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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 6:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

WILL LAUNCH ONTARIO PROGRESSIVE PARTY Judges Are Choosing From Over 500 Lovely Children

DRURY WILL HEAD NEW PARTY THAT WILL PUT INTO EFFECT "BROADENING-OUT" POLICY

Arrangements Have Been Made
for Official Inauguration
Early in January.

MAKE NOMINATIONS

Officers of Organization Will Be
Selected at This Afternoon's
Session.

Special to The Advertiser
By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Progressive
Party of the Province of Ontario will
be launched in the early days of 1924.
The Advertiser learned today from
undisputed sources.

Arrangements have already been
made for the creation of the new
party and the official inauguration of
the now famous Drury "broadening-
out" policy.

On January 3, The Advertiser has
been informed by E. C. Drury's closest
supporters, a meeting will be held in
Toronto at which will attend both
provincial and federal adherents of
the Progressive movement and when
it is proposed that birth shall be
given to the new movement in this
Province.

Notwithstanding the fact that the
Toronto Tory papers are attempting
to discount the true significance of
last night's spectacular develop-
ments at the U. F. O. convention in
Massey Hall, the Drury followers are
rejoicing today and quite outspoken
in their declarations that the passing
of the famous resolution last night
meant a distinct victory for the
former premier of this province.

The Tories speak glibly of a "com-
promise" between the Druryites and
the Morrissonites and even go so far
as to claim that "J. J." has achieved
a skillful and strategic move, "put-
ting one over on Drury when he
wasn't expecting it."

Drury To Head Party.

But the Druryites promptly dis-
credit this report today and although
the "man from Crown Hill" was not
in evidence at this morning's session
he was the "most pleased person in
Toronto" early this morning when
the gathering dispersed. His "last
ditch" followers are equally jubilant
while the Morrissonites are keeping
their peace.

The feeling is uppermost here to-
day that Hon. E. C. Drury will be
asked to head the Ontario Progress-
ives.

R. H. Halbert, the federal Progress-
ive member from North Ontario,
whose fighting address last night for
continued political action (exclusive
of the U. F. O. organization) and
credited as one of the most vigorous
Druryites in attendance at the con-
vention turned to Page 2, Column 2.

AGRICULTURE PROPOSED FOR MATRICULATION

Ontario University Men Will Discuss Question at Annual Meeting.

Abolition of the September supple-
mental examination and the
granting of permission to substitute
agriculture for physics and chemis-
try in the junior matriculation, are
the subjects to be discussed at the
annual meeting of delegates from On-
tario universities to be held in To-
ronto shortly.

W. Sherwood Fox, dean of the Col-
lege of Arts of the University of
Western Ontario, and Dr. K. P. Nev-
ille will attend the conference. Dr.
Neville stated today that it was un-
likely the London representatives
would make any recommendations at
the meeting, local college officials be-
ing well satisfied with the matricu-
lation requirements as they are now.

HE WHO GIVETH LIQUOR TO REDSKINS, BEWARE

Magistrate Intimates Con- sequences as Young Brave is Fined Ten Dollars.

Persons who supply Indians with
liquor will be severely dealt with
if caught, Magistrate Graydon in-
timated this morning when a young
brave from the Muncey reserve
steadfastly refused to tell the court
where he had picked up the joy fluid
that landed him in the police net.

"What do you work at?" asked the
court.

"I'm in the laboring class," re-
sponded the prisoner.

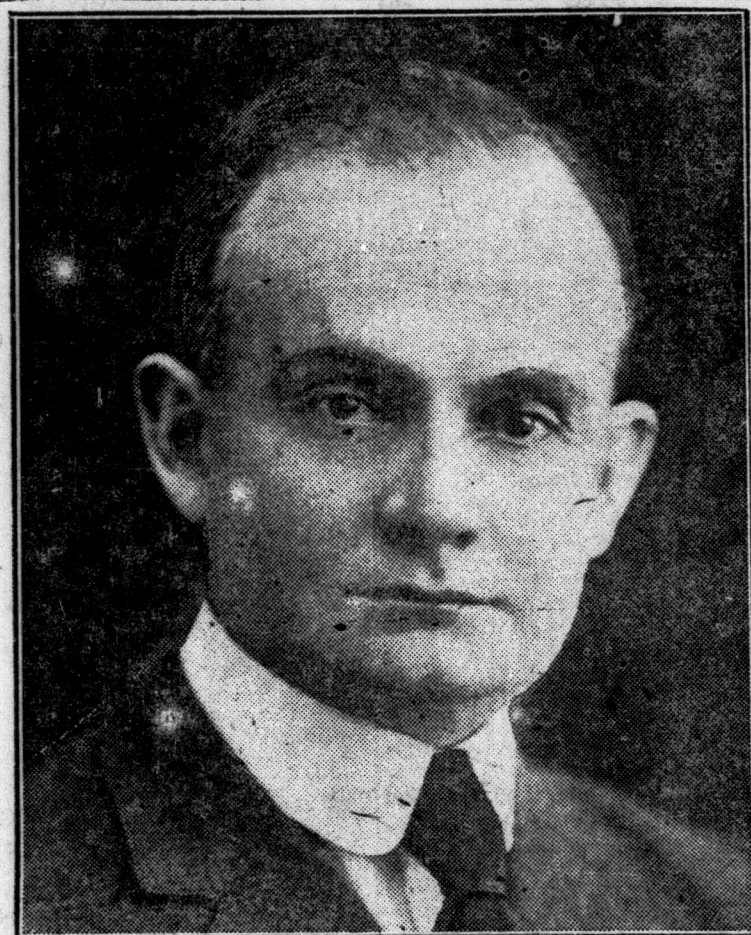
"What's your father's name?"

"Oliver."

"Where does he live, on the
reserve?"

"He's dead."

"All right, ten dollars and costs."



SOON TO REALIZE FINEST HOPE

E. C. Drury, former U. F. O. premier, who will lead the new Ontario
Progressive party that will be launched in a few weeks. "The Man from
Crown Hill" has staged a real comeback with all factions of the United
Farmers of Ontario.

Mild Period Is At An End; Cold Weather on the Way, Snow Here For Christmas

Weather Prognosticators Say
London Is Now in for a
Cold Snap.

WINTER ON THE WAY

Same Day Last December Mer-
cury Fell to Point Seven De-
grees Below Zero.

Girls! Get your galoshes. The
weatherman says we are in for a
cold period. Today Londoners ex-
perienced snow flurries and slush.

A year ago yesterday the same sort
of weather prevailed. On the morn-
ing of the 13th of December last
year that uncertain column of mer-
cury in the thermometer took a
sinking spell, floundered to 7 de-
grees below zero and hovered about
that position for a few days. Evi-
dently this variety of weather her-
alds the approach of a real cold
spell.

Two years ago today the tempera-
ture was 20 degrees above with an
inch of snowfall. Last year at this
time the snow was several inches
deep. Up until today London has
had little or no snow at all and there
was ground for the opinion that the
climate was changing. Indeed some
citizens had visions of neglecting to
buy a overcoat in order that they
might invest the money in a light
Palm Beach suit with shoes to match.
On Tuesday all tennis courts at
Thames Park were in use. Some en-
thusiastic players had their coats off
and were playing as on a warm July
day. This, according to tennis ex-
perts, is the latest the game has
ever been played in London. Up un-
til Tuesday the baseball season was
not over either. Games were being
played nearly every day at Sunning-
dale Park, but if weather prognosticators
can be taken at their word the day
for summer sports is over. The win-
terman says Christmas week will
be the real old fashioned kind and
Santa Claus will come in all the
white splendor to which he is ac-
customed.

If weather conditions of former
years are any indication London will
shortly be in the throes of a cold
spell, authorities stated this morn-
ing. Generally a mild spell leads to
a cold period and it is expected the
two or three weeks of unseasonable
weather which have prevailed lately
will be followed by a cold wintry
Christmas. The accompanying com-
parison of temperatures and weather
conditions of December last year and
this will serve to emphasize the dif-
ference between the two years.

Last Winter Was Colder

1922.	High	Low	Shower
Dec. 1	46	32	....
Dec. 2	56	40	....
Dec. 3	38	30	....
Dec. 4	42	38	....
Dec. 5	42	38	....
Dec. 6	34	17	....
Dec. 7	27	20	....
Dec. 8	30	24	....
Dec. 9	51	27	....
Dec. 10	31	21	....
Dec. 11	41	38	....
Dec. 12	41	38	....
Dec. 13	41	38	....
1923	High	Low	Shower
Dec. 1	48	35	....
Dec. 2	48	36	....
Dec. 3	41	31	....
Dec. 4	42	36	....
Dec. 5	40	34	....
Dec. 6	40	36	....
Dec. 7	40	34	....
Dec. 8	45	41	....
Dec. 9	48	34	....
Dec. 10	47	32	....
Dec. 11	48	32	....
Dec. 12	38	29	....

WAR VESSELS GATHER OFF PORT OF CANTON

Associated Press Despatch.
Peking, Dec. 13.—The foreign
diplomatic corps, replying to an in-
quiry by the Chinese foreign office,
says that war vessels are concen-
trated off Canton in order to safe-
guard the maritime customs. The
diplomats add that no naval forces
have been landed. Northern army
troops have reached the outskirts of
Chung King, Szechuen Province, and
Japanese marines have been landed
there to protect the foreign residents.

LLOYDS TO BUILD SIX MILLION-DOLLAR HOME

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—Lloyd's, the famous
marine and general insurance corpora-
tion, has decided to remove from the
Royal Exchange, where its headquarters
have been for 140 years, and build itself
a new home at an estimated cost of
\$6,000,000. Lloyd's had its origin in a
small coffee house about 1688.

DENIES CONSERVATIVES BOUGHT MORNING POST

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—Conservative
headquarters denies the report which
has been in circulation that the party
has purchased the Morning Post. It
is generally believed, however, that
the Post virtually is in the mar-
ket.

LEADING MEN OF DOMINION PAY TRIBUTE AT FUNERAL

Remains of Lord Shaughnessy
Laid to Rest in Montreal
Cemetery.

THRONGS LINE ROUTE

Crowds Bow in Sorrow as
Last Rites Are Per-
formed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The extraor-
dinary range of friendship enjoyed
by the late Lord Shaughnessy in his
lifetime was apparent this morning
when representatives of the state,
the church, the bench, the profes-
sions, executives of great business
organizations and many from humb-
ler walks of life, attended the fun-
eral of the late baron, while the route
of the funeral procession was lined
with throngs of people.

The body of the master railroader
was removed from his late residence
to St. Patrick's Church, where it was
received by Rt. Rev. Monsignor John
E. Donnelly, pastor of St. Anthony's,
the parish in which Lord Shaugh-
nessy resided. The solemn high
mass of requiem was celebrated by
Rev. Gerald McShane, rector of St.
Patrick's and spiritual adviser of
Lord Shaughnessy. Rev. Thomas F.
Heffernan served as deacon of the
mass and Rev. John L. O'Rourke,
chancellor of the arch diocese served
as sub deacon. His grace, Arch-
bishop Gauthier, was present in the
sanctuary and after the mass officiated
at the solemn "Libera."

The burial service at Cote Des
Neiges Cemetery was conducted by
Rev. H. W. Hingston, S.J., rector of
Loyola College, Montreal.

The prime minister, Rt. Hon. W. L.
Mackenzie King, Sir Louis Gouin,
minister of justice, Hon. James A.
Robb, minister of immigration and
settling minister of finance, and Sen-
ator Raul Dandurand, government
senate leader, attended as represen-
tatives of the government. The gov-
ernor general, Baron Byng of Vimy,
who is on a tour of the eastern town-
ships, was represented by his aide de
camp, Major Willis O'Connor of Ot-
tawa.

DENIED THE CHARGE, BUT FINE IMPOSED

Motorist Parts With \$3 and
Costs for Driving Without
Lights.

Norman A. Roberts was forced to
part with \$3 and costs in police court
this morning for the privilege of
motoring along Dundas street last
Saturday night minus lights. Con-
stable Pope stated Mr. Roberts was
the driver of the car, while the de-
fendant stoutly maintained he had
not been on Dundas street at that
time.

"I never drive without lights," de-
clared Mr. Roberts.
"The afraid I'll have to accept the
constable's word," replied the court.
"I still think the constable is
wrong," came back Roberts. "I don't
see how he could get my number, be-
cause it was pretty dirty."

"Then you should be up on another
charge," observed Mr. Graydon.
"However, I have disposed of your
case now."



A LOVELY LITTLE GIRL

This is Joyce Beatrice Baxter, one
of the last to reach The Advertiser in
the search for the Loveliest Child.
She is four years old and the only
child of Mr. and Mrs. R. Baxter, R.
1, Arkona.

BAPTISTS WILL MEET IN LONDON NEXT YEAR

Annual Convention of Baptists
in Ontario and Quebec to
Be Held Here.

IN TALBOT ST. CHURCH

First Time Convention Has Met
in London Since 1915—
Expect 1,000 Delegates.

For the first time in ten years the
annual convention of the Baptist
churches of Ontario and Quebec will
be held in London next year. By a
unanimous vote, the congregation of
the Talbot Street Baptist Church re-
cently complied with the request of
the associated churches that their
convention in October, 1924, be held
in that church, thus bringing the
convention to London for the first
time since it was held in Adelaide
Street Baptist Church, nine years
ago.

The convention which is held an-
nually about the third week in October
from the Friday until Thursday, will
be estimated to bring to the city about
1,000 representatives of the Baptist
Church in the two provinces.

The executive committee are al-
ways in charge of the convention
program, but a local committee which
has not yet been appointed, will be
expected to handle all the arrange-
ments for billeting and for the ex-
tending of hospitality to the de-
legates. This committee will include
representatives from all the Baptist
churches of the city.

The decision to request that the
next convention to be held in this
city was reached at the last October
convention in Montreal, when it was
thought that London would be a con-
venient and central point at which
the delegates might meet. The last
convention held in the Talbot Street
Baptist Church took place nearly 20
years ago.

With the congregation of the Tal-
bot Street Baptist Church having
acted on the suggestion of the ex-
ecutive committee and extended an in-
vitation to the 1924 convention, the
further steps will be taken officially
now until next June with regard to
the convention which will bring
to the city a large number of points in both
Ontario and Quebec.

ASKS BALDWIN'S PLAN ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Labor Party Demands Definite
Information on Relief Meas-
ures Intended.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—The Baldwin gov-
ernment was called upon by the Labor
Party in a resolution passed during an
executive session of the party this
morning to make an immediate public
announcement of its plans for dealing
with the unemployment problem.
The party also passed a resolution
expressing complete confidence in Ram-
say MacDonald, the party leader, and
voicing belief that he should be "called
upon to assume high office, he will in
all his actions consider the well-being
of the nation in seeking to apply the
principles of the labor movement."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY ELECTS CONSERVATIVES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—Oxford Universi-
ty, with two seats, again has re-
turned two Conservatives to repre-
sentation in the House of Commons.
Sir Charles Oman, whose
vote was 2,950, and Lord Hugh Cecil,
2,712, being re-elected. Professor
Gilbert Murray, Liberal, ran third, as
was the case in the general election
of 1922.

ASK RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED INSTEAD OF SALARY INCREASES

That the nine thousand dollars set
aside by the city fathers for increases
to the city hall staff should be used
to ameliorate conditions existing to-
day in London East by reason of un-
employment, is the suggestion of the
mayor.

"It's this way," he said, "the fel-
lows in the city hall have jobs, and
the men out in the east haven't. The
money is actual cash, set aside
by the city, and is to be used as the
city thinks fit. I don't mean that the
situation."

Lovely Children Everywhere



LOVELY CHILDREN FROM PETROLIA AND LONDON.

These two little girls are among those who have reached The
Advertiser in the search for the Loveliest Child in Western On-
tario. On the left is Mary Jane MacKichan, 5-year-old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacKichan of Petrolia. On the right is Doris
Grace Turner, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C.
M. Turner, 286 Huron street, London. The search for the Loveliest
Child closed last night at midnight, and the photographs go to
the judges today for preliminary selections.

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN AND EACH ONE IS LOVELY

Judges Began This Afternoon
Difficult Task of Choosing
Loveliest Child.

CAME TILL MIDNIGHT

Photographs Arrived at Last
Minute—List Closed With
Over Five Hundred.

Over five hundred lovely children!

Half a battalion!
Little girls and boys, dark and fair,
grave and gay—all sorts of children,
and all of them lovely.

They have reached The Advertiser
in the search for the Loveliest Child
in London and the western counties.
They came in from London right up
until midnight last night and the list
closed at noon today when the last
of yesterday's mail arrived with more
children from the counties.

This afternoon the judges met at
the Public Library, which had been
placed at their disposal by the
courtesy of Richard Crouch, B.A.,
city librarian.

All the photographs were carried in
with great ceremony—bundles and
bundles of them, and the work of
selection began.

This business of selection is a real
task. Take half a dozen children's
pictures and see how difficult it is to
decide on the loveliest one. Then
imagine what it is like to choose from
five hundred—a process of continuous
elimination. The most difficult part
of all, of course, comes when the
five hundred old photographs have
been reduced to twenty or thirty and
the final choices must be made.

The list of all the Lovely Children
will be given in The Advertiser on
Saturday, and the judges' decisions
will probably be available on Monday
or Tuesday. Santa Claus is sending
out his invitations to the big Chil-
dren's Party early next week, and the
nicest part of the whole six weeks
of search will come a week from Sat-
urday when all the Lovely Children
come together to receive the prizes,
to meet Santa Claus, and to have a
good time.

All the children in London will be
invited to the party, with special
places for the boys and girls in the
orphanages and hospitals. The Ad-
vertiser will tell you more about it
next week.

GETS TERM IN PRISON FOR LIBEL

Lord Alfred Douglas Found Guilty of Attack on Win- ston Churchill.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE
Must Provide Bond to Keep
Peace Towards Former
Minister.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 13.—Lord Alfred
Douglas, son of the late Marquis of
Queensbury, was found guilty by a
jury in Old Bailey today of criminal
libel upon Winston Spencer Churchill,
former first lord of the admiralty,
by his publication of the statement
that Mr. Churchill issued a false
communique after the battle of Jut-
land for the purpose of influencing
the stock markets.

Lord Alfred was sentenced to six
months in prison, at the expiration
of which time he must find a surety
to keep the peace, particularly toward
Mr. Churchill. Failing to find surety
he must undergo another six months'
imprisonment.

UTILITIES MANAGER AWAY.
General Manager E. V. Buchanan,
of the public utilities, has gone to
Toronto on private business. He will
remain in the Queen City for a day
or so.

PUBLICITY AGENT FOR CITY IDEA OF WENIGE

Mayor Denies That He Issued
Order to Bring About Con-
dition of Silence.

SAYS REPORTS UNFAIR

Suggests Buying Advertising
Space and Hiring Publicity
Man to Report Meetings.

Mayor Wenige today denies a story
in a local paper that he had issued
an edict to all city officials, ordering
them not to talk to newspaper men
on affairs of the city.

"What I actually told the officials
in the employ of the city," he said,
"was this: 'You must not give any
statements to the press that are not
entirely true.' I emphasized the fact
that considerable harm had been
done already to London by ridiculous
and often scandalous stories obtained
either from aldermen or officials, and
which represented but one side of the
case."

"Both in the committee meetings
and in the council meetings the re-
porters take some phase of discus-
sion that appeals to them and their
view of civic affairs, and then build
the whole of their story around this
one thing. Very often this account
does harm to all of us."

Wants Civic Reporter.

The remedy suggested by the mayor
is that a sum should be set aside by
the city every year for publicity work.
He would have an official civic re-
porter, who would tell the public
through paid space in the papers just
what happened, and was said, and
who said it and the setting of the
committees and council. The mayor
believes this is the best way to get
the facts of the civic administration
before the public, and that it would
constitute a check on the actions
and votes of all aldermen at the
end of the year of service.

"I am an advertiser, and a man
who has always believed in the value
of publicity," he related. "Just
imagine, however, trusting the pub-
lic with the affairs of an eight-
million corporation to the hands of
a newspaper reporter. It's foolish.
No private corporation would do it.
I want the truth and the whole truth,
and nothing but the truth, told of
every move of the city council and
by the city officials, and I am of
the opinion that the only way to tell
it to the public is to take paid space
in the papers and have our own civic
publicity man."

Would Spend \$5,000 Annually.

The mayor thought \$5,000
would be sufficient to accomplish this,
and remarked that it was well worth
while to spend such a sum to tell the
shareholders in a corporation the size
of London just what was being done
by their elected representatives on
every activity undertaken by the
council.

"There is no doubt in my mind,"
he added, "that the city of London
has suffered incalculable harm from
incorrect reports issued to the pub-
lic of the meetings and actions of
the council. For the sake of the
city's good name, I think a change in
the policy of distributing news is
needed. As to the cost of taking ad-
vertising to newspapers, it's merely that
the officials must tell the truth on all
matters. That's all."

The mayor delivered a parting
shot as the reporter left the city hall.
"It's just this way, if we can't get
unbiased reports in the papers in
London, we shall have to bar news-
papermen from all civic meetings.
And that's a thing I don't want to
do."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 44; lowest, 27.
The official temperatures for the
12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today
were: Highest, 43; lowest, 43.
Barometrical Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.07.
Today—8 a.m.—28.85.

Today—Strong winds or gales from
the northwest, and turning colder to-
night, with light snow flurries.

Friday—Fresh to strong west to north-
west winds; mostly fair and colder.

In the Western Provinces the weather
has been fair and colder.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures
during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.
today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	40	Cloudy
Calgary	39	30	Clear
Winnipeg	29	6	Clear
Port Arthur	34	—	Clear
Perry Sound	40	24	Rain
Toronto	44	42	Rain
Kingston	44	44	Rain
Ottawa	42	38	Rain
Montreal	40	38	Cloudy
Quebec	33	34	Rain
Father Point	22	26	Rain
Halifax	38	24	Cloudy
St. John	38	30	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

PASTOR DEFIES BISHOP TO STOP CHURCH DANCES

U.S. IS DEPENDING ON CANADA FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

Vermont Mountains Visited by Blight and Best Source Cut Off.

THOUSANDS SHIPPED

Christmas trees in the United States this year will be largely Canadian instead of American. J. H. Speiran of Port Stanley, who is in the city today, has sent a couple of carloads to the other side already and claims the American price nets a neat little profit to the Canadian grower.

The reason for this demand, which is unprecedented, is that the trees of the Vermont mountains, which usually supply the state of New York with their Christmas trimmings, have been blighted by a little gypsy moth. The result is that the trees of the New York State and New York forests are being cut off. But Canada is sending in the carloads. Thousands of trees pour into the States from Western Ontario alone. It takes a million and a quarter trees to supply greater New York city every year.

Forest Giant Tent.
The largest tree reported by Mr. Speiran is twice the length of a freight car. It took two cars to bring the giant down from this province, and the cost in freight alone is \$30. The New York market's "perfect 36," Mr. Speiran says, These New York trees must be balsam, because of the fragrant, woody smell. Westerners take the odorless spruce, but discriminating Manhattan calls for a Christmas aroma with its greens.

Rumors are heard in the local tree markets that the artificial Christmas tree is cutting out its Rye brother in the matter of table decoration. Department stores are increasing their stock of small manufactured trees and the demand for genuine table trees is uncertain. Dealers are getting in as many as usual of this variety, however, for the approaching holiday rush, and are watching the market anxiously.

Just Like Fruit.

"We can't afford to take many risks in our business," a local wholesale florist said, "Christmas trees won't keep over from one year to another, like toys or greeting cards. They're like fruit; they have to be sold while they're fresh. If we overstock, there's nothing but a dead loss as the result. We can't even give away trees after Christmas. We just pay somebody to haul them off to be burned. But if we don't take risks in our business we at least use a lot of faith. Back yonder, while you people were sweating in summer heat, we dealers were putting in our orders for Christmas greens."

On the local market Christmas trees are just beginning to put in an appearance, but the demand shall not become acute unless snow falls, district farmers say.

SMOKING IS BAD FOR POCKETBOOK

Noted Physician, Visiting in London, Scouts Idea That Tobacco Is Injurious.

"Smoking is a very bad thing for the pocketbook."

This, according to Dr. D. A. Craig, former London physician visiting here, is the way every intelligent man and woman—she includes women—should regard the proverbial coffin nail and the fragrant cigar. But if you can afford smoking, it can't do you any harm, and is liable to do you much good.

Dr. Craig thus hits the anti-tobacco league a severe crack. The doctor, who is a director of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, is a statistician of prominence in the United States. His statistics indicate that smokers actually live a fraction longer than non-smokers.

"If a man is of a naturally nervous or temperamental disposition, smoking does him a world of good. The ancient idea that tobacco plays havoc with the constitution has been dispelled. Most doctors smoke and not a few clergyman. I consider the cigar a good thing to smoke because in the inveterate smoker it seldom has the least effect on the throat or lungs."

"Of course there is such a thing as a tobacco heart, and persons afflicted with these should leave smoking alone. But a tobacco heart does not come from smoking exclusively. It is a physical impairment, which may be aggravated by immoderate use of tobacco. Tubercular people and people with throat disease are naturally irritated by inhalation of tobacco fumes."

"The only thing wrong with smoking for a healthy man is the price. I figure that smoking costs me about \$400 a year."

STRONG'S Drug Store
FAERY FANS
(PERFUMED FANS)
A Distinct Novelty.

CLOSE ELECTIONS ARE PROMISED IN MIDDLESEX

Acclamations Predicted in London, But in Westminster It's West.

MERRY BATTLE

Although Middlesex County elections for the past few years have been as quiet as a Sunday at the north pole, with acclamations being in the majority, it looks at the present time as if there will be but two acclamations for 1924, and even these are not certain.

It is not expected that London Township voters will have to make trips to the polls early in the new year, but their neighbors in Westminster Township are promised one of the snappiest election contests in history. W. S. Laidlaw, at present deputy reeve of Westminster, will look horns with the present reeve, John S. Cousins, and a merry battle is predicted. Wm. Boier, second deputy reeve, will strive for the deputy reeve, and is not likely to have opposition, if it is stated.

Out Caradoc way, residents state that W. A. Collins is likely to retire from the municipal field, and if he does, A. L. McDougall will likely become reeve without a fight. If this happens, all three councilmen will take a shot for the job of deputy reeve. At Caradoc, M. McGugan and D. McCallum would all like to fill the shoes of Mr. McDougall, and this will mean that three new council members will have to be elected. The election pot is surely boiling over in Caradoc, according to a farmer from that township who was in the city today.

County councilors have all been busy in their own political backyards since they left last week's session for home, and the chances are that, with the exception of John Morgan, Alisa Craig, W. A. Collins, Caradoc, and Mr. Fuller, London Township, they will all be out for re-election. County nominations will be held on Dec. 21.

DRURY WILL BE HEAD OF NEW ONTARIO PARTY

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vention today, predicted the inauguration of a Progressive party in Ontario next year. It is extremely doubtful that anything further in this direction will be attempted this week, as the assurance that a conference has been arranged for January 3.

Organized political movements must be met by organized political movements. This is the motto of the New Ontario party, and it gives assurance that all people, whether they reside in view of the country and side, irrespective of their class or occupation will find a place beneath the Progressive standards. They are willing to accept the U. F. O. principles. This in effect will be a "people's" party with the time-honored slogan of equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

The U. F. O. convention today decided to abandon its tedious process of taking nominations for the various offices of the organization.

Nominations for President.
Nominations poured in immediately, and Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P., was one of those nominated for the presidency. Others were: W. A. Amos, Harold Currie, R. H. Halbert, E. C. Brandon, and W. E. Eburn.

Those nominated for vice-president were: Harold Currie, H. A. Gihoy, Howard Bertrane, Baker, J. MacWhitmore, R. J. McMillan, S. J. MacDonald, Bruce McEwen, and Thomas Bennett.

Mr. Morrison was the only nominee for secretary-treasurer, which provoked applause.

U. F. O. RESOLUTIONS.
Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The U. F. O. deplors the "obvious and flagrant smuggling of Canadian whiskey into the United States, and the following report from the resolution committee."

"In this connection, the committee have noted with pleasure the representations of the United States and Canadian governments for the purpose of devising means to check the smuggling of Canadian liquor into the United States. It is a cause for regret that for such a conference should have arisen. It is nothing short of a national disgrace that Canadian vessels with liquor cargoes have been permitted to clear for United States ports."

"It is even more disgraceful that liquor-laden craft, capable only of lake navigation, have been permitted to clear from our lake ports for ports in Cuba or Mexico, when our customs officials know that such liquor was intended for contraband trade either in Ontario or United States."

Demands Early Action.
There should be no necessity for bargaining over the end of such traffic. Good neighborliness demands that it be ended by our own voluntary action."

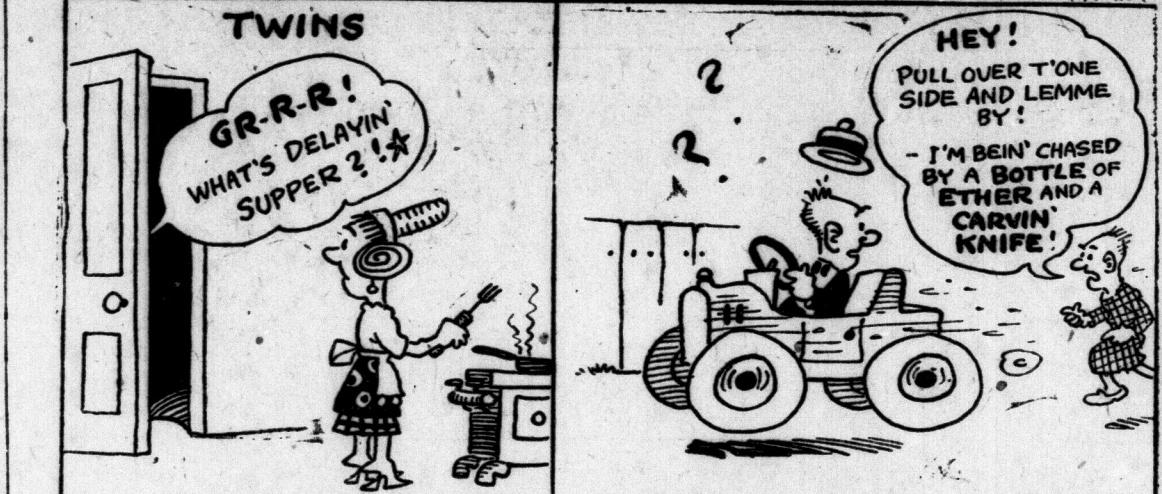
Other important opinions voiced to date by the U. F. O. forces in session include the following:
Hydro.—The representatives of organized agriculture favor strongly hydro extension to the rural peoples, as rapidly as possible, and at a rate within their reach. There has been discrimination in hydro distribution against the farmer.

Immigration.—The U. F. O. protests vigorously against the present immigration policy of the federal government, having for its object the immigration of persons to be placed on the land only.

Commissions.—The U. F. O. demands representation on future railway and other commissions, for the farmer, contending that he furnishes 75 per cent of the freight.

Highways.—It is resolved that expenditures on roads be curtailed to

DIBS AND DABS —BY HARRY MOYER



TRUTHFULNESS HELPS TO SAVE COURT FINE

Harry Cambridge Escapes With Costs in Motorcycle Case.

Supposing you were trailing along the street on a motorcycle without the markers required by law and you saw two hunky policemen with their eyes fixed piercingly on your machine. What would you do? Would you stop and explain, or would you give the old cycle a little more gas and speed away from the optics of the said constables?

If you pulled the latter stunt you would not be blamed by Chief Birrell, that is unofficially.

Harry Cambridge drove his cycle past two constables last week without markers and then stopped in front of a garage for oil. The officers noticed the infraction of the M.V.A., obtained the young man's name and had him summoned.

"My brother forgot to put the markers on after we had overhauled the machine and I didn't notice it when I went out," explained Cambridge.

"I don't think it was intentional, so I will merely impose the costs in the case," stated the court.

"It certainly wasn't intentional, or I wouldn't have stopped for oil with a block of the policemen," declared Cambridge.

"If it had been intentional, what would you have done?" asked Chief Birrell.

"I wouldn't get away as fast as I could," truthfully replied the defendant.

"Well I wouldn't blame you," came back the chief with a twinkling smile.

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZES PURCHASE OF BROOMS

Where is the housewife in London who purchased brooms to the value of \$37.82 at one time?

This amount was authorized for payment at a committee meeting of the board of education yesterday afternoon, but questioning by the trustees elicited the information that the brooms were for the use of the janitors, and not for any spendthrift housewife. The above amount of money purchases a large number of brooms, as may be seen from the fact that just recently a local firm was retailing these articles of cleanliness at 29 cents each.

EDUCATION ELECTIONS COST BOARD \$60.50

The cost of the board of education elections was \$60.50, according to an account rendered at the meeting of No. 2 committee yesterday afternoon. This covers the cost of the janitors' services for election day, and for the campaign meetings held in several schools. This cost is borne by the board as their share of the total expenses.

What is absolutely necessary or left in abeyance until such time as conditions are better balanced, and farmers more able to pay their share of cost.

Recommend Gasoline Tax.
Gasoline Tax.—The U. F. O. recommends a tax on gasoline, exempting, however, gasoline for tractors and other farming machinery. This question prompted a sharp division of opinion, but Hon. E. C. Drury favored it, and explained that he had such a move in view had the party been returned to the land only.

Provincial Highways.—The U. F. O. places itself on record as urging that these roads be built and maintained by the government.

The convention also recommended compulsory medical inspection in the public schools.

At the Churches

JUNIOR CHURCH LEAGUE.
Miss Cook of the Southern Congregational Church addressed the Junior Church League of the Bethanuel Church, Grey street, Monday evening, December 10. Miss Cook's topic was "The Golden Rule" and was rendered in an inspirational fashion, appreciated by all present.

BOYS' SUPPER.
Mrs. Charles Pirth's committee were in charge of the weekly boys' supper at St. Andrew's Church this week. Mrs. Pirth was assisted by Mrs. McConery, Mrs. Layman, Mrs. White and Mrs. J. Morrison.

EVER-READY MISSION BAND.
Beth Harkness presided over the regular meeting yesterday afternoon of the Ever-Ready Mission Band of the First Methodist Church. The children heard about the life of John Frederick Oberlin in their study of the Canadian missions. Next week the meeting will be of a very special nature, as the band will give the annual Mission Band Christmas party.

MEN'S CLUB.
The Men's Club of St. Mark's Church were guests of Mr. Alex Garrett, 47 Hale street, at a progressive euchre party last evening. The first prize was won by W. H. Jones, and the second by Edmund Webb. On the conclusion of the enjoyable evening, Mrs. W. A. Langford, and Mrs. Mark Garrett served refreshments.

MISSION THANKOFFERING.
At the annual thankoffering meeting of the Mission Circle of Malindang street, Baysville, the offering amounted to \$22.50. Mrs. L. Haverstock presided, and the address was given by the pastor, Rev. Dr. F. T. Sowerby on the subject, "Home Missions in Northern Ontario." A solo given by T. H. Yull was very much appreciated.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST OPERATORS.
Associated Press Despatch.
Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 13.—Ten indictments were returned today against oil operators of the Smackover and Eldorado fields in the federal district court here today. "Pat" Marr, sole trustee for fourteen companies, was placed under \$40,000 bond by Judge Frank A. Youmans on charges of using the mails to defraud, and Reginald G. Houston and Captain Henri C. Fletcher were indicted jointly on charges of fraudulent use of the mails.

OBJECT TO IMMIGRANTS UNLESS PLACES ASSURED.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—James Wignall, Labor member of the House of Commons for Forest of Dean, Gloucester, who recently returned from a nine months' tour of Australia and New Zealand, says he found the labor leaders in the antipodes were hostile to the idea of encouraging great numbers of immigrants, until arrangements could be made for them to be located.

ACCOUNTS OF \$2,766.89 ARE LAST PASSED THIS YEAR.
Accounts totalling \$2,766.89 were passed for payment at yesterday's meeting of the board of education. This is the last regular budget that will be dealt with, as the committee will hold no more meetings this year other than a special one to consider the Empress avenue school.

The Bible on Hell.
An examination of every scripture text where the word "hell" is found, also explains parables of "Rich Man and Lazarus," "Sheep and Goats" and "Lake of Fire and Brimstone." 80 pages, 10c and 15c, post free. P. Fraser, 421 Avonham St., Phone 72174.

E. SPEIRAN NEW HEAD OF "V" ADVANCE CLUB

Society Re-organized for 1924—Will Meet Every Wednesday.

The Advance Club, composed of boys of senior business classes, was reorganized at a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. building last night.

It was decided the club should meet every Wednesday night and speakers be appointed to talk on vocational topics at each meeting. On the second Wednesday of each month supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

The following officers were elected: President, E. Speiran; vice-president, Frank Clark; secretary, Arnold Ramer; treasurer, Jack Barr; program committee, E. Speiran, Harry Sugden, Donald Manuel. The program committee will meet Monday night to draw up a constitution and lay plans for a program for the winter and spring months.

WOULD KEEP PEOPLE OF BRITAIN AT HOME.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 13.—Kilgley, Yorkshire, poor law guardians were discussing the question of encouraging emigration to points within the empire not only of white men but whole families, when one of the members declared that the emigration matter was merely a present-day fad.

There was plenty of land in Great Britain for the people, he said, without sending them away.

BISHOP CALLS RECTOR TO EXPLAIN DANCES.
New York, Dec. 13.—The Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, rector of St. Marks in the Bowery and his bishop, Bishop Wm. T. Manning of the Episcopal diocese of New York to explain the dancing entertainment given by parish girls at recent festivals of the congregation. Reports were published that the girls were "scantly clad."

Bishop Manning wrote he was "greatly shocked and scandalized" by reports in the newspapers which I fear have not altogether been exaggerated.

INAUGURAL MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 10.
The inaugural meeting of the board of education will be held on Jan. 10, 1924. This will mark the first appearance of six new members recently elected as trustees.

The meeting will be devoted to the passing of accounts and routine business. On the 25th of this month the final gathering of the 1923 board will take place and, as is customary, A. N. Udy, retiring chairman, will give the members a banquet.

AT LAST RYERSON PUPILS HAVE OBTAINED PIANO.
Pupils at Ryerson School at last have the piano for which they have worked for so long, an instrument costing \$255 having been purchased by the board for the school. Of this amount \$200 was raised by the students at their pageant, \$25 was raised by the Mothers' Club, and the remaining \$30 was granted by the board.

ELECTED SWISS PRESIDENT.
Berne, Dec. 13.—Federal Councillor Ernest Chuard of Lausanne was today elected president of the Swiss confederation for 1924. The new vice-president is Federal Councillor Jean Musy of Fribourg.

DR. GUTHRIE SAYS CHURCH DANCES ARE NOT WRONG

Pastor of New York Church is Supported in Contention by His Vestrymen.

SUMMONED TO BISHOP

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 13.—Dr. Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Marks in the Bowery, and his board of vestrymen were called before Bishop William T. Manning of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York today to explain reports of dances and festivities in the downtown church and parish house. These reports "have shocked and scandalized," Bishop Manning said.

The dances, most of them of the Greek classic variety, have been given by the young women members of the parish as a part of Dr. Guthrie's avowed purpose of bringing beauty into religion. Last week in St. Mark's Parish Hall, at which a festival of St. Nicholas was held, young men and women dressed "like the signs of the Zodiac" mingled with those in the audience and forced them to join in the merry frolic. At various other times interpretative dances, in which colored spotlights played as much of a part as they do in the theatre, have been held.

Dr. Guthrie said he and his vestrymen would heed the call of Bishop Manning, but insisted each member of the board would stand by him in his determination to continue the dances until they were ordered stopped by a general convention in which votes of bishops, clergy and laymen would be taken.

"Nothing we have done at St. Mark's has ever been, from a church point of view, either immoral or illegal," he said.

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Bootleg Booze Kills Another

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 13.—Bootleg whiskey claimed another victim today when James Murphy, who was found unconscious at midnight on a Bronx sidewalk, died in a hospital. Thomas Torpy, his friend, who lay unconscious beside him, is not expected to live. In Torpy's coat pocket the police found a bottle containing a dark red fluid, the greater part of which proved to be wood alcohol.

CHILD BADLY CUT WHEN AUTOS CRASH

Archie Shoebottom, Aged 5, in Children's Hospital With Injuries To His Head.

Archie Shoebottom, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shoebottom, R. No. 5, London, is lying in the Children's War Memorial Hospital with serious injuries to the head as the result of an automobile smash at the corner of King and Adelaide streets last night shortly after 9 o'clock.

Blinding rain and slippery pavements are blamed for the accident. The car his father was driving collided with an auto driven by Alexander Wells of Burwell street. As the cars came together screams pierced the air and Constable Glidden, who was a short distance away, rushed to the scene, finding the cars badly entangled and the Shoebottom boy bleeding from a deep cut on the head.

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LONDON MANUFACTURERS OBJECT TO NEW TAX

FAMILY BRAKES GET MOTORIST INTO TROUBLE

Magistrate Warner Sympathetic and Allows Fred Dick to Go With Warning.

WAS IN COLLISION

The old story of motor car brakes that would not work was unfolded in police court this morning by Fred Dick, the defendant, and three police officers. After hearing all the evidence and giving a warning, the court dismissed the case.

Constable Lay stated he was on traffic duty at King and Richmond streets last Saturday afternoon at 5:15, and had given the signal to another man to make the left-hand turn from Richmond street to King, when Mr. Dick, approaching from the east on King street, banged into the car of the man having the right-of-way. He ordered Mr. Dick to angle park on King street till he got particulars in the matter. Mr. Dick backed into another car, because his brakes wouldn't work.

Sergeant Middaugh, who witnessed the affair, stated Constable Lay was almost run down by Mr. Dick, as the constable was facing west at the time. The sergeant ordered the car to be taken to the police station to have the brakes tested.

Sergeant Mackie stated he tested the brakes and they were useless. Mr. Dick declared he had just purchased the car, a second-hand one, from a local garage, and thought it was in good condition when he left the garage. He said the officer gave the signal to traffic from the west on King street, and thought he had a right to proceed east on the same highway. Just as he crossed the corner, a car from the north swerved in front of him, and he hit it.

"My brakes wouldn't work," explained the defendant, "I thought the man from the north was wrong."

"You must be governed by the traffic officer, and he didn't give you the signal," declared the court.

"I broke the law, then it's broken 100 times a day," replied Mr. Dick. "They shouldn't have let the car out of the garage in that shape. I had just bought it."

"I think it was a flagrant violation of the law, but possibly not intended," responded Mr. Graydon. "I'll let you go with a warning this time."

TWO LONDON HOSPITAL OFFICIALS ATTEND SESSION

Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent of Victoria Hospital, and Colonel Cartwright, left the city this morning to attend a meeting in Toronto of representatives of Ontario hospitals. The advisability of forming an Ontario Hospital Association will be discussed at the meeting.

RICHMOND STREET PARKING TIME IS CUT HALF HOUR

The secretary of the London Motor Club wishes to warn motorists that the bylaw making the parking limit on Richmond street, from Queen's avenue to York street, and on Dundas street, from Queen's avenue to an hour instead of a full hour, as used to be the case, is in force, and that they should watch their car parking accordingly. The signs on the posts on the streets still read "An hour," but he adds that the city engineer intends changing them so as to conform with the new regulations shortly after the new year.

FERGUSON SHAKES FINGER AT NAUGHTY, BAD PRESS

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Dec. 13.—Accusations that "vilification by the press of the country and by some people, deterred men of outstanding ability from seeking public office, were made by Hon. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, at a joint luncheon of the Canadian Club and the Canadian Club of Regina here yesterday.

The charge so far as the press was concerned was all-around, as he stated that the press of the country, and some people "not only criticized unfairly but vilified them for party political reasons."

LACHINE CANAL TRAFFIC SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Dec. 13.—Traffic through the Lachine canal in 1923 showed an increase over that of 1922 in almost every particular, the total grain carried being 88,285,270 bushels, as compared with 87,731,212 in 1922, the best previous year.

The canal has officially closed the busiest year in its history, during which it was used by 8,123 vessels as against 7,712 in 1922.

Mrs. Frank L. Jones, who was taken to Victoria Hospital Tuesday evening suffering from a broken leg received in an automobile smash on Richmond street, was reported this morning by hospital officials to be doing nicely.

If You Are Physically Fit Eat Meat If You Like It Is Advice of Dr. H. W. Hill

Suggestion Contradicts Recent Statement Made by Insurance Actuary.

PRESENTED REPORT

Dean of Institute Attributes High Blood Pressure to Work Tension.

Go ahead and eat that meat. If you are physically fit, it won't do any harm. So says Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health here, and his advice is backed up with that of Dr. D. A. Craig, director of the American Academy of Medicine, who left for Chicago after spending a few days in London yesterday.

Dr. Hill offers this suggestion more or less to offset the effect of a statement made by Arthur Hunter, an insurance actuary, who last week presented a report at the annual convention of life insurance presidents which said that blood pressure had a great deal to do with longevity. If you want to keep your blood pressure low, don't eat meat, is what Mr. Hunter advises.

A high blood pressure is likely to mean a short life, and since this is a matter in which insurance men are deeply interested, Mr. Hunter has studied the relations between meat and blood pressure. He found a neat little argument ensues between Dr. Hill and Dr. Craig, well-known medical men, and an insurance actuary who admits he doesn't know much about physiology and things like that. He bases his deductions entirely on statistics.

Mr. Hunter has made researches in the Orient, where people live almost exclusively upon vegetables; in Australia, where the consumption of meat is very high; in Canada, Argentina and other countries. He also has studied special groups of people in the United States who do not eat meat and compared blood pressure there with that of those who do. Consumption was relatively low with blood pressure in normal years. All of his studies support the belief that the pressure is lowered and down with meat consumption.

On the other hand, Dr. Hill attributes high blood pressure not to meat but to the high tension under which many business and professional men work. Dr. Craig coincides with this view.

In the matter practically no meat is eaten among the natives, the average span of life is about half that of a Canadian's, Dr. Hill said. He said that most of the so-called effects and lethargic races without meat. The virile empire builders are meat eaters. Of course an speaking of normally healthy human beings. A man who takes with certain diseases should, perhaps, leave meat alone.

It is difficult to place a finger on the direct cause of mounting blood pressure," Dr. Craig told The Advertiser, "but I am of the opinion that moderate business activity is a factor. The modern life is that most business men do not know when to play. Every citizen should have specific business restrictions on his hours, and he should not depart from them under any consideration. It is nervous strain that causes high blood pressure more than anything else, and, of course, if a man takes too much meat that strain is emphasized."

In the matter of discussion of what one ought to eat, the vegetarian is always the under-dog, Dr. Craig added. He is reproached with being a crank, his theories are derided, and his practice denounced as unhygienic and uneconomical. Nevertheless, in certain peculiar instances vegetarianism is necessary, but it should not be allowed without the advice of a reputable physician.

"But what about Bernard Shaw?" Dr. Craig was asked. "He is famed for never having eaten meat, and he is more than 70 years old."

"Bernard Shaw always was a crank anyway," Dr. Craig said. "He may have some reasons for doing without meat, but he may excite him. But, as a rule, meat is perfectly all right for persons who are physically fit."

LIBERALS WOULD PLAN WOMAN FOR CABINET

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—The probability that a woman will be in the cabinet of the Labor-Socialist party is the outcome of the present political tangle. It will have at least one woman member as foreshadowed by the Daily Herald, which, speculating upon the composition of the ministry in the event it is formed, says: "There certainly one woman who would be welcome as a member, while another one or two might well be given similar posts."

The newspaper insists that it would be desirable for Ramsay MacDonald himself to hold the foreign portfolio with the premiership, in view of the great importance of the former ministry.

COURT TO DETERMINE STATUS OF SECURITIES

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London Motors Avert Tax Sale

London Motors, Limited, by the payment yesterday of \$1,400 to the city, has averted the proposed sale of its property to pay back taxes. Joseph Wench, advanced the money. W. R. Stansell, general manager, called a meeting of directors on Tuesday night to discuss the situation, where Mr. Wench offered the money required. Mr. Stansell says that a meeting of shareholders will be called in the near future to discuss plans for future development.

SENDING MANY GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS TABLE

Roast Beef and Other Seasonable Viands in Parcels Arriving From England.

All varieties of Christmas presents are coming to the postoffice these days, a great percentage, of course, being eatables for consumption on Christmas Day. Today a singularly heavy package arrived, giving off a strong aroma of cloves and spices. A hole in the parcel revealed that it was one of the famous rounds of roast beef of old England, properly preserved for its long journey across the ocean.

Another extraordinary bundle was discovered to contain a dozen sprays of heather, gathered from the hills of Scotland. This apparently is to be used for table decoration on Christmas Day by some patriotic son of the thistle.

A rather naive illustration of the desire of friends to keep the contents of the parcels unknown until Christmas Day came to light in one package with the usual label, "Don't Open Until Christmas." The parcel, however, was plastered with this obvious giveaway, "The Bull Dog Brogue," John H. Mason Shoe Company, London, E. C.

The judge, for a variety of fruit odors emanating from many of the parcels, relatives across the sea, sympathizing with the dry condition of their Canadian kin, have managed to send over numerous samples of British "hair tonic." Mah Jong sets are also extraordinarily popular, the postoffice every day receiving a number of boxes whose Oriental lettering indicates their contents to be the Chinese national game.

Postoffice officials report that this season's parcels, home and abroad, have heeded the advice to do their Christmas mailing early better than any past period.

FIRST LINK IN RADIO CHAIN IS BIG SUCCESS

The gold commissioner for the Yukon, in his monthly report for November, states that the five wireless stations recently erected at Dawson and Mayo are now in operation and that they are working perfectly. This constitutes the first link in the Dawson-Edmonton wireless system, and is another step in the progress of the Dominion Radio Commission, by the aid of science. Ottawa intends to establish a complete system from coast to coast and from the international boundary to the farthest police station in Greenland.

GIVES VERDICT IN FULL IN SUIT INVOLVING \$737.50

Judgment in full for \$737.50 was awarded today by County Judge J. C. Judd to Natanmil Mills, executor of the estate of the late Maria Beardsall, against Anna B. Finch of Toronto. Mr. Mills claimed the defendant had given the late Mrs. Beardsall a promissory note for \$600 on March 30, 1915, payable six months after date, with interest at 7 per cent. Interest was paid until Sept. 3, 1920. Mr. Mills as executor of the estate claimed \$737.50 was still owing. Plaintiff's flock acted for the plaintiff in the matter.

LITTLE VICTIM OF SMASH IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

The condition of Archie Shoebottom, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shoebottom, R.R. No. 5, London, who was taken to the Children's War Memorial Hospital last night suffering from injuries received in an automobile smash at the corner of King and Adelaide streets, was reported this morning to be slightly improved. He is suffering from severe cuts about the face and head.

STORING ONTARIO WATERS WITH MILLIONS OF FISH

According to the fisheries inspector of the department in Ottawa, The lakes and rivers of Ontario and Manitoba have by far the largest extent of over 211,000,000 pickerel this year, this number of fry having been distributed by the department of marine and fisheries from the hatcheries at Belleville, Sarnia, Kenora, and Collingwood, in Ontario, and from Gull Harbor, in Manitoba. The run have by far the largest extent of over 211,000,000 pickerel this year, this number of fry having been distributed by the department of marine and fisheries from the hatcheries at Belleville, Sarnia, Kenora, and Collingwood, in Ontario, and from Gull Harbor, in Manitoba.

NAME WAS OMITTED.

The name of Mrs. J. W. Jones, who was appointed a member of the board of managers of the Children's Aid Society, was omitted from a report of the society's annual meeting printed in the morning and evening editions of The Advertiser yesterday.

DRIVER IN CAR CRASH TAKEN TO WOODSTOCK

T. Stevens to Face Charge of Contempt of Court Also—City Woman Hurt.

Treuman Stevens of Toronto was arrested in London last night by Detective Down, and taken to Woodstock today by High Constable Hill of Oxford County to stand trial on a charge of contempt of court for not appearing when a summons was served on him, and also on a charge of committing grievous bodily harm as a result of a motor accident, near Woodstock, on the night of Nov. 11, when Mrs. T. Morkin of 93 King street, city, was injured. A car driven by Stevens crashed into a car driven by Mrs. Morkin on the outskirts of Woodstock, and Mrs. Morkin is still suffering from injuries received.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE IS AFTER HOSPITAL

Make This Chief Plank in Their Program For Next Year.

Special to The Advertiser. Simcoe, Dec. 12.—The Women's Institute of Simcoe think there should be a county hospital in Simcoe, and have decided to make this their aim for 1924. They are preparing an amateur play, which they hope to put on in February.

Duck Identified. A band taken from the leg of a wild duck shot at Long Point was forwarded to the bureau of biological survey at Washington, and the following letter has been received in reply: "We have your letter of December 5th, giving information concerning the capture of a black duck, No. 29,256, at Long Point, Ontario, on October 2nd, 1923, by Mr. P. S. Osler of Toronto, who is operating a trapping station at Lake Scugog in co-operation with the biological survey. These numbered aluminum bands are placed on different species of migratory birds by volunteers scattered throughout the United States and Canada, and through their activities much knowledge is being gained regarding the migration and life histories of these birds."

Held Banquet. The local lodge of Canadian Order of Foresters held a banquet tonight at the Norfolk House.

The following Simcoe ladies have returned from Toronto, where they were the guests of the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Cockshutt at Government House: Miss Carrie McCall, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. B. B. Baillie, Mrs. Jonathan Porter, Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Mrs. W. A. McIntosh, Mrs. T. E. Langford and Mrs. L. T. Atkinson.

Goed to California. Roy Watson, for 11 years with the H. S. Falls Store has opened a sign shop in West Hollywood, California, and will specialize in signs and cards.

County Court. At the county court and general sessions of the peace, the day was spent in taking evidence in a case of City of Simcoe vs. H. S. Falls, poisoning a horse. The court rose before the case was finished.

Are Naturalized. The following foreigners, who made application for naturalization papers at the county court, were approved by Judge Boles: Lukian Stadnik, Russian; John Choban, Austrian; Townsend; and Stiverosnak, Austrian, now living at Welland.

BIG MILITARY BALL PLANNED FOR JAN. 28

A large military ball will be given by the officers of the 1st Regiment under the command of Lieut.-Col. Deacon on Jan. 28. This dance, which will be the first of a number of similar military social functions during the winter season, will be held at the armories.

FORTY-TWO SIMOLEONS FROM M. V. A. VIOLATORS.

Forty-two dollars in M. V. A. fines linked into the county jail today this morning. Most of the cash was collected from speeders.

GIFTS FOR BLANCHARD FAMILY

An overcoat and a supply of bedding have been offered Ernest Blanchard, the war veteran who accidentally hurled down his home recently, by Londoners who heard of his plight through The Advertiser. Mrs. Currie, 314 Dxford street has some bedding which she will give. Mr. Blanchard if he calls. An overcoat is also waiting for the former Byron sanatorium patient at the Aged People's Home.

CAVAN'S VISIT CANCELLED.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—Owing to the present unsettled situation in Great Britain the proposed visit of the Earl of Cavan, chief of the imperial general staff, to the dominions has been cancelled.

Are Preparing Christmas Tree

The annual Christmas tree furnished by the public utilities in Victoria Park is being decorated by workmen to be in condition for the Christmas holidays, when it is expected the Victoria rink will be well mounted with it. Numerous electric lights are to be adjusted to the tree, making it one of the bizarre sights of the city during the Yuletide period.



SHE HAS HER DOLL. Here is Irene Miller, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, 411 Dundas street. Irene is a happy little girl because she got her doll from the Doll Lady this week.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT THAT TOPPING NSANE

Governor Dawson Repudiates Silly Tale in Circulation This Morning.

"There is absolutely nothing in the silly rumor that Clarence Topping has gone stark staring mad," stated Gov. Dawson of the Middlesex county jail this morning.

"I have been asked if it was true, and there is absolutely nothing in it. Topping is a quiet prisoner, and gives no trouble."

Although Topping is to appear in the police court tomorrow morning, charged with the murder of Geraldine Durston, he has not yet been seen by his counsel, D. A. G. Swanson of Oshawa, who was retained to act for the young man by relatives last week. It is expected, however, that Mr. Swanson will arrive in the city today and will talk over the case with the self-confessed slayer of Miss Durston.

WINNER WILL ATTEND CHICAGO STOCK SHOW

Young Farmers of Brant Will Stage Stock Judging Competition.

Special to The Advertiser. Paris, Dec. 12.—The Junior Farmers reorganized on Monday afternoon at a meeting held in Mr. Roy Schuyler's office.

The officers are: President, Robert McCruer, Ayr; vice-president, Robert Patterson, Paris; secretary-treasurer, John Edgar, Paris; directors, Charles Watt, Marshall Gillis, Paris; John Francis, Clifford Chant, Harley; Harry Watson, and Jim. Hawthelmer, St. George; Donald Kitchen and David Forbes; Reg. McIntyre and A. Crumback, Oakland; Russell Thompson and Edward Eddy, Bonford; John Simpson and Whitney Barton, Onondaga.

A county wide stock judging contest will be put on in the spring for young farmers, and the one scoring highest will be sent to the Chicago Live Stock Show by Mr. George Harris of the Canadian Packing Company, Oranhou.

The organ in the Methodist Church is being repaired by Mr. Plummer of Woodstock. New couplers have been installed and the organ will be ready for use on Monday. The church has been without the use of the organ for two Sundays.

Entertain Friends. The Blue Lake and Auburn Women's Institute recently entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. Roy Collins. The following program was rendered: Readings, Theophilus, and Jim. Hawthelmer, St. George; Donald Kitchen and David Forbes; Reg. McIntyre and A. Crumback, Oakland; Russell Thompson and Edward Eddy, Bonford; John Simpson and Whitney Barton, Onondaga.

Enters Contest. It is rumored that Councillor Bert Lester will enter the contest for the deputy reeve ship, with Councillor T. Ovary Apps also a candidate.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Barnie of Brantford have been guests of Mrs. W. Simon.

Mrs. L. Rush of Tillsonburg has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Gordon Wells.

TOURING DISTRICT.

Adjutant Smith, head of the Salvation Army immigration department, has been spending the past week in a tour of St. Marys and Stratford, where he has been visiting widows and orphans who were brought to this country by the Salvation Army, and who have received positions on farms in that district.

SOLD SUNDAY READING.

Fred Hunter pleaded guilty in police court today to an infraction of the Lord's Day act by selling magazines on Sunday. He was fined \$10 and costs.

DISORDERLY CASE. William Coyne was arrested at the corner of Byron avenue and Wortley road last night at 7:30 and was lodged in jail charged with being disorderly. Sergeant Oakley and Constable Ayres made the arrest.

ALLEGES NEGLIGENCE.

Menzies & Cluff issued a county court writ today on behalf of Daniel and Robert Wilson of this city against George Fisher of R. R. No. 3, Komoka, asking for unstated damages from the defendant for injuries received through the negligent driving of a motor car by the defendant, his servants or agents.

New Sales Tax Is Opposed By City Manufacturers While Retailers Favor It

Heads of Local Industries Claim Present System is Good Enough.

CLAIM IT COMPLEX

New Levy To Be Made By Government Effective Next Month.

"Better leave well enough alone," expresses the opinion of manufacturers in London with regard to the decision of the federal government to impose a new sales tax. They believe from what information has been given regarding regulations to be come operative at the first of the year that the new system will be more complicated and unsatisfactory than the old.

"We are just beginning to get used to the regulations of the present force," a representative of McClary's said, "if this new system is decided on it will require months to become familiar with its intricacies. I have been to at least ten conventions where the new sales tax was discussed, and I never heard of such an involved, entangled affair."

On the other hand, retailers are inclined to favor the 1924 regulations, claiming they will probably have the effect of putting the responsibility entirely on the manufacturer, thus eliminating all complications from the retailers' point of view.

Claim More Simple. Last May, in announcing that the government proposed to alter the method of collecting the sales tax by levying a bulk import on the source instead of levying various percentages in the process of manufacture and distribution the federal minister of finance stated that the new tax being made with the object of rendering the operation less complicated.

However, the chief complaint now made is that the new tax is too complex and ambiguous from a manufacturer's viewpoint, although rulings on various phases of the tax will be given out by Ottawa next month.

At the request of The Advertiser a member of the chamber of commerce who is regarded as an authority on taxation, made the following explanatory statement:

"The question as to the form of sales tax will come into force next month is one which has been given a good deal of consideration by manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and government officials."

Left To Merchant. "The present method is to be superseded by a levy which purports to be less complicated, but which involves much confusion in the adjustment between manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. The proposal that the new levy of 6 per cent should be included in the invoice and not shown separately, was not favorably regarded by manufacturers, but the suggestion now advanced and which will likely be made effective, is that the matter of showing sales taxes separately or included in the invoice, shall remain optional."

The difficulty with the new tax, as expected that officers of the R. C. R. will take their customary leave. Officers of headquarters staff, it was announced, will remain in the city during the holidays, but it is expected that officers of the R. C. R. will take their customary leave.

SUDBURY MERCHANT IS FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Canadian Press Despatch. Sudbury, Dec. 13.—Meyer Silverman, a Sudbury merchant, entered a plea of guilty in police court this morning to a charge of having liquor for sale and was fined \$1,000 and costs, while approximately \$10,000 worth of wines found in his possession were confiscated. This is the third conviction in connection with the sale of liquor at Cutler from a steamer. A total of about \$200 worth of liquor has been confiscated already.

Obituaries

FUNERAL OF S. W. DAKIN.

The funeral of Sidney Walter Dakin, who died in Victoria Hospital Tuesday morning, was held this afternoon from his late residence, 20 Piccadilly street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Uren of Colborne Street Methodist Church, conducted the services.

MRS. EMMA GRACEY.

Mrs. Emma Gracey, who died yesterday following a short illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Sutherland, 35 Clark street, will be buried tomorrow at Woodstock. The funeral was forwarded this afternoon at 12:20 on the C. N. R. Mrs. Gracey was in her 73rd year.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF.

Every officer on the local Salvation Army staff is devoting his time to Christmas relief work. Brigadier McMahon, head of the division, announced this morning. Many applications have been received for relief work, the brigadier said, and the department is giving careful attention to needy, in order that their Christmas may be a bright one.

Will Not Hear Liquor Appeal

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—The court of criminal appeal will not hear an appeal by the firm of Lord's Dundas, Shaw and Carson today when the judicial committee of the privy council dismissed a petition to carry an appeal to the privy council from Vancouver, B.C., in the case of Ellen Smith, who was sentenced to a month's hard labor for selling "liquor known as beer" in violation of provincial legislation relating to the sale of intoxicants.

Lord Carson remarked: "I can see every police court case in the Dominion coming here if we go into this case."

SUES FOR DAMAGES CAUSED IN MOVING

Amelia Harwood Sues Unstated Sum for Alleged Damages to Her House.

The last of the county court non-jury cases for December is being tried at the courthouse today before Judge Talbot Macbeth. Amelia Harwood is asking unstated damages from A. J. Mihm, whom, she alleges, was negligent and careless in operating a house for her from 500 Colborne street to a vacant lot on Huron street in March of this year.

Mrs. Harwood alleges the defendant left the house for two weeks at Colborne and Victoria streets, in which time the electrical fixtures were removed and the windows broken. The kitchen collapsed and other damage was done.

Mr. Mihm denies the house was left at Colborne and Victoria streets for two weeks, and if the windows were broken it was not through any negligence on his part. Any injuries to the house during moving operations were repaired by him, he states. Mr. Mihm counter-claims \$150, which he says is due him for moving the house.

A. R. Douglas is appearing for the plaintiff and W. B. Henderson for the defendant.

LABOR WOULD HAVE MANY SEEKING MINOR OFFICES

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—One of the minor embarrassments of Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader, in taking over the reins of government is believed to be the plication of a superabundance of claimants for office.

Contrary to expectations this apparently does not apply to the House of Lords, where he is credited with having willing helpers in Lords Hardcastle, Kimberley, Russell and Parnmore. These are believed to be sufficient for immediate contingencies, while it is rumored that offers of assistance have been received by MacDonald from other members of the House of Lords.

MEXICAN FORCES SOON TO GO INTO BATTLE

Associated Press Despatch. Vera Cruz, Dec. 13.—Newspaper correspondents accompanying the rebel army to dislodge the forces of the Mexican City telegraphed early this morning that the situation in the state of Puebla was unchanged but that a battle apparently was imminent.

It is evidently the aim of the Obregon forces to prevent the Euzepazco from relieving the rebels from meeting at San Marcos, where the Mexican and Inter-oceanic Railways cross each other.

"It is between these points, surely," wires one correspondent, "that the deciding battle for the possession of Mexico City will be fought."

PLANTAGENETS WILL ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—The Plantagenet Club, which is being formed to provide an inexpensive and exclusive center for men and women of good ancestry, will have 100 Plantagenets to begin with. This number already having signified their intention of joining the new organization.

The organizing secretary, Bowers Taylor, in an interview stated that the invitations to join the club were extended to the descendants of Scottish, Irish and Welsh kings and princes of the house of Plantagenet. Taylor said 100,000 such people exist.

ANOTHER PORTUGUESE CABINET HAS QUIT

Associated Press Despatch. Lisbon, Dec. 13.—The Portuguese cabinet resigned today.

It was reported yesterday that the Portuguese cabinet had asked President Gomes to dissolve parliament, on the ground that the hostile parliament majority made it impossible to govern. The resignation of the cabinet would indicate that the cabinet had decided not to do so. The ministry was formed on Nov. 15, with Antonio Machado as premier.

ARMY COUNCIL MAY TRY OUT NEW PLAN

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 13.—The army council has formulated a scheme under which in the event of war the national emergency medical services of the navy, army and air force will be supplemented by voluntary aid detachments recruited and organized on a county basis, which will furnish recruits for motor ambulance convoys, ambulance trains, hospitals, hospitals, rest stations and convalescent homes.

WIFE SOON FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO GRAVE

Special to The Advertiser. Tillsonburg, Dec. 13.—The town was plunged into deepest gloom this morning over the sudden death of Mrs. Chancery Clark at 5:30 this morning, following the sudden death of her husband last Sunday evening from heart failure. Her husband's funeral was held on Tuesday, and Mrs. Clark suffered a severe nervous breakdown, from which she never recovered. On Nov. 10, Mrs. Clark, in the belief of her parents within three days. The funeral arrangements had not yet been completed, pending word from relatives. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark were active members of the local Baptist Church.

PROGRESSING TO RECOVERY. The condition of Miss Viola McNamara, victim of a shooting affair at 318 York street two weeks ago, continues to improve, her physician stated today. She spent a restful night and day, and the progress she is making toward recovery is looked upon as satisfactory.

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UNITED FARMERS OPEN THE DOOR TO PROGRESSIVES

DRURY CHARGES FERGUSON BOUGHT GOVERNMENT GOODS

Alleges Irregularities When Premier Was Member of Hearst Cabinet.

SWEEPING CHALLENGE

Declares Conservative Chief Must Substantiate Statements or Make Quick Withdrawal.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Never in his public career has Hon. C. Drury received such an unexpected, spontaneous and tumultuous ovation as this afternoon at the big U. F. O. rally in Massey Hall, when he rose to refute the charges of the Tory party and to charge Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, with a deliberate breach of the statutes four years ago when he concluded his term in the Hearst cabinet.

The 500 or more U. F. O. delegates, representing every corner of this province, may be divided into camps where it becomes a question as to the future politics of their organization, but there was absolutely no cleavage today when the reputation of their leaders was endangered. Men and women on the main floor of the convention and the back benches of the gallery jumped to their feet in their enthusiasm, and frenzied cheering for the man from Crown Hill continued for several minutes.

The United Farmers of Ontario have flung a clear-cut challenge to Premier Ferguson and his associates, demanding that they either prove conclusively or at once withdraw their charges in the last campaign, involving the Backus deal, the famous and imaginary \$100 coal scuttles and others of similar texture.

Ferguson Deceived. Sponsored by Harold Currie of West Middlesex, the convention unanimously and with heated emphasis adopted a resolution to that effect, and the vigorous campaigner from the West Riding related how Premier Ferguson had twice from the public platform in West Middlesex deceived the people.

Mr. Currie told how the premier recalled the purchase of two chairs for Mr. Drury's office at \$185 and \$150 each, and it subsequently transpired that the actual cost was \$18.50 and \$19. Obviously reluctant to adopt tactics akin to the Tory party, Mr. Drury finally handed the situation without gloves, and frankly charged that Premier Ferguson had, contrary

The "Broadening Out" Motion

At the meeting last night of the U. F. O., in annual convention in Toronto, the following resolution was carried:

"Whereas, the social, educational and economic features of our movement have suffered by our political activities;

"And whereas an immediate partial solution of our agricultural problems can be brought about through co-operative marketing of our products on a commodity basis and co-operative buying of necessities, activities which can be carried out properly by our organization;

"And whereas, as an occupational organization we should be in a position at all times to appeal to or criticize any government which may be in power on matters affecting our industry of the common good;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the United Farmers' organization of Ontario take no political action as a party, but confine itself to the aims and objects laid down in its constitution.

"And be it further resolved, that, since political action is necessary to the full attainment of our aspirations and ideals, we do not oppose the formation of a political party which shall embody these principles."

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Drury Scores. As the U. F. O. delegates gathered for the second day of their week's convention, their successful opponents at Queen's Park, the Tory directors, arranged a public auction for the sale of furniture purchased during the Drury administration. But if this act was calculated to destroy forever the Drury name in the minds of his followers, the expectations of his adversaries are woefully amiss. The man from Crown Hill swept the convention this afternoon.

"One of the most important questions to be raised at this moment, if not the most important," he declared, "is whether we shall hold our public men and our public press to a strict accounting as to the absolute truthfulness of their statements.

"The people must judge the issue, and they have but two sources of information, the press and the public platform, both of which should be held to a strict accounting, or how shall the people know or judge the issue?"

"Now as to the truthfulness of their charges, the last campaign, neither Mr. Ferguson nor his associates, did, or the papers supporting us, made any statement whatever which could not stand the test. But you each, and it subsequently transpired that the actual cost was \$18.50 and \$19. Obviously reluctant to adopt tactics akin to the Tory party, Mr. Drury finally handed the situation without gloves, and frankly charged that Premier Ferguson had, contrary

to statute, and therefore illegally, purchased from the government the furniture in his own apartment. Queen's Park when he went out of office with the defeated Hearst administration. While Premier Ferguson had been credited with the remark about W. E. Raney, as the "little attorney-general," Mr. Drury retaliates with the "little Premier Ferguson," little in mind, body and soul.

"I tried to play the game straight and I never used the ammunition available, and now the incumbent of the chair once occupied by Sir Oliver Mowat—what shall I call him? He spoke of Mr. Raney as the 'little attorney-general.' I can well refer to him as the little premier, little in mind, body and soul.

"Today he drags out a few miserable chairs for a public auction, hoping to gain more cheap political notoriety.

Charges Ferguson. "What happened when he went out of office four years ago as a member of the cabinet? We didn't get a chance to sell his furniture—because he had ordered officials in his own department to sell it to him, notwithstanding that there was, and still is, a statute forbidding any member of parliament, much less a member of the cabinet, entering into any such deal with the government.

"He purchased the bedstead, the carpets and curtains, and the explanation was given that he was so much attached to them." (Laughter and applause.)

"In the face of that transaction on the part of Premier Ferguson, and the records of the public accounts department will substantiate my charges, how could he decently speak about a \$100 coal scuttle?"

"If the people of this country are to defend themselves on any issue, they must demand a strict adherence to the truth by their men of affairs. Then there is his charge about the Backus deal. I would welcome an investigation of this, and I will stand or fall upon the verdict of an independent tribunal. Foolishly, perhaps, I may tell you now, I did not collect the \$3,000 annually, to which I was rightfully entitled during my stewardship. With that money I could have bought every bit of that furniture in the first place, given it to the members of my cabinet, in case they became attached to it, as was Premier Ferguson, and still had \$2,000 remaining.

"Peasant politics, that was their game, however."

FARMERS INDORSE DRURY'S "BROADENING OUT" POLICY

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The United Farmers of Ontario have turned the corner to greater achievements, and, incidentally, another decisive triumph has been registered for Hon. E. C. Drury and his associates.

Early this morning in Massey Hall the U. F. O. delegates indorsed the "broadening out" policy, and in effect left the door open for the formation of a progressive political party in Ontario or for affiliation with the federal group of that name.

In short the United Farmers' or-

ganization continues, but ceases to function as a political movement. The new policy does not interfere, however, with "local autonomy" in the various ridings. Mr. Drury and his supporters assured. A stormy conclusion featured last night's gathering, and while nothing happened until 10:30 p.m. to mar an otherwise uneventful evening, the atmosphere of Massey Hall appeared surcharged with stifled anticipation.

The presentation of the accompanying resolution precipitated a debate that lasted until long after midnight during which rather harsh remarks were directed.

Miss McPhail Aroused. A deliberate charge by E. A. Taylor of Forest that J. J. Morrison, the veteran secretary, had "helped the press to split the Tory vote of the U. F. O.," aroused the ire of Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P.P., who hotly resented "a slanderous attack upon one of the founders of the U. F. O. organization in Ontario."

The Organization. After a lengthy debate a resolution was adopted by which the activities of the United Farmers will follow two lines, the political and the non-political, with former Premier Drury and J. J. Morrison having a part to control. The resolution was presented by the committee, and eight or nine resolutions to whip into one, and which, in coming from the local clubs, called for a great variety of things. It was:

"Whereas the social, educational and economic features of our movement have suffered by our political activities, and

"Whereas an immediate partial solution of our agricultural problems can be brought about through co-operative marketing of our products on a commodity basis and co-operative buying of necessities, activities which can be properly carried out by our organization; and

"Whereas as an occupational organization we should be in a position at all times to appeal to or criticize any government which may be in power on matters affecting our industry or the common good; therefore be it resolved, that the United Farmers' organization of Ontario take no political action as a party, but confine itself to the aims and objects laid down in its constitution, and be it further resolved, that, since political action is necessary to the full attainment of our aspirations and ideals, we do not oppose the formation of a political party which shall embody these principles."

Leaders Speak. The resolution appearing in that particular form, occasioned much confusion on the part of the delegates, with the result that there was a couple of hours debate. Through it all Messrs. Drury and Morrison kept in the background. The directorate, who had arrived at the compromise, also avoided speech-making, leaving the whole discussion to the delegates. But the time arrived, around midnight, when the delegates were no longer satisfied with their own views.

They started in crying for Messrs. Drury, Morrison and Doherty, and was only after all three had delivered short addresses and had made it plain that there was no longer any conflict of viewpoint that the resolution was adopted.

In his address, Mr. Drury made it plain that he had not backed down in his determination that the United Farmers are to be left free to carry on any political agitation they may see fit, and that he would not make any declaration of broadening out, though he did not use the actual term. What he said was that the United Farmers' organization was free to accept whoever they saw fit for political action, that the doors would not be closed to any person who wanted to work with them, but who might not be free to join the United Farmers as an organization on the occupational basis.

TILLSONBURG PASTOR TO GO TO BINBROOK

Paris Presbytery Members Explore Tendency To Sunday Holiday.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of Zion Presbytery, held in Zion Church, with Dr. L. B. Gibson, moderator of Woodstock, in the chair, Rev. H. MacLachlin of Tillsonburg was given a call to Binbrook, Hamilton Presbytery, which was accepted. Rev. Mr. Wood of Ingersoll was appointed interim moderator. A strong resolution was brought in regarding Sunday observance, and the tendency to make the day a holiday rather than a day of worship.

Enters Mayoralty Race. Ex-Alderman W. J. Bragg, who has served the city in many capacities, and for many years, in announcing his candidacy for mayor, said: "I haven't been asked by a million to come out for mayor, but I have made up my mind to contest the seat with Mayor Billo."

At Road Opening. Mayor Billo and Ald. Moyer attended the opening of the Brantford-Park highway this afternoon by Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of public works.

Preceptory Officers. Royal Black Preceptory, No. 364, elected officers: Past master, A. T. Menhennet; W. P. Sir Knight E. Morrison; D. P. J. Kerr; chaplain, W. Carley; reg. J. E. McCrae; financial secretary, W. Graves; treasurer, W. H. Crawford; D. C. T. Anderson; first lieutenant, A. Corman; second lieutenant, B. McCauley; pursuivant, R. Trites; first censor, O. Ouellette; second censor, T. A. Hillard.

Held Poultry Show. The annual show under the auspices of the Brant County Poultry and Pet Stock Association is being held in the market building. A great variety of birds of all different breeds is on exhibition. Officers of the association are: President, Ed. Campbell; first vice-president, B. Collins; second vice-president, Jas. Prowse; third vice-president, Jack Sloan; secretary-treasurer, L. Buck; assistant secretary-treasurer, J. W. White.

EMPRESS AVENUE SCHOOL TENDERS ARE TOO COSTLY

Trade and Architect Will Go Over Bids To Cut the Estimated Costs.

FIVE FIRMS TENDER

Tenders for the construction of Empress Avenue School, West London, exceeded the debenture issue set aside for this purpose by some thousands of dollars and therefore the contract was not let.

The bids were opened at a meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon, and after much discussion, lasting for 90 minutes, it was decided, on the motion of Trustee S. F. Lawrason that the architect and the "trade" go over the plans in order that they may be modified to bring them within the estimate of \$180,000.

Five firms received the following having bid: John Hayman and Sons; Hyatt Brothers, Limited; John Putterbough; John V. Gray Construction Company, Limited; and Stuart Brothers, Limited, Hamilton. Two bids were received for the heating plumbing and ventilation work, and each one had some suggestion to be made for the bulk contract. Eggett and Company and Noble and Rich tendered for the latter work. An estimate was also submitted by Schools Architect L. E. Carrothers.

Ways To Cut Cost. When the bids were opened and announced by Chairman Bryden N. Campbell, the matter was thrown open for general discussion. All members of the committee were present and each one had some suggestion to make that might tend to lower the cost of the building.

The first suggestion, that the auditorium be not constructed, was time was met by Mrs. Hunt who stated that if it was left undone now, it would never be built. Then it was suggested that the school rooms might be left over for the time being. Another suggestion was that rooms that would not be needed be left unfinished and used as a gymnasium for the time being.

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Structure Is Urgently Needed, Declares Secretary—Princess School Insanitary.

MAY COME IN MARCH

No Action Is Contemplated on South London Project Within Four Years.

It is probable that the board of education will apply to the city for \$200,000 or more next year to pay for the construction of a new high school in London east.

According to the secretary, a collegiate to take the place of the old, unsanitary Princess avenue school now being used to accommodate secondary school pupils in lieu of an up-to-date building, is the most urgent need of the city.

"The board will likely ask for debentures covering the cost of a new high school," Mr. Tanner said. "In time, of course, the board will also have to ask the city to issue debentures for the erection of a London South Collegiate to replace the old public school now being used as the collegiate in that section of London. But the most vital need is a building in London east."

"If the board of education decides that it is unsafe to continue using the Princess avenue building, they may ask the council for money to erect a modern high school next March. I do not think it can be any sooner. Of course it is impossible to say definitely that a new London east collegiate will be constructed in 1924, but if a building program is arranged, that, no doubt, will receive the first consideration."

Mr. Tanner added that the large area of land adjoining Tecumseh school in South London would be used as the site of another high school, but owing to the high tax rate the project would not be acted upon within a period of four or perhaps five years.

The school situation so far as building is concerned will not be considered by the new board for several months as yet. After the inaugural meeting in January, a mass of routine business must be disposed of before the larger problems will be submitted for the members consideration.

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Indians Seek League's Aid

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 12.—A delegation of sixteen Arapahoe Indians from Wyoming, clad in full regalia, arrived in Paris yesterday. They intend to ask the League of Nations for aid in their struggle with the United States government so that Indians might have the same rights and privileges as other United States citizens.

PROSPERITY OF HYDRO REFUTES "BLUE RUIN"

Sir Adam Beck Says Figures for Past Year Speak for Themselves.

No "whispers of death" in the vicinity of Chippawa! So says Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, in commenting on the first big surplus registered by the Queenston-Chippawa power development plant.

Sir Adam was asked if he had any statement to make regarding the favorable showing of the hydro enterprise, at which so much criticism has been levelled recently.

"I would sooner let the results do the talking," Sir Adam said. "They speak for themselves. There are no 'whispers of death' about them."

A surplus of \$382,601.24 was shown by the Queenston-Chippawa plant, according to official figures today. These figures cover the provincial fiscal year ending Oct. 31.

They show that the total revenue from the sale of power amounts to \$4,547,320.32, with total interest charges, \$4,012,079.98; total operating and maintenance expenditures, \$152,688.10, making a grand current expenditure of \$4,164,719.08.

There is left from the first year of operation a surplus, applicable to depreciation, of \$382,601.24. It is estimated that the present year of operation will yield a surplus of over \$1,000,000.

This is an effective quietus put on "blue ruin" propaganda so far as the condition of hydro is concerned.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS USE COAL MINED IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Of 24,000 Tons Used Last Year Only 850 Tons Were Imported.

MINISTER COMMENTS

J. H. King, minister of public works at Ottawa, in a letter to the secretary of the United Board of Trade of Western Ontario, states that of the 24,000 tons of coal used last winter to heat public buildings in the Dominion over 23,000 tons were from the New Brunswick mines.

The minister, who is replying to a copy of a resolution passed by the united boards at their recent annual meeting in St. Thomas in favor of the use of Canadian coal in Ontario, says: "I am heartily in favor of the suggestion, and in this connection I may say that over 23,000 tons of New Brunswick coal were used last winter in heating public buildings in the Dominion. Eight hundred tons came from Wales, and only fifty tons from the States."

The secretary is particularly gratified at this statement of the efforts made by the government to favor the use of Canadian coal, and hopes it will give a new life to the demand by the people of Ontario to have the Alberta coal brought in spite of the numerous difficulties that have been advanced against it.

SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS TO STAMP OUT EPIDEMIC

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 12.—The slaughter of animals on a wholesale scale because of the foot and mouth disease goes on steadily and animals to the value of at least \$350,000 are being despatched daily in an effort to stamp out the epidemic. A statement to this effect was made by Sir William Joyce-Hicks, minister of health, in a speech at a meeting in the Hotel Victoria today.

Although 28 counties are affected, the worst centers are in Wiltshire and Cheshire, especially the latter, where more than 20 new cases are developing daily, thus necessitating the virtual devastation of every farm in the county where there is infection. The officials of the ministry are experiencing difficulty in coping with the situation, which is threatening to desolate Cheshire. A special cabinet committee has been appointed to deal with the scourge.

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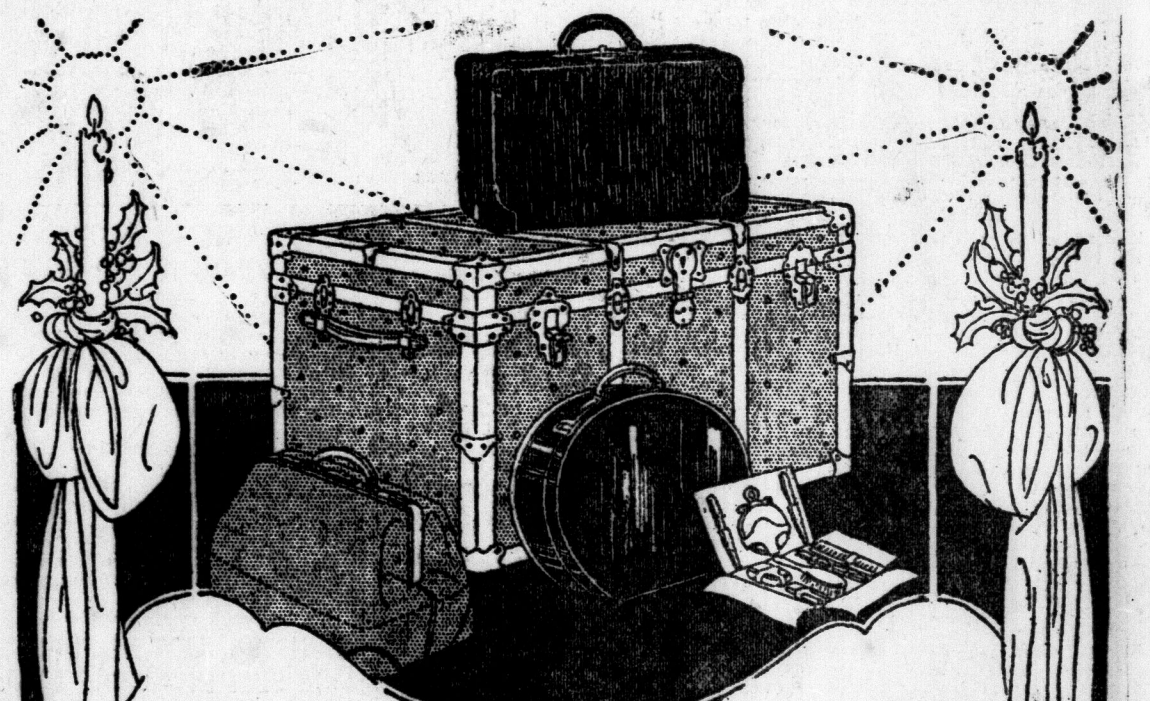
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COWHIDE BAG, leather lined, double handles, with straps, \$18.
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Combs, Ivory, 75c to \$1.25
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ONTARIO LIBERALS HONOR MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

GRAHAM ASKS CANADA TO STAND BEHIND LEAGUE

Minister of Railways Is Tendered Complimentary Banquet by Ontario Liberals.

TELLS OF CONFERENCE

Declares Dominion Needs Many More Citizens To Aid in Development.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 12. — "Canada will do well to reaffirm her belief in the great organization of the League of Nations for ironing out difficulties that may arise or now exist, and for the prevention of bloodshed," declared Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, when he sat as a delegate from Canada to the council of the League of Nations and the imperial and economic conferences in England. Sir John Gibson of Hamilton, Ont., presided, and many representative Liberals of this province were present.

"Our friends in the U. S. do not ignore the League of Nations, but rather use it when it can be of advantage," said Mr. Graham, who instanced the "sitting in" on the committee of Representative Porter of the U. S. when the opium question was under discussion. Mr. Porter at that time expressed his opposition to the suppression of opium could not be successful unless backed by the League of Nations.

Results of the overseas settlement negotiations at the imperial conference, Mr. Graham said that Canada could look for an increased flow of desirable British citizens to this country next year. Contrary to the general view he said, Canada absorbed a greater number of people from the British Isles each year than any of the other overseas British dominions and indications are that she will absorb during the present year as many as any two of the other dominions. "From reports that have come to us," said Mr. Graham, "thousands of people who left Canada during the past year or two to find employment in the U. S. are returning."

Asks Support for C. N. R. In the matter of imperial preference Mr. Graham said it was the opinion of the Canadian delegation that each entity in the empire should have a sole right to say what its own tariff policy would be. It was pointed out that other overseas dominions could much more readily throw down the bars against importation of manufactured goods and machinery than could Canada, placed as she was in a position where a large trade between Canada and the United States was found profitable.

Touching on the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Graham said that if the Canadian public accorded to the management of that enterprise fair treatment approximating that given to other concerns by their shareholders the deficits of operation will disappear, leaving an amount to be applied to interest and fixed charges. As to the St. Lawrence waterway development and power question, the minister of railways and canals said he was inclined to the view that in the United States the state authority as well as the federal has something to say and in Canada the provincial as well as the federal had a living interest. This view had been disputed. He wished to point out that Canada was to become great time should not be spent in accentuating difficulties, but in merging disagreements into a spirit of cooperation. Mr. Graham paid a glowing tribute to the achievements of his colleagues, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Sir Lomer Gouin, at the conference.

Outlines Empire Discussions. In further reference to the work of the League of Nations, Mr. Graham said: "It is true that even the press of Canada criticized the council of the League of Nations very severely for not being firmer in its treatment of the difficulties which arose between Italy and Greece. . . . The league, through its council, might have been justified in assuming superior authority and persisting in ordering both Italy and Greece to do certain things. It is possible that

ETHEL CALLAGHAN

is another of the little girls in The Advertiser's search for the Loveliest Child. She is the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan, 44 York street, London.

might have immortalized the league, and on the other hand, it might have produced serious results and even war. The council of the League of Nations was big enough to submerge itself and submit to serious criticism in order that the object in view might be attained — that of preventing bloodshed. It required greater strength to take this position than the other. In the one case the end was achieved even if the league was not glorified. In the other the league might have been glorified and the end not achieved."

Mr. Graham detailed the cattle embargo discussions before the economic conference. The discussion was somewhat animated, but there could be no possible doubt as to the attitude of Canada with regard to this question during the meeting. Several private conferences were held between the Canadian representatives and experts and those representing Great Britain. A final proposition was made, which, believe it or not, was accepted by the agricultural department. This result could never have been attained by correspondence, and the economic conference in this respect was worth while.

Preference in tariffs is not always what it appears to be, observed Mr. Graham. For example, he pointed out that the British Empire raises large quantities of tobacco, and as there is already a preference, the question was put to the Canadian delegates as to whether they would prefer having that preference made permanent or whether they would prefer to have it increased without permanency.

Future Depends on Co-Operation. "Of course I represent a constituency (South Essex) that produces the best tobacco in Canada and is as good as any grown anywhere in the world," said Mr. Graham. "I naturally was inclined to quickly urge that a permanent tariff be increased and a permanency. If a selection had to be made between the two, Canada was in favor of the increase in preference because, whereas governments are likely to change and policies shift, permanency might not be real. There is no doubt that wherever a tariff is imposed on an article imported by Great Britain her overseas dominions would be given a preference and this I feel sure would apply to machinery and to manufactured goods, for that is what Canada is doing in her preference."

Referring to the problem of immigration, Mr. Graham said that the thing Canada was anxious for is that men and women and children too should resume their trek toward this great country in order that they may not only be of assistance to Canada.

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COURT MAGNOLIA ELECTS OFFICERS

Installation by District Chief Ranger On January 9.

Court Magnolia No. 8089, A.O.F., at their meeting last evening, elected as officers the following: C.R., Bro. M. McAdam; S.C.R., Bro. H. Draycott; treasurer, Bro. H. E. Cassin; secretary, Bro. R. Witten; S.W., Bro. E. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. Hawe; S.B., Bro. J. Ryckman; J.B., Bro. R. W. Tipping; trustees, Bros. H. P. Bock, W. Hayden, Geo. McBride; auditors, Bros. E. Gillett, J. Upton, M. McCracken; physician, Bro. J. Cameron Wilson; minute secretary, Bro. Geo. McBride; juvenile committee, Bros. Tipping, Draycott, McAdam; union committee, Bros. Ryckman and McAdam.

Past District Chief Ranger Bro. E. Nutkins reported that the present D. C. R., Bro. Taylor of St. Thomas, would visit the lodge in January 9 for installation of officers of the various courts of the city at a united installation meeting. He will be accompanied by a strong representation of St. Thomas members.

BICYCLES POPULAR WITH COLLEGE FOLK

More "Wheels" Than Usual at University of Western Ontario This Year.

Is the day of the bicycle gone? Has it declined from its former popularity to an expensive toy for our children? The University of Western Ontario says "No." Bicycles were never a more serious institution anywhere than they are at the college today.

From 8 in the morning till 5 in the afternoon the campus is dotted with them as they speed down the halls or down the drive outside the college doors. From their handlebars are fastened little wire baskets piled with books, food, vanity boxes or hockey sticks, and where the wheels flash up and down on the pedals as, warned by the bicycle bell, pedestrian students clear the way.

Indeed, owning and driving a bicycle at the university is hardly less a responsibility than maintaining a car. There are traffic laws—certain walks may not be ridden upon at certain times and the familiar "Keep to the right" is just as much a slogan among the students as on Dundas street. Each "bike" also carries a lamp screwed on its rear mudguard. These lamps are yellow, blue, red or green, according to the particular shade which appeals to their owners.

One would expect confusion with so many wheels in service, as nearly every boy and girl has one if they haven't a car, but there are regular parking stalls for each bicycle. Cycling has become a business rather than the pastime it used to be and allows many a college man and co-ed a few extra minutes sleep in the morning whilst ordinarily they would be trudging to school.

FLAG POLE PROPOSED FOR RYERSON SCHOOL

Capt. Robinson Commissioned to Secure Competitive Prices.

The question of a flagpole for Ryerson School was discussed at No. 2 committee meeting yesterday afternoon, following the receipt of a recommendation from Chief Inspector V. K. Greer that one be purchased and erected.

Just prior to reading this recommendation the board had passed an account for \$77 for a pole for Victoria School. Captain Robinson stated that an overhanging one for Ryerson would cost probably \$50, and he was told to secure competitive prices, as well as comparative figures for wood and steel.

Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt went on record as favoring an upright pole in the school yard, around which the children could have their patriotic exercises.

Trustee N. F. Willmot expressed the opinion that every school should have a pole. This contention was borne out by the other trustees, but the question of the expense entered into the matter.

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MARGARET, THOUGH ILL, HAS HER PICTURE TAKEN

Little Patient Is One of Last to Enter Lovely Children Contest.

One of the last photographs of Lovely Children to reach The Advertiser just before the search closed at midnight last night, came from Leretta Margaret Isabelle Cake, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cake, 389 Grey street, London.

Miss Margaret is convalescing from an attack of scarlet fever, and has been unable to visit a photographer's. But she had her picture taken nevertheless, sitting in a big chair, propped up with pillows, at home, and she looks just as lovely as all the rest.

JAIL-BREAKER ARRESTED. John Birkenhead, London youth, who escaped from Mimico on Dec. 7, was captured last night by Detective Walsh and taken to the station.

WANTED IN WOODSTOCK, ARRESTED IN LONDON. Acting on information from the chief of police of Woodstock, True-man Stevens was arrested by Detective Harry Down last night and lodged in jail. It is stated that he is wanted in that city in connection with the heavy downfall of rain, but if a cold spell sets in it is expected that a gang of men will be busy making repairs.

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NOON HOUR BOYS GROUP ORGANIZES AT Y.M.C.A.

Arrangements Made for Weekly Recreational Periods and Group Studies.

The Noon Hour Boys' Group has been organized at the Y. M. C. A. This group is made up of high school boys, who take lunch at the Y. M. C. A. The program consists of two gymnasium and swimming periods a week, two game periods and on Wednesday noon they meet in a life problem discussion group. Dr. George Ingham was elected honorary president; Orval Trott, president; and Norman Routledge, secretary. Dr. Ingham commenced a study yesterday based on "Christian Life and Conduct" by Harold B. Hunting.

The following members were present: Orval Trott, Norman Routledge, Morley McGregor, Paul Dawson, Dick Hessel, and W. H. Spearman.

It is hoped that after the Christmas holidays this group will reach a large number of boys and a real interesting and helpful series of studies is hoped for.

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LIQUOR FLOWS OVER THE BORDER INTO U. S. CITIES

U. S. Enforcement Agents Pow-
erless To Stop Steady Liquor
Tide From Canada.

INDIAN SMUGGLERS

Associated Press Despatch.
Malone, N.Y., Dec. 12.—Canadian
holiday liquor destined for New York,
Syracuse, Utica, Albany and other
cities, is pouring over the border of
northeastern New York State in un-
precedented quantities, notwithstanding
strenuous efforts on the part of
the enforcement agents to stem the
flow.

This was admitted today by various
officials, who pointed out that the
task of detecting the rum smugglers
was a gigantic one owing to the
limited number of agents on guard
over a great stretch of territory, much
of it sparsely settled. On the north-
eastern tier of counties, Jefferson, St.
Lawrence, Franklin and Clinton, from
Cape Vincent on Lake Ontario to
Rouse's Point on Lake Champlain, a
frontier of nearly 300 miles, there are
less than 125 men to stand sentinel.

The Associated Press investigation
has been confined to the United States
side of the border.
Most of the contraband is brought
over the line in automobiles, but on
the northern borders of St. Lawrence
and Jefferson Counties, the liquor is
secreted across the St. Lawrence
River at night by boat, and waiting
automobiles cart it away to points
southward.

Indian Smugglers.

The Indians on the St. Regis Re-
servation are said by the authorities
to be among the most active smug-
glers by the water route. The Res-
ervation on the American side of the
reservation receive the liquor from
their Canadian brethren, and have no
difficulty in striking a bargain with
the glib boot-legger's agents.

Illustrative of the task of the pro-
hibition agents in watching the high-
ways, it was pointed out that in
Franklin County alone there are 23
separate roads from Canada, and
only three of these are ports of en-
try, that is with customs houses on
each side of the line.

The smugglers get most of their
supplies from Valleyfield in Quebec,
authorities say, and a series of
"filling stations" at strategic points
have been established. The rum-
runners, who have become increas-
ingly bold with the approach of the
holiday season, appear to have some
sort of an organization. A system of
signalling at night has been noticed.

Bootlegger Garages.

A chain of bootlegger garages has
been stretched down through the
Adirondacks, where the often sorely
harrassed smuggler may have his
machine repaired and obtain gasoline.
Some of these garages are cleverly
hidden by bushes and are located on
obscure trails. For the smuggler
would not dare take the risk of
stopping at a public garage and pos-
sibly encountering the keen-eyed
prohibition agent.

Near Ayers, Franklin County, there
is a bootleggers' camp, where the
smugglers are said to be in the habit
of taking a vacation from their
perilous occupation. Tales of rare
drinking bouts at the camp have
filtered in to the prohibition agents.
Some of the rum-running roads
lead to what is now called, by com-
mon consent, "Poke o' Moonshine
Mountain," in Essex County. A
number of stills have been located



JOHN R. RATHOM.

Editor of the Providence Journal, a
Britisher by birth and former Cana-
dian newspaperman, is dead, aged 55.
He was known throughout the con-
tinent for his remarkable work in
exposing the German secret service
organization in the United States
during the war.

and confiscated at this spot in recent
months.

At times the automobile smugglers,
who usually are armed, dash over
the border in broad daylight. More
often the drive is made after night-
fall, and frequently a pilot car goes
ahead of the liquor cargo to see that
the road is clear. The smugglers
have a healthy respect for "the black
horse troopers" of 58 men in com-
mand of Captain Broadfield, with
headquarters here. These state
troopers patrol the entire north-
eastern district ceaselessly in fast
automobiles and motorcycles.

FORTY-ONE YEARS ROAD OPERATION

Anniversary of M. C. R. Entry
Into Canada—Leases
Renewed.

MANY CHANGES MADE

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 12.—The M. C. R.
today has reached the 41st anniver-
sary of its operation through this
city. On December 12, 1882, the M.
C. R. leased the Canada Southern, at
that time a one-track line, for a
period of 21 years, and at expiration
the lease was renewed for 99 years.
Since then many improvements have
taken place, and the single track
with its 50-pound rails have been
changed to a double track speedway
with 105-pound rails throughout.

Is Acquitted.

Bert Cairns was freed on an as-
sault charge by the jury in the
general sessions of the peace. Mrs.
Jennie Paradis was the complainant.
The sessions closed this afternoon.

Will Name Cot.

At the regular meeting of the
Myrtle Street Home and School As-
sociation a donation of \$200 was made
to the Memorial Hospital fund in
honor of Lieut. George Metcalfe, a
former teacher of the school, who
was killed overseas. The association
purpose naming a cot in his honor.

"Hold-Up" Charged.

Melvin Kerr, the London youth,
who, after having confessed to hold-
ing up C. Taylor, ticket agent at the
M. C. R. last week, and later denied
the confession on the grounds that it
had been forced from him, will ap-
pear in police court tomorrow morn-
ing on the same charge.

Rebekah Bazaar.

The Supreme Rebekah Lodge held
a very successful bazaar, tea and
food sale this afternoon and even-
ing in the Shriner's Hall. Special
attractions featured the evening.

A Music Program.

A very interesting meeting of the
Evening Music Club was held at the
Y. W. G. A. Tuesday night, the fol-
lowing members contributing to the
program: Mrs. Babcock and Miss
Price, solos; selections on the piano
by Miss Walker; vocal duet by Miss
Tuck and Mrs. Smith; Christmas
carols, led by Miss Vouden; a paper
by Miss Arnold on Christmas carols,
and a reading by Miss Edge, en-
titled "The First Christmas Tree."

Held a Debate.

The Elgin Girls' Institute and the
Junior Farmers' Improvement Asso-
ciation held a literary evening at
the Frome Congregational Church
Tuesday. Over 200 members and
guests listened to a debate on the
opportunities for social enjoyment in
the country versus the city. The
affirmative won.

Funeral Thursday.

The funeral of Frank Smith, the
13-year-old Fingal lad, who died
after 10 years' illness, will take place
from the home of his grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Smith, Fingal,
to the St. Thomas Cemetery on
Thursday afternoon.

AYTON YOUNG PEOPLE STAGE SPLENDID PLAY AT MILDMA

Special to The Advertiser.

Mildmay, Dec. 12.—The humorous
drama "Hick-ry Farm" was success-
fully staged before a crowded house
in the town hall Tuesday evening.
The play was under the auspices of
the Women's Institute of Ayton.

The cast were all young people
from Ayton. The novelty chorus was
heartily applauded by the audience,
as well as many other musical selec-
tions.

To Mr. Pearson of Owen Sound is
due the credit for the excellent man-
ner in which the members of the cast
performed.

Big Land Deal.

One of the biggest land deals put
through in this neighborhood was
transacted yesterday when Joseph
Beitz purchased lots 17, 18 and 19
on concession five, and part of lot 16
on concession 3, Carleton Place, contain-
ing in all about 180 acres, from Charles
Koenig. The purchaser assumes
possession of the property on Feb.
15 next.

FARM CONDITIONS IN IRELAND GRAVE

Minister of Agriculture De-
clares Government May
Regulate Prices.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Dec. 12.—The conditions of
the farming industry in the Free State
are described as very serious, and
it is claimed that, despite the high
cost of farm produce to the con-
sumer, the farmer is carrying on at
a loss. Mr. Hogan, minister of agri-
culture, says the non-productive
traders are fleecing the farmer, and
in this is continued the government
will be asked to regulate retail
prices.

Milk sold by the farmers at a
shilling a gallon and in some cases
at sixpence a gallon, is retailed to
the consumer in Dublin at half a
crown, and the minister hinted that
the government might, therefore, be
compelled to take over the milk
trade.

The Days of Greater Perils

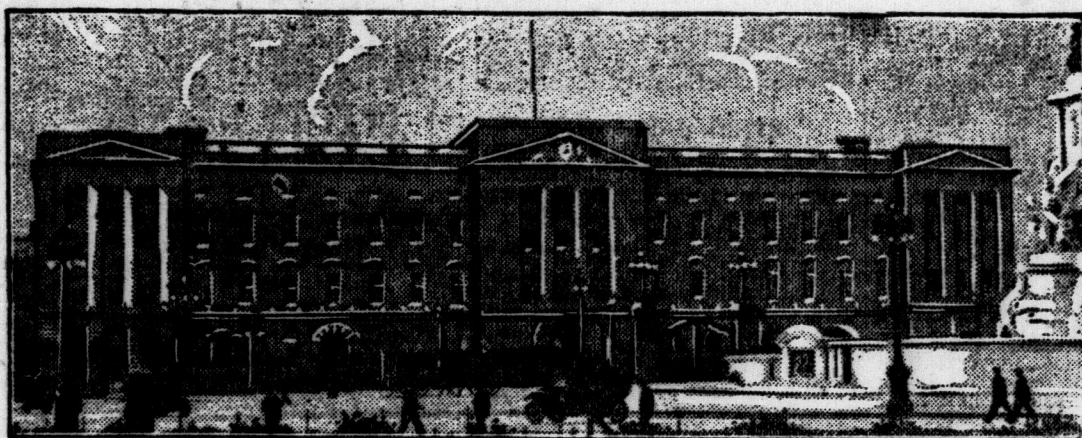
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blasts. So many people in every hundred will be away from work for
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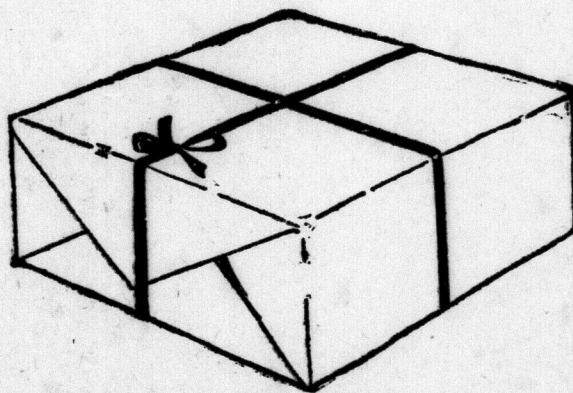
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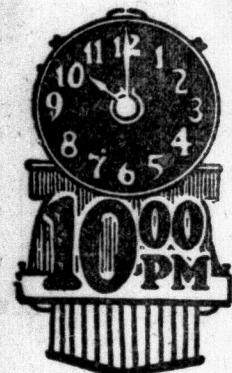


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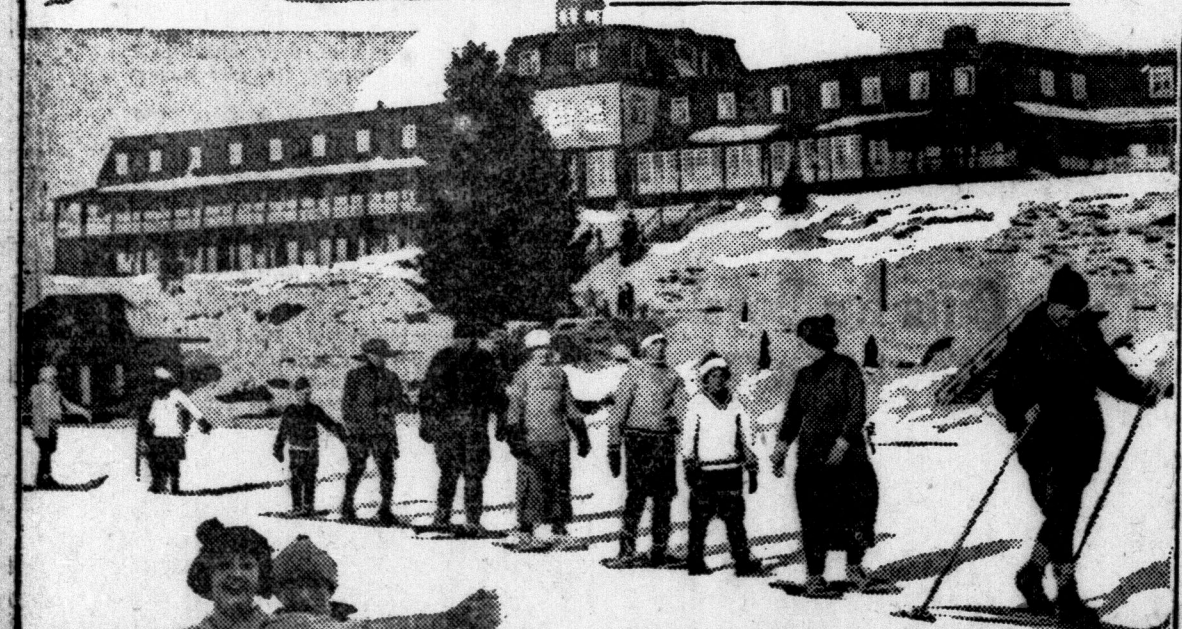
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AGAIN the Christmas season approaches with all its
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the festive season? This will eliminate the problem
of the Christmas Party and everyone will have a
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The Park lies up in the Ontario Highlands at an
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the climate is ideal for all out-of-door sports. The
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**Leather and Luggage Department—
The Finest Department in Western
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Scores of pretty styles to choose from, in colors or combination effects. The finest Baby Footwear Made in Canada. Sold retail at a pair, from

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**Luggage and Leather and Children's Shoe Departments Have
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LATEST FIXTURES AND LIGHT SYSTEMS

Today Hubert Ashplant & Sons, retail shoe dealers of 148 Dundas street, open their new luggage and leather department, which after weeks of preparation and planning bids fair to eclipse similar ventures in Western Ontario.

When it was first suggested that such a department be added to the regular shoe business much consideration was given to the proposal, it being felt that it might not go well. After everything had been thought out carefully, however, Messrs. Ashplant decided to go ahead, in order that they might better serve the community by developing their possibilities.

But the addition of luggage and leather goods is not the only innovation that this progressive firm is giving to the citizens of London. Announcement is also made that within a very few days a new children's shoe department will be opened.

The incorporation of these two sections into the regular retail business is just one part of the extensive alterations and plans for the coming season. When all the alterations have been completed, Hubert Ashplant & Sons will be among the leading shoe dealers in the province and will probably have one of the finest retail stores to be found.

New Leather Department.

The second floor is the home of the new luggage and leather articles, where some 2,000 square feet have been allocated for it. It extends from the front of the store to within about 40 feet of the rear and is reached by a wide, commodious staircase, so constructed that there is none of the usual breath-taking energy required to walk up.

The area of the floor space may give some idea of the extent to which the firm plan to enter into this branch, the 2,000 square feet being the area contained in a rectangle 40 by 50 feet.

A beautiful new hardwood floor has been laid, which is polished until the last possible bit of reflection has been obtained. Realizing the need of daylight for successful exhibition and merchandising, the arranging of the department is such that only in the darkest hours is artificial light needed. The light fixtures are the latest in design and approximate as closely as possible the natural light of day. A splendid metal ceiling enhances the whole effect. The walls have been tinted to match the woodwork, thus making every detail in harmony. The fixtures are of gumwood and present a smart appearance, showing off the goods to the best advantage.

Small Leather Goods.

At the entrance up the stairway will be found the small leather goods merchandise. On either wall, the east and west, two large showcases have been placed, while on the floor between, suitably spaced, smaller cases have been installed. In all of these the smaller goods are attractively displayed and in such a manner that a prospective purchaser may find just the thing he or she is looking for without chasing around from place to place.

Towards the front on the second floor the walls will be lined with the larger things, traveling necessities; here trunks, club bags, suitcases, etc., may be seen. Trunks of all sorts and description, which to merely look at makes a person wish to travel, occupy the center of the floor, but not in any hodgepodge fashion. They are so arranged that each one is seen to the best advantage. The department will carry a complete line of handbags, toilet cases, purses, rolls, dressing cases, Boston bags, suitcases, club bags, steamer trunks, wardrobe trunks and large trunks for general purposes, in addition to the many other varieties of leather goods that are in demand.

Norman S. Thompson, late of the Langmuir Company, Toronto, will be in charge of leather goods. He has had many years' experience in the wholesale end of the luggage and leather goods business and will prove a decided factor in serving the public.

completed, will be like a balcony or first landing to the second floor. It will be reached by the same wide staircase which leads to the luggage. This balcony will contain 1,000 square feet of floor space. Daylight is furnished by means of a light well.

Beautifully Finished.

It is being finished in colors that will appeal to everyone, gray and blue. The fixtures will be gray and the upper part of the walls blue. The walls will be illuminated with nursery pictures, embodying many of the famous Mother Goose characters.

But it will not only be the decorations that will be attractive to the kiddies. Messrs. Ashplant realize that the children's minds are not convinced as to the absolute need for commerce to the total exclusion of amusement, and with this in view are installing rocking horses, a slide and many other features for the comfort and convenience of the children and their parents. The department, when finished, will in reality be a little kingdom of the children, where they will be in control and where they may amuse themselves to the fullest extent.

This footwear will be in charge of Miss Jean McGuire, who has had five years' experience with the company and who knows just how to fit the little feet with the most comfortable of shoes. She is quite capable of looking after their needs in footwear and with the sympathy that a child needs will undoubtedly be a big factor in the success of this department.

**To Please Your Boy or Girl
This Christmas Give Them**

HIKERS

And when you please them you have relieved yourself of shoe worries for months to come.

Hikers are Canada's most comfortable and longest-wearing shoes for Boys and Girls.



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Gee! Santa Brought Me

**McPherson's
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It takes a sturdy, honest-made Hockey Shoe to withstand the usage of the active Canadian boy.

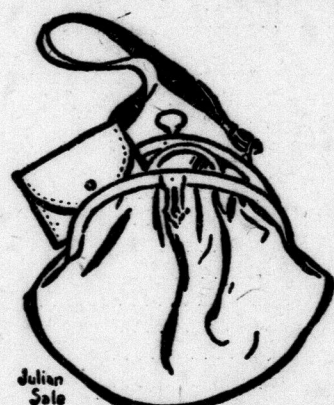


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They are built for the whole family.

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300 LADIES' HANDBAGS
This season's newest shapes and styles, in all desired shades and colors.
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE \$1.95

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Neat fancy linings, containing coin purse, mirror and comb, outside handkerchief pocket.
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**Ladies'
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PRICED AT
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**Gifts for
Men and Boys**

BOYS' BRUSH SETS

consist of ONE BRUSH, ONE COMB, in a neat imitation leather case.
Price Complete,
\$1.50

COLLAR BAGS

\$1 to \$3.75

MILITARY BRUSHES

IN CASE

\$3 to \$11

SOFT COLLAR CASES,

\$8.50 to \$11.00



**Gifts for
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BOSTON BAGS

\$1.85 to \$11.

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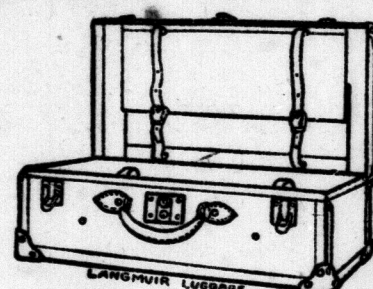
\$2.25 to \$5

LEATHER JEWEL CASES

\$1.50 to \$11

LEATHER TRINKET CASES

\$1.50 to \$2.75



**Club Bags and
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Genuine, Black or Brown Smooth Cowhide Club Bags, leather-lined, with two pockets.

18-INCH 20-INCH
\$15.50 \$16.50

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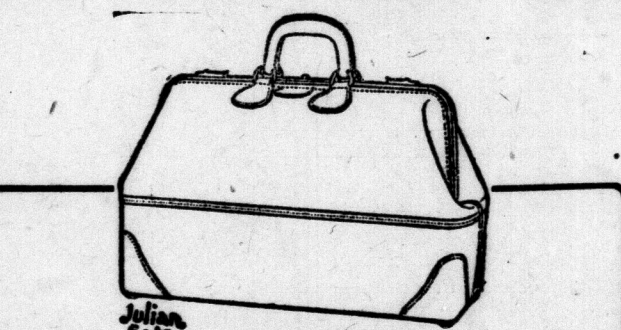
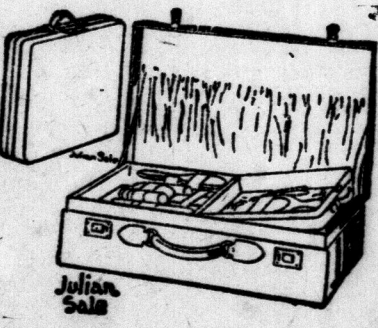
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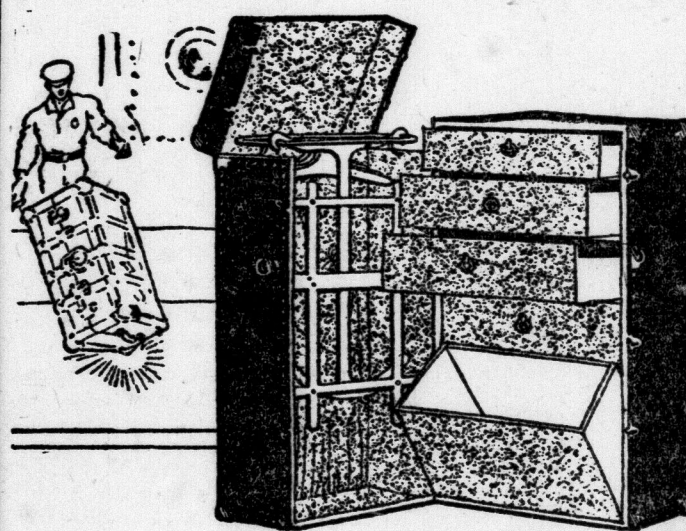
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\$3.50 to \$6.00

Ladies' Hockey Shoes,

\$3.50 to \$5.50

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Skates, 90c to \$6.00 the pair.

Skates attached Free.

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ASHPLANT'S — THE GIFT STORE

Animals Anticipate Earthquakes.

In the lands where earthquakes are more or less common, it is said that a commotion and excitement is invariably to be noticed among the domestic animals.

ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY ATTRACTS SIXTY CHILDREN

And Col. William Gartshore, President of Child Welfare Association.

CAR CONVEYS MOTHERS

Large Families of Small Children are "Chauffeured" to the School.

Col. William Gartshore, president of the London Child Welfare Association, was a very special visitor at yesterday's Christmas party, held at the Aberdeen school. The kindergarten, in which the examinations took place, presented a very busy spot, for no less than sixty children arrived with their mothers, and a third doctor had to be called in at the last moment to handle the babies. It was a lucky thing indeed that Miss Margaret McDermid and her class of public health nurses were there, too, to help Miss Bertha Smith and her staff of nurses to look after the wee visitors, who were as noisy as they were important. The child welfare car did good service, traveling back and forth to the school with mothers who had so many small children "they didn't know what to do." A baby carriage would hold two, but when it comes to four, it was a problem which only the child welfare car could solve. But the clinic itself was by no means the most important feature of this large community gathering. The party was the big thing. And it was at the party that the members of the Mothers' Club did their "bit." Instead of serving tea in the clinic room, the hostesses took their guests to the domestic science room in relays.

Here the atmosphere was entirely different. A long tea table, attractively arranged with Christmas decorations, was surrounded by half a dozen small kindergarten tables and chairs, and while the mothers drank their tea in peace at the larger board, Miss McDermid and her nurses saw that the children had a wonderful party of animal biscuits and milk at the tiny tables. And before they left, each was presented with an orange of course.

Among those who assisted Mrs. William Bartlett, president of the Aberdeen Club, were Mrs. Carrothers, Mrs. T. Byrnes, Mrs. P. Jakes, Mrs. Will Powell, Mrs. A. Rumball and Mrs. H. Whittier. The mothers who acted were Dr. Johnston, Dr. Bateson and Dr. Harris, and the nurses, Miss Bertha Smith, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Vance and Mrs. Stapleton.

CLUB NEWS

W. C. T. U. MOTHERS' CLUB. The Mothers' Club of the W. C. T. U., under the direction of Mrs. Ida Harrison, is arranging a Christmas banquet to be held in Wesley Hall on Dec. 20. This banquet is one of the biggest events of the year for the mothers.

DONATIONS TO HOMES. The Women's Christian Association has recently received \$10 for the Victoria Home and \$10 for the Aged People's Home from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge No. 413, C. P. R.

The association is taking no means of soliciting contributions from the public at Christmas time, and has authorized no one to collect for that purpose.

LORD ROBERTS CLUB. Next Tuesday's meeting of the Lord Roberts Mothers' Club will take the form of a Christmas concert, in which the pupils of the school will take part.

PLANS PARTIES. Following supper last evening at Cronyn Memorial Church, the I. O. O. F. Club made final plans for the parties being taken to Bethesda Hospital, Christmas Eve, and to the Ronald Gray Home, the Saturday after Christmas. Arrangements were also made for the filling of baskets for needy families, which the club distributes each Christmas. The meeting was presided over by Miss Rose Saunders.

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MISS HELEN d'AVIGNON.

again elected staff captain of the Girl Guides of the city at a meeting of the captains held last night.

under the direction of Dr. Smith and a sing-song of Christmas carols by the mothers was also a charming feature. Readings by Miss Dobbey were also greatly enjoyed. The program was presented following the regular business meeting, when \$5 was voted to the Prevention, \$5 to the Children's Shelter, and \$5 to the school janitor.

OPTIMISTIC CLUB MEETS.

The Optimistic Club, whose membership includes a large number of Scotch girls who have but recently arrived in Canada from the Old Country, meets tonight at the C. A. King street, for a special evening of music and merriment. The membership turns out in full, the walls of the old "Y" building will have to be decorated to accommodate them all. At the last gathering forty-two girls were counted and it was quite a squeeze to get them all in.

CONCERT AT SANATORIUM.

The music committee of the ladies' auxiliary to the London Health Association is arranging a concert for the week at the Byron Sanatorium, the artists to go out under the leadership of Mrs. Gerald Pearson and Mrs. Gordon Ingram.

CAMPBELL BECHER CHAPTER.

The members of the Campbell Becher Chapter have undertaken the task of a small bridge Monday evening to every girl in the Salvation Army Rescue Home. Mrs. Oscar Cunningham and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson are the conveners.

Boys Aid Women In County Booth

Collect \$5 and Quantity of Home Cooking for "Streets of Wonderland."

Two thirteen-year-old Westminster Township boys were energetic little workers in connection with the Middlesex County Booth at the Streets of Wonderland bazaar. They are Douglas May and Bertie Spettigrew, who collected \$5 and a quantity of home cooking to be sold at the booth which proved to be the most successful from a financial point of view at the whole carnival.

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 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 are promises to be the most successful 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."

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Oh! ROMAN MEAL MUFFINS—Splendid. Yes, Yes, steaming hot! They always agree with me—and I love them.



Keeps the family fit

REPUBLICAN WOMEN WIN SIGNAL VICTORY

Secure Fifty-Fifty Representation on National Convention Committee.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Dec. 13.—Women in the ranks of the Republican party in the United States won a signal victory yesterday after three years of effort. The Republican national committee, which arranges details of the national convention, at the meeting today agreed to the "fifty-fifty" resolution, providing that in future the national committee be composed of one man and one woman delegate from each state. The "fifty-fifty" resolution must be approved by the national convention. It would double the size of the national committee, which now is composed of one male representative from each state. This year a woman was appointed from each state as an associate member.

Social and Personal

Miss Edith Wyne-Pryce will spend the holiday at her home in Peterboro.

Miss Beatrice Brown will be a holiday guest at her home in Kingsville.

Miss Mary Granger, Dufferin avenue, will be hostess Friday evening of a bridge.

Mrs. Seely Smith of Halifax, N. S., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Smith.

Mrs. George Grange is visiting in Toronto the guest of Mrs. Winnett Thompson.

Mrs. E. H. Johnston and Miss Shirley Johnston are spending a few days in Detroit.

Major and Mrs. Merton of Toronto will spend Christmas in London with Dr. A. MacLaren.

Miss Helen d'Avignon will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother in Windsor.

Mr. Emerson Nichols left last night for England and the continent, sailing Friday by S.S. Montcalm.

Mrs. C. Windsor, Central avenue, is visiting in Detroit, the guest of her mother, Mrs. McDougall.

The Kiwanis Club is giving a supper at Wong's Cafe Monday evening in honor of the cast of the Kiwanis Jollies.

Mr. Gordon Glass of New York will spend Christmas in London with his aunt, Miss Glass, 13 Hayman Court.

Mrs. Ruth Robinson was the hostess of a small bridge Monday evening, complimenting Miss Cassels of Toronto.

Mrs. J. W. Little has returned home after visiting her mother, Dr. Harold Little and Mrs. Little, Stanley street, Montreal.

Mrs. E. R. Newmans, Wharncliffe road, entertained informally Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Judd of Winnipeg.

Mrs. J. S. Niven, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Torrance Beardon, in Toronto, will return to London early in January.

Mrs. W. T. Ernest Wrighton and Miss Marion Wrighton, Albert street, have returned home after a delightful visit in Montreal.

Mrs. R. E. Davis, Wortley road, was the hostess of a Mah-Jong party yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Frank Judd of Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cochran of Toronto will be Christmas guests with the latter's parents, Major Hume Cronyn and Mrs. Cronyn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. R. Smith will spend the holiday season in Rochester, N.Y., the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Beattie.

Hadley Williams of Exeter Phillips Academy, New Hampshire, will spend the Christmas vacation in London, the guest of Mrs. Cowan, "Birkhill."

Miss Ester Cassels of Toronto is the guest of Miss Jessie Gillespie, Albert street. In honor of her guest, Miss Gillespie entertained at bridge Tuesday evening.

Miss Marjorie White of the public health nursing staff of Pembroke will spend Christmas in London with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. White, The Ridgeway.

Mr. Becher Hungerford is coming to town next week from New York, and will be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hungerford, Wellington street north.

Mrs. E. C. McCann, addressed a meeting of the Catholic Women's League in Hamilton this week. While in Hamilton she was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Lovering.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Cronyn, Colborne street, accompanied by their small son, will spend Christmas in Hamilton with Mrs. Cronyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glass, Miss Margaret Glass and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Glass will spend the Christmas week-end in Chatham with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stone.

Miss Pauline Ward, who has just completed her training at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, King street, for a few weeks.

In honor of Mrs. Chisholm of Guelph who is visiting Mrs. W. F. Robinson, a number of charming parties have been arranged. Mrs. Chisholm is leaving for Guelph tomorrow.

Very Rev. Dean Warren Rogers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, who will take part in the jubilee services at Cronyn Memorial Church Sunday, will be a guest while in town with Major Hume Cronyn and Mrs. Cronyn.

A very pleasant event of Saturday afternoon will be the musicale and tea which the Marion Keith Club is holding at the home of Mrs. Emerson Nichols, St. James' street, when the artists will include Miss Alice Graves, concert soloist of Old London.

Mrs. Guy Lombardo, Horton street, entertained the members of St. John's Mothers' Unit at her home

daughter of the late Major-General Sir Lady Beaverbrook and Chas. Wm. Drury, C.B., of Halifax, was married to Hon. Evelyn Fitzgerald, youngest son of the late Lord Fitzgerald of Kilmarnock, in London.

Social and Personal

This week, to raise funds for a Christmas treat for the children of the school. Twelve tables of eucure were arranged and later supper was served by the hostess. The prizes for cards were won by Mr. and Mrs. N. Corcoran.

The retiring officers of Trinity Chapter, O. E. S., are arranging a Christmas party and dance for the chapter members on Monday evening next, the last occasion on which they will exemplify the degrees. The party will be held in the chapter rooms in the Imperial Bank building, and the grand lodge officers of the city will be special guests.

The tea and sale of work held at the home of the regent, Mrs. G. L. MacDonald, Hyman street, yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Nicholas Wilson Chapter, I. O. O. E., was a most successful affair. The guests were welcomed by the hostess and at the tea hour Mrs. John Gemmell presided over the tea table arranged with pink carnations and tall pink candles. The fancy-work table was in charge of Miss Wilson, and the room was in charge of Mrs. J. D. DeWaller.

The home of Mrs. W. E. Manness was the scene of an interesting card party Tuesday night, when the executive of the Sunshine Club of Trinity Chapter entertained the club members at a progressive court whist.

The house was prettily decorated in the Christmas colors, green and red, and candles being used effectively. The winners of the prizes donated by Mrs. Elliott and Miss Laura Baile, were Mrs. Herbert Jeffery, Mrs. Herbert Nichol and Mrs. Weekes. Announcement was made that the Sunshine Club had raised \$1,500 over the year, which will be turned over to the Trinity Chapter, to go towards the Eastern Star Home.

Radio Programs

FRIDAY, DEC. 14. East Pittsburgh, Pa. 920 Kilocycles, Frequency—325 Metres—Wave Length.

Eastern Standard Time. 9:45 a.m.—Union live stock market reports.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals. Weather forecast.

12:00 noon—Market reports. 6:15 p.m.—Organ recital. 7:15 p.m.—Radio Boy Scout meeting.

7:45 p.m.—A visit by Santa Claus. 8:00 p.m.—Market reports. 8:15 p.m.—"From the Main Truck," a dramatized story.

7:00 p.m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies. Current Book Review. Farmers' report.

11:00 p.m.—Program of Chamber music.

KY-W-560 Kilocycles, Frequency—Chicago, Ill.—336 Metres—Wave Length.

Central Standard Time. 9:30 a.m.—Late news and financial comment.

10:30 a.m.—Market reports. 10:30 a.m.—Late financial news and comment.

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 talks. 12:30 noon—Market reports. 12:30 p.m.—"The Progress of the World."

1:00 p.m.—News and sports. 1:30 p.m.—Closing market quotations.

2:15 p.m.—Late financial news and news bulletins. 2:30 p.m.—Closing stock quotations.

3:00 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. 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.—Late show.

WG-380 Kilocycles, Frequency—WGY—Schenectady, N.Y.—790 Metres.

Eastern Standard Time. 11:55 a.m.—Time signals. 12:30 p.m.—Stock market report. 12:45 p.m.—Produce market report. 12:45 p.m.—Weather forecast. 2:00 p.m.—Music and household talk. "Planning the Christmas Din-

ner."

6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins. 6:30 p.m.—Children's program. 7:35 p.m.—Health talk, N. Y. State Department of Health. 7:45 p.m.—Program by Alumnae Association, Troy Conservatory of Music, Troy, N. Y.

8:45 p.m.—Radio drama, "Rollo's Wild Oats," by WGY players. **WWJ—Detroit—400 Metres—580 Kilocycles.**

Eastern Standard Time. 9:30 a.m.—"Tonight's Dinner," a social talk by the woman's editor. 9:45 a.m.—Public Health Service bulletin and talks on subjects of general interest. 10:25 a.m.—Official weather fore-

cast. 11:55 a.m.—Arlington time. 12:00 noon—Dance music by Jean Goldkette's Orchestra, broadcast from the Graystone Ballroom. 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 poet, Duana Sawyers' Saxophone Concert Band, chrestia; Anne Campbell, Detroit

HOLDS JOLLY DANCE. The Telephone Club, the operators' organization of the Bell Telephone Company, held a jolly dance in Hyman Hall last evening. Excellent

dance music was provided by Pudney's orchestra and over two hundred guests were present. This is the first of a series of dances that the club intends giving during the season. The president, Miss B. Roberts, welcomed the guests, and Mr. McClelland acted as chairman. A number of Paul Jones were introduced during the evening, and were greatly enjoyed.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CHANGES IN TRAIN SERVICE. Effective Sunday, December 16, 1923. Important changes in running times of trains 623 and 635, operating between Toronto and Detroit will be made.

Full information from any Canadian Pacific agent Adv. D11.12.15.

WOMEN and THE HOME Practical Gifts for Everyone

Santa has lifted the lid at this store and finds it filled to the roof—a store teeming with practical gift suggestions. And in making up your gift list it is well to keep in mind that the practical gift impresses upon the recipient the good taste of the giver.



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Buy articles like these and you'll buy with assurance.

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Warm Gloves 79c to \$5.00
Wool Scarfs 89c to \$2.50
Silk Mufflers \$1.50 to \$3.95
Fine Hosiery 59c to \$1.50
Handkerchiefs 15c to \$1.00
Pyjamas \$2.19 to \$7.95
Fine Shirts \$1.98 to \$5.00
Fine Warm Sweater Coats \$3.48 to \$8.50
Bath Robes and Dressing Gowns \$6.75 to \$13.98
A New Overcoat for Dad. What would be finer? We know his size \$19.75 to \$44.00
Or perhaps a New Suit. Let's help you choose a real gift in this line. Alterations free \$19.75 to \$44.00



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Arm Bands of many kinds 25c to 50c
Suspenders in Christmas boxes 50c to \$1.50
Warm Wool Scarfs 89c to \$2.50
Handsome Silk Mufflers \$1.50 to \$3.95
"Holeproof" Silk Hose \$1.00 to \$1.50
Fine Silk and Wool Hose 75c to \$1.00
Fine English Cashmere Hose 75c to \$1.00
Fine Colored Shirts \$1.98 to \$5.00
New Silk Poplin Shirts \$4.95 to \$5.00
New Silk Neckwear 59c to \$2.00
New Knitted Neckwear 59c to \$2.00
Warm Flannelette Pyjamas \$2.19 to \$3.75
Fine Soisette and Silk Pyjamas \$2.75 to \$7.95
All-Wool Pullover Sweaters \$3.75 to \$7.50
Fine Sweater Coats \$3.48 to \$8.50
Useful Bath Robes and Gowns \$6.75 to \$13.98
Suspenders Sets 75c to \$2.00



Gifts for the Boy

Fine Jerseys \$1.69 to \$2.75
Heavy Pullovers \$1.98 to \$4.50
Wool Togues 50c to 75c
Smart Shirts \$1.50 to \$2.00
Silk Blouses \$2.75
New Neckwear 50c to \$1.00
Suspenders 50c to 75c
Wool Mufflers 89c to \$1.50
Wool Gloves 79c to \$1.00
Fine Suede Gloves, wool lined \$1.50 to \$2.00
Fringed Gauntlets, Mitts or Gloves \$1.29 to \$1.69
Smart New Caps 75c to \$2.00
Fine Warm All-Wool Mackinaw Coats. Has he been looking for one of these? All sizes \$6.98 to \$8.48
Or maybe a New Overcoat. We have them in all styles and sizes, 3 to 20 years \$6.75 to \$19.75



Gifts for Baby

Wool Pullovers \$2.25 to \$2.50
Wool Booties 30c to 75c
Wool Bonnets 85c to \$1.00
Wool Overall \$1.19 to \$1.85
Bibs 35c to 59c
Hand Embroidered Dresses 85c
Stork Pants 49c to 75c
Chambray Rompers 79c to 89c
Wool Cashmere Hose 40c to 60c
Handkerchiefs, boxed 19c to 65c
Handkerchiefs, single 10c to 25c

Official Guides for Strangers in Paris.

The Municipal Councillor of Paris is engaged in perfecting a plan whereby a corps of guide interpreters under police jurisdiction will soon be put upon the streets and tourists will be free from unrelies.

Gifts for Mother

Mother's Gift might well be chosen first and be the best of all.

French Kid Gloves \$2.50 to \$3.00
French Hand-Beaded Bags \$3.95 to \$8.50
Beautiful Silk Scarfs \$1.98 to \$4.95
Materia Pieces 50c to \$10.00
Pure Linen Tablecloths \$3.98 to \$12.75
Cluny Pieces 25c to \$13.95
Warm Down Comforters \$10.50 to \$25.00
Cosy Bath Robes \$4.95 to \$10.00
Silk Blouses \$3.95 to \$6.95
Silk and Cloth Dresses \$15.00 to \$27.50
Underskirts \$1.49 to \$5.00
Canton Crepe Dress Material \$2.75 to \$4.00 yard
Velvet and Velveteen \$2.50 to \$5.00 yard
Dress Ornaments 75c to \$3.00
Fancy Bath Towels 50c to \$1.50



Gifts for Sister

Admirably representing the newest fashion and sensible to a degree.

Sweaters \$2.98 to \$7.95
Fibre Silk Hose \$1.00 to \$1.50
Silk and Wool Hose 99c to \$2.25
Pure Thread Silk Hose \$1.19 to \$3.50
Wool Bloomers; all shades \$2.25
Cape Gauntlet Style Gloves \$2.50 to \$3.95
Silk Lisle Vests, boxed \$1.19 to \$1.95
Fudge Aprons 89c to \$1.25
Mesh Bags \$4.98
Chamoisette Gloves 59c to \$3.00
Lace Collars 39c to \$1.25
Fancy Fairy Fans \$1.98
Fancy Shoe Trees 75c to 98c
Combinations \$1.75 to \$3.50
Camisoles \$1.39 to \$2.98
Kimonas \$2.98 to \$4.95



Gifts for the Girl

Homespun Dresses \$4.95 to \$6.50
Bath Robes \$4.25
Pullover \$2.98 to \$4.50
Pleated Skirts \$2.98 to \$5.00
Raw Silk Handkerchiefs, 4 for \$1.00
Cashmere Ribbed Hose 40c to 90c
Rubber Puff Pockets with Puff 25c to 45c
Fancy Ribbed Hose 59c to \$1.25
Chamoisette Gloves 59c to \$3.00
Purses 39c to 79c
Boudoir Caps 50c to \$2.25
Wool Gauntlets 98c to \$1.50
Woolen Gloves 50c to \$1.00
Fudge Aprons 89c to \$1.25
Dainty Handkerchiefs 15c to \$1.00
Handkerchiefs, boxed 60c to \$1.25
Lace Collar Lengths 75c to \$1.50
Dress Ornaments 75c to \$3.00



Gifts for Grandparents

Parasols, tipped ends \$5.00
Parasols, silk and wool \$3.00 to \$5.00
Bed Spreads \$2.69 to \$12.50
Wool Blankets \$5.98 to \$12.50
Linen Towels 50c to \$2.00
Cotton Comforters \$2.98 to \$6.50
Pyjamas (men's dept.) \$2.19 to \$7.95
Bath Robes men's store \$6.75 to \$13.98
Black Silk Blouses \$3.95 to \$7.00
Duchess Satin \$1.89 to \$3.00 yard
New Neckwear (men's store) 59c to \$2.00



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Cliff Dwellers of England.

In the red sandstone slopes above the village of Kinver in Worcestershire, England, there are real cliff dwellers, people who live in houses of from two to seven rooms cut out of the rock.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

The Girl Who Is Dubious About a Long Engagement—How Can the Jealous Girl Keep Him in Love With Her?—The Lonely Wife Who Would Like More Affection.

Dear Miss Dix—Please tell me whether or not I should wait for a young man who has to go one more year to high school and five at college. At the best, it would be eight or nine years before he will be in a position to be married. There is no other boy whom I care for, and if you don't think it foolish to waste all my time on this very nice young man, I should be content to wait. SHIRLEY.



Answer:
A long engagement is generally a losing investment of time and affection for the woman, Shirley, and this is especially true when she engages herself to a boy. This is because the boy who is engaged will be a very different person eight years hence. By that time he will have developed from a boy into a man. He will have had all the broadening experiences of college and new associations.

Perhaps it will have changed him so much that of man who will not appeal to you. So it seems to me a very foolish thing for you to bind yourselves to do something that you may not want to do eight years from now.

So why not just be good friends without either one mortgaging his or her future? If your affection survives the eight-year test, you can take each other for better or worse. But if it doesn't, you are both free to make whatever other connections you like.

There is nothing out of which a woman gets as little happiness and as many heartaches as out of a long engagement. To begin with, it puts her in an awkward position where she is neither fish, nor flesh, nor good red herring—neither wife nor marriageable maid. She has no husband to support her, and protect her, and to take her about; yet she is out off from the attentions of other men and deprived from the pleasures of those of her own age.

She spends her youth waiting for a man who may never come back to her, and who often does come back and marries her under compulsion after he has grown tired of her. More than that, a long engagement is even more filled with misunderstanding and wrangling than matrimony itself, because both the man and the woman try to impose on each other an authority they do not possess, and the uncertainty of their position fills them with continual jealousy and suspicion.

Nothing wears out romance and rubs the bloom off love as does a long engagement; and my earnest advice to you is not to fetter yourself by one. Keep yourself free of all entanglements. Don't bind yourself to any man who isn't ready to name the wedding day. DOROTHY DIX.

My Dear Miss Dix—I am deeply in love with a boy, and I am insanely jealous of him. He does not seem to see me steady, but we have regular dates on Sundays and Thursdays. We are not engaged, and he has a perfect right to go out with other girls, but I can't see it. Whenever I find out that he has a date with another girl I phone him and make him break it. When I accuse him of making other dates and going out with other girls he denies it, and tries to make me think I am the only girl. Should I conceal my jealousy? Do you think he loves me because he denies that he goes with other girls when he really does? I am just wrecking my life by being jealous of him. RED ROSE.

Answer:
I should think, my dear, that you were taking the surest way and the shortest cut to disillusion the young man and make him dislike you instead of love you. For there is no other woman in the world so unattractive as a jealous fury, nor is there any other woman of whom a man so quickly wearies.

For a little while it may flatter a man's vanity to think that a woman is so much in love with him that she imagines every other woman to be, and it may amuse him to torment her by playing upon her fears of losing him. But these diversions soon pall, and when it comes to having to combat a green-eyed woman's eternal suspicions, and to being put through a third-degree about everything he does, it gets upon the man's nerves and he quits.

The fact that the young man deceives you about his other engagements is no proof of love. It merely means that you make him lie to you as a man always will lie to a woman to save a scene.

The only cure for jealousy is to cultivate conceit and common sense. Try to conquer your inferiority complex, for that is what jealousy amounts to. You would not be jealous of other women unless you secretly thought that they were more attractive than you are.

Then use a little gray matter. Recognize the fact that by no possible chance can you be the only woman in the world. There will always be women, and pretty women, and fascinating women, and vamp women, and the man you love will always be exposed to their temptations.

You have to trust to luck and to your own powers of fascination to keep him away from other women, or by reproaching him when he goes away to other women, and the sooner you realize this, the better.

Above all, never let a man know you are jealous of him. It is an admission of your own lack of charm, and it is the surest way to alienate him from you. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am married to a man whom I love very much, and I have the darlings baby, but I am not sure whether my husband loves me or not. He goes away every night and leaves me all alone. I do everything to make him comfortable, but he thinks that I should be able to keep a good table and save lots of money, and when everything doesn't please him he gets in a bad temper and says cruel things to me. I would like to be loved. LONELY WIFE.

Answer:
There are many wives like you, poor little Lonely Wife, who would like to be loved. But this is your comfort—it is more blessed to give than to receive, and those who love are happier than those who are loved. Not to be loved is a misfortune, but not to love is a tragedy. DOROTHY DIX.

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HOLD GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE AT SANATORIUM, DECEMBER 21

Civilians, Soldiers and Children Will Gather in Vocational Hall.

SHARE ENTERTAINMENT For First Time in History One Huge Party Will Take Place of Three.

The Christmas party at the Queen Alexandra-Sanatorium will be a bigger event than ever this year. For the first time all the patients are to make merry together, civilians, soldiers and the children of the Preventorium gathering in the great vocational hall on the evening of December 21 for a Christmas tree and entertainment.

Every patient, whether soldier, civilian or child, will be showered with presents. The soldier patients are, of course, the special care of the Red Cross Society, and one of the chief events of the day will be the big Christmas dinner arranged by the Red Cross, at which members of the society will act as waitresses and serve the men, these bringing back memories of war days, when the women worked so ardently in their interests.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the London Health Association will make the civilian patients their concern and presents will be distributed to everyone in the pavilion. The wards will be gaily decorated and the Christmas spirit will be introduced everywhere.

Generous donations are already being made toward this great day, among them a large box of fancy biscuits and another of confections from the Perrin Biscuit Company.

The children of the preventorium are the concern of everyone. No Christmas passes but that they are showered with toys by their kind friends who are interested in them. The only difference this year will be that they will receive their gifts from the Christmas tree in the vocational hall.

LAMBETH LEAGUE HEARS SPLENDID TALK ON JAPAN

The Lambeth League met as usual on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, the chair being occupied by Violet Trott, vice-president. The evening was devoted to the missionary side of the club activities. The Bible reading was given with commentary by Rev. George Kerr. This was followed by a pretty selection on the guitar by Eloise Steadman.

The main topic was handled by Mrs. B. Holtby, the subject being "Japan."

ST. MARYS MOTHERS' UNIT ENTERTAINS OTHER UNITS

The Mothers' Unit of St. Mary's Church held an enjoyable social in St. Mary's Auditorium last evening, when the members entertained the mothers of the other parishes. Fourteen tables of eucure were arranged and the prize was won by Mrs. J. Donohue. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. Larkin, the president, assisted by Mrs. McCaffery, first vice-president. Dainty refreshments were served later under the conversing of Mrs. Ryan assisted by Mrs. J. Ryan. During the evening a charming program was presented, the numbers including solos by Miss Gertrude Pelton accompanied by Miss C. Kelly; piano selections by Mrs. Wyatt and readings by Miss Ruth Bricklin. Dances by Jack Kelleher were greatly enjoyed, also solo by Miss Kathleen Keller.

The social was given to raise funds for a Christmas treat for the children of St. Mary's School.

TUXIS BOYS OF ST. MARYS HOPE TO ERECT GYMNASIUM

Special to The Advertiser. St. Marys, Dec. 12.—The Tuxis boys of the Methodist Church are now in full swing. Last Tuesday night at Tuxis Square was staged under the leadership of Percy Butcher. Last week there were eleven boys present, and this week fourteen. The Trail Rangers have a membership of nearly thirty.

In the near future a campaign will be started for a gymnasium in connection with the church. A well-known architect has been engaged to design a building to be erected on the Anglican Church, and put at the service of the 70 odd boys of the Verdun Club of that church. The same name is felt in the Methodist Church, and with the Tuxis Boys and Trail Rangers in full swing, this will ultimately come about.

The regular meeting of the St. Marys Collegiate Institute Board was held on Tuesday evening. The meeting was short, few matters of importance coming up for discussion. On request from the department of education for the appointment of a school attendance officer, Mr. McLean was reappointed for the 1924 term.

Purchases Rifle.
J. E. Stevens, physical instructor at the collegiate, informed the board by letter, that he had purchased a Winchester rifle for cadet instruction work from A. Riley for \$28. The balance of the \$50 grant, taken up at the last meeting, will be left to his credit for future use.

288 Enrolled.
In the principal's monthly report, he showed an enrolment of 288, with an average attendance of 272.

The field day championship medals have been ordered, and the secretary was given power to issue orders for payment of same.

A finance budget of \$93.07, containing several accounts for the month, was passed and ordered paid. A motion was put through whereby the Collegiate will be disinfected during the Christmas holidays.

All Aboard In Aid Of Child Welfare

Proceeds of London Life Play Will Be Given to Popular Association.

What gives promise of being an entertaining production is the musical comedy, "All Aboard," to be given by the London Life Women's Club in the Patricia Theatre on Jan. 21, and 22, in aid of the Child Welfare Association.

The cast will be made up entirely of members of the London Life staff and will include the manager, E. E. Reid, who will be seen in an important role.

GIRL GUIDES CAPTAINS ASK FOR A LIBRARY

Elect Officers at Annual Meeting Held Last Night at King Street Y. W. C. A.

Miss Helen d'Avignon was again elected captain of the Girl Guides of the city at a meeting of the Captains' Association held at the Y. W. C. A., King street, last night. Miss Muriel McBride is the new secretary.

At the meeting it was decided to ask the local association of Girl Guides to purchase a reference library on guide work, to be located at the Central Y. W. C. A., King street, and which would be available to the guides and captains and workers of the city. During the coming year, it is planned for the captains to meet monthly on the second Wednesday for supper at every second meeting the captains will go through the form of a regular guide meeting, while at alternate meetings instruction in guide work will be given.

Just now the captains of the different companies are concerned with the Christmas work of their guides, which will take the form of distributing Christmas cheer to needy families.

IS FOUND GUILTY ON ARSON CHARGE

Samuel Apple Said Bootleggers Responsible For Fire in His Home.

BOY IS ARRESTED

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Dec. 12.—Sam Apple, aged 66, junkdealer, was tonight found guilty by a jury on a charge of arson. He will be sentenced by County Judge Stanworth at the close of the sessions of the peace which are being held at the local courthouse. The charge was laid following an investigation into the cause of a fire which threatened to destroy his home on Witherspoon street. That the blaze was the work of a gang of bootleggers, who had been threatening against him and his property because the latter had squealed to the authorities over their activities, was the alibi which the defence attempted to establish.

An Arson Charge.
Howard Delaney, aged 17, was arrested this morning on a charge of arson. Police say that he has made a statement that he was responsible for the fire which was discovered at his home on Barthe street this morning. The lad was before the police court in August last for attempting to set fire to his home. He was released on suspended sentence on that occasion.

Two True Bills.
True bills were brought in by the grand jury today against Orval Otto and Oswald Taylor, who will face trial before County Judge Stanworth at the general sessions of the peace, now proceeding.

Loss Is Heavy.
County police are without trace of the thieves who, on Monday night, robbed the Barr hardware store at Merlin. A number of gold watches are included in the haul, and the loss may reach \$1,000.

Ask New School.
Application is to be made to the Raleigh township authorities for the creation of a new school section in what is known as the Northwood survey in Raleigh Township, just beyond the city limits. This course was decided upon at a conference of ratepayers with Dr. Waugh, chief inspector of public schools. Meantime, trustees of school section number three, in which the Northwood survey is included, will ask to provide temporary accommodation for the pupils of the survey, of 9 years, children of the survey have attended city schools, but the city authorities, owing to congestion in Chatham schools, had to ban the survey pupils.

Pleads Guilty.
Archie McDougall of Harwich, at the criminal sessions, pleaded guilty to two charges of assault against two girls of tender years. The original charges preferred against the defendant were of a more serious nature. Judge Stanworth imposed a fine of fifty dollars in the one case, and suspended sentence in the second, ordering the defendant to pay all costs incurred by the county.

Heads Auxiliary.
Mrs. (Rev.) R. J. M. Perkins was chosen president of the Christ Church Ladies' Auxiliary at the thirteenth annual meeting. Vice-presidents were Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Chatterton.



FAMOUS PORTRAIT OF JULIA HOYT. Zuloaga's famous portrait of Julia Hoyt, which has aroused international comment.

dents are Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Chatterton.

Victory Lodge Officers.
James D. Keats was elected master of Victory Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at the annual meeting held last evening. Other officers elected were W. Baxter, S. W.; C. D. Sucee, J. W.; Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, chaplain; W. Watts, treasurer; W. Scurr, secretary; C. E. Clements, D. of C.; Roy Paul's Presbyterian (church to hear it). The subject was, "Resolved that a limited monarchy is preferable to the republican form of government." The affirmative was upheld by Miss G. Mahon and Miss Adams of Woodstock, while the negative speakers were Miss A. Elliott and Miss Poole of Ingersoll. Both sides had their points well in hand and their addresses were delivered in an excellent manner. The judges were R. E. Froman of Western University, London, Fred Bean, Woodstock, and G. F. James, Ingersoll.

MEASLES IN RIPLY.
Ripley, Dec. 12.—Several cases of measles are reported in town and one case of scarlet fever from the adjoining township of Kilmoss. The local health authorities have the situation well in hand.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stalker of Blyth announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss F. M. Wm. J. Nesbitt, the wedding to take place soon.

Hold Stock Sale.
The streets of Woodstock were crowded with farmers and Holstein breeders for the sale conducted by the Oxford Holstein Breeders' Club at Stock's stable. Mr. Fred Lee of Springfield, in a brief address, laid emphasis on the high quality of the animals offered and the future of the dairy industry.

Vagrant Released.
George Bullen, a vagrant who was arrested a week ago, was released from custody this morning.

Give Cash Grant.
On Tuesday evening the parks board granted \$150 to the Horticultural Society to enable that body to

Danny Becomes Reckless and Begins a Tour of Investigation

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
Danny Meadow Mouse was reckless. Yes, sir, he was reckless. Had he not been reckless he would have gone back with Nanny Meadow Mouse to the safety of their home in the great man-bird. It was curiosity that made Danny reckless. Curiosity very often makes people reckless. He just tingled all over with curiosity to see more of this wonderful Sunny South and the people who lived there.

"I can go back to that big man-bird any time," said Danny to himself as he hurried along. "My how warm it is! I don't wonder that so many of the feathered people come down here to spend the winter. I wish Mother Nature hadn't given me my winter coat before I left home. It is uncomfortable down here. A summer coat would be much more comfortable."

But despite his reckless Danny was at the same time cautious. He kept his eyes and his ears wide open, and he took great care not to cross any open places, if he could help it. For some time he traveled without seeing anybody. And so at last he came to the bank of a stream. It really was a river. He could go no further in this direction without swimming, and while he could swim, he had no desire to swim in strange waters.

Close to the water, lying on the bank, Danny discovered an old log. At least, that is what he thought it was. It was a big log, and it lay out in the sun. Danny likes to explore old logs. Often they are hollow and make the very best of hiding places. From where he was Danny couldn't tell whether or not this old log was hollow. He was tired. He wanted a safe place in which to curl up and take a nap. If that log was hollow, and he was just the place. The only thing he didn't like about it was the fact that it lay right out in the open.

So Danny sat right where he was, hidden under some broad leaves, and tried to get up courage enough to run over and have a good look at that old log. But he didn't know what sharp eyes might be watching him. And so he couldn't quite make up his mind to take a chance. It was a queer-looking log. It was very big in the middle and near the larger end had what looked like two stubs of branches, one on each side. Further back were two more, and then that log became smaller and smaller until it ended in what looked like a sharp point. It was brown, and seemed to be covered with a rough bark. The longer he looked at it the more Danny wanted to see it closer.

Presently Danny noticed two other old logs floating in the water. "Now, where did those come from?" muttered Danny to himself. "I don't remember seeing them when I first arrived. Of course, they must have been there. I guess I didn't really look at the water or I would have seen them. How peaceful it is! I haven't heard or seen a thing since I arrived to be suspicious of. I'm sleepy and if there is a hollow in that old log it would be just the place to take a nap. I believe I'll take a chance and find out."

The next story: "A Log That is Alive."

Million-Year-Old Petrified Trees.

Presumably the remains of a forest of 2,000 acres or more have been excavated in the vicinity of Pike's Peak, Colorado, at an altitude of 8,000 feet above sea level. The trees are covered with lava.

U. F. O. PRESIDENT A VERY BUSY MAN

Holds Several Very Important Offices in His Home County.

BOOST FOR HIGHWAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, Dec. 12.—Geo. A. Bothwell of Owen Sound, elected at Toronto today as president of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, is considered one of the strongest men in the U. F. O. in this district. He is county director of that organization, president North Grey Board of Agriculture, deputy reeve of Sydenham Township and leading member Grey County Council, in which he is chairman of roads and bridges committee.

Delegates Pleased.

Owen Sound delegates to the meeting of the Blue Water Highway Association in Sarnia report that Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of highways, was very favorably impressed with prospects of blue water route, and

Charge Dismissed.

Charge against Robert Street of Warton of driving a car recklessly was dismissed in police court this afternoon by Magistrate Innes. It was a sequel to collision on Springmount road in Derby on Nov. 24 last.

Pays a Fine.

Joseph Sourrah of Hanover was fined \$10 and costs for reckless driving, as a sequel to a collision which took place Dec. 1. A charge of being under the influence of liquor while driving a car was dismissed.

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they believe, looked with favor on the request to make the road a provincial highway. Mayor Harris, R. D. Little, Wm. Breeze and J. A. Manning were local delegates.

Aid Hospital.
Local talent produced Katcha-Koo, Oriental comedy, in the opera house last night and tonight. It was a very successful production, staged under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., in aid of new isolation hospital.

Pays a Fine.
Joseph Sourrah of Hanover was fined \$10 and costs for reckless driving, as a sequel to a collision which took place Dec. 1. A charge of being under the influence of liquor while driving a car was dismissed.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923.

Dividing the People.

Hon. George P. Graham was on safe ground at the banquet tendered to him by Ontario Liberals in Toronto on Wednesday night when he declared that the interests of Ontario and the interests of Ontario should be put together in developing the St. Lawrence as a source of water power or for navigation to the sea.

Mr. Graham took occasion to point out the folly and the short-sightedness of any policy that sought to set the people of Ontario against the Dominion government in dealing with this or any other similar project.

The Toronto Globe has been making a very pointed effort to do this very thing, but it has not succeeded.

On November 1, following a characteristic utterance by Hon. Howard Ferguson, the Globe featured his address under the heading:

Ontario Will Work

If Ottawa Sleeps On Power Program

In its story it made use of such explanatory phrases as follows: "The government proposed to ask the Dominion government, if it was not prepared to go into the St. Lawrence project, to stand aside and let some one else go in, he declared."

On that same date, in the picture of Hon. Howard Ferguson, only a few weeks previously declared unfit by the Globe to be premier of the province or a member of the legislature, that paper used the title "Prods Ottawa" on top of this heretofore unthinkable premier, and underneath "Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, who calls upon the federal government to get busy on the St. Lawrence power development, or stand aside and let Ontario do it."

Not content with that, on the following day, November 8, the Globe carried a cartoon on its front page, showing Hon. Howard Ferguson as the captain, cigar in the corner of his mouth, steering the craft "Ont. Government" down the St. Lawrence, heading the drawing "More Power To You, Skipper."

The intent and purpose of the Globe was to bring discredit on the government at Ottawa, and to intimate that the King government was standing in the way. All at once Hon. Howard Ferguson, who was never known as a public ownership man in his life, was picked up as the champion of the people's rights.

At the time of the Ontario election, the Globe could see no virtue in Mr. Ferguson; a short time after, because it suited the purpose of that paper to hit Ottawa with him, he was championed and featured as the man who would go on and do the very things which a few months before he was not thought capable of touching.

Hon. Mr. Graham touched the spot when he said that it "was dangerous to stir up controversy between the various parties directly interested in the project, and that only by the closest co-operation between the Dominion and the Province of Ontario could the latter hope to secure much-needed power development."

That is the view that will be taken by every reasonable man, regardless of politics. The people of Ontario, represented by the Ontario government, are the same—exactly the same—people of Ontario as are represented by the federal government.

Any paper or faction that seeks to drive a wedge in between them when the interests of these people are at stake in one common project is performing a dangerous and a poorly-advised mission.

What Might Happen.

The congressional mill at Washington has 3,557 bills and resolutions before it.

If it takes as long to deal with each one as it does for Washington to make up its official mind about Europe, some 3,557 of this assortment will be left over for the next congress.

Cruel and Useless.

Stratford has been bothered with an epidemic that, like measles and chickenpox, breaks out now and then.

This time it has taken the form of a chain prayer letter, with the usual promise of great blessing to those who pass it on to ten friends, and on the other hand the dire suggestion of what may happen if the thing is not passed on.

How this miserable weed ever worked its way into the minds or fancies of so many people is a hard thing to imagine.

It is not prayer; it is not the out-

pouring of a soul to the Almighty. It is nothing but a miserable deception and a cruel sort of a joke. If your desire to pray never drove you to your marrow bones, don't imagine that a scribbled note and a postage stamp is going to count much in making up the shortage.

Now He's in Paris.

Chief Deskaheh, of the Six Nations Indians near Brantford, is now in Paris, where he appeared before the council of the League of Nations.

In paint and feathers he has been at this work for weeks, and the question naturally comes—who is financing him? Odd, too, that when he is away on one of his trips a peculiar peace and quiet seems to have settled over the whole Indian question.

The County Police.

Robbers drove into Wardsville, robbed two stores and the postoffice till, had what they needed to eat in one of the stores, got in their car and drove off. It was some hours before the community knew of the happening.

That suggests a change that has come in recent years. The only way doubtful characters could get around a few years ago was on the mixed way freight. The only way they could escape was by the next one. Of course officers had to move slowly too. Today the holdup man has his own private transportation system in the shape of a car parked at some convenient point. Once in there, and given the start of an hour, the roads of the world are open to him, and his chances for escape are fairly good.

Wardsville has no constable. The reeve recommended one man, on authority from the county council, but he would not act, so there has been nothing done since. So far the rural sections have been fairly free from crime, although the car bandit hits quick and without advance notice.

The fee system for county constables is not likely to get much service in the way of running down crime. For instance, had there been a constable at Wardsville, and had he started off to pursue the robbers, he might have spent a day or so on the work, for which he would have to depend on the temper of the county officials to get his pay. If he had a warrant to execute, or an arrest to make, he would get 13 cents a mile, and \$1.50 for making the arrest. Otherwise he gets nothing.

There are county constables at Newbury, Kerwood, Strathroy, Glenora, Parkhill, Mount Brydges, Delaware, Komoka, Lambeth, Broughdale, Thorndale, Lucan, Dorchester, London and Alisa Craig. Strathroy, Glenora and Parkhill have their own constables, and they do a certain amount of county work as well on the fee system.

The trouble with the fee system is that it opens the way to a lot of petty prosecution that does nothing to hinder real crime. Fortunately very few constables around here have resorted to this.

In January Middlesex will appoint a high county constable. The choice should be carefully made, and facilities should be provided so that this officer could move quickly to any point calling him. He will doubtless work in conjunction with the other constables, the remuneration of the latter in cases where their services are used to be made on recommendation of the high constable and the reeve of the section affected. Middlesex does not want to build up an expensive constabulary system, but one that can move fast and hit hard when the occasion calls for action.

Selling the Ammunition

Two Toronto Conservatives are now in possession of the campaign literature that was featured in the last election.

The brass coal scuttles, two in number, went to two Toronto Tory members, for \$120, showing that the province gets a fair price for the much talked of furnishings.

Looking at the matter in the cool light of a few months back, was it not the height of nonsense to ask people to cast a vote for Mr. Ferguson because Mr. Drury had a couple of good coal hods in his office?

Note and Comment.

Half the tractors used in Greece are made in United States, and half the restaurant keepers in United States were made in Greece.

Just been looking through some literature the National Railways are using. Through a serious, bungling, cruel, unpardonable error pictures of the stations at London and Hamilton are omitted.

CHRISTMAS POETRY.

We know at this year season We're cheated of our snow, But I hope there ain't no famine Regardin' mislatoe.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST. I fear lest your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.—II. Corinthians xii, 3.

There is no reason why religious should be made dark and difficult by talking about it in long, unfamiliar, antiquated words which cause people to wish for a dictionary.

Nor is there any excuse for seeking to win the wonder and astonishment of men by obscure sayings and curious comparisons—mountains of eloquence which labor long and violently to produce a little mouse of practical sense.

In ancient times the teachers of the people were told to read in the book of the Law of God distinctly, and give the sense, and cause the people to understand the meaning.

Religion is full of mysteries. The object of the Bible is not to increase them, but to remove them.

If a certain amount of mystery still remains, it lies in the subject, and not in the way in which it is treated.

For the most part, the teachings and rules of Christ are so clear and direct that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein; they shed light and not darkness; they disperse the clouds and reveal the sun. Wisdom and understanding are great possessions; yet the gates of Heaven are open to little children.

Jesus thanked God because he had revealed heavenly things unto babes.

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THEY ALL TALK TAXES

THEY are all talking taxes and money. Winnipeg, Ottawa, Providence, New York, Regina—today's clippings all speak in terms of taxes. Municipalities and governments, in jest and plain thrust, are warned that the people want to retain a little more of that money. Hence the voices.

Don't Obstruct.

From the Wall Street Journal. If you won't get on the tax-reduction band-wagon, get out of its way.

He Should Know How.

From the Winnipeg Free Press. The prominent citizen stepped out of his \$15,000 house, whistled around the chauffeur in his \$3,000 car, pulled over his knees a \$100 rug, took off a \$4 glove, lit up a 15-cent cigar, waved his hand to his wife, standing in the \$3,000 porch. "I'm going my dear," he said, "to a meeting to discuss how taxes can be reduced."

Clean Off the Slate.

From the Providence Journal. Normalcy in taxation will be advanced when all these taxes—originally classed as "war" taxes—then "luxury," now "nuisance"—are wiped out. And whatever else Congress may try to do to the Mellon program, it may be confidently foreseen that that no voice will be raised against the repeal of most of these hangovers from the war revenue legislation.

A Contrast in Taxation.

From the Ottawa Journal. It may not be pleasant to contrast the relative position of Canadians and Americans, but it will, at least, be informative. In the case of a married man or woman, having a stated

income, the comparison under the Canadian scale is as follows:

Income	Canadian Scale	American Scale
\$2,000	\$ 40	\$ 15.75
4,000	80	38.25
5,000	120	72.00
6,000	270	99.00

Can Have a Choice.

From the Regina Leader. A program of road building in British Columbia, which will involve the expenditure of about \$20,000,000 in the next five years was outlined to the provincial legislature by the minister of public works this week. Good roads are a good thing; but the expenditure of \$20,000,000 on roads by a province already deeply in debt and the people of which are bowed down by the load of taxation they are already carrying would seem to border on arrant folly. The people can get along with their present roads better than they can with a heavier burden of taxes.

Hurting Its Growth.

From the Lincoln Journal. Ten years ago the per capita cost of government in this country stood at \$7.07. In 1917 it reached \$11.14, in 1918 it increased to \$17.18 and in 1919 it advanced to the staggering total of \$146.33. The decline from that point was rapid, going to \$47.77 in 1920, to \$41.16 in 1921 and to \$28.75 in 1922. The reduction in the past year has been slight, the figure standing at \$28.17. The per capita cost of government in this country is 400 per cent higher than it was 10 years ago. These facts explain the popularity of Secretary Mellon's tax reduction program. The doubt that the development of the country is being held back materially by the amounts taken out of industry by the tax gatherer.

To the Editor

Good Time to Bargain.

Dorchester Resident Thinks Progressives Could Make Pretty Fair Deal With Liberals.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir,—We were talking the other night at a friend's house about the effect of the loss of that one seat in Halifax on the King government. It is not often that one seat makes so much difference one way or the other as it does right now to the Ottawa situation.

It strikes me that the farmer representation in the Ottawa house has a pretty good chance to go in now and come to some sort of a working arrangement with the Liberal party, for they could bring enough strength to bear to carry on government without the trouble of an election, which no person wants, and which would serve no good purpose just now.

The idea is not that the Progressives should go to the government with a club in hand and say: "Here, we have you where we want you; give us what we want or we will turn you on." Rather there is the opportunity for the two forces there to come together on lines that are really Liberal.

I would favor an arrangement that would be brave enough to take a good crack at the expenses of running the country, even if the civic service commission does stand in the way. They should also work out a scheme whereby there would not be so much piling up on a tariff, so that where a dollar is handed over to the government, the consumer has not to pay two or three dollars extra on the thing he buys, because it happens to pass through two or three stores first.

Then, too, such a combination ought to keep after better markets, although I am quite satisfied that we made a mistake in 1911, when we backed away from chance to get into the United States markets with our natural produce. I voted against it, but I know I was wrong. It looks to me like a pretty good time for the Progressives to go and talk matters over with the premier.

DORCHESTER.

Why Mexico Revolts.

Henry Dubb Explains Something in Connection With Present Trouble in Mexico.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir,—Many people, when they read of the new Mexican revolution, have the idea that it is just a form of disease with which that population is afflicted. Nothing could be more ridiculous; these revolts always occur near the presidential elections, and while the Mexican is always, to say the least, financially embarrassed, there is never any lack of funds when a revolution is being staged. Mexico is an independent country, rich in natural resources, the principal being oil, and interested in it are two large companies, controlled by financiers of different nationalities, and in consequence—though not necessarily—continually opposing each other. One can remember the occasion when one oil company sent a large army and navy to teach Mexico a lesson, and came away without firing a shot; the rival company had spoken, intervention on

Rarebits By Rex

MAH JONG.

A leering, unfearing and heathen Chinese. Decided with cunning malice. That he would efface the entire white race. In a way that was subtle and vicious. With evil intent this bad gent did invent.

A game with a wicked design, And he warbled "Ding dong! I shall call it Mah Jong."

And the people will think it is fine.

"Twasn't long that Mah Jong only sold in Hong Kong.

For this horrible, wretched Chinese Sold it here by the score till he couldn't sell more."

And the fiend chuckled softly with glee. It circled the girth of this fatuous earth.

Did this deep diabolical game, While the crafty old Chink, with a savorous wink.

Which sprang from his venomous brain, For the people who play at Mah Jong.

Are rapidly going insane!

The older we grow the stronger is our conviction that the most current vice is advice.

As long as a married man contents himself with airing his pet dog and not his pet theories he will get on all right.

It is reported the girls are doing their Christmas hinting early.

But it does seem hard that a girl who expects a fur coat from her man and only gets a box of candy, cannot return it with a box on the ears.

It is all right to give high-brow books for Christmas but few people really appreciate such presents of mind.

One seldom feels the handicap of a poor vocabulary except when the furnace fire goes out.

The sap that is the life of the tree is gone, but we have with us yet the sap who tries to be the life of the party.

MODES.

These are the items of the lost: Strangers fevers and the sudden frost Of questioning; a brain perplexed By argument—a living vexed.

In which does happy living lie?—Ask some one who knows more than I. J. K. M., in New York Sun

The love of our furnace is really pathetic. Every time we go out it imitates us.

Detroit bandits caught in a flivver were sent to jail, illustrating the fact the "pen" is mightier than the Ford.

ILDERTON

Special to The Advertiser. Ilderton, Dec. 12.—Everett Morgan is to work after his recent illness.

A regular meeting of the Ilderton branch of the Standard Bank was held at the King Edward Hotel on Friday to discuss and arrange for their annual meeting.

Miss Marjorie Hodgins is confined to her home with scarlet fever.

The Ilderton branch of the Women's Institute are holding their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Murray McInroy on Thursday.

ada to make his home there, and when he is willing to work, he ought not to be sent back as if he were an incubus or waster. Whatever their emigration agents or the Canadian government may say, it is plainly obvious that neither the agents nor farmers, nor any class of labor employers, to pay the wages that are advertised and by which so many emigrants have been baited, and induced to make the western journey.

The Canadian farmer, being human like his neighbors, is no more likely than the farmers here, to pay at any higher rate than he can help; and to all appearance he looks for a fuller return in labor, which is not always in the power of an unaccustomed man either here or in Canada to give.

There has been a great deal written and spoken of late about encouraging emigration, in the interest of the empire, and there is no room to question that, in our present national conditions, and with a view to meeting the needs of an expanding Dominion, a well-considered system is much to be desired. But the system itself should precede the emigration and not come as a corollary to the partial failure of a plan that lures men away in high hopes and brings them back again to exhibit themselves as horrible examples of what the existing system has meant for them.

"My Heart Would Palpitate, I Had Weak Spells"

Mrs. L. Whiting, 202 King St. West, Brockville, Ont., writes:—

"I took very sick with my nerves and stomach, and seemed to be all run down. At times my heart would flutter and palpitate so and I would take such weak spells in the pit of my stomach that I sometimes thought I would never get better. I had almost given up hope when a friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

I did not stop until I had taken twenty-five boxes. It has done wonders for me and I want to recommend it to everyone."

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD. 50 Cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto

DENNY BROOKS

A STORY OF COURAGE.

By ELENORE MEHERIN.

CHAPTER XLII.

The Home Coming.

A chillness fell upon her; froze the joy into an aching silence. She saw his hands gripping the wheel; his drawn face. With a melting tenderness she touched his arm. He looked down at her.

"Could you, Katy? Could you come with me?"

She lowered her head swiftly, avoiding the dark, suffering eyes. "You can't? Is that it, Katy?"

"I can't, Clay. Now I'm hurting you. I'm making you sad, and, oh, I never wanted to do this, Clay."

"It's all right, Katy. Do you care for me at all?"

"Oh, I do—a great deal. I think I'm very fond of you, and I've been so glad to see you always."

"More than before? I don't frighten you now?"

"No, just that I'm happy as I am. Clay. And I don't want anything changed, and I don't want to be married. I've never thought about it for myself, but I've thought about it for you."

"I've just thought that, in far away thoughts, you know—like clouds on a distant sky. You would let me take care of you. That's all I want. I can't explain why this is, Katy, but you touch something in me I never knew was there, and if you were like other girls this wouldn't be so."

"I never believed in God or spirit before. Now you are these things to me. That's it—you are God to me; you are beauty. I worship you."

He spoke with hushed, passionate intensity as one murmuring a wild prayer. His white face and fevered eyes drew her like a chord of sorrow. Her heart seemed dropping away in tears.

Suddenly he sat forward, covered his face with his hands.

"Clay—dear Clay! What have I done? Oh, I'm so sorry. 'Don't be sorry, Katy. I had no right to say this. No right at all.'"

"Yes—if you wanted to, Clay. It hasn't hurt me."

"No one could love you more than I, Katy. No one could wish to do more. I could spend my whole life bringing you happiness. I want to be the one to take care of you. Will you think of me in this way and believe what I've said, Katy? Then if ever Denny doesn't need you or if ever you'd be willing to have things changed, perhaps you might want me. Anyway—I'll always want you, Katy—always."

"I believe everything you said, Clay—everything. I don't know what answer to make, but I'd like to cry because I've hurt you so."

"No, you haven't. Well—I've turned the car homeward. After a while he talked more easily; more slowly. "Have you really enjoyed these days, Katy?"

"More than I can say. It's like visiting the wonderful places I read about."

"Then you'll miss them a little?"

"Oh, a great deal. And you, too, Clay. Will you be gone so very long?"

"A few months. My father is sending me on business."

"Then you won't get your master's degree? You won't finish your work?"

"I've only been loafing this last year—killing time, Katy."

"You'll come back, though?"

"Yes. Will it bother you if I write to you, Katy? Would you answer?"

"Well, of course, I will, and I'll tell Queenie Brooks might well be proud

you everything in the world that happens here."

A smile lightened the sober, sharp-drawn face. It touched Katy like a sob.

When he lifted her out there was a lingering gentleness in his arms. He set her in her chair, held her hand; "I'll miss taking you out, Katy. You will write to me? Now I won't see you for months and I'll be thinking of you every hour—every hour. Think of me a little, Katy, will you?"

The door closed, leaving a chill emptiness echoing. Katy folded back the pink creosote spread, set with clasped hands, closing her eyes against the image of Clay Andrews with his white face, the wild prayer of packing up now, and next year I'm going to take you up here on a vacation, only you're so stupid I'm afraid you might get thrilled to death with the biggest and the beauty of these mountains."

"We have lots to tell you and I'm going to study harder than ever next year, for I've got a good hunny, I mean it, Katy. We've had a wonderful trip and next year I'm going to take you up here on a vacation, only you're so stupid I'm afraid you might get thrilled to death with the biggest and the beauty of these mountains."

"But, remember—don't let a lot of work done and get yourself all tired out. As long as you want to be there and Old Lady Traynor will bring you over, it's all right, but leave the cleaning for us. We'll see about it."

The warmth of Katy's joy sent a mist into her eyes. She had often wondered if Denny really cared for her, thinking as many women do that men are not prone to affection. Now she laughed. He cared, all right.

Stephen's letter was breezier: "Dearest of Our Hearts: I'm bringing the beloved home to you, but he's not the same lad I took away. I did the best I could, Kate, and saved him from divers county sirens, but he's gone wrong in the end and has turned reformer. His mission from henceforth is to banish the water wagon from polite society. In plain words, the wonderful Denny is going to compel you and me and all us higher-ups to do without electric lights and to nibble only one glass of water every other week. This will board the treasured snows of centuries that the farms may melt them over their crops or lack of crops."

But I'm bringing him home, anyway. And that's all you care about. And myself, too. Better have a hug for me. We're both mighty glad you've decided to be at the top, and we'll all have dinner together."

Old Lady Traynor took her across the bay, had the whole place put in order. Then there were cookies baked and the doughnuts. At 5 o'clock she put on her bonnet with the bunch of little purple flowers, glanced in satisfaction around the room:

"Could anything be cleaner? Katy, Well, Lord bless you, children, Queenie Brooks might well be proud

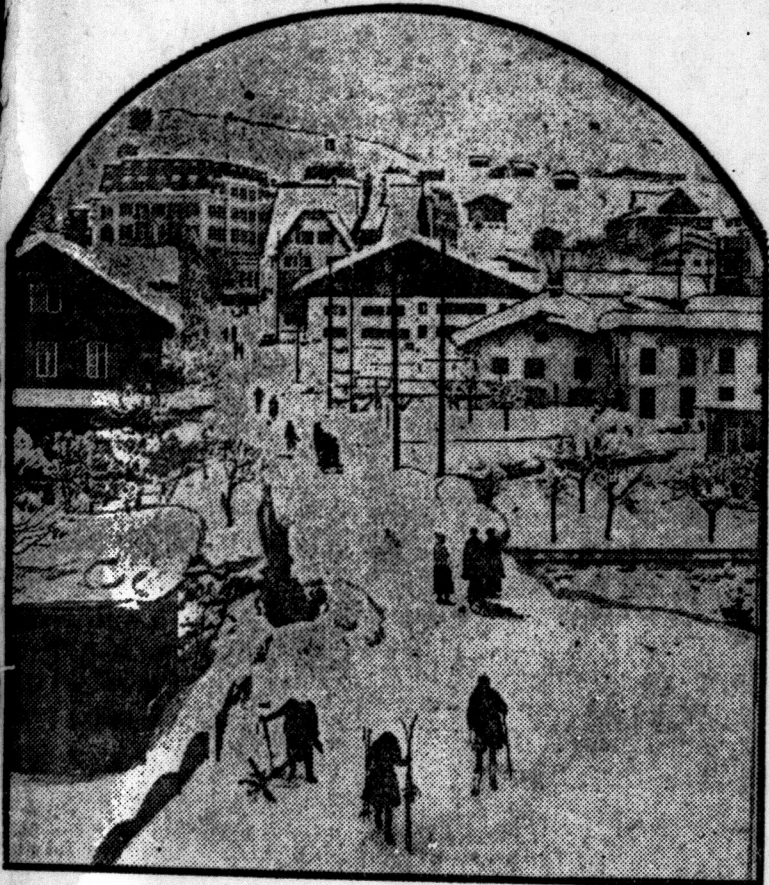
today; God rest her soul. Little I thought to see you both so well done for."

"You're so good, dear Mrs. Traynor." Katy was so nervous with expectation she hardly knew what she was saying, and kept rearranging flowers on the table, wheeling herself into the kitchen to make sure that nothing burned.

Then she was alone. And Lady Eglantine with tufted feet prying against the room, rubbing her back against the chairs, stiffening her tail at a feather dropping to the floor.

At last—steps running up the lawn—voices—the door peiled open, grips dropped—Denny's arms:

Annual Wall Game; Old Clown Comes Back; Brunette or Blonde?



Switzerland is the playground of Europe at this time of year, where thousands are gathering for the winter sports. The photograph gives a view of Kloster's bridge



Major H. G. L. Strange, of Fenn, Alberta, carried off the world's wheat championship at the Chicago international show. He has been a farmer for only the past four years



An unfamiliar picture of Spaulding, the foremost American violinist, whose hobby when "off duty" is playing the ocarina, better known as the "musical sweet potato"



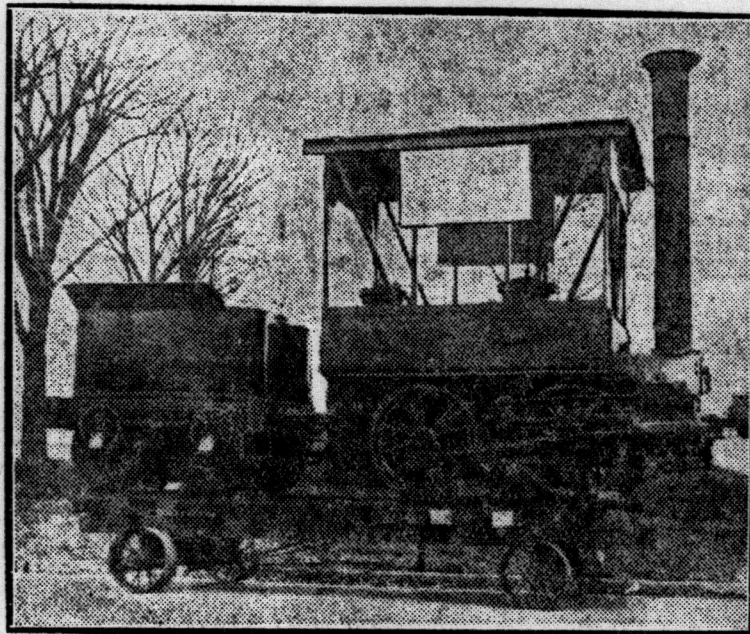
Miss Susan Lawrence, running in East Ham, enjoys the distinction of being the first unmarried woman in the commons. She has long been interested in social service



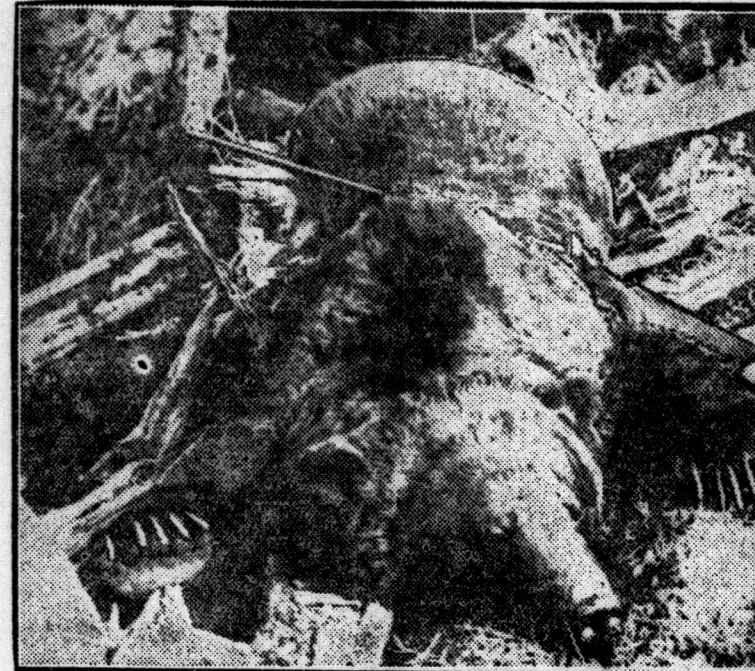
The Prince of Wales, president of the British Empire Exhibition of 1924, visited the grounds at Wembley recently and made a complete tour of the exhibition to see the progress of the work



Madame Caruso, widow of the famous tenor, and Capt. E. A. Ingram, the bridegroom, photographed in the doorway of Brompton Oratory, London, immediately after their marriage



This locomotive, named the "Mississippi", is claimed to be the oldest engine on this continent. It weighs 14,000 pounds, and was built in Europe in 1834. It was the feature at a pageant of progress at Lincoln recently



This monster grizzly, one of the largest ever shot in northern Alberta, was laid low during a recent hunting party. The animal tips the scales at 1,200 pounds



Claiming to be cured of tuberculosis, by drinking goat's milk, a farmer near Atlanta, Georgia, has gone in for raising the animals on a large scale. Here is one of his charming farmerets going about her daily chores



Mme. Latchabelli, a Florentine princess, a brune sailed for New York to compete with blonde, Lady Diana Duff-Cooper, as to who will play the Madonna in the stage production of "The Miracle"



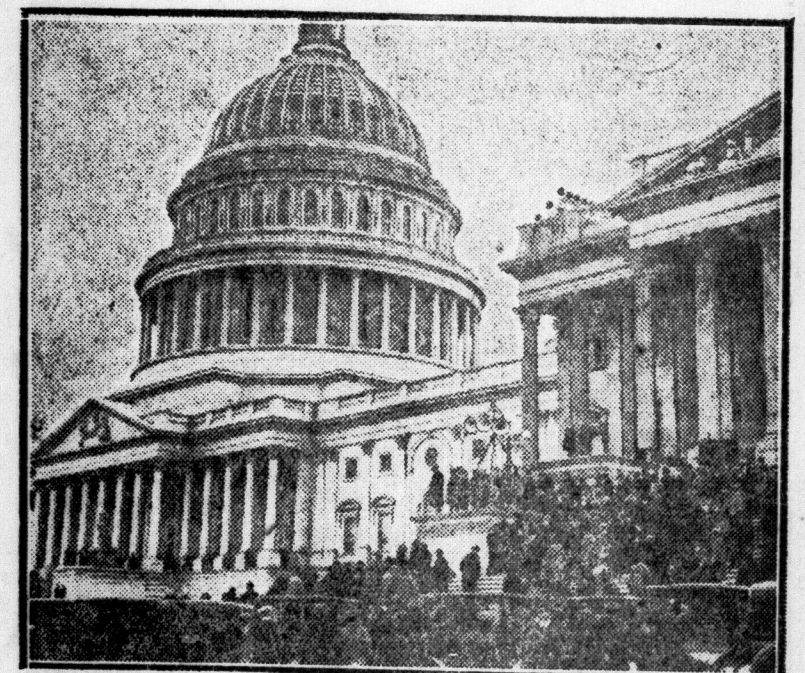
Senorita Miralle, gipsy dancer of Madrid, claims to know everything that is going to happen. She is credited with foretelling the Japanese quake, the Spanish military coup, and other events



Bob Pender, who became famous as Drury Lane's clown, is coming from his retirement to once again engage in acrobatic frenzy in a London pantomime on Boxing Day



The ruched collar and cuffs, together with the graceful draping at the side and capette effect, add an air of distinction to this American evening wrap of American Beauty velvet



Large crowds heard every word of President Coolidge's first message to Congress, with the aid of radio amplifiers installed outside of the Capitol



It was a high and tumble scene at the famous Eaton College, on St. Andrew's Day, during the students' annual wall game



Two little visitors to Grovelands Park, Winchmore Hill, England, share their crumbs with the wild fowl



The largest chariot charge since the Pharaohs went forth to battle was staged for a moving picture production by U.S. cavalry. In this scene, 500 men, 500 horses and 250 chariots were used

'Cap' Graham New Hockey Chairman; Appoint Coaches Tonight

GRAHAM AS NEW HOCKEY CHAIRMAN HAS CONFIDENCE OF FANS AND PLAYERS

Emergency Meeting Tonight to Appoint the Coaches.

FERGUSON LIKELY

His Name Prominently Mentioned in Connection With Intermediates.

Not unexpectedly, Norman B. (Cap) Graham was the unanimous choice of the L. A. A. executive committee to take over the London season as chairman of the hockey committee, the position left vacant by A. J. Greer's resignation.

The selection met further unanimity of opinion when it struck upon the ears of the hockey sub-committee, and it is sure to meet with the same reception from the fans of the city.

Has Reputation.

Graham has had a long connection in hockey during which he has built up a reputation as a hockey executive. The fans have every faith in his ability to keep harmony in hockey ranks and will be solid behind him. His appointment will be popular among the players.

The new chairman of the committee has been president of the Manufacturers' League for three successive seasons. This circuit which has absorbed a great deal of culture lately and played itself away from the "rough chopping" stigma that once attached to it, has not always been a haven of peace, nor a quiet backwash in local hockey circles. It has required good executive ability and square dealing to put the Manufacturers' League on its present basis and a good deal of the credit for this work must go to Cap Graham. One of the factors which made this achievement possible was Graham's ability to attract loyalty to himself on the part of his executive and the players of the teams.

Arrangements with the arena officials over the finances of the coming season proved entirely suitable. The two teams will be given one hour and 50 minutes each day at the arena for practice until the first games are called after which different practice hours will be arranged.

Emergency Meeting.

Tonight an emergency meeting of the committee under the new chairman will be held in the Hermitage rooms to decide on coaching appointments. It seems almost certain that H. Ferguson, who was a member of the O. H. A. executive for years and played defence for London for two seasons will be appointed coach of the intermediates. His name has been prominently mentioned and if he finds he can take the time for the duties, his choice would appear to be a wise one. He knows hockey and has the ability to get everything out of a hockey player.

Three or four names are mentioned in connection with the junior coaching job. Several names have also been mentioned as additions to the hockey committee. Once the coaches are appointed, everything will be cleared away for the season and there'll be nothing to do but await the ice.

WINNIPEG GIRL BREAKS INDOOR SWIMMING MARK

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—In defeating Miss Hazel Kessler of Winnipeg, a swimming gala here last evening, Miss Ursula Morris of Winnipeg established a new indoor record for the 50-yard event for women, swimming the distance in 21.4 seconds. The former record of 32 seconds was held by Hazel Kessler.

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Squire Ebbets' \$275,000 Bid Show Game Is Out of Infancy

Instead of Declining, Prices Seem To Be Climbing.

Special To The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A little more than a decade ago, Charles Ebbets, the Squire of Flatbush, started the sporting world with announcement that "baseball still was in its infancy." Men laughed. How could the game be in its swaddling clothes when John McGraw had just paid the astounding sum of \$11,000 for Rube Marquard?

This morning Ebbets announced to the world that baseball had grown out of its infancy. Again the Squire startled followers of the game. Walking up to Branch Rickey in the lobby of the Auditorium, Ebbets said, without batting an eye, "I will give you \$275,000 for Rogers Hornsby to be delivered to St. Louis. How about it?"

Rube Eyes.

Rickey rubbed his eyes. He blinked and blinked and then he ejaculated, "Say, aren't you Mr. Ebbets? Or am I seeing things?"

"Yes, this is Mr. Ebbets, and that

offer goes. I will give \$275,000 for your second baseman and here's a check for \$25,000 to bind the bargain," replied the Squire, who looked perfectly normal.

But Ebbets did not have to sign that check. Rickey stopped him with a howling "No! You must think you are trying to buy some bush league star," continued Rickey. "Why, that's small change when you consider the value of a player like Hornsby. In the first place, Hornsby is worth half a million if he is worth a plugged nickel. In the second place, Hornsby is not to be bought. If you have a proposition involving Rickey, Grimes, Johnston, Vance and De Berry we may be able to talk business."

Ebbets' Reparto. "Where do you get that stuff?" yelled Ebbets. "I wouldn't trade you Vance and Grimes even for Hornsby. I wouldn't break up my eighteen carat pitching staff for anybody. Keep your old Hornsby. He's getting old, anyway."

And so Hornsby will not play in that dear Flatbush and the Ebbets-McKever bankroll is safe—a fact which the Squire may have appreciated when he made the offer.

ON MICHES' ALLEYS

M. A. A. LEAGUE.

Empire Brass—F. Jacques 570, R. Maione 555, J. Stevens 516, W. Moise 510, C. W. Crawford 565. Totals, 389, 507, 1020—2774.

City Gas—A. Blake 613, R. Morris 415, L. Smith 390, C. G. G. 380, F. Blake 522. Totals, 791, 880, 800—2360.

Holeproof—Poppell 407, Renwick 310, Fry 292, Wilson 362, J. H. 422. Totals, 609, 612, 613—1900.

Dominion Gas—C. Blake 561, A. Evans 485, C. G. G. 480, J. Hughes 474, C. Campbell 521. Totals, 904, 765, 720—2450.

C. J. Ferris—E. Henry 484, G. Currie 455, L. Smith 592, R. Mennill 586, H. Hodgson 560. Totals, 821, 891, 958—2470.

Murray Shoe defaulted.

Domestic Express—E. Cadwallader 529, J. C. Salsbury 519, W. E. Greene 488, W. B. Knott 511, D. M. Stevens 491. Totals, 827, 828, 829—2456.

Hayden Press—G. Dorkin 416, C. G. G. 400, W. Wood 534, A. Dixon 535, J. Hunter 599. Totals, 570, 525, 1005—2095.

Rolling Mills—Phillips 601, B. B. 522, J. C. 510, S. 510, C. 510, C. 510. Totals, 520, 530, 540—1550.

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All Wossa District Winners Must Be In By February 1st

ANNOUNCES WOSSA HOCKEY PROGRAM FOR THIS SEASON

(Thomas, East, South Collegiate, St. Peters in District One.

ELIMINATION PLAN

Mr. George A. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the W.O.S.S.A., has made out the rules to govern hockey competition among Western Ontario secondary schools for the coming season. They are as follows:

The usual order of procedure is for the convenor to call a meeting, arrange the schedule and have the rules of each game sent in to the secretary at 130 St. James street, London, and in each district the convenor is to declare a winner. It is suggested that the contests be on the elimination basis, and that in district St. Thomas and London East play home and home games, and London Central and St. Peters play home and home games, and that the winners of these two series play home and home matches, declaring the district inner.

In district 2 Woodstock and Stratford play home and home matches, and Kitchener and Paris likewise, the winners play home and home matches and the district winner declared in this way.

Similarly in district 5, Clinton and Exeter, Seaford and Mitchell will compete in the same way.

District 7—Sarnia and Petrolia, Watford and Alvinston with a bye for Forest in the first round.

District 10—Windsor Collegiate, Windsor-Walkerville Tech and Amherstburg to make any arrangements through the convenor, G. S. Campbell, Windsor, C. I.

Providing the weather permits each district should be completed as follows:

Districts by Feb. 1.
Inter-districts by Feb. 16.
Semi-finals by Feb. 23.
Finals Feb. 28.

O. H. A. Rules Govern.

In the second round, winners of district 1 play winners of district 3; winners of district 2 play winners of district 5; winners of district 7 play winners of district 10.

Third round—Winners 1 and 3 match vs. winners of 2 and 5 match; winners 4 and 10 match, a bye to the fourth round, final winners of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

The regulations are as follows:

(a) O. H. A. rules to govern.

(b) Eligibility same as for all other activities; any student who has not passed his 20th birthday prior to Jan. 1 of the school year involved.

(c) Home and away games to be played in each series with points on the round to determine the winners.

(d) District convenors to arrange schedules.

(e) Awards—Trophy and sterling silver W. O. S. S. A. championship medals.

(f) Reports—Reports of each game must be sent to the secretary of the W.O.S.S.A., 130 St. James street, at the close of each match.

Districts.

District 1—St. Thomas, London East, London Central and St. Peters. Convenor, W. R. Urrin, London C. I.

District 2—Woodstock Collegiate, Stratford, Paris and Kitchener. Convenor, Mr. Entwistle, Woodstock C. I.

District 3—Tillsonburg and Simcoe. Convenor, H. C. Taylor, Tillsonburg C. I.

District 5—Clinton, Seaford, Exeter and Mitchell. Convenor, E. A. Tines, Clinton C. I.

District 7—Sarnia, Petrolia, Forest, Watford and Alvinston. Convenor, D. A. Campbell, Sarnia C. I.

District 10—Windsor C.I., Windsor-Walkerville Tech and Amherstburg. Convenor, G. S. Campbell, Windsor Collegiate Institute.

Physical Trainer J. J. Martin of the college reports enthusiastic training of the Wossa hockey team in the Y.

LIVING CAR SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO AND ALGONQUIN PARK.

The Highland Inn, Algonquin Park, will be open for the winter season from December 15, 1923, to March 15, 1924, and for the convenience of its patrons the Canadian National Railways will operate through sleeping car service between Toronto, Algonquin Park and Ottawa, on Tuesdays and Fridays northbound (commencing Friday, December 14), leaving Toronto 8:45 p.m., arriving Algonquin Park 11:30 a.m. following morning, and Mondays and Thursdays southbound (commencing Monday, December 17), leaving Algonquin Park 3 p.m., arriving Toronto 7:40 a.m. following morning.

Honus Gets His First Offer But Holds Out For \$5 More

First Telegram He Received in Life Offered Him \$35 a Month—He Asked \$40, Was Refused—Then Hurried To Train.

BY HANS WAGNER.

My baseball career really began at the age of fourteen. Even at that age I could hit the ball. For that reason I was allowed to play on the town team with boys of 18 and 19. My natural love for the game probably kept me from being a very good barber.

I belonged to one of those families where boys are supposed to learn a trade and make their own living. My brother had a barber shop in Mansfield, which later became Carnegie, and I went to work for him as an apprentice. My job was to keep things straightened up, dust off the customers and run errands. On Saturday afternoon and night I was allowed to do a little shaving. Many a big miner has suffered at my hands. There wasn't many tips in those days.

The only thing in the way of a great barber future for me was my desire to play baseball. I played on the town team and you can bet I never missed a game. I was a pitcher. Yes, I started out as a pitcher. Most ball players do, I find. Mike Donlin and Cy Senour, you know, started out as pitchers. Every Saturday afternoon the boys used to come around in front of the barber shop and tip me off that a game was on. I would immediately duck the job. That night, though I would come back and finish up at the shop.

I used to tell me that I'd have to stop so much ball playing or I would never make a good barber. I guess he was right. He fired me several times, but, of course, when we got home and talked it over with my dad he would take me back. There had to come a break.

One afternoon I was given the job of shaving an old miner who had a beard like a shoe brush. He didn't care who shaved him. I went to work on him and got him all lathered up and ready. I had just shaved down one side and around to his chin when one of the gang whistled outside. I sneaked out.

"Who Shaved the Other Half?"

"You got to pitch a great game today," one of the boys told me. "If you don't pitch a great game you won't get new uniforms with letters on 'em."

I forgot all about my barber sitting in the chair, half shaved and asleep. I was in the game. My career as a barber was ended.

"I can stand for just so much," my brother told me that night, "and no more. You are through as a barber."

"I was tickled over that. I knew I could get a job in the mines working on the trap door for my dad. This is no place to explain mining, but any man in the hard or soft coal fields knows what a trap door boy is. Anyway, I worked at that a while, playing baseball in between times."

John S. Robb, Jr., now a prominent citizen of Pittsburgh, was captain of the Mansfield team and gave me a regular job. We played in what was the Allegheny County League, made up of Mansfield, Bridgeville, Tarentum and the Our Boys Club of Pittsburgh. The players were mostly amateurs.

Shad Gilliam was manager. I started playing shortstop then and got \$5 a week for two games. I played around that way, doing the best I could between working in the mines and playing baseball, for two or three years—just like other boys might do.

And right here is a good chance for me to answer a question as to my opinion on the relative merit of ball players in those days and now. You will notice that I had been a pitcher and catcher before I was sixteen.

There are just as great ball players now as there ever were. I don't believe, though, that there are as many good ones in proportion to the number playing. The reason for that is that ball playing has become highly specialized, just as the medical and

dental professions have. In those days, for instance, a ball player could play most any position. I have played every position on a ball club professionally.

No Pinch Hitters Then.

In those days we had never heard of a special batter to hit right-handed pitching and another to hit left-handed. The pinch hitter was not known then. If the man whose time it was at bat couldn't deliver the necessary pinch hit he simply let it go at that. We had no substitutes or utility men. If a man sat on the bench he was in case of emergency. It was simply because we liked him or he had a glove, a bat or something that we wanted to use.

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Carl Mays, temperamental hurling star of the majors, has been purchased by the Cincinnati team at the baseball conference in Chicago. Rumor says the price paid was about \$25,000. With Luque, the speedy Cuban cannoner, as his running mate, he should—if he continues in his 1923 form—prove a big factor in the race next year.

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Billy Stuart also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and 50 yards: Haman, 103 (Pikens), 5 to 2, 4 to 5, 2nd, won.

Blanche Mac, 107 (Groos), 2 to 5, 2nd, won.

Claymore, 102 (Brothers), out, third.

Time, 1:42 4-5.

SECOND RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Gownithill, 111 (Flynn), \$13.20, \$7.50, 1st, won.

Harrison's Heir, 109 (Levine), \$7, 2nd, won.

Time, 1:07 1-5.

THIRD RACE, 6 furlongs: Bobby Allen, 107 (E. Fator), \$13.60, \$6.20, 1st, won.

Time, 1:12 3-5.

FOURTH RACE, 6 furlongs: Fighting Cock, 112 (Wilson), \$11.60, \$5.80, 1st, won.

Time, 1:12 3-5.

FIFTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Irish Buzzer, 110 (Pool), \$13.20, \$7.50, 1st, won.

Time, 1:07 1-5.

SIXTH RACE, mile and 50 yards: Lawrence Manning, 109 (Barnes), \$7.50, \$4.20, \$2.50, won.

Time, 1:42 4-5.

SEVENTH RACE, mile and sixteen: Encarnite, 109 (J. Smith), \$7.30, \$4.50, 1st, won.

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EIGHTH RACE, mile and sixteen: Encarnite, 109 (J. Smith), \$7.30, \$4.50, 1st, won.

Time, 1:42 4-5.

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TENTH RACE, mile and sixteen: Encarnite, 109 (J. Smith), \$7.30, \$4.50, 1st, won.

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ELEVENTH RACE, mile and sixteen: Encarnite, 109 (J. Smith), \$7.30, \$4.50, 1st, won.

Time, 1:42 4-5.

Twelfth RACE, mile and sixteen: Encarnite, 109 (J. Smith), \$7.30, \$4.50, 1st, won.

Time, 1:42 4-5.

CY POOK TO DEFEND TITLE NEXT APRIL

Pete Laing, Another St. Thomas Lad, to Enter Competition.

St. Thomas, Dec. 12.—Cy Pook, sponsor of boxing and wrestling for the Elgin Regiment is announcing the dates for the dominion boxing and wrestling championship meets to be held in Montreal, and in which two local men are competing.

Pete Laing, Ontario amateur bantamweight wrestling champion will try for the dominion title in the wrestling competition, on the 21st and 22nd of March. The boxing tournament will be staged on the 25th and 26th of April when Cy Pook the present Canadian amateur light heavyweight champion will defend his title. It is probable that the winners at Montreal will prove the nucleus of the Olympic team.

The waiting also hinted that arrangements were being made to match Gardiner and Laing with a couple of Windsor boxers, possibly young Teno and Whitty.

SEAFORTH BOWLERS ELECT DR. H. H. ROSS PRESIDENT

Special to The Advertiser.

Seaford, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Seaford Bowling Club last night in the Carnegie Library the following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. H. Ross; vice-president, J. MacTavish; secretary, C. Holmes; treasurer, J. M. McMillan; chaplain, Rev. T. H. Brown; committee, R. H. Sproul, R. Boyd, R. E. Bright, W. Thompson, J. Beattie; official referees, T. Johnstone and J. M. Best.

The season which has just closed has been the most successful in years, and everything points to greater success and increased membership for the coming season. Two tournaments were held besides the social and afternoon games. The winners of the first trophy were Goodwin and McLennan of Hensall.

The Stewart trophy was won by J. M. Best and G. J. Haigh, and the Savage trophy by Dr. H. H. Ross and W. M. Stewart.

Extensive improvements have been made during the past season and hundreds of dollars spent on the greens, which are now among the best in Western Ontario.

ALL ENTRIES FOR O.A.B.A. CLOSE ON DECEMBER 15

Special to The Advertiser.

In accordance with the O. A. B. A. constitution, entries must be in the hands of the secretary of the O. A. B. A. by December 15. All teams, juvenile, junior, intermediate, and senior, must at once send in their entry to the secretary, A. P. James, care of Central Y.M.C.A., Hamilton, so the season may be started without delay. The age rule is as last season, juvenile and junior (under 18 and 20, respectively, on January 1, 1924).

ROY BROTHERS TO HANDLE STRATFORD SENIOR CROW

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 12.—Roy Brothers have been elected senior manager, along with Messrs. Charles Farquharson and Charles Lloyd, as a management committee for O. H. A. hockey. Harry Fidey, Wink Wilson and Ken Eason have been named as the intermediate management. Dr. Lorne Robertson, Gordon Rankin and A. C. McLeod will look after the junior team.

MYERS HOLDS WRESTLING TITLE BY WIN OVER GREEK

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Johnny Meyers, world's middleweight wrestling champion, retained his title here last night when he defeated Chris Jordan, Greek middleweight champion with a stopper hold after 1 hour, 15 minutes and 37 seconds of wrestling. Jordan was unable to continue.

ST. MARYS JUNIORS DEFEAT KITCHENER IN TROPHY BATTLE

PAPER ISSUES
LEAD MARKETSt. Maurice Shows Greatest
Activity in Sales on Mont-
real Exchange.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 13.—The activity and strength of the paper issues featured the trading on the stock exchange this morning. The turn-over was small, but a generally firm tone prevailed in the narrow range of stocks that came out in board lot quantities.

St. Maurice led the market in point of activity, and closed at 110, for a net gain of 2 points. A fair demand was made for Standard, which preferred. This issue opened steady at 100, then moved up to 107 for 100. The common was also up 1/2 to 107 1/2. Laurentide was up 1/4 to 91. Attila was up 1/2 to 107 1/2. Shawinigan was the biggest advance of the morning, being up 1/2 point to 61 1/2. Shawinigan was the soft spot, with a decline of 1/2 to 12 1/2.

CORN PRODUCTS
HIT HIGH SPOTWall Street Sales Hesitate When
Marland Oil and Hump-
ble Slump.

New York, Dec. 13.—Wall Street—Noon.—Weakness of Marland Oil and Humpble Motors, which dropped 2 and 2 1/2 points respectively, and putting sales in Corn Products, which lost a point, caused the general list to hesitate for a time during the forenoon, but before midday prices again were moving forward briskly, the impetus coming from buying orders for a wide assortment of specialties. Corn Products bounded up 4 points. Other impressive advances included Borden's, which advanced 1/2 point, and United States Steel, which advanced 1/2 point. Other notable advances were those of American Sugar, which advanced 1/2 point, and American Tobacco, which advanced 1/2 point. Call money opened at 4 1/2 higher.

Associated Press Despatch.
Wall Street, New York, 1:30 p.m.—Some of the recent jaggedness, particularly the collapse of Borden's, in the vigorous advance which was in progress after midday. United States Steel touched 107 1/2, Borden's 120 1/2, and American Tobacco 104 1/2. American Sugar, which had been down 1/2 point, advanced 1/2 point to 107 1/2. American Tobacco, which had been down 1/2 point, advanced 1/2 point to 104 1/2. Call money opened at 4 1/2 higher.

Financial Briefs

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.
Ex-dividend today—Laurentide, 100 per cent; Hollinger, 1 per cent; Wabash, 100 per cent. Bell Telephone declared regular quarterly dividend of \$2, payable Jan. 15 to stock of record, including 120,000 shares. Union Bag and Paper declared regular dividend on preferred stock.

Deliveries in Chicago of wheat, 11,000; corn, none; oats, 7,000; rye, 2,000 bushels. Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

Pacific Gas and Electric declares \$2 quarterly common dividend, increasing annual rate from \$8 to \$8.80. Willamette-Oregon declared 8 1/2 per cent dividend at meeting held yesterday.

Libby-Owens Sheet Glass declares 50 per cent stock dividend. Marland to issue 14,000 shares of stock to acquire 50 per cent control of Mexican company. One of the recognized authorities in Wall Street expressed the opinion this morning that with the enactment of a satisfactory tax law there will be a runaway market in the United States.

Exports of wheat from Chicago were larger than last week, as evidenced by the fact that the total for the week ending Dec. 12 was 1,000,000 bushels. The outlook should be changed by some scare from Washington.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 13.—The clearing banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Thursday will be at a discount of \$2.57 per \$100.

DETROIT DISCOUNT RATE

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THREAT TO SEIZE GRAIN ELEVATORS

Ukrainian Reds Shown To Have Indulged In Incendiary Language.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur, Dec. 12.—"Give us the guns and we will do something. Those grain elevators will be ours, and we will have the grain for the poor, revolution is coming. It will come in a year." Is what one of the radical speakers told the Ukrainian people at Port Arthur and Fort William recently more than a year ago, according to one of the witnesses for the plaintiffs in the action before the supreme court, in which the Society "Prosvita," a Ukrainian organization, is endeavoring to recover its property alleged to have been usurped by the radical element.

These utterances were made openly by those men who would have adopted the principles of Communism through Canada, it is claimed. There was also talk of securing arms and explosives, as the plaintiffs will endeavor to show from the minutes of the society, after passing from the control of the all-Canadian Ukrainians.

VISCOUNT ALLENDALE DIES IN OLD LONDON

Was Formerly Vice-Chamberlain of King George's Household.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 12.—Viscount Allendale, formerly vice-chamberlain of the king's household, died today. Wentworth Canning Blackett Beaumont, first Viscount Allendale, was born in 1860. He succeeded his father, Baron Allendale, on his death in 1907, and was made a viscount in 1911. His wife, who survives him, was Lady Alexandrina, daughter of the Marquis of Londonderry.

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Asquith Denies Pact With Tories

Associated Press Despatch.
Leeds, Eng., Dec. 12.—The Yorkshire Evening News today says that former Premier Asquith, replying to a telegram asking him whether there was any truth in the rumors that the Liberals might seek an alliance with the Baldwinites or some other section of the Conservatives, telegraphed the newspaper: "Needless to say there is no foundation for these foolish inventions."

STREET FIGHTING ENDS REVOLUTION

Outbreak in Lisbon Quieted—Revolutionary Leader Imprisoned.

Associated Press Despatch.
Lisbon, Dec. 12.—In an official note today the government stated that it considered the revolutionary movement terminated, and warned that drastic measures would be taken to quell any further disturbances.

London, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Central News from Lisbon says the Portuguese capital was quiet today. Senior Carvalho, ringleader in the revolt, has been imprisoned. The revolt started with a signal from the destroyer Douro in the harbor of Lisbon. A mob gathered in front of the palace, firing shots in the air. Two bombs were thrown against the building, and one man was killed and several injured. The mob fled. This performance was repeated about midnight, when firing and general disorder continued for some time in the streets of the city. Finally the police and cavalrymen dispersed the crowd. A message demanding surrender was sent to the Douro, and was promptly complied with.

DECIDE FUEL BOARD SHOULD KEEP UP WORK

Local Branch of Engineering Institute of Canada Passes Fuel Restrictions.

That the Dominion Fuel Board be continued, and that it be sufficiently well financed to continue investigations and research into the fuel problems of the Dominion, was recommended by the fuel committee of the local branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, at a meeting in the public utilities building last night.

The report does not deal directly with any one phase of the question of an adequate coal supply. The question of Alberta coal in the Province of Ontario is barely touched on, although it is pointed out that it is being used to a greater extent every year in the western provinces, and is proving satisfactory.

Canada's possible needs at the end of the century, freight rates, coal and its by-products, notably coke, are also touched upon. Coke as a fuel is strongly supported.

A paper on sewage design was read by Assistant City Engineer Veitch, and a discussion on a recent paper appearing in the Engineering Journal, was held. This latter dealt with the matter of freight rates on Alberta coal.

6-YEAR-OLD CHILD KILLED IN HENHOUSE

Lois Roberts, Thorold, Smothered When Buried Under Fallen Nesting Box.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Dec. 12.—Lois Roberts, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts, Thorold, was found dead last evening under a row of nests, hay and debris in her father's chicken-coop. Her little companion at play, Phoebe Farnsworth, sat near by asleep, but uninjured.

The little girl had gone into the chicken-coop to gather eggs, when the nesting-box was displaced and fell over, burying the Roberts tot beneath it. She was smothered to death.

The Farnsworth girl cried for help, but as no one answered she finally sobbed herself to sleep. The discovery was made in the evening by the father of the dead girl.

CONSTRUCTION FIRM SHARES IN L. R. STEEL BANKRUPTCY

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, Dec. 12.—An order signed by Federal Judge John R. Hazel has made the Continental Construction Company, a subsidiary of the L. R. Steel Realty Development Corporation, an intervening defendant in the L. R. Steel bankruptcy action. The Steel companies went into bankruptcy last April. The construction corporation was organized to conduct building operations for the realty corporation and other Steel enterprises. William W. Reilly, David M. Lewis and Charles B. Smith have been appointed receivers.

PLAY IS HUGE SUCCESS.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, Dec. 12.—The concert presented last night, entitled "Father Time and His Happy Family," in connection with the Presbyterian Church anniversary, was a huge success. Over two hundred took part. The patriotic choruses and drills took well, while the remainder of the program was composed of solos, choruses, piano selections, etc. The program was continued on Tuesday evening with equal success.

HERE'S A PAGE that puts "U" IN HUMOR

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Large selection of Christ-
mas Handkerchiefs, in plain
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cloth. Price, each.
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RETAILERS ARE
OPPOSED TO
THE NEW TAXES

Delegation of 50 Asks Minister
of Customs To Suspend
Regulations.

TAILORS AGGRIEVED

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Representatives
of the Retail Merchants' Association
of Canada, some 50 strong, are in the
capital today urging upon Hon.
Jacques Bureau, minister of customs,
the desirability of suspending the
new sales tax regulations, which go
into force January 1. Under these
regulations retail merchant tailors
are virtually classified as manufac-
turers and are required to charge the
6 per cent sales tax to the customer
on the finished article. At present
the tax is paid on the material pur-
chased at the port of entry. To this,
the delegation informed the minister,
they had no objection.

Under the new regulations they
stated there was practically a rever-
sion to the much-hated luxury tax
where the irritation of the customer
was vented upon the devoted head of
the retailer.

It was pointed out that under the
new regulations, the cost of labor and
overhead was taxed as well as the
goods used. In addition much
bookkeeping was involved. It was
hard enough to do business now with-
out offending the customer by direct
taxation. The delegation was backed
by telegrams and resolutions from
every part of the Dominion.

The minister promised considera-
tion of the representations of the
delegation.

Tomorrow a delegation represent-
ing the furriers of Canada will meet
Mr. Bureau and make representations
practically along the same lines.

TECHNICITY IS CAUSE
OF DISMISSAL OF CHARGE

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Dec. 12.—Three men con-
victed on Monday of drinking liquor
in a public place were freed by Mag-
istrate W. E. Gundy in police court
today, when admission was made by
the police that the contents of the
three bottles of beer had been mixed
together for analysis.

Albert Gray, Bernard Bridgely and
Charles M. Orr were arrested Satur-
day by Sergeant George Markham of
the Windsor police, who said he found
them drinking in the Liberty garage,
where they had an office. The case
was laid over until today for analysis
of the beer. Mr. Gundy told the de-
fendants he believed they were guilty,
but because of the irregularity in the
analysis of the liquor they would be
discharged.

Incidentally, the analysis showed
the beer, which is sold as containing
10 per cent alcohol, proved to be
only a trifle over 6 per cent.

NAVIGATION CLOSES
AT FORT WILLIAM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fort William, Dec. 12.—The appear-
ance of the harbor today is almost
as if navigation had actually closed,
as it officially will tonight at an hour
after midnight, although the Cana-
dian locks at the Soo will be kept
open if there is any demand for
through traffic up and down the lakes.
The harbor is almost empty of ships,
there being none loading grain.
Over a million and a half bushels
space is now chartered from among
the fleet of the Great Lakes Company,
and with the other boats now here it
is possible that about three million
bushels will be loaded and held here
after that.

Today there was taken out 4,176,
000 bushels of grain of all kinds.

PROVINCIAL BANK SHOWS
EXPANSION IN DEPOSITS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—The returns for
the period ending October 31, 1923,
show that the total of deposits in the
Ontario government savings bank
stood at \$13,632,994 on that date, as
against \$2,638,992 on October 31, 1922.
It is understood that the November
total will show still further increase.
The greater part of expansion in the
deposits of the Ontario government
institution occurred during the past
four months.

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\$26.95

Warm Ulsters, Slip-Ons, Raglans, sturdy
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leading models, big burly Coats, expertly tailor-
ed, heather mixtures; browns and grays; regu-
lar or Raglan shoulders, with or without belts.
These Coats were made to sell at a much higher
price; sizes 35 to 44..... \$26.95

50 Boys' Two Bloomer Tweed

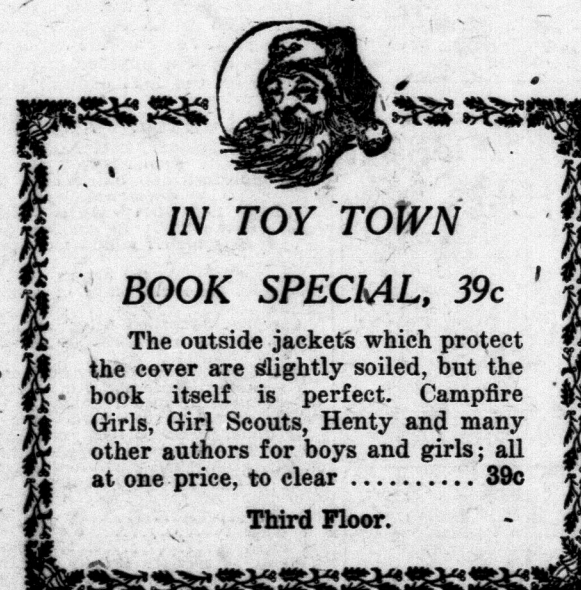
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Suits for boys 7 to 18
years; smart yoke
back or plain
models, belted Suits,
cleverly styled, pat-
terns and colors that
are particularly
well suited for boys'
apparel. See these
to-morrow; all with
two pairs of bloom-
ers \$12.95

Pongee Silk, Colored Initial
Handkerchiefs

85c

Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs, for men, with
colored initial, half-inch hem; drawn colored
thread border. Get your supply while the
initials are complete 85c each, 3 for \$2.50



IN TOY TOWN

BOOK SPECIAL, 39c

The outside jackets which protect
the cover are slightly soiled, but the
book itself is perfect. Campfire
Girls, Girl Scouts, Henty and many
other authors for boys and girls; all
at one price, to clear 39c

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STORE HOURS:
9 a. m. to 6 p. m.SATURDAY:
9 a. m. to 10 p. m.SMALLMAN & INGRAM
LIMITED

SCHENECTADY STORE ON FIRE.
Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Fire
apparatus in the city has been called
out and early reports indicate that
the persons are believed trapped in some
business section of this city late this

afternoon. Virtually all of the fire
apparatus in the city has been called
out and early reports indicate that
the persons are believed trapped in some
business section of this city late this

BOSTON DOCTOR SENTENCED.
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—After a
plea for leniency by the prosecution,
Dr. William Robb of Boston, was
sentenced to the state prison yester-

day for a term of from five to seven
years. He had confessed to per-
forming an illegal operation upon
Mrs. Alice M. Wolschendorf, and to
throwing her dismembered body into

the Merrimack river after she had
died in his office.
The doctor surrendered voluntarily
and had pleaded guilty to the charge
of abortion. He is 54 years of age.

SPECIAL PURCHASE
OF NEW
TWO-TROUSERS
SUITS For Men
And Young Men \$24.95

Men's New Two-Trousers Suits in superb, West of England tweeds, new mix-
tures, fine stripes, grays, browns, heathers, beautifully tailored and finished. Two
and three-button, single and double-breasted models. Two pairs of trousers for
double wear. It is seldom we are able to offer suits of this quality at such a low price.
See window display; size 35 to 42. Special \$24.95

OVERCOATS,

Ulsters, Ulsterettes, Raglans, Big Motor
Coats in this special group, at

\$35

Exceptional values are offered in this great
selection of stylish, warm Overcoats for men;
beautiful imported fabrics, in new color tones;
plaid backs, richly lined Coats, faultlessly tailor-
ed; some are imported English Overcoats. All
are worth considerably more than this special
price; sizes 35 to 46 \$35.00

Striped Suits, \$35

Specially purchased.

Fine pencil stripes, chalk stripes, mixed stripes,
in smart two and three-button models, superb im-
ported suitings that offer super value at this
price. See these to-morrow \$35.00

Botany Serge Suits

With Two Pairs \$45

What is more dressy than a good Blue Serge
Suit? Botany Serge Suits, indigo dye, expertly
tailored and finished; regular and stout models,
with two pairs of trousers. Splendid value at ..
\$45.00

To-day I saw

Social events will gain a new brilliance from
the sparkling charm of the gaily varied combs which
I saw to-day. You will find them effectively dis-
played on the East Aisle.

This offering varies from the small combs for
day wear to the glittering fan-shaped ones for eve-
ning accessories. You may choose color combina-
tions to match your gown, or to vividly contrast
with it. The prevailing colors are amber, as clear
as crystalized honey, blue, jade, amethyst and
black.

A new importance has just been accorded to
the jet combs, in quaint fan-shaped patterns, topped
by tiny balls. These encircle the low coiffure, or
are worn in Spanish style, by the unbobbed.

Small combs of shell, with brilliant, priced at
a dollar and seventy-five cents, more elaborate de-
signs (slightly more expensive) are studded with
brilliant; the delicate cobweb design in iridescent
shell lavishly set with brilliant of sapphire blue for
four dollars and fifty cents.

As a crowning touch for a beautiful costume,
here is a fan-shaped comb, with slender, graceful
scrolls, and a central medallion, thickly studded with
brilliant. It is delicately outlined in enamel of
white, garnet or royal blue.

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in new heather mixtures, good wearing fabrics,
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black fox. But it can very well be a red fox, another
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Gold-Plated Gillette Safety
Razors, in lined case
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