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# PUBLIC UTILITIES TO SHOW A GOOD YEAR

## Annual Report Ready Shortly—Departments Will Have Encouraging Statement.

The citizens of Kingston will have good reason to be pleased over the three departments of the public utilities—water, gas and electricity, when the annual report is submitted in a few weeks time is gathered from the interim report given the members of the Public Utilities, at their final meeting for the year 1925, held on Thursday afternoon. The chairman, R. N. F. McFarlane, reviewed the work of the year, and the opinion was expressed by the members that each department will show a most encouraging state of affairs.

Mayor Angrove took occasion to thank the members of the Commission, for their hearty co-operation with the City Council, in regard to new lights required around the city. The City Council, he said, has passed a resolution presented by the fire and light committee in regard to this matter, and the Mayor stated that the members of council desired to show their appreciation.

On motion of Mayor Angrove, the communication from the council, regarding some additional lights, was referred to Manager Folger, with power to act.

A communication was received from R. J. Bushell, on behalf of the Kingston Industrial Fair, submitting the association's bill of \$383.20 for lighting at the fair last September, and asking in view of the loss sustained by the directors, through inclement weather, that the Commission consider the matter of making a reduction in the amount. The matter was referred to Manager Folger for a report as to the actual cost, etc., of the work undertaken by the Commission.

### Praise for Chairman.

After the business had been concluded, Commissioner James Harris moved a hearty vote of thanks to Chairman McFarlane, for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties as head of the Commission during the year. He stated that the interim report for the year showed that the year just closing, was the best in the history of the plant. Commissioner Harris referred to the fact that the Commission had been praised by the City Council, and in moving the resolution, he also wished to express his appreciation to the chairman for the way he had "carried on" during the year.

Commissioner H. W. Newman stated that it gave him great pleasure to second the resolution. He had served two-and-a-half years on the Commission, and he paid a warm tribute to the work of the chairman. At the same time, he also had warm words of praise for the work of Manager Folger. "And this praise, is well deserved," added Commissioner Newman, who noted with pleasure, the harmony that had prevailed during the year between the Commission and the City Council.

"I wish the Commission of 1926 every success," said Mr. Newman. "I hope that you will have even greater success than in 1925, and I believe this will be the case." Commissioner Newman is retiring from the Commission this year, and in his closing remarks, bid farewell to his colleagues around the board, and stated that he felt sure that the new member of the Commission would measure up to what will be expected of him.

Mayor Angrove also added his tribute to the work of the chairman. He said he had rendered excellent service. "He has been true to the letter," he added, "and never made a promise that he did not carry out. The chairman and the manager have worked well together, and it has been a pleasure to work on the Commission. It has also been a pleasure to note the cordial relations between the Commission and the City Council. And all this is largely due to the work of the chairman." He regarded the chairman as the best member the Commission ever had.

Mayor Angrove also expressed his regret over the retirement of Mr. Newman, and in speaking of Manager Folger said, "He is the right man in the right place." The Mayor also had warm words of appreciation for the service rendered by the secretary of the Commission, Miss Pritchard, who had at all times given faithful service. Manager Folger returned his thanks for the words of appreciation and on his putting the resolution of thanks to Chairman McFarlane, it was carried amidst great enthusiasm.

### Chairman Replies.

Chairman McFarlane, in tendering his thanks to the members of the Commission, stated that the year on the board had been a very pleasant

one, due to the hearty co-operation given him by the members of the Commission and Manager Folger. Referring to the consolidation of the plant, he stated that this had given the opportunity of putting the work on a good system, and while there had at first been some criticism of the change, he felt sure that all would now agree that the change had been for the city's interests.

Chairman McFarlane praised the work of the Commission's secretary, Miss Pritchard, and at the same time thanked the local press for reports given on the work of the utilities during the year. He expressed regret over the retirement of Commissioner Newman. The latter he said had always been painstaking in his work, and at all times had the best interests of the city at heart. The chairman closed by extending best wishes to all around the board for a happy new year.

Mayor Angrove moved a vote of thanks to the local press for their work in giving the citizens the reports of the meetings of the Commission during the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newman, and carried by a unanimous vote. E. Warburton replied on behalf of the Standard, and E. G. Barrett, for the Whig.

Chairman McFarlane presided at the meeting, and also present were Mayor Angrove, James Harris and H. W. Newman.

## GANANOQUE

Gananoque, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson and little Ann spent New Year's with Mrs. John Gibson and Dr. Gibson, Brockville.

Capt. N. C. Jones and little daughter Rebecca are spending the week-end with D. Ford Jones.

Among those who attended the dinner at Blankbonnie before the Canoe Club dance on Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Mudge, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Byers, Miss Violet Britton, Miss Agnes Johnston, Miss Louise Matthew, Miss Betty Sampson, Miss Jill Sampson, Messrs. D. Ford Jones, Keith Taylor, Jack Hargraft, Wally Jones, Jack Sampson and George Webb.

Mrs. William Conboy has returned home after spending the past few weeks in Kingston with her daughter, Mrs. James Kane.

Wally Jones is spending New Year's at his home in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Funnell and children, Belleville, are spending the week-end with George H. and the Misses Funnell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lashay and son, Keith, motored back to Detroit on Wednesday after spending Christmas here with friends.

Mrs. Frank Keyes and son, Gerald, returned from Hamilton Thursday after spending a few days there with friends.

## NAVIGATION SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY

### At Queen's University With Capt. A. Barrett Again in Charge.

The school of navigation at Queen's University opens its regular session on Monday with Captain A. Barrett in charge. This is the ninth year that the school has been running under Captain Barrett's instruction and it was in existence for several years before that time.

Navigation is studied with regard to inland, coasting and minor waters, and certificates for masters and mates are supplied if the candidates are successful in passing the examinations set each month by the federal government officials. A diploma is also given by the university, but it is only given to those students who take up a few general subjects in addition to navigation.

The course runs for three months, and gives many local as well as outside sailors a chance to gain more knowledge of navigation and to qualify for better position. Forty-five men attended last season and it is expected that the attendance will be just as large or larger this year.

## WEDDING AT CATARAQUI

W. Weston and Miss Edith Grant United in Marriage.

Cataraqui, Jan. 1.—Several families are surrounded on account of measles which are of a very mild type. The teachers are spending their holidays at their homes. Miss Carman is in Belleville and Miss McIlraith in Lanark. H. E. McKnight was a visitor in the village on Thursday. Miss Laura Baker is attending the Business College, Kingston. F. A. Smith, B.A., and P. Bangs, Toronto, are at the rectory for the holiday season.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Peter Morley, whose mother, Mrs. W. Ferguson, died in Kingston after a week's illness. The funeral takes place on New Year's Day.

J. D. Spruit, of the Eastern Dairy School, is taking a few weeks leave of absence on account of ill health. Mrs. Lyons is with her daughter, Mrs. Teepells, in Kingston.

Some of the young people were the guests of Miss Evelyn Edwards in the city for the closing hours of 1925. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Desert Lake, spent Christmas with Mrs. Blair.

A quiet wedding took place last night at the rectory when Canon Smith performed the ceremony uniting Mr. W. Weston and Miss Edith Grant. The near relatives of the contracting parties assembled at the home of the bride's parents and enjoyed a very pleasant time. The young people will reside in Cataraqui.

# Y.M.C.A. OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

## A Big Programme of Indoor Sports—A Large Crowd Present in the Evening.

The big programme of events at the Y.M.C.A. on New Year's Day proved a magnet for attracting large crowds to the building. In the morning the game between the Business Men's class and the Y's Men's club brought out quite a number of rooters for the fast game of volleyball. The game was won by the Y's Men after a hard tussle. Following was the line up: Y's Men—England, Trotter, Krauter, Rider and Wyatt. Business Men—Kinnear, Nash, Harlow, Curtis and Taylor. The boys' games tournaments which included both cue roquet and table tennis caused considerable excitement among the junior members. The programme was so full that neither of these tournaments could be completed but will be finished to-day.

In the afternoon swimming races, the finals in the Tuxis boys' tournament and movies were on the menu and large numbers of members and friends were present while quite a few prominent citizens sat on their New Year's visiting dropped into the "Y" to inspect the building or see some of the programme. The Tuxis basket ball game brought out large numbers of fans, and a fine game of the premier indoor sport was witnessed. There seems to be some real class players among this group of boys and if a junior team of all-stars could be got together out of this bunch they would soon bring credit to Kingston.

Following is the result of the swimming events: 50 yards free style, 1st. Sherbino; 2nd. McLean; 3rd. White; neat dive, Sherbino, McLean, Jewell; long plunge, White, McLean, Jewell.

In basketball, St. Andrew's quintette smothered Sutherland's basket-keepers to the tune of 37-12. Phil Brockel refereed the game to the satisfaction of all.

The evening brought out the largest crowd of the day, and some class basketball was served up by two ladies' teams picked from the gym class as well as in the big game between the K.C.I. and the Y.M.C.A. In the ladies' game, Miss Allen's team defeated Miss Grant's line-up to the tune of 16-0. There seems to be some good material here also for ladies' basketball this winter. Harry Lawson refereed this game.

The Y.M.C.A. team won easily from the K.C.I. by the score of 32-22 in the final game of the day. Following was the line-up: K.C.I.—Forwards, Edgar, Sanders, Smith; centre, Graves; guards D. Sanders and Bews.

Y.M.C.A.—Forwards, W. Harper, Robinson, Brunke, Pollock; centre, B. Vince; guards, Kendrick, Harper, Lawson and Rider. Referee—Capt. H. Law.

## AT GOSPEL TABERNACLE

### Children Enjoyed Christmas Tree on New Year's Eve

The Gospel Tabernacle children had a very pleasant time at their annual Christmas tree on New Year's Eve. The following programme was presented: Opening song, "When Mothers of Salem"; Chorus, "Joy, Joy, Joy"; recitation, Minnie Spencer; duet, Doris—Earl and Patricia Pountney; recitation, Agnes Bird; solo, "Two Little Hands." Leslie Thomas; recitation, "Little Girl." Vera Spencer; solo, Stella Bird; recitation, "Old Times." Jackie Cleland; song, "While Shepherds Watch," three girls; solo, "Low in a Manger." Muriel Lamb; chorus, "Read Your Bible" school; recitation, Elsie Spencer; duet, "Did Jesus Come Down." Muriel Lamb and Jackie Cleland; recitation, "Old Story." Doris Earl; song, "Carol, Sweetly Carol," three boys; recitation, "Cheerfulness." Thelma Brown; chorus, "Brighten the Corner," all; duet, instrumental, Mr. Ferguson and Miss Wilder; solo, M. E. Thomas.

During the course of the programme Mr. R. Hunter, superintendent, stated that the object of the Sunday school was to teach the children the Word of God.

At the conclusion of the programme many valuable prizes were distributed for faithful attendance and memory work during the past year. Following this candies and oranges were distributed. It was announced that Mr. R. J. Brooks, Riverview, would begin a series of evangelistic services on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. A very enjoyable evening was concluded by the singing of the Doxology.

## PAGEANT HELD AT MOSCOW.

By the Sunday School—Miss Violet Pearson Home From Hospital. Moscow, Jan. 1.—The pageant entitled "The Light of the World," given by the Sunday school in the Methodist church was very successful, the parts being well taken by each one and the music and singing very enjoyable. Much praise was also due the young ladies from Enterprise who put on the splendid drill.

Much credit is due the teachers for their training of the children in the school entertainment given on the last day of school.

Mrs. George Lampkins spent Christmas with her daughters in Toronto. Dr. Ralph Huffman and Mrs. Howard Nicholson visited their parents during the holidays. Miss Bernice Huffman is under the doctor's care, suffering from grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen entertained their son and their families on Christmas Day. Mr. Joseph Hooper and family and Mr. and Mrs.

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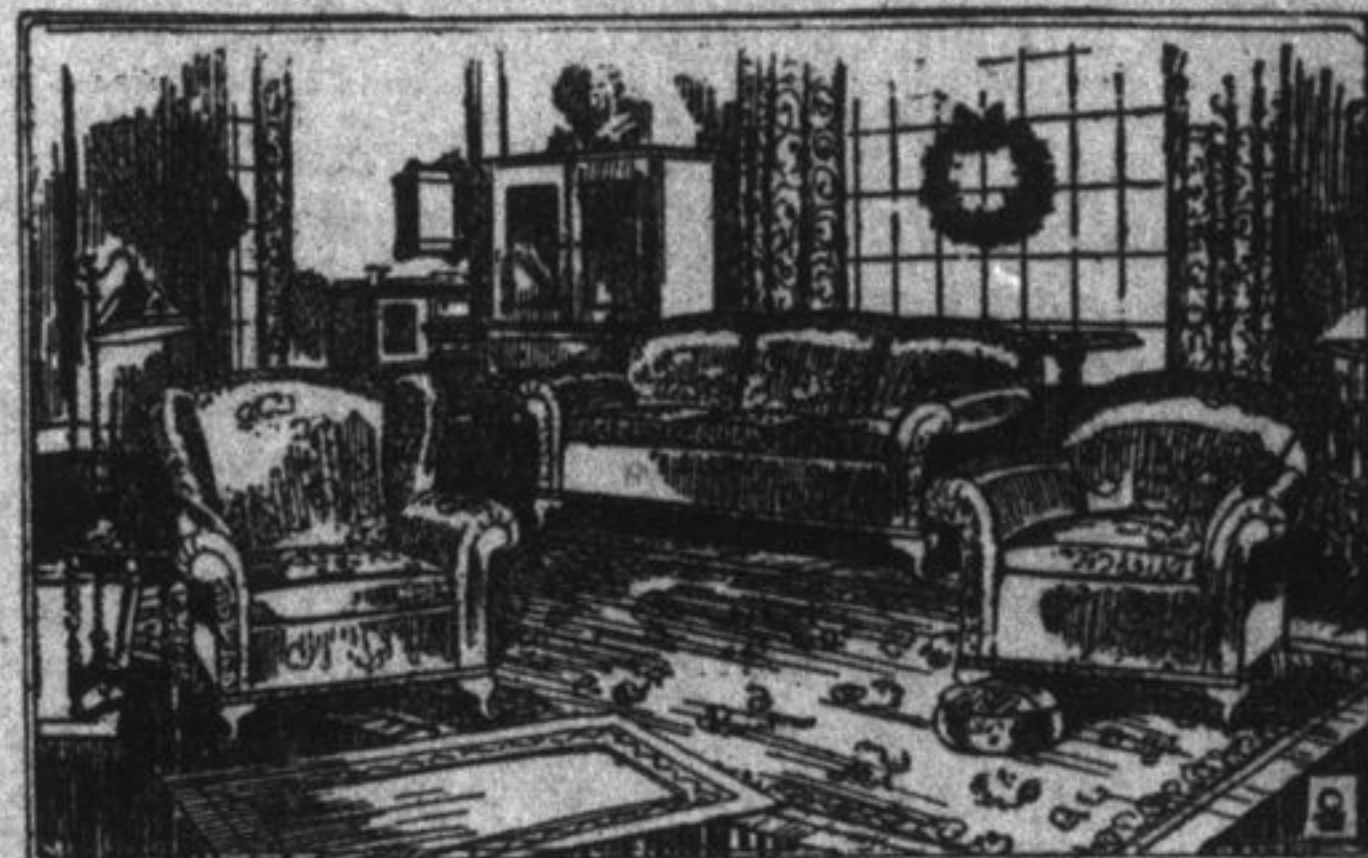
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W. A. Hooper spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Asselstine. J. Foster was at home for the holidays. Major and Mrs. J. A. Amey, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Amey and Helen were at Tamworth for the holiday.

Miss Violet Pearson is home from Kingston after undergoing an operation on her throat. James Kerr entertained relatives on Christmas Day. The next institute meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Asselstine on Jan. 7th. Miss Etta Evans is at Mrs. Herrington's for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Asselstine spent New Year's Day in Kingston. Dr. R. Judge is spending a few days with his parents.

### Young People Meet.

The very interesting programme prepared by Miss Lofa Saunderson, convenor of the Literary committee of Sydenham Street Young People's Society, was much enjoyed by all present last Monday evening. Miss Saunderson spoke on "The Background of English Literature" coming down to the Shakespearean Age. Announcement was made of the Christian Fellowship meeting to be held next Monday evening.

Three persons, attending an all night New Year's party, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a roadhouse early Friday at Peoria, Ill.

## AN OUTSIDE VIEW AS 1926 CAME IN

The scene on Princess street as the old year passed out and the new year was born, could hardly be termed impressive. A few people were abroad and as the clocks struck the midnight hour, strings of fire crackers were set off in front of the restaurants and the skirt of a bagpipe could be heard in the distance. For the most part, however, everything was peace and quiet. The cafes attracted little more than their usual patronage, and it would seem that thousands of Kingstonsians were content that 1926 should start without any noisy welcome.

In addition to the dances and shows on New Year's Eve, quite a number of private parties were held, and not a few radio fans turned in on the festivities in distant cities. To some the passing of 1925 was a matter for regret, to others a welcome relief, but to most simply an annual event of no particular consequence. Age looked back over what had happened during the year that was gone; Youth looked forward to what was to happen in the year just begun.

Edward Meek, K.C., well known Toronto lawyer, died Thursday.



Scenes from "The Mikado" to be presented by the Brandon Opera Company, at the Grand Theatre, Wednesday, January 6th.