a consequence.

A good illustration of the work of the department was the elevation of the street railway assessment — the first revision of its kind in more than 20 years.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Here also was noted a complete reorganization and Mayor Wenige and the retiring councillors profess to be quite satisfied with the change and work accomplished during the year.

City Engineer Near reports that about 45,000 yards of square pavement was laid, about as much as in 1922 including Richmond street, and despite the fact that the start was made several weeks later than was customary, owing to the retirement of the former engineer and the subsequent reorganization.

Members of the board of works who have been in close touch with this work, as well as the construction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, laying of sewers, etc., have voiced complete satisfaction with the work, and the reported increased efficiency of the permanent employees, both in the city hall and on outside jobs.

The council feels that the increased efficiency and re-arrangement of duties and responsibilities will tend toward greater economy. In fact when the tax rate was struck the engineering estimates were cut to the bone and the policy of economy has been rigidly adhered to.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 firehall was opened early in the year in response to the appeal from residents north of Oxford street. And this month witnesses the complete motorization of the department. The remaining four hores are being transferred to the garbage department.

And all this has been done within the estimates. Fire Chief Aitken has long since earned the reputation as being one who usually finised the year within his estimates. The department apparatus and fire-fighting facilities are now on a par with any community of its size on the continent.

CITY TREASURER'S DEPT.

Important changes in this office are heralded for 1924 if Mr. Britain's recommendations are to be followed. The experts hired by the city council for a general survey of the city departments reported that City Treasurer James Bell's duties and responsibilities were greatly in excess of his position. More assistance was recommended, while the work of the staff was commended.

JUVENILE COURT.

The 1923 mayor and council made it their business to eliminate another political football by the establishment of this court-long needed in London. The court has been active for eight months and a special committee of three aldermen receiving reports from time to time from the administartion have submitted very favorable statements to the council.

WESTERN FAIR.

Negoiating with the Western Fair directorate, the councillors ararnged for a 25-cent admission fee throughout the week. This cost the ratepayers slightly more than $9,000 as the council guaranteed the fair board what they would lose by reducing their 50-cent fee on Wednesday and Thursday to 25 cents. Whether this was good business is for the ratepayers to judge.

THE YEAR BOOK.

Public opinion is divided as to the importance attached to the publication of all civic salaries in this booklet. It was only after a long, exhaustive controversy, with Mayor Wenige and Sir Adam Beck taking leading roles, that the council received the pay lists from the London and Port Stanley Railway and the Public Utilities Commission. The books were finally placed on sale at 50 cents, but lately placed on the free list and disposed of.

THE BRITTAIN REPORT.

The council ordered this report, paying one-half of the expense—about $2,700. The remainder was met by the local branch of the citizens' research bureau. The visiting experts surveyed the fire, police and several departments at the city hall and a voluminous report was referred after a great deal of discussion until 1924. Despite the efforts of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and other leading citizens, the council declined to send the "commission form of government" project to the people, as recommended in the same report.

FIRE AND POLICE PROBES.

Many charges and counter-charges of "petty persecution" by police officers and "dissension in the fire department" were bandied about the council chamber from time to time throughout the year. Probes were asked for by individual members of the council and members of the department, but finally deferred until after the Brittain report was submitted. The report cannot be now presented until 1924, the aldermen feeling that the time had not been adequate for a fair consideration of the problems.

INDUSTRIAL AREA.

The first real step to have this city property ready for possible factories was taken. Certain local improvements were approved with the consent of the ratepayers affected and a good half of the pavement authorized for Brydges street has already been constructed.

GRADE SEPARATIONS AND UNION DEPOT.

A special committee of the council re-opened negotiations with Sir Henry Thornton and his C. N. R. representatives and with the C. P. R., and action is promised. Preliminary reports are now under preparation as the initial move.

ANNEXED DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX.

This was another question of ancient vintage to receive the consideration of this year's council and a "show-down" was ordered. The city authorities were ordered to collect additional taxes from industries in the "annex" of East London. These concerns refused to pay. The case was heard in county court; judgment reserved and a decision expected at any moment. A win for the city will mean another $15,000 annually for the city for the next four or five years.

CITY SALARY QUESTION.

This problem confronted the mayor and his colleagues when they came into office—a long list of recommendations coming over from the previous year. No definite action was taken, however, until a few weeks ago, but the question was finally settled and the bylaw passed in November.

HOLIDAYS.

At the last session of the council annual vacations with pay were authorized for all civic employees with at least one year's continuous service to their credit. This will affect chiefly "outside" workers, as garbage men, etc.

NEW CITY HALL.

All year the council battled in this regard, there being those members who persistently opposed any move to build on the McCormick site, as desired by the mayor. Plans were drafted and prizes given to the architects—an expenditure of about $5,500. In the finish the people rejected the proposal at the polls.

SPRINGBANK DAM.

This proposal suffered in a similar manner at the polls. The issue was not "sprung on" the council until late in the year, and the majority of them seemed more of less apathetic as to the result.

STREET RAILWAY.

After months of argument the council suddenly decided late in the term not to ask the people in 1923 if they wished to purchase the London street railway. Before the Richmond street pavement was commenced the council passed a resolution allowing the company ten years' in which to pay for its share of that project. No formal agreement was drafted, however, and the city solicitor since gave his opinion that any such agreement would be illegal in any event and contrary to the provisions of bylaw 916—city's agreement with the company.

MAYOR WENIGE AND THE TWO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

Mayor George A. Wenige (center), Ald. Albert M. Judd (right) and Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of the board of works, three important workers in guiding the civic affairs of London during the past year. Wars and rumors of wars floating from their camp did not block the progress in reaching action on many of the greater items brought forward at different periods during the term. Mayor Wenige was returned by acclamation; Ald. Douglas is mentioned as chairman of the finance committee, while Ald. Judd has retired from the council, for the next year at least.

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NO ONE ALLOWED IN JAIL CHRISTMAS

Governor Wishes To Correct Impression Given to the Citizens on Question.

Contrary to a report in a local paper purporting to have come from Governor Byron Dawson, the prisoners at the local goal will not receive visitors on Christmas day.

"I don't know where they got their information, but I want it understood that inmates shall not be allowed to receive visitors," Governor Dawson said this morning. "Many of the turnkeys will be away and we will not have sufficient help to take care of visitors. There is positively no truth in the statement that Sidney Murrell's mother is to see her son. She may come today if she wishes, but not on Christmas. It is against regulations. The false report regarding visitors is likely to cause us much inconvenience."

PIANO PUPILS APPEAR IN SPLENDID RECITAL

Class of Miss Edith Irvine Assisted by Pupils of Miss Walker and Miss Houston.

The pupils of Miss Edith Irvine gave a successful piano recital last night, assisted by Miss Thelma Mantle, elocution pupil of Miss Jean Walker, and Miss Jean Houston, vocal pupil of Miss Nellie Burnip. The numbers were all well executed and bespoke patient study.

The program follows: "A Happy Thought," by Edith Kaufman; "Bedtime," by Marjorie Robinson; "Out of Doors," by Ruth Feeney; "French Child's Song," by Shirley Stewart; "Life Let Us Cherish," by Lloyd Bere; "Little Prince," by Bernice Sinclair; "Dreamland," by Gladys Harper; "Rocking Horse," by Orval Sinclair; "Tarantella," by Elsie Morrice; "Swaying Ferns," by Eleanor Colvin; "Harvest Home," by Eleanor Bendle; "The Mill," by Constance Wood; reading, by Thelma Mantle; "Auf Capri," by Irene Bird; "Rondo of the Villagers," by Isabelle Beattie; "Sleeping Princess," by Nellie James; "Pink," by Jack Holmes; "Milkmaids' Song," by Elva McGregor; "At the Fountain," by Vera Turner; "Sonata," by Agnes Mitchell; "Moon Moths," by Edith Palfrey; solo, "Pegging Along," by Jean Houston; "Queen of Roses," by Margery Allender; valsette, by Marguerite Thorne; valse, by Marcella Robinson; reading, by Thelma Mantle; "Cabaletta," by Aileen Hallett; nocturne, by Vera Riddell; prelude in C sharp minor, by Florence Quinn; "La Pappillon," by Mildred McGay.

NO DATE ANNOUNCED FOR SPECIAL MEETING

No date has yet been set for the special meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education, according to Architect L. E. Carrothers. The meeting, which is to discuss the plans of the new Empress avenue school, will in all likelihood be held next week, the last meeting of the board being held on Dec. 28. The special meeting was necessitated by the fact that several tenders received for the construction of the new school were many thousands of dollars over the debenture issue of $180,000, and the contract was not let, the architect being order to go over the plans, with the object of paring down to this amount.

CHAMPIONS AUDITORIUM IN WEST LONDON SCHOOL

Ald. Douglass, Ward 2, scores any suggestion to eliminate the auditorium from the plans of the new West London public school. This would afford the only community center for the people across the river, he points out.

MIDDLESEX STORM FAILS TO DESCEND, OFFICIALS SCORED

Election Pot Begins To Simmer at Manor Park Gathering.

MIRRIAM IS FAVORED

The predicted municipal storm over the administration of affairs by John S. Cousins, reeve of Middlesex; Walter Laidlaw, first deputy, and William Boler, second deputy, did not materialize at the meeting of the Ratepayers' Association of Manor Park last night. These three officials did not show up as anticipated, and the meeting therefore indorsed W. S. Merriam to oppose Mr. Cousins for the reeveship, while W. L. Wright will be candidate for the council.

The stewardship of Messrs. Cousins, Laidlaw and Boler during the year was vigorously assailed by a battery of speakers, who claimed they had not shown sufficient interest in the welfare of Manor and Highland Parks.

W. L. Wright declared the three present incumbents had become "moth-eaten" and urged the ratepayers to oust them from office. Others said the drainage system in those districts was "terrible," and still others charged Mr. Cousins with failure to live up to political promises along with his two associates.

"They have not pressed the claims of residents here in regard to the construction of adequate drainage system," one speaker said.

A. C. Jolley added that now was the time to show them that the ratepayers would not stand for a further period of alleged neglect.

"The present township councillors have failed to fulfill any of their pre-election promises," he said.

E. G. Robson appealed for a handsome majority for Mr. Merriam. He recommended that the latter be elected by the greatest majority ever given a candidate. "We've got to make the result emphatic and subdue them for all time," he said.

About 45 men and women attended the meeting. F. G. Taylor acted as chairman.

"BOOZING EARLY" CHRISTMAS PLAN

Five Drunks Appear — One Complains of "Foggy Night."

"Do your Christmas boozing early" has been the password in local "drunk" circles, the consequence being that five inebriates faced Magistrate Graydon in police court today.

All had the cash to pay their fines, and were saved a "state" dinner on Christmas day at the expense of the government in the jail on the river bank.

Only one prisoner had the nerve to fight his case, but it didn't get him anything.

This man claimed he had been taking a little medicine, and it might have gone a bit to his head.

"I have a game foot," he declared. "Can't walk on it very well."

"All right; I'll call the evidence," said the court.

Constable Leach stated he had picked up the prisoner in the patrol at Central avenue and St. George street at 10:40 last night. The man was incapable of looking after himself ,and smelled strongly of liquor.

Constable Knight stated he arrested the prisoner at Hyman and Richmond streets. He was dazed and unsteady on his feet.

"Well, it was a foggy night, and——"

"I think you were a bit foggy," interrupted the court. "Ten dollars and costs."

PUPILS OF COLLEGIATE HOSTS OF MERRY DANCE

Central Assembly Hall Presents Gay Scene When the Students Entertain.

The assembly hall at the Central Collegiate presented a gay scene last evening when the students' union entertained at a jolly Christmas dance. Scarlet and gold streamers were festooned across the room, and bright-colored balloons were also used as decorations. Palms and ferns banked the platform, where Pudney's orchestra played irresistible dance music, and games as well as dancing were arranged in the study room. During the evening punch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald and the members of the board of education and their wives were among the guests who numbered over 250. Other guests were the principals of the high schools, Mr. H. B. Beal of the Technical School and Mrs. Beal; Mr. Graham of the London South Collegiate and Mrs. Graham and Mr. O'Neil of the East London Collegiate. Representatives of the student bodies of the other collegiates were also present.

Miss McPherson was convener of the refreshments and Miss Dorothy McCann was in charge of the games, and the decorations were arranged by a committee, with Mr. Brock as convener.

MAYOR PROMISES "GOODIES" IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

What's going to be in Mayor Wenige's next inaugural address?

Nobody knows yet but his worship, and he promises some real goodies in the grab-bag.

"This was 1923," he reminded. "Next year is 1924, the year after 1923. There was considerable action this year, and we will have to keep

YULETIDE PARTY AT SANATORIUM IS BRIGHT EVENT

Y.M.C.A., Red Cross and Many Local Societies Join in Entertaining Patients.

JAMES GRAY PRESIDES

Nine o'clock at the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium last night saw the Christmas party at its height, with Santa Claus distributing gifts from a glittering tree. The recreation hall, crowded with almost three hundred patients, was the scene of the fun, and every man, woman and child wore a gay paper cap, the gift of the Y. M. C. A. The orchestra played. The children shouted with glee as they discovered new toys and stockings filled with candies and nuts. James Gray, chairman of the military hospital committee, was a dominating figure, presiding over the great gathering.

Another interesting guest of the occasion was Sir Adam Beck, who has an interest in the sanatorium, having been largely instrumental in its erection.

Never was there such a Christmas party as that party, largely because for the first time, soldiers, civilians and children all had a part in it Hitherto their Christmas fun has been enjoyed apart.

From the tree came gifts from the Red Cross Society for the soldier patients—150 soft, gray dressing gowns, beautifully trimmed with blue, which had been cut out by the Red Cross committee and made up at the Helena Costume Company, through the generosity of Ernest Little. To each of the civilian patients was also given a present, all purchased under the supervision of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the London Health Association, of which Mrs. G. T. Brown is the president. And for the children were quantities of toys, which came from Mr. Donahue of Hay's Stationery Company and other friends in the city. And when the tree had been stripped every man, woman and child had been made happy.

Fine Program.

The distribution of presents from the tree was by no means the only event of a very full evening, however. It was preceded by a very fine program, which included songs by Miss Marion Beck and the Sunset Male Quartette. The military hospital committee of the Y. M. C. A. was responsible for the evening's program and carried out its part well, under the direction of James Gray, E. J. Jenkins and Robert Liddle.

Leading up to the party in the recreation hall were the Christmas dinners, soldiers, civilians and children dining separately. The outstanding event, of course, was the dinner tendered the soldier patients by the Red Cross Society, an annual event which is always looked forward to.

The members of the Red Cross Society visiting committee became waitresses for the occasion, and personally saw that the guests at the dinner were looked after. They brought with them quantities of Christmas decorations for the tables and dining-hall. Rev. Roy Mess, presided. Mrs. Ronald Harris, president of the society, and Mrs. C. E. Morris of the purchasing committee, and the following members of the visiting committee were present and lent their aid: Mrs. George Fraser, convener of the committee; Mrs. Ginge, Miss Shaw-Wood, Mrs. Albert Turner, Mrs. Thomas Wilkie, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Margaret Scatcherd, and Miss Gleason. Mrs. F. J. Greenaway represented the London Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., taking gifts of notepaper for the men from the Rumsey Chapter, I. O. D. E., of St. Marys, and the London Municipal Chapter.

Decorations Fine.

One hundred civilian patients had their Christmas dinner in their own dining hall at the same time. The decorations here were also very fine, mostly of evergreens, and during dinner their own orchestra furnished several numbers. Dr. G. Jeffrey presided.

Still a third dinner party was held in the preventorium, when twenty small children sat down to a sumptuous Christmas repast. And Miss Forest, head nurse at the Sanatorium moved from place to place, seeing that everything was being done for the comfort of the visitors and the happiness of the patients. Dr. F. H. Patten, medical superintendent of the institution, was a gracious host.

Christmas Day will again see the patients partaking of Christmas food, and the decorations will remain in the rooms. But as many of the patients are able to spend this day at home, the biggest celebration is always held ahead of time. Those who remain because they are unable to leave the institution will be cheered by visits from the Red Cross visiting committee on Christmas afternoon. And the Y. M. C. A. makes things cheerier by sending a Christmas card to everybody.

TENNYSON BRILL LAID TO REST IN MT. PLEASANT

The funeral of Tennyson Brill, who died in Ingersoll a few days ago, was held this afternoon from the residence of his mother 737 Princess avenue, at 3 o'clock. The funeral was conducted by the Railwaymen's Brotherhood and the Oddfellows. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WRIT FOR $399.25.

The McClary Manufacturing Company has issued a writ against Hawkins & Pollard for recovery of $399.25, alleged to be owing them on goods sold and delivered to the plaintiffs. The writ was filed yesterday and the case will be heard next month.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOXTERRIER, dog, white with brown patch over one eye, no tail, license number 1348. Tel. 3727.

LOST AND FOUND FROM 428 St. George St., yellow Japanese spaniel. Reward. Phone 3527.

Reports Cure For Plague

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 22.—Hope that a cure for the foot and mouth diseases which is now ravishing cattle herds in Great Britain at last is at hand, is held out by the Daily Express' Utrecht correspondent who reports that important experiments are being made there by Professor Pfeiler, a German, and a Dutch veterinary.

The two are now working out their theories in the neighborhood of a public slaughter house in Utrecht. The correspondent says the method employed is a subcutaneous injection of a specially prepared serum. Dr. Pfeiler believes it will eventually save Europe the tremendous wastage she now suffers, because of the plague of the disease.

In the meantime the disease continues to spread.

LONDON GIRL WINS TYPING CONTEST

Miss Lucy Harding, Rectory Street, Makes Record of 79 Words Per Minute.

Word has just been received from New York that Miss Lucy Harding of 84 Rectory street, this city, is the winner of the silver medal donated by the Underwood Typewriter Company. The competition was a difficult one and necessitated writing for fifteen minutes with ten words penalty deducted for each error. Miss Harding has a speed of 79 net words per minute, which is an exceptionally high rate of speed.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

More than 65 children were entertained by the Acadian Club last night at a Christmas tree in the clubrooms. Each child was given a ChCrCistmas dinner and Santa Claus presented gifts.

RICHARDS-WILCOX EMPLOYEES HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

W. R. Yendall Tells of Present Day Manufacturing Methods at Well Attended Event.

ELABORATE PROGRAM

Fifty-six men of the plant of the Richards-Wilcox Canadian Company, Limited, sat down to their second annual company dinner in the Tecumseh House Friday evening. W. R. Yendall, general manager, assisted by W. P. Mitchell, assistant superintendent, presided.

After a splendid turkey dinner an elaborate program was introduced, made up altogether of talent recruited from the factory. One of the outstanding numbers was a cornet duet by Messrs. Leon Gregory and James Brown, both of whom are finished artists. Other excellent numbers were: Banjo selection, Archie Bryce; ukelele solo by Alfred Truman; mouth organ solo, Norman Wight; flute solos by George Yendall and Thomas Bain, and choral selections by Tom Brock, assisted by a band of voices made up of John Jewkes, Ed. Harley, John Strain, Owen Adams and William Springett. James McFarquhar also gave a piano selection. Alex. McDougall acted as accompanist throughout the evening.

Getting down to serious subjects, Mr. Yendall dealt at some length with the prospects for 1924. Conditions to his mind pointed to an exceptionally good year. In his opinion, 1924 will be a year of declining profits. Expenses are keeping at a high level and this, together with stiff competition, will tend to show adversely where efficiency is not practiced. If manufacturing plants throughout the Dominion increase then efficiency results. He pointed out that efficiency was in keeping oneself keyed up to one's work. The joy of life is in achieving something.

PEEL'S PEEL'S

Sale of Toys

Everything in Toyland reduced 1-3 to 1-2 in an effort to close out our tremendous stock before Christmas! Here are just a few of the hundreds of bargains:

WALKING AND TALKING

MA-MA DOLLS

With composition limbs, dressed in rompers; height, 27 inches; regular $5 value. Price..... $2.50

Meow Cats $1.25	Large Size Sparky $1.35

MAH-JONG $2.99
KID DOLLS 75c
FULLY DRESSED DOLLS 75c
PING-PONG $1.75
GAME OF ROOK 90c
PUZZLE PEG 75c
BLOX-O 75c
Children's PAINTING BOOKS..35c

Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs ... 50c	Ivory Frames 50c

CHATTERBOX SPECIAL ... $1.30
TOY BOOKS, by the dozen 75c
TOM SMITH CRACKERS, doz., 40c
CHOCOLATE BARS .... 24 for 90c
VIOLINS, FULL SIZE $1.00
TOONERVILLE TROLLEY, $1.25
BUFFALO BILL REP. PISTOL, 35c
Children's PICTURE PUZZLE..35c
RADIO TOP 50c
BIG JACK-IN-BOX 25c

Drawing Slates, Frosted Glass, Colored Pictures that can be taken out. While they last ..... 39c and 50c

PEEL'S

TOYS AND DOLLS

MASONS AND ORANGEMEN PLAN INSTALLATIONS

CHURCHES IN SONG WILL MARK 'GREAT BIRTHDAY'

Elaborate Services Planned For Sunday To Signify Holy Day.

SPECIAL SOLOISTS

Mrs. Innis Carling and Miss Marion Beck To Sing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

"Which made the world stand still." This phrase has been used times without number to express men's awe at the thought of the Great Birthday. After 2,000 years, when other births have been forgotten, when great men have lived and died, and their name becomes but a printed word on a dusty page, the obscure manger birth is still sufficiently potent to make the world stand still once more. Other holidays and other holy days have separated themselves from the years, have flourished a brief span, and then became a memory, but the birthday of Our Lord still impels men to take one day each year apart from other days, separate and distinct, as one day of days upon which the earth and things earthly may be forgotten.

Of Christmas, the modern world has made both holiday and holy day. Next Tuesday will be the holiday, a day given over to the children, to a spirit of generosity, of cheer and good will. Tomorrow will be the holy day. In the churches there will be a world apart from the world men know. There will be celebrated that birthday before which men's minds have gone down in awe and amazement. Before the obscure birth and the simple life of Christ, great minds have been humbled, acknowledging something which transcended all earthly laws, and demanded more than anything else in life with a great intangible force that faith, upon whose invisible but none the less firm foundation, all of life is built.

Christmas services have been in the minds of clergy and congregations for days past as the Christmas feeling in the air gathered nearer. The results tomorrow will be special music, special sermons and services, and a more inspired effort to adorn the churches with those symbols of Christmas which mean its greatest celebration.

Each clergyman will be with his congregation tomorrow. Few of the churches are announcing visiting or out-of-town speakers. Special soloists have been secured in many cases, and all choirs have prepared a Christmas program. At no season of the year has music a greater significance than in the churches at the present season, when the renewed thanksgiving can find expression only in song.

Mrs. Innes Carling and Miss Marion Beck will sing tomorrow evening in St. Paul's Cathedral. The offertory will be the Christmas section of the "Messiah." At the evening service in the First Presbyterian Church the exceedingly beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Message of the Star," by Woodman, will be sung in its entirety. The "Messiah" will also be sung at Askin Street Methodist Church and at Dundas Centre Methodist Church, where the choir, under the leadership of J. Parnell Morris will be augmented and will include several of the leading soloists of the city. The special Christmas music at the First Presbyterian Church will be led by George C. Carrie. Douglas Fetherston, violinist, will play obligatos to the sacred cantata, "The Manger Prince," which will be given tomorrow evening in the Wortley Road Baptist Church.

A number of churches are holding their "White Gift" services tomorrow, and as a result of these there will be quantities of presents secured to be distributed throughout the city on Christmas Eve.

MERCHANTS PLEASED WITH BUSINESS TREND

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better books. One merchant stated that biographies and no-fiction publications were going well, and that the volume of sales was good. Stationery was another line that attracted many, and the choice gift boxes of this were selling rapidly. Of Mah-Jong sets but one was left, and that spoken for.

Drug stores report an exceptionally good business in gift articles, such as perfumes, compacts, toilet outfits and ivory, etc. One druggist stated that his business was better than last year, and that while the demand was for a moderate price, nevertheless the more expensive articles also found purchasers.

Furniture Sale.

Furniture, an always acceptable gift, has been moving rapidly during the week. One store manager declared that more business was transacted in the evenings than during the day. Wicker and reed articles, chesterfield suites, piano and reading lamps, and many smaller articles, were snapped up quickly, additional orders being necessitated to supply the demand.

Toy stores are more than pleased withe way in which business has picked up in the last week, and it is safe to say that the children of London will receive more wonderful and better toys than ever before. Nothing that could appeal to the child has been forgotten, and while the bigger toys and games are being purchased for the Christmas trees, etc., many smaller articles that fit nicely into the stocking are also going well.

The departmental stores report that business is good in every line, while those dealing in ladies' ear, etc., are also doing a good trade. The only drawback to a record business this year is the mild weather, which has held back the sale of heavier articles and furs.

Chances of Long Life Improved

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 22.—A child born today has the prospect of twelve more years of life than one born 25 years ago, said Sir William Wheeler, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, in an address to the students yesterday.

Medicine and surgery, he asserted, have made greater advances during the last 25 years than during the 25 preceding centuries. Sir William admitted there were still some great problems to be solved.

GIVES YEAR'S DETAIL OF PAVEMENT TEST

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for the year 1923. The reasons given you then for the change in the inspection were as follows:

1. In 1922 the contract for the supply of asphalt was awarded to the United States Asphalt Refining Company and shipments were made from the Atlantic seaboard. Dow & Smith, chemists, of New York City, were engaged to test the asphalt cement to see that it conformed with the specifications. I presume one reason for selecting Dow & Smith was the fact that their laboratories were convenient to the point of shipment. In 1923 the contract for the supply of asphalt cement was awarded to the Imperial Oil Company, with laboratories at Montreal, and hence the Milton Hersey Co., with laboratories at Montreal, were the most convenient to the point of shipment.

2. It was advised to you that we required more extensive inspection of the asphalt pavement than had previously been made, and as I had already two years' experience in St. Catharines with the inspection service given by the Milton Hersey Company, I had no hesitation in recommending that their service be retained. I was advised by yourself and the mayor that such action was satisfactory to you, and that you considered the matter of inspection as a question of internal management and that I was entitled to proceed. This was done, and this action was discussed at a meeting of No. 2 committee, but no formal resolution was passed on the minutes on account of the decision that it was purely a matter of administration.

Comparisons Made.

Comparisons have been made between the cost of the service for inspection in 1923 as against that of 1922, and while, as you are aware, I have purposely refrained from comparisons, with previous work, I feel that an explanation of this should be made.

In the year 1922, Dow & Smith, of New York, made analysis of twenty cars of asphalt at $23 per car, and twenty samples of finished pavements were sent to their laboratories for analysis and reports, for which $7.50 per sample was paid, making a total of forty analyses at an expenditure of $610. The total yardage of pavements laid in 1923 amounted to 44,428.

In1923 the inspection of the Milton Hersey Co. included not only the inspection of the asphalt cement and an occasional sample taken from the finished pavement but it included frequent sampling of the binder mixtures as well as the surface mixtures as laid on the street. It included analyses and reports on raw materials, such as sands from the various pits, limestone filler and binder stone, it included analyses of samples taken from the pavements which were being repaired to ascertain the cause of the failure of such pavements. The yardage of pavements in 1923 amounted to 44,772 square yards, in which twenty cars of asphalt were used which is the same amount as in the previous year but the inspection services included twenty analyses of asphalt cement, sixteen analyses of raw materials, thirty-eight analyses of binder mixture and one hundred and eighteen analyses of surface mixture. There were sixty-three analysis taken from the binder and surface of Richmond street alone. You will realize from this the thorough nature of the inspection service given and for which they have been paid $153.504.

Frequent Analysis.

The frequent analysis of finished surface, is in my opinion, most necessary as it forms the only check that the formula for the mixture is being closely followed at the paving plant and no matter haw closely the raw materials are checked for quality, if the formula is not closely adhered to, the finished job may be a failure.

The service of the Milton Hersey Company based on the number of tests alone and at the same rates charged by Dow & Smith would have cost more money than we have paid the Milton Hersey Company, but I would and that the service of the Milton Hersey Company did not end at mere analyses.I We had the advice of their chemist, the advice and occasional visit of the director of paving and the frequent (usually one or two days a week) visits of their inspectors. For the Ontario division their services did not include an inspector as has been stated. Our own inspector at the plant who has been in the employ of the city for three years continued in that capacity and there was no other inspector employed.

I trust this gives you the information desired.

Yours obedient servant,
(Signed, W. P. NEAR).
City Engineer.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN PREPARATION FOR CEREMONY

Masonic and Orange Lodges Will Carry Out Work Jointly.

PROVES UNIQUE EVENT

Local Masonic circles are fast preparing for the activities and ceremones of next week, when the masters of five chapters, ten Blue lodges and ten Orange lodges will be installed.

The week will be unique in this respect, as on Dec. 26, 27 and 29 the installations will take place, a joint ceremony in each case being the feature.

Rt. Ex. Com. John Graham is chairman of the installation board of the chapters, St. John's 3, St. George's 5, London 150, St. Andrew's 238, and St. Paul's 242 of Lambeth, the ceremonies of which will be held Dec. 29. With him on the board are Rt. Ex. Com. Oliver Eilwood, Rt. Ex. Com. John S. Barnard, Rt. Ex. Com. Edwin Smith, Rt. Ex. Com. J. H. C. Woodward, Rt. Ex. Com. William Spittall, V. Ex. Com. Charles Gilbert, and V. Ex. Com. George Reid.

The new masters to be installed are Ex. Com. James Elgie, St. John's Chapter, No. 3; Ex. Com. W. N. Noble, St. George's Chapter, No. 5; Ex. Com. C. M. Linnell, London Chapter, No. 150; Ex. Com. W. G. Blay, St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, and Ex. Com. Major Snelgrove, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242, of Lambeth.

During the evening, after the installation has taken place, a banquet will be served, at which the new masters will be welcomed and several addresses will be given.

In the Masonic Lodges it will be the first time that ten masters, with their officers, have been installed at a joint ceremony. Wor. Bro. N. P. Walsh is chairman of the installation board, which will conduct the ceremonies in the Masonic Temple, in a lodge of past masters, on Dec. 27.

Represents Grand Master.

Rt. Wor. Bro. T. H. Martin of Ilderton will represent the grand master, with Very Wor. Bro. Richard Booth as director of ceremonies. With Wor. Bro. N. P. Walsh on the board are Wor. Bro. A. C. Hobbs, Wor. Bro. S. R. Sampson, Rt. Wor. Bro. L. A. Boss, Wor. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, Wor. Bro. N. N. Campbell, Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Smith, Wor. Bro. J. H. Morgan, Wor. Bro. James Egie, Wor. Bro. W. J. G. Stewart and Wor. Bro. W. N. Legg. The following will assist on the master's dais: Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Metherall, Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Line, Wor. Bro. W. Hunter, Wor. Bro. A. M. Trick and Wor. Bro. J. H. C. Woodward.

During the intermission, when the Blue Room will be closed to all but past masters, the fraternity at large will be entertained in the auditorium, a special program having been arranged.

Very Rev. Dean Tucker of St. Paul's Cathedral will be the principal speaker at a banquet to be served following the installation. Various toasts to "The King," "The Grand Lodge" and "New Masters and Officers," will be proposed and respjonded to.

The following are to be installed: St. John's Lodge, No. 20, John F. Chapman; St. George's Lodge, No. 42, W. Roy Lutz; Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, George F. Copeland; Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, Thomas C. Benson; St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, Sydney J. Martin; Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, Arthur Borland; King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, Henry E. Abell; Union Lodge, No. 380, Edwin T. Read; Acacia Lodge, No. 550, J. H. Langford; Temple Lodge, No. 597, W. L. Stewart.

Orange Lodges.

On Dec. 26 the Orange Lodges will hold their joint installation, ten masters with their officers being installed into their new offices. Plans have been made to make the ceremonies long remembered by members of the fraternity. The installation will be held in the new Ulster Hall, at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets.

J. W. Whitby, district master of London, will be the presiding officer, while during a luncheon to be served afterwards, addresses will be given by Rev. Professor Anderson, B.D., Rev. R. D. Mess, M.M.; E. T. Essey, K.C., past grand master of Ontario West, and others. It is also expected that the Sir Adam Beck trophy for Orange Lodge baseball teams will be presented to the winners, Pro Patria, No. 2851.

The following are the masters who will be installed: Ahoghill Lodge, No. 230; F. G. Baker; Boyne Lodge, No. 298, H. McLennan; Forest City Lodge, No. 762; Hackett Lodge, No. 805, William Johnston; Rev. William Lowe Lodge, No. 2056; Beaver Lodge, No. 2101, C. W. Garside; Nassau Lodge, No. 2170, John Cross; Langemarck Lodge, No. 2625, A. Johnston; Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 2769 ,Arthur Wilkes; Pro Patria Lodge, No. 2851, Sergt. Harold Gundy.

CHRISTMAS TREES PROVE MARKET ATTRACTION NOW

The market square this morning presented a picture of a miniature forest. Christmas trees in unprecedented quantities were brought to the city early this morning, and the great pile of evergreens just outside the market house measured 13 feet in height and covered an area of about 100 square feet.

The trees are selling at anywhere from 25 cents to $2, which is about 100 per cent cheaper than the price in the United States. Even at noon, when marketers had invaded the local square thousands strong, the display of Christmas trees was still formidable.

FIRE HORSES WILL GO AS AERIAL TRUCK COMES

The new Ruggles fire attachment for the aerial fire wagon was installed yesterday in the central fire hall. The truck is one of the most modern pieces of fire fighting apparatus and with it the complete motorization of the fire department takes place.

The four horses which for years have hauled the large aerial wagon will now make their exit from the department. It is expected they will be given to the garbage department and will do duty there.

DIBS AND DABS —BY HARRY MOYER

Prisoners At County Jail Will Sit Down to Old-Time Feast On Christmas Day

Hardened Sinners and Girls in 'Teens Will Gather Around Festive Board.

WILL GET SMOKES

Murrell and Topping Will Get Yuletide Dinner in Their Cells.

Consomme, Celery.
Oranges, Raisins, Apples.
Bacon, Eggs.
Fried Trout, Tomato Catsup, Olives.
Succulent Roast Turkey.
Chipped Potatoes, Onions, Turnips, Dressing.
Deep Apple Pie, Ice Cream,
Coffee, Milk, Grapes, Bananas, Wafers.

No, folks, this is not the Tecumseh House menu. It is the Christmas bill-of-fare for prisoners at the local jail. For the first time in years, as you may judge by the foregoing lovely list of edibles the inmates of Dawson's Den will celebrate the Yuletide with an old-time Christmas feast.

Three girls of 'teen age, hardened violators of the law of all types, and two prisoners charged with murder will sit down to this delectable dinner on Christmas Day. Clarence Topping and Sidney Murrell, charged with capital crimes, will, of course, have their dinner served to them in private cells. The turnkeys do not believe in taking any chances in this regard. But others, charged with minor offenses, shall gather together like ye round-table knights of old, and devour the appetising gobbler. For the first time in local jail history this privilege will be given, and for the first time a round of smokes will be permitted among the law's offenders.

Governor Dawson has arranged to supply each prisoner with a good cigar after the feast. Dr. Wilson, the jail physician has presented a great box of oranges for the occasion and A. E. Silverwood is looking after the turkey supply. Half a dozen or more fifteen pound birds have been forwarded to the bastile by Mr. Silverwood.

Although no visitors will be allowed on Christmas the prisoners may receive gifts. These will first be subjected to the scrutiny of Governor Dawson before being distributed. Christmas cards, too, will pour into the jail from friends and relatives of the incarcerated men and women.

It is unlikely that the three dainty misses charged with disorderly conduct will enjoy the Yuletide, despite the attractive array of good things to eat. These unfortunate girls, all below 20 years of age, are paying the price of folly and remorse. To them Christmas Day of 1923 will always bring unhappy memories of stern, forbidding walls and a dingy cell, which brothers, sisters, mother and father cannot enter to wish them a cheery, merry Christmas.

On Christmas the turnkeys will receive a holiday, and the prisoners will not be asked to do any work. Both Topping and Murrell will spend the day in solitude, but the dinner de luxe will be given them along with the other prisoners.

POLICE HOLDING BALE TILL OWNER APPEARS

A bale of cloth fell off a motor truck last night on one of the city streets and was taken to the police station. The owner can have it by identifying the bale, Desk Sergeant McDonald stated this morning.

Request Relief For Hebrideans

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 22.—For the relief of the people who live in the Hebrides, a movement is on foot to raise a fund, and the Glasgow Presbytery has recommended that special collections should be taken among all the Presbyterian congregations to assist the poor Hebrideans who have serious difficulty in eking out a living since the fishing industry has fallen away.

TURKEY PRICES DROP ON THE LOCAL MARKET

Turkeys this morning descended to new depths on the local market, several birds even selling below prewar figures. The farmers put the turks on sale early this morning at 30 cents a pound, but before noon five cents was clipped off, bringing the cost down to the lowest level recorded locally in a decade.

Never in the past have so many gobblers and ducks been offered. Although today was by far the most active marketing day of the year, by noon hundreds of turkeys remained to be sold. It is possible that the price may even drop to 23 cents before the end of the day.

REBEL COMMANDER IS ROUTED FROM POSITION

Associated Press Despatch.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—General Carlos Greene, rebel commander in the state of Tabasco, has been routed from his position in front of Villa Hermosa, capital of the state, and federal troops are in pursuit, Consul-General Enrique D. Ruise was advised by Mexico City.

General Gonzales, commanding federal troops in the oil fields, reported to President Obregon that all was quiet and that he had sent forces to cope with any uprising.

ST. MARK'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Mark's Sunday school was given most successfully last evening. Each teacher was responsible with her class for a contribution to the program, and the result was one of excellence. Distribution of presents from the Christmas tree wound up the enjoyable evening. Each child in the school received a Christmas stocking of candy, nuts and oranges, and there were little gifts for the children of the primary department, of which Miss Moss is in charge. The rector, Rev. A. L. Beverley, also received two special presents from the choir and from the A. Y. P. A.

The program was as follows: Two choruses by the school and the primary department; recitations by Marion Myll, Mollie Langtry and Dorothy Langford; a violin solo by Gordon Hodgins; a piano duet by Vivian and Laura Crawford; piano solos by Mauuretta and Laura Crawford; a doll drill by the primary department; a dumbell drill by Miss Dorothy Langford's class; and the concluding sketch, taken from Kipling's "If," and presented by St. Mark's Girl Guides.

The accompanist during the evening was Mrs. A. D. Davies and during the practices Mrs. T. S. Holland and Mrs. E. S. Belt played.

The chairman was Mr. Edmund Webb.

WILL TRY TO STOP RYAN EXTRADITION

Counsel For Canadian Bandit Opens Fight Against Prisoner's Return.

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Every legal effort will be made to prevent the extradition of Norman "Red" Ryan, Canadian bank bandit, according to Attorneys A. M. Carey of Minneapolis and Charles S. Morgan of Hamilton, Ontario.

Following a conference with their client, Ryan, Friday night, the lawyers explained that he asked that every effort be made to prevent extradition. Mr. Carey then served notice on Frank Brunskill, Minneapolis chief of police, that steps will be taken this morning to obtain a writ of habeas corpus.

Deportation proceedings, looking to the return of Ryan to Canada as an undesirable alien, were the subject of conference between Charles Seaman of the United States department of immigration, Inspector Walter Duncan of the Canadian department of justice, and Chief of Police Brunskill.

POLISH DIET INDORSES THE NEW MINISTRY

Associated Press Despatch.

Warsaw, Dec. 22.—The Diet yesterday gave its indorsement to the new cabinet headed by Ladislas Grabski, according it a vote of confidence. The Nationalists and most of the radical members of the chamber supported the government.

MARY JANE STRONG.

The funeral of Mary Jane Strong, who died in Toronto Thursday at 15 Charles street west, will be held on Sunday afternoon from George Logan's funeral home at 2:30 o'clock. Service will be conducted by Rec. Mr. Salton.

Mrs. Strong is survived by four sons, William, Harry, Percy and Roy, and three daughters.

MRS. SARAH PUGH.

Mrs. Sarah Pugh, widow of Edwin Pugh died in Victoria Hospital yesterday after a lengthy illness.

She leaves one son, George, from whose residence, 438 English street, the funeral will be held Monday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery. Services will be held at 2 o'clock by Rev. Quintin Warner.

CITY WILL BIDE TIME IN RUGGLES TRUCK CLOSING

Sale of Property To Collect Land Tax Postponed After Conference.

AWAIT "WINDING UP"

While the city has already seized the Ruggles Motor Truck Company in order to secure the 1922 land tax amounting to $593, City Treasurer James Bell reported today that a settlement cannot now be made until the affairs of that company had been "wound up."

The city contemplated a sale next week of certain property of the company, but after a further conference yesterday afternoon with the London and Western Trusts Company the treasurer states that the city will bide its time.

The trust company has been authorized as the custodian of the company's affairs until such time as a receiver is appointed by the government, and the claim is advanced that this, being a government order, prevents the city from any collection or sale of any property at this juncture. The city is not eager, however, to enter into any controversy in this regard, the treasurer advises, but will wait until the "winding up" process is over. The amount is not formidable and Mr. Bell is confident that the city will be the first to collect.

FRANCE APPEARS SURE OF WHITE CHRISTMAS

Country Is Now Covered With Deep Mantle of Snow.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 22—That the old-fashioned Christmas, always wished for but seldom seen, will be celebrated in France this year if the weather prophets are not altogether wrong. The country is already under a deep mantle of snow. Many villages in the central regions, as well as in the Alps and Pyrenees have been cut off from the rest of rFance and their Christmas is likely to be a fast rather than a feast. All persons who have the means to do so are spending the holiday season on the shores of the Mediterranean but the usually equable climate of that region is at present being varied by tempests of considerable intensity.

ATTEMPTS TO WRECK GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A large bomb was exploded last night on the steps of a government building at Hanover where Oberpresident Noske lives. All the windows and doors in the front part of the building were shattered, but no one was hurt. The perpetrators of the outrage have not been discovered. The explosion occurred about seven o'clock in the evening, when the streets were crowded. It was at first thought to be an accident, but it soon became evident that an attack had been made on government property.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN GREAT BRITAIN CEASE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 22.—In view of the near approach of Christmas there is a complete cessation of political activity in the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, as a result of the general election, the committee which was appointed by Premier Baldwin to advise the government in connection with the proposition of the proposed duties on manufactured goods of which committee Lord Milner is chairman, has decided to dissolve. A memorandum of the work done by the committee during the eleven meetings it has held is being handled to the premier.

RIVER THAMES IS AGAIN NEARING HIGH LEVEL

High water is again apparent in the River Thames, a considerable rise having been noticed this morning. For the past few weeks the water level has fluctuated up and down, according to the rainfall, it having been highest about ten days ago. All signs of ice have vanished, although indications of a freeze-up were apparent last week.

C.N.R. TRAVELLERS WILL GET TURKEY AND PLUM PUDDING

Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner Not Forgotten by the Railway Company.

PUDDING BY TON

Turkey and old-fashioned plum pudding are looked upon as the chief items on any Christmas dinner bill-of-fare. These two choice dishes have not been forgotten by the dining car department of the Canadian National Railways, and starting today they will appear on both the regular a la carte and the special table d'hote menu services to be provided on all dining cars of the system from coast to coast during the holiday season.

Christmas and New Year travel is the most intensive of the year, and even to place those two special items on the menu has entailed elaborate preparations and the expenditure of much thought and energy. According to Walter Pratt, manager of the dining car department of the National system, approximately 1,000 turkeys, weighing from 10 to 14 pounds each, will be required to feed patrons of the dining cars during the time the special menu is in force.

Christmas pudding has been prepared, not by the pound but by the ton, for at least 4,000 pounds will be consumed on the dining cars during the holiday season.

The famous old English recipe from which the Christmas pudding is made will be of interest to housewives everywhere. The recipe as supplied here by the dining car department of the Canadian National Railways is sufficient to make six two-pound puddings. It is: 2 lbs. raisins; 4 lbs. currants; 2 lbs. chopped suet; 2 lbs. brown sugar; 1 lb. bread crumbs; ½ lb. flour; 1 large carrot, grated; 2 tablespoonsful ground ginger; 3 teaspoons cinnamon; 3 oz. allspice; 2 nutmegs, grated; ½ lb. citron; ½ lb. candied lemon peal. Rum or brandy to be added if desired. Wet mixture with 16 eggs well beaten and mix thoroughly. Put into molds or batins and tie tightly. Boil for ten hours.

3,000 GLAD CHILDREN GREET SANTA CLAUS

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dens with a gleeful whoop and led the little girls to the platform.

Mayor Wenige was waiting, and he shook hands with Santa Claus, and received the Loveliest Children in behalf of the city of London.

James P. Dunn of The Advertiser then added the felicitations of the paper to those of his worship, and asked Santa Claus to present The Advertiser's prizes.

Since the judges had named no little boys, the choice of prizes lay between solid gold wrist watches and the Doll Lady's beautiful dolls.

Ella Mae, Clara and Tennes all choose the wrist watches — white gold ones, and felt very proud indeed. Irene took just one look at the wonderful big doll and decided at once that she didn't need a watch very much, but she must have the doll.

Ordeal for Children.

This was quite an ordeal for the children. It really was. To stand up there, all alone, and let Father Christmas give you a great big Ma-Ma doll or a wrist watch is something of a trial for a 5-year-old, but they did it just as easily as a grown-up and, in fact, if the truth be known, much more easily than Santa Claus and his henchman.

Mr. Wenige, the mayor, told them and their proud mothers how glad he was to live in a country where there were such jolly little people and bonny children, and congratulated the city on having such strong, healthy boys and girls to grow up into the men and women of tomorrow.

Fred Gill bounded back on the stage as soon as the Loveliest Children had sat down. He was a black-face comedian this time and he began some impersonation of Bert Williams that had every boy and girl in gales of laughter.

While this was going on the young men with the big canvas bags were working again and everyone of the three thousand got a little toy entitled "Fighting Blood" in which two gamecocks battle perpetually in inconclusive but none the less stirring strife.

Then came Doris Short the dainty little eight-year-old dancer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Short, 425 Dundas street. She delighted everyone with three dances—a Dance of the Fairies and two interpretative dances. She did wonderfully well.

Fred Gill Returns.

Fred Gill came back after this with another of his inimitable characterizations, as Bert Williams again. He was accompanied by Mrs. A. Cowan.

By this time it was noon, or 'dinner Time' as most of the children called it. Santa Claus told them all that he had to leave them till Christmas eve, and that he was so very, very, sorry that he couldn't wait and stay with them all the year. He wished them all the best of luck and good health for the coming year. The great Winter Gardens emptied out its three thousand children. Happy, comforted and glad "all over" as one young lady told the paper man, that they had seen "Santa," they trailed home, a charming, laughing, perfectly happy crowd of little people and as Santa Claus said himself after it was all over, "they are dear little people. How lucky London is to have them. I wish I lived here."

ADJUTANT SPOONER WILL TALK TO SHRINERS

Adjutant Spooner of the local division of the Salvation Army left today for Windsor where he will address the Shriners there. Adjutant Roy, an American officer, wil conduct services in No. 2 Citadel tomorrow. Brigadier McAmnond conducting the meetings at No. 3 hall.

Vision of Life Eternal Comes At Christmas

To all Anglicans in the Diocese of Huron, the following Christmas message has been sent by Right Rev. David Williams, the bishop of Huron. The text, which follows, will be read in every church in this diocese tomorrow:

"Dear Brethren,—Christmas Day is the greatest birthday of the year. It commemorates the birth of the eternal Son of God as a little babe at Bethlehem. The world could never be the same after such an event had taken place, for with the entrance of the eternal Son into our world there was given to men a new vision of the dignity of human life and new powers to realize the vision. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. There is the vision and there is the promise of Christmas. We, sons of men, may become sons of God through him who was born as on this day. But mark that there is a condition to be fulfilled: We must receive him or believe in his name. So St. Paul says: 'Ye are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ.' Apart from Christ, without that union with Christ in mind and heart and life which we call faith, we are not and cannot become sons of God. We are all born with the capacity to become sons of God, but to have a capacity is one thing and to realize that capacity is quite another; and apart from Christ we can never become sons of God. For he himself has said: 'No man cometh unto the Father but by me.'

"Let it then be our aim this Christmas to seek more and more that union with Christ in mind and heart and life that will entitle us to be called the children of God, so that through us the Angel-Song of the first Christmas may be fulfilled: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.'

"Believe me yours faithfully,
"DAVID HURON."

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SURE C.N.R. WILL PAY OWN WAY IN THREE YEARS

Sir Henry Thornton Declares National Lines Will Show Profit.

EARNINGS INCREASE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Three years was the time definitely fixed tonight by Sir Henry Thornton as the period at the end of which the Canadian taxpayers might expect to find themselves freed from the burden of deficits on the Canadian National Railways.

Sir Henry was speaking before an unusually large and enthusiastic gathering of the Commercial Travellers of Canada, who met from many corners of the Dominion for their annual function, and displayed a great deal of confidence in the future of the country.

In the course of his address, Sir Henry was able to make the announcement that up to the 1st of December the net profits of the Nationals have reached $15,500,000, and he could confidently predict, in view of the conditions and traffic since that date, that the net operating profits for the year would amount to $18,000,000. That figure had to be set up against an operating profit of less than $3,000,000 for the previous year.

Sees Bigger Profits.

Looking into the future, Sir Henry was most optimistic, and he declared that he would be greatly disappointed in the people of Canada if at the end of next year there was not an operating profit of $30,000,000. A year after that it should be all clean sailing for the Canadian Nationals and for the people of Canada, as far as their railway problem is concerned.

At the same time, in spite of the fact that the present year has made great strides in developing the spirit and sentiment of public ownership of railways, Sir Henry wanted to recall that an operating profit of $18,000,000 which he hopes to have at the end of the year, will not meet the capital charges. So he asked for patience and consideration for another two years at least, and at the end of that time he was certain if there are no great setbacks that the problem will have been solved. This announcement was received with considerable enthusiasm on the part of commercial travelers present.

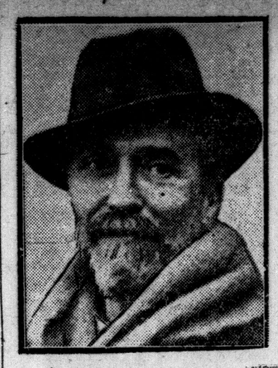
The point which Sir Henry wished to emphasize was that the people of Canada must be great enough not to allow racial or other differences to stand in their own light, so far as the development of railway service is concerned. There have been some charges that the Nationals have discriminated against certain portions of Canada but this contention was that no claim whatever of any reasonable sort has ever been placed before him without having received most careful and considerate treatment. And in many cases the requests had been granted.

Maritime Complaints.

The great complaint, he stated, had come from the Maritime Provinces. They have said that they are being discriminated against, and that they are not getting the same kind of treatment which they received under the old Intercolonial system. But Sir Henry could not see that the Maritimes have any real complaint. For instance, they advanced the claim that they should not be left deserted and so had asked for a separate agent. They got that, with a man of their own at the head. They had also asked that the differential in shipping rates from the port of Halifax, which amounted to one cent on a hundred pounds, should be removed. And that also had been granted. A third claim they are still pressing, to the effect that the freight rates are unsatisfactory and counting against the development of their trade with the central provinces. But even here the Maritimes should bear in mind that every possible effort is being made towards solving that problem, and while the matter has not yet been pressed to a conclusion, there are prospects that the solution will be found shortly.

Must Use Ports.

So far as the big problem of Canada was concerned, Sir Henry felt that it was internal trade. The Maritimes, he recalled, went into confederation with every belief that their two great winter ports, Halifax and St. John, would be used to the utmost by the balance of the Dominion. Sir Henry agreed that they had every right to hold to that belief; and so far as the rest of Canada was concerned, he felt that it was their duty to see to it that these ports are used to the utmost for the development of the Maritimes and the Dominion.



MONTAGU NORMAN.

Governor of the Bank of England, who will be one of the British members of the experts committee to examine Germany's financial situation.

POSTPONE MOVE TO COLLECT TAX FROM INDIANS

Department Fears Deskaheh Seeks Support by Levy On Tribe.

DECLARED UNLAWFUL

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Dec. 21.—As further evidence that all is not yet serene at Six Nations Indian Reserve, comes persistent rumor that an attempt will be made by council of chiefs to levy tax on Indians at reserve to raise money for Levi General. Steps are being taken by local Indian office to prevent this imposition.

A meeting of the council was held on December 18, at which time a resolution was passed that a levy of 50 cents be made on every member of the band. Since, according to the Indian Act, no direct tax on the Indians can be lawfully made for this or any other purpose, the local authorities are taking steps to bring to the attention of all Indians on the reserve the fact that such a tax cannot be collected.

General (Chief Deskaheh) has been in Geneva endeavoring to have the League of Nations give him a hearing in which to make plea for the independence of the Six Nations Indians, and the money is needed for the support of General and the independence campaign.

It is feared the pagan element on reserve might try coercive measures in attempting to collect tax, but counter steps have been arranged, assuring Indians of protection of department.

INDIAN FRONTIER MORE PEACEFUL

See Improvement in Afghan Situation—Many Tribes Make Terms.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 21.—Well informed opinion here holds that the military position on the northwest frontier of India has not been made worse by recent events. Happenings in Afghanistan have not altered British military arrangements on the frontier.

The latest official news from the frontier shows that the worst spot—Waziristan—has very materially improved as a result of road construction and the existence of a mobile force there.

Practically all sections of the Mahsuds have come to terms with the British.

GENERAL ELECTION WILL NOT BE HELD

Premier Declares Loss Will Not Send Government To Country.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Although there is no question about the fact that the government regards the loss sustained in Kent by-election as serious, any suggestion that it may lead to an early dissolution of parliament is quite without foundation.

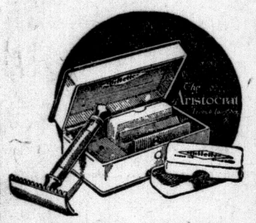
In a brief reference to the Kent result this evening, Premier King stated that the government was now very much in the same position as at the time it assumed power.

The losses which have been sustained in Halifax and Kent are offset, in so far as the standing in the house is concerned, by the fact that the government gained two recruits from the ranks of the Progressives after taking office.

On the other hand, it lost when A. R. McMaster, member for Brome, crossed the floor.

Useful and Acceptable Gifts for All

Below are only a few suggestions of the many thousands we have to offer for Christmas Gifts.



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Auto-Strop $1.00, $5.00
Durham Duplex, each 25c, 50c, $1.00
English Straight Razor ... $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 $3.50
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Combination steamer, complete at, each, ... $7.00
Child sets at, per set, ..75c
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Teapots at $1.75 and $2.25
Preserving Kettles at $1.25
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Others ..... $5.00 up
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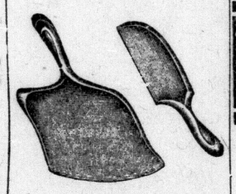

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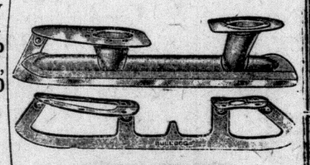

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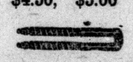

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Whisk Brooms with fancy handles.

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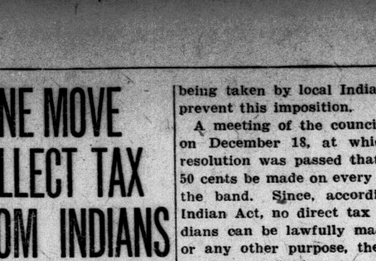
Simon's Roosevelt $1.40

BOXES OF 25 CIGARS.

Mona $1.50
Cosmo Panetelas $2.00
Japs $2.00
David Harum $2.00
Simon's Cigars .... $2.25 to $3.50
Tuckett's Cigars .... $2.10 to $3.50

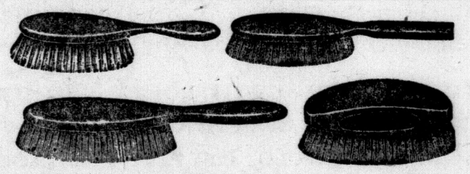
"IVORIS"



A BRAND THAT SIGNIFIES THE FINEST IN FRENCH IVORY TOILETWARE.

Bud Vases ... $1.25 and $1.75
Talcum Powder Holders ..... 85c, $1.00 and $1.50
Jewel Boxes at ...$1.50, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75
Trays at ... 50c, 75c, $1.50 and $2.25
Pincushions at ..... 85c each
Powder Boxes, also Hair Receivers to match at $1.50, $2.25 and $3.25 each
Picture Frames at ..85c, $1.00, $1.25 and $2.00
Soap Boxes at ..... 50c each
Clocks at $4.25, $5.00, $6.00 and $8.00
Shoehorns at...50c and $1.00
Perfume Bottles at ... 75c, 85c, $1.00 and $1.25
Buffers at $1.00 and $1.50 each
Electric Lamps with fancy shades at ...$10.00, $15.00 and $16.50
Toothbrush Holders at ..... 40c and 50c
Manicure Pieces at ..35c each
Buttonhooks ..... 35c each
Combs, assorted shapes, at 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50
Also big range of Hairbrushes, Military Brushes, Bonnet-brushes, Hat and Clothes-brushes, as well as Mirrors, in assorted shapes and sizes, etc.

N. B.—We invite comparison. You will then be able to appreciate these values.



Keystone Brushes of Quality

HAIRBRUSHES, with French ivory backs, at ..... $2.00, $3.00 and $7.50
HAIRBRUSHES, with solid ebony backs, at .....$1.75, $2.00, $2.75, $3.00 and up to $10.00 each
HAIRBRUSHES, with plain or stained solid backs, at ..... $1.00, $1.25, $1.89, $2.00 and $6.00
MILITARY BRUSHES at .....$2.50, $3.25, $3.50, $5.00, $7.00 and $8.50 per pair

Perfumes

"Made in Canada" and imported French brands, such as Jergen's, Corson's, Hudnut's, Coty's, Houbigant's, Djer-Kiss, Piver's, Mary Garden, etc., at prices that range from ....25c to $4.25

Toilet Waters

All such well-known makes as Colgate's, Hudnut's, Minty's, Mary Garden, Piver's, Djer-Kiss, Day Dream, Coty's, etc., at prices that range from .50c up to $4.25

Hot Water Bottles

A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR THE OLD FOLKS.

Here are our three best bottles. All are guaranteed to last over two years.

The S. D. L. Bottle $2.29
The Royale Bottle $2.49
The Zonox Bottle $2.79

FREE—A wool-lined cloth cover with each bottle free, while they last. Our stock of these is limited.

Buster Brown Box Cameras for girls and boys. Priced at ..... $3.00 to $5.00

Nailbrushes 25c up to $1.25

Clothesbrushes .... 50c up to $3.50

Simm's Set-In Rubber Shaving Brushes. Priced at ..... 50c to $4.00

Face Powders and Face Creams.

Talcum Powder and Powder Puffs.

Waterman's "Ideal" Fountain Pens. They give satisfaction. Priced at .... $2.50 up

Shaving Lotions (many kinds).

Toothbrushes and Holders.

Safety Razors, all well-known brands. Priced at ..... 89c up to $6.00

Toilet Soap in dainty boxes.
Manicure Scissors, per pair 49c

Roger & Gallet Toilet Soaps, assorted odors, a cake 39c

Three Flowers Travellettes 35c
Djer-Kiss Toilet Water $1.99

BARGAIN SPECIAL IN
Cutex Manicure Sets
In Holiday-Wrapped Packages.

Regular 60c set 44c
Regular $1.00 set 84c
Regular $1.50 set $1.29
Regular $3.00 set $2.49
From now until Christmas.

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Western Ontario's Original Cut-Rate Druggists

"WE SAVE YOU MONEY."

FOUR STORES IN LONDON FOUR STORES IN LONDON

The Farmer's Wife:

Scotch Shortbread and Christmas Secrets.

'Twas the week before Christmas,
And all through the house
Every creature was stirring,
The farmer's good spouse
Was darning the children's
Stockings with care,
For she knew that St. Nicholas
Soon would be there.

What a tragic thing it would be to have a hole in a stocking on Christmas Eve! Santa Claus would be so disgusted that he might march right out of the house and never come back. He is very particular about things like that, and he likes to see last year's toys in good condition too. He even telephoned to one untidy little girl a few days before Christmas to ask if her playroom was tidy! My, what a busy girl she was for a couple of days, but she had everything spick and span for him to inspect when he arrived.

The whole week won't be occupied with stocking-darning; there are a few things to think of besides that. The Scotch shortbread is still to be made, also the Christmas candies. As there are more children in the house than grown people, we make cranberry tarts instead of rich mince pies, and the plum pudding is really carrot pudding made with butter in place of suet. Since the failure of the brandy crop it has been rather a problem to know what to burn on top of the pudding; gasoline was suggested, but we find that electric sparklers are a much more satisfactory substitute.

And a Special Box.

Then there are wreaths to be made for the windows—a circle of wire covered with cedar or spruce and finished with a jaunty red bow—and when we go to the bush for the Christmas tree we must get fragrant evergreen branches to decorate all the rooms. There is a special box to be packed for a sick-a-bed lady, who otherwise might have a dull Christmas; a roasted chicken will go in it, ready for warming; a jar of cream and one of butter, a loaf of home-made bread and some fancy cookies, a little Christmas cake and shortbread, and some home-made candy. Then all the corners filled with shiny red apples, a cedar wreath and as many cedar branches as we can cram in the box, for she lives in the city, where greenery isn't as plentiful as it is with us—all simple, country things, but carrying lots of love with them.

Dolls Are Waiting.

What a noisy world this will be on Christmas morning, when all the Ma-Ma dolls which have been lying quietly in their boxes will suddenly come to life. I am either in my second childhood, or haven't quite outgrown my first one, for I find that these dolls interest me almost as much as they do my small daughters. What a lovely time The Advertiser Doll Lady must have with a whole room full of these beautiful babies to take care of. I wonder if the furniture stores were warned to lay in an extra stock of large-sized dolls' carriages for the happy winners of Advertiser dolls.

Such secrets as the children are having these days, such mysterious whisperings behind the door with Daddy, and conferences in the corner with Mother, for the anticipation is almost as much fun as the happy day itself. Fortunately we have a birthday this week, which helps to pass one of the long days, and it is one of the easiest birthday parties of the year. When the neighbors' children arrive they know they will find the big kitchen table full of Chrismas tree decorations in the making—colored paper to make into chains or brilliant flowers, cardboard stars, moons and snow men ready to cover with silver paper or sparkling, artificial snow—these are all to be taken home to hang on their own trees, and they have a happy, busy afternoon preparing them. Then we have a simple tea and a cake with candles, and, last of all, an old-fashioned magic lantern show which thrills them as much as the movies do their city cousins. The lantern is a relic of the Farmer's own childhood, and is run by a smoky little lamp which fills the rooms with an odor without which the show wouldn't be complete.

The Kindly Storekeeper.

The shops are so enticing these days—even the general store in the tiny village has its Christmas tree and all sorts of gorgeous decorations. The toys make a brave display, and the school children on their way home spend a rapturous half-hour while the kindly old storekeeper, who has stood behind the same counter for nearly fifty years, winds up the Dancing Jigger and loads the Sandy Andy for their benefit. Many a poor person's Christmas is made happy by the little parcels which he adds so slyly to their baskets of groceries when they aren't looking.

Here is a Christmas hint for bachelor uncles who are too shy to venture into the toy departments: Go to a nice, quite sporting goods store, where there aren't any saucy girl clerks who want you to hold Ma-Ma dolls, and buy a nicely-colored decoy duck. The Mallards are especially pretty, and make such lovely, durable toys.

We know why we are having such beautiful mild weather these days: The seven-year-old got a big sleigh for her birthday, so probably there won't be any snow at all this winter. However, a sleigh's a sleigh for a' that, and she's having lots of fun dragging it around in the mud.

LONDON'S LEADING LEATHER GOODS STORE

Leather Goods For Gifts

CLUB BAG SPECIAL

Solid Leather Bag, 18-in., good roomy shape, leather lined, double handles, good lock and catches, walrus or crepe gain $5.90

CLUB BAGS

FABRAKOID	$2.25 to $4.25
REAL LEATHER	$3.50 to $14.00
SOLID COWHIDE	$9.90 to $40.00

LADIES' PURSES

POUCH BAGS	$1.50 to $19.00
SWAGGER BAGS	$1.00 to $11.00
BEAUTY BOXES	$1.00 to $6.50
ENGLISH AVENUE BAGS,	$4.00 to $18.00

SUITCASES

FIBRE	$1.25 to $7.50
SOLID LEATHER	$9.50 to $30.00
WEEK-END CASES	$6.50 to $28.50
BOSTON BAGS	$2.00 to $10.50
HAT CASES	$5.00 to $18.00
KIT BAGS	$25.00 to $35.00
FITTED SUITCASES	$32.00 to $56.00

Fitted Travelling Sets For Ladies and Gentlemen

Military Brushes, French Ivory Toilet Articles, Collar Boxes, Music Cases, Shopping Bags, Gents' Purses and Billfolds, School Bags, Writing Folios, Manicure Sets, Brush Sets, in cases; Tobacco Pouches, Key Cases.

OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS

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395 TALBOT STREET.

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CHESTERFIELDS

OUR BIG DRIVE ON CHESTERFIELD SETS IS NOW ON. EVERY PIECE MUST BE SOLD. LOOK AT THESE RIDICULOUS PRICES—THAT'S OUR METHOD OF CLEARING OUT THE ENTIRE STOCK. ABSOLUTELY LOWER THAN THE MANUFACTURER'S PRICES.

LOT 1

CHESTERFIELD and two chairs, Marshall spring cushion, A1 tapestry all around. Regular value was $185.00. Complete for

$123.00

LOT 2

CHESTERFIELD, two chairs (one a fireside chair), Marshall cushion, high-grade tapestry. Regular value was $285.00. Complete for

$161.00

LOT 3

CHESTERFIELD, two chairs (one a wing chair), Marshall spring cushion, mohair combination trimming. Regular value was $300.00. Complete for

$175.00

LOOK AT THIS

We have just received a big shipment of Reed Chairs, which were ordered for our Christmas trade. The order could not be cancelled, so we have put them on sale with the rest of the stock. They are upholstered in the best grade of tapestry, spring seats. Buy one now and save $4.50.

TRAFFORD FURNITURE CO.

129 DUNDAS STREET. OPEN EVENINGS. 11 MARKET SQUARE

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Keep Up With Progress

MNLIKE our forefathers in the past ages who on festive occasions gorged themselves with food until they could no longer move, we know that overeating is very injurious to our health.

Even with this knowledge, people still partake of large meals—especially at Christmas time.
Eat heartily by all means—but eat wisely.

Plenty of good bread with your Christmas dinner—in fact with every meal throughout the year, will offset the bad effects of too much rich food.

Bread plays such an important part in your everyday life that you should assure yourself of getting the very best by insisting on

NEAL'S GOOD WHITE BREAD

Remember, your family and guests will eat more bread than usual on Christmas Day. Order sufficient—order lots.

Phone: 2173—1313.

Neal Baking Company, Limited

Bread Factories at: Windsor — London — St. Thomas — Sarnia.

NOTE— In order that our factory employees may enjoy a full day's holiday for Christmas, there will be no delivery of Neal's Bread on Wednesday, the 26th.

BEEMER & CO. Limited

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Christmas Gift Supreme

What wife — what mother — what family but would appreciate "a closed model"? Beemer & Co., Limited, London's oldest established automobile showroom, are prepared with models popular to those who know "car value."

A CADILLAC FOR CHRISTMAS

Picture the happiness in the home if on Christmas Day a new Cadillac is at the door.

A REO FOR CHRISTMAS

As your thoughts turn to "Her," associate them with a New Reo—The delight will repay you.

AN OAKLAND FOR CHRISTMAS

A present that will bring joy to all the family. We can deliver on Christmas Day.

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AUTO HITS CHILD, FRACTURING LEG

Three-Year-Old Lois Gray Struck On London South Street.

Struck by an auto driven by C. B. Wilsey of Wilton Grove at the corner of Grand avenue and Ridout street, last night at 6 o'clock, Lois Gray, age three, sustained a broken leg and was badly cut about the head.

The little tot had left her home a short distance away only a few minutes before and was warned by her father to be careful.

Mr. Wilsey said he did not see the little girl until he was only a few feet away and although he applied the brakes and did everything possible to avoid the accident, the car skidded on the wet pavement.

Drs. Robert Ferguson, Sr., and Jr., are the attending physicians.

BANKERS ASSERT GERMANS HOLD $200,000,000 IN U.S.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—Germans have holdings in the United States of approximating $200,000,000 in cash or its equivalent, a survey by a group of New York bankers shows, the New York Times said today. The German holdings had been placed at $1,000,000,000 by the French.

An Opportunity For the Farmer

Often when you've been in London at market you've wondered where to leave parcels or meet friends.

We'll look after them, and your ladies can come here and feel at home.

Our store is commodious, it has every convenience, and it's right on the corner opposite the market.

London Hardware and Electric Company

KING ST., SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TALBOT

If you wish anything we sell we'll appreciate your trade. Our prices are low, as you'll see.

RYAN GANG TALKS WITH CITY POLICE DURING GET-AWAY

Notorious Escaped Convict and Pals Tells Officer They Are Tourists.

BULLET IS FOUND

Gunman Trains Guns On Policeman While He Helped Find Gas.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A grim story of how murder stalked a London, Ont., motorcycle policeman, who unknowingly crossed the path of the "Red" Ryan bandit gang in their desperate dash for the American border, after the escape from Kingston penitentiary and the Toronto bank robbery, has just come to light here.

Ryan's Bullet.

The story is told by a wholesale bootlegger, who was called in to aid in the flight of the bandits and who guarded the story as a professional secret until the capture of Ryan and the slaying of Arthur Brown, his pal, in Minneapolis.

"I cannot tell you where they started from or who was in the party, except that Ryan, his brother and Art Brown were there with another friend," goes the bootlegger's story.

"They drove hard all night, constantly on the alert against police attack and armed to the teeth for battle if it came. Near London they found they were running short of gas and that the engine, in need of oil, was laboring hard. They passed gas pumps at a village east of London, but they were afraid to take a chance on being recognized, and there were houses and stores close by. It was nearly 6 o'clock when they reached the east limits of London on a government pavement.

There they found an oil company's station and decided to get gas at any cost. They drove in beside the office building and tried to find someone prepared to buy the gas quietly or to take it if there was no one there. They could not find any of the employees and went to a garage at the back. There were motor trucks with small cans on the sides, but all were empty, and they could not get either gas or oil. Then someone found a can of old oil drained off from some engine, and they put that in their own machine. Ryan stayed in the back seat of the car with a brace of gats and guarded against surprise, while Brown and one of the others made a search. While they were there a motorcycle policeman swung into the place and Ryan held both guns on him prepared to plug him through the curtains if he made a move.

Brown Tells Good Story.

"But Brown pulled off a good one. He walked out to the policeman and told him he was glad the cop had come along.

"'We are tourists and are in trouble,' Brown told the cop. 'We have run out of gas and oil and we cannot find anyone here. We are leaving five dollars to pay for whatever we get here, but we cannot wait, because we have got to go on to Port Huron.'

"The story sounded all right to the cop, and he told them there was a garage open further up the street. Then they asked him the way out, and he escorted them part way down and directed them out to the Sarnia road.

"Ryan was afraid the policeman was pulling a trap on them and sat with his guns on him every inch of the way. When they got safely out in the country again Ryan was able to laugh, but he ordered the gang to take no more chances on comedy.

"They rode through to the St. Clair River, and at Sombra arranged with a bootlegger to shoot them across to the American side in a launch. They were safe on the Michigan side before noon. That was the only risky situation on the whole trip through from Toronto to the American side."

QUESTIONED BANDITS.

Constable Gavin Monahan, who recalls having questioned last September a party in motor car who claimed they were tourists, but who afterwards proved to be "Red" Ryan and his gang.

The story of the Toronto bootlegger finds a striking verification at the plant of the Canadian Oil Companies on Dundas street in Pottersburg, where three men and a woman stopped last September to replenish failing supplies of gas and oil.

Found the Bullet.

"I left the plant at 6:35 that morning," said Harry Lawder, of 380 Hale street, night watchman for the Canadian Oil. "As usual I looked around to make sure that everything was all right and I unlocked the doors of the truck garage so that the men could get out for the day. That afternoon the manager called me back and asked me if everything was all right when I left. I insisted that there was nothing amiss, but the men who came at 6 o'clock said that the five-gallon cans had been taken off the sides of the motor trucks and had been thrown around the garage floor. The caps were taken off the tanks, where someone had tried to get gasoline from the top, because the drain cocks were locked. They had tried all the oil tanks and out on the east side of the building we found a pail that one of the men had left in the garage the night before, with oil drained off from a motor.

"I insisted that I had not left the place until 25 minutes to six and finally my word was backed up by Motor Cycle Policeman Monahan. Monahan said that he had driven up to the station just before six o'clock and had found three men and a woman in a car with a Toronto license. The men were in the act of carrying some of the cans and Monahan thought they were being waited on by some of the employees. Later he said he saw them getting gasoline at a pump on Dundas street near Lyle street, and they were asking the way out to Windsor."

Lawder handed over to The Advertiser a 45-calibre Remington U. M. C. loaded cartridge, found at the side of the building between the garage and where the tourists' car had stood.

"It was just a couple of days after the Toronto bank robbery, and I thought of the bandits as soon as I saw the bullet," said Lawder. "I told Monahan that perhaps it was a good thing for him that he did not suspect anything, because I believed that they were the Ryan gang and that they would have killed him before he could have made a move."

FEAR FIFTEEN DEAD IN FACTORY BLAZE

Nine Girls, Six Men Are Missing After Minneapolis Fire.

CONTINUING SEARCH

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Nine girls and six men were missing early tonight as a result of the fire which today destroyed the five-story building in the wholesale district occupied by the International Stock Food Company and the Leggett & Meyer Tobacco Company. Foremen and state fire marshals were searching for the missing persons. Officials of the stock food company, which occupied the upper four stories, expressed the belief that they had escaped with the 300 employees of the company.

The building and its contents were destroyed, and the loss is estimated at $150,000.

Several firemen, fighting their way through great clouds of smoke, made a spectacular slide to safety from the roof when it caught fire.

BOMB DESTROYS OFFICER'S HOME

Unknown Person Attacks Police Inspector's Home—Inmates Escape Injury.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sudbury, Dec. 21.—Unknown persons bombed the residence of Police Inspector Reedy of the International Nickel Company's police force at Creighton Mine about 5 o'clock this morning.

The explosive was placed or thrown at the side of the house and the explosion shattered every window in that side of the building. It tore a hole in the wall of the ground floor. The inspector and family were sleeping upstairs, but all escaped injury.

Recently there has been an active campaign at Creighton Mine against bootleggers, and provincial police, who have taken charge of the case, believe this was the act of bootleggers.

ROADS IN GREAT BRITAIN ARE BLOCKED BY SNOW

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 21.—Snow fell all over the country today, and many roads in Derbyshire, Cheshire and Yorkshire are impassable.

The Christmas rush from London has already commenced. It is estimated that 250,000 business houses in London will close tomorrow to reopen after Christmas. Shop assistants will have a holiday after tomorrow until Thursday.

BANDITS COLLECT $60,000 IN LESS THAN THREE DAYS

Associated Press Despatch.

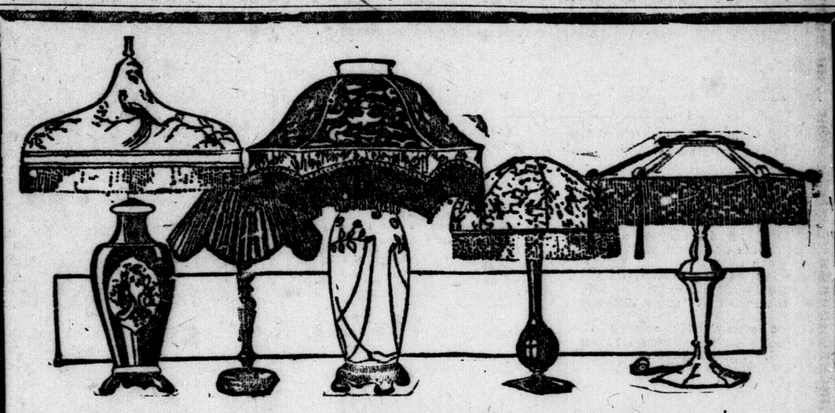
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Burglars early today drilled through a rear wall of Richardson's apparel shop in Main street and carried away furs and jewelry valued at $10,000. Half a block away in the rear of the Pearl street police station they jimmied into the apparel shop of David Carlton. A hasty inventory this morning indicated that the burglary at the Carlton shop had been limited to a comparatively small amount of cash.

Today's burglary brought the total of losses from robberies in less than three days to nearly $60,000.

THIEVES IN WINDSOR TAKE 47 BARRELS OF SOAP

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—The theft of 17 barrels of soap, valued at more than $1,000 was reported today by detectives of the Michigan Central Railway. A freight car on a siding at the foot of Cameron avenue had been broken into and the goods removed.



Give An Electric Reading Lamp

It suits your pocketbook—the prices range from a small amount to as high as you care to go. It has class, distinction and unfailing appeal. The wonderful designs in the Hydro Shop's unmatched selection are the very latest creations from the world's foremost artists. Beautiful blendings of rich colorings in silk, parchment or art glass.

Reading lamps, lamps for desk and den, boudoir lamps.

What could be more appealing than one of Hydro's exclusive

Chesterfield and Bridge Lamps

The last word in home ornamentation, provided in color combinations to accord with any decorative scheme.

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Leather Goods

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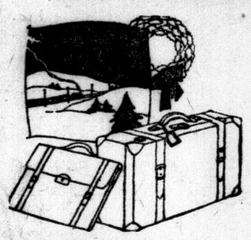

Leather Bag, leather lined, double handles, name tab **$6.00**

Leather Bags, cowhide, double handles, leather lined, black or brown ..... **$9.75** to **$28**

Leather Bags, cowhide, leather lined with straps, black and brown **$18**

BOSTON BAGS	$2.00 to $9.00	WRITING CASES	$7.50 to $15.00
OVERNIGHT CASES	$25 to $40	MOTORISTS' GAUNTLETS	$3.50
SUIT CASES, LEATHER,	$7 to $35	MOTORISTS' WHISKS	35c
MILITARY BRUSHES, PAIR	$3 to $10	MOTOR RUGS	$4.50 to $8.00
PULLMAN SLIPPERS	$3.00	HAT BOXES	$5 to $15
DRESSING CASES	$5 to $25	TELEPHONE LISTS	50c
TIE CASES	$2.50 to $4.00	IVORY TRAYS	$1.50 to $3.00
BRIDGE SETS	$3.00 to $4.50	IVORY MIRRORS	$3.00 up
PLAYING CARDS	$1.00 to $2.50	IVORY HAIR BRUSHES	$2.75 to $4.00
HOCKEY GAUNTLETS	$3.00 to $7.00	IVORY CLOTHES BRUSHES	$4.00 to $5.00
HOCKEY SHIN GUARDS		PURSES	$1.50 to $25.00
HOCKEY LEG GUARDS			

Above are only a few of our many lines. See window.

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London's Largest Retail and Wholesale Leather Goods Store.

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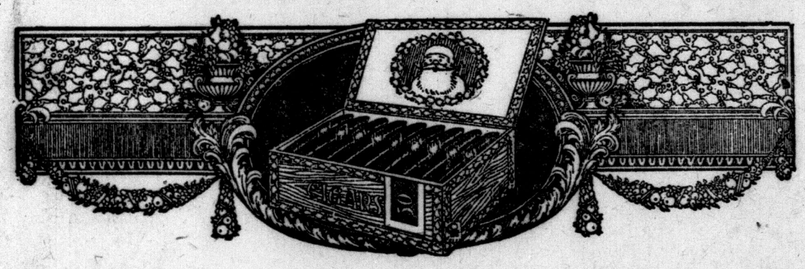
Store Will Be Open Every Evening Until Christmas Until 10 o'Clock.



MADAM—We Are Ready To Help

THERE'S quite a distinction between Cigars. In this store first consideration has been given to quality and every smoker's taste. That's why the average man will appreciate a gift of a box of good Cigars from this Shop. He, too, will be pleased to receive other smokers' needs.

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CANDY. We have that delightful Smiles'n' Chuckles.

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RINGS
ALL STYLES,
1-3 Off

DIAMONDS
RINGS, BARPINS, PENDANTS,
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WATCHES
GRUEN, ELGIN, LONGINES, ETC.
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LEATHER GOODS
FRAMES, JEWEL CASES, BILL FOLDS, ETC.
½ Off

PEARL STRINGS
FRENCH INDESTRUCTIBLE,
½ Off

CIGARETTE CASES
IN STERLING AND GOLD FILLED,
½ Off

CHRISTMAS CARDS
AND CANDLES,
½ Off

See the Half-Price Table

IT IS COVERED WITH WONDERFUL BARGAINS EACH NIGHT READY FOR THE EARLY MORNING SHOPPER.

OPEN 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

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Next to Smallman & Ingram's.

The Man-Faced Crab.

One of the most singular-looking creatures that ever walked the earth or "swam the waters under the earth" is the world-famous man-faced crab of Japan.

WOMEN and THE HOME

Consumes Trillions of Matches.

The world consumption of matches last year was 4,675,650,000,000. The public paid approximately $200,000,000 for that number of matches.

FIRE MUST BURN BRIGHTLY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Then Prosperity Will Come Throughout the Year—This and Many Other Superstitions Are Entertained Concerning the Yuletide.

LIGHTS MUST NOT GO OUT OR EVIL COMES

Christmas is a time when the oracles of the people are in the best working order, especially the many processes by which maidens are won't to discover the color of their lover's hair, the beauty of his face and form, his trade and occupation, whether they shall marry or not, and the like. Some of the ceremonies and practices are as follows:

On Christmas Eve thrash the garden with a flail, with only your shirt on, and the grass will grow well next year.

Tie wet strawbands around the orchard trees on Christmas Eve and it will make them fruitful.

On Christmas Eve put a stone on every tree and they will bear the more.

Beat the trees on Christmas night and they will bear more fruit.

If after a Christmas dinner you shake out the tablecloth over the bare ground under the open sky, crumb-wort will grow on the spot.

If on Christmas Day, or Christmas Eve, you hang a wash-clout on a hedge and then groom the horses with it, they will grow fat.

Watch the Lights.

As often as the cock crows on Christmas Eve, the quarter of corn will be as dear.

If a dog howls the night before Christmas, it will go mad within the year.

If the light is let go out on Christmas Eve, someone in the house will die.

When lights are brought in on Christmas Eve, if anyone's shadow has no head, he will die within a year; if half a head, in the second year.

If on Christmas Eve you make a little heap of salt on the table, and it melts over night, you will die the next year; if, in the morning it remains undiminished, you will live.

If a shirt be spun, woven and sewed by a pure, chaste maiden on Christmas Day, it will be proof against lead or steel.

If you are born at sermon-time on Christmas morning, you can see spirits.

If you burn elder on Christmas Eve you will have revealed to you all the witches and sorcerers of the neighborhood.

Steal and Thrive.

If you steal hay the night before Christmas and give the cattle some, they thrive and you are not caught in any future thefts.

If you steal anything at Christmas without being caught, you can steal safely for a year.

If you eat on beans on Christmas Eve you will become an ass.

If you eat a raw egg, fasting, on Christmas morning, you can carry heavy weights.

The crumbs saved up on three Christmas Eves are good to give as physic to one who is disappointed.

It is unlucky to carry anything forth from the house on Christmas morning until something has been brought in.

It is unlucky to give a neighbor a live coal to kindle a fire with on Christmas morning!

If the fire burns brightly on Christmas morning it betokens prosperity during the year; if it smolders, adversity.

EIGHTY BABIES ATTEND VICTORIA CLINIC PARTY

Mothers and Children Sit Down to Christmas Tea in School Auditorium.

Eighty babies, not to mention older children and their mothers, gathered at the Victoria School yesterday afternoon for the annual Christmas clinic tea. This was the final clinic party of the year and the largest of all. One hundred and eight oranges were distributed, one to each child, which gives some idea of how many children were in attendance, not to mention mothers. Doctors and nurses were kept busy examining the children, assisted by Miss Hill and Miss Jeeves. An interesting visitor, who also helped during the afternoon, was Mrs. John L. A. Hunt of the school board.

The party itself was arranged in the auditorium of the school, where a long table was laid for the mothers. A small Christmas tree held the place of vantage in the center, and all about were placed Santa Claus and holly runners. A smaller table for the children found Santa Claus in his sleigh with reindeer and bells forming the central decoration, greatly to the delight of the small guests. The party was arranged under the direction of the Mothers' Clubs of the district, including Mrs. H. B. White, Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Kennerson, Mrs. Yorick, Mrs. Spelman and Mrs. Cress of the Victoria School; Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. Froggitt, Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Vandermede of the Riverview School.

TO GIVE CONCERT FOR MUSIC CLUB.

Miss Helen Little and Miss Marion Beck, who will give a recital for the Women's Music Club early in the new year.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Arthur Beal, Piccadilly street, is spending the holiday with her parents in Boston.

Mrs. Harvey Ferguson of Chicago is a Christmas guest with Mrs. Tinnie, Grand avenue.

Miss Vera Blanchard of Chicago is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Blanchard, Stanley street.

Miss Ada Pitman of Sarnia is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews, 37 Sterling street.

Mrs. M. R. Walker of St. Catharines will spend Christmas with Miss Maude Walker, Alexandra Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Broderick of Detroit are Christmas guests with the latter's mother, Mrs. F. J. Stallard, Lorne avenue.

Alfred G. Jacques, B. A., M.Sc., of Harvard University, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacques.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, Alexandra Apartments will spend Christmas in Chatham, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kennon and two children of Swallwell, Alberta, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Hardie, Stanley street.

Mr. Thomas McKinley of Detroit will be a guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKinley, Beaconsfield avenue, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Nora Stevenson, who is attending Toronto University is coming to town Wednesday next and will be the guests of Miss Kathleen Johnston.

Mrs. Anne Perry, who has spent the past two weeks with Mrs. W. A. Mace, Hellmuth avenue, has gone to Toronto, where she will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenway of Windsor will spend Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Ernest Tremeer and Mr. Tremeer, Victoria street.

Miss Marion Tanton and Jack Tanton of Toronto University are spending the holidays in London with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. B. Tanton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. White, the Ridgeway, will have as their guest for the Christmas holiday their daughter, Miss Marjorie White, of Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hicks and baby, Junior, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived today to spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Hicks of Bruce street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lancaster and small daughter are spending Christmas in London with Mrs. Lancaster's mother, Mrs. W. W. Muir, Elmwood avenue.

Miss Dorothy Keene who is attending Moulton College is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Keene, Richmond street.

Col. and Mrs. R. J. S. Langford of Toronto, who were in town for the R. C. R. birthday dance last evening, were guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baxter, Cheapside street.

Miss Mabel Hardie, who is engaged as a Victorian Order Nurse in Quebec, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Hardie, Stanley street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Galbraith and small daughter Elizabeth of Toronto will spend Christmas with Mrs. Galbraith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Patton, Queen's avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Ware accompanied by their small daughter will spend Christmas in London, the guests of Mrs. Ware's sister, Mrs. H. Nugent, London South.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Graves and their little son Bob from Hudson, Mich., are spending Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keene, Dufferin avenue.

Mrs. Edward Porter of Toronto is coming to town New Year's day and will spend a month in London with Mrs. W. J. G. Pennington and the Misses Pennington, St. George street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McFarlane and son, Andy of Detroit, are expected in town for Christmas and will be the guests of Mrs. McFarlane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Wortley road.

Mrs. R. M. Burns and Miss Mary Burns have returned from Kingston, where they were the guests of Mrs. Fallon. Miss Burns, who took seriously ill while in Kingston, is recovering.

Mrs. Frank Storie of Windsor will spend the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. L. Smith, Maitland street, bringing with her her sons Frank nad Jack. Mr. Storie will join them at the New Year.

Hon. Newton W. Rowell and Mrs. Rowell of Toronto are leaving shortly for Carolina, where they will stay for some time. On their return they will come to London to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Gordon Wright, and Mr. Wright.

Mrs. W. A. Mace will have as her guests for Christmas, her son, Geo. Mace and Mrs. Mace of Port Dover; also her two sons, Thos. Mace of Detroit, and Dr. William Mace, chief houseman at the Beekman Street Hospital, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Allan of Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Allan and daughter Dorothy, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gilbert and son, James Robert of London Township, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Allan, 528 Horton street.

The members of Miss Mary Meredith's committee of the Catholic Women's League met at the home of Miss Edith Kiley, Thornton avenue, last night, and spent a busy evening filling Christmas stockings and baskets for the orphans and old people at Mount St. Joseph and Mount Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wright, who are moving next week to their old home in Elmwood avenue, will entertain a family house party for New Year's. The guests will be Major Ward Wright and Mrs. Wright of Toronto; Capt. Newton Wright and Mrs. Wright and little son, also of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright of Porcupine, Ont. Mr. John Wright, also of Porcupine, will visit his parents early in the new year.

Miss Mae Beckton was the hostess this afternoon of a charming trousseau tea given at her home on Bruce street, in honor of her sister, Miss Evelyn Beckton, whose marriage takes place next week. Mrs. R. H. Read assisted the hostess in receiving the many guests. Christmas decorations were used throughout the rooms, and on the tea table which was also adorned with scarlet candles. Mrs. William Reilly and Mrs. Andrew Robson poured tea and the assistants included: Misses Mae Cameron, Anne Beckton, Dorothy Wardrope, Eva Read and Mrs. G. Scott.

Normal Students Hold a Reunion

Sixty-Five Graduates of 1921-1922 Meet at Banquet.

The 1921-22 class of the Normal School held a happy re-union last evening at Smallman and Ingram's tea room. The guests who numbered over 65, included all the students who graduated from the school in 1922 and a number of the teaching staff, including: Professor John Dearness, Dr. E. T. White, Mr. T. E. Clark, Mr. McEachern and Mr. A. Stevenson. Following supper, at which a number of impromptu speeches were made, dancing was enjoyed. Mr. C. R. McGill was in charge of the arrangements.

ENGAGEMENTS

A charge of 75 cents for one insertion, or $1 for two insertions is made for notices under this heading.

Orders for insertion of engagement notices must bear the name and address of sender and will not be taken over the telephone.

Rev A. E. and Mrs. Hopper, Delaware, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyda Marion, to J. Oalton Hammond, Delaware, Ont., the marriage to take place quietly early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Skinner, Kintore, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ella Violet, to Mr. Alexander D. McCorquodale, Embro, the marriage to take place soon.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN ARE FETED

Knights of Columbus and the Lions' Club Take Christmas Cheer to Home Last Night.

A delegation from the Lion's Club, headed by Col. Graham, arrived at Mount St. Joseph at 6 o'clock last evening in an imposing Christmas float. The children of the home greeted them on their arrival on the veranda with Christmas songs, to which Santa Claus' band replied with joyous music; but as Santa had many calls to make he left Mr. and Mrs. Orne and Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett to distribute the gifts among the children.

At 7:30 o'clock the former assembly of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus turned out in full force with their ladies and had a jolly visit with the boys and girls of the Mount. At this second party gifts were again distributed by Santa Claus with a lavish hand. The children put on an entertainment of songs and physical drills which was enjoyed greatly by the visitors.

WEDDINGS

NESBITT—STALKER.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blyth, Dec. 23.—A quiet marriage was solemnized at the manse on Wednesday, when Miss Grace Stalker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stalker of East Wawanosh, became the bride of William Nesbitt of Morris. Rev. George Telford, M.A., B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, performed the ceremony.

SCHELDRUP—WATSON.

Special to The Advertiser.

Seaforth, Dec. 23.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, Goderich street, was the scene of a happy event on Thursday at 1 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Gretta Thorbourn, became the bride of Robert Scheldrup of Regina, son of the late William A. M. and Mrs. Scheldrup of Minneapolis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. H. Larkin, D.D., in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, looked charming in a navy blue georgette dress, beaded with gray squirrel fur. She wore a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses and was attended by her sister, Miss Marion Watson of New York, who was becomingly gowned in gray silk georgette, with corsage bouquet of pink roses. The groom was supported by the bride's brother, Leslie Watson of Windsor. Miss Muriel Willis played the wedding march. During the signing of the register, Miss Beth Willis sang "At Dawning I Love You." The house decorations were in Christmas colors. Following the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Scheldrup left for New York. On their return they will reside in Regina.

MOUNTJOY—STEEL.

Londoners will be interested in the marriage of J. C. Mountjoy and Miss Kathleen Steel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Steel of 8 Kenilworth Court, Winnipeg, Manitoba, which took place last week in the home of the bridegroom's brother, M. E. Mountjoy, San Antonio, Texas.

The groom is a son of the late Richard Mountjoy of this city and a brother of Mrs. Ernest Tremeer, Victoria street.

The impressive Episcopal service was read by Rev. Jay Scott Budlong at an improvised altar of ferns and white chrysanthemums. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Reagan, nephew and niece of the bridegroom.

The bride was attired in a lovley gown of white satin and pearls. A tulle veil was caught to the head by a bandeau of orange blossoms. A bouquet of Sweetheart roses was carried.

Immediately following the ceremony a buffet supper was served to the immediate family. The ring-shaped wedding cake was embossed with large white roses.

FINDLEY—DEVINEY.

The marriage took place at St. Andrew's manse, Dec. 17, of Gladys Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Deviney of Lorne avenue, and J. Howard Findley of Caledonia. Rev. D. C. MacGregor performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of French blue beaded georgette, with a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white 'mums. Miss Lily Tuer of St. Marys acted as bridesmaid and wore a gown of green Canton crepe with a black hat. Mr. Robert Deviney, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, the guests including a number of out-of-town people. Mr. and Mrs. Findley left later on a honeymoon, which will be spent in New York, and upon their return they will take up their residence in Buffalo. The bride travelled in a blue Canton gown, a hat to match and a seal coat.

GRENFELL MISSION.

The following contributions have been made to the Grenfell mission, which they have gratefully acknowledged: Knitting of eight scarfs by the Sir George Ross Chapter of the I. O. D. E.; $25, Miss Emery: $25, Ladies' Aid of Presbyterian Church of Hyde Park; $5, Miss Shaw Wood; $7, Mrs. McConnell; two suits heavy woolen underwear, Mrs. L. Rowe.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE

62 Children Made Merry in the Nursery of the Home Last Night.

The children of the Protestant Orphans' Home had their Christmas trees last night. The nursery, beautifully adorned with Christmas decorations, was the scene of the fun. Here two great trees, heavy with gifts, and sparkling with tinsel and colored lights, held the place of honor. It was the children's own special night, when they interchanged presents with each other, and had their own little gifts for teachers and parents.

After the tree had been depleted of its presents, the boys and girls gave a program of their own. There were 62 of them in all, who made merry in the old home last night. On Christmas Day many of them will be with relatives or kind friends, who have promised to adopt them for the day. Those who remain in the home will have as happy a Christmas as can be, hanging up their stockings and so forth.

The children have been having such a gay time this week with all their parties, that it was difficult to find a night for their own party. This afternoon another treat is in store for ten of them, when Mrs. F. N. Phelps' class of boys from the First Presbyterian Church will entertain them at Mrs. Phelps' home, where a Christmas tree stands in readiness, and on Thursday evening Miss Gibson's class has something nice for them.

Saint Nicholas At Westminster

Children of the Hospital Staff Gather Around Christmas Tree.

Forty little people, children of the staff and attendants at Westminster Hospital, enjoyed a jolly Christmas party last evening in the recreation hall at the hospital. Following supper, an enjoyable entertainment was given including many numbers by the children and solos by Dr. Towers, who acted as chairman of the evening and the Misses Tingey, Brazier and Farrow. Excellent music, provided by the hospital orchestra under the direction of Miss Brennan, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening; but the peak of excitement for the little ones was reached on the arrival of Santa Claus, who distributed gifts from the gayly decked Christmas tree.

VISIT PREVENTORIUM.

The children of the Preventorium were delightfully surprised this weke when the Knights of Honor, Miss Fleming's class of young men from the First Methodist Church, tendered them a Christmas party, bringing Santa Claus along to make the fun complete. The members of this class have been carrying on this work for the past eight years, and as each year comes along the children of the Preventorium are remembered.

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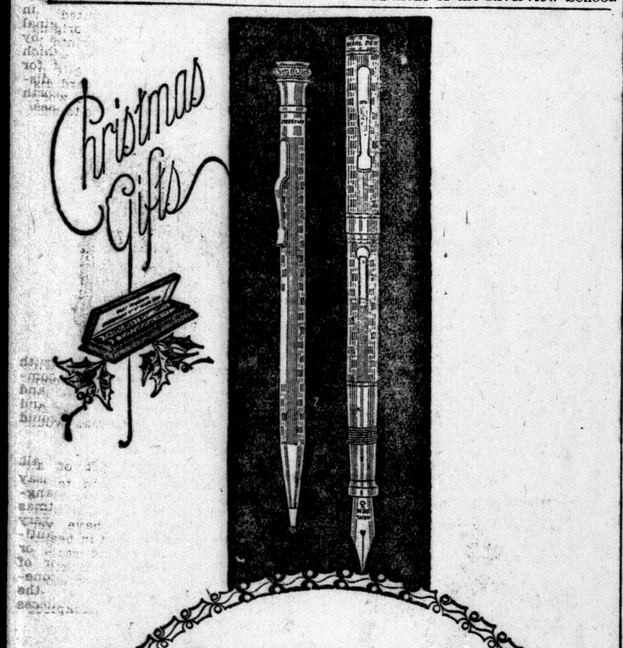

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WOMEN and THE HOME

"Dombey & Son" Chinese Grocers.

In far-off China, on the Bubbling Well road which passes through the residential district of Shanghai, travellers receive a reminder of Dickens in a sign, Dombey & Son, over a grocery store.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

How Can a Girl Get Acquainted With Nice People in a Strange City?—Should a Girl of Sixteen Become Engaged?—The Bad-Tempered Girl Who Is Trifling With Love.

Dear Miss Dix—How does one make friends when one is "a stranger in a strange land?" I have lived here for two years, and today I know exactly two men, one of whom is so undesirable that I avoid him as much as possible. The other is very nice, but financially embarrassed, so that he doesn't come around very often. I know possibly twelve girls, but they are not friends. They have never called on me, and have never invited me to their homes. One of them frankly told me that she had her own circle of friends, whom she had gone to school with, and she didn't care to add to the circle. At church I was so completely ignored that it was humiliating. I haven't been to church for more than a year, because when I did go no one knew I was there.

So I spend my time in this manner: I work from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on Saturdays, when I have a half-holiday. Then I go to a movie and do a bit of shopping. Sundays I do nothing. My evenings are spent with a book or a game of solitaire for company, and a friendly reading lamp at my side.

I ask you what kind of an evening is that for a girl who is pretty, and full of life and pep, who dances, and likes a good show, and dresses well, and who is a good talker, and a better listener? So I ask you again how can a nice girl get acquainted with the people she would like to know when she goes to live in a strange town? SALLY.

Answer:

You have propounded one of the greatest riddles in the world, Sally. The churches, the women's clubs, the social workers, humanitarians and philanthropists have acquired gray hairs trying to devise some plan by which the friendless in a city could establish social relations with their fellow creatures. But nobody yet has ever been able to formulate any plan of bringing congenial strangers together, and of making wholesale introductions that would not have in them every element of danger to the unsophisticated, and offer every opportunity of crime to the evil-minded.

So the tragedy of loneliness in cities goes on and pretty young girls like you, with their feet aching to dance, and their very souls hungry for boy and girl comradeship, sit up and eat their hearts out in vain longing, while plenty of nice boys, who are dying for just such girl pals, wander forlornly up and down the streets, and think how fine it would be if they only knew a nice girl like the girls back home.

And nobody knows how to bring the two together. That's the pity of it. Cheer up, though Sally, this isolation doesn't last.

After all, a city is not a deserted island, and sooner or later you will meet some boy or girl whose aura corresponds to your own, and he or she will introduce you to his or her friends, and their friends will introduce you to their friends' friends and before you know it you will be in your own tight little circle, and barricading against newcomers yourself.

But remember this: You have to make your own calling and election sure. When you are introduced to people you have got to "sell" yourself to them, you have got to make them want to know you better. You have got to be attractive enough to them to make them follow up the introduction. It is a matter of personality, and it's up to you. DOROTHY DIX.

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Dear Miss Dix—I know a girl who is good-looking, with a very attractive personality. She is also an accomplished pianist and singer, and already at the age of sixteen she has attracted attention by her work, and great promise is being held out for her future.

This summer she became acquainted with a gentlemanly young fellow of twenty-two years who is just commencing his college course, expecting to work his way through. He has been calling on her almost every evening for the last three months.

Her parents are willing for them to become engaged, and wait until such time as he is in a position to marry. Do you think she is capable of deciding her whole future life at the early age of sixteen years? W. A.

Answer:

Certainly not. A girl of sixteen is still a child with a child's taste and a child's judgment. She is no more capable of picking out a husband than she is of steering a ship across the ocean, on running a corner on Wall Street.

Nothing is more curious than that a mother, who wouldn't let a girl choose a fur coat for herself on her own unaided judgment will let her select her life mate, and that a father, who would not trust her knowledge of men and things to make a hundred-dollar trade, will let her gamble with her whole future happiness.

A girl of sixteen has no idea in the world of what sort of man she is going to like when she is twenty-two.

The very type that appeals to her at sixteen fills her with disgust or bores her to tears, when she arrives at woman's estate, and while an engagement is not so disastrous as an early marriage, it is a heavy handicap.

For a young girl to be engaged during her school days is a fatal blight on her education, for one thing. She cannot put her mind on her studies if she is waiting for love letters, and her attention is distracted from her work by wondering what her fiance is doing.

For another thing, it cuts off a girl's opportunities in the bud. It keeps other men away from her, and does her out of all of the gay, carefree, irresponsible fun of girlhood. And the girl who has missed that has missed the gift of the gods.

Parents are certainly very foolish who let a young girl tie herself up in the meshes of a long engagement. It is far better both for her and the young man to remain free until they are ready to talk matrimony as well as love.

If they truly love each other, they will stand without being hitched, and if they don't, it will be far better that there will be no hated halter to break. DOROTHY DIX.

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Dear Dorothy Dix—My trouble is that I cannot seem to get along with the young man to whom I am engaged. When I am pleasant he is lovely and there is nothing he would not do for me. He never begins a fight with me, although he tells me that there are lots of things that I do of which he doesn't approve, but he will not spoil my happiness by nagging.

But when I get grouchy, and am hateful, he can stand it for just so long. Then he loses his temper and says that he doesn't care if we break off the engagement.

Do you not think that if he really loved me he would love me whether I am in a good temper or a bad temper? UNPLEASANT.

Answer:

No. Why should he love you when you are disagreeable and unreasonable? A high-tempered woman, giving rein to her passions, is every whit as disgusting as a drunken woman. Love survives many things, but not temper. DOROTHY DIX.

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NEW RUTH CHAPTER OFFICERS.

The worthy matron of Ruth Chapter O. E. S., Mrs. A. E. Jackson, has now named her appointed officers. They are Mrs. Fred Heximer, chaplain; Mrs. E. Bowman, marshal; Mrs. William Bendle, Ada; Mrs. Earl Johnston, Ruth; Mrs. E. M. Russel, Esther; Mrs. Frank McKay, Martha; Miss Lottie Phillips, Electa; Mrs. Jack Southcott, warder; Miss Ella Henderson, organist. The sentinel has yet to be named. The other officers of the chapter were elected some time ago, and the installation will take placeon January 2.

PARTY AT DUFFERIN HALL.

The residents of Dufferin Hall enjoyed a jolly party last evening at the hall. The party commenced with a turkey dinner, covers being laid for sixteen at a table gayly decorated with Christmas favors and adorned with tall scarlet candles. Following dinner the distribution of the gifts, which were hung on the Christmas tree, took place, Miss Sutton acting as Santa Claus. The remainder of the evening was enjoyed around the grate fires.

R.C.R.'s Fortieth Birthday Marked By Christmas Dance Held At Wolseley Barracks

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill and Mrs. Hill Welcome Guests in the Messroom.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Supper Is Served in Billiard-Room Following Dance Program.

Garlands of holly, and bunches of mistletoe tied with scarlet ribbons combined with many flags, were used to decorate the mess room and ante room at Wolseley Barracks, for the birthday dance, given last evening by the R. C. R.'s to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the regiment. Excellent dance music was provided and after the first half of the program had been enjoyed, supper was served in the billiard room.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill and Mrs. Hill, the latter wearing a becoming gown of brown and gold, with a corsage of pink roses, received the guests assisted by the other officers of the regiment including: Major A. K. Hemming and Mrs. Hemming; Col and Mrs. Langford; Capt. R. E. Balders and Mrs. Balders; Capt. K. M. Holloway and Mrs. Holloway; Capt. and Mrs. Hodson; Capt. W. S. Fenton and Mrs. Fenton and Capt. Wood.

The guests were: General W. B. King and Mrs. Shuttleworth King, Col. F. B. Ware and Mrs. Ware, Maj. D. J. Corrigal and Mrs. Corrigal, Col. T. J. F. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Major Philip Passy and Mrs. Passy, Col. E. C. Dean and Mrs. Dean, Capt. S. P. Cook and Mrs. Cook, Capt. and Mrs. Curmi, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hunt, Col. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLean, Mr. and Mrs. McDermid, Rev. Quintin Warner and Mrs. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Graydon, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weld, Mr. and Mrs. D. Weldon, Col. I. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Croden, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thompson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cronyn, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Cronyn, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beattie, Dr. A. Scott, Mr. Ernest Little, Miss Helen Little, Mrs. Sterling, Mr. Harry Wilde, Miss Marion Beck, Mr. F. Betts, Miss Kathleen Coles, Col. Lawless, Miss Helen Gibbens, Miss Muriel Pelton, Capt. Weekes, Miss Shirley Johnston, Col. Gillespie, Misses Audrey Farncomb, Ruth Robinson, Doris Belton, Margaret Scatcherd, Gwen. Williams, Agnes Duffield, Gussie Wilson, K. Cronyn, Major Arthur Mortimore, Miss Auden, Lieut.-Col. E. R. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Hare, Dr. E. C. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Little, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baxter, Major Kenneth Ingram, Capt. and Mrs. Beresford, Miss Margaret Glass, Lieut.-Col. Innes Carling and Mrs. Carling, Mrs. A. Becher, and Messrs. T. Murphy, G. Gates, Adam Smith, Colin Scatcherd, Auden, Duffield, Douglas Weld, John Labatt, Hugh Labatt, Seybold, Grant Fisher and Kenneth Black.

ST. MICHAEL'S MOTHERS.

The children of St. Michael's school were entertained this week at a happy Christmas party given by the Mothers' Unit in the Parish Hall. Over 125 children were present and all received fruit, candy, ice cream and cake, which was served to them by the mothers at little tables. The hall was effectively decorated in scarlet and green and lit with candles. A happy feature of the party was the presentation to the school of a Brunswick phonograph from the unit. Mrs. Frank Benenati, president of the unit, made the presentation, and a vote of thanks was given by Masters Jack Walsh, C. Nolan and Thomas Bidner. A large number of the mothers were present at the affair.

MASTER BILLIE BAINES.

who acted as host with his father, W. H. Baines, at the big children's party held in the Winter Gardens this morning by Santa Claus in honor of the loveliest child of Western Ontario.

NATURE'S BOUNTY

Out of ocean depths Nature yields precious health-giving cod-liver oil.

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is this bounty from the ocean at its best. It's not only a food but a tonic that makes for abundant strength.

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To the Thousands Who Made This Year the Best in Fifty Years We Wish You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Parisian Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Limited

R. W. WILLIAMS :-: President

Radio Programs

SUNDAY, DEC. 23.

KDKA—East Pittsburg, Pa., 920 Kilocycles, Frequency—326 Metres—Wave Length.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

11:00 a.m.—Services of the Point Breeze Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
2:30 p.m.—"The First Christmas Carols." The children's Bible story.
2:45 p.m.—Concert.
4:00 p.m.—Organ recital.
4:45 p.m.—Vesper services of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.
7:30 p.m.—Services of the Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

WBZ—890 Kilocycles, Frequency—Springfield, Mass.—337 Metres—Wave Length.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

11:00 a.m.—Church services from the South Congregational Church.
6:45 p.m.—Sunday Vespers on the Springfield Municipal Chimes.
8:30 p.m.—Church services.

KYW—560 Kilocycles, Frequency—Chicago, Illinois—536 Metres—Wave Length.

(Central Standard Time.)

11:00 a.m.—Central Church Service.
6:30 p.m.—Excerpts from The New Testament—an American translation.
7:00 p.m.—Chicago Sunday Evening Club service.

KYW will broadcast the latest news of the world every half hour, day and night.

WGY—Schenectady, N. Y.—790 Kilocycles, 380 Metres.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

11 a.m.—Service of the First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N. Y.
3:30 p.m.—Program by WGY Symphony Orchestra, assisted by Edward E. St. Louis, baritone.
7:30 p.m.—Service of the First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N. Y.

WWJ—Detroit—400 Metres, 580 Kilocycles.

11 a.m.—Services of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.
5 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra.

MONDAY, DEC. 24.

KDKA—East Pittsburg, Pa.—920 Kilocycles, Frequency—326 Metres Wave Length.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

9:45 a.m.—Union live stock market report.
11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals.
12 m.—Market reports.
12:10 p.m.—Noon day concert.
6:15 p.m.—Dinner concert.
7:15 p.m.—Radio Girl Scout meeting conducted by Laura Holland, director of Girl Scouts.
7:45 p.m.—A Christmas program for the kiddies.
8:15 p.m.—Concert.
9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals; weather forecast.
11 p.m.—Special Christmas Eve program.

WBZ—Springfield, Mass.—890 Kilocycles Frequency—337 Metres Wave Length.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.
6 p.m.—Dinner concert.
7 p.m.—This week in history; late news from the national industrial conference board; humorous program.
7:30 p.m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies; farmers' period, "Credit by Co-operation."
8 p.m.—Concert.
9 p.m.—Bedtime story for grown-ups.
9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals.

KYW—560 Kilocycles, Frequency—Chicago, Illinois. 536 Metres—Wave Length.

Central Standard Time.

9:30—Late news and financial comment.
10:00 a.m.—Market reports.
10:30 a.m.—Late financial and commercial news.
10:58 a.m. — Naval observatory time signals.
11:00 a.m.—Market reports.
11:05 a.m.—Weather report.
11:30 a.m.—Late news and financial comment.
11:35 a.m.—Table talk.
12:00 M.—Market reports.
12:30 p.m.—Late news and financial comment.
1:00 p.m.—Market reports.
1:30 p.m.—Closing market reports.
2:00 p.m.—Late financial news and comment.
2:30 p.m.—Closing stock quotations.
3:00 p.m.—Late financial news and comment.
3:30 p.m.—News and sport bulletins.
4:00 p.m.—Late news and sport bulletins.
4:30 p.m.—News and sport bulletins.
5:00 p.m.—Latest news of the day.
6:30 p.m.—News, market and sport summary.
6:50 p.m. — Children's bedtime story.

KYW will broadcast the latest news of the world every half hour, day and night (except from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. on account of Monday evening being silent in Chicago.

WGY—790 Kilocycles (380 Metres)—Schenectady, N. Y.

Eastern Standard Time.

11:55 a.m.—U. S. Naval Observatory time signals.
12:30 p.m.—Stock market report.
12:40 p.m.—Produce market report.
12:45 p.m.—Weather report.
2:00 p.m.—Music and address, "Christmas Feasts and Festivals."
6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins.
7:45 p.m.—Musical program.

WWJ—580 Kilocycles (400 Metres)—Detroit.

Eastern Standard Time.

9:30 a.m.—"Tonight's Dinner" and a special talk by the Woman's Editor.
9:45 a.m.—Public Health Service bulletins and talks on subjects of general interest.
10:25 a.m.—Official weather forecast.
11:55 a.m.—Arlington time.
3:00 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra.
3:30 p.m.—Official weather forecast.
3:35 p.m.—Market reports.
7:00 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra; Cyril Wexemael, baritone; Leo Robitaille, tenor; carolers; Santa Claus.

STEADILY CLIMBING.

The December building record is steadily climbing, ocnstruction and alteration perimts being issued until noon today at an estimated expenditure of $81,625.

USED THE WORLD OVER

Fruit-a-tives

are made from the juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes and tonics. 25c. and 50c. a box.

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Egret Explains To Danny How He Loses His Beautiful Plumes

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

"I am very glad to meet you, Egret," replied Danny Meadow Mouse politely to the handsome, snowy white cousin of Longlegs the Heron whom he had just met. "I am sorry to hear that there are only a few members of your family left, but I don't quite understand what those wonderful plumes you tell about have to do with it."

Egret drew his head back down between his shoulders, and into his eyes came a look of great sadness. "It is very plain that you are a stranger down here," said he. "Yes, sir, that is very plain. Everyone who lives down here knows the sad, sad story of my family."

"Tell me the story," begged Danny.

Egret sighed. "I don't like to tell it," said he. "I don't like to even think about it. It is too dreadful. Yes, sir, it is too dreadful."

Danny waited quietly a few minutes, and Egret continued to gaze off across the water with that sad look in his eyes. At length Danny ventured to speak a wee bit timidly. "Did you say it was because of plumes?" asked he.

"Yes," replied Egret.

"What are plumes?" asked Danny

Egret gave Danny a funny, side-long glance as if he suspected Danny of asking a foolish question just for the sake of talking. But when he saw how eagerly Danny was waiting for his reply, he knew that Danny really was seeking to learn something. "Plumes," said he "are beautiful feathers."

"But you have beautiful feathers right now," said Danny admiringly, "yet you spoke of those plumes as being something you have only in the spring."

"So I did. So I did," replied Egret. "Of course, you know that most birds wear brighter, handsomer coats in spring than they do later in the year. My coat, being all white, cannot be made any brighter or more beautiful in itself, so in the spring Old Mother

"Tell me the story," begged Danny.

Nature gives me some extra feathers. They are wonderful. They grow out from my back and are long and silky and reach beyond my tail. They are wonderful and beautiful and everybody admires them. Alas, that is the trouble!"

"What is the trouble?" Danny asked, looking a little puzzled.

"They are admired too much," replied Egret. "They are admired too much by those terrible two-legged creatures called men. There was a time when there were so many Egrets down here in the Sunny South that there would be one or more nests in every tree and bush in certain places, and now there are so few of us left that I am often fearful that the time is close at hand when there will be none at all. And it is all because of those beautiful plumes. Yes, sir, it is all because of those beautiful plumes. Once I was very proud of them, but now I wish they would never grow out again. Yes, sir, I do so. I dread the coming of spring and the growing of those new plumes. The happiest day in all the year for me is when the last one of those wonderful plumes drops. Men are terrible creatures.

The next story: "Egret's Awful Story."

CHANGES MEETING DAY.

Mizpah True Kindred Lodge is holding a special meeting on Dec. 28, as the regular day of meeting falls on Christmas Day. Plans for the coming year will be discussed at the meeting.

SORE THROAT

IS A COMMON AILMENT WHICH UNLESS CHECKED IN TIME MAY LEAD TO A SERIOUS CONDITION. SIMILARLY A COUGH OR COLD MAY DEVELOP AND REQUIRE SUSTAINED TREATMENT BEFORE IT IS OVERCOME BUT IF TREATED AT ONCE MUCH INCONVENIENCE AND SUFFERING MAY BE AVOIDED. AN OLD AND RELIABLE REMEDY IS FOUND IN

DR THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL

Pego's London Visits London Shops

It's been truly wonderful the last few days shopping through London stores. The choice—the method of display—the artistry displayed in many articles—the wonderful values—combine with an appeal that's irresistible.

Pego's remarks on this week's tour will help you shop.

THE story of Peter Rabbit, so dear to the hearts of children, may now be had in Q. R. S. word roll form at Gerhard Heintzman's for $1.50. It would be futile to attempt a successful denial of the favorable and lasting impression made on the juvenile mind by the adventures of Peter Rabbit. You should go in and hear the song story yourself. You will find its melody infectious.

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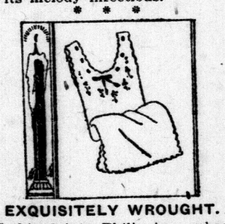

EXQUISITELY WROUGHT.

IS this dainty Philippine embroidery chemise, mother or sister would simply adore one for Christmas.

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GIFTS for milady's dressing table are most acceptable. The Grey Beauty Shop have a lovely assortment of combs, powders, shampoos and many other little novelties which would please the girl friend you are wondering what to buy for.

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WHEN downtown shopping, lunch at the Blue Dragon Tea Room. All home-cooked food. Afternoon tea from 2 to 5.

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A GAY silk scarf for her neck would make a most acceptable gift, or a pair of sheer silk stockings in one of the many shades shown at the Artistic Ladies' Wear Co. A blouse or sweater are attractive gifts and most useful. They have many pretty styles to choose from.

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WHAT gift would be more acceptable than one of those lovely bridge table lamps from the Hydro Shop? Beautiful soft-colored silk shades with the bulbs to match. I was quite surprised at the low prices asked for these beautiful lamps.

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YOUR last year's frock made over like new or your new material made up, at the Meadows & Rainey dressmaking establishment, 183½ Dundas street. Prices reasonable.

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NOTHING can quite equal a lovely personal photograph as a Christmas gift to one's closest friends. The Darragh Studio do exquisite work.

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THESE adorable quilted Satin boudoir slippers which I saw in Cook's would make a lovely gift for the girl who loves pretty, dainty things.

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HOLLINS' Print Shop have the finest assortment of children's games, toys and Christmas decorations. They are quite worth a trip to London East to see.

YOUR Christmas party would not be complete without fruit and nuts. Selected from the display in T. A. Rowat & Co. you are assured they are fresh and of the best variety. Then you must have crackers in bright red and Santa Claus stockings to make the dinner table look festive. Candles, too, will help. You must not forget your coffee, which is a most important item on your dinner menu. If you buy Rowat's you know you get the best.

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THE announcement of the return engagement of Bransby Williams, Britain's premier actor, will be received by a host of London playgoers with enthusiasm. Mr. Williams will be remembered by Londoners in his recent production of "David Copperfield" at the Grand. For the return London engagement, Mr. Williams will present the great French drama "Vidocq" (the French detective), in which the celebrated actor will enact six different characters. The same excellent company of English artists as seen here previously in support of Mr. Williams will be seen again in the production of "Vidocq." Seats for the return engagement next Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be on sale Monday morning next at 9 o'clock. Mail orders now being filled.

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FOR COLD, SNAPPY DAYS.

THESE all-wool hose will hang gleefully from a Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

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IF you are undecided what to give —— go to Wendell Holmes and see the lovely display of handbags; extra values and marked very reasonable, they are. For the bridge players a complete score set in a leather case, attractive book-ends to keep the library table neat, odd pieces of china, bowls and vases. Leather-covef snapshot albums, stationery which will inspire correspondence, books for each member of the family. Really, you have no trouble selecting a suitable gift in this shop of beautiful things.

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A GIFT that will carry a real Christmas message from Rowland Hill's are comfy house slippers. Dainty colors for milady's boudoir. Rest slippers in soft leather for dad, cute little nursery slippers for the wee tot, with cunning pictures painted on the toes. You will find it quite easy to choose from this splendid display.

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AT five o'clock on Christmas Day any hostess would love to have a pretty new tea set to serve tea. If you see the special selections in design and quality at W. J. Wray & Co. you will agree with me and decide that they are just what you want to give Her.

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R. J. Young & Co. have new beaded handbags, miser or pouch shape, in amber, red, steel and black, from Czecho-Slovakia. A delightful gift for mother or sister.

AT the Little Green Art Shop I saw a wonderful copy of "Daybreak," by Maxfield Parrish, printed in 13 colors, direct from the original painting, and many other prints by this famous painter, any of which would make an appropriate gift for the home. Their Christmas card display is very fascinating, quite worth a trip to 737 Richmond street to see.

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COZY.

INDEED is a bed made up with these fluffy woolly blankets and comforters. The wind will whistle and shriek, and you still will be snug and warm. A pair for Christmas would make a wonderful gift.

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THE best Christmas gift of all. That is what she is bound to say when she sees her new fur coat hanging over the chair on Christmas morning. Beltz & Co. have very smart styles to choose from in beautifully-matched muskrat and seal, or maybe she would like a choker of fox or mink, gray squirrel or stone-marten. I was surpride at the reasonable prices these neckpieces were marked.

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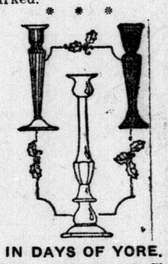

IN DAYS OF YORE.

A REAL old-fashioned Christmas was never celebrated without a good cheer of candle light. Willow Hall have these lovely candlesticks in brass, just the ideal gift for the someone you are wondering what to give. The last-minute shopper will find many beautiful articles in this select little shop on Clarence street.

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GIFT that will give all-year-round pleasure is cut glass from Cowan Hardware Co. A berry bowl, flower basket, or maybe a sugar and cream set is just what she wants.

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WHY not surprise mother with a set of new dishes for Christmas. She would love them, and the Thomas Furniture Co. have some wonderful values in English porcelain, and such dainty patterns to choose from.

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BABY'S stocking—Santa's first stop. Can't you just imagine how old Santa chuckles when he tucks one of those cunning rattles in baby's stocking, or perhaps a warm jacket, bootees or a bonnet, all afrill with dainty ribbons; a little knitted set. When you see the darling baby things in the McEwen Yarn Shop, well, you simply must have them for the new baby you know.

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A Merry Christmas

To All our Friends and Patrons Far and Near.

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BRITAIN'S PREMIER ACTOR

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AND HIS ALL ENGLISH COMPANY IN THE ROMANTIC DRAMA

"VIDOCQ"

(The French Detective)

In which the Celebrated Star Plays Six Characters.

"A Splendid Detective Story With Thrills and Excitement Galore."—Calgary Herald.

Prices: EVENINGS—50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00
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SEATS MONDAY—MAIL ORDERS NOW.

THREE DAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 3RD. MAT. SAT.

The Musical Comedy That Is Again Breaking All Records.

The MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS

CAST OF FORTY—PRODUCTION ALL NEW.

EVENING 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00; MATINEES, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50

Mail orders now if accompanied by check, express or money order. Seat sale opens Monday, Dec. 31.

Coming Monday Jan. 7 MAT EV'G

WILLIAM MORRIS *presents*

SIR HARRY LAUDER

—"EVER NEW"—

IN NEW SONGS AND OLD FAVORITES

COMPANY OF CLEVER ENTERTAINERS

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Prices: Nights, Ground Floor, $2 and $2.50; Balcony, $1.50, $2; 500 Gallery Seats, $1; Rush; Matinee: Ground Floor, $1.50; Balcony, 75c, $1, $1.50; 500 Gallery Seats, 50c, rush.

SEATS JAN. 3. Mail orders will be filled now if accompanied by check, express or money order, including tax.

Christmas Week Attractions

At London's Leading Dramatic, Vaudeville and Picture Houses

POPULAR REVUE COMES TO GRAND

Lew Talbot's Presentation of "Wine, Women and Song" Features Comedy.

Lew Talbot's presentation of "Wine, Woman and Song" next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Grand promises a show always popular on the Columbia "wheel" and, this year, made more attractive than ever by new scenery, costumes and mirthful scenes. Bert Bertrand, who is featured in Hebrew comedy, Harry S. LeVan, his first assistant, and Nate Busby, a black-face funster of droll manners, will carry the laugh-impelling incidents, while a bevy of attractive beauties, headed by Gertrude Ralston, Betty Burroughs and Viola Spaeth, will contribute the necessary elements of vivacity that make burlesque the favorite entertainment with the whole family.

Bert Bertrand wrote the book and Max Ferhmann supplied new music for "Wine, Woman and Song." Bertrand's style of Hebrew comedy has gained for him increasing popularity with the burlesque "fans" for the reason that his methods are original and his "Jew" a unique creation in stage business. Harry S. LeVan presents an eccentric style of comedy, featuring a routine of dancing steps that are said to be decidedly out of the ordinary. Nate Busby, Jimmie Walters and Otto Johnson are other men of versatile ways in entertaining.

But, after all, burlesque would be less attractive if mere man was in the ascendancy throughout the show, for beauty of female face and figure lends a charm that even good, hearty, clean comedy cannot entirely supplant. So it is that Gertrude Ralston, Betty Burroughs and Miss Spaeth, while they are attractive and talented principals, will be backed by a chorus of 20 singing and dancing girls to embellish the musical numbers.

Costuming of unique design, fabric of costly sheen, and style that will supply eye-filling pictures for spectators is depended upon to especially please the women patrons who now throng the daily matinees. Scenery in glittering profusion, stage pictures of pleasing brilliancy and arrays of sightly scenes will make "Wine, Woman and Song," according to advance promise, measure up with the most elaborate productions of the season. Crowded into two acts and eleven scenes will be twenty-one musical numbers and an appealing array of vaudeville specialties to vary the entertainment and fill the measure of snappy amusement to the brim.

Seats for all performances now. Christmas Day matinee seats are all reserved.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS —EXTRA TRAIN SERVICE ACCOUNT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

In order to accommodate the heavy travel on account of Christmas, the Canadian National Railways will operate the following extra train service:

December 22.

On the above date train No. 18, due to leave London for Dorchester, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Paris, Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto at 4:25 p.m., will be run in two sections, first section to leave London 4:10 p.m., and second section at usual time, 4:25 p.m.

December 22 and 24.

On the above dates train No. 172, due to leave oLndon for Owen Sound and intermediate stations at 4:40 p.m., will be run in two sections, first section to leave London 4:30 p.m., and second section at the usual time, 4:40 p.m.

December 22, 24 and 25.

On the above dates train No. 16, due to leave London for Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto at 7 p.m., will be run in two sections, first section to leave London 6:45 p.m., and second section at the usual time, 7 p.m. Passengers for Hamilton will take second section of this train.

Tickets, reservations and full information at City Ticket Office, "Clock Corner." R. E. Ruse, C. P. and T. A. Phone 80.—Advt. 33u

Home-made, but Has No Equal for Coughs

Makes a family supply of really dependable cough medicine. Easily prepared, and saves about $2.

If you have a severe cough or chest cold accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness, or difficult breathing, or if your child wakes up during the night with croup and you want quick help try this reliable old home-made cough remedy. Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex. Pour this into a 16-oz. bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup, if desired. This recipe makes 16 ounces of really remarkable cough remedy. It tastes good, and in spite of its low cost, it can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief.

You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that means business. It loosens and raises the phlegm, stops throat tickle and soothes and heals the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes with such promptness, ease and certainty that it is really astonishing.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is probably the best known means of overcoming severe coughs, throat and chest colds.

There are many worthless imitations of this mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

CHRISTMAS AND COMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE GRAND

At the Theatres

GRAND.

Twice Today—Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15 sharp. The distinguished English actor, Sir John Martin Harvey, supported by Miss N. De Silva and his own London company, presenting "Hamlet" at the matinee and "The Cigarette Maker's Romance" tonight.

Monday, Tuesday (Christmas Day) and Wednesday—Twice daily at 2:15 and 8:15—Lewis Talbot presents his big whirly girly musical riot, "Wine, Woman and Song," with funny Bert Bertrand and most charming and talented beauty chorus to be seen here this season.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Next—Evenings at 8:15; Saturday matinee, 2:15—Special return engagement of Britain's eminent actor, Bransby Williams, in the French drama, "Vidocq," in which the star portrays six characters.

Three Nights Commencing Thursday, Jan. 3, with Popular Saturday Matinee—Evenings at 8:15, Saturday matinee 2:15. Return of the big musical success, "The Maid of the Mountains." Cast of 40, with entire new production.

One Night Only, Monday, Jan. 7, with Special Popular Matinee 2:15—The peer of them all, Sir Harry Lauder, and his company of entertainers, Symphony Orchestra.

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Thursday Next—Vivacious Mae Murray in "Fashion Row." Comic. Loew Pictorial and supreme vaudeville.

MAJESTIC.

All Next Week, Matinees 2:15, Evenings 8:15—Rex Ingram's Metro masterpiece, "Scaramouche," with Alice Terry, Ramon Novarro and Lewis Stone.

DENFIELD

Special to The Advertiser.

Denfield, Dec. 21.—A large number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ferguson, when a very enjoyable time was spent in games, dancing and cards. Deep regret was expressed over the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and two sons, who recently sold their store in Mr. Freeborn, and intend moving to Harrietsville in the near future.

W. C. Rosser is installing new woodworking machinery in the rear of his garage.

Hugh Bowman, an old resident of the village, is spending the winter in California, and has completed his cottage, which he has been erected on the beach at Los Angeles.

Thomas Rosser has purchased and forwarded another car of wheat to the Shredded Wheat Company of Niagara Falls, Ont. Price paid for it was 97 cents. He intends to close up the elevator for the winter.

CAYUGA

Special to The Advertiser.

Cayuga, Dec. 21.—O. Duff of St. Thomas, who has recently been appointed trainmaster of St. Thomas Division of the Wabash Railroad, is a son of Principal Duff of the Cayuga Public Schools.

The Christmas market held on Tuesday afternoon was an unqualified success. Fowl and products were decidedly above the average quality and prices were good. A large crowd was in attendance, the town being thronged throughout the day.

The Christmas entertainment of St. John's Church was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening, and was a most successful and enjoyable affair. The pupils were served a tempting tea and afterwards rendered a good program and received a number of useful and valuable gifts.

Knox Church Christmas tree and Sunday School entertainment took place on Wednesday night in the schoolroom and was well attended and enjoyed. The children had a good tea and the program they afterwards gave delighted the audience.

BRANSBY WILLIAMS RETURNS TO GRAND

Great Actor With Splendid Company Will Present "Vidocq."

Thursday next at the Grand Opera House the attraction will be a romantic French drama presented by Bransby Williams and his all-English company, who have just returned from the coast, where the play was received with great enthusiasm by large audiences.

"Vidocq" is founded on the life of the French detective of that same name and before he became famous. He appears as a young sea captain in love with the daughter of an old aristocrat, the Vicomte de Bernal. The period and action of the play takes place in Paris in the early part of the 19th century during the consulate of Napoleon and the first empire. The times are unsettled and ruffianism often rampant. Vidocq is arrested on suspicion of murder and sent to the galleys. Making his escape, he finds that he was allowed to do so by the Paris police, who suspect him to be a member of a notorious criminal society then prominent and whom the police are unable to trace. Vidocq really knows nothing about them, but is given two weeks to find them and exonerate himself of the murder charge. He disguises himself first as a ragpicker, then as an aristocrat, an old hag, a drunken sailor, a dumb man, and finally as the leader of the criminals himself. His disguises are so rapid that it is difficult for the audience to detect which is Vidocq or people in the scene. The drama abounds with hairbreadth escapes and thrills of excitement. Bransby Williams plays six different characters as Vidocq, necessitating a change of costume fifteen times. Leslie Barrie, who played the part of David Copperfield when that play was recently presented here, is now the leader of the criminals and the villain of the piece. Eric Bransby Williams is chief of police, with Fred Forrest as his secretary. Little Emily, in the person of Nina Gerrard, is the heroine while the old Mrs. Gummidge, Madeleine Temple, has the undesirable position of mistress to the leading gangster.

There will be the usual matinee on Saturday. The seat sale opens on Monday next, at 9 a.m. Mail orders now if accompanied by check, express or money order, including tax.

FLORENCE

Special to The Advertiser.

Florence, Dec. 21.—On Tuesday evening a large number of neighbors and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dawson, ex-reeve of Dawn, and presented them with two upholstered chairs and an address. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are moving to Florence.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laird of Florence, aged 84 and 80 years respectively, celebrated their 60th wedding day with a dinner. Mrs. W. P. Forshee, their only child, together with her husband and family, and other guests, numbering about twelve, were present. The event was quiet but pleasant. On their 50th wedding they took a trip to Mrs. Laird's old home at Urbana, and spent a short time there.

On Friday night, Dec. 14, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ralph, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Spearman (nee Miss Regina Ralph), who arrived here from Ottawa and Montreal for a few days on their honeymoon trip, prior to going to Palmer, Sask., this week to live.

The quarterly tea given by the Ladies' Aid in the Methodist Church parlors was a success.

Teh Methodist Sunday school of the Croton Jubilee Church held their annual Christmas concert last evening. The program was given by the school.

GREAT PLAY COMES TO LONDON AGAIN

Maid of Mountains Will Appear At Grand January 3, 4, 5.

When the "Maid of the Mountains" plays here January 3, 4 and 5, included in the cast of forty well-known musical comedy favorites is Walter Greaza, a Canadian boy, born in Kingston, and who after graduating from college felt the call of the stage and has to his credit leading roles in some of the biggest musical comedy successes of the past few years, among them being "Gay Young Bride" "Gypsy Trail," and last season played juvenile lead to May Robson in "Mother's Million in Canada."

Mr. Greaza plays the role of Baldasarre, the brigand chief, and all acknowledge him to be the best Baldasarre ever seen in the role, not excluding the original London or New York company. It is just such artists as Mr. Greaza that are responsible for the Maid of the Mountains being the sensational success that it is. Mr. Stanley T. Vermilyea, the well-known composer and producer, who is bringing this latest Maid production to us has secured a cast of forty musical comedy artists of the first degree and this combined with the beautiful and charming melodies with which this musical play abounds and the new production with all new costumes and lighting effects make it what is generally known as the "Musical Comedy Sensation of the World." Mail orders now if accompanied by check, express or money order, including tax. Seat sale Monday, December 31.

SIR HARRY LAUDER TO VISIT LONDON

Great Comedian Will Appear At Grand Theatre On January 7.

The preliminary interest that has been aroused by the announcement that Sir Harry Lauder, the famous singing comedian, and his company of entertainers, are to appear at the Grand, Monday, January 7, matinee and evening, is not surprising. Lauder is one of the world's most interesting personalities. He is not only an artist to his finger tips, but he is also an individual whom the great of the earth love to honor. In England he is the friend of royalty and the nobility; in the United States he has been a guest at the White House, and has been honored by many of the country's most representative organizations. He is thoroughly democratic—a man of the peopl, despite the fact that he has received the accolade of knighthood—and his millions of friends and admirers include rich and poor alike.

Lauder's confessed mission in life—and his remarkable career proves the truth of it—is to radiate sunshine through the medium of his homely songs and lilting melodies. That his mission has been successful is attested by the fact that his public has grown year by year until the theatres where he sings are rarely large enough to hold the crowds that want to hear him.

One of Lauder's latest songs breathes the spirit of his entire philosophy. It is called "Singing Is the Thing to Make You Cheery," and those who have heard it declare that among all Lauder's cheery songs this is the cheeriest. Another new song which is said to make the smiles race over the face of the most phlegmatic is a descriptive melody of the singer's own little corner of Scotland. It is called "Bella the Belle o' Dunoon," and its title suggests the individuality and merry lilt that is characteristic of all Lauder's comedy songs.

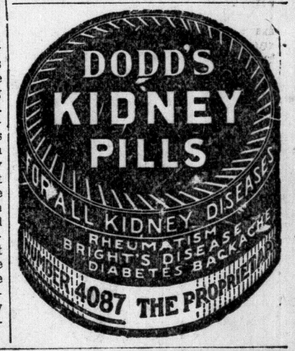
There is a universal desire to see—and hear—Lauder. No artist is more sought after; and the fact that he is coming to this city meets with popular approval.

Mail orders now, accompanied by check, express or money order including tax. Seats Thursday, Jan. 3.

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A freight train proceeding westward from this city over the rails of the C. N. R. was derailed about six miles from Montreal at Dominion this morning. Details of the accident are lacking.



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MANY WILL SEE "SCARAMOUCHE"

Advance Sale For Great Picture Shows Keen Interest Shown.

The advance sale of tickets for the engagement of Rex Ingram's "Scaramouche," Metro's mammoth masterpiece, which will be seen at the Majestic Theatre all next week, starting Monday evening, with daily matinees thereafter at 2:15, gives evidence that the amusement seekers of London are prone to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity given them to witness this pinnacle of the silver screen at the same time it is being shown in New York, Chicago, and the largest cities of the United States, instead of waiting for a year or more before the film is released in the general program.

"Scaramouche" has undoubtedly established Rex Ingram as the master mind of cinema producers, inasmuch as he has not only reached new heights in dramatic art in his staging of Rafael Sabatini's famous story, but has had the astuteness and good fortune to offer it with an absolutely flawless cast, and this in itself is a wonderful achievement, when it is considered that the cast of principals numbers thirty, and ten thousand extras were employed in the making.

It required six months of research work before the first setting of "Scaramouche" was started. A complete staff of native Frenchmen and historians was maintained throughout the term of production. Neither pains nor expense were spared to make even the tiniest detail accurate.

In re-creating the numerous historical scenes and characters in the story, personal assistance was received from the Carnavalet Museum in Paris; from Mme. Tussaud's Museum in London; from Rafael Sabatini, the author, himself an historian; from Vincent Danton, a great-grandson of Danton, and from various other authoritative sources. Copies of the death masks of Danton, Robespierre, King Louis XVI., Queen Marie Antoinette and Marat were obtained.

Rare volumes of French history were imported from France. Photographs of rare portraits were secured. The actual tricolor rosette which Danton handed down to his wife as he was led to the guillotine is worn by George Siegmann in his characterization in the picture. It was voluntarily offered to Mr. Ingram by Vincent J. Danton, of Boston, a great-grandson of the famous historical figure, when he heard that Mr. Ingram was to make a picturization of "Scaramouche."

These and many similar incidents reveal why "Scaramouche" is called the greatest motion picture offering yet presented to any public.

All seats are reserved and sold in advance.

GEORGE SIEGMAN,

who will be seen in the character of Georges Jacques Danton in Rex Ingram's "Scaramouche," Metro's mammoth masterpiece, which will be seen at the Majestic all next week, starting Monday evening, with daily matinees thereafter at 2:15, all seats being reserved and sold in advance.

DIRECTING MOB PLEASES INGRAM

Tells of Study of Psychology in Order To Produce "Scaramouche."

Directing a mob is more interesting than directing an individual player, is a sidelight reflection that Rex Ingram has made in regard to his Metro production of "Scaramouche" which comes to the Majestic, Monday evening, December 24th, 1923.

"The Mob," he declares, "is in itself a character so powerful, yet so subtle, that it can dominate some of the biggest moments the screen knows. Yet the treatment of a mob can never be too subtle, its reactions must all be gauged by the most elemental emotions. It must be either gay, serious, noisy, excited or silent. Its movement must always be consistent with those principles of mob psychology which recently have been outlined by scientists.

"Before I began my work on 'Scaramouche' I spent a great deal of time reading Rosa's book, 'Social Psychology,' and in developing the picture I found I could apply many of his principles about mob behaving.

"My greatest difficulty came in my effort to accentuate mob effects. To accomplish this I selected certain players who took places in the foreground and did special things. I found that though individual work of this sort was highly impressive, it soon tended to weaken the mob effect, for as soon as an audience became interested in a single individual of the mob it lost interest in the more important activity of the mob as a whole.

"My most interesting scenes, I believe, include the procession of the people of Paris, and the riot scenes."

"Scaramouche" is declared the picture of the year!

GREAT VIOLINIST COMES TO LONDON

Mischa Elman Returns, Continues To Gain in Prominence.

The Elman recital, which is to take place at the Patricia Theatre on Jan. 3rd, is certain to draw a large audience. This artist has steadily risen in the estimation of the musical authorities, many of whom look upon him as the greatest of the younger generation of violinists.

Elman is a ntive of Talnoje, Russia, and is now 31 years old. He first showed signs of extraordinary musical gifts at the age of 4 when he astonished his parents by playing a number of melodies on the violin. His father, who was a violinist, at once began to teach him. Eight years later he made his Berlin debut, playing the Tschaikowsky Concerto. His success was immediate and established his European reputation.

BEAUTIFUL ALICE TERRY,

who will be seen in the leading role in Rex Ingram's "Scaramouche," Metro's mammoth masterpiece, which will be seen all next week at the Majestic, starting Monday evening, with daily matinees thereafter at 2:15, all seats being reserved.

WILL RETIRE FROM COUNCIL.

Special to The Advertiser.

Dutton, Dec. 21.—William Patton, who for the past five years has served as reeve here, has announced that he will not be a candidate in the coming election. Councillors J. R. Gow and George Braddon will also retire.

TURIN

Special to The Advertiser.

Turin, Dec. 21.—The Women's Missionary Society held their annual meeting on Monday for the election of officers and other business. Mrs. James Richardson took the topic for the day.

James E. Gladstone, who attended the U. F. O. convention in Toronto last week, returned home on Saturday.

James and Charlie Richardson, Mrs. Alex and Mrs. William Richardson, attended the funeral of the late Herb. Richardson at Strathroy last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Secord were visitors at Turin on Sunday.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1923.

Christmas, 1923.

Christmas, 1923. Only a day or so and it will be here. We look back to the first Christmas, and we look forward to the one that will be here on Tuesday.

The Christ Child had barely made his appearance on this earth before an effort was made by the ruling powers to lay hold on him. Had it been humanly possible to do so the Child would have been done to death then as the man was some thirty-odd years after.

Christ brought a new and a strange message; he had the divine courage to stand forth and say that the old rule of any eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was wrong; he substituted for that old rule of unbending justice a new law that told men to love those that hated them.

Christmas, 1923. France hates Germany. Germany hates France. Russia plots to send her emissaries into the world to bring about the overthrow of governments.

Makers of armament and munitions of war seek to set nation up against nation. They glory in wars that kill our men and ruin our homes because in these things they see great profits piling up to their account.

We find men—to narrow the circle—in our communities who do not speak to other men. Something has been said, something has been done, and the same old human nature has sought out its eye for an eye and its tooth for a tooth. Love them that hate you—no, we won't do that. We sit and we plan, and we nurse our enmity and gloat over the possible approach of the day when we will with one deft stroke square that debt and show the other fellow that we are not to be trifled with.

Christmas, 1923. Men in business wondering how they are going to hold out under the fierce competition that others are pressing upon them. Eliminate your competitor and have the field to yourself. Men working for a small wage, and wondering and figuring how they are going to deal fairly with the families intrusted to their care. They see around them evidences of wealth piled high here and obliterated there. To the strong goes the race and to the victors are divided the spoils.

Christmas, 1923. We find serious, thoughtful men and women asking what is the matter, and what is the solution and the cure for it all. God knows we have tried many things. We have educated, we have trained, we have used legislation, we have uplifted, we have reasoned, we have regulated and we have ended up in war.

And all the time the remedy has been right at our elbows. It has been too simple apparently, or we have been too self-sufficient to reach over and take it. We have subscribed to high-sounding creeds, and we have been adept beyond words in repeating virtuous phrases. Yet, with it all, have we ever, as a people, as individuals given the plain, sincere teachings of the Nazarene a real chance to spread out and become the guiding motive in our existence as men or as nations?

Christmas, 1923. God give us love that is greater and more wonderful than hate; give us charity that obliterates selfishness and opens our eyes to the burdens that are heavier than our fellows can bear; give us a vision of the compassion that sent the Christ Child down to this earth. Give us these things in large measure, and with it grant a receptive and a humble heart to learn these great lessons. Without them we must stumble along—with them we may start to live.

A Merry Squabble.

The New York courts have a fine squabble in the array of luxurious men and women and pampered children who are wrangling over the estate of Jay Gould.

He made millions, many of them. These millions have paid returns to the heirs in the shape of many more millions, but there has been no satisfaction. Those who get a million out of it can apparently see no reason why it should not have been two millions.

Eight sacks of documents have been brought to court. Lawyers are there in abundance, their reaping hooks in hand, all ready for the harvest.

Jay Gould made his money fast. In Wall street he was a wrecker. He knocked other men down, ruined their securities, and then bought them under his own hammer at his own price.

He gathered in dollars, piled them up, then got more. The more he had the more he wanted, and the Gould squabblers of today are cutting their garments from the same sort of cloth.

The Police Commission.

Another attempt will be made to bring municipal representatives together in an effort to have the police commission made an elective body.

When the matter was up last year The Advertiser stated it could see no reason for changing the system, and nothing has transpired since to alter that opinion.

The mayor is a member of the police commission, and he is elected; the magistrate represents the provincial government, and the county judge brings to the body his experience and sense of justice.

The elective system is reaching over into United States for our municipical laws, and they can teach us nothing. With the present system we have the control of the police in safe hands, separate from local political issues.

No good reason has been advanced why we should make the change.

Running a Furnace.

A London coal dealer says he doubts if a man running a furnace or hot water system is saving much coal in this mild weather.

The numerous company of domestic stokers will rise up and say aye, aye, brother, for once you have uttered a great truth.

That slow fire. You gaze at the thing and wonder if its name is Dennis. A few coals look as though a draft might fan them to the enthusiastic stage of giving off heat, so more coal goes on, the thing is rattled in front, drafts open. One half-hour later the thing smells upstairs; you amble down and the thing is roaring away like a blast furnace. More coal goes on, the drafts are closed and the doors and windows opened to let the heat out.

Keeping warm in warm weather is quite a trick.

What Canada Needs.

Net earnings of the National Railways for the 11 months of this year show an increase of $10,830,487 over last year, being an increase of 188 per cent.

That is a definite lead in a definite direction.

It is the result of real railroading as compared with political interference and lobbying at the parliaments for loans and favors.

The road is more than paying its own operating expenses, and has made a start toward caring for its own fixed charges.

It is a positive accomplishment, and the best Christmas box that Sir Henry Thornton could give the Canadian taxpayers.

They Shall Not Vote.

Blenheim Town Council had an interesting session to argue the point of renting or refusing to rent the town hall for a period of five years.

Previous to the meeting it was considered likely that the ratepayers would vote on the matter, but one of those snap verdicts that so often find their way into council meetings was taken and the council took on itself the right to decide that it would not rent the place.

Councils in London, Blenheim and many other places have a fine faculty for taking many a voting thrill from the ratepayers.

Note and Comment.

Now whatever you do, don't let your cotton batten whiskers get on fire.

Now don't worry about how Santa Claus is going to get down the chimney. He's done it before and he can do it again.

Utilities commission will send out bills every two months. That Scotchman, Buchanan, has probably figured out that the postage saved will be greater than the interest lost.

An alleged holdup man with four charges against him was given bail on $200,000 in Montreal. Why should there be any bail given at all in such a case?

A Chatham foreigner stole chickens and proceeded to boil them without taking off the feathers or dressing them. He was arrested. The arrest should not have taken place until he had eaten them.

The provincial minister of roads is after the extra heavy trucks, and may place an extra tax on them. The greatest injury done to the country roads is in the spring when the frost is coming out. It takes weeks to out them in shape after the bottom has been torn up by these heavy trucks churning through.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

EVERYDAY FAITH.

Now faith is . . . a conviction of things not seen.—Heb. 11:1. (R. V.)

Faith is not a strange and far-away thing which can only be explained to us by a revelation.

It is a principle of common life.

We exercise it every day.

It is simply the confidence in something which is invisible; as the Apostle says, "it is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Every time you receive the testimony of your fellow men, every time you trust in the qualities of their character which are beyond the reach of your vision, every time you rely upon a law of logic in an argument, upon a law of nature in your action, upon a law of morality in your conduct, you exercise faith.

It is the condition of reason, of activity, of human society.

"All politics and societies," says a wise observer, "have come into existence through the trust of men in each other," and, we may add, through their trust in unseen principles of equity, and in future results of prudence, and in One higher than themselves whom they could neither see nor name.

Take away confidence in the invisible, and the whole fabric decays, crumbles, and falls in ruin.

Thus, even from the human point of view, faith is necessary. But from the divine point of view, it must appear infinitely more essential.

For God made man to find his way through the world by trusting something which he cannot see—just as Columbus found America.

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THE MAN PHILIP SNOWDEN

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Seeing in your issue of The Advertiser of the 19th inst. a picture of Philip Snowden reminded of a promise I made you, Mr. Editor, some time ago, to give you an insight into his character, obtained while I was working with him on a Labor paper which he was editing.

My duties led me to spend much time every day in his home, thefeby becoming acquainted with his private character. His mother is indelibly fixed in my mind, and whom I greatly admired for she was one of the finest and best mothers England ever produced. It was a real inspiration to see the affection between mother and son.

She spoke the dialect of the district and Philip always did the same when conversing together. Philip was at one time engaged in the excise department of the civil service, his work taking him to different parts of the country. He did these journeys mostly on his bicycle, and becoming overheated and then cooling off too quickly caused an injury to his spine from which he still suffers, being compelled to use a walking cane.

It may be interesting to yourself and to your readers to hear how Snowden became interested in the Socialist movement, as told me by his mother. He was then living in a long straggling village on the borders of the counties of Yorkshire and Lancashire. It seems a number of young men, members of the Liberal Club, had become infected with Socialist principles, so Snowden was asked to speak against socialism. He began to read and study the question and when the time came to deliver his speech he blessed instead of cursed. Of course, this caused a certain amount of bad feeling and as Philip was then conducting a Bible class of about a hundred young men in the Sunday school of the Methodist church, it became a question of his giving this up or some of the leading members leaving the church.

Philip resigned and immediately a deputation of the young men asked him to continue the class on a week night in the Foresters' Hall. This he consented to do. In consequence of his ailment I persuaded him to come to the city infirmary where I lived to see if anything could be done for him. Apparently nothing could be done. Snowden has remarkable abilities and a wonderful retentive memory. His speeches carry conviction to his listeners of his intense earnestness and honesty. His character is above suspicion. His audience hardly ever dwindled till his last word was spoken.

In his visits to the city where I resided I always attended him going from place to place. He once told me his mother said I always feel satisfied when going to L—— because I know S—— will look well after him.

Several little domestic incidents come into my mind that occurred during the time I spent in his home. It was always an inspiration to see the strong attachment between mother and son. On one occasion Philip's mother said to him: "Philip, we never have such times now as we used to have when we went to chapel together." Philip said: "No, mother, we don't; didn't I used to sing 'Jesus Lover of My Soul' and 'Work For the Night Is Coming,' didn't I used to give it 'gyp,' mother?" Philip came over and sat on the opposite side of the hearth to myself, his mother settling herself down on the hearth rug and they both sang again the old songs.

Philip Snowden's character is shown in his dealings with the small things as well as in the big things. I remember his speech in the House of Commons on the budget brought in by the then chancellor of the exchequer, soon after his first election to the house. He received congratulations from both sides of the house.

An incident comes also to my mind. He had been announced to speak in the open air in one of the parks in the city, and just as the meeting was about to commence the rain came on and the meeting was abandoned. Snowden was conveyed to the railway station in a pony phaeton, and before alighting his fee and expenses was placed on the seat beside him. He refused to take more than his third-class railway fare. He was pressed to take the full amount, which he positively refused to do, ultimately stating that on reaching home his mother would ask him what sort of a meeting he had, and if he told her there had not been one in consequence of rain, she would say, "And did tha take the fee," and if I had done I should have had to return it right away.

Some few years ago I met Ramsay Macdonald in Toronto, and I may say that if he should be called upon to form a government at the present time Snowden would certainly be included. In my opinion he would make an excellent home secretary or even chancellor of the exchequer.

GEORGE SMITH.
Talbot street, London.

To the Editor

From Ald. Wilson

Retiring Member for Ward 2 Has Some Comments to Make About the 1923 City Council.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I have been reading that Mayor Wenige will not allow any money expenditure to go into the city of London bill for 1924. Probably he is going to adopt the pay-as-you-go policy that he made so much about in 1923. Among things not provided in the estimates is $4,500 for advertising the Western Fair; $2,000 for the Old Home Week, making $6,500; city hall plans and prizes, ordered by Mayor Wenige and his followers, and paid for by the ratepayers, $5,493.28 for that. All the city has is a plan that is said to look like a city hall, but that looks like a barracks. There will be an overdraft of $20,000, unless we get the taxes from the annexed area, and I don't think we will. There were five aldermen who fought all the way through to prevent this unlawful expenditure on the city hall plans. We were beaten, but we got the people to vote yes or no on the question of building on the McCormick site, and they told what they wanted, and it showed that the minority in the 1923 council was right, and that the mayor and his followers were wrong.

Now, for some of the rulings of Mayor Wenige. The procedure bylaw cuts no figure with him. On the 5th days of February a resolution was passed that no action be taken this year on building a city hall, because it would mean issuing debentures and increasing the debt of the city. That resolution stands good to this day, and will stand good until it is rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the council. For that reason every step made in regard to a city hall was unlawful and illegal. This was the statement I made to the mayor the night he ruled me out of the chair.

Another statement made by the mayor was that no resolution was carried by the finance committee that the Bennett salary was to be $3,000. I immediately rose and told him that what he was stating was untrue, and that I was in the chair the night of the finance committee meeting. Ald. Greer, Drake and myself voted for it. I declared it carried, and it was recorded in the minutes of the committee. I defy the mayor today to deny it. This made him angry, and he ruled me out of the chair. I never in all my years in council saw the rules of procedure so violated as they were by Mayor Wenige. It was a go-as-you-please council all the time.

Clause 22 of the procedure bylaw says that no member can speak more than once to the main question without leave of the council, but in the 1923 council you can speak as long as you wish and as often as you like. In fact, Ald. Watt tallied Ald. Burdick 17 times, and I counted him 14 times, and then got tired. Ald. Douglass gets second place for talking after Ald. Burdick.

Clause 33 of the bylaws says that after a motion is made it shall be deemed to be in possession of the council, but may be withdrawn with consent of council. This never happens if it does not suit the mayor; he ruled me out of order when I brought in a resolution about the customs building for a city hall. The mayor has discriminated against me all year. I was a member of the traffic committee, and the chairman of it. Ald. Burdick was chairman of the special building committee, so we were in the same position.

The mayor would not let me read the report of my committee, but allowed Ald. Burdick to read his report, because it suited his purpose. I have never been refused before in thirteen councils when I had a report to read.

Clause 12 says that when the mayor or presiding officer is called upon to give a ruling he shall do so without unnecessary comment, and the mayor shall state the rule applicable to the case. This has not been done. It is essential that a mayor shall know the rules of council and shall follow them, but Mayor Wenige makes rules for himself as he goes on.

I am not disappointed at being defeated, but I did regret the smallness of the vote given me in some sections where I have given years of faithful service. I had no organization working for me; I issued no bills and made no promises. I left it to the will of the voters, and I accept their verdict. I think London West has a good man in Ald. Harry Bottrill, and I will help him all I can. I wish all my friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Sincerely yours,

W. A. WILSON.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Walkerton, Dec. 21.—The annual Christmas fair was held here today and was a decided success. The entries in the various classes were fairly well filled. The showing of horses and cattle was especially good. There was a splendid exhibit of dressed fowl, which were quickly sold, geese going at 22 cents and turkeys at 25 cents per pound.

DENNY BROOKS

A STORY OF COURAGE.

By ELENORE MEHERIN.

CHAPTER I.
News of Violet.

"Where's Denny? Where did he go?" Lizzie, with the box tucked under her elbow, sent the sharp, small eyes darting over the amphitheater. "I'm sure it's nice in him not to wait, and we came all the way over to see him!"

"He had to go, Lizzie. They have to be in the glade at noon. Why, he was so excited he didn't say anything. I didn't tell him you were here."

Lizzie moved her head in a hurt manner from side to side.

"And I've just put up the loveliest lunch, Katy. I thought we'd all go up to the hills and have a little picnic. And I'm sure Denny would have enjoyed that."

"Oh, he would have just loved it, Lizzie!" Katy raised her program quickly, shaded the laughter in her eyes. "He'll be orful sorry to miss it."

"You have a lawn where you are, haven't you?" Lizzie asked curiously. "I've meant to come over, but it's so hard with the baby. I suppose we might go down there."

"Why, of course!" the hospitable Katy answered, but she thought, "Now everything is spoiled! They'll stay all afternoon. They'll be there when Denny comes back, and I know he was going to take me for a walk."

Martha came up and whispered: "Wouldn't you let me wheel you, Katy? I saw Denny, but he didn't see me. Mamma saw him, too!"

Katy had prepared a lunch for three. She wasn't sure that it would stretch out for six, but once they were at the barn she grew lighthearted, eager to hear the comments Lizzie would make when she saw that joyous room of theirs.

Sun swept in a golden stream across the falls, making big splashes of color on the quaint grandmother rugs, the lanterns, the deep blue chairs.

"My," Aunt Josie said, her hands clasped tightly, "is this place all yours, Katy?"

"Mine and Denny's and Stephen's."

"Well, ain't you fixed up fine, though!"

Lizzie spied the mandarin skirt, the pine cones in the fireplace, the big sofa.

"A piano!" she gasped. "You have a piano!" Her tone was almost indignant.

"Yes, Lizzie, a piano, and it plays," Katy piped as though she were but twelve and Lizzie still jealous because Katy was to lead the flower fairies. "After a while I'll give a concert."

"Oh," Lizzie laughed, "I wonder where you'd learn how to play."

"Indeed our Katy can play," Mr. Traynor championed. "And it's she that can sing, ain't it, Nora? I'll add to the tune myself if ye like."

Old Lady Traynor was bustling around, putting the kettle on the gas, shoving chairs to the table. Aunt Josie sat on the edge of the sofa looking about in bewilderment.

"Now, don't mind fixing up things, Katy—we'll just have what Lizzie's brought in the box."

But Katy was in the kitchen pulling down lettuce, tomatoes from the cooler and Mrs. Traynor cut the bread, opened cans of beans, sliced some corned beef. Lizzie stood in the doorway.

"If I had an apron, Katy, I could help. I don't want to spot my new skirt. Oh, you're throwing too much of that lettuce away. We don't need so much to eat. I'm sure I've brought sandwiches enough for four. Oh, you're terribly extravagant, Katy."

"Yes, Lizzie—I just love to be extravagant! That's the way we keep house. Now—everything is ready. Table all set, Martha?"

"I'm sure I brought my own lunch, Katy." Lizzie opened the box. She had a dozen bologna sandwiches—no butter on the bread. The hot sun had dried them and the crusts curled back. Lizzie passed them. No one accepted.

"Save them, Lizzie, and you can eat them on the way home—because we have enough here."

Katy was busy passing salad, cold meat, asking Mrs. Traynor to bring the tea, the cake. Lizzie's eyes wandered greedily about the room.

"I'm sure it's real nice here, Katy. I'm sure I can't imagine how you could have such a place and Denny not making any money."

"Didn't you know we were rich, Lizzie?" Katy laughed. "Denny earns more than we spend. We even think about taking a trip to Europe, don't we, Mr. Traynor? We've talked about going to Alaska and Egypt. You know, engineers travel."

"I suppose Denny'll get pretty stuck up."

"Denny's a good boy," Aunt Josie interrupted. "Gawd knows where you'd find a better. He's the one that deserves all that he's got. Gawd knows I've said many a prayer for him."

"Lord, love the lad!" Mrs. Traynor answered cheerily, clearing away the dishes. "Now just you have a little chat with young aunt, Katy. I'll have these done in a jiffy."

In a few minutes she was back: "Well, this was a great day, Katy. You and Denny must come over some Sunday night and it will be like old times." She was putting on the black bonnet, slipped a small box into Katy's hand. "That's for our Denny."

"And ye didn't sing the song for us, Katy. Now Lizzie'll be thinking ye can't. Give her a tune. Do!" The old man whispered, a facetious wink lighting the jolly red face. They went out—arm in arm—two roly-polys.

"Now we can talk!" Lizzie declared emphatically. "I thought they'd never go!"

"They were invited to stay," Katy flushed. "Why, they're our best friends, Lizzie."

"Well, of course, Katy, if you feel like that, I'm sorry. I thought you'd want a visit with me and you haven't asked me once about the baby and I didn't have a chance to tell you that Emmet is getting $100 a month now and he's going right up and I'm sure you'd be mighty hurt and think I was mean if I didn't ask all about how you got this place and you haven't even showed me your bedroom!"

In the midst of Lizzie's injured plaint Denny, whistling softly, pushed the door. Katy caught the blank astonishment in his brisk "Hello! Well!" Then he was kissing Aunt Josie and she was saying, "I'm glad, Denny," and patting his hand.

"I'm so disappointed, Denny," Lizzie offered graciously, "for I brought a lunch and thought we could have a picnic in the hills."

Denny chuckled. "Gee, Lizzie—well, now, that's too bad! And how's the son and heir? Why didn't you bring him over to see his cousin graduated?"

"Oh, you think you're smart, Mr. Denny."

"Is he as pretty as he was, Lizzie?" "You did think he was cute, didn't you? He's the image of Katy—her eyes, her hair."

Denny, standing behind Katy's chair, grinned. "I thought he had a head like Emmet's."

Katy frowned, but Lizzie smiled complacently. "Well—of course, he has Emmet's good points."

"Yes, he has his points all right. That's natural enough."

Martha sat on the sofa, an ungainly, quiet girl, like her mother. She was looking over a kodak album. "Oh, here's a picture of Violet, mama, isn't it? Oh, I remember just how she looked."

Aunt Josie glanced at the picture, picked up the book and stared at it, slow tears gathering in her eyes.

"Yes, that's your sister Violet. That's just the way she was."

"Why don't we ever see her, mamma?"

"She's gone away, dear. She's working."

"I know she's gone. I remember when she left. You keep saying that she's coming back, but she doesn't come."

"Gawd knows, I'm praying for it!" The tears dropped.

Lizzie sat upright, little eyes gleaming. "Now, you're going to cry, mama. I'm sure that's considerate in you, and you know what papa says—we're not to speak of her. Emmet says that, too!"

"Is that so, Lizzie Borley?" Denny's white teeth showed—the dignity of the morning was gone. "Well, this isn't papa's house, and it's not Emmet's. And Violet's name will be spoken here as long as there's a roof on the place!"

Lizzie's think skin flamed under the heavy powder. "It's just like you, Denny, to fight with me and what did I do? I only tried to avoid trouble. I'm sure that's all. And you wouldn't be so brave if you knew what I know, and I guess Violet Borley's not worth fighting about! She's too lazy even to work. She won't keep a job! That's what's become of her! Just going straight down and dragging the family's name in the gutter. Even borrowing money and not returning it. That's what she did! Borrowed $2 from Sadie Foley and never paid it back!"

Aunt Josie's face was a broad, anguished stare. "Lizzie, Lizzie, what are you saying? Is this true? Oh, my Gawd!"

"Well, I guess I don't tell lies, mama. You ought to know that."

"Why didn't you tell me before?" Aunt Josie pressed her hands to her month.

"Yes, and have you crying and saying I was to blame. As if I could help it if she wanted to degrade herself!"

"Gee, Liz"—Katy heard the hard breath—"this is news. When did this happen?"

"Yes. Well, it happened months ago and I guess she's not worth much now. So I guess you won't be so glad to shout about her, Denny Brooks!"

"Well—Sadie knows where she is, Lizzie? Where's Vee now?"

"Very likely Sadie knows. Guess Miss Violet'll keep out of her way owing her two dollars! I guess Sadie tried to find her and the landlady said she was put out of the house with her rent unpaid. That's what Violet Borley's come to!"

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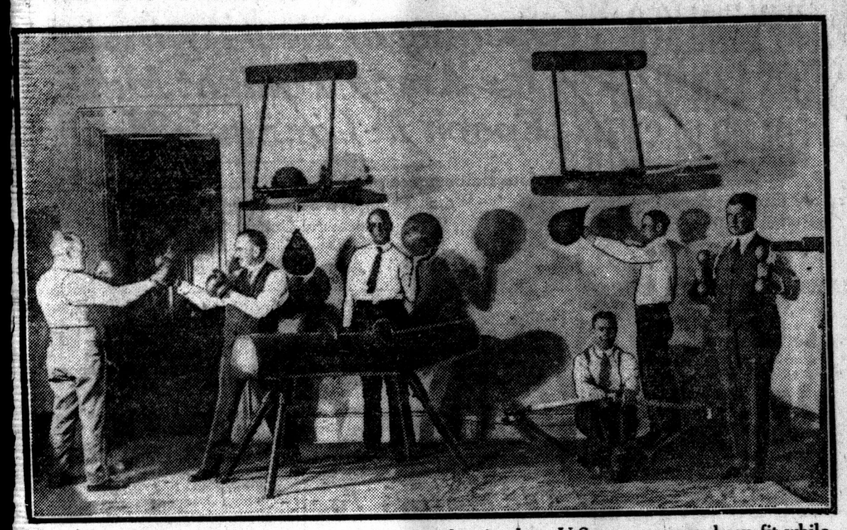
THE LOVE THAT NEVER DIES ~

LIFE INSURANCE SERVICE

Women on Gridiron; Sleep and Lose Weight; Chase Bread Pedlar



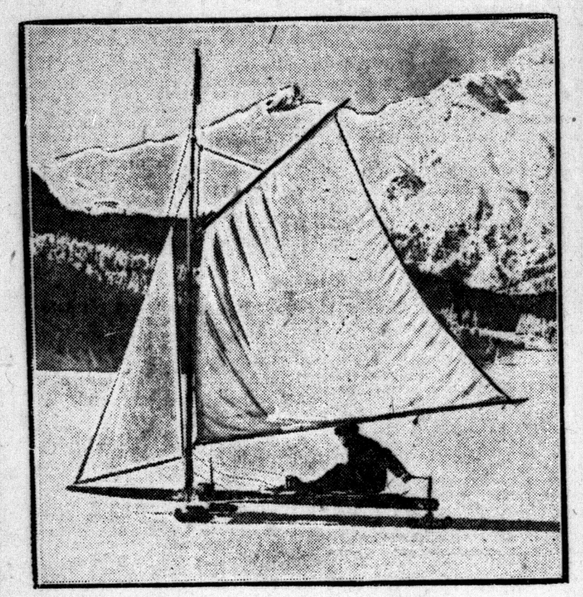
Here is a general view of the Capitol gymnasium showing how U.S. congressmen keep fit while attending the sessions of ccngress. Perhaps differences of opinion may be settled with the gloves

Gladys Cooper, England's most favorite and beautiful actress, now acting in "Peter Pan" in London, will soon arrive on this continent to take part in a production for her first time here

Here is a remarkable photograph of a "spill" during the steeplechasing at Gatwick. Mrs. C. Steven's "Red Indian" throws its jockey, Biswood, at the last hurdle

You lose weight when you sleep and here is a scale that can tell how much. Scientists may now determine the amount of perspiration a human being evaporates for any given time

Here's how a good cameraman does his hunting. The manipulator of the shutter in this instance "shot" this black bear "on the wing" in Jasper Park, Alberta



On the Alpine Lakes, near St. Moritz, in the Engadine, may be seen some high speed ice-boating. This sport is one of the leading activities. The boats can travel at a rate of 70 to 90 miles an hour

Not content with knocking out human beings, Jack Dempsey has tried his skill with wild beasts and has scored a high percentage in putting them down and out. He is shown in the mountain region of New Mexico

The little shepherdess of long ago sponsored a very similar type of frock to the one worn by this young lady. It is fashioned of vividly patterned Cinderella with inserted panel of embroidered organdie

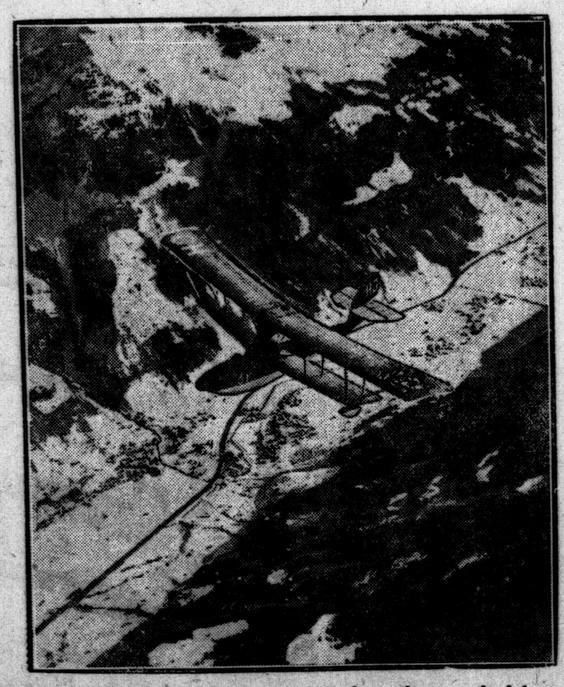
Each time the bread pedlar appears in the streets of Berlin he is besieged by a throng of the half starving populace eager to purchase, for any amount, the "staff of life"

Here is an incident during the match between Rosslyn Park (stripes) and London Welsh at the old Deer Park, Richmond. The London Welsh were beaten by 16-0.

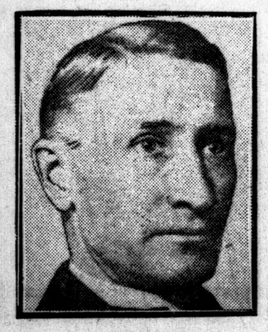
Look who's here! The girls' college football team of Doane College, Nebraska. The co-eds deny that they are a powder puff aggregation since they play under men's rules, pass, kick and skirt ends like gridiron veterans

This new bronze of Theodore Roosevelt will soon be shipped to the South American Museum. The sculptor, Salvator Ersney Florio, has also been commissioned to do busts of Adams, Monroe and Clay

Miss Sheila Locke, adopted daughter of W. J. Locke, noted British author, whose adoption by the novelist and his wife is said to have estranged her from her family and to have led to the girl's father committing suicide



This unusual photograph shows an airplane photographed from another, as they fly over the Swiss Alps. In the Linh Valley below are the winter resorts of Hatzingen and Oberblegisee



Rev. Lee W. Heaton, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas, is facing trial for heresy in denying the Virgin Birth of Christ

M. Pierre Wertheimer, owner of "Epinard", the crack French racehorse, is shown above with his wife on their arrival in America. The French sportsman is seeking a match race with "Zev"

Teams Jam Arena Ice In Work-Outs Before Tonight's Opener

Three Local Squads Do Turn On Ice; Kitchener's Crew Limbers Up For Tonight

Railbirds Will Get Another Chance To See Ice Action.

40 OUT YESTERDAY

Number of Candidates Available Exceeded Expectations Entirely.

The arena ice sheet was crowded all afternoon today, the Kitchener seniors staging a workout in the early part and the three local L. A. A. squads, men's and girls', working out from 2 o'clock to 4.

Over 40 candidates for the two men's squads turned out for the first workouts yesterday. They were on there in such bunches that the coaches had to do traffic duty to keep things from getting into a jam.

The railbirds had plenty to look over—those that were lucky enough to get in before the doors closed. Had the doors been open, the arena would have had its whole seating capacity tested out.

Coach Ferguson had the intermediates out first and the fans saw some earnest effort, even if it was a bit unpolished for the first time out. It was necessary to stop play at times and clear some of the candidates out so that everybody would get a chance to limber up.

Five were out for the intermediate goal-keeping job. Bev. Baker, last year's net minder; Herb Smith, Hynd, Jerry Goodman, and Tupholme, the junior guardian of last year, were the quintet and all had their eyes on the puck.

Former local men who were out were: R. McKay, A. McKay, Art Gillies, Burgess, Cooney, Dutch Logan, McIntyre, Pring, Kenny, Grainger and Pete McGeoch. Even Harry Leckie who used to do a smart turn of speed couldn't resist the chance to get on the new arena ice and he cavorted around with the intermediates.

Milton, a former Boston A. A. player, caught the eye of many of the railbirds. He's a short, stocky chap, but he seemed to be more at home on his skates than some of the rest. He checked well and proved a nice stick handler. Pierce, the Wainwright, Alta. man, and Summers, a big youngster from Fort Francis, both showed up well.

Roy McKay had his old poke check going good last night and though he made few trips down, he hooked the puck out of some budding combinations.

Barrett, Graham, Milne, Jack McKay, McMillan, formerly of Glencoe; Moore, formerly of Paris; Monahan from the northern wilds and Robinson, an Imperial Bank man who played with Toronto Canoe Club last year were some of the men Coach Laurie Gillies had to look over. All showe denough to justify their tryouts. Robinson because he came unexpectedly, struck some of the fans as an impressive performer. He's a big youth, and plays both defence and the wing. Monahan also looked very good.

Gillies will have to work fast on his squad, but expected, he said last night, to have them cut down by Tuesday.

Manager Dale has promised the teams one hour and 40 minutes of practice each day. This is going to give London teams a big advantage against the other teams in the group, who are still without a semblance of ice.

All next week the teams in the group and outside of it, are expected to be here daily for practices. Stratford Indians have asked for three nights each week until they enter their group games.

BRITISH GOLFERS IMPRESS IN APPEARANCE IN U. S.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—Leaving behind an impression that they are remarkably good golfers, Arthur Havers, British open champion, and Jimmy Ockenden, holder of the French open title, leave today for Pinehurst, N. C., to put in two days of practice before meeting Alex. Rose and Joe Capell in their first exhibition match on this side of the Atlantic.

Havers and Ockenden shook their sea legs yesterday in a practice journey over the championship course of the Westchester-Biltmore Club, being enabled to do everything except putt, as the permanent greens had been abandoned for the winter.

The British title-holder proved himself a remarkably long driver, getting 280 yards on his first shot off the tee after leaving ship.

VOWS HE WILL NEVER FIGHT AGAIN IN JERSEY

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21—Mickey Walker, recognized everywhere except in New York State as the welterweight boxing champion of the world, in starting for Canada, announced he never would ght again in his native state of New Jersey because of official treatment accorded him there.

FRENCH BANTAMWEIGHT PLANS TOUR OF STATES

Paris, Dec. 21.—Charles Ledoux, the French bantamweight, told a representative of L'Auto that, after meeting Euouard Mascart, the new European featherweight champion, he planned to sail for the United States, probably about April, where he knew several fights awaited him.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3
No. 1 for Bladder Catarrh. No. 2 for Blood & Skin Diseases. No. 3 for Chronic Weaknesses.
SOLD BY LEADING CHEMISTS. PRICE IN ENGLAND 3s.
DR LECLERC Med Co. Haverstock Rd., N W 3. London.
Sold by druggists or mail $1.50 from 11 Front St. East, Toronto, Ont. xt

NO ICE AVAILABLE AT MONTREAL ARENA

Pro. Game Called Off—Dandurand Announces New Men.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—There will be no National hockey league game between Canadiens and Ottawa at the Mount Royal arena tonight, the game having been postponed on account of the lack of ice. This is the second scheduled N. H. L. game locally that Montreal enthusiasts have missed, the Hamilton game last Wednesday having to be transferred to Hamilton.

In announcing the postponement of the struggle, Manager Dandurand stated that he had signed up Bill Cameron, of Buckingham. Cameron will report at the first of the week. He is a fast skater and a clever stick handler. He can fil lin at any position on the forward line.

Fortier, the young Hull player, who worked out with Canadiens while they were doing their early season training at Grimsby, has returned to his home. This youthful player is still on the strength of the Canadiens and is subject to call at any time.

Thistles Finish Euchre Season

Tom Leckie Wins Both Average and Lone Hand Prizes.

Tom Leckie won both the season's average and the lone hand prize last night at the Thistle Club rooms, marking the official close of the euchre season.

He chose the average prize, and Mr. Axford, who was second in the lone hands standing, took that prize.

The figures: Season's average: T. Leckie 91, W. Manness 89, Bluett 88, Connors 88, Richardson 88.

Lone Hands: Leckie 34, Axford 33, Connors 29.

Special prize for season: George English.

Special prize for night. S. Wood.

Next Friday night euchre held as usual.

WOULD MATCH LUIS ANGEL WITH ITALIAN CHAMPION

Associated Press Despatch.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.—Luis Firpo, the South American heavyweight champion, announced today that he had been approached by a local promoter who proposed to match him with the Italian heavyweight champion, Erminio Spalla for a bout in Buenos Aires. Firpo expressed the opinion, however, that unless Spalla was able to come here early in February there was little chance of the match materializing.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT IS BEGUN AT BOTHWELL

Special to The Advertiser.

Bothwell, Dec. 22.—The first game of the local billiard tournament was won by Melvin Sullivan, who won a handsome pipe and case. Don Willets came second and won an amber cigarette holder. The game eliminated 32 billiard players. Each game was keenly contested. This is the first game of the tournament. The next games will be held Jan. 2 and 3.

How Bowlers Stand

Moose League.

	Won.	Lost.
Shamrocks	22	8
Imperials	18	12
Crawford Peaches	16	14
Foxy Quillers	14	16
Clovers	12	18
Royals	8	22

Murray Shoe League.

	Won.	Lost.
London Ladies	10	5
Derby Shoe	9	6
Cushion Soles	9	6
Mayflowers	6	9
Murray Maids	6	9
Naturtreds	6	9

Dominion Express League.

	Won.	Lost.
Highfliers	19	11
Pirates	19	11
Rovers	13	17
Giants	7	23

Forest City League. Finals.

	Won.	Lost.
Adanacs	21	6
Imperials	16	11
Owls	14	13
Royals	3	24

Adanacs wins first series.

Penman's League.

	Won.	Lost.
Balbriggans	19	8
Poros-Knit	14	13
Little Kings	11	16
Pussy-Foots	10	17

Balbriggans win first series.

Hydro League.

	Won.	Lost.
Meters	23	10
Line, No. 2	19	14
Sales	18	15
Operators	14	19
Line, No. 1	14	19
Stores	12	21

Hardware and Railway League.

	Won.	Lost.
L. & P. S., No. 2	6	3
Howden Hardware	6	3
L. & P. S., No. 1	5	4
Cowan's Hardware	1	8

M. A. A. A. League.

Final standing of Manufacturers League. D. S. Perrins wins first series.

Group A—	Won.	Lost.
Empire Brass	28	4
Dominion Gas Meters	25	8
McClary's Uptown	25	8
City Gas	23	10
C. P. R. Freight	16	17
Canadian National Express	15	18
Bell Telephone Plant	15	18
A. Talbot & Co.	14	19
Silverwoods	10	23
Hay Stationery	10	23
McCormick Jerseys	9	24
Holeproof Hosiery	6	27
Group B—		
D. S. Perrins	29	4
Civil Service	27	6
Bell Telephone Operators	22	11
Penmans	21	12
Dominion Express	20	13
Rolling Mills	19	14
Hayden Press	16	17
McClary Foundry	16	17
Murray Shoe	11	22
Orange Crush	8	25
Beatty Bros	8	25
McCormick's Maples	0	33

Wright Litho League.

	Won.	Lost.
Finishers	23	10
Engravers	20	13
Pressmen	13	20
Artists	10	23

Ladies' Commercial League.

	Won.	Lost.
Bell Telephone	20	1
Scott-McHale	18	3
Silverwoods	15	6
Penangles	13	8
Smallman & Ingram	11	10
Holeproof	9	12
Murray Shoe	9	12
Checkers	5	16
Bluebirds	3	18
Hay Stationery	1	20

Hay Stationery League.

	Won.	Lost.
Books	10	8
Types	10	8
Pins	6	6
Boxes	4	8

Bankers' League.

	Won.	Lost.
Huron and Erie	9	3
Molsons and Ontario Loan	5	1
Imperial	2	4
Royal	2	4
Toronto	2	4
Nova Scotia	2	4

Dominion Stores League.

	Won.	Lost.
Bayside	9	6
Richmellos	6	9

Printers' Tenpin League.

	Won.	Lost.
Nonpareils	13	11
Minions	13	11
Brewers	11	13
Picas	11	13

ANNOUNCE SCHEDULE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Exeter, Dec. 21.—The following is the schedule in the Junior O. H. A. for this district:

Jan. 3, Exeter at Seaforth; Jan. 11, Seaforth at Exeter; Jan. 18, Clinton at Exeter; Jan. 21, Seaforth at Clinton; Jan. 24, Clinton at Seaforth; Jan. 29, Exeter at Clinton.

The Way They'll Line Up Tonight

KITCHENER TWIN CITY.	Position.	STRATFORD INDIANS.
Ries	Goal	Dolson
Hemphill	Defence	Ashley
Gross	Defence	Berger
W. Schnarr	Center	Brickman
Siebert	Left Wing	Kelterburne
Hillman	Right Wing	Battersby
Kentner	Sub.	Ruston
G. Schnarr	Sub.	Seebach
M. Hearn	Sub.	Griffin

Referee—W. H. "Corker" Legg, London.

Suggest City and L.A.A. Get All-Year Athletic Director

Ald. Jack Greer Gives Worthwhile Idea to L.A.A. Executive.

ON PLAYGROUNDS

Would Combine These Duties With L.A.A.A. Secretaryship —Action Forthcoming.

Last night's meeting of the L. A. A. A. executive was not expected to produce anything startling, but it did produce a splendid suggestion from Ald. Jack Greer, that an athletic director should be obtained, who would be a combined supervisor of playgrounds activities and permanent secretary for the L. A. A. His salary would come from these two sources.

The idea struck the meeting so favorably that it is likely the executive of the L. A. A. A. will take the initiative and lay the matter before the new city council after the new year.

Other cities have found such an office necessary, although smaller than London, and not as far ahead in the process of playground development as is London. The need of the L. A. A. A. has been proven, but so has the need of a permanent secretary who could combine playgrounds work.

An athletic director of the right stamp might be difficult to find, but he would be worth a long search. The job is undoubtedly there and needs to be filled.

Charles Ivey will interview Whit Lancaster further with regard to reopening the Westminster Rink. The L. A. A. A.'s main interest in the event is to get accommodation for the public school hockey teams.

Basketball will be dealt with in a few days. It is the intention to pick a representative team to play exhibition games, and as well to see that the winenr of the Girls' City League here will get a chance to compete in provincial playoffs.

SUZANNE WILL REPRESENT FRANCE AT OLYMPIC

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Suzanne Lenglen has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches, says L'Auto today.

YALE WINS.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—It required two overtime periods for the Yale hockey team to defeat a sextet of former college stars of Cleveland, 3 to 2, tonight.

If the Canadian Olympic hockey team is fighting already while still in Canada, what'll happen when they're on their way to Chamoiux? However, Billy Hewitt's contingent four years ago was the best-behaved of the Canadian expedition to Antwerp. So the prospects are not too bad.

Short Jabs

The situation seems somewhat involved in regard to Jack Renault's future movements, and that hardy mariner (according to his own story). Frankie Fleming, who has deserted the ring temporarily for the bounding main, and who might be able to cast some light upon the affair.

During his last visit to Montreal, he gave the impression that he had Renault tied up under contract for five fights.

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Detroit Times:

Battling Siki, Senegalese souse, is scheduled to box Cleve Hawkins here next month, according to an announcement made yesterday.

Because Siki is an eccentric fellow who bathes in booze and hangs by his tail in trees on boulevards, he is an attraction. The great American public love to see freaks. They pay their way into hokum side shows to look at two-headed porcupines, perfumed pole-cats, fat ladies and stuffed animals that never lived.

Even though boxing has been made an indoor sideshow in some instances, the practice shouldn't be continued, and if Boxing Commissioner Louis W. Plies allows Siki to box Hawkins here, boxing should be wiped off the books.

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Benny Leonard, who will not fight until the birds are singing and the flowers blooming in the sunshine, will shortly enter upon a long theatrical engagement in New York. His sparring partner, it is said, will be Willie Wools, a Scotch lightweight, who has won the praise of Jersey fight fans.

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A prominent silk manufacturer wants to back Mickey Brown to the tune of $10,000; that is to say, he will GIVE Johnny Dundee that amount if he will sign to meet Brown for the featherweight championship of the world. It happens that Brown was once an office boy in the silk man's employ, and he is willing to give $10,000 now where $4 sufficed before.

What dost say, Jawn Dundee and James Joy Johnston of the famous featherweight firm? Ears away thy broadcast.

CHAMP CANADIAN SKATER WILL RACE AT BOSTON

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Because the warm weather has prevented formation of an outdoor ice surface, the Olympic skating tryouts which were to have been held at Lexington tomorrow have been transferred to the Boston arena.

Charles Jewtraw, Harry Kaskey and Joe Moore are expected to participate in the races, which will start at 2 p.m. A feature will be a pursuit race between Moore and Charles Gorman, Canadian champion.

PRESENCE OF WOODCHUCKS INDICATES OPEN WINTER

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 21.—The fact that woodchucks have been seen recently in Dereham Township is taken to indicate an open winter. Under ordinary conditions the chucks hole up early in autumn and remain there until spring.

AURA LEES LOSE 6—1.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—The Pittsburg hockey team defeated the Aura Lees of Toronto, 6 to 1, in a game here last night.

McGILL BEATS HARVARD.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Dec. 21.—McGill University hockey team of Montreal defeated Harvard 2 to 0 here tonight.

MICKEY WALKER STOPS CANADA'S CHAMP IN SIXTH

Referee Ends Battle After Herscovitch Takes Several Counts of Nine.

MAYBERRY BEATS BURNS

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mickey Walker, the welterweight king, showed ample reasons tonight why he is the top-notcher, and the bout with Moe Herscovitch, the Canadian champion, here did not go the regulation distance. It was stopped towards the end of the sixth, when Referee Lou Marsh put an end to the proceedings, after Walker had hit Herscovitch with everything he had, and had sent him down for a number of counts of nine. Walker weighed 148 and Herscovitch 152.

Herscovitch started in in a flattering manner, and he took the first round. He landed a left hook and a right uppercut that jarred Walker, and in a mix-up near the ropes Walker had a cut over his left eye opened. At close quarters Walker had a slight edge. Walker took the second round by the speedy use of both hands to the body. In the next round Herscovitch was more cautious, and Walker commenced to go out in front. The end commenced to loom up in the fourth, when Herscovitch took the count of nine, and from then on it was a question of time.

In the preliminaries, Joe Lanagan, 155 pounds, of New York, sparring partner of Walker, outclassed Red Meech, 155¾ pounds, of Ottawa, Referee Marsh stopping the fight in the third round.

Sid Conn of England, 128½ pounds, won the decision over Tommy Mitchell of Toronto, 129½ pounds.

Chris Newton, 134 pounds, Toronto, won the decision over Willie Devaney, 136½ pounds, of Scotland.

Howard Mayberry, 119 pounds, of Detroit, defeated Harry Burns, 121 pounds, of Buffalo, on a decision.

M'CLARYS UPTOWN LEAD CARPETBALL LOOP

McClary's Uptown leads the City Carpetball League standing.

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.C.
McClary's Uptown	4	0	249	230	1000
Letter Carriers	4	1	257	233	.800
Pigeon Club	4	1	248	225	.800
St. George's II.	3	1	156	144	.750
C. N. R.	5	2	333	310	.710
McCormicks	2	1	147	138	.666
L. O. L.	4	2	270	265	.664
St. David's	3	2	194	170	.600
St. George's I.	2	2	219	192	.500
Pine Grove, W.O.W.	2	2	167	160	.500
McClary Foundry	2	3	273	217	.400
G. W. V. A.	2	3	200	156	.400
W. O. R.	2	3	137	156	.400
St. Andrew's I.	1	3	173	191	.250
Forest City, W.O.W.	1	4	208	226	.200
Sherlock-Manning	1	4	175	194	.200
Court Defiance	1	5	231	252	.166
St. Andrew's II.	0	4	184	223	.000

The results on Wednesday were:
St. David's 50, Court Defiance 32.
C. N. R. 54, St. Andrew's II. 40.
McClary's Foundry 63, L. O. L. 44.
Pigeon Club 64, Forest City, W. O. W. 57.
Sherlock-Manning 43, McCormick's 41.
Letter Carriers 48, G. W. V. A. 42.

HOCKEY SCORES

PACIFIC COAST STANDING.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Victoria	11	5	6	0	10
Seattle	12	4	8	0	8
Vancouver	10	4	6	1	8

WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Saskatoon	9	4	4	2	10
Regina	6	5	1	0	10
Calgary	5	4	1	0	8
Edmonton	5	2	2	1	5

Exhibition.

McGill 2, Harvard 0.
Yale 3, Cleveland All-Stars 2.
Princeton 4, Boston University 0.

Western Inter-League.

Vancouver 4, Regina 3.
Seattle 1, Calgary 3.
Saskatoon 2, Victoria 3.

GAMES TONIGHT.

National Hockey League.

Hamilton at St. Patricks.
Canadiens at Ottawa.

Opening of New Artificial Ice Arena Tonight Marks Epoch In London's Hockey

Obvious Permanence of Structure Reflects Belief in City's Future Which Prompted and Brought Project To Successful Conclusion.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IDEAL

FACTS ABOUT ARENA.

Situation—Southeast corner of Ridout and Bathurst streets.
Cost—$120,000.
Construction—Fireproof brick and steel walls and roof.
Capacity—Seats 4,000 people, with standing room for 1,000 more.
Size of artificial ice sheet—180 feet by 80 feet.

Throngs of fans went to the new arena yesterday and looked the huge structure over. Going in out of the warm spring-like air, it didn't take more than a couple of gulps of the Arctic ozone inside for the curious to realize that this wasn't any April proposition.

The white sheet of ice, looking like an acre or so after the cramped space to which Londoners have been accustomed—with a fog of frost rising to a height of three or four feet and tires upon tiers of white pine seats rising to the eaves—gave the whole a sort of eerie appearance and an unusual feeling of vastness.

Comment Favorable.

Comments of the people who crowded through the doors, had their good look around and then departed, must have pleased the three or four members of the directorate who were walking restlessly around and helping in the last minute rush to see that all the various details of such a plant were fixed up. John Pringle, to whose gift of organization both in a financial and administrative way, other officials of the company ascribe a large portion of the credit for the successful launching of the project, was to be seen in and around the building all afternoon.

William Haddon, who has been identified with every arena idea launched and who never lost courage in the face of a good many disappointments, also was there with a wide beaming smile that nearly became frozen on, as he stayed on after making several attempts to break away.

Seating Ideal.

Entering, there was an air of business about the place with the box office operating full blast and the jingle of money mixing with the noise of hammers and saws as the carpenters went about the work of putting on the last touches.

Seating arrangements are ideal. The south gallery will be the 35-cent section and the north gallery the 50-cent division. On all the sides two seats deep run the boxes, and the seats rise in tiers back of these.

At the south end of the rink a huge hour clock will tell players and fans the time as the games progress.

The structure from the outside gives the impression of solidity, stability and above all permanence—permanence such as one would expect from the vision, pride and belief in London's future which prompted its erection and carried a huge task through to a successful end.

Stratford's Indians had the honor of being the first team to skate on London's first artificial ice sheet. They came in by train, and after an hour's jamboree on the ice, ran with their club bags and uniforms still on to catch the train back.

The details of the arena itself got little attention after the Indians arrived on the scene. To the railbirds, the ice looked wavy, but it proved to be the shadows of the pipes through the ice, and the Indians had no cause to kick on the sheet.

Take Practice Seriously.

They didn't stop long enough to criticize anything anyway, but tore into their work at a pace which indicated that they've taken their conditioning seriously.

Berger and Dad Ashley teamed up on the defence. Kelterbourne on the forward line had his mid-season speed, and with Carson and several new men showed that the Stratford punch on the forward line was not entirely wrecked when Morenz listened to the siren call of the pros and the lucre.

Stratford will be out to do two things tonight. One will be to show London and the whole province for that matter that the new "senior" group has left the intermediate class for good. Proving it against the Kitchener Originals, who gave Granites one of the hardest games this year is quite a test, but the Indians feel they are up to it.

Add Feature To Arena Opening

It is altogether possible that Mr. Murray, whose description of the start of hockey appeared in The Advertiser, will perform a few fancy skating strokes as one of the features of the opening program at the arena tonight, when Stratford and Kitchener perform. Mr. Murray still keeps up his skating and swimming.

The box office at the arena is open now. Phone 122 will insure avoiding the rush. Tickets are on sale there and at Strong's and Brisco's stores.

POOK IN TOP FORM FOR M'DALTON BOUT

Light Heavy Champ Will Be Outweighed by Opponent in Toronto.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 21. — The Elgin Regiment armories was a busy place tonight. In the gymnasium a number of hockey players went through their preliminary training under the direction of Hugh Cameron and Manager Arthur Barrett, while downstairs Trainer Fred Crompton was putting the finishing touches on Cy Pook, preparatory to his coming bout with McDalton of Toronto on December 28.

Pook boxed seven rounds with Crompton and Lazenby, and came through feeling "like a colt," and with the new coach on deck he should give a good account of himself. Pook weighed 168 at London, and according to all reports, McDalton will outweigh him considerably.

A meeting will be called next week with the executive of the O. H. A. and the Elgin Regiment to discuss the possibility of the latter taking over O. H. A. interests in this city.

MILDMAY HOCKEY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Special to The Advertiser.

Mildmay, Dec. 22.—At an enthusiastic reorganization meeting of the Star Hockey Club in the Commercial Hotel last night the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Bert Schmaltz; honorary vice-president, J. A. Johnston; president, C. V. Mills; vice-president, Dr. E. J. Weiler; secretary-treasurer, Fred Weiler; manager, C. H. Pletsch; captain, C. J. Kunkel; finance committee, C. V. Mills, A. F. Schefter and J. Tebbs.

Mildmay has entered an intermediate team in the Northern Hockey League and has been grouped with Southampton, Port Elgin and Paisley. J. F. Morton of Southampton has been named as convener of this district. The schedule will be arranged at Mildmay next week.

RECEIVE 2,000 ENTRIES.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Tennis has become so popular in France that arrangements for a Christmas cup tournament by the sporting club of France have drawn 2,000 entries.

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U.S. Hockey Head Resents O.H.A. Ban On International Games

U.S.H.A. PRESIDENT RESENTS ATTITUDE OF ONTARIO HEADS

W. S. Haddock States Association Will Not Tolerate "Interference."

ASK EARLY CONFERENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Migration of hockey players from Canada to the United States, officially "disapproved" by the Ontario Hockey Association, tonight brought the statement from W. S. Haddock, president of the United States Amateur Association, that "we will under no conditions allow the slightest interference in American hockey matters."

Pressure has been brought to bear upon the United States Association to "absolutely ignore the Canadian hockey authorities," President Haddock declared, adding that "if they are not satisfied with the manner in which hockey is conducted in the U. S., unpleasant as it would be to us, we would simply have to let them go their way and we would go ours. No notice of the proposed conference between U. S. and Canadian hockey officials at Niagara Falls on Jan. 3, suggested by the Ontario association, has been received, but when the invitation is forthcoming we shall decide whether we shall attend."

Commenting on the order of the Ontario executive forbidding its clubs from taking part in exhibition games with the teams of the U. S. association, Haddock stated: "We have been importuned frequently to bar Canadian teams from coming into the U. S. for exhibition purposes, because of the fact that they frequently make contracts with our teams, and then send a patched-up aggregation.

"The question of migration also affects teams in the U. S. Discipline might start with some of their clubs which take players from United States, for instance, Milke and Darragh of Pittsburg," President Haddock concluded.

FORWARDS INVITATION.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The invitation from Secretary W. A. Hewitt of the O. H. A. to officials of the U. S. H. A. for a conference at Niagara Falls, Ont., went forward tonight. It was explained by an official of the O. H. A. tonight that Milks and Darragh, referred to by President Haddock, are two Ottawa boys who played with Pittsburg last year. They went to Pittsburg before Nov. 22, 1922, and when on a visit to their homes at Christmas last made application through the Ottawa district association to be permitted to play in their home town last winter.

Their request was refused by the Canadian Hockey Association last year, but their application this year were accepted. Hay they gone to Pittsburg after Nov. 22, 1922, this official states, they would not have been able to play in Ottawa this season, but they proved they went to the U. S. before that date.

CINCINNATI CALLS OFF INDIANAPOLIS PURCHASE

Associated Press Despatch.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—The proposed deal by which Indianapolis of the American Association would be acquired by the Cincinnati Nationals has been called off, it was announced following a meeting of club officials here today. President August Herrmann of the Reds said a close investigation of conditions at Indianapolis "convinced us that the investment would be too great for us."

MINT LEAGUE IS NOW RECOGNIZED BEST "B" CIRCUIT

"Baby of Baseball" Wearing Long Pants At Age of Five.

BEATTY IS OPTIMISTIC

By FORD RUTHER.

How would you like to be a shareholder in one of the baseball clubs of the Pacific Coast League, whence came Kamm to the White Six at the price of $100,000, O'Connell to the Giants at $75,000, Pillette and Sylvester Johnston to Detroit at $50,000? How would you like to be a shareholders in the Baltimore club, whence came Bentley to the Giants at $65,000, and which now holds Boley, Groves, Parnham and others at prices ranging from $50,000 to $150,000?

These are only vague instances of the enormous sums paid to minors for players. Toronto sold Wingo to Detroit for $50,000, and there are dozens of other sales that go through at prices ranging from $5,000 to $25,000 that rarely bring mention in the sporting columns of the papers.

The majors are the highest pinnacle of baseball, but to keep the teams of the big time on this pinnacle the owners are forever combing the dozens of minor leagues throughout the country for new material. The Mint League has frequently been called the "cradle" of the big leagues, but the word cradle hardly fits the circumstances any more.

Out of Infancy.

The M.-O. is now out of its infancy, and is recognized as the best class B organization in baseball. It might better be called "the schoolhouse" of the big leagues. True, there are numerous other circuits on the continent, but it is very doubtful if any of the others, in the same class at least, have produced and sold as many players to clubs of higher company as has the Mint League during the five years of its existence.

While I have not the records at my finger-tips, I can recall a few of the players of this organization who have graduated to higher company.

Hamilton sent Behan to Philadelphia; Brantford sold Estelle to Louisville and Saganda to Kansas City; Port Huron sent Judd to Rochester and Glasner to Toronto; Kitchener sent Summers to Toronto and Mat Kirley to Syracuse; Bay City sent Cuyler to Pittsburg and "Lefty" Good to Detroit; Saginaw sent Harry Schriever to Brooklyn and Hermann Schwartje to Rochester; Muskegon sent Crouse and Gillenwater to the White Sox.

By the way, this boy Crouse looks like a coming major star. I had the opportunity this fall of looking him over in a White Sox uniform, and he filled the bill quite acceptably. Flint sent "Hank" Luce to Pittsburg, and this brings us to our own class-room of this great school—the London Tecumsehs.

Several Good Deals.

Here we find that Okrie graduated to Detroit, Wheeler to Pittsburg, Harper to Akron, Pittinger and Neitzke to the Boston Red Sox, Pinto to the Philadelphia Nationals, and just this year the Chicago Cubs grabbed off Churry.

It must be rather heartbreaking to a manager to pick up some rookie and develop him, only to have him grabbed off by a faster organization when he commences to be of real value. However, it may be some compensation to a manager to know that as a teacher in this great school he has turned out a product worthy of recognition in the greatest fields of his chosen profession, and he must watch with interest and a certain amount of pride the career of that product as he goes into faster company.

Next year will see a number of new players developed in the M.-O. League, and it is assured that London will develop her share. Jack Beatty has a clause in his contract whereby he receives a percentage on all sales of players, and you can bet that he will do his utmost to develop just as many stars as possible.

RACE RESULTS

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Froth, 107 (Lee), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won.
George Starr, 107 (Farland), 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second.
Consort, 107 (Blind), 3 to 1, third.
Time, 1:12.
Adventure, Fleer, Rork, Ticklish, Chas. J. Craigmile, Sacajawea, Sea Wrack and Belle Flower ran.

SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs:
Miss Em, 109 (Wallace), 30 to 1, 10 to 1, 5 to 1, won.
Glenconoko, 112 (Burke), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, second.
Antonio, 109 (Parke), out, third.
Time, 1:19.
Sunny Ducrow, Romping Home, Coral Reef, Martha Moore, Billy El and The Muleskinner also ran.

THIRD RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Bamra, 110 (Kaiser), 5 to 2, even, 2 to 5, won.
Don Juan, 98 (Lang), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, second.
Bessie Wright, 110 (Lee), 1 to 3, third.
Time, 1:12
The Fenian, Peggy O., Viennese, Satirist and Balsam Lake also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 1 1-16 miles:
The Roll Call, 104 (Lee), 5 to 2, out, out, won.
Olynthus, 108 (Corcoran), out, out, second.
Time, 1:56 1-5.
Only two starters.

FIFTH RACE, mile and half:
Richelieu, 107 (L. Smith), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 2 to 5, won.
Lord Wrack, 103 (Farland), 1 to 3, out, second.
Bastille, 105 (Parke), 1 to 4, third.
Time, 2:44.
Kent L. and Attorney also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth:
Current Events, 103 (Harvey), 11 to 5, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won.
Dr. Joe, 103 (Hunt), 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second.
Tricks, 103 (Lang), 5 to 1, third.
Time, 1:55.
Cantilever, Torsida, Tingling, Dr. Rae, Silence, Sewell Combs also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 6 furlongs:
War Fox, 107 (Dawson), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won.
O'Kelly, 105 (Callahan), 1 to 3, 1 to 10, second.
John Morrill, 112 (Burger), 1 to 10, third.
Time 1:13 3-5.
Berretta, The Ulster, Shingle Shack, Sun Turret, Lottie Lorraine ran.

SECOND RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Guajiro, 95 (Callahan), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, won.
Hetty W., 90 (Dawson), 1 to 4, 1 to 8, second.
Ponce, 97 (Eaton), 3 to 5, third.
Time, 1:08 1-5.
Patsie S., Sylvia, Donna Bella, Liberio, Veno and Chappera also ran.

THIRD RACE, 6 furlongs:
Momentum, 108 (Alonzo), 5 to 2, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won.
William Oldt, 112 (McAleney), 3 to 1, 7 to 5, second.
Hullo, 104 (Cheatham), 7 to 5, third.
Time, 1:15.
Edna D., San Diego, Fluff, Haran, Finality and Darnley also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Wee Dear, 98 (J. Dawson), 8 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, won.
April, 103 (Lancet), 7 to 5, 3 to 5, second.
Castilla, 104 (McAlaney), 2 to 1, third.
Time, 1:07 3-5.
Myrtle Bilson, Marmaduke, Mrs. Gardner, Frances Church, Moorfield also ran.

FIFTH RACE, mile and 50 yards:
Lucy Kate, 110 (Williams), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won.
Perhaps, 108 (Dawson), 2 to 1, even, second.
Claymore, 109 (Woodstock), 7 to 5, third.
Time, 1:42 3-5.
Scissors, North Wales, Jellison, Cautious, Randall also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth:
Tomahoi, 114 (Connors), 7 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won.
Neenah, 108 (Smith), 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second.
Bill Block, 114 (Boyle), 7 to 10, third.
Time, 1:48 3-5.
Herron Oskaloosa, Spectacular Girl, Blarney Boy, Bounce also ran.

TIA JUANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, mile and 70 yards:
Car, 103 (Creery), 6, $3.20, $3.20, won.
Yermak, 111 (Stevens), $5.40, $5, second.
Bessie Young, 111 (Fator), $5.20, third.
Time, 1:49.
Water Willow, Col. Lit, Poacher, Fair Virginia, Modiste, Flycast also ran.

SECOND RACE, 5 furlongs:
Seth's Alibi, 106 (Maiben), $44, $11.20, $5.60, won.
Queen Catharine, 112 (Sharpe), $3.40, $2.80, second.
Brandeis, 107 (Clark), $3.20, third.
Time, 1:02 2-5.
Full Anti, Star Cloudy, Norwood, Boss Man, A. Laster, Insurance, Odeon also ran.

THIRD RACE, mile and 70 yards:
Lady Inez, 105 (Lavine), $4.80, $3.80, $2.60, won.
Billy Gibson, 97 (Sutton), $7, $3.40, second.
Tule, 105 (Walls), $3, third.
Time, 1:47.
Woodie Montgomery, Wedding Prince, Summer Sigh, Ballot Car also ran.

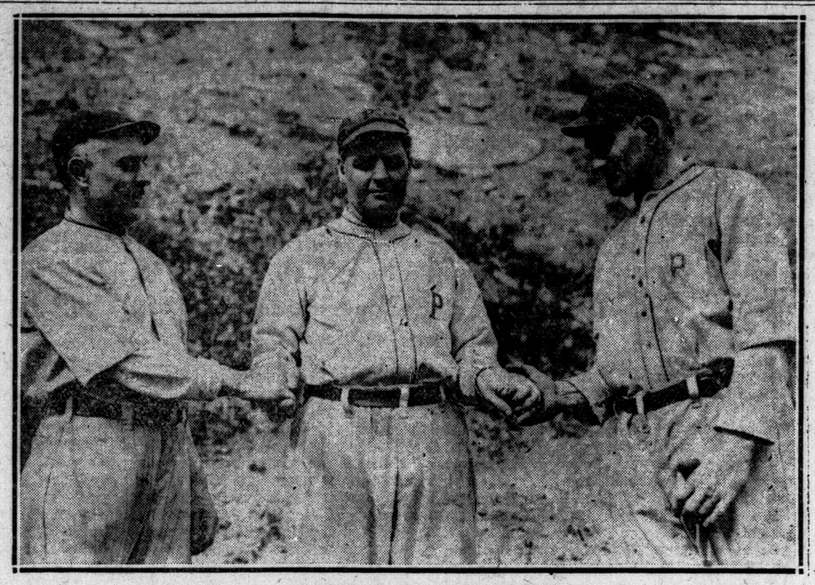
FOURTH RACE, 6 furlongs:
Deep Thought, 108 (Walls), $4.80, $2.20, out, won.
Cherokee Lee, 105 (Weiner), $2.20, out, second.
Nayarit, 112 (Kenndy), out, third.
Time, 1:13 4-5.
Program, Rock and Rye, Provident also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 6 furlongs:
Be Frank, 110 (Deford), $7.40, $3.80, $3.40, won.
Judge Pryor, 110 (Walls), $6.20, $3.80, second.
War Zone, 110 (Smith), $5, third.
Time, 1:14.
Great Luck, Wild Heather, Moki Hana, Occidenta also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and eighth:
The Falconer, 103 (Erickson), $18.40, $5.40, $3.40, won.
Blarney Stone, 105 (Kennedy), $8.40, $4.40, second.
Chiva, 95 (Clarke), fi3.40, third.
Time, 1:55 4-5.
Wynnewood, Dorius, Cruzern ran.

SEVENTH RACE, 4½ furlongs:
Dr. Corbett, 112 (Weinger), $9.80, $4.40, $2.80, won.
The Almoner, 122 (Cantrell), $3.60, $2.60, second.
Hilarity, 103 (Legere), $3, third.
Time, :53 3-5.
Honest George, Hillsdale, Sedge and Occidenta also ran.

EIGHTH RACE, 5 furlongs:
Harry D., 104 (Clark), $13.80, $6.80, $4.20, second.
Fort Churchill, 112 (Maiben), $6.80, $5.60, second.
Havana Electric, 103 (Lavine), $3.80, third.
Time, 1:01 3-5.
Dr. Johnston, Angela, C. A. Comiskey, Duc de Guise, Sweet and Low, Melody Man also ran.



A FAMOUS GROUP OF STARS.

From left to right: Al Wagner (brother of Hans), Harry Smith and Hans himself. They played on the old Warren, Pa., team together, and were also together on the Pirates.

Hans Wagner's Own Story

One of the Greatest of Baseball Players Gives Fascinating Account of His Long Experience From the Inside Angle.

By HANS WAGNER.

AN ANSWER TO SOME QUERIES FROM YOUNGSTERS.

This chapter of my experience is intended mostly for young ball players or any other youngsters who would like to improve their game. It is in answer to at least fifty requests for advice as to how a youngster should act and feel when getting his first chance in the big league.

The first thing is to feel sure that you are a good player and never let that get out of your mind. Be aggressive always, but be careful not to be a smart Aleck. A lot of youngsters lose their real chance by thinking they know too much and refusing to listen to the old-timers. I never knew a veteran ball player who would not go out of his way to help a starter if he felt that the youngster really wanted to learn. Even the players on opposing teams will stop to coach a youngster if he isn't too fresh.

Once a youngster joins a club he should be extremely careful to obey all the club rules. He may not think it advisable to go to bed at 10 o'clock or to cut out lunch, but he should remember that it is the manager's theory and it might work out best.

Personally I have my own ideas about training, but so have others. I don't think I ever went to spring training when I wasn't in as good condition when I started as when I finished. To tell the truth, spring training was always a sort of lark to me. You see, I hunted and fished all winter, played basketball, indoor baseball—in fact, anything to keep busy. That strenuous sort of work had me in fine shape when I reported. I always ate what I wanted and when I wanted. I even drank beer in the old days. I don't say that would be good routine for other youngsters, but it didn't hurt me.

Whenever there is a practice a youngster should hurry to get to it. He should practice all the time. If the team is not playing he can go out and work with the ground keepers.

This young fellow, Pie Traynor of the Pittsburg club, is sure to be one of the greatest ball players in the world. He can't miss because he simply thinks and lives baseball. Often I have passed the park and seen him working out there in the morning with a single companion. One day I saw him all alone in the rain throwing a ball against the grandstand and fielding it as it bounced back.

It's Like Any Other Business.

"Gee," he said one day, "I wonder when we are going to play another double-header!"

Most ball players look on a double-header with dread—a double day's work for no more money. That boy Traynor would play three if they could crowd in the time some way.

In a way baseball is just like any other business or profession. The man who loves it so well he wants to work out the fine points is bound to succeed. Even in the winter Traynor keeps in perfect condition and weighs himself every other day to see if he is gaining or losing.

A manager usually takes a fancy to a boy who is eager and willing to do anything he is told, even if it is an experiment. But the boy must show that he does it willingly, with the proper spirit. You can't drive a ball player into making good. It's a hundred to one that the manager knows your capabilities better than you do yourself. You may think you are a great outfielder when he will suddenly turn you into a shortstop or even a catcher. He has observed something about you that you never knew. So always do as your manager says and don't try to figure out where he's crazy.

Don't be fresh to umpires. Those fellows can do a lot of things for you if they think you are really ambitious. They can give you a lot of tips and they are eager to do so. The same thing goes for visiting players, your own team mates or the spectators. If a fan should ask you a question answer him in respectful and sincere manner. At the same time don't let visiting players or anybody else walk on you. While a youngster should not be fresh he must be ready to uphold his rights. Once he shows the white feather he is gone.

Once on the field a young player should remember never to see or hear the spectators. Your whole interest should be centered on the other club and your brains and energy should be aimed at how to defeat them.

McGraw Takes a Fall Out of the Kid.

Don't forget that ball players who have earned reputations have a certain amount of dignity. Make a point of respecting that dignity as much as you can.

Patsy Donovan, the old Brooklyn manager, was telling me the other day how Tommy McMillan got in bad that way at the start and then got over it.

McMillan had read the papers where they referred to John McGraw as Muggsy. He didn't know it, and a lot of fans today don't know it, but that always cut McGraw to the core. It offended him more deeply than any of the newspaper writers knew. In fact, it was for a long time his fighting point.

But McMillan wanted to show pep, so when he crossed the field he yelled to the Giant bench, calling McGraw "Muggsy." He did this several times. McGraw got aboard him. What a tongue lashing that little fellow got! McMillan went to Manager Donovan and inquired the reason.

"McGraw is a man well along in years," Patsy told him, "and that word always offended him. Coming from a fresh youngster, it's all the worse. You'll never get anywhere doing that. Now, I want you to go right to McGraw's office in the club house tomorrow and apologize, explaining that you didn't understand."

The next day young McMillan, like bearding the lion in his den, went straight to McGraw and apologized in the most manly manner. The way he did it so impressed the Giant manager that he was from then on one of McMillan's best friends and advisers. He used to spend time with McMillan showing him tricks about hitting and fielding.

As I have said before, a youngster should make a point of watching some great player closely and then try to copy his method, whether it be in fielding, batting, or base running. If he can't quite get the hang of it, ask the player in question and he will always help. If you have a weakness, be frank enough to tell the older players about it. With their help you can overcome it.

Work on Your Weaknesses.

I used to have a fault of throwing too hard and often too high to first. I talked with Hughey Jennings, George Smith and others. They helped me wonderfully.

Always work on your weaknesses. The strong points will take care of themselves.

The chances are that you will not set the world afire at the start, but don't blame it on the umpires. Watch everything that goes on about the field. In the most unexpected place you will pick up some little point that will be of help to you the rest of your life.

Freshness in some youngsters is funny. In others it gets on everybody's nerves. Not many of you can be funny. That's a sort of gift.

I remember one young fellow who went to bat with Bill Klem umpiring. He called two strikes on the youngster. The boy turned around and started a big kick.

"Remember, son," Klem told him, "these plates in the big league have corners on them."

A few minutes later he called another and the boy was out.

"They may have corners," he said to Klem, as he started back to the bench, "but I'll be doggoned if this aint's the first one I ever saw with a bay window in it."

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Denies New York Is After Hornsby

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, celebrated his return aboard the Leviathan today from a tour of Europe by settling a number of questions that have been moot topics of discussion during his absence.

McGraw denied a deal was pending whereby the Giants would obtain Hornsby, St. Louis star, and declared he had no important trades in view, but disclosed that he had practically completed negotiations for a tour of Europe by the Giants and White Sox at the close of next season.

KEEN TO HANDLE GIBBONS' BATTLE

Announcement of Rickard's Waiver Revives Interest in Fistiana.

By FAIR PLAY.
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New York, Dec. 21.—If Tex Rickard doesn't want Dempsey and Gibbons, maybe there are other promoters who do. This is Eddie Kane's theory, and equally the theory of Jack Kearns. It is no secret that men who invest in boxing attractions lifted their heads like hound dogs on the scent when Tex Rickard's waiver on the proposed affray between Dempsey and Gibbons was announced. Don't be surprised if some announcement is made shortly.

Yet Dempsey's presence in the east was not primarily due to a desire for matches next summer. Kearns can play closer to the thumb than that, and in this case he has. Dempsey is here, to be brief, in order to excite public interest in him, and insure the success of his coming theatrical engagement in this city.

In the meantime, the way is being paved for the appearance in these parts of Hermino Spalla, the Italian champion of something or other in Europe. Spalla, unless the writer's critical powers are nil, cannot beat any American fighter of class, and should he go against Tunney, Gibbons, Greb, or, indeed, any good second-rate light-heavy, this fact will be made plain. Nick Kline's talk of pitting him against Dempsey, Firpo or Wills sounds like the bunk.

STONE OUTPOINTS SHADE IN NEW YORK BATTLE

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ad Stone, fighting marine of Philadelphia, outslugged and outpointed Bill Shade of California in the twelve-round final of a boxing card at Madison Square Garden tonight, and was awarded the decision. Stone had the better of every round, and only Shade's ability to "take it" and still remain on his feet prevented a knockout.

The marine's lightning-like left-hook to the jaw and body, with his left and right uppercuts to the wind, found the mark repeatedly, and scarcely a round passed that did not find Shade groggy and hanging on.

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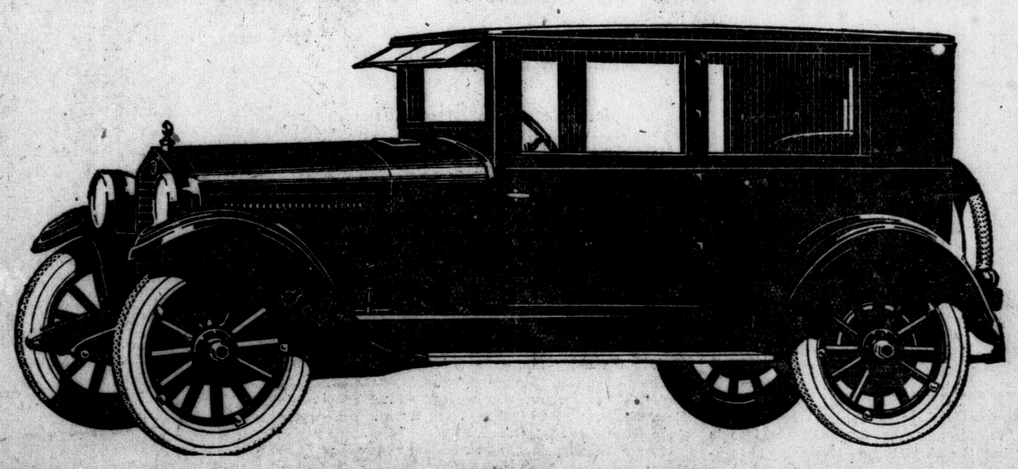

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A PAGE ABOUT PEOPLE

Sidelights on Men and Women in the Public Eye

THREE PERSONALITIES IN MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE

Had Curious Theory That She Was Kate Duffy, Dorothy Smith, and Megan Lloyd George

"I DON'T think Megan Lloyd George could have been more than five or six years of age when first I met her," says T. P. O'Connor, in T. P.'s and Cassell's Weekly. But even then she was such a winsome, picturesque, quaint little creature that I have remembered her ever since, and always with affection.

Megan Lloyd George

Her father brought me down for a week-end to a house he had just taken at Brighton. The family had only just got into the house, and its chief servant at the time was a good but untrained and futile Irish boy, who wore a red flannel, collarless shirt, with a blazing brass stud the neck. They all thought him a treasure! It was a delightful example of the simple tastes of the family and of the man who even at that time was the second figure in the empire.

In the morning there entered into my room a little being who seemed like a sprite from another world, with her chubby little face, with her soft Welsh voice. She was possessed of sparkling, quizzical, searching eyes—the eyes of her father, to whom she bore a most striking resemblance—and she handed me daintily a cup of tea.

She was then a good deal of a dream-child, for she had a curious theory about herself—namely, that she was not one, but three personalities: she was Kate Duffy, an Irish girl, and Dorothy Smith, an English girl, and finally she was Megan Lloyd George.

I entered into this mystic spirit, and asked her whether I would be able to see at tea-time—Kate Duffy and Dorothy Smith, and would Megan Lloyd George also be there?

She answered with the same seriousness, and assured me that I would see all the three young ladies at tea-time. Even then she had something of the quick repartee of her father. Once she paid him back a little loan of money he was supposed to have given her.

"Megan," said the father, "you know our Welsh proverb, 'that the two bad payers are those who pay too soon and those who pay too late'."

"Yes," replied Megan promptly, "but what about the man who pays back?"

I did not see her again till many years afterwards, when I made a speech at a Welsh dinner. She introduced herself to me. There wasn't the smallest necessity, for I recognized again her familiar appearance, and especially those bright, quizzical eyes of hers.

I was delighted the other day when I found that she had lived up to my expectations; for here is an amusing account I find from the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in New York—my friend, Mr. Bullen:

What does Mr. Lloyd George's daughter think about? Enterprising newspaper reporters have attempted to find out.

Much amused by the blunt intruding personal questions of the typical American newspapermen, Miss Megan made ready but reticent replies, like her father, not telling more than she wanted to.

"What do you want to be?" was one question.

"I haven't decided," was the answer.

"Well, are you going to get married or go into politics? Are you in love with anybody?"

"I am not in love now," declared Miss Megan, "and I may either go into politics or get married—or both."

"Perhaps you have some other sort of career in mind—literature, the stage, the movies, or what?"

"Perhaps I have," said Miss Megan.

"Do you approve of women smoking cigarets?" "I don't know anything about it," was the reply. Then Miss Megan took a turn at questioning her interrogators. "Why do reporters ask such silly questions?" she inquired. The newspapermen were unable to make as ready a reply as she had to their queries.

You see, Megan is a very real chip of the old block, T. P. concludes.

Woman Builds 8 Room House

HERE is Mrs. Hetty Jane Cooper who is putting the finishing touches on the verandah of the house she built himself. It is at Crescent Lawn near Washington. It has taken her four years to build. She sawed every piece of lumber, drove every nail and is proud of her job.

Unsociable Socialist is Ramsey MacDonald, Feels Deeply, but Lacks Little Human Touches

Although Kind and Pleasant to Those Who Ask Favors, He Prefers to Keep to Himself—Wanted to Be a Barrister—Has the Eloquence of Balfour, the Lucidity of Asquith, and Fervor of Lloyd George—Desires Change of Society By Legislative and Not Revolutionary Means.

"THE man who undoubtedly will one day be prime minister of England." This was the way Sir Philip Gibbs described Ramsey MacDonald last February. And now, sooner than Gibbs expected perhaps, his prophecy seems about to be fulfilled.

The young Scottish lad who 42 years ago helped keep himself alive by being a stableboy is thus scheduled to become a prime minister of England. In other words, to a large section of England the end of things seems to be not far away.

"Society," in truth, has little sympathy to hope for from Ramsey MacDonald. He grew up to manhood fighting "Society." Repeatedly, he found the path of his hopes blocked by a supercilious snub. Even when he was still quite a young child he resolved to become a barrister, but for want of what is called "interest" he had to help in stables, to water horses, to run errands. It was useless to display talents that could not be cultivated or aptitudes that could not be exploited by an employer. John Bull, in the dark years of the war, even questioned his right to bear the name of MacDonald, reproducing a birth certificate in an attempt to show that he was registered as Ramsey, an illegitimate child. It was in the little Scottish fishing village of Lossiemouth that he was born 57 years ago. Nobody's parents could have been poorer. But his mother was a cultivated woman. A legacy of ambition and pure English speech, uncommon in that neighborhood, she left to her son. Among his richest memories now is his mother's love and encouragement.

Naturally, MacDonald grew to manhood with a firm conviction that society was unjust to the worker. It was in that frame of mind that he launched himself on London at twenty years of age.

His progress was repaid, for he had brains, more than Lloyd George, more than one Tory of prominence has had to admit. Even in the old days, the village dominie had quickly discovered young MacDonald's extraordinary ability and inordinate industry, and prevailed upon the lad's parents to allow him to study for the profession of teaching.

MacDonald, as his critics are fond of reminding him, has never been, in the old accepted sense of the term, a laboring man. He has never labored in the workshop or in the fields. He was a clerk in a London warehouse, studying science in his spare hours. He was a leader writer on a Liberal evening paper. He became private secretary to Mr. Thomas Lough, M.P., making a preliminary acquaintance with parliamentary affairs in this way.

There was no stopping him. He wrote and spoke on socialism in his spare time. He edited a Socialist library, contributing to it a book of his own. Twice at Southampton and Leicester, he went down to defeat, but, once again, in 1906, he raised the Socialist flag again at Leicester and led the poll.

In a sense MacDonald is a mystery. He might be called the unsociable socialist. Even as a youth he was regarded by his fellow clerks as strange and mysterious. Although he was kind and pleasant to those who asked favors of him, he preferred to keep to himself and never made efforts to make friends.

Through reams of articles on Ramsey MacDonald you can search in vain for concrete human touches. He is the public man of only one anecdote.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald with his three daughters (left to right), Sheila, Joan and Ishbel.

"If only he had those little touches of humanism about him that have made men like Lloyd George, he would have been a truly great man," David L. Blumenfeld has said, and the single anecdote is told by him.

It was at one of the recent conferences at Downing Street when the French delegates were present. A newspaper reporter, mistaking Mr. MacDonald for M. Phillipe Berthelot, French foreign secretary, approached him and began, in passably good French, to ask him his views on the reparation question.

Ramsey MacDonald stood and gaped at him. Then he gave a shrug and a gruff: "I am not Monsieur Berthelot," and walked away.

"What an opportunity missed!" comments Blumenthal. "Cannot you imagine the fun that a Winston Churchill, or a Birkenhead, would have had with that newspaper man?"

"If there were just that human something!" more than one visitor to the gallery has said. "For all other gifts, especially of human appearance, have been lavished upon the Labor leader. I can recall his appearance in those early days," T. P. O'Connor writes. "A tall, raw-boned young Scotchman with the high cheek bones characteristic of his race; with an immense mass of coal black hair that rose in a mountain from his head; and very fine eyes, dark enough to look almost black; and an expression also typically Scotch in its combination of shrewdness and enthusiasm. Besides, he always dressed well.

That the man does feel deeply is not questioned. Almost in a night his hair turned white and deep lines came in his face. The hand of sorrow had been laid heavy upon him, for in a brief period he lost a child and a wife—a woman of angelic sweetness of character, the niece of Lord Kelvin and closely related to W. E. Gladstone on the paternal side. Early in life the terrible conditions she had witnessed in work among the poor led her to become a socialist and throw in her lot with the Independent Labor party, of which her future husband was the head. She brought him money and perfect comradeship. With his three daughters now remaining, he lives in a colorless, standardized little villa at No. 9 Howitt road, Belsize Park, Hampstead.

This outward lack of friendliness is characteristic even to-day of the man in his relations to his party. He, like Parnell, holds himself aloof from his followers, and they are afraid of him. By sheer intellect and interest he rules them, principally because Ramsey MacDonald is the Labor leader who can address the Commons with the elegance of Balfour's own phrase making, with the lucidity of Asquith, and the fervor of Lloyd George.

After all, he is not perhaps the great Bogey that some parts of England would have us believe. He believes that socialism should be a political rather than a revolutionary movement. He is for the capital levy and gradual state ownership and operation of fundamental industries. But this he makes clear is to be extremely gradual. The socialistic state, in his opinion, can best be accomplished by legislative means. Bolshevism and communism have always met with his opposition by every means. The line of demarcation between Communism and Socialism, to him, is very clear. Under Communism, according to him, the state not only owns the land and its industries but owns the people as well. They are designated for certain work and assigned certain pay, whether they will or not. But under socialism the people are free. They can select their own work. They are no more the slaves of the government than are the present civil servants of the crown.

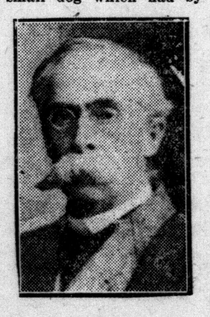
Perhaps no one quite knows Mr. MacDonald yet. From Lossiemouth recently, by request, he wrote a reply to the question: "Where shall we turn for joy?" "A good walking stick, a pipe and any weather are enough," he said.

And there are those who would question that J. Ramsey MacDonald is not endowed with personality.

Dog Incident Gives Professor Fine Quip

Occasion Was Novel — Student Was Fearful, Foolish, Then Childish in Turn

PROF. W. J. ALEXANDER of the University of Toronto is greatly beloved by his students. One day several months ago the professor was late in reaching his class-room. In the interval of waiting one of the class, a young man who had a seat near the professorial desk, placed thereon a protesting small dog which had by chance wandered into the room. When the professor arrived, a few minutes later, and beheld the canine occupant, a comical picture of uncertainty and dismay, he was not only angry, but apparently very much hurt. He demanded at once to know who had put the dog in such a place, declaring that whoever had done so was a fool. With flashing eye he asserted that never in his life—and he had been teaching thirty years—had he been so insulted.



Prof. Alexander

He ceased speaking and for a moment there was a stricken silence. Then the young man who had played the prank rose to his feet, and looking the professor fearlessly in the eye, said:

"Professor Alexander, I put that dog on your desk, but I had no thought of offering you any insult."

"Why then did you do it?" demanded the professor.

"To amuse the class," was the retort.

Prof. Alexander's stern expression relaxed somewhat as he said in tones from which the harshness seemed suddenly to have evaporated:

"I retract what I said a minute ago. It was a brave thing to confess as you have done. I see you are not a fool—just childish."

THE SIN ON HER HEAD

APPARENTLY Japanese women are just as keen on pretty things to wear as are English women. Or at all events so it seems, judging from a story that was told to me by Mr. Sessue Hayakawa, the famous film actor.

When in Paris recently with his wife, Tsuri Aoki, the lady treated herself to a new hat—price three hundred francs.

Her husband pretended to be shocked at her extravagance.

"What!" he exclaimed. "Three hundred francs for a hat! Why, it's a sin!"

"Never mind," replied Mrs. Hayakawa, "the sin will be on my head."

There Was Sir John Waiting at the Church When Graham Borrowed His Carriage

THE Hon. George P. Graham, minister of Canals and Railways served his political apprenticeship at Queen's Park. After the defeat of the Ross government he was in the cold shades of opposition but used to find a warm welcome at Government House then presided over by Sir John Gibson.

Once Sir John went to lay a corner stone for a church and took Mr. Graham along with him. When they got there Mr. Graham suddenly thought of an afternoon call which it was important that he should make.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham

"Go ahead," said Sir John and take my carriage. You will be back long before the ceremony is over." In those days it must be remembered the Lieutenant Governor went abroad not in a limousine but in a coach and pair wtih footmen and outriders.

Away jingled George Graham in this resplendent state equipage and left Sir John to lay the corner stone. He was so pleasantly entertained at the house he visited that he forgot all about Sir John. He awoke with a start several hours later when the drawing room began to grow dark in the dusk.

In great perturbation he drove back to the church. The masons had gone. The audience had gone. There was Sir John in the shades of evening waiting at the church and sitting patiently on his own corner stone. He had not dared to walk back through the streets in his robes of office and acquaint the whole world with Mr. Graham's lese majeste.

His aide-de-camp was speechless with indignation but Sir John took the incident in good part and uttered no word of reproach. He drove Mr. Graham back to government house and on the way did his best to console him. Once there he quickly succeeded for those were the days before prohibition.

SALT-WATER GARGLING

GOOD tales of the sea come naturally to Earl Beatty. One of his best concerns a certain officer of the king's navy who had for many years suffered from chronic sore throat.

At last, while on leave in London, he determined to see a specialist about it, and accordingly paid a visit to Harley street.

The doctor he consulted, being a great believer in simple remedies, asked him if he had ever tried salt-water gargling.

"Well," was the reply, "I've been torpedoed six times."

THE GATES OF GAZA

ADDRESSING a Rotary Club meeting recently, Lord Shaw of Dunfermline recalled a quaintly amusing episode of his boyhood days.

Scripture lessons formed an important part of the education of a little Scots lad in those times, and there was one episode in Biblical history which puzzled him considerably.

Amongst his acquaintances was a grocer named Sampson, and to him the little lad went, intent on seeking a solution of the problem that was agitating his mind.

"I remember yet," said Lord Shaw, "the tinkling of the front door bell as I stalked boldly into his shop. The customers made way for me as I advanced. I was not so high as his counter, but I put my hand up to it, interrupting his business with the demand:

"Please, Mr. Sampson, are you the gentleman who carried away the gates of Gaza on his back, and, if so, will you please tell me how you managed it?"

It is perhaps unnecessary to explain that the youthful questioner had mixed up Mr. Sampson with the Samson of mighty strength.

DESERVED TO GET IN

WITH all eyes on the general election, the following story, told by the veteran Tom Mann, will bear repeating.

It concerns a candidate for a Welsh constituency who, when addressing a meeting of the electors, sought through his speech to discover the prevailing religious tendency of the constituency.

"My great-grandfather," he said, "was an Episcopalian" (stony silence), "but my great-grandmother belonged to the Presbyterian church" (continued silence). "My grandfather was a Baptist" (more silence) "but my grandmother was a Congregationalist" (still frigid silence).

"But I had a great-aunt who was a Wesleyan Methodist" (loud applause), "and—and I have always followed my great-aunt" (loud and prolonged cheering). He got in.

MISS POLA NEGRI says that as far as the films are concerned the secret of beauty is the chin line. Musical comedy producers, however, rely on the shin line.—London Opinion.

Anatole France Retains An Ironical Tongue

French Bernard Shaw Offers to Swap a in the Academy for One in the Chamber

ANATOLE France the French Bernard Shaw, author of "Thais" and other famous novels, still retains his wit even in his seventy-fifth year.

It is as of old a subtle wit with a skilfully hidden barb of irony, like a hook in an innocent looking trout fly.

Recently a French deputy swallowed the hook. He had published a little brochure entitled "Why Germany Should Pay" which he thought a literary masterpiece. Accordingly he went to see Anatole France, who is an Academician, to get him to propose his name for membership in the French Academy.

Anatole France

To understand the audacity and self-assurance of the deputy one must remember that these forty immortals are a very exclusive literary club and have, blackballed some of the most famous names in French literature.

"Your little tract," said Anatole in his most suave manner, is assuredly a literary gem that is worth many billion marks. It certainly entitles you to the immortality of the Academy. I can arrange things for you very easily, but on one simple condition."

The delighted deputy bowed profuse thanks and asked what was the simple condition.

"I will make you an Academician," said Anatole France with great gravity, "on condition that you make me a deputy."

Every one knows how difficult it would be for H. G. Wells or Bernard Shaw to get into parliament in England. But Anatole France has declared his sympathy for Russian communism. He could get to the moon more easily than he could get into the French Chamber.

MUSSOLINI was recently presented with the freedom of the city of Bologna. Very nice, but he'd have probably taken it if they hadn't give it to him.—The Humorist (London).

LADY ASTOR calls her hecklers hyenas. Thus doth the advent of women purify politics.—Columbus Dispatch.

THERE is not a particle of doubt as to what Dr. Cook discovered in Texas.—Chicago Daily News.

W. B. YEATS A NIGHT HAWK KEPT TORONTO HOST UP

Also Forgot His Hair Brush and Pyjamas —Room Looked Like Premier Nitti's Wrecked House

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS, the Irish poet who was this year awarded a Nobel prize for literature, is remembered with something almost akin to terror by a Toronto man whom he compelled to keep a very unwelcome vigil. This gentleman was his host at the time of his last visit to Toronto. He expected that after the fatigue of his lecture at Hart House the poet would be ready for slumber, but Yeats proved to be a real Dublin night-hawk. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to call him a nightingale

W. B. Yeats

Anyway, his lecture had made him thoroughly wide-awake and put him in a wonderful conversational mood. He told literary anecdotes. He chanted his own poems. He crooned Erse sagas. One o'clock struck. Two o'clock struck. Yeats grew fresher than ever, but his host was yawning, hollow-eyed, on his chair. He was not accustomed to late sessions with the muses.

The only thing that kept him awake was a terrible fear that he might fall off his chair and disgrace himself for ever. At last, about four in the morning, either the poet became exhausted or he observed his host's somnolent condition. Anyway, he called the seance off and went to his bedroom.

He must have passed an exceedingly restless night, for in the morning it looked like ex-Premier Nitti's house after the Fascisti had got through with their visit. The bedclothes were strewn everywhere in great confusion. When it was all sorted out it was found that the poet had left behind his hair brush and pajamas and a few other articles indispensable to his toilette.

The host had to send these articles by special delivery to New York, so that Yeats might present his usual immaculate appearance to his next audience. In spite of the honor of entertaining a genius, this Toronto admirer of poetry in future will prefer for domestic comfort one of our more sedate Canadian poets.

Yeats recently received the Nobel prize in person at Stockholm. But Sweden's capital is famous for its night life. It may be that his Swedish host easily beat him in an all-night contest. In Toronto at any rate the poet was an easy winner. His host remembers him not as a nightingale, but as a nighthawk and a nightmare.

Carter Cut Off Escape of Eight Tomb Robbers

Shinning Down a Rope at Midnight Into a Nestful of Cutthroats Is Awkward Pastime

MR. HOWARD CARTER, in his "Tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen" tells wonderful tales of tomb robbers, who have plied their ghastly trade from the time of the Pharaohs till to-day without much variation of method. A few years ago he had an exciting experience with these gentry himself:

It was midnight when we arrived on the scene, and the guide pointed out to me the end of a rope which dangled sheer down the face of a cliff. Listening, we could hear the robbers actually at work, so I first severed their rope, thereby cutting off their means of escape, and then, making secure a good stout rope of my own, I lowered myself down the cliff.

Howard Carter

Shinning down a rope at midnight, into a nestful of industrious tomb-robbers, is a pastime which at least does not lack excitement. There were eight at work, and when I reached the bottom there was an awkward moment or two. I gave them the alternative of clearing out by means of my rope, or else of staying where they were without a rope at all, and eventually they saw reason and departed.

ANOTHER TITLED DRESSMAKER

FOR some time past callers at a certain fashionable dress shop in Bond street, London, have been puzzled over the identity of the unusually attractive assistant who sometimes attends to their wants.

Now it transpires that she is Lady Rosamond Gallwey-Robertson, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Carrick.

Lady Rosamond is a skilled designer of dresses, who could compete successfully with most of the better-known dress artists of the day. She has already had business experience, for she was employed for some time in an office in Victoria street. Her liking for dress designing, however, refused to be suppressed, and at last she obtained her parents' consent to fill the post she now occupies.

Words to the Gallon

A CERTAIN man had just bought a car. He took his wife out on a few preliminary expeditions, during which she did not hesitate to criticize her husband's efforts at driving.

"Halloa, old man!" said his next-door neighbor one evening. "I see you've got a little two seater. What do you get out of her?"

"About forty thousand words to the gallon," answered the other, sadly.—Tit-Bits.

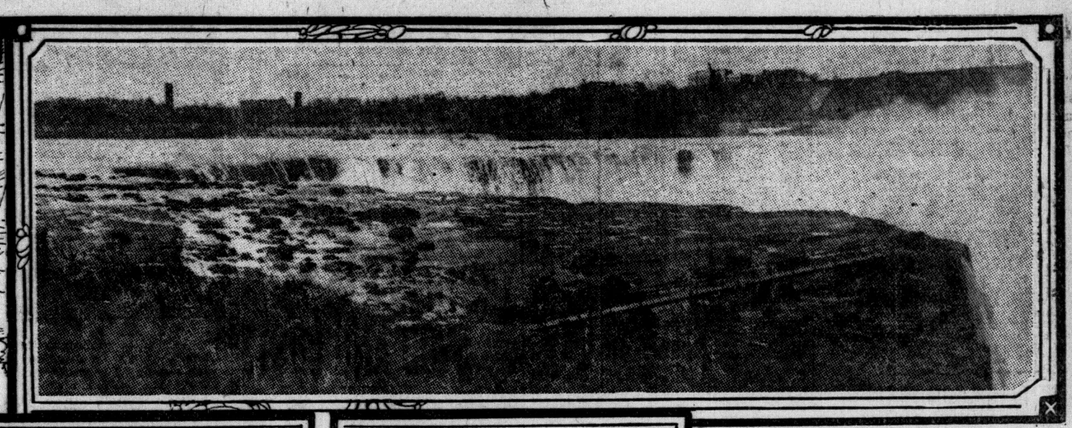
The Cat's Fault

FATHER: "Tommy stop pulling the cat's tail."

Tommy: "I'm only holding the tail; the cat's pulling it."

Remodel Niagara Falls to Get More Power
Ambitious Projects to Improve Upon Nature

Horseshoe Falls, from American side, when 160,000 cubic feet of water flowing over.



Horseshoe Falls when only 140,000 cubic feet flowing, and many rocks uncovered.

Both Canada and U.S.A. at Peak Load Exceed Amount Agreed Upon — Shall New Islands Be Set in River Above Falls, or Will a Submerged Weir Do the Trick?—American and Canadian Plans Differ.

By W. R. PLEWMAN

THE future of Niagara falls, one of the greatest natural wonders of the world, is giving serious concern to the governments of Canada and the United States, and is likely to lead to the negotiation of a new treaty between the two countries for the division of the water forming the cataract.

In both countries there are practical persons who say that the scenic beauty of Niagara must not interfere with the use of the water to drive the wheels of industry and brighten the homes of the people living within a radius of 150 miles. These utilitarians are opposed by a multitude who argue that it would scarcely be short of sacrilege to destroy or seriously mar the natural attractions of the falls and rapids.

Theodore Roosevelt was one of those who opposed the idea that Niagara's beauty must be sacrificed to the prosperity and comfort of the communities adjacent to Niagara falls. His view was that Niagara falls was the heritage of the two nations and should be preserved as a joy to the eye and an object lesson for the whole human race.

Fifteen years ago, when Roosevelt's influence was at its highest, the value of electric energy was not as generally appreciated as it is to-day. The alarm created by Roosevelt about the rush to build great power plants on either side of the river at the falls was responsible for the cancellation of franchises and the making of a treaty in 1909 which limited Canada to the use of 36,000 cubic feet of water per second above the falls and the United States to the use of 20,000 cubic feet. Experts agreed that the total of 56,000 cubic feet, one-quarter of the flow, could not be exceeded without harm to the beauty of the falls.

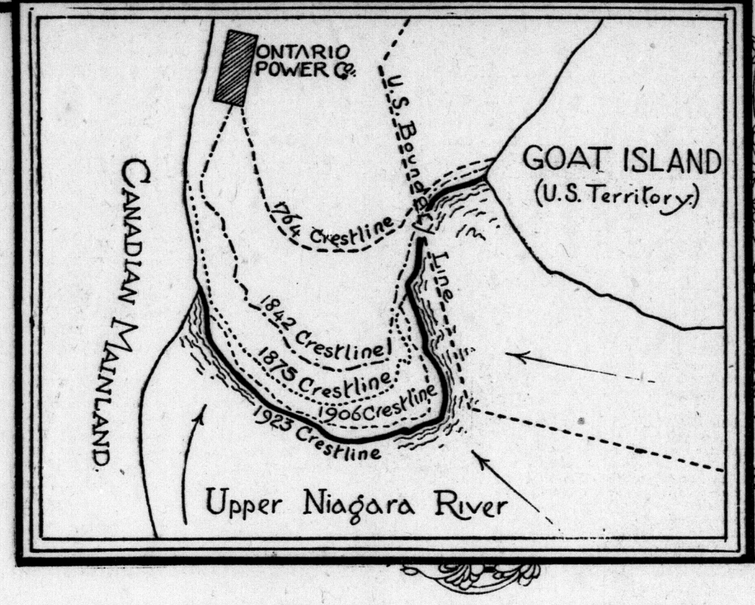
At the time the treaty was made the Chicago drainage canal was already taking 3,000 cubic feet from the great lakes system and from Niagara falls, diverting the water from its natural channel and carrying it off to the Gulf of Mexico. The Welland canal was then taking about 4,500 cubic feet, of which 3,000 feet were being used for power purposes, this water also being diverted away from Niagara falls, but restored to the great lakes system. The treaty made no direct reference to either diversion, and the international joint commission which deals with waterways matter never has been asked to pass judgment on them.

Both Canada and the United States are using for power purposes the full amount of water named in the treaty—that is, 36,000 cubic feet per second for the former and 20,000 cubic feet for the latter. Indeed, they are exceeding that amount, the United States claiming that as long as her diversion per 24 hours does not exceed 20,000 cubic feet per second on the average she may take more during limited periods. The U. S. war department which handles such matters has authorized the American power company at the falls to take up to 20 per cent. more than 20,000 cubic feet per second during the peak load period.

Canada was not asked whether she agreed with this interpretation. At one time Ottawa, while scarcely vocal, was understood to disagree with the Washington viewpoint. A recent despatch from Ottawa suggested that Canada had not adopted it yet. But the power companies on the Canadian side think they should be able to do what the American company does, and they are taking additional water, so that the total Canadian diversion at the falls has reached 33,500 cubic feet during peak load periods.

At this point it might be well to observe that Ottawa has treated Niagara falls with comparative indifference as against the intense interest shown for a generation by the authorities at Washington, who have kept engineers making measurements, preparing reports, conducting experiments, and generally exercising an intelligent oversight. Until recently no one has kept a check on the water diverted by the various companies on the Canadian side. The Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park commission collects certain rentals from the power companies based on the horsepower developed. The courts ruled that the commission could not collect rentals if more horsepower were illegally developed. The commission has never measured the water passing through the plants.

The duty of seeing that Canada does not exceed the limitation set by the treaty to the use of water at the falls rests on the federal authorities, but has usually been overlooked. At the present time Hon. Mr. Stewart, minister of the interior, is gathering data relating to the use of water by the various plants.



How the hungry Horseshoe Falls eat their way back towards Lake Erie—the changes made in 159 years.

Remedial Measures Needed

WITH the power plants on both sides of the boundary utilizing all the water allowed by the international treaty, if not exceeding it, and the public clamoring for fresh supplies of electric energy, what is to be done? The prevailing opinion among those who have faced the whole situation is that a much larger diversion of water for power purposes should be sanctioned under conditions that would preserve Niagara falls as a great spectacle; in other words, that engineers should perform various surgical operations on the river, cutting away its bed here, building up there, and regulating the flow in a way that would provide a remedy for much of the harm done and to be done by man to the works of nature.

The view that vastly greater water diversions can be made without detracting from the beauties of the falls, and without remedial measures being taken, is not borne out by investigation. Only 10,000 cubic feet of water is passing over the 1,000 feet wide American falls to-day, which means an average depth of only one foot. These falls are entirely on the American side of the river. They are very pretty, forming a long snowwhite screen of water which permits of a close-up view from favorable angles. Any curtailment of the present flow would seriously mar the appearance of these falls.

American citizens try to make themselves believe that the American falls provide a more beautiful view than is offered by the Horseshoe falls, which happen to be mostly within Canadian territory. Their engineers say that the bulk of the water goes over the Horseshoe falls in the notch near the centre of the falls, which are 2,600 feet wide, and that because of the location of this notch the heaviness of the prevailing mist, and the unfavorable angle of view, the Horseshoe falls are inferior.

Unbiased visitors to Niagara do not share this view. If the American falls are pretty, the Horseshoe falls are majestic. The thunder of the mighty volume of water pouring over the Canadian cataract is awe-inspiring, and each returning visit to them increases the wonder that the upper lakes are not drained dry. More than twenty times as much water goes over here as takes the plunge at the American falls. The water dashes 165 feet down to the level of the river below the falls—known as the Maid of the Mist pool—and impelled by its own weight continues on down and down for more than another 165 feet, so that the total drop may be nearly 350 feet before the water begins to rise to the surface of the lower river.

The strata at the falls, showing how water plunges twice the depth to the lower river.

But even the Horseshoe falls are prejudicially affected to a slight degree by the present diversion of water for power purposes. True, a great volume of water is always passing over the centre of the falls. But on either side, where the water is shallower, the varying in the flow due to changing levels in Lake Erie appreciably narrows the falls and the varying in the consumption of water for power purposes, while less recognizable, is apparent to the naked eye.

Photographs recently taken by the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park commission would even support the view that the amount of ironing done by the housewives of Ontario is reflected in the appearance of the falls. Appearing herewith is a picture of the Canadian end of the Horseshoe falls on a Sunday last month when industry was resting and the power generation was low. Alongside of it is a picture taken on a Tuesday, twelve days earlier, when industry was busy and when the housewives' ironing brought on the peak-load power period. It may be that the level of Lake Erie had some bearing on the result. But it will be noticed that on the Sunday the water was flowing on the right to the abutment wall while on the Tuesday it stopped many feet to the left. Also the Tuesday picture shows a big strip of the precipice uncovered by water.

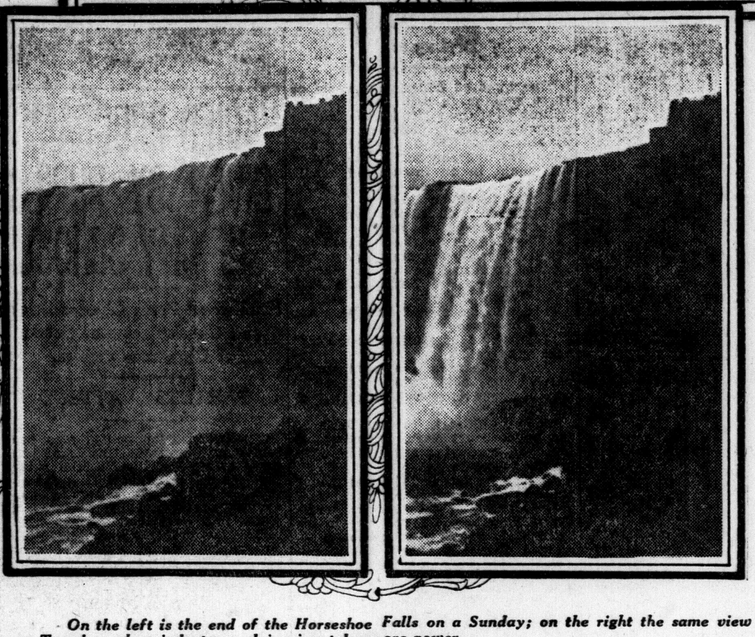
The view of the U. S. government engineers is that "The scenic beauty of Niagara falls has been appreciably damaged both by the recession of the apex of the Horseshoe falls which is proceeding at the rate of about four to six feet a year and by the diversion of water for power and other purposes."

Artificial Islands Suggested

A NUMBER of plans are being suggested for enhancing the beauty of the falls while permitting an increased diversion of at least 24,000 cubic feet per second for power purposes. The international joint commission has considered the building of a dam at Buffalo at a cost of eight million dollars which would raise the level of Lake Erie by two feet and Lake Huron by nearly one foot, and permit an increase of 20 per cent. in the low water flow over the falls. The dam would really be a submerged weir, half a mile long, and having a series of sluiceways.

U.S. government engineers champion this dam at the mouth of the river, plus a submerged weir, curved in form, 1,380 feet long, to be built across the central part of the rapids upstream from the "notch" in the Horseshoe falls. In addition, they would cut down the high Canadian end of the falls and also the shallow area on the American side near Terrapin point. This would deepen the water on the edges of the river and falls, and distribute the flow more evenly. The Americans would also put in a submerged dyke extending from Goat island to Chippawa. These plans mean more benefit to the American side of the river than to Canada, which, perhaps, is not unnatural in view of physical conditions. The cost of these works would be about six million dollars.

Canadians are inclined to favor a more unique plan, namely, the placing of a series of artificial islands in the river immediately above the falls. These islands, possibly twenty or thirty in number, would be not unlike the Three Sister islands in appearance. It is believed that they would hold back the water and make the flow more even, and that with a little chipping away of the river bed near the sides of the stream, submerged weirs would then be unnecessary, although the dam at Buffalo would be a desirable supplement.



On the left is the end of the Horseshoe Falls on a Sunday; on the right the same view on Tuesday when industry and ironing take more power.

Mr. J. H. Jackson, C.E., superintendent of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission, is one of those who support the island plan of equalizing the flow. The park commission also has gone on record as favoring this plan. In its latest annual report, now in the printer's hands, the commission, which has Mr. P. W. Ellis, of Toronto, as chairman—Mr. Ellis being also chairman of the Toronto Transportation Commission and chairman of the Toronto Hydro Commission—not only comes out definitely for the islands as against the submerged weir, but deprecates the American suggestion that the volume of water and the mist are not attractions and that a much larger increased diversion than 24,000 cubic feet could be made for power purposes. The report says:

"The commissioners believe that the volume of water pouring over the Horseshoe is most impressive and that a reduction of almost 50 per cent. as is recommended cannot be made without sacrificing some of the majesty of the scene. Neither does it appear safe to concur in the suggestion made by some observers that the central veil of mist detracts from the charm of Niagara. Indeed, it enhances the appearance at high stage under clear weather conditions, but with strong winds it is far from pleasant.

"Doubtless the extra water to meet the needs of existing developments could be taken from the river if compensating works were to be constructed, but the park commissioners are of the opinion that the building of islands in the upper rapids, the lowering of the rock ledge at the extremities, with as small a proportion of distinctly artificial construction as is practicable, should be the basis of negotiations between Canada and the United States for the restoration of scenic Niagara."

Test With Model of Falls

THE idea of placing artificial islands above the falls has supporters in the United States. American engineers have been secretly at work testing the idea. They have constructed a large model of the falls and upper Niagara river, in which the three cascades and the river bed are faithfully reproduced, and are gathering data thereby as to the effect of little islands on the natural flow.

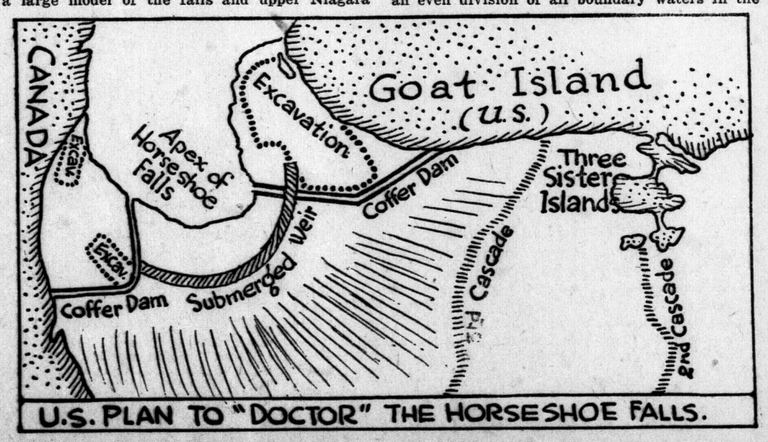
One evidence that water needs to be drawn to the extremities of the falls is the fact that the scenic tunnel in the gorge on the Canadian side, which is 800 feet long, the end of which used to be behind a solid body of water, has to be extended. Early this summer only spray was falling over in front of the last outlook. To improve the view the park commission blasted away two feet of rock at the crest of the falls over a stretch of 75 feet. That appreciably improved the scenic effect. But the commission is now proceeding to extend the tunnel another 160 feet towards the centre of the falls.

If the submerged weir plan were adopted, coffer dams would have to be built on either side of the river on the crest of the falls, creating large dry areas which would permit of the excavation of shoal spots as shown on the accompanying diagram. The location of the proposed curved weir is also shown. U.S. government engineers say that from three to three and a half feet depth of water should be allowed to go over the reformed crest, or about 70,000 cubic feet per second.

As Americans see it, 24,000 additional cubic feet could be made available for power purposes as soon as the regulating dam at Buffalo is installed. But with the submerged weir near the crest, the additional diversion could be safely increased to 44,000 or 50,000 feet. It is claimed that a flow of 50,000 cubic feet would be ample to sluice ice over both the falls and that the constant flow, with the remedial dam operating, would be about 180,000 cubic feet. That would leave from 100,000 to 110,000 cubic feet available for power purposes as against 56,000 being used to-day.

At least 90,000 cubic feet is needed to take care of ice in the Maid of the Mist pool. There is no likelihood of trouble on that score, for with 70,000 cubic feet flowing over the falls and the quantity of water already being poured back into the river immediately below the cataract by power plants, all the additional diversion could be used elsewhere. Canada's share could be used for a second Chippawa canal or tunnel and the U.S. for a canal that would develop power with the maximum drop near Lewiston. All experts are agreed that no more water should be uneconomically used for generating purposes at the falls.

Of the first increased diversion of 24,000 cubic feet for power, the Americans propose to take 20,000 feet, leaving Canada only 4,000. This, they explain, is because the two countries agreed to an even division of all boundary waters in the great lakes system and Canada now is getting more than her share at the falls. Divided as they suggest, the two countries would both be getting 40,000 cubic feet. The additional 4,000 feet would be handy for the Chippawa canal, enabling it to produce up to capacity, but it would not warrant the building of a second canal.



The cofferdams would be temporary works to enable areas on each side of falls to be drained off and shoals removed where indicated. The submerged weir would be permanent.

Chicago's Drainage Canal

WHILE Chicago is taking upwards of 10,000 cubic feet for her drainage canal, there is no possibility that Canadians will consent to an even division of water at Niagara falls. The 3,000 cubic feet taken into the Welland canal for power will have to be checked off against the Chicago diversion should the latter ever get international sanction.

If the total diversion at Niagara were increased to 80,000 cubic feet, the calculations might work out this way:

CANADA.

Welland Canal power	3,000 c.f.s.
At Niagara now	36,000 c.f.s.
New diversion	7,500 c.f.s.
Total share water	46,500 c.f.s.

UNITED STATES.

Drainage canal	10,000 c.f.s.
At Niagara now	20,000 c.f.s.
New diversion	16,500 c.f.s.
Total share water	46,500 c.f.s.

Thus Canada would be getting 7,500 c.f.s. of the new diversion and the U.S. 16,500, and any further increased diversions would be on a straight fifty-fifty basis.

It would be quite possible to take enough water from the Niagara river near the Whirlpool, with a 90-foot drop, to develop 240,000 horsepower of electricity. It seems that this could be developed much more cheaply on the American side than in Canada. Our "cousins" even regard the cost of development on our side as prohibitive ,so they suggest that they take all the water that is available. A better plan might be to have an international development and make a fifty-fifty division of the power.

Wearing Away Process

ANY kind of remedial measure will check the flow over the notch of the Horseshoe falls and the dangerously fast eating away of the rock. Much of the recession is due to huge rocks being thrown about in the lower river by the action of the water, exercising a scouring effect. The lower strata are softer than the upper but the latter collapse after a period of undermining. The crest line of the falls in the eighteenth century and at different periods since then is shown on a diagram. The notch was more acute a few years ago. Since then some heavy falls of rock have made it more of a horseshoe in shape.

The falls have been wearing away for 30,000 or 40,000 years. American engineers suggest that in 30 or 40 years the notch may be carried over to their side of the boundary, which also is indicated on the diagram, but this is extremely unlikely. It is more probable that at a later period the American falls will be dried up by the recession of the Horseshoe.

The treaty of Ghent was intended to divide the waters of the great lakes system evenly between Canada and United States and its authors succeeded fairly well. But at Fosters' Flat in the Gorge 80 per cent. of the flow is on the American side and at the falls 93 per cent. is on the Canadian side.

The new waterways treaty that must be negotiated as a preliminary to the construction of the deep St. Lawrence waterway and power development should adhere to the principle of a fifty-fifty ownership in the waters of the great lakes system. It should declare to what extent existing diversions are validated and require all new diversions for whatever purpose to receive the sanction of the International Joint Commission.

BUTTERFLIES TO ORDER FRENCH BREEDING FARMS

WHAT must surely be one of the most fascinating industries in the world is carried on in Southern France, where special butterfly farms have been established. Here, under scientific guidance, hundreds of beautiful specimens are bred.

Cross-breeding has been tried, and numerous experiments are conducted to obtain brilliant and original markings on the wings of these insects, which are afterwards sold to collectors or for the adornment of women's hats and dresses.

The farms are provided with special leafy trees and plants on which the eggs are hatched. Directly the young appear the branches are cut off and taken to a specially ventilated room, where they are placed in vases of water.

As soon as the tiny caterpillars have eaten up this first supply of leaves fresh branches are provided. Having been in an even temperature for about two weeks the young caterpillars are taken out into the open, where they are placed on plants that are protected from birds by long nets.

When they have become fully grown this protective net is removed, and soon they retire into cocoons or roll themselves up into leaves. These are collected and stored in specially ventilated boxes, where, in a very short time, butterflies of wonderful hues are evolved.—Tit-Bits.

MONTREAL LEADS GRAIN EXPORT FOR CONTINENT

Retains Her Position For Third Consecutive Year With Wide Margin.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Grain handled at this port in 1923 totalled 120,013,938 bushels, the largest amount shipped through any port in North America during the year. Montreal thus maintains for the third consecutive year her position as the leading grain exporting seaport of the continent.

The totals of the other seaports are as follows:

New York, 81,130,000 bushels.
Baltimore, 41,083,000 bushels.
Philadelphia, 32,107,000 bushels.
New Orleans, 19,512,000 bushels.
Galveston, 10,469,000 bushels.
Boston, 7,964,000 bushels.
Norfolk, 3,568,000 bushels.
Port Arthur, Texas, 1,680,000 bushels.

"These figures show that Montreal has succeeded by a wide margin in keeping the leading position she established in 1921 and 1922, notwithstanding that this port is closed for four and a half months each year, while her competitors enjoy a twelve-month season," said M. J. Fennell, general manager of the port of Montreal.

FORTY-EIGHT COMMERCIAL FAILURES REPORTED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Forty-eight commercial failures throughout the Dominion were reported during the week ending yesterday, according to the report of R. G. Dun & Co. today. This is the lowest number since the week of Nov. 16, and 38 less than for the same week of 1922. By provinces this week's failures occurred as follows: Ontario 14, Quebec 13, Manitoba 5, Saskatchewan 5, British Columbia 4, Nova Scotia 3, Alberta 2, New Brunswick 1, Newfoundland 1.

Financial Review

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 22.—Stock prices met with more opposition in their movement to higher ground in this week's market. Business was on a reduced scale, due to the approaching holiday, although odd lot dealers reported an increase in that business, which was generally construed as a reflection of wider public participation.

The market received a sharp setback on Tuesday, when Washington despatches indicated that a soldiers' bonus bill might be passed over the president's veto, an dthat it would be given preference over the Mellon tax reduction program.

Prices made substantial recovery later, however, on the decision of the house ways and means committee to take up the administrative features of the tax bill before considering the bonus measure.

Heaviness in many issues was directly traceable to so-called "taxation selling," several of the brokerage houses advising their customers to take losses this year, on the theory that limitations on the amounts deductible for losses might be included in the new tax measure.

Oil shares were heavily bough on the weekly report of the American Petroleum institute, showing a further reduction in crude oil production, and the prediction of some of the leading oil authorities that consumption would equal production about the middle of next year.

The successful flotation of a $40,000,000 issue of preferred stock during the week was generally accepted as proof of the fact that large sums of money are still seeking investment.

COTTON

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures closed very steady. Closing bids: Jan., 34.82c; March, 35.42c; May, 35.33c; July, 34.45c; Dec., 36.10c.

Spot closed steady. Middling uplands, 36.40c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Cotton, spot, quiet; prices steady. American middling, fair, 21.48d; good middling, 20.68d; fully middling, 20.23d; middling, 19.68d; low middlings, 18.68d; good ordinary, 17.68d; ordinary, 17.18d.

The sales of the day were 4,000 bales, of which 3,100 were American. The receipts were 8,000 bales, including 7,000 American.

Futures opened and closed firm.

DETROIT DISCOUNT RATE

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—Detroit clearing-house banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Saturday will be at a discount of $2.52 per $100.

OILS

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Turpentine spirits, 72s 6d.

Kerosene No. 1, 1s; kerosene No. 2, 1s 1d.

Rosin—Common, 13s.

BULLION

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 21.—Bar silver, 33⅝d per ounce.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21. — Foreign bar silver, per oz., 64¾c.

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NOTICE OF PREFERRED STOCK, DIVIDEND NO. 1.

The first half-yearly dividend of 3½ per cent at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, of the Boxboard Products, Ltd., has been declared, payable Jan. 1, 1924, to shareholders of record Dec. 15, 1923.

The transfer books of the company will be closed between Dec. 20 and 27, 1923. By order of the board of directors.

WALTER ROY NICKLE,
President.

London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1923. 35n

How the Stocks Closed Today

New York

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company. New York, Dec. 22—11:30 a.m.

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close
Allied Chem.	69	69	69	69
Am. Ag. Chem.	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
Am. B. Sugar	42	42	41⅞	41⅞
Am. Bosch Mag.	36	36⅜	36	36⅜
Am. Can. Co.	103⅜	104	103⅜	103⅞
Am. Hide pfd.	46⅜	46⅞	46⅜	46⅞
Am. Ice	96⅜	96⅝	96⅜	96⅜
Amer. Loco.	73¼	73¼	73¼	73¼
Am. Ship and C.	11	11	11	11
Am. Steel Fd.	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛
Am. Sumatra	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
Am. T. and T.	124⅝	124⅝	124½	124½
Am. Woolen	72	72	72	72
Anaconda Cop.	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛
Baldwin Loco.	124¼	124¼	123¾	123⅞
Bal. and Ohio	58¼	58⅜	58⅛	58⅜
Beechnut Pack.	54⅜	54⅜	54⅛	54¼
Beth. Steel	51⅞	51⅞	51⅞	51⅞
Cal. Packing	80	80	80	80
Cal. Petroleum	24⅝	24⅞	24⅝	24¾
Can. Leather	13⅜	13¾	13⅜	13¾
Cerro de Pasco	45	46	44¾	44¾
Chandler Motor	63	63	63	63
Ches. and Ohio	69½	69½	69½	69½
C., M. and St. P.	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Chi. and Alton	124⅝	124⅝	124½	124½
Chi. and G. W. p.	10½	10½	10½	10½
Chile Copper	27⅛	27⅞	27	27
Chino Copper	17⅝	17⅞	17¼	17¼
Col. F. and I.	23	23	23	23
Computing	89¼	89¼	89¼	89¼
Consol. Gas	59⅜	60⅛	59⅜	60¼
Con. Textile	6⅛	6⅛	6	6
Corn Products	152⅜	152⅞	152⅜	152⅞
Cosden & Co.	34	35⅛	33⅞	34⅝
Crucible Steel	64½	64½	64½	64½
Cuba C. Sugar	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜
Do. pfd.	64½	64⅜	63⅞	63⅞
Cuban Am. Sgr.	33⅝	34	33⅞	34
Dupont	127½	127⅞	127⅜	127¾
Erie Railway	21⅜	21⅜	21¼	21⅜
Famous Players	68¼	68⅝	68	68
General Asphalt	40⅞	40½	40	40½
General Motors	14⅜	14⅜	14½	14½
Goodrich Rubber	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜
G Northern pfd.	55⅝	56	55⅜	56
Hudson Motors	27	27⅛	27	27⅛
Hupp Motors	17	17¼	17	17¼
Inspir Copper	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
Inter Harvester	77⅞	78⅛	77⅞	77⅞
Inter M M pfd	28⅝	29⅛	28⅝	29⅛
Inter Nickel	13⅜	13⅜	13¼	13¼
Invincible Oil	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Kelly-Springfield	30½	31½	30½	31½
Kennecott Copper	33⅜	33⅜	33	33
Maxwell A	47	47½	46¾	47½
do B	13	13	13	13
Miami Copper	21⅝	21⅝	21½	21½
Middle States Oil	6⅝	6⅜	6½	6⅞
Missouri Pacific	9¾	9⅞	9½	9½
Mother Lode	8	8	8	8
National Lead	133¼	133½	133½	133½
N Y Central	104⅛	104⅛	104	104
Norfolk and W	103	103	103	103
North American	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¼
Northern Pacific	52½	52½	52¼	52¼
Pan-American	63	63	63	63
do B	60¼	60¼	60⅜	60⅜
Pennsylvania	41⅝	41⅝	41⅜	41⅝
Penn S Steel	3	3	3	3
People's Gas	96⅞	97¼	96⅞	97¼
Pere Marquette	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
Producers	30⅜	30½	30⅜	30½
Punta Alegre	57⅜	58⅛	57⅜	58
Ray C. Copper	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Reading Co.	76¼	76¼	76¼	76¼
Replogle Steel	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
Reynolds Tobacco.	73	73	73	73
Royal Dutch	48¼	48¼	48¼	48¼
Mex. Seaboard	15	15¼	15¼	15¼
Continental Can.	54	54⅜	54	54¼
Sinclair Oil	75⅝	75⅞	75¼	75⅜
C. Leather, pfd.	38½	38⅞	38½	38⅞
Southern Railway.	36¼	36¼	36¼	36¼
Stan. Oil, Cal.	62	62⅜	61⅞	62⅜
do, N. Jersey	37⅞	37⅞	37⅝	37⅝
Stromberg	78	78	78	78
Studebaker	104⅞	105	104⅞	105
Davison Chemical.	71⅞	72	71½	71½
Texas Co).	42⅜	42⅜	42⅛	42⅛
Tex.-Gulf Sulphur.	60¼	60¼	60¼	60¼
Houston Oil	69⅜	70	69⅜	70
Tobacco Products.	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜
Transcon. Oil	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜
Union Pacific	126½	126½	126½	126½
Wilson & Co.	24½	24½	24½	24½
U. S. C. I. Pipe.	66¼	66¼	65½	65½
U. S. In. Alcohol.	64⅜	64⅜	64⅜	64⅜
U. S. Rubber.	36⅞	37½	36⅝	37½
U S. Steel.	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
Vanadium Corp.	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼
Westinghouse	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝
Phillips Petroleum	32½	32⅜	32⅜	32⅝
Miss. Pacific, pfd.	28½	28¼	28⅛	28¼
St. Paul, pfd.	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜

Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 22.

Stocks—	Bid	Ask
Abitibi	60¾	..
Barcelona	15	17
Brazilian Traction	40½	40⅝
Canada Bread	..	66
Can. General Electric	114½	..
City Dairy	..	162½
Duluth-Superior	36½	37
Maple Leaf	..	60
Steel of Can.	74	74½
Toronto Railway	81¼	82
Twin City	..	66
Banks—		
Commerce	183¼	183½
Dominion	181	..
Imperial	175	178
Molsons	157	..
Montreal	235	..
Royal	211	..
Standard	168	170
Toronto	173	..
Union	105	..

YOUTH IS FINED $200 AND COSTS

Admits Charge of Intoxication and Being in Possession of Liquor.

Two hundred dollars and costs or three months in jail, was the unwilling Christmas gift handed out to a young citizen in police court today by Magistrate Graydon. This young chap was apprehended by the police last night in an intoxicated condition, and a half-filled bottle of whiskey was found on him.

"Guilty, sir," stated the young man when the charge was read to him.

"Why do you do this?" asked the court. "Surely you must know that I have no discretion in the matter, and that you are liable to a $200 fine. Where did you get the stuff?"

"I don't remember," was the sad and weary reply.

"What kind of stuff is it, chief?" asked the court.

"Mr. Moule says it is good stuff," parried the chief, who apparently was in doubt as to the "standing" of the "licker."

"It looks all right to me," declared the police court clerk, smacking his lips, and bestowing a knowing wink on the reporters.

"It may be, but it looks like moonshine to me," quoth the court.

Mr. Moule and the chief, not wishing to dispute the magistrate in his opinion of "what's what in booze," remained discreetly silent, and it will never be known just what brand the bottle contained.

At the Churches

COLBORNE STREET CONCERT.

A splendid entertainment was given in Colborne Street Methodist Church last Thursday evening by the primary and beginners' departments of the Sunday school. The little folks excelled themselves in the various Christmas and kindergarten songs, piano, violin and vocal solos and dialogues and recitations. The program was arranged by Miss Harriet Powell, assisted by Miss Ida Elliott at the piano. Mrs. Gidley convened a special treat for the children. The superintendent, F. Westbury, acted as chairman. Special numbers given at the close of the younger children's program by the classes taught by Miss Barbour and Miss Johnston, added greatly to the enjoyment of the concert.

The following children took part: Donna Huffman, Martha Towle, Helen Henderson, Richard Sanderson, Florence Boyd, Rose Colwill, Lenore Guent, Geraldine Cooper, Ruth Ellis, Nadene Unwin, Margaret Gidley, Eleanor Wyatt, Edith Sargent, Margaret Turnbull, Donald Allen, Harvey White, Helen Ellis, Albert Simon, Josephine Pirie, Laird Thomas, Willard Thomas, Naxie Sargent, Jack Trott, Shirley Trott, Mary Kneuse and Mary Miller.

NEW ST. JAMES' L. A.

The Ladies' Aid of New St. James' Presbyterian, Church held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fetterly, Richmond street. The society regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. Spraitch, secretary, and Mrs. McLurg, president, who have filled their posts for fifteen and thirteen years respectively. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Donaldson; first vice-president, Mrs. Bolton; second vice-president, Mrs. Gorwill; third vice-president, Mrs. Shaw; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Harris; secretary, Mrs. Seabrook; treasurer, Mrs. Ballantyne; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Buthill; pianist, Mrs. Forsyth; assistant pianist, Mrs. Benson; auditors, Miss Brown and Mrs. Spraitch.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's business refreshments were served by the hostess.

ALL SINTS' CONCERT.

The Sunday school of All Saint's Church held its Christmas entertainment last evening. Each class had a part in the program, and this, winding up with presentation of prizes by the rector, Rev. A. A. Bice, provided an evening which was a complete success both in enjoyment for the youngsters and for the older classes and those under whose direction it was given. The program, over which the superintendent, John Hark, presided, included the following numbers: Opening chorus, "There Came a Little Child to Earth," by Mrs. Young's class; a reading by Mabel and Marion Bailey, "Double Trouble"; a reading, "Twilight Town," by Ray Johnston; "What is Keeping Santa Claus?" by Ruth Little; a reading, "Jennie's Letter," by Marion Risler; a piano solo by Phyllis Barnard; camp-fire songs by Mrs. Lipsett's and Mrs. Penwarden's classes; a reading by Alma Read, "I'm Glad I'm Not as Black as You Are"; a piano solo by Tom Conley; Christmas carols by Miss Agnew's class; a reading by little Miss Doris Johnston, "The Christmas Cake"; a reading by Annie Smith, "Dolly-Time"; "Please, Mr. Santa," by Miss Cook's class; Dorothy Jackson and her little sister, "Speak and Hide"; and carols by the boys' choir.

VOLUME OF MAIL SHOWS CONSIDERABLE INCREASE

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An increase of possibly 33 1-3 per cent in the volume of incoming and outgoing parcel post and letters has been noted Christmas mail of all descriptions, to date by mail handlers at the Ottawa postoffice.

Exchange

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The dollar opened this morning at 19.60c, the highest point ever reached on the Paris bourse.

The explanation of the continued rise in exchange during the past week, it is believed, is to be found in the legitimate requirements of the year end, the settlements having caused the great volume of transactions.

Exchange all this week has risen about $1,000,000 daily, in contrast to the normal average of between $400,000 and $600,000.

Reported for The Advertiser by Johnston & Ward.
London, Ont., Dec. 22.

Sterling, $4.34.
Francs, 5.05c.
Lires, 4.31c.

AN INTERESTING DEBATE IS FEATURE OF PROGRAM

Belle River, Dec. 21.—One of the most important events of the year was the debate staged by the students of St. James' local high school. The subject was, "Resolved, that nature has served mankind to a greater extent than either art or modern science." Representing the affirmative were Dorothy Martin (leader), Eugene Ducharme, Thomas McMahon, Thelma Wintermute and Veronica Byrne. The negative Reta Mousseau (leader), Mary Dunn, Master Alfonse Guilbeault, Raymond Strong, Arthur Ducharme.

Rev. Father l'Heureux, parish priest acted very ably as chairman, and the judges were Wm. Furlong (spokesman), Rev. Father Pitre of Stoney Pointe, J. A. Janisse of Windsor and Mr. Rhaume.

Father l'Heureux complimented all the speakers on their excellent oratory.

The decision was awarded the affirmative.

The student body entertained with several songs; violin selections were played by the Misses Patricia and Geraldine Cooper, Matilda Lalonde, Oswald Strong, Arthur Ducharme, Thomas McMahon, Elva Dupuis, all of whom are very apt pupils of Sister Cecile, who accompanied them at the piano. A duet was sung by Messrs. Thomas McMahon and Alphonse Guilbeault. Arthur Ducharme recited a welcome greeting to the guests, and specially mentioned the Rev. Father l'Heureux, James Cooper and Joseph Denaney for their efforts toward educational advancement.

Miss Ruth Mousseau kept everybody in a thoughtful mood during her recitation.

BEANS

Detroit, Dec. 21.—Beans, immediate and prompt shipment, $4.90 per cwt. at shipping points.

KERRWOOD

Special to The Advertiser.

Kerrwood, Dec. 21.—James Beeton has returned home for the winter.

Mrs. John Richardson is suffering from a badly sprained ankle.

Melvin Lucas of Watford spent the week-end with his friend, Basil Wilson.

Dr. A. E. Morgan and wife of Toronto spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. G. Morgan.

NORTHERN LIFE ST AFF PROMOTIONS

T. C. BALFOUR, for 20 years with the Northern Life Insurance Company of Canada at its head office, who has been appointed secretary of the company. Mr. Balfour's promotion is a popular one in all departments of the company, with which he has advanced from a junior place to his present important position. Mr. Balfour is a son of the late Dr. Balfour, former superintendent of Victoria Hospital.

C. R. BISSELL, F.A.S., who has been appointed assistant manager and actuary of the Northern Life Insurance Company of Canada. Mr. Bissell's appointment comes as the logical reward for 18 years of service with the company, the last two and a half years as actuary. Mr. Bissell is widely known, not only in London, where he was born, but throughout Canada in insurance circles.

VARIED PROGRAMS GIVEN BY PUPILS OF CITY SCHOOLS

Knollwood Park, Charles Street and Chesley Avenue Scene of Christmas Parties.

PARENTS ATTEND

Knollwood Park school also presented an admirable Christmas program on Friday, the children entering into the occasion with great enjoyment and that they were in earnest was evidenced by the way in which they gave their various selections. The program was divided into two parts, both of which were excellent. The numbers given by the pupils were as follows:

Part One.

Dialogue, Christmas Wishes, three boys; recitation, "The Mousie," Mae Buttery; song, "Jack Frost"; dialogue, "Merry, Merry Christmas," five girls; recitation, "My Christmas Secrets," Wilma Harrison; recitation, "St. Nick," Tom Huntley; dialogue, "The Christmas We Like," Kathleen and Freda Brockie; recitation, "Santa Claus's Visit," Jack Skipper; recitation, "Father Christmas," Donald Woodley; dialogue, "The Brownie Men," four boys; recitation, "A Gentle Reminder," Connie Hayes; recitation, "To Santa Claus," Lorie Lawrence; song, "Old Santa Claus"; dialogue, "Christmas Stockings," six children; recitation, "A Catastrophe," Thelma Handley; recitation, "Christmas Day," Lottie Morgan; recitation, "A Christmas Wish," Myrtle MacPhail; recitation, "Evergreens and Holly," Bessie Twine; song, "Tiny Little Snowflakes"; recitation, "Old Father Christmas," Alberta Speller; recitation, "A Note to Santa Claus," Alice Young; recitation, "Too Big and Too Little," Florence Cartwright; dialogue, "Three Cheers for Old Santa," four boys; recitation, "Nancy," Gladys Short; recitation, "Overheard at Christmas," Jim Bell; dialogue, "Sing a Song of Christmas," seven girls; song, "Now's the Time for Santa Claus."

Part Two.

Chorus, "Santa Claus Will Soon Be Here"; recitation, "December," Jack MacPhail; recitation, "Willie's Breeches," George Arnold; song, "Santa Claus Is Coming"; recitation, Gertrude Grantham; lullaby song, "Sleep, My Dolly, Sleep," five girls; recitation, "The Baby's Stocking," Billie Huntley; chorus, "Kris Kringle."

Recitation, "The Pudding," Soole Walker; recitation, "Daisy Dunn," Phyllis Irvine; song, "Merry Christmas Bells"; recitation, "Flo's Letter," Rachel Masterson; recitation, Ellen Cook; song, "Away in a Manger"; recitation, "The Bathtub Sea," Kathleen Rowlands; chorus, "Mrs. Santa Claus"; song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Part Three.

Chorus, "Ring the Bell"; recitation, "Our Christmas," Marguerite Kempster; recitation, "A Cold Morning," Mildred Horner; song, "How We Caught Santa"; recitation, "The Christmas Letter," Edith Mould; recitation, "A New Mary," Hilda Nixon; chorus, "Upon the House Tops"; recitation, "A Bright Idea," Margery Robbins; recitation, "The Runaway Stocking," Mary Belcher; dialogue, nine boys; song, Hazel Edwards; recitation, "My Favorite Tree," Tillie Abram; recitation, "Mr. Snowman," Edith Tilly; recitation, "To the Doll Who Shuts Her Eyes," Eva Moffatt; song, "Secrets," eight boys and girls; recitation, "Winter Jewels," Bruce Buchanan; recitation, "A Christmas Wish," Harold Copeland; song, Mildred Horner, Margaret Swick; recitation, "Christmas Secrets," George Denton; recitation, "December," Margaret Swick; song, "Good Night," eight boys and girls; recitation, "Kitty to Kriss," Irene Sweeney; recitation, "In Winter," Leslie Bedeil; chorus, Christmas hymn.

CHARLES ST. SCHOOL.

At the closing exercises of Charles Street School, the classes united for their celebration. To the delight of pupils and teachers, there was a large representation of mothers. The program consisted of songs, recitations, and the presentation to the parents of gifts made by the pupils.

Those taking part were: Viola Hey, Edna Blackwell, Shirley Jones, Minette and Lorine Gibbons, Phyllis Ashley, Gordon Doerr, Jack Summers, Joan Saunders, Edith Munro, Charlie Bryant, Marguerite Munro, Charlie Crocker, Mavis Howarth, Isobel Cruikshank, Doris Broderick, Jacqueline Nuttycombe, Amy Stevens, Fred Pritchett, Margaret Lackie, Jean Clements, Violet Schram, Lillian Finlayson, Rena Mizzen, Maurine Colgrove, Tom Hardie, Douglas West, Bernice Crocker, Helen and Rena Shed, Edith Rapson, Arthur Guymer, Muriel Davies, Jack Barrett, Verdun Coups, Dorothy Fisher, Dorothy Fenwick.

CHESLEY AVENUE SCHOOL.

The annual Christmas concert of the Chesley Avenue School was held Thursday when a varied program of choruses, readings, solos, and many other novelties were greeted by a large audience.

The feature of the program was the play entitled "The Awakening Christmas Spirit," in which some 60 or 70 children took part.

To Miss Laura Gray goes the honor of the occasion as the concert was staged under her supervision. The parents were loud in their praise for the artistic manner in which the school was decorated by Mr. Shorphall, manual training teacher.

TRAFALGAR.

The Christmas concert presented by the pupils of Trafalgar public school was held in the basement of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church on Thursday at 8:15 p.m.

Before the concert began, Mr. V. K. Greer, inspector of the public schools, addressed the large audience and offered a brief explanation of the delays which had prevented the opening of the new school. He then introduced the principal, L. D. McCamus, B.A., who complimented the staff upon their splendid co-operation in spite of the difficulties under which they had labored. He announced that two rooms of the new Trafalgar school would be ready on Wednesday, Jan. 3, and that two additional rooms would be finished before the end of January.

At intervals throughout the program the orchestra of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church delighted the audience with many selections.

Some numbers worthy of special mention were: "The Dream of the Months," presented by Grades V and VI, under the direction of Miss Ora B. Hoffman; "Santa Claus's Special Gift," presented by Grades II and V, under the direction of Miss Harriet Abey, and the final chorus by the entire school, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Other features were: A Christmas garland, Christmas Candles and a Doll Drill by Grades I and II, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Copeland; recitation by Reggie Hussey; piano duet by Dora Pingey and Elsie Coleman, Grade VII; an old fashioned dance, "Sir Roger de Coverly," Grades III and V; dialogue, "Darning the Christmas Stockings," by John Line and Fred Barned; solo dance by Margaret Mitchell; solo, "The Little Blue Flower," by Shirley Little; carol, "There Dwelt in Old Judaea," by Grade III and V; solo dance in costume by Marjorie Taylor; a play, "Three Scenes from Scrooge's Christmas," by several pupils in Grade VII and VIII, and a solo by Agnes Hendrie, "Love's Garden of Roses."

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS FORMALLY PRESENTED

Edwin Aylesworth Receives Several Scholarships At Commencement.

Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, Dec. 21. — The annual commencement excercises of Owen Sound Collegiate Institute were held last night. C. S. Cameron, K.C., chairman of the board of education, acted as chairman.

Mr. Justice Wright made the presentation of scholarships and medals as follows: Prince of Wales—G. Edwin Aylesworth. Edward Blake for mathematics proficiency, highest marks in province—G. Edwin Aylesworth. First Carter for Grey County—G. Edwin Aylesworth; second Carter—Colin M. Campbell. Murray memorial—Hazel Chalmers. Violet McQuaker memorial—Jennie Parks, Hedley Smith.

Boys' championship medal, gift of C. S. Cameron—Fred Elliott. Boys' junior championship medal, gift of Dr. A. B. Rutherford—Kelvin Duncan. Girls' championship medal, gift of R. G. Geen—Leone Keeling. Girls' junior championship medal, gift of R. G. McKay—Evelyn Arkies. Collegiate literary society also staged fine play.

Lawyers Move.

Law practice of A. B. Currie in Durham has been taken over by C. C. Middlebro of Owen Sound. W. S. Middlebro and E. C. Sperman are interested in opening of new law office, which will be known as Middlebro, Sperman & Middlebro.

A Film Fire.

A film fire in one of the machines in operating room at Classic Theatre last night, caused slight commotion during presentation of regular program. A quantity of film was destroyed.

Everything the Farmer Trades In

Local Market

With Christmas but three days away a note of haste was apparent on Saturday's market. All the parking space on the square was occupied bright and early, and it wasn't long before the proverbial Yuletide throngs began to appear.

Despite the fact that the majority of purchasers were a trifle more tolerant of prices, today's changes in the market values of produce were scarce, with the exception of turkeys, which featured with a slight jump over Thursday's mark. Two days ago choice birds were selling from 26c to 30c per lb wholesale, but today the price advanced from 24c to 27c. The prevailing retail prices were from 27c to 30c per lb. A few were asking 35c, but sales were not forthcoming, and the prices were dropped. Some birds, mostly large ones, could be purchased at 25c per lb.

Saturday's supply was not as large as Thursday's, and it is predicted by many that a goodly quantity will be brought to the city on Monday. The prices will likely remain fairly steady.

Chickens were in slow demand at 20c to 25c per lb, while ducks and geese were not selling much faster at 22c to 25c, most people being apparently intent on a turkey dinner since the price has dropped almost 300 per cent within the past two years.

Vegetables of every kind were offered in fairly large quantities. No changes in prices were noted.

Christmas trees continued to attract. They were selling from 25c to $2.50.

Grain, Per Bushel.			
Barley, per bu.	$ 77	to	$ 77
Oats, new per bu.	48	to	50
Wheat, per bu.	1 03	to	1 05
Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	1 54	to	1 54
Buckwheat, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Oats, new, per cwt.	1 40	to	1 40
Wheat, per cwt.	1 72	to	1 75
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, new, per ton	11 00	to	13 00
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	9 00
Fruit and Vegetables.			
Apples, bu.	75	to	2 50
Beets, pk.	60	to	75
Brus. sprouts, qt.	10	to	10
Cabbage, head	10	to	20
Cauliflower, head	15	to	40
Carrots, bu.	60	to	75
Celery, head	10	to	15
Citrons, each	10	to	25
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 10
Parsnips, bus.	1 00	to	1 25
Pumpkins, each	10	to	25
Onions, bus.	2 00	to	2 50
Sage, bunch	5	to	5
Savory, bunch	10	to	10
Squash, each	15	to	25
Turnips, bus.	50	to	60
Honey, Wholesale.			
Honey, 5-lb. pails	60	to	65
do, comb, sections	30	to	30
Honey, Retail.			
Honey, 5 lb. pails	75	to	75
do, comb, sections	35	to	35
Dairy Products, Retail.			
Butter, dairy, lb.	42	to	45
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	65	to	70
Wholesale to Retail Trade.			
Butter, cream, No. 1	42	to	45
do, No. 2	40	to	40
Eggs, fresh, extras	60	to	70
do, firsts	46	to	46
do, seconds	38	to	38
Creaming Cream, Wholesale.			
Churning cream, f.o.b. shipping points, per lb., fat	39	to	39
Poultry, Dressed, Retail.			
Chickens, old, lb.	23	to	25
do, spring, old	24	to	32
Turkeys, per lb.	25	to	30
Ducks, per lb.	22	to	25
Geese, per lb.	22	to	25
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.			
Spring chickens, over 5 lbs.	18	to	18
Spring chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	15	to	15
Spring chickens, under 4 lbs.	10	to	12
Hens, over 5 lbs.	15	to	15
do, under 4 lbs.	7	to	8
Roosters, old, over 4 lbs., each	8	to	8
Ducks, spring, colored, over 4½ lbs.	13	to	14
do, white, over 4½ lbs.	14	to	14
Geese, over 10 lbs.	19	to	23
Turkeys, old gobblers, over 15 lbs.	20	to	20
Live Stock.			
Hogs, selects, cwt.	7 50	to	7 75
Pigs, small pair	7 50	to	8 00
Bows, fat, cwt.	4 00	to	4 50
Dressed Meats, Wholesale.			
Heifers and steers, 500 to 600 lbs., cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Cows, beef, 400 to 500 lbs., cwt.	6 00	to	8 00
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	11 00	to	11 00
Beef, rounds, lb.	12	to	14
do, quarts	10	to	13
Lambs, choice, cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Veal, per cwt.	12 00	to	13 00
Hides.			
Cow hides, No. 1	5	to	5
do, No. 2	4	to	4
Calf skins, No. 1	9	to	9
Horse hides, each	2 00	to	3 00
Kip, No. 1, per lb.	8	to	8
do, No. 2	6	to	6
Lambs skins, each	50	to	90

WEEKLY TRADE REPORT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The weekly trade report of the Canadian Creditmen's Association, Ltd., reads:

Halifax—Wholesale trade satisfactory; retail business improving. Collections fair.

St. John—Wholesale trade good; retail trade fairly satisfactory. Collections fair.

Montreal—Wholesale trade generally reporting heavy holiday business, but regular orders still given out in small amounts, with very little spring business being placed. Retail business very good on the whole. Collections in the wholesale trade show a higher percentage than at this time last year.

Toronto—Busines with both wholesale and retail trades for heavy goods has been materially restricted, owing to the mild weather prevailing. Sales in other lines, excepting as above, are well ahead. Christmas shopping has started in earnest, and fairly heavy trade is anticipated. Collections not improving to any extent, and it is hoped these will pick up after Christmas. Employment situation normal for this season. Mining active. Lumber, pulp and paper trades continue busy.

Winnipeg—Wholesale trade has not shown much improvement, being still handicapped by mild weather. Retailers busy with Christmas trade, and reporting fair volume. Collections fair.

Regina—Wholesale trade generally good. Retailers report better business at city points than in the country. Collections slow.

Saskatoon—Wholesalers report some improvement over last week. Retailers fee

— PRACTICAL —
GIFT SUGGESTIONS

MEN'S HOUSE JACKETS
$10.00 to $15.00
MEN'S HOUSE GOWNS
$8.50 to $15.00
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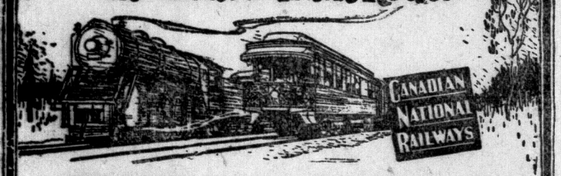

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The Race Isn't Always To the Swift.

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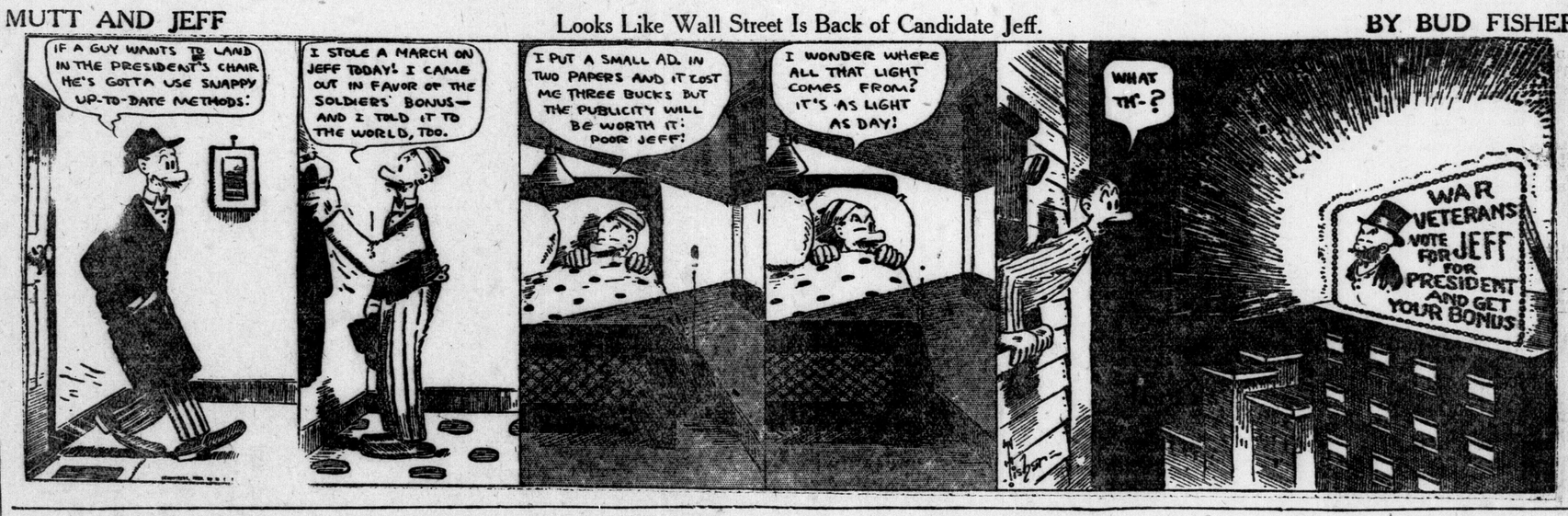

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To Be Continued.

BY GENE BYRNES

Finished Your Christmas Shopping? Here Are Some Suggestions

AMUSEMENTS

Winter Gardens
TONIGHT
Grand Finale
LAST NIGHT FOR
Free Turkeys
Come and Get Yours

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY
Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FOLLOW THE CROWD b

Hockey Tonight
THE ARENA
KITCHENER vs. STRATFORD
AT 8 P.M.
Admission: Reserved, $1.00, 75c; Rush, 35c, 50c.
Tickets on sale at the Arena, Strong's Drug Store and R. M. Brisco at 3 p.m. today. Reservations 122. b

MEETINGS

Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, Knights Templars
Christmas Observance Ceremonies
WILL BE HELD IN TEMPLAR QUARTERS, MASONIC TEMPLE
Sunday, December 23
At 4 p.m. sharp.
Knights Templar, all Masons and their ladies are courteously invited. Special music and addresses. Eminent Knight W. D. Macgregor, Presiding Preceptor; Sir Knight H. J. Bennett, Registrar. b

ACACIA LODGE, A., F. and A. M., No. 580, G. R. C. Emergent meeting tonight at 7:30. Third degree. Visitors welcome. J. H. C. Woodward, W. M.; J. W. Plewes, P. M., Sec.

BRETHREN of Chorazin Lodge please assemble at 737 Princess Ave., on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of our mate, Bro. Albert D. Bril. Brethren with cars are requested to bring them. Fred Mason, N.G.; Arthur Borland, R. S.

ORANGEMEN ATTENTION! There will be a joint installation in the Ulster Hall, corner Dundas and Clarence Sts., of all officers elected in the district on Dec. 26, 1923. Address by prominent Orangemen. Keep this date open. Be there 8 o'clock sharp. All Orangemen welcome. J. W. Whitby, D.M.; E. Davis, D.R.S. Lunch served.

MYRTLE, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, meets Tuesday evening, 110 Dundas St. All members attend.

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CHRISTMAS CAKES — Home-made. Get your orders in early. Miss A. Tapp, 531 Emery St. Phone 2244-M.

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THE SALVATION Army Industrial Department, 789 Dundas St. You can enable us to help others by giving us your cast-off clothing, boots, furniture newspapers etc. Phone 4009 or 7615J and our truck will call.

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LOST—Gold cuff link, initialed B, return to S. D. Baby, Imperial Oil, Limited, York St.

LOST—Tuesday, Cocker Spaniel puppy, male, black, curly. Answers to Mike. Generous reward, 194 Simcoe St.

STRAYED from lot 2, con. 11, Lobo, one light red heifer, 1½ years old, small horns; notify Fred Harris, R. R. 1, Denfield. Coldstream phone. Reward.

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MASTER SALESMEN—Age 30 to 50 for special diplomatic personal soliciting where the clientage you build up belongs to yourself; $250 per month guarantee for first ten months' work to right man; company well rated, established twelve years; this opportunity will make one independent for life and net $25,000 certain profit in first three years; must be financially responsible; no special experience necessary, but character, personality, courage and industry essential; college men preferred; state age, education, past occupation and earnings in strict confidence. Box No. 1N, Advertiser Office.

SALESMEN—Four, live, with Ford cars, for London and Middlesex County; big money for right men. Apply Wm. H. Boyce, 52 Moore St., St. Thomas. Phone 2576.

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TEACHER wanted for S. S. No. 1, Malahide school, situated 6 miles south from Aylmer, salary $1,000; duties to begin Jan. 3. Apply to C. W. Wonnacott, Aylmer, R. R. No. 2.

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TWO teachers for S. S. No. 2, Harwich, Kent County, near Chatham, No. 5th class, duties to commence January 2, 1924. Apply to W. R. Colbait, secretary, R. R. 3, Chatham.

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HOSIERY agents, $5,000 yearly, selling hosiery direct mill to consumer; ladies', men's and children's line; hundred different numbers; best values. Dept. 411, Triangle Mills, Box 2503, Montreal.

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED

DIED.

BARKLIE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1923, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of Dr. R. C. Barklie.
Funeral from the funeral home of E. C. Killingsworth, Burwell St., on Saturday morning at 8:30. Requiem high mass at St. Peter's Cathedral 9 o'clock. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

DICKSON—At her late residence, 521 Emery St., on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1923, Isobel, beloved wife of James Dickson, in her 74th year.
Funeral from the above address on Saturday at 3 o'clock; service at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

PALMER—At the residence, 587 Central Ave., on Friday, December 21, 1923, Charlotte Vesta Palmer, dearly beloved wife of A. J. Palmer, aged 49 years.
Funeral, private, on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

PUGH—At Victoria Hospital, on Friday, Dec. 21, 1923, Sarah Pugh, widow of the late Edward Pugh.
Funeral, private, on Monday, Dec. 24, from the residence of her son, Mr. George Pugh, 438 English St., at 3 o'clock. Service at 2:30. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

STRONG—In Toronto on Dec. 20, 1923, Mary Jane, widow of the late William Strong, formerly of this city.
Funeral will leave Geo. E. Logan Funeral Home, 371 Dundas St., on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock. Service at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

MORTON—In ever loving memory of George Morton, who entered unto rest Dec. 22, 1920. Till the day break and the shadows flee.
—Wife and Daughter.

GEORGE—Mrs. Lucy George, who died two years ago today.
As I gaze upon your picture that hangs on the wall,
Your smiles and your welcome often I recall,
I miss you and mourn you, in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been,
Flowers may wither, leaves fade and die,
If some who forget you never will I.
—Husband and Family.

POOLE—In loving memory of Mary Love, beloved wife of Christopher Poole who died one year ago, Dec. 22, 1922.
We watched her suffer day by day,
It gave us bitter grief
To see her slowly pine away
And could not give relief.
'Twas the breaking of the day,
God saith, Come, come this way.
Our darling mother took his hand,
Then left us for the better land;
Her hands were clasped upon her breast,
We kissed her loving brow;
But in our aching hearts we know best,
We have no mother now.
—Sadly missed by Husband and Family

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FOR THE KIDDIES.

BICYCLES and supplies. The R. M. Brisco Company, Limited, Dundas St.

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$35—Sandford cabinet phonograph, with six selections.

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$98.50 — Piano, upright, good standard make, easy terms.

$135—Piano, upright.

$175—Newcombe upright piano, first-class condition.

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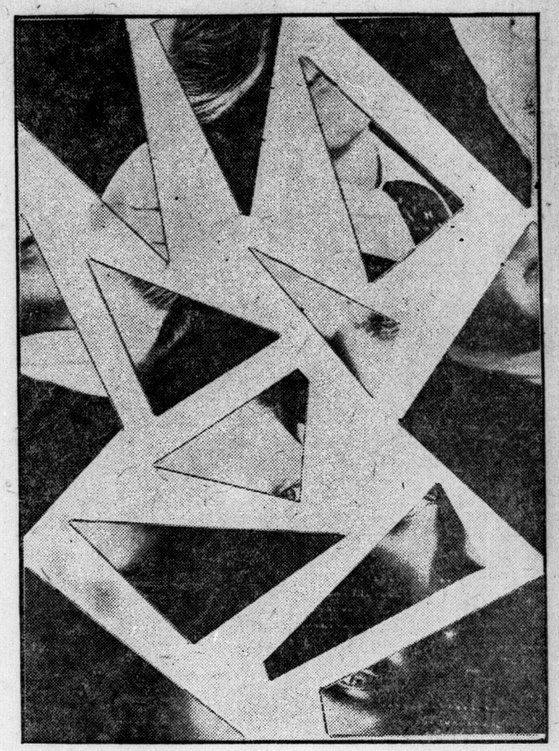

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Answers received after Thursday, Dec. 27th, will not be considered.

WINNERS OF PUZZLE NO. 15.

Here are the winners of the contest published Dec. 15th. The name of the star was Alice Brady.

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$2,500—$300 down, $25 a month, frame cottage, west, 3 bedrooms, hall, parlor, dining-room, kitchen, summer kitchen, toilet, hydro, gas, cellar, side drive.

$3,000—$500 down, white brick cottage with 3 bedrooms, clothes closet, parlor, dining-room, kitchen, hydro, full basement, drive, good lot.

A NORTH END HOME ON EASY TERMS.

$8,000—$2,000 down, easy terms for balance, 2-story rug brick with 3 bedrooms, 4 clothes closets, living-room with fireplace, dining-room, kitchen, refrigerator, swing door to kitchen, enamel sink with rotary taps, porch, oak floors down, slate roof, hot water coils, wired for electric stove, full basement in three parts, drive off side street, large lot.

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She would appreciate a new home. I have a few real buys, a small payment down; 3 acres of land, 5-room house, barn, orchard, on pavement, a snap, $2,500 terms; 90 acres, close to city, would exchange; a few good farms to exchange on city homes; a cottage off Hamilton, Rd., 3 bedrooms, $3,500; a cottage on St. Julien, $3,500, terms; wanted 50 acres, close to good town, to exchange for an up-to-date modern home in London; 100-acre farm to exchange for house in city. What have you got?

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Depositors are notified that they can obtain payment of such dividends upon application made by them to the following branches of the banks hereunder mentioned:

(1) Depositors in the London Main Branch of the Home Bank of Canada will be paid their dividends at the Market Branch of the Bank of Montreal, London, Ontario.

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Depositors who have not proved their claims with the undersigned cannot be paid their dividends until such time as their claims shall be proven.

Dividends also cannot be paid to Creditors who are indebted to the Home Bank of Canada directly or by guarantee or indorsement or to those who are shareholders and responsible for double liability.

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so as quickly as possible when the undersigned will use their best efforts to obtain payment of the dividends thereon as speedily as possible. Some delay in the payment of dividends to such Creditors will be unavoidable, however, by reason of the large number of claims which remain to be filed, inspected and approved before they can be passed.

G. T. CLARKSON,
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Permanent Liquidators.
Toronto, Dec. 19, 1923. 38u

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THE LONDON ADVERTISER.
WANT AD DEPARTMENT.

SPANISH PRISONER FAKE FREED AT ST. CATHARINES

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, Dec. 21.—Several prominent citizens here have received with their Christmas mail Spanish letters with the old Spanish prisoner appeal, offering the usual fortune for financial assistance to effect the release of the prisoner. In one instance an exactly similar letter was received by Robert Black, local druggish, ten years ago.

MASSEY VISITS CANADA.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Monteral, Dec. 21.—Word was received here today that Premier Massey of New Zealand, who is en route to America from Britain, has consented to address the Canadian Club here on Friday, Dec. 28.

ARE DETERMINED TO STAY IN RUHR UNTIL DEBT PAID

Poincare Defends Occupation As Only Possible Means of Collecting.

SECURED MUCH COAL

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Premier Poincare, replying to adverse criticisms of the Ruhr operation from the government's opposition, today reviewed the entire situation in the Chamber of Deputies.

He produced figures purporting to show that France and Belgium had obtained more than 5,000,000 tons of coal and coke since January 11, the beginning of the occupation, as compared with what he termed a "probable zero" had not the guarantees been taken. He added that with 27 per cent of the entire Ruhr production assured for 1924, the shipments next year will reach more than 26,000,000 tons.

The premier reiterated the government's intention not to evacuate the territory beyond the Rhine "until we are completely paid,"

CHRISTMAS IN THE LONDON CHURCHES

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Corner Queen's Avenue and William Street.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
Preacher—Ridley Parson.
3 p.m.—The Church School.
Gift Sunday will be observed.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Preacher—Quintin Warner.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Communion Service.
Organ Prelude—"Offertoire sur des Noels" ..... Boellmann
Te Deum in B flat..Sir Chas. Stanford
Preacher—The Rector.
Offertory Anthem—"O Holy Night" ..... Adolphe Adam
Soloist—Miss Alicia Element.
Communion Office....Stanford in B flat
Organ Postlude—"Christmas Pastorale" on the hymn tune, "Herald Angels" ..... Dinelli

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

SOUTH LONDON.
REV. W. LESLIE ARMITAGE, M.A., RECTOR.

11 a.m.—Sermon: "The Second Coming of Christ and Practical Christian Life."
Special Music.
Organ Prelude—Prelude in D Minor ..... Mendelssohn
Festal Responses ..... Tallis
Venite ..... Macfarren
Benedicite ..... Chivers
Jubilate ..... Simper
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—Sermon: "Jesus' Interpretation of This Age" (Fourth Sermon)
Special Music.
Prelude—Fantasia ..... Freyer
Hallelujah Chorus ..... Messiah
Festal Responses ..... Tallis
Cantate and Deus Misereatur ..... Bridgewater
Soloists, Mrs. Rayner, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Green and Mr. Wood.
Offertory Solo—"Nazareth" .....Gounod
Mr. O. H. J. Clarke
Anthem—"Song of the Magi"....Miles
Trio, Mrs. Rayner, Mrs. Stephens and Mr. A. L. Green
Carol—"In the Fields With Their Flocks Abiding" ..... Farmer
Organ Postlude—"Polonaise in A"... Chopin

CHRISTMAS DAY.

7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—"Christ's Day—A New Vision."
Special Music.
Organ Prelude—"Chorus of Angels".... Guilmant
Festal Responses ..... Tallis
Venite ..... Ouseley
Festal Te Deum ..... Dudley Buck
Soloists, Mrs. Rayner, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Green and Mr. Lawson.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds"... Vincent
Solo, Mrs. Rayner
Communion Service ..... Maunder
Organ Postlude—Adeste Fideles..Rinck

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Rector—THE VERY REV. DEAN TUCKER, D.D., D.C.L.
Organist and Choirmaster—Harry T. Dickinson.

Holy Communion—8:30 a.m.

11 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER. Preacher, The Dean.
Offertory Solo—"Abide With Us" ..... Barnby
SOLOIST—MR. FRED SOPER.
7 P.M.—EVENING PRAYER. Preacher, REV. PRINCIPAL WALLER, D.D.
Magnificat Nunc Dimittis in F. ..... by Stainer
Offertory—"The Messiah" (Handel) Christmas section.
Recitatives—"There Were Shepherds," Etc. ..... Mrs. Innes Carling
Chorus—"Glory To God" Solo—"Rejoice Greatly."—Miss Marion Beck.
Chorus—"Hallelujah."

For Christmas services see Monday's paper.

Christ Church

Corner Wellington and Hill Streets.
C. R. Gunne, Rector.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Christmas Day.
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:30 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.

St. John the Evangelist

Wellington and St. James Sts.
Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, Rector.
Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 23.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Service.
3 p.m.—"GIFT SUNDAY" in the Church School.
7 p.m.—CAROL SERVICE.
Decoration of church for Christmas at end of service.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
8 a.m.—Christmas Communion.
10:30 a.m.—Short Matins and Holy Communion.
Christmas Music.

St. George's Church

11 a.m.—"CHRIST'S UNIVERSAL REIGN."
7 p.m.—"CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS."

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

NOT MORMONS.
Maitland Street, Near York.
10 a.m.—Young People's Prayer Service.
10 a.m.—Adult Prayer Service.
11 a.m.—Preaching.
2:45 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Preaching. Elder H. A. Koehler.

CHRISTADELPHIANS MEET IN Castle Hall, corner Dundas and Clarence Sts., Sunday, 7 p.m. Subject: "The Song of Angels on the Plains of Bethlehem. When Will It Be Fulfilled?"

CONGREGATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

DUNDAS STREET.
REV. M. KELLY, Minister. FRED. FITZGERALD, Organist.
11 a.m.—"SIMEON AND THE CHILD JESUS."
Anthem—"Hail to the Lord's Annointed" ..... Nichol
Solo—"Joyously Peal, Ye Christmas Bells" .....
Miss E. Wrighton.
Mixed Quartet—"Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus" ..... Matthews
6:50 p.m.—Prelude—Organ and Orchestra.
7 p.m.—"WORLD-PEACE OR HUMAN EXTERMINATION."
Anthem—"Hark! Hark! My Soul," ..... Jude
Male Quartet—"Glory to God in the Highest" ..... Stebbing
Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... Farmer
(Accompanied by Orchestra.)
Postlude—Organ and Orchestra.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Richmond and Kent Streets.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 11 IN THE MORNING, AND 7 IN THE EVENING.
THE SUBJECT OF THE SERMON FOR THIS SUNDAY IS:
"IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?"

Wednesday evening meeting, at which testimonies of healing through Christian Science are given, is held at 8 o'clock.

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11 A.M.

This church maintains a FREE READING ROOM, which is located in the Bank of Toronto Chambers, corner Richmond and King streets, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

MILDMAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Mildmay, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Goodman of Victoria, B.C., is the guest of her brother, Mr. C. Schmidt.

Miss Lavina Schefter, professional nurse, of Detroit, came home yesterday to attend her mother, Mrs. A. Schefter, who is seriously ill.

Anthony Missere is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

The financial statement of the village shows a net balance of $1,000. The Township of Carrick has a balance of $1,200.

Charles Koenig, who disposed of his farm last week, has purchased a residence in Ayton, and will move to that village in February.

Carl Wicke has returned from a visit to his daughter in Toronto.

Mrs. C. H. Pletsch has gone to Kitchener to visit at the home of her brother-in-law, William Daniels, who is seriously ill.

Normal Hamel has returned home from Kitchener.

Mrs. Peter Schnurr was operated on yesterday for an obstruction in the nose.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wandt passed away on Monday after a brief illness.

About fifty members of the Evangelical Church assembled at the parsonage and presented Rev. K. Gretzenger with a well-worded address and a silk scarf, the occasion being Mr. Gretzenger's birthday.

Henry Halter has been appointed postmaster of Carlsruhe.

ATWOOD

Special to The Advertiser.

Atwood, Dec. 21. — On Tuesday night the choir of St. Alban's Church met at the home of Mrs. Grant Roe and presented her with a pair of pillow cases on the eve of her departure for Detroit. Rev. Mr. Paul made the presentation and Mrs. Roe, though taken by surprise, made a suitable reply.

Miss Luella Jamieson of Harriston is spending a few weeks with her friend, Miss Ada Blackwell. Miss Jamieson, recently returned from New York where she has been visiting friends for the past two months.

Mrs. T. R. Alexander has returned after spending a few days in Stratford.

SENTENCED TO JAIL.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—George Adair, 48 years old, Park street, and McDougall avenue, was sentenced to three months in the county jail by Magistrate W. E. Gundy, when he pleaded guilty of smuggling moonshine whiskey into Windsor from Detroit. Adair was arrested Thursday night.

BAPTIST. BAPTIST

ADELAIDE ST. BAPTIST

MORNING:
REV. S. EVERTON, M.A., B.D.
OF WOODSTOCK.
Sunday School at 3 p.m.

EVENING:
REV. S. EVERTON, M.A., B.D.
Organ Recital at 6:30 p.m.

Overture—"Messiah" ..... Handel
Good News from Heaven ..... Pachelbel
Christmas in Sicily ..... P. A. Yon
Christmas Carols ..... L. Claude d'Aquin
Christmas Carols of the 16th century ..... Boely
7 p.m.—The Choir will sing choruses from Handel's "Messiah."
Contralto Soloist, Miss M. Thompson.
Musical Director, O. Leo Herbert.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST

REV. BOWLEY GREEN, D.D., will preach at both services.

10:15—Men's meeting for prayer.
11:00—Christmas music and sermon:
"THE TESTIMONY OF THE ADVENT"
3:00—Christmas program in Sunday School.
7:00—Christmas song and sermon:
"THE KINGDOM OF KINGDOMS."
Baptism at Evening Service.

WORTLEY ROAD CHURCH

R. J. MURPHY, B.D., Pastor.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

11 a.m. Subject: "PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION."
"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" . Reading Choir.
"Bethlehem" ..... Redner
Church Soloists.
"Night of Nights" ..... Bohm
Mr. A. W. Chalcraft.
"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... Handel
Choir.
7 p.m. Subject: "THE PRINCE OF PEACE."
Violin Solo—"Cavatina" ..... Bohm
Mr. Douglas Fetherston.
Cantata—"The Manger Prince". Ashford
Choir.

Egerton Street Baptist

Rev. A. Burgess, Minister.
11 a.m.
"THE GLORY OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS."
3 p.m. Tableau:
"MESSIAH, THE HOPE OF THE AGES."
7 p.m.
"THE SACREDNESS OF CHILDHOOD"
Baptism at conclusion.
Christmas Music, under the leadership of Mr. Starling, Organist and Choirmaster.

Hamilton Rd. GOSPEL HALL

7 p.m.—Mr. Alexander Marshall.
Veteran Scottish Evangelist and Bible Teacher, will preach.

Egerton Street GOSPEL HALL

7 p.m.—Mr. Jas. Colville.
of Adrian, Mich., will preach.

AYLMER

Special to The Advertiser.

Aylmer, Dec. 20. — Gordon Garton is seriously ill at his home on Talbot street.

Mrs. Gerald Tigh of Detroit will spend the winter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emmett. Mr. Tigh has left to visit his former home in England for a few months.

Mrs. T. L. Barnecott and little daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. Monkhouse in Toronto.

John Elgie, Yarmouth Centre, expects to leave soon to visit his brother, Joseph Elgie, at Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. D. H. Connor gave a very interesting paper on the life and work of Browning at the meeting of the Young People's League at St. Paul's Church on Monday evening.

Mrs. Covell of Lansing, Mich., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomson Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snyder. Mrs. Mason of London is also visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson Snyder.

Leonard Thayer has returned from St. Joseph's Hospital, London, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis some few weeks ago.

Miss Charlotte Walker expects to leave shortly to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McKenny at Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Underhill has returned to her home in Sarnia accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stewardson, and children.

Bruce Van Patter, of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, Toronto, is spending the month at his home here. He is assisting at the White Drug Store during the Christmas rush, also Miss Edith Liddle is helping out for the Christmas trade.

WATERFORD

Special to The Advertiser.

Waterford, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Frank Sharp spent a few days in Detroit last week.

Miss Fairgrieve of Hamilton spent the week with Mrs. H. O. Squire.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Beemer are spending the winter with their daughter in Detroit.

Miss Maud Walker of California is visiting Margaret Watkins.

Miss Muriel Collings of Chicago is visiting her grandfather, J. J. Collings.

Miss Laura Stafford of the faculty of education is home for the holidays.

Alfred Rickard is home from Toronto University for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. D. D. Barber is visiting friends in London.

Maitland Street Baptist

REV. DR. SOWERBY, Pastor, will preach.

11 a.m.—Subject:
"OUR LORD'S ONLY WRITING, AND WHAT IT MEANT."
7 p.m.—Christmas Sermon.
Christmas music by the choir, assisted by an orchestra.
A good, lively service.
ALL WELCOME.

METHODIST

First Methodist

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Rev. Bruce Hunter, B.A., B.D., Pastor
Rev. E. W. Jewitt, B.A., Director of Religious Education.
10 a.m.—Class Meetings and Brotherhood.
11 A.M.—THE PASTOR.
"GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT"
3 p.m. — White Gift Sunday in the Sunday School.
A special program has been prepared, including a Christmas pageant, "THE GREATEST GIFT," by the Senior Department. Choruses by the Beginners and Primary Departments.
7 P.M.—THE PASTOR:
"NO ROOM IN THE INN."
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
MORNING:
Organ Prelude—"Bethlehem" ..... Otto Malling
Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens" ..... Tours
Organ Solo—"Christmas Chorale" ..... Beigendsch
Anthem—"Joyous Christmas" ..... Gaevert
Organ Postlude—"Festive March" ..... Blackmore
EVENING.
Organ Prelude—"Christmas Fantasy" ..... Rebling
Organ—Offertory on "Adeste Fideles" ..... Loret
From "The Messiah" (Handel).
Tenor Solo—"Comfort Ye My People"
"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted."
Chorus—"And the Glory of the Lord."
Basso—"Thus Saith the Lord."
"But Who May Abide."
Organ—"Pastoral Symphony."
Soprano—"There Were Shepherds."
"And the Angel of the Lord."
"And the Angel Said Unto Them."
"And Suddenly There Was With the Angel."
Chorus—"Glory to God."
Contralto—"Then Shall the Eyes of the Lord."
"He Shall Feed His Flock."
Soprano—"Come Unto Him."
Chorus—"Hallelujah."
Organ Postlude—"Fanfare in D" ..... Bridge
Choir Leader, Mr. Geo. C. Carrie.
Organist, Mr. Kingsley N. Ireland.
Soloists—Miss Gladys Watson, soprano; Miss Rosa Tuck, contralto; Mr. Geo. C. Carrie, tenor; Mr. Frank Emeny, bass.

Empress Ave. Church

Rev. J. F. Chapman, B.A., Pastor.
Christmas Services.
10 a.m.—Fellowship Meeting.
11 a.m.—Address, "Adoration of the Shepherds."
Christmas anthems. Soloists, Messrs. J. F. Chapman, H. Wildgust, L. Lucas.
2:45 p.m.—"White Gifts for the King."
Address by Mr. Wm. Gibson.
Special music by the orchestra.
7 p.m.—Address: "The Magnificat."
Choir, assisted by the S. S. Orchestra will give the cantata "The Nativity" (Geibel). Soprano soloist, Miss A. Goddard; alto soloist, Mrs. C. Fuller; baritone soloist, Mr. A. Rossiter; tenor soloists, Messrs. H. Wildgust and J. F. Chapman. Miss Taylor, Organist.

First Spiritual Church

Rectory St., opposite Nelson St.
Leader—Mrs. M. Lawson.
Speaker—Mr. D. Mills.
Services—3 and 7 p.m.
Evening subject: "The Brotherhood of Christ and Man, His an Example."

METHODIST METHODIST

ASKIN ST. METHODIST

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

MORNING.

Organ Prelude—"Cradle Song" ..... Ackernley-Smith
Anthem—"Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn." ..... Maunder
Offertory—Serenade ..... Mozkowski
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" ..... Nichol

SERMON—A CHRISTMAS OFFERING.
Rev. J. T. Cosby Morris, B.A., B.D.

Postlude—Offertoire in F. ..... Lifebure-Wely
Afternoon, 3 p.m.—Sunday School. White Gift Anniversary.
Full orchestra. Open session.

EVENING.

Organ Prelude—Noel Polonais ..... Guilmant
Offertory—Mon Desir (My Desire) ..... Nevin
Quartet—Adeste Fideles (Trumpets and Trombones) .....

SERMON—"THE GREAT WHITE GIFT."
REV. J. T. COSY MORRIS, B.A., B.D.
FROM THE MESSIAH (HANDEL).

Tenor—"COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE."
Chorus—"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD."
Basso—"For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth."
"The People That Walked In Darkness, Shall See a Great Light"
Organ—"Pastoral Symphony." Soprano—"REJOICE GREATLY."
Chorus—"For Unto Us a Child Is Born."
Postlude—Hallelujah (Messiah).
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER—DR. JAMES H. SMITH.

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST

Corner Colborne and Piccadilly.
REV. HERBERT J. UREN, Pastor. 709 COLBORNE ST.

10 a.m.—Men's Brotherhood Rally. A welcome to the president, Mr. Fletcher.
11 a.m.—St. Luke 2 : 15—"Let us go and see if these things be so."
2:45 p.m.—Open session, White Gift Sunday.
7 p.m.—"IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME."
Special music by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Ed. Wyatt, Frank Webster, Bass Soloist. N. B. ADAMS, Organist.
MUSIC—11 a.m.—Anthem, "Unto Us a Child Is Born" by the choir; soprano solo, "The First Christmas Morn" (Newton), Mrs. E. Wyatt; violin solo, Mrs. Armstrong; anthem, "Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings" (Stevenson), the choir.
7 p.m.—Anthem, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" (Reading), the choir; soprano solo, "The Angel Song" (Strickles, Mrs. E. Wyatt; violin solo, "The Holy City" (Adams), Miss Armstrong; anthem, "The Holy Mother Sings" (McKinley), the choir.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST

Corner Dundas Street East and Ontario Streets.
A. E. M. THOMSON, M.A., B.D., Pastor.
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.
11 A. M.—THE PASTOR. SUBJECT:
"THE ESCAPE OF A BABE, AND OF A WORLD."
Music—Anthem—"Unto Us a Child Is Born."
Octette—"The First Christmas Morn." Carols—The Junior Choir.
3 p.m.—White Gifts Sunday in the Sunday School.
6:45 p.m.—Song Service with Illustrated Hymns.
7 p.m.—Full Choral Service of Christmas Music.
Anthem—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."
Offertory Solo by Miss Gladys MacAvoy of Toronto.
Christmas Selections from Handel's Messiah, as follows:
Chorus—"And the Glory;" Organ—"Pastoral Symphony;" Alto Recit—"Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive;" Chorus—"O Thou, That Tellest;"
Alto Solo—"He Shall Feed His Flock;" Soprano Solo—"Come Unto Him;"
Choir—"Hallelujah Chorus." Theodore Gray, Organist.
YOU ARE VERY CORDIALLY INVITED.

DUNDAS STREET CENTER

REV. JOHN GARBUTT, Minister.

11 a.m.—Subject, "The Virgin Birth, Immanuel, God With Us."
Anthem—"Christians Awake, Salute the Morn." ..... Maunder
Baritone Solo—Lloyd Bullen.
Anthem—"Christians, Awake" ..... Maunder
2:45 p.m.—Open session of Sunday School. Dickens' "Christmas Carol," illustrated with lantern pictures.
7 p.m.—Handel's
"MESSIAH"
The minister's subject: "The Ministry of Good Women." Augmented choir and the following soloists: Mrs. Frederick Schofield, soprano; Miss Jessie Sinclair, contralto; Lloyd Bullen, bass. Program:
Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord"; Recit. (bass) "Thus Saith the Lord"; air (bass) "But Who May Abide"; chorus, "And He Shall Purify"; recit. (alto) "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive"; air (alto) and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest"; recit. (bass), "For Behold, Darkness"; air (bass), "The People Who Walked in Darkness"; chorus, "For Unto Us a Child is Born"; Pastoral Symphony; recit. (soprano), "There Were Shepherds"; recit. (soprano), "And Lo the Angel"; recit. (soprano), "And the Angel Said"; recit. (soprano), "And suddenly"; chorus, "Glory to God"; air (soprano), "Rejoice Greatly"; recit. (alto), "Then Shall the Eyes"; air (alto), "He Shall Feed His Flock"; air (soprano), "Come Unto Him"; chorus, "His Yoke Is Easy"; chorus, "Hallelujah." Organ selections appropriate to the day will be rendered morning and evening by
J. PARNELL MORRIS, L. Mus., A.C.C.O., Organist and Choirmaster.

RIDOUT ST. METHODIST

J. A. AGNEW, Pastor.—Res. 87 Windsor Avenue.

11 a.m. Subject—"THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR."
Anthem—"Christians Awake, Salute the Morn." ..... Fraunder
Anthem—"Sing Unto the Lord." ..... Novesle
Anthem—"Birthday of a King." ..... Herdlinger
Soloists, Misses Beulah Adams and Elinor Boyce and Charles Boyce.
7 p.m. Subject—"THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS."
Anthem—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" ..... Stainer
Solo—"Glory In the Highest, Glory" ..... Paul Bliss
Anthem—"A Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... Miller
Duet—"The Radiant Star," ..... C. Whiting Coombs
Anthem—"Sing, O Heaven" ..... Tours
Quartet—"O Galilee" ..... Morrison
Soloists—Misses Marguerite Fleckser and Beulah Adams and Messrs. E. W. Goethe Quantz, Charles Boyce and George Ellyatt.
10 a.m.—Men's Brotherhood.—Rev. R. J. Bowen will speak.
W. Gordon Scott, Organist.
STRANGERS WELCOME.

WELLINGTON ST. CHURCH

REV. G. T. WATTS, B.D., Pastor.

10 a.m.—Men's Class Meeting.
11 a.m.—The Pastor—Subject: "CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS."
2:45 p.m.—White Gift to the King Service.
6:45 p.m.—Service of song.
7 p.m.—Christmas Cantata: "THE WORLD REDEEMER."

Hyatt Ave. Methodist

10 a.m.—Brotherhood, Mr. Giles.
11 a.m.—"In the Fullness of Time."
Fred. Dowling, bass.
7 p.m.—"The Spirit of Christ."
Mrs. Barrows, Contralto.
Russel Stelk, Violin.
J. McAlpine, Organist.
R. J. McCormick, Pastor.

Robinson Memorial

REV. WM. LYON HILES, Minister.
11 a.m.—"THE BIRTHDAY OF THE KING."
7 p.m.—"ROOM FOR JESUS!"
Special Christmas music under the direction of Mr. Sidney Martin.

PRESBYTERIAN PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

REV. WILLIAM BEATTIE, D.D., C.M.G., Minister.
Mr. George Lethbridge, Director of Musical Service.

A FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Morning—Organ, "Une Vierge Pucelle" ..... Le Begue
(Christmas Carol)
Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... Concone
Solo—"O Night, Divine!" ..... W. J. Marsh
MISS DONNA SCHRAM.
Anthem—"Trisagion and Sanctus" ..... C. B. Hawley
Immediately after the benediction the choir will sing the Hallelujah chorus.

Evening—That exceedingly beautiful Christmas Cantata: "THE MESSAGE OF THE STAR," by Woodman, will be sung in its entirety.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Sunday, December 23.

MORNING—11 O'CLOCK.

Organ Prelude—"Christmas Pastorale" ..... Dinelli
"Shepherds' Christmas Song" (Folksong) ..... Riemann
Recit.—"Comfort Ye, My People" .....
Air—"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" ..... From Handel's "Messiah"
Chorus—"And the Glory of the Lord" .....
SERMON—"THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."
Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D.
Solo and Chorus—"O Blessed Town of Bethlehem" ..... Ashford
Postlude—"March in D Major" ..... Guilmant

EVENING—7 O'CLOCK.

Organ Preludes—"Noel Languedogien" ..... Guilmant
"Evening Bells and Cradle Song" ..... W. C. Macfarlane
Solo and Chorus—"The Angels' Song" ..... John Spencer Camp
Organ—"Vox Angelica" ..... Henrich
"Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus" ..... Old French Carol
"Holy Night" arranged from an old German Carol.
SERMON—"GOD'S LAST APPEAL"
Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D.
Solo and Chorus—"O Praise God In His Holiness" ..... Edmund Turner
Postlude—"Thanksgiving" (from Pastoral Suite) ..... Demarest
CHARLES E. WHEELER, F.C.C.O. ..... Organist and Choir Director.
Soloists—Miss Ulah Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Durst, Miss Phyllis Gray, Miss V. Ferguson, Mr. A. L. Christiani and Mr. E. A. Webster.
10 A.M.—BROTHERHOOD. PROF. A. G. DORLAND
SUBJECT: "WORLD PEACE."
12:15 and 3 p.m.—Church School.

KING ST. PRESBYTERIAN

W. K. McINTOSH, Minister. CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.
11 a.m.—"SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM."
7 p.m.—"ANGELS OF THE NIGHT."

MORNING PRAISE SERVICE BY CHILDREN'S CHOIR.
Organ Prelude and Children's Processional.
Chorus—"Night Time" .....
Solo—"Sweet Thy Peace," Elsie Forsyth
Chorus—"Ring Ye Bells" .....
Duet—"Holy Night" .....
Edna and Winnie Merilees.
Chorus—"Bethlehem" .....
Solo—"Sleep, Little Son" .....
Grace McIntosh.
Chorus—"The Herald Song," .....
Duet—"Silence Was Reigning" .....
Chorus—"Bells of Rejoicing" .....
Offertory Solo—"Oh, Thou That Tellest" ..... Messiah
Miss Ruth Kingsmill.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE BY CHURCH CHOIR.
Prelude—"Christmas Pastorale" ....
Carol—"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
Solo—"Night of Nights" .....
Frank Christie.
Anthem—"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" .....
Quartet—"Holy Night" .....
Mrs. Smith, Miss Bradley, Mr. Christie and Mr. Smith.
Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis"..Mozart
Postlude—"Hosanna" .....
Miss K. Moore, Organist and Choir Leader.
Miss A. J. Smith, Leader of Children's Choir.

KNOX CHURCH

WORTLEY ROAD AND BRUCE STREET.

REV. T. A. SYMINGTON, M.A., ... Minister.
Charles E. Percy, ... Director of Music.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11 A.M.—PUBLIC WORSHIP.
"THE WISDOM OF THE WISE MEN"
CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
Piano—"Segindella" ..... King
Anthem—"Sing, O Sing the Blessed Morn" ..... Leslie
Quartet—"Children of Jerusalem" ..... Cieriven
Solo—"The Angel Song" ..... Shelly
MRS. T. TROUT.
7 P.M.—PUBLIC WORSHIP.
"THE GIFT OF GIFTS"
MUSICAL PROGRAM.
Andante ..... Beethoven
Anthem—"Like Silver Lamps" ..... Barnby
Solo—MRS. MAY ..... Selected.
Solo—"The King of Ages" ..... Marks.
F. O. KESTER.
CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.
The Minister at both public services.

NEW ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Corner Oxford and Wellington Streets.
REV. JAMES MACKAY, B.D., Minister.
MORNING—"THE WISE MEN AND THE STAR."
EVENING—"UNTO US A SON IS BORN."

MORNING.

Organ—"Offertoire in D. Minor ..... E. Bastiste
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" ..... F. Peel
Trio—"Praise Ye" (from Atilla) ..... G. Verdi
Mrs. Jackson, C. Pink and Percy King.
Solo—"The New Born King" ..... I'Espier
Percy Q. King.
Organ—"Christmas Postlude" ..... W. S. Best
EVENING.
Organ—"Pastoral" ..... T. Wel
Anthem—"Christmas Carol" (XIV Century) ..... W. Rhys Herbe
Duet—"O Holy Night" ..... R. Korsak
Solo—"Night of Nights" ..... Van De W
Mrs. Wilkey and Miss E. Kuntz.
Organ—"Chant Triumphal" ..... Mr. Chris Pink. C. J.
Organist—Mrs. King. Musical Director—Percy Q. K

BIBLE STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Speaker—L. F. Zink.
at
HYMAN HALL,
(Corner Queen's and Park Aves.)
on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
Seats Free. No collection.
See also Page 2.

Theosophical Society

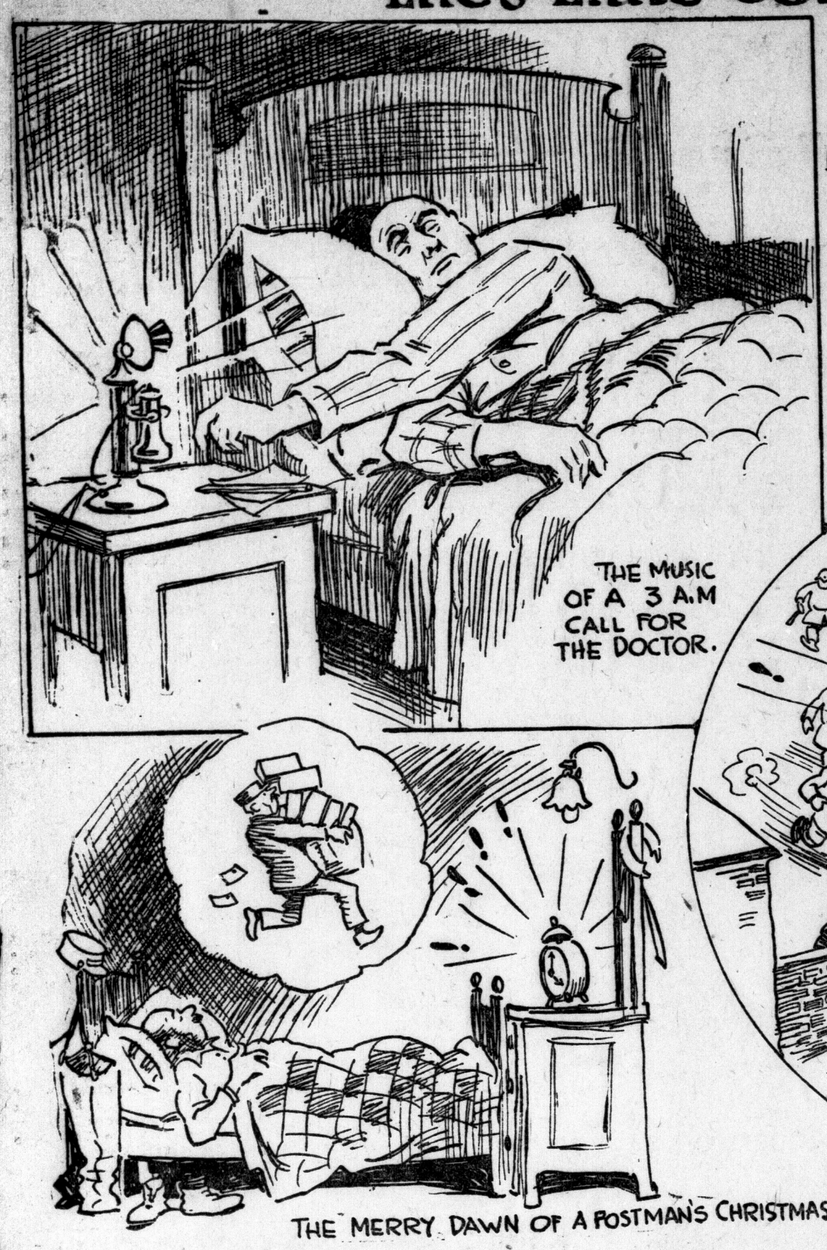
meets at 212 Dundas St. on Sunday, at 8 p.m.
MEETINGS AS USUAL
Public Invited.

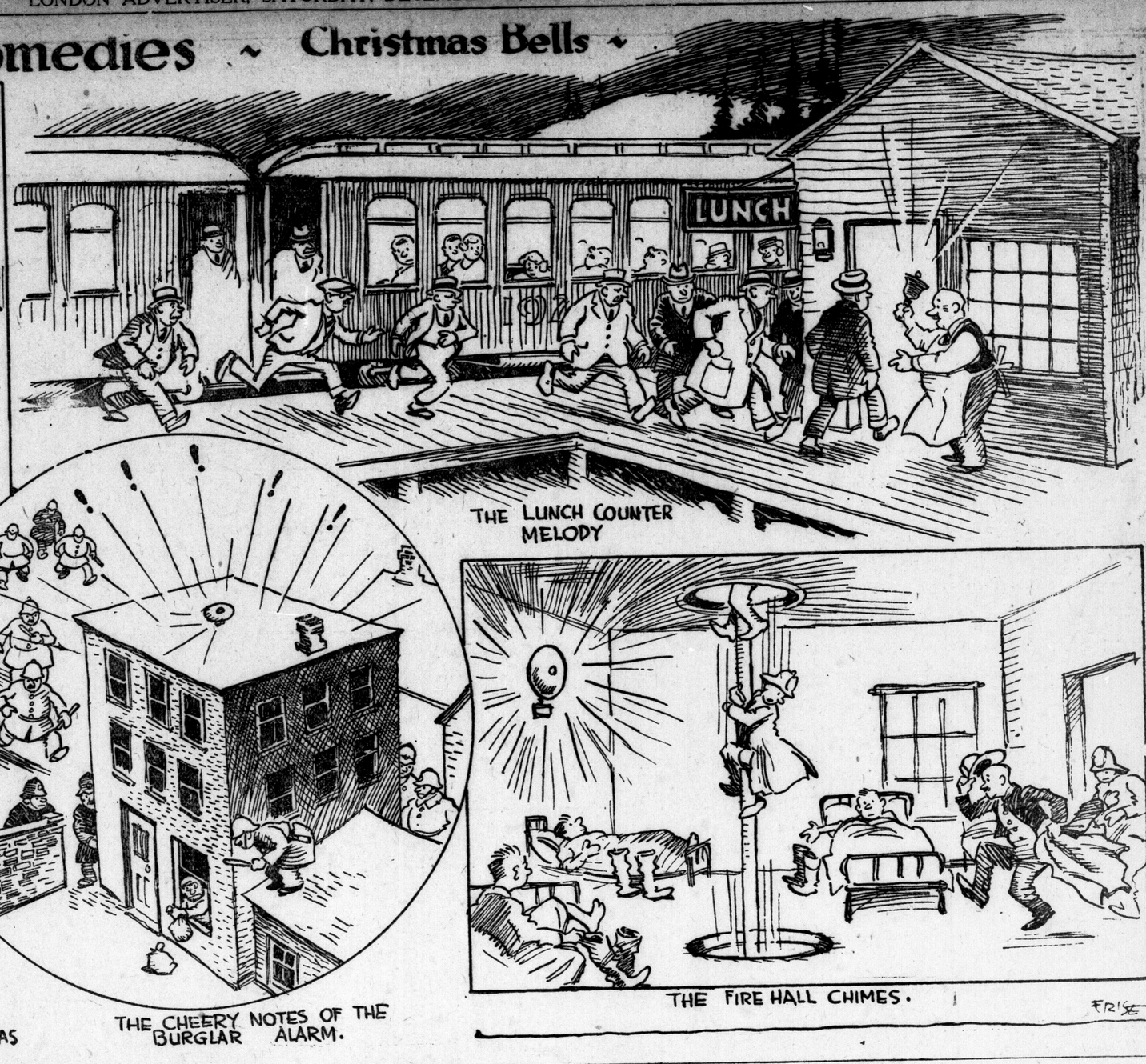
Hamilton Road

M. FRASER CREE, B.A., Min
11 a.m. First, a children's serm
Second, "NO ROOM IN THE INN
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—"CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE TO JESUS."

YORK STREET MISSION HALL — Morning preacher, Mr. Joseph Henry. Evening subject, "The Birth of Christ." Preacher, Evangelist Belcher. Christmas music and Christmas singing, by Capt. Robson and others.

Life's Little Comedies ~ Christmas Bells ~





WESTERN ONTARIO CITIES WILL SEE MANY CONTESTS

Municipal Nominations Show Many Named For Various Civic Offices.

FEW ACCLAMATIONS

Owen Sound Has 49 On Aldermanic List—Kitchener 46.

Considerable interest is evinced in municipal matters in a number of Western Ontario cities, and the long lists of nominees indicate spirited contests will be features of the campaigns.

In a few scattered instances, acclamations have been given, but practically all offices are to be contested.

In Owen Sound a new record has been set for aldermanic candidates, when 49 names were placed in nomination. Kitchener runs a close second with 46.

Mayoralty races appear to be going strong. Sarnia has five nominees, the same as in Waterloo, with Kitchener recording seven and Owen Sound seven, while in Galt two only will enter the race.

Public utility commissions and boards of education are also coming in for contests in most of the municipalities.

Nominations reported in several places last night are:

SARNIA.
Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 21.—Five candidates were placed in the field for mayor at the civic nomination this morning. They were: Mayor T. H. Cook, Ald. Harry Steel, George Andrews, George Lambert and Herbert Sanders. Mayor Cook is unlikely to qualify.

Ten were nominated for four vacancies on the hydro commission, Robert G. Shaw, John Farquharson, William J. Barrie, W. R. Paul, T. H. Cook, J. R. Henderson, H. M. Pousette, W. H. Knox, O. F. Lewis, John Knowles; for the board of education Ross W. Gray, Isaac Newton, Mary S. Barber, John B. Williams, and Dr. A. N. Hayes.

Ross Gray who is a well-known football player is the only new candidate for the board. Alderman nominations take place tonight.

KITCHENER.
Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 21.—Seven were nominated this evening for mayor and 46 for aldermen. The two retiring light commissioners were returned by acclamation. A long list was nominated for the public school board, one to be elected in each ward.

The nominees are:

Mayor—John L. Holtze, L. E. Hagedorn, L. C. Breithaupt, N. Asmussen, Charles Massel, J. W. Bailey, E. E. Ratz.

Aldermen—N. Asmussen, A. A. Armbrust, O. Thompson, George E. Buchner, R. F. Gofton, E. E. Ratz, John L. Holtze, L. C. Hagedorn, Geo. Zettel, Harvey Graber, J. F. McKay, John Bailey, W. O. Knechtel, C. C. Hahn, S. B. Frey, C. J. Massel, Ed. Emmerich, A. Exton, R. Shantz, H. W. Sturm, Geo. Sehl, Rudolph Krug, August Hertel, Otto Vogelsang, James White, Jos. Fehrenbach, G. B. Miller, C. J. Baetz, W. P. Clement, C. Greb, R. Dietrich, F. Ahrens, W. B. Moore, Jos. Huck, L. Ernst, C. M. Bezzau, J. Hessensaur, S. P. Honsberger, J. M. Schneider, Sam Brubacher, W. J. Johannes, E. Beam, J. Berbrick, C. R. Miehm, A. W. R. Vale, Aug. Kudoba.

Light commission—Charles Doerr (acclamation), David Gross (acclamation).

Water commission—John Schwartz, Casper Braun, D. Gross, J. Hainsworth, C. Doerr (two to be elected).

Public school board: North ward—A. P. Kaufman, Ed. Emmerich; center ward—S. Halfyard, H. L. Staebler, George M. Debus, A. R. Kaufman, Otto Smith, H. M. Cook, J. E. Bilger, J. M. Newton, S. A. Bean; east ward—Harvey Graber, E. Stuebing, A. P. Plumer; south ward—Julius Ritz, J. M. Hoelscher, J. A. Martin; west ward—J. E. Bilger, J. M. Newton, Otto Smith, A. R. Kaufman, H. A. Wettlaufer.

WATERLOO.
Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 21.—Five men were nominated to fill the position of mayor vacated by the resignation of W. G. Welchel, M.P.P., at the Waterloo nomination meeting held in the town hall tonight. For reeve six were nominated, for deputy reeve three and for council 15, six to be elected.

Only three nominees of the total of 42 were elected by acclamation, all being present members of the school board. They are: C. O. Hamphill, N. H. Letter and M. E. Braendle. In one ward only were there more than one nominated, Mrs. S. C. Tweed and C. Bahnsen being the nominees.

Five men were nominated for the sewer commission, three to be elected, and three for the water and light commission, with two to be elected.

The nominations are as follows:

Mayor—Wm. Henderson, A. H. Cochrane, W. H. Kutt, S. P. Kieswetter and John Bauman.

Reeve—L. F. Dietrich, W. D. Brill, W. H. Kutt, S. P. Kieswetter, Edgar Bauer and Ira Snyder.

Deputy reeve—H. Weiler, W. D. Brill and Edgar Bauer.

Councillors—W. H. Kutt, Henry Jacobi, L. Weigand, Ira Snyder, Edgar Bauer, Henry Weiler, J. Gatschene, G. Hamacher, S. P. Kieswetter, W. D. Brill, John Bauman, J. R. Kaufman, Otto Stuebing, George Hoffman, Ed. Berringer.

School board: West ward—Mrs. S. C. Tweed, Cornelius Bahnsen; north ward—N. H. Letter; east ward—M. E. Braendle; south ward — C. O. Hemphill.

Sewer commission — C. R. Gies, Jacob S. Snider, Sam Schaab, George Dietz and Wm. Kutt.

Water and light commission—Wm. Kutt, A. K. Cressman and Allen Brechtel.

GALT.
Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Dec. 21.—City hall was packed to the doors tonight for the municipal nominations, an evidence of great interest being taken in municipal affairs here. There was no dearth of candidates for the council, but there was for the school board.

The mayoralty contest will be between J. A. McIrvine, seeking a second term, and A. E. Willard. The chief topic of discussion of the evening was assessment, and from the remarks of members of last year's council seeking re-election it would appear a reorganization of the assessment department will be forthcoming early in 1924. Ald. Leon Shupe and A. W. Hilborn were re-elected aldermen for ward four by acclamation, while three school trustees got in without contests. Nominations are as follows:

Mayor, J. S. Webster, A. E. Willard, Dr. W. S. McKay, J. A. McIrvine, J. E. Gardiner, J. A. Head.

Aldermen, Ward one—Dr. W. A. McKay, J. A. Purdy, J. S. Webster; ward two, R. F. MacDonald, Dr. W. Burnett, W. Lockston, G. Burgess; ward three, J. E. Gardiner, M. Mundy, S. J. McLane; ward four, A. W. Hilborn (acc.), Leon Shupe (acc.); ward five, J. A. Head, C. Westervelt, G. A. Hutchison, E. W. Griffiths, R. K. Serviss, A Goudy.

School trustees—Ward one, F. Delafield, A. Arnold; ward two (two to be elected) J. Evans, J. H. Wilson, A. B. Dykeman; ward three, J. Struthers (acc.); ward four, E. Fowlings (acc); Ward five, J. Pratt (acc).

Utilities commissioners, A. E. Buchanan, G. Hancock, G. A. Dobbie, H. G. Hannam.

OWEN SOUND.
Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, Dec. 21.—Seven were nominated for mayor, 49 for city council, 13 for board of education and one for public utilities commission at the municipal nominations today.

Aldermanic entries smashed all previous records, although 44 were named last year, 20 finally going to polls for 12 seats. About that number will qualify this year.

Two of the seven nominated for mayor have declared their intention of running. They are Alderman W. J. Christie and Alderman W. E. Dickin. Five others nominated, also members of 1923 council, were William Breese, W. R. Clendinning, Mayor W. T. Harris, Freeman MacRobert, John A. Peacock. Mayor Harris and Aldermen Peacock and Breese are definitely out of the race.

John Legate was re-elected by acclamation for two years to the public utility commission. Six or seven out of 13 will likely qualify for four seats on the board of education.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 26, at which all candidates will be given an opportunity to speak.

The Nominees.

Those nominated for board of education were: George Atkey, E. D. Bonnell, A. D. Creasor, Richard Corbett, C. S. Cameron, D. R. Duncan, William Haston, S. H. Langford, Dr. McDonald, G. E. McBride, Rev. P. T. Pilkey, David Rutherford.

The council nominations were: Oliver Allan, Alfred Atkins, William Breese, D. J. Barss, J. R. Boyd, Randall Browne, E. D. Bonnell, J. H. Brownlee, F. J. Browne, A. J. Creighton, Wesley R. Clendenning, W. J. Campbell, W. E. Dickin, J. E. Doyle, Thos. Frost, J. S. Findlay, Michael Godfrey, F. W. Hall, Geo. Holmes, Henry Kelso, S. H. Langford, Elias Lemon, A. E. Little, J. K. Leslie, Jas. H. Lemon, Jas. Leslie, Freeman MacRobert, G. E. McBride, R. H. McWilliams, Jas. McNeil, G. D. McLauchlin, Gardhouse Marden, John A. Peacock, A. A. Parks, Albert Rolston, David Rutherford, J. T. Ross, W. H. Smith, D. J. Stoddart, Elias Sivil, James Tolton, C. H. Thompson, Neil Trout, Thomas Tuckwood, J. F. Thompson, T. W. Thomson, Thomas Willoughby and F. C. Wilkinson.

BOYS DO DAMAGE.
Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—Damage amounting to almost $100 was done by boys to the east end public library Thursday night, according to a report made to the police. The boys threw stones through a door and broke windows in the building.

C.N.R. Profits Up In November

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The November statement of operating results issued by the Canadian National Railways today shows $4,581,418 net earnings, an increase of 135 per cent over the net for November of last year.

Gross earnings for the system amounted to $24,209,223, or $689,579 over November, 1922. Total expenses for the month were $19,627,905, or $1,942,630 less than November, 1922, due to mild weather.

The net earnings for the Canadian National Railways for the 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1923, were $16,602,603, as compared with $5,772,116 for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of $10,830,487, or 188 per cent.

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William Rogers 3-Piece Children's Sets ..... 60¢

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Six Amherst Pattern Teaspoons in lined box $2.50

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GREETS ALL CHILDREN

Ice Palace Filled With Toys, With Eskimo Children at Work.

The following wireless was received yesterday from Capt. Donald B. MacMillan, now in winter quarters near Etah, North Greenland, 700 miles from the North Pole, by Amateur Radio Operator Len Weeks. Mr. Weeks was experimenting with his radio receiving set when he suddenly caught the call from WNP, the MacMillan Arctic schooner Bowdoin.

By CAPT. DONALD B. MacMILLAN.

(Special Radio Correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance, on the Arctic schooner Bowdoin.)

I want the children of Canada to know that for the first time in the world's history Santa Claus has been interviewed. I have had the honor of doing this myself. Yes, the real Santa, for he lives up here at the top of the world in the land of snow and ice. And that's where we are, you know, frozen in the ice on board the little ship Bowdoin, only 700 miles from the North Pole.

This is how I happened to meet him whom I have always wanted to see. We were driving with our Eskimo dogs and sledge miles from the ship over the hard surface of the sea ice looking for polar bears, when we heard a tinkling of sleigh bells. As Eskimos never have bells on their dogs we knew that it must be Santa himself.

And sure enough in a few minutes his six fine reindeer came bounding down the valley so rapidly that I was afraid old Santa would go by and not see our dog team at all. But he has sharp eyes and sees everything. He pulled hard on the beautiful sealskin reins and yelled Whoa, Snowflake! and Whoa, Starlight! and stopped right where we were.

And my what a sleigh! It must have been his best one, for it was made of branching horns of reindeer beautifully woven together and shod with glistening white walrus tusks. Over the back hung a magnificent white polar bear skin.

All Wrapped Up.

At first I could see very little of Santa for he was all wrapped up in black foxskin robes. When he saw that we were really white men and not Eskimos, as he had supposed, he bounded out of the sleigh, telling us how glad he was to see us in his land.

And it was the same Santa our mother told us about, with white whiskers, red cheeks and all aglow with good health and good nature. He was wearing a white rabbit skin cap and was snugly buttoned in a big fur coat with beautiful spotted sealskin boots.

As I looked him over from head to toe and saw how big around he was I wondered how in the world he managed to get down chimneys at home with his bag full of toys. Santa wouldn't tell me the secret, although I begged him to do so.

Santa Claus wanted to know where we were living and how in the world we got to this great white land of snow and ice. And then I told him of our little ship and just where she was and he knew the place, as he goes every place. He declared he must see our little ship and the men on board. So away we went with whips snapping and snow flying.

Sees Little Ship.

And how he did laugh when he saw our little ship all covered with snow. How he did enjoy the warmth of our snug cabin with its glowing coal fire and sparkling electric lights. There were many surprises for Santa on such a little ship, but he was not surprised at our radio sets. He knows all about who makes them.

He put the phones to his ears and his fingers on the little dials. "Now I have Toronto, now Chicago, now Dallas, Texas, now Prince Rupert," he said. "I often call up mothers and find out how their children behave." That is how Santa finds out so many things about us and why he is so content to live way up here, for he can listen to all the world and can hear people talking and beautiful music from Europe, Canada, United States, and even far-away Hawaii.

Santa used to be lonesome, but he isn't any more. When Santa was thoroughly warmed with hot chocolate and filled with pumpkin pie and with other good things we have aboard, he declared it was getting late and he must start back at once and insisted on my going home with him.

I wondered if Santa would go straight out over the ice of the polar sea to the North Pole, but no, when we were far beyond Anoritoo, which means "place of winds," he told me to shut my eyes and keep them closed until he told me to open them. I suppose he did not really want me to see just where his home was, for if we all knew, he would have so many visitors that he would not have time to make presents for all of his little friends.

I kept my eyes closed so long that I began to think that Santa had forgotten all about me. Then he said, "Now you may open them." We were in a magnificent snow-covered valley bordered by towering black cliffs over a thousand feet high above our heads. They glittered like diamonds and apparently were so near that we could almost pluck them out of the sky.

At the head of the valley a great white ice cap shone in the moonlight like a bed of molten silver. At its foot were many twinkling lights. I was filled with wonder, but Santa said nothing. He simply smiled at my look of wonder and surprise. The reindeer were now doing their best, for they knew that they were nearly home and would soon have a good supper.

I could see now that each light was really a window of clear ice in a great Greenland ice cap and that dear old Father Christmas lived in a real ice palace. When it seemed that we must bump right into it a big floppy curtain made of snow flakes rolled back, showing a beautiful hall, and in dashed Starbright and Starlight, Snowflake and Snow Crystal, and North Star and Aurora.

We unharnessed them all and put them in their ice stalls, all padded with warm grass, gathered in summer time when the sun is high and bright. Sounding through the palace were all kinds of music and all kinds of strange noises, for Santa's house is the biggest and the busiest in the world.

Meets Mrs. Santa.

First he took me into the library where there were hundreds and hundreds of big books containing thousands and thousands of names of children. And here for the first time I met Mrs. Santa Claus, a dear old lady with snowy white hair who loves all children. In front of her was a little radio set and she was listening and asking mothers what their boys and girls would like most for Christmas.

Beyond the library there were rooms and rooms. In fact, Santa doesn't know how many there are. "Which room would you like to see first," he inquired. "The doll room is right this way," he said, and led me to the end of a long hall to a door marked Dolls. Inside I could hear children laughing and, do you believe it, talking. Eskimos! Yes, the room was filled with Eskimo kiddies, all busily dressing dolls and putting wheels on doll carriages.

In other rooms there were apples, oranges and popcorn and heaps and heaps of candy. There were pianos and diamond rings for mother, cigars and neckties for father. My, what a busy man Santa will be the night before Christmas, trying to deliver all those wonderful presents. And after we had seen the toys, drums, tin whistles, little puppies, bunny rabbits, and all the rest, Santa harnessed a fresh team of reindeers and we went galloping up through the valley and down the coast to the Bowdoin.

Santa has gone back to his ice palace to get ready for his long trip south next full moon. He has requested me to tell you all three things: First, don't forget to hang up your stocking; second, be sure to go to bed early, and third, don't, above all things, peak when he comes down the chimney. Merry Christmas to you all!

Editor's Note—This message really came from Capt. MacMillan. As to its authenticity you will have to consult Santa!

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WHERE WILL YOU SPEND CHRISTMAS?

In all the cycle of the year there is no time that brings families together as does the Yuletide. Though you were at the ends of the earth you would long to be home for Christmas and if it were at all possible you would be there. In the long ago when traveling facilities were very limited, people journeyed many weary miles and endured great hardships that they might be with friends and loved ones on Christmas Day. Today it is so different. The modern railway enables you to cross the continent in a few days in comfort. This year there promises to be the usual heavy Christmas and New Year travel, north, south, east and west, and in order that you may reach your destination as comfortably and speedily as possible, Canadian National Railways are making preparations far in advance. Anyone wishing to pay for the traveling expenses of relatives or friends from any point, need only to place the money in the hands of nearest ticket agent of the line; our representative will deliver the transportation free of charge to your friends at the other end in a few hours. When traveling this Christmas go "National Way." —Advt. D10,13,15,18,20,22

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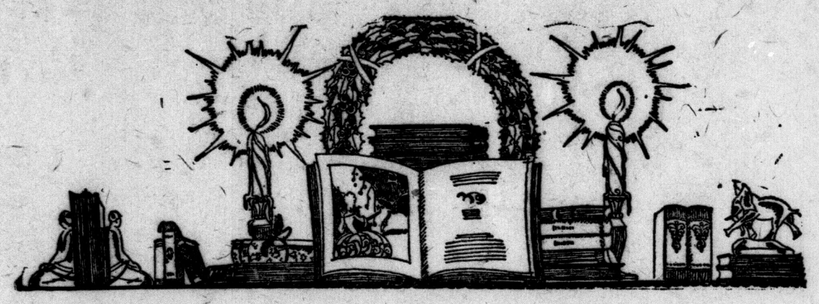

NEVER PUT OF TILL TOMORROW—the old proverb holds good at this season, but should you find the crowd too great today come early Monday. Monday forenoon will be a good time to shop; all gift counters will be in order and rearranged to facilitate the task of last-minute shoppers. No matter how careful you have been, you are sure to find some one has been overlooked in your final check-up. Our reserve stocks are depleted, but counters are full of fresh gift merchandise for all.

Monday Christmas Dinner, 65c, Roast Turkey and Plum Pudding.

Fashionable Gift Silk Hosiery

Ladies' Fancy Ribbed Silk and Wool Hose, double garter top and sole, in very pretty shades of brown, fawn and gray..$1.50 pair

Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, full-fashioned, double garter top and sole. These have a stop-run at the top, in black, white, castor, bob-olink and mid gray ..... $3.00 pair

Gordon H-300 Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, full-fashioned, double garter top and sole, in black, white, brown, fawn and silver, 8½ to 10 ..... $3.75 pair

Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, with Paris lace clock, full-fashioned, double garter, top and sole in black, white, fawn and steel. Price ..... $4.50 pair

Children's 1-1 Rib Black Pure Cashmere Hose, 300 brand, double sole, and in sizes 6½ to 8, have a double knee, 6½ to 11. Prices according to size ..... $1 to $1.60 pr.

Infants' Shop

Cosy Kimonos, made from teddy bear blankets, in colors pink and sky, size 1 to 4 years. Price .....$1.75 and $2.50

Children's Moccasins and House Slippers. Made of gray and tan suede, fur-trimmed, hair seal, felt slippers, in colors taupe, electric blue and red. Sizes to fit children 3 and 4 years. Prices ..... 75c, 85c, 95c, $1.25 and $1.35

Fourth Floor

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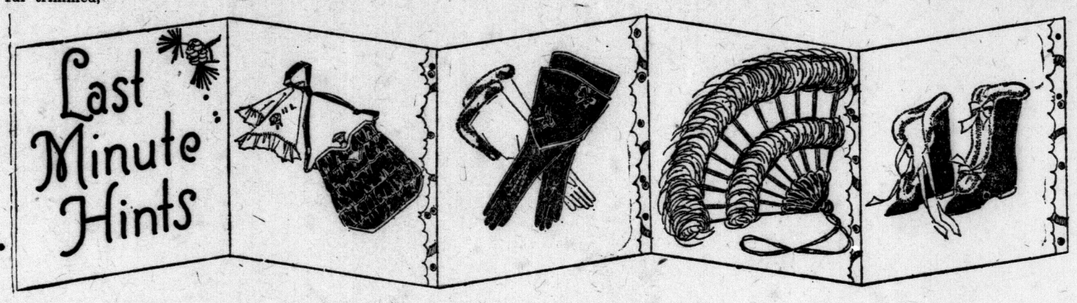

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Flannelette Gowns, slipover style, kimono sleeve, in colors of white, pink, blue, mauve. Price $1.25

Fancy Flannelette Gowns in floral pattern, kimono style, long and short sleeves, in colors of pink, white, blue, mauve. Price.. ..... $3.00, $3.50

Children's Flannelette Gowns, made in kimono and Mother Hubbard style. Price ....85c to $2

Flannelette Bloomers, made comfi-neck style, elastic at waist and knee. Price.... ..... 95c to $1.50

Children's Flannelette Bloomers, made with elastic at waist and knee. Price....50c, 59c

—Second Floor.—

DANCE DRESSES FOR MISSES

SMART DRESSES FOR THE COLLEGE GIRL. SIZES 14, 16, 18, 20.

Dress of Yellow Georgette, sleeveless, round neck, ruchings of silk trimming neck, sleeves, edge of skirt and hip, satin girdle, made over silk slip. Price $30.00

Dress of Pink Georgette, round neck, short sleeves, three groups of narrow frills of silk trimming the side panels, bouffant sides, sleeves made of three frills. Price $30.00

Dress of Flame Velvet, round neck, slipover style, waist finished with petal points of velvet and corsage. Price $30.00

Dress of Tafetta Silk, in shot red; skirt shows ruchings of silk at edge of skirt, forming large rosettes, dainty ruchings; also trimming neck and sleeves. Price $26.50

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—Second Floor.—

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Striped Voile Gowns, trimmed with lace and ribbon. Some have strap shoulders and kimono sleeves; mauve, flesh, honeydew. Price $3.50, $5.75, $6.00

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Gowns of White Nainsook, trimmed with lace and embroidery, kimono sleeve. Price.. .....$1.98, $2.50, $3.25, $3.50

Gowns made of Seersucker Crepe, made in very pretty designs, in colors of honeydew, mauve, flesh. Price $3.25, $3.50, $3.95, $4.75

Crepe gown of Japanese design, in flesh, maize and mauve. Price $2.50

Crepe Pyjamas, made in the two-piece effect, in colors of honeydew, mauve, white, blue. Price $5.75

Lonsjay Gowns, which have that satin finish, in colors of white, flesh, mauve. Price $2.95

—Second Floor.—

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Minty's Sweet Kiss, Ma Cherie, Jac-Rose, Brise Charmante, Rose Bloom, Bouquet and Lilacs, boxed, at $1.00

Minty's Toilet Water, Violet and Lilac at 85c

Boxed Perfumes, in different odors. Prices .....25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 85c to $6.00

The gift of perfume is as old as civilization. It was most popular with the ancients. In the days of Greek ascendancy, of Egyptian supremacy perfumes and toilet articles were greatly prized. Many choice gifts are to be found in this section now.

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Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet Sets, consisting of soap, talcum, perfume and tooth paste, at ..... $1.00 set

Colgate's Set, consisting of Compact powder, lipstick and rouge, in black and gold cases at $2.00

GIFTS FOR MEN

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A beautiful group of Pure Silk Shirts, in stripes and white, neat stripes, Crepe de Chine, Habutai, Striped Silk Poplins, Jersey Silks. All grouped in this special clearing $4.95

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Wire Armbands 25c

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Colored Border Lawn Handkerchiefs, 35c

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched ..... 45c, 3 for $1.25

Pure Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs.... ..... 45c, 3 for $1.25

Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... ..... 15c, 2 for 25c

Pongee Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs, 85c

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 29c

Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 1-4 inch hemstitch.

Special 29c