

TO WORKING GIRLS



BUILD ITSELF.

THIS IS IDEA IN WINNIPEG COMMERCIAL CIRCLES

Resolutions Adopted by The Winnipeg Board of Trade—No Public Help Should be Given Projected Lines.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—At a general meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade held yesterday, a resolution was adopted after lengthy discussion urging the Dominion government to take such immediate action as shall remove the grievous disabilities under which the people of Manitoba and the North West labor in the matter of railway transportation and to take such further measures as shall effectively prevent the recurrence of present conditions. A resolution was also introduced and will be further discussed at a postponed meeting, to be held on December 29th, urging upon the Dominion government and parliament that no money, donation or bond guarantee be granted to the Grand Trunk, Pacific or the Canadian Northern railway and that the government of Canada should forthwith proceed with the work of construction necessary, profitably, to develop our present system of government railways by purchasing or building an extension of the Intercolonial railway from Montreal to Lake Superior.

TWO ENTERTAINMENTS

By Chalmers' and Cooke's Sunday Schools.

Standing room was at a premium last evening in Cooke's church school room, when the annual Christmas concert and treat was given. The programme opened with a duet by Misses Walker and Stewart. A. Craig sang "The Star of Bethlehem," and Leonard Cook "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," both in good voice. A droll recitation, "Mr. Dooley on Christian Science," was cleverly given by Miss Ada Chown. Soles by Miss W. Jackson and Mrs. Nelson were well received. The cantata was well presented, and reflects great credit on those who drilled the children in their various parts. Mr. McIntyre gave a brief address and James Craig was the efficient chairman. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a Christmas tree, lighted with candles, claimed all the children's attraction.

Chalmers' Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held last evening in the school room. Refreshments were served at six o'clock, and everything was pronounced delicious. After refreshments a promenade space was cleared right round the room, and not the least enjoyable part of the evening was the fun and racing of the promenade for a good half hour. Then a brief musical programme, with several recitations, was given, and most cordially received. But there was a new feature in the social this time. The scholars brought gifts for distribution amongst those who might need and appreciate such things on Christmas day, and the offering was large, valuable, and varied, from new blankets down to doll's hats; clothing, boots and shoes; groceries, books and toys; promises of valuable things to be sent Christmas morning, and considerable money. Mr. Ward and staff managed things well.

CLOSING EVENT.

The Orphans Had a Happy Afternoon.

The Christmas closing exercises in connection with the public school department of the Orphans' Home, occurred on Friday afternoon, in the presence of many friends of the children. Mr. Meek occupied the chair, and conducted the programme, which was made up of a number of very appropriate songs and recitations. The recitations were given by Victor McWaters, Willie Barrigan, Jessie McHendrie, E. Geake, M. Wilson and A. Smith. There was a solo by Theresa Newman, very sweetly sung, and she was the author of one of the recitations. All the pupils acquitted themselves creditably and were highly complimented by the visitors. While the exercises were in progress a deputation of boys from the senior division of Cataraqui school arrived and distributed an abundance of good cheer, in the form of fruit and candies, and this was the occasion of considerable applause. Spirited addresses were made by John McIntyre, Mr. Lambert, Rev. Mr. Savary and Dr. Duff, all of whom expressed their gratification with the work of the pupils and the splendid management of the home. Some of the visitors carried away souvenirs which had been made by the scholars and for presentation to their friends. In turn some of the visitors gave the pupils a treat—they will pleasantly remember.

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An Emphatic Denial.

T. D. Minnes, county auditor, and J. S. R. McCann, special auditor, emphatically deny the statement made in a local paper on Friday that Fron-temae had a deficit of \$15,580. They date the writer of the letter to prove his statement, and are prepared to show that the county finances are in first class condition, as their reports show.

Silence and the lap of the waves.

HOPE IS GONE.

QUITE LIKELY THE CREW IS LOST

Wreckage of the ill-fated steamer, John C. Hall, is coming ashore at Henderson and seals the doom of the shipwrecked mariners.

Henderson, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The wreckage of the steamer John C. Hall, which with her crew of nine, was lost in a gale on Lake Ontario, December 11th, is coming ashore in great quantities at Stony Point, about thirty miles from Oswego. This leads to the abandonment of hope for the safety of the crew, which, so far as known, consisted of Capt. Timothy Donavan, First Mate Jerome Donavan, Second Engineer James Donavan, relatives: Thomas Cochran and Daniel Bigelow, wheelman; John Dixon, fireman, all of Oswego; Thomas Ryler, fireman, and Mrs. Brown, cook, both of Buffalo.

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