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## PUPILS AWARDED MEDALS

### FOR WRITING ESSAYS ON FIRE PROTECTION.

Medals Were Presented by Fire Chief Armstrong on Behalf of Ontario Fire Prevention League—Nine Scholars in Kingston Honored.

Nine Kingston school pupils have been presented with a gold medal for their essays on "Fire Protection in the Home and the Factory." The medals were presented by the Ontario Fire Prevention League, through the provincial fire marshal's office, and some of the essays have already appeared in the Whig and are most interesting.

Fire Chief James Armstrong received the medals, and had the honor of presenting them to the pupils. Five of the winners attend Victoria school, three at Louisa and one at Sydenham. Chief Armstrong made the presentations at Victoria and Louisa schools on Wednesday afternoon, and that at Sydenham on Thursday. In making the presentations, the chief delivered a timely address, dealing with the question of fire prevention, and his remarks were listened to very attentively by the scholars. He warmly congratulated the scholars who had won medals.

The Fire Prevention League is awarding one thousand medals throughout Ontario for these essays. The undertaking was one to get the children interested in the subject, and the action of the league in the matter is to be warmly commended.

The children were warmly applauded by the scholars in their room. The teacher of each pupil receiving a medal had the honor of pinning it on the recipient. The name of the winner was engraved on the medal. On one side of the medal appears the following: "It is a patriotic duty to prevent fire," and on the other side appeared the following: "Presented for the best essay on fire prevention in the home and the factory."

Following is a list of the pupils who were awarded medals:

- Wilson McMahon, 87 Earl street, of Sydenham school.
- Carmel Murchy, 791 Princess street, Louisa school.
- Herbert Hamilton, 131 Alfred street, Victoria school.
- Bessie Ettinger, 437 King street, Victoria school.
- John Stewart, 404 Albert street, Victoria school.
- Fanny Wood, 205 Alfred street, Victoria school.
- Annie Armstrong, 236 Barrie street, Louisa school.
- Margaret Light, 143 Beverly street, Victoria school.
- Kathleen Baker, 12 Earl street, Louisa school.

## ALD. S. S. CORBETT'S REASON

### FOR NOT ENTERING THE FIELD FOR THE MAYORALTY.

He Told H. C. Nickle Some Time Ago He Did Not Intend to Run, and Mr. Nickle Entered the Field.

An explanation is due in regard to the decision of Ald. Corbett not to contest for the mayoralty. About a month ago, H. C. Nickle went to Ald. Corbett and asked him if he intended to run for mayor, saying that he was entitled to the honor in view of his work in connection with the flu epidemic a year ago, his services in the City Council, and the good work he had done as chairman of the City Property committee this year. Mr. Nickle further said that if Ald. Corbett would run he would not, Ald. Corbett stated to Mr. Nickle that he did not intend to enter the field, and that if Mr. Nickle desired to contest, to "go to it." Mr. Nickle's announcement was made shortly after this interview with Ald. Corbett.

Last week, a number of merchants and labor men requested Ald. Corbett to run, but he told them that he had decided some time ago not to contest, and that because of his decision Mr. Nickle was in the field. He was told that a large petition would be presented to him, but he said that would not induce him to change his mind. The petition was secured, with nearly a thousand names, but Ald. Corbett repeated that, much as he appreciated the honor and the confidence expressed in him, he could not at this date enter the field when his conversation with Mr. Nickle had resulted in the latter announcing himself three weeks ago.

These are the facts in connection with the matter, and are given in fairness to Ald. Corbett, as there appears to be some misunderstanding in connection with his position.

### Engagements Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne J. DeWolfe, Portland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elva Ruby, to Talmage H. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Stone, formerly of Spencerville, Ont. The marriage will take place late in December.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Moffatt, North Augusta, announce the engagement of their third daughter, Annie Maudie to Rev. Royal Egbert Newman, formerly of Spencerville, Ont. The marriage will take place on January 1st.

### Appeal Dismissed.

Before Judge Deroche at Belleville an appeal case of Bleeker Foy Malden against a judgment of Police Magistrate Masson was heard, with the result that the appeal was dismissed and \$10 assessed as costs. The case appealed against was a conviction of Magistrate Masson under section 242A of the criminal code of Bleeker Foy Malden for neglecting to support his wife Henrietta E. Malden, in which defendant was fined \$50 or in default two months in the common goal.

### Laid Up For Some Time.

Mrs. Robert Stacey, Frankville, met with what might have been a severe accident on Sunday morning. She was helping at the milking when she was severely kicked on the back by another cow. It was at first thought that she was hurt internally, but Dr. Thropp, who was called, thinks she will get along all right, but will be laid up for some time.

### Is Recovering Nicely.

Mrs. George Teit, Bedford Mills, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Kingston General Hospital, is recovering nicely.

## PRINCIPAL GRANT GIVES FATHER'S BURNS SPEECH

### Deplores Lack of Space Given Such Addresses in Papers.

Toronto, Globe. Principal Grant of Upper Canada College, in an address at the Burns Society of Toronto, gave some interesting extracts from a lecture on Robert Burns prepared by his father, the late Principal Grant of Queen's University, in 1855. This lecture was delivered several times in Nova Scotia and took up the space of three hours on each occasion.

Principal Grant, in passing, referred to the great change that had taken place in oratory and in the press reports of orations since his father's days. He recalled the fact that his father's inaugural address as Principal of Queen's University was given in full length on the front page of the Globe, and compared it with the "scrappy" notice that was given to a similar address at the same institution recently. He did not wish to say that the former days were better than these, but he thought the vice of the present age was "slashing hurry and lack of concentration."

### To Play at Covered Rink.

The 14th P. W. O. Rifles band has secured the contract to furnish the music at the covered rink this season. The band is under the able leadership of William Christmas, and on its initial appearance on Tuesday night delighted the merry throng of skaters by providing a splendid programme of music. The band has been reorganized, and is composed of some of the best musicians in the city, and will be a valuable asset to the rink. The Whig heard many complimentary remarks regarding the programme rendered by the band on Tuesday night.

### Drayton For Premier.

A despatch from Ottawa, discussing a successor to Premier Borden, has the following:

"If it be true that Sir Thomas won't come back, then the contest might narrow down to Melghen and Calder. It is very much doubted here if either of them could command a sufficient support from the two elements to carry on. Sir Henry Drayton might be a compromise."

### Turner-Hancock Wedding.

The wedding took place at St. Luke's rectory, 311 Alfred street, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, of Miss Florence May Hancock, daughter of James Hancock, to Edward Turner, Miss Annie Pettit, of Portmouth, was bridesmaid, and Edward Baines, of Kingston, supported the groom. Rev. J. de P. Wright officiated. After the honeymoon the happy couple will reside in Kingston.

### Concert at Sydenham Hospital.

On Wednesday evening the Cheer-Club, of Bethel Church entertained the boys at Sydenham hospital with a musical concert. Those taking part were the Misses Jennie, Mary and Bertie Wilson, Doris Fowler, Irene Lake, Winnie Woolgar, the Wilson brothers and Harry Rose. Ernest Treener acted as chairman. After the concert, cake, candy, and ice cream were served.

### Scholars Had Entertainment.

The scholars in the senior third class at Victoria School, conducted by Miss Susie Werte held their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday afternoon. A large number of the parents of the children were present and were delighted with the fine programme of songs, recitations and dialogues given by the pupils.

### Schools Close Friday.

The Collegiate and the public schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday. In the majority of the classes entertainments will mark the closing. The scholars participating in the programme of songs, recitations, and dialogues. The Collegiate and public schools will re-open on January 5th.

### Ten Degrees Below Zero.

The weather still continues very cold. Queen's University observatory reported on Thursday morning that the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero between three and four o'clock Thursday morning, and at eight o'clock it stood nine below zero.

### Underwent Operation.

On Monday Miss Fannie Jex, of Montreal, was operated upon at the General Hospital for appendicitis. Her condition is reported satisfactory. She will spend part of her convalescence with her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Davidson, Pembroke street.

### Introduced a Deputation.

W. F. Nickle was in Ottawa on Tuesday afternoon, and introduced a deputation to the cabinet in regard to the regulations governing the distribution of the unemployment moneys to necessary cases among the soldier unemployed.

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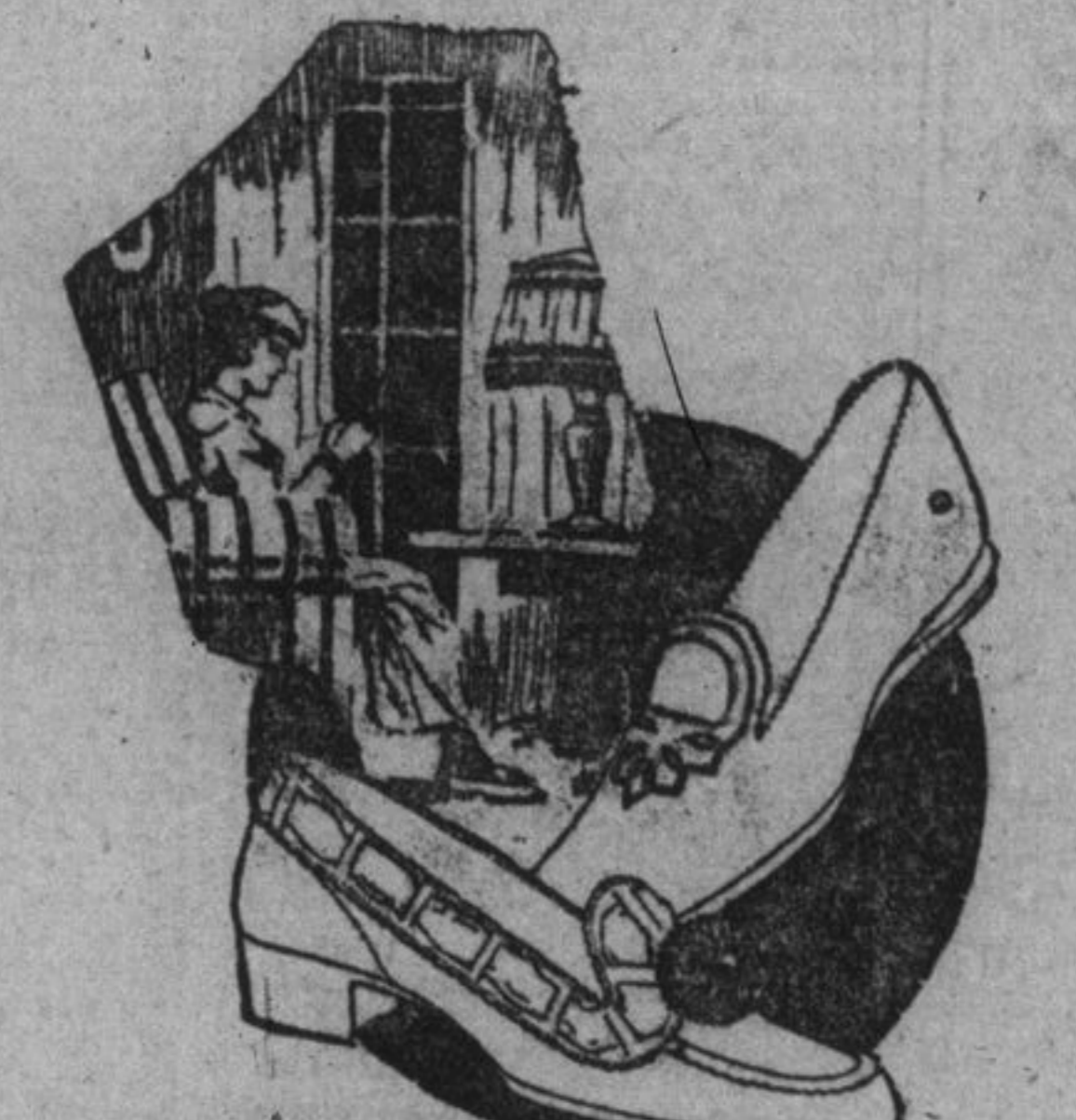
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