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THE PANAMA CANAL

Not our neighbors alone, but also the civilized world at large, will have cause for admiration and congratulation over the achievement of that remarkable triumph, the Panama Canal.

As is generally well known, the Isthmus of Panama has hitherto stood as a barrier between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Traversed by a chain of mountains it seemed to present insuperable difficulties, but once more man has triumphed over the apparently impossible.

As early as 1528 the idea of a canal across the isthmus was entertained but was dropped for political reasons. Philip II, ordering that it should not be resumed on pain of death.

From time to time during the last century, French, American and English engineers made repeated surveys and De Lesseps who planned and completed the Suez Canal, tackled the job, but after an enormous expenditure of money the enterprise went into liquidation.

Finally Uncle Sam took the job up on his own account and as usual he has finally got there. The stupendous nature of the task not alone consisted of the over-coming of vast physical obstacles but also involved the establishment of elaborate sanitation methods as hitherto men had dropped off by the thousands like flies.

Meanwhile Johnny Canuck, like John Bull, and all the rest, will heartily extend the glad hand to Uncle Sam. LAURIE'S RACE APPEALS. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been a very active figure in connection with the bye-election fight for the Dominion House in Chateaugay, Quebec.

As usual he has resorted to the race cry. "Speaking at St. Martine he said, (Toronto Globe report): "Sir Wilfrid pointed out that he had lost popularity on the navy question through the campaign of falsehood and misrepresentation, 15 seats having been gained by the Conservatives in Quebec.

But it is not the first time in my life that I have risked my popularity to do my duty," said he. "When one loses the applause of the people it is well that one's conscience should applaud. I am of your race, but I am not a leader of the French-Canadians, but I am a leader of Canadians."

Parisian designers for experience has demonstrated that what those gent's decide the fair sex come to sooner or later—sooner to the extent of about amply ump per cent.

The Toronto Globe has a cartoon headed "Is Canada an adjunct?" Not on your life; would have been though had Reciprocity carried. For further particulars address one Taft.

Another ferrile sea tragedy greatly lessened because of the successful use of wireless calls for help. Of a truth that marvellous invention has earned the unfeigned gratitude of the entire world.

The Six Nations Indians have been celebrating the semi-centennial of the laying of the corner stone of their Council House. In 1863 they numbered 2,635 and now they have reached a total of 4,108 or an increase of 75 per cent. It's the only known case of the kind on this continent and speaks well for Canadian treatment of her former allies.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done more active personal work in the constituency of Chateaugay where a bye-election is taking place to-day than he has for many years in any one riding, not even excepting places where he has run himself. It has always gone Liberal since Confederation, and the white plumed knight must be scared, indeed to get on the stump and canvass in the way he has.

As usual his main stock in trade has been "It's true I am of your race," and complaints that his opponents continue to attack him because of his race and his religion. Those are attacks which he conjures up himself in order to arouse the very feelings which he claims should not be stirred up.

New Features At Sanitarium (Continued from Page 1) in the northern part of the city, have already raised \$60 by sewing, and have undertaken to raise the balance of the money necessary for the cottage. The gift was accepted and was greatly appreciated by the board. Citizens in general have reason to be proud of the noble work being done by the "Busy Bees."

The building committee was authorized to make a number of minor changes and additions to the main building. The committee was also instructed to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of an ice house. The board decided to at once take steps to have sleeping pavilions erected, one for the men and one for the women, in which the incipient cases will be accommodated.

The board walked over the grounds for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive scheme for the laying out of the grounds and for the location of buildings that will be erected from time to time. A letter of thanks was directed to be sent to Mr. James Nightingale for keeping the sanitarium supplied with ice under great difficulties since the opening of the institution to the present time without expense to the board.

A number of accounts were ordered paid. Those present were Vice-President C. Cook, Mayor Hartman, Warden Kendrick, Drs. Ashton and Frank, and Messrs. Cole, Gould and Watts. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is arranging for a meeting in South Bruce.

GRAHAME-WHITE DESIGNS AEROPLANE FOR FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC



Mr. Claude Grahame-White, the well known English aviator, is making serious preparations for an aeroplane flight across the Atlantic. He has designed a biplane which he believes can undertake the flight safely and he estimates that the full equipment for the trip will not cost more than \$30,000.

Reminiscences of Brant By An "Old Timer" Chapter VI.

One of the most notable figures of Brantford public life was Mr. Robert Henry for years now, of Windsor, but still held dear to the memory of countless Brantfordites. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland on Nov. 30th, 1844, and will consequently be sixty nine years old this year. His father, John Henry, and his mother, Jane Dow, were both Scotch, and in 1853 the family migrated to Canada. Mr. McEwen of this city, father of Mr. Martin McEwen, coming over in the same vessel. Mr. Henry, sr., was a fine type of man, and was a contractor, having had a prominent part in connection with the erection of Brantford's present post office. He and his wife were of the good old sturdy Scotch school. The subject of this sketch completed his education in the Brantford public schools until he was twelve years of age, when he entered the stationery and news store of Andrew Hudson. At one time he used to be a paper boy for "The Courier". Mr. Henry was with Mr. Hudson three years and then entered the grocery business of R. C. Allen. In 1869 he became associated with Mr. Charles Watts, a leading wholesale grocer in the Province and when Mr. Watts died in 1871 he became a partner with his son, Mr. Alfred Watts, recently deceased.

In early life he manifested a natural aptitude for public affairs, and was a member of the Town Council in 1876 and of the High School Board. In 1878, the year of the celebration of Brantford attaining the status of city, he won out for the Mayorality and occupied the office for two years, with marked ability. He went through two notable Mayoralty campaigns after that. The first time was against Mr. W. J. Scarfe, afterwards Sheriff of the County. It was a warm fight and in doubt up until the last. An incident of the fray was the fact that at a bazaar in connection with St. Basil's Church, a gold-headed cane was put up for votes for the most popular candidate, and as the result, Mr. Henry won out by a small margin and he presented said cane, to the writer of these reminiscences. It was worth its weight in gold all right. The third Mayoralty contest in which Mr. Henry engaged was with Mr. C. B. Heyd after Scarfe resigned. It was even a warmer fight than the other one and proceeded on political lines. Mr. Henry was feared by local Reformers as a big political factor on the Conservative side and orders went forth for the faithful to draw their nickers. They drew 'em all right, but Mr. Henry won out once more by a narrow margin. A congratulatory dinner arranged by Mr. L. F. Heyd to celebrate his brother's victory did not take place. In addition to general and municipal affairs, Mr. Henry was very active in many other directions—President of the Conservative Association, President of St. Andrews Society, President of the Caledonia Society, President of South Brant Agricultural Society, director of the Young Ladies College, Elder of Zion Church and so on. He was frequently urged to run for both the Dominion and Ontario Houses, but could not see his way clear to accept until 1896, when he accepted the nomination to run against Mr. William Paterson, who had held South Brant continuously since 1872. The nomination proceedings took place in the old Corinthian Hall on George Street, and were most enthusiastic. When Mr. Henry announced his acceptance the applause of the delegates was so great that a Union Jack in rear of the platform had the upper tack loosened and the emblem partially dropped. Everybody noticed the incident but the after speakers made no reference to it until Chief A. G. Smith (the "Iron Horse") had voted was called upon and he opened by saying, "Mr. Henry, our candidate, is so popular that even the Union Jack automatically dipped in his honor, the moment he announced that he would make the fight." The Chief made a great hit with the crowd in connection with this apt turn he gave the matter and incidentally it may be remarked, that he was afterwards fired by the Laurier Government as interpreter of the Six Nations Indians, because he had taken part in meetings. It was during this campaign that Sir Charles Tupper, then Premier, and over

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seventy years of age, came to Brantford in his special car to be one of the speakers at a meeting in the Drill Hall. He was met at the Grand Trunk depot by a deputation of leading Conservatives and was as jaunty as could be. Just as the party were leaving for the meeting place, a local bank manager arrived and asked Mr. Henry to introduce him to Sir Charles, as he had a communication to convey of great importance. He and the Premier stepped back to the end of the car and were in conversation for some time. When Sir Charles stepped forward again he made the remark that he had received some information which had greatly upset him. The nature of the disclosure was of course never divulged, but it was enough to greatly disturb the veteran, who later delivered the worst speech of his long career. The hall included a big delegation of Paterson supporters who sat in a body, and every time Tupper used the term "My friend Sir Wilfrid" interrupted him with three cheers for Laurier. They wouldn't let him get past that name. Dr. Montague, who was the next speaker, made the remark that he would use Laurier's name without any interruption, and he did. After the usual opening, he dwelt upon the patriotism of Canadians and led up to the fact that at the then recent time of Riel's second rebellion, the sons of the artisan, the farmer, the magnate, and of all classes, had willingly gone to the front on behalf of the Dominion. He continued: "I only heard of one prominent man who said that had he been on the banks of the Saskatchewan, he would have used his musket against those brave boys. Shall I tell you his name (pause) Laurier, Laurier, Laurier. Why don't you cheer now?" That settled it, and in the next meeting next day the local Grit organ used the head line "Saved by Montague." The doctor has always regarded the speech he made on this occasion as the best of his notable career. Mr. Henry won the

fight by a little less than 100 majority, and the good Grits went to bed early that night while the Tories jubilated. The Conservative Government went out, however, and had it not been for that, it is an open secret that Sir Charles would have offered Mr. Henry a seat in his Cabinet. As a platform speaker, Mr. Henry was and is, at his best when interrupted. His famous "stand up, sir" to any one trying to heckle him, will be remembered by old timers. Then he generally gives the disturbing one a large sized Roland for his would-be Oliver. He is a man of most amicable disposition, and marked generosity. No matter whether Grit or Tory, anyone in distress always received his ready assistance, and that without any ulterior motive. Although for some time a resident of Windsor, his business often brings him here where he is always heartily welcomed by a host of admirers.

Reference has been made in the above to Hon. Mr. Paterson, and perhaps this is about as suitable a place as any to refer to his public career. He also is of Scotch parentage, and was 74 years of age in September last. His parents both died when he was young, and he was brought up in Caledonia, in the County of Haldimand. In 1854, he came to Brantford, and was clerk with Mr. Ignatius Cocksbutt until 1863, when he went into the bakery and confectionery business with the late Mr. Henry B. Leeming. He retired in 1876 to become Collector of Customs at this port, and Mr. Paterson continued the business alone until he took his son, William, into partnership. Mr. Paterson also got into public life in early years. He was elected a member of the town council of Brantford in 1868, when he was 27 years of age; became deputy reeve for the next three years; and mayor in 1872. In the last named year, a general election took place for the Dominion House. Sir Francis Hincks was the candidate on the Conservative side, and "young" Paterson was chosen as the Liberal standard bearer.

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Mr. Paterson won, and from that time on he held the seat, eighteen years of the period in Opposition, until he met with a reverse at the hands of Mr. Henry. He and Hon. James Haggart for many years were the only two members elected in 1872 who continued to hold their seats election after election, and Mr. Paterson was heard to remark once that he used to think in the early days that if John took his boots off he would show a cloven hoof, and he had the idea that Haggart probably felt the same regarding him. In later life they used to hunt for each other on the reassembling of the House after an election for a handshaking. Such are the softening effects of long political association, even if at first you don't like the other fellow. Mr. Paterson was offered the portfolio of Minister of Customs by Laurier and North Gray was opened to give him a seat. Later he represented North Brant. He held the portfolio until the defeat of himself and the Government in 1911. As a speaker, Mr. Paterson proved himself at his best on the stump, and his services were in great demand by his party in that regard. His big voice—he was once credited with tearing a hole in the old drill hall roof by reason of it—had great carrying power, and he also possessed excellent touches of humor and keen inventiveness. He has now withdrawn from public life and is living in Pickering.

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