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BUT CHAS. MARCIL THE ORATOR

The American room, as it is called, the banqueting hall, of the King Edward, last night sheltered the most numerous gathering it has yet contained on the occasion of the banquet of the Fielding Club in honor of their patron, Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance.

Ald. J. J. Ward, chairman of the committee, and the Fielding Club generally have every reason to be proud of the demonstration. Over 300 guests were accommodated in the brilliant hall and if the oratory, with the exception of the brief but polished remarks of Charles Macil, M.P., Bonaventure, was not of the first order, it was concise and practical and to the Liberal point.

Overcoats were quite unnecessary. But the ventilation was excellent and the temperature was not so tropical as at first feared. The room was handsomely decorated with red, white and blue trophies, and a centre piece consisting of a huge cornucopia. The tables were laden with red carnations, and a rouge scheme of color was apparent thruout. There is a belief that the Liberal physique is lean and Cassius-like, but the crowd last night was rotund and florid and hearty enough looking to sit in the front row at the opera. Office evidently agrees with the Liberals, and there was a leavening of Conservatives, who easily adapted themselves to the festive environment. A good deal of singing was indulged in and the alluring chant, "See him smiling, just now," was frequently rendered, while the various subjects stood grim as gargoyles and waited their chance to be eloquent.

Premier Ross Better.

In a letter of congratulation Premier Ross stated that he was resting easily and felt better than when he left Toronto, but felt that he should prolong his holiday as long as possible. He regretted not to be present.

Occupying the chair sat President James McLaughlin and next to him were Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, Hon. William Mulock, M. P., Hon. R. R. Emmerson, Hon. William Paterson, minister of customs, Hon. J. M. Gibson, attorney-general; Hon Richard Harcourt, minister of education; Hon J R Stratton, provincial secretary; Hon E J Davis, minister of crown lands; Hon Sen Cox, Hon Sen L M Jones, Hon Sen Kerr, Mayor Urquhart, R F Sutherland, M.P.; T O Davis, M.P.; Archibald Campbell, M.P.; W M German, M.P.; Robert Jaffray, J A Macdonald, H Miles, ex-president Board of Trade, Montreal; Aemilius Irving, K.C.; Hon S O Biggs, Ald J J Ward and W J Clark.

Among others at the numerous smaller tables were H H Dewart, K.C.; H M Mowat, K.C.; Frank Denton, K.C.; E T Malone, K.C.; W K George, R U Macpherson, W J Elliott, L V McBrady, K.C.; John Dickenson, M.L.A.; S Stewart, P P Cronyn, A F Rutter, J D Allan, F S Mearns, Dr Andrew Smith, D E Thomson, K.C.; J H Denton, E Fielding, J J McLennan, E H Keeting, Fred Nicholls, John Livingston, J F Gray, G F Campbell, Capt John Powers, John W Parrish, H W Dewson, J Pearson, Wm Adamson, H M Mulholland, J A Northey, Ald Hay, ex-Ald S Currie, D Urquhart, Thomas Reid, S Casey Wood, George Ross, George Vailey, Ed Sullivan, Wm Roaf, Hugh Blain, Hamilton Wilson, W E Milner, Samuel Nordheimer, German Consul; Ald Ramsden; Henry Swan, John Dick, John King, K.C.; Dr Wilbur Hatch, Walter Boland, John Ewan, T G Blackstock, K.C.; T G Dexter, G M Gardner, H S Mara, H J Cottam, James Pearson, W Mills, Walter Barwick, K.C.; G R Magann, Dr I F McMahon, Walter Beardmore, George W Dower, Chas L Bailey, L J Cosgrove, J F McKay, Joseph Stickney, W J Ryan, G F Little, George Harris, Wm Charlton, M.L.A., speaker of the legislature; Monro Grier.

At 9.50 the chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was received with the national anthem and cheers. The chairman also proposed "The Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor," and "The Maple Leaf" was sung.

Proposed the Guest.

W. J. Clark, secretary of the Fielding Club, proposed "The Guest of the evening." It was a great pleasure to him to see that political lines had been obliterated on that occasion. Many Conservatives were present to do honor to the popular minister of finance, one to whom they all looked up because of his intense Canadianism.

Great enthusiasm, cheering and waving of handkerchiefs followed, with the usual vocal honors. Amid the cheering a large cartoon with the legend "The Fielding Club Welcomes Its Guest," and representing Uncle Sam's dissatisfaction at the dumping clauses, as portrayed by J. W. Bengough, was unveiled at the end of the room.

Mr. Fielding Gives Thanks.

Hon. W. S. Fielding begged them to accept his heartiest thanks for the reception they had given him and for the high honor of associating his name with their organization. They had taken the name of a man from one of the smaller provinces, not well known to them, but who hoped to be better known, and who had no claims upon them—(a statement which met with cries of dissent)—and he appreciated the honor.

For a long time the Conservatives had fallen into the idea that they alone had the instinct for government. They had had the most eminent men in their ranks, but it was a dangerous idea for any man to get that he was indispensable. He hoped that it would be some time yet before they could dispense with the Liberal party.

Macdonald and Laurier.

Mr. Fielding paid a tribute to Sir John Macdonald, whose personal magnetism had held his party together and whose death had led to its disintegration. Another great leader had arisen in the person of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Liberal party had no prospectus to present to them but a record. In the last eight years they had a period of the most successful government ever known in Canada. They had given them a period of sound finance. Their friends on the other side of the house had feared financial disaster, but strong as the credit of Canada was eight years ago, there was a fly in the ointment, a closed door to Canada. In England the credit of Canada was not deemed good enough to be entered for the trustee list, and the law stood on the statute book forbidding the trustee

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GUARDED RÉ ELECTIONS.

At the Fielding banquet last night a letter was read from Premier Ross stating that he was resting easily and feeling better, but intended to stay away from Toronto as long as possible.

Mr. Fielding was guarded in his reference to the possibility of an election in November. The elections might come this year or next, or in a few months, but the Fielding Club would be ready.

Off his own bat Mr. Emmerson announced that the I.C.R. would be extended to Toronto, and the pity is that his own promise is not backed by any official inclination in that direction.

The orator of the evening was Charles Marcil, M.P., but to appreciate him it is necessary to hear him.

The banquet was a splendid success and crowns its promoters with Liberal glory.

JAPANESE READY TO LAND FORCES

Their Objective Thought to Be Taitchekiao in Plan to Force Russians Back.

Yinkow, July 11.—Japanese vessels have been seen off Kaichou. It is believed that they are keeping in touch with the advance of land forces, and that if the Japanese take Taitchekiao, which is understood to be their objective, it is thought that a landing will be made simultaneously at Yinkow.

The fighting at Kaichou consisted of a series of skirmishes on July 7 and July 8, ending at the occupation of the town by Gen. Oku's troops.

The Japanese began to push their advance north at dawn July 9, and since then they have proceeded steadily.

They kept their artillery well to the front and shelled and occupied Pintzan, seven miles north of Kaichou, at noon July 9. It is now reported that they are in close touch with Taitchekiao.

Japanese scouts are close to Yinkow. They can be seen on the neighboring hilltops, from which they occasionally fire upon the Russian outposts.

RUSSIANS LOST 1000.

Chefoo, July 11.—A European who left Port Arthur at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon reports that the Japanese made a torpedo attack Sunday afternoon, attempting to penetrate into the harbor. They were repulsed without loss to either side.

The European further reports that on July 7 severe fighting occurred around Port Arthur. The Russians claimed to have driven the Japanese back on all sides, but admitted a loss of more than one thousand killed. Several hundred wounded are said to have arrived at Port Arthur July 8, and it was reported that more were to come in.

RUSSIANS LOST 200.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—Details of the Russian retirement from Kaichou, which is hailed as a great victory at Tokio, according to the official report of Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff (commander of the eastern army) say it was little more than a series of skirmishes. The Russian losses were about 200 men. The Tokio report that ten guns were captured is unfounded. The Russians retired in perfect order before Gen. Oku's army, consisting of four divisions.

CAPTURED 8 GUNS.

London, July 11.—Special despatches to The Daily Telegraph and The Daily Mail from Tokio assert that the Japanese captured eight guns during the fighting around Port Arthur July 4, and that they reconnoitered from a war balloon.

GREAT CONCESSION.

Gen. Kuroki's headquarters in the field, Tuesday, June 28, via Pingyang, July 10, via Seoul, July 11.—For the first time during the war, newspaper correspondents and military attaches have been permitted to accompany the Japanese troops on an advance, instead of remaining behind with the headquarters of Gen. Kuroki.

TWO FLEETS CLASH.

Tokio, July 11.—The Russian cruiser Bayan, Diana Pallada and Novik, two gunboats and seven torpedo boat destroyers came from the harbor of Port Arthur on Saturday morning, July 9, preceded by a number of steamers engaged in clearing away mines. In the afternoon the Russian vessels reached a point between Sensikat and Lunwantang, where they were attacked by a Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers. Fire was exchanged with the Bayan. At 4 p.m. the Russian vessels retreated to the harbor. Admiral Togo reported that the Japanese vessels had one cabin boy slightly wounded. The vessels themselves sustained no damage.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Methodist Summer School, Victoria College, 9 a. m.
Presbyterian Summer School, Knox College, 9 a. m.
The Orange parade—Leave Queen's Park 10 a. m., via Grosvenor, Yonge, Queen and Duffering-streets.
Baseball, Toronto v. Montreal, 4 p.m.
Public meeting re. Scholes' reception, King Edward, 8 p. m.
Old Halton Boys, King Edward, 8 p. m.
Open-Air Horse Show committee, King Edward, 8 p. m.
Vaudeville, Hanlan's Point and Munro Park, 3 and 8 p. m.

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AFTER 3 DAYS' FIGHTING JAPS OCCUPY KAICHOU

Great Difficulties Overcome by General Oku's Army and Russians Driven Back.

Tokio, July 11.—After three days' severe fighting, characterized by the desperate attacks of the Japanese and the stubborn resistance of the Russians, Gen. Oku's army occupied Kaiping (Kaichou) last Friday, driving the Russians northward in the direction of Haicheng. The Russians had strongly fortified the hill situated in a semi-circle south of Kaiching. Their forces consisted of over 30,000 men. In his report of the engagement, Gen. Oku does not give any details, but shows the difficulties of the struggle.

1600 Russians Driven Back.

The operations began last Wednesday by the Japanese driving 1600 Russians from the heights south of Kaiping, constituting the first line of defence. The Japanese occupied the positions and the Russians retreated northward.

On the same day the right wing of the Japanese army southeast of Kaiping defeated a small force of Russians and the left wing occupied the heights to the southeast.

On Thursday the entire Japanese army forced its way close to Kaiping, overcoming the stubborn resistance of the Russian infantry, cavalry and artillery, located in the narrow defiles. The Russians held many strong positions in the mountainous country, but despite their desperate resistance they were forced to abandon them one by one. During the night the Russians were greatly reinforced by the troops brought from the north by train in preparation for a big battle Friday.

Began at Daylight.

The Japanese began the last day's fighting at daylight with an artillery fire from guns placed on the heights previously captured from the Russians. At 8 o'clock in the morning they drove the Russians from their positions and forced them into their last lines of defences around the town. The Russians evidently saw the town was doomed, as Gen. Oku reports that many troops were withdrawn during the morning. The Russians finally took position on the tops of the high precipices and again offered a stubborn resistance. About noon they were forced to again withdraw, the Japanese occupying the last line of defences.

The Japanese pursued the enemy despite a severe artillery fire from he Russian batteries on the high hills to the north.

The Japanese artillery finally occupied new positions and silenced these batteries.

In the afternoon the Japanese occupied the town without further resistance.

JAP ON RUSS HEELS.

Taitchekiao, July 11.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just arrived with the Russian rear guard after a running fight from Kaichou, half way here (Tatchekiao), says: "We evacuated Kaichou to-day (Saturday) after a fight lasting thru Friday. We made a short stand at Pintzau, seven miles north of Kaichou. The Japanese kept on our heels, and there were constant exchanges between the Russian and Japanese batteries. The Japanese advance stopped eight miles south of here. The fighting along the road was lively, but our losses were small.

"There had been preliminary skirmishing and manoeuvring for position around Kaichou since July 5. On that day two companies were caught in the hills to the eastward and surrounded by six Japanese battalions. They cut their way thru, however, and returned to Kaichou, bringing many wounded."

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Preston Decides to Purchase the Electric Plants.

Preston, July 11.—(Special.)—At the polls to-day the ratepayers of Preston decided in favor of municipal ownership of the electric lighting plants. The bylaw, which was to raise $27,000 to purchase the existing incandescent plant, owned by Mr. Shearer, and the arc system, owned by Mr. Fenwick, carried by 170 to 15.

The recently organized board of trade did yeoman service in getting out the favorable vote. The municipality owned the street lamps and paid the rental on the dynamo that has been in use of late, consequently the change into municipal ownership has been gradual. A new power station will be erected and a first-class plant will be installed.

THAMESVILLE GOES AHEAD.

Thamesville, July 11.—Three bylaws to instal a waterworks system for fire protection and private use thruout the town, to purchase the electric light plant and run it as a municipal concern, and to spend $6500 for additional granolithic walks, were all carried here to-day by large majorities.

WITHOUT AMMUNITION.

Lethbridge Mounted Police Stores Burned Up Yesterday Morning.

Winnipeg, July 11.—What might have proved a disastrous conflagration broke out at 8 o'clock this morning at the mounted police barracks at Lethbridge. The fire must have made considerable headway before discovery, for when the alarm was sounded a dense mass of smoke was issuing from the building containing the orderly-room, offices and quartermaster's stores. Fortunately there was no wind, otherwise the entire barracks and stables would have been consumed. The entire stock of arms and ammunition, of which there were nearly one million rounds, groceries, saddles, blankets and general stores, together with all records of the division, were entirely destroyed.

BRANDISHED A BUTCHER KNIFE.

Annoyed Women Near Bowmanville and is Locked Up.

Bowmanville, July 11.—(Special.)—Harry Knight, who says he is a pressman in the tin works, Montreal, and formerly of Cleveland, and who was tramping back to the American side, entered the home of E. C. Benan near Newcastle to-day.

After locking some of the doors he started chasing the women of the household with a butcher knife. The women fled to the field, where men were at work.

The men captured him and brought him to Bowmanville, where he is now a guest at the town jail. He will appear before Police Magistrate Horsey to-morrow. He is either mentally deranged or laboring under delirium tremens.

HILL IS CROOKED.

Parker Wired Him, But He Kept Telegram Secret.

St. Louis, July 11.—The facts about the secret actions of Democratic leaders that made Judge Parker's telegram to the convention a necessity are coming out. Judge Parker telegraphed to Mr. Hill on Friday insisting that the Williams financial plank in the preliminary draft of the platform be altered. Mr. Hill kept that telegram to himself; virtually suppressed it. It is now known that Judge Parker intended to delay stating publicly his position on the money question until writing his formal letter of acceptance. But Mr. Hill's misrepresentation of the judge's position made immediate action necessary.

STRATHCONA THERE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—Lord Strathcona read an address yesterday on behalf of the trustees and subscribers of the Leysian Mission extension scheme on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales in ceremony to open the new hall. The object of the mission, founded by the Leys school at Cambridge, Lord Strathcona said, was to bring religious and ameliorative influences to bear on the lives of the toilers in the crowded districts of the city and give these who enjoyed the privilege of a public school education, all the opportunity of coming into sympathetic contact with the social problems of the day. The Prince of Wales replied and speeches were made by the Duke of Devonshire and Sir H. Marshall.

HANDS IN POCKETS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—Lord Crewe, writing to The Times a criticism of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, declares that if his scheme wins the imperial motto will be not "hands across the sea," but "hands in your neighbor's pocket." The case of Canada would be that of a producer for a consideration selling his corn made artificially dear, while Britain would make a patriotic sacrifice by wearing a cheaper coat. The colonial preference idea was wrecking the Unionist party.

KILLED AT SHAWVILLE.

Ottawa, July 11.—George Towell, one of the pioneers of Clarendon Township, was fatally injured in a runaway accident at Shawville, dying an hour after he was hurt. Mr. Towell came into town on business and left his horses standing on the street. They took fright and bolted down the roadway. Mr. Towell ran out and endeavored to catch the lines. He fell beneath the wagon, however, and the wheels passed over his head and body.

OF TORONTO FIRE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—A splendid series of bioscope pictures of the Toronto fire is shown at the Alhambra Music Hall, Leicester-square, London.

CANADIANS LOSE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—In the bowling match at Ayr on Saturday between the Canadian bowlers and the Ayr Club, the latter scored 113 to the Canadians' 89.

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FOR THAMES CUP.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—The Winnipegs have entered for the Thames Cup at the Metropolitan regatta on Thursday, thus competing with the senior fours of the London and Thames Clubs.

Killings in a Campaign.

Wheeling, W.Va., July 11.—Republicans of West Virginia will nominate a full state ticket to-morrow. The preliminary campaign made on the issue of tax reform, has been spirited and has resulted in many personal encounters, three killings and intense bitterness between the opposing factions. Wm. M. O. Dawson represents the reform candidate, and Chas. F. Teter represents the opposition.

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NO POLITICAL CHARACTER IN LETTER FROM KAISER

For Him to Express Favor for Russia Would Precipitate a General War.

Berlin, July 11.—The semi-official newspapers deny that any political character attaches to the telegram sent by Emperor William to the colonel of Wiborg (Finland) regiment, of which his majesty is honorary colonel-in-chief, in which he congratulated the regiment on the prospect of meeting the Japanese, adding that he was proud it would have the honor of fighting for its emperor, the fatherland and the fame of the Russian army, concluding with the expression of his sincere wishes for the regiment, and with a prayer that God might bless its standards.

The papers recall a similar message sent by the emperor to a regiment of British dragoons of which he was honorary colonel, before its departure for South Africa during the Boer war, and points out the fact that his majesty at the spring parade at Potsdam expressed to the Japanese military attache his admiration for the bravery of Japanese troops.

They say that the message was purely a courtly and military one, from a soldier's point of view, that the greatest honor a regiment can have is to be sent to the front.

The deduction that the emperor's telegram presages a German alliance can not be shared by the Russian Government, which well knows that a breach of neutrality on the part of Germany would give the signal for a universal war.

TO DRIVE OUT DEMON.

Eight Women on Trial for Murdering Sufferer From Delusions.

Madrid, July 11.—Eight Catalonian women have been put on trial at the assizes at Burgos for the murder of another woman under startling circumstances. Their victim, Carlotta Fuente, had suffered from hysteria, which eventually took the form of strange delusions. She at last gave out that she was the Virgin Mary, and her neighbors, declaring her possessed of an evil spirit, tore off her clothes and fastened her in a case of quicklime, into which they poured water until the unfortunate woman expired in terrible agony. Their defence is that they sought to drive out the demon which possessed her and had no intention of doing her bodily harm.

STRATHCONA AS GOVERNOR.

If Mr. Sifton Goes to London That Will Happen.

Montreal, July 11.—(Special.)—Altho it is denied in certain quarters that Hon. Clifford Sifton will replace Lord Strathcona in London, leading Liberals here claim that the high commissionership is what the minister of the interior is after.

Some Bank of Montreal men were discussing the matter to-day, and one of them remarked that if Mr. Sifton went to London Lord Strathcona would return to Canada as governor-general.

CHICAGO GETTING GOOD.

Chicago, July 11.—Mayor Harrison to-day declared that prize fights of every sort, including contests under the guise of "glove contests," must cease in Chicago. He summoned Chief of Police O'Neil and gave short orders that the mandate be enforced. Numerous exhibitions already arranged have been called off.

PRESENTED MEMORIAL VOLUME.

Fred Dane, county master, and William Lee, county secretary, L.O.L., last evening delivered to Mrs. J. H. Pritchard the memorial volume containing the resolution of condolence passed by the lodge on the death of the late county master. The volume is a very beautiful one.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 27, the oil painting of the late Mr. Pritchard will be unveiled in the county hall.

POSTPONED DISCUSSION.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—The Standard's Paris correspondent wires that the committee on foreign affairs has postponed the discussion on the Newfoundland question until it has received certain documents from the foreign minister. It is unlikely that the house which is likely to close on Wednesday will ratify the treaty this session, night.

HATCHED BY A CAT.

Berlin, July 11.—At Buschen, near Dusseldorf, a brood of chickens has been hatched by a cat. The animal flew at the hen each time it ventured to approach, and continued sitting on the eggs until the chickens were hatched in the ordinary course. The chickens now follow the cat about wherever it goes.

35 YEARS THE LIMIT.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 11.— No man over 35 years applying for work on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad will be accepted in the future. The officials say that such a man is too old to learn railroading, and not active and vigorous enough for the hard work required.

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, July 11.—Senator Thompson, in an interview here, says that the Canadian general elections will be all over by November.

Hon. F. P. Thompson is a Liberal from Fredericton, N. B.

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BISHOP HUNTINGDON DEAD.

Hadley, Mass., July 11.—Right Rev. Frederick Dan Huntington, Episcopal Bishop of Central Diocese of New York, died at his summer home here this afternoon, aged 85 years.

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TO SPEAK AT ALMONTE.

Ottawa, July 11.—R. R. Gamey, M. L.A., supported by a number of members of the house of commons, will address a gathering at Almonte on Saturday.

A great many Americans would be better pleased if it were as hard to get immigrants into this country as it is to get art works thru the customs house.—The Washington Star.

The Japanese desire to cut off the retreat of General Stakelberg. It's real mean in the Japs to wish to deprive Stakelberg of the only thing that he really cares for.—The Atlanta Journal.

WHERE JUDGE PARKER LIVES.

Esopus will experience a great boom now.

TWO OF TORONTO'S EVENING PAPERS

Which is for the Corporations and Which for the People?

TWO CENTS A MILE.

Toronto News (J. S. Willison, managing director), July 8.

The members of the railway committee evidently approached the consideration of Mr. Maclean's bill with their minds made up. Consequently, the discussion was not as keen and exhaustive as the subject demands. By means of circulars and oral explanations the railway representatives have done a great deal to enlighten the members of parliament. It is reasonable to expect that they would have been willing—even anxious—to give evidence under oath to confirm the contents of the circulars. That was not done. It was an omission that must weaken the case for the railways with every thoughtful citizen. An anonymous statement contained in an unsigned circular cannot be regarded as a satisfactory reply to the charge that the Canadian public is made to pay higher rates upon railways that they have subsidized than the citizens of an adjoining state.

The strongest argument advanced against the demand for a general two-cent rate was the explanation of the Michigan law, which provides for a three-cent rate upon roads earning less than $2000 a mile, and working up to a two-cent rate on roads earning $3000 a mile. That is a fair basis for reduction. A railway earning $3000 a mile of track must be assumed to run thru a densely-populated portion of the country. It was argued that Ontario could not expect the same rate because of the province being more sparsely settled. This evidently appealed to Mr. Maclean as a cogent reason for modifying his demand. He then offered an amendment to apply the Michigan law to Canada.

That seemed to call for a defence, but none was forthcoming. The railway experts who were present at the meeting of the committee may have been satisfied that the members were convinced. But that was not sufficient. The public has a right to know by what arguments they were persuaded of the injustice of the proposed amendments. For the justification of the action of the committee that evidence should have been given. The agitation for a two-cent fare will not be allayed by the silence of the railway representatives. It tends rather to develop public opinion in favor of it.

THE TWO-CENT PASSENGER RATE.

Toronto Star (J. E. Atkinson, managing director), July 7.

Whenever Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., arranges for a hog-killing he finds that he has come without his knife, or that the hog has escaped, or that the boiling water has cooled off, and he can't scrape the pig.

For a long time he has been working on the two-cent-a-mile railway fare, jealously regarding the agitation as one peculiarly his own. If anybody else spoke or wrote in favor of it, this was regarded by him as an infringement of his patent. He saw the idea first and wanted to carry it thru himself. All other advocates of a two-cent fare were spurious.

But when Mr. Maclean got into close grips with the question he completely changed his position. It was not a two-cent rate his bill called for the other day in parliament, but "the Michigan law." When the earnings of a railway amount to $2000 a mile, the passenger fare would, under his proposal, not exceed 2½ cents per mile, and still higher earnings per mile would necessitate a reduction in fares to two cents per mile. This law, if it came into force, would not affect the rates on the C.P.R. at all. It would not affect the G.T.R. except in some small proportion of its mileage, while the representatives of that company contend that in view of the reduced price for return tickets, special rates to commercial travelers and others, the average fares are already as low as Mr. Maclean would make them by legal enactment.

In short, Mr. Maclean in parliament did not advocate that two-cent fare of which, in the house and out of it, he has spoken and written so much. Instead of that, he championed a conditional reduction in fares, not, by his own showing, to go into present effect, but to creep in as railway earnings increased, so that, he thought, in a couple of years, it would be in operation on the Grand Trunk at least. The arguments of the railway men seem to have greatly modified Mr. Maclean's views since he so vehemently declared for a flat, compulsory two-cent fare on all railways, which would so increase traffic as to make the roads more prosperous than ever before. Whether the member for East York was too brash in the first place, or has weakened too much now, is for his admirers to decide, but it certainly does not help a cause to have its champion veering all around the question, while those opposed to it adhere steadfastly to one position. With the object of Mr. Maclean in seeking a reduction in railway passenger rates we heartily sympathize, but if he is to be the advocate of the cause in parliament it would be well for him to press for some one thing, and keep at it, and not flit about so.

EX-CONSTABLE SOLD LIQUOR IN LOCAL OPTION TOWNSHIP

John Whitesides, Late of Toronto, Gets 4 Months—Was Arrested While Running Away.

Bowmanville, July 11.—(Special.)—John Whitesides, Hampton, who was for nineteen years on the Toronto police force, was to-day sentenced by Police Magistrate Horsey to four months in the Central Prison with hard labor for selling liquor without a license.

Whitesides came to Hampton, a village about five miles north of this town, in the Township of Darlington, where local option is in force, last March and purchased the old hotel property to keep a temperance house. He violated the law and was fined $50 and costs some few weeks ago.

Last week he was charged with a second offence. The case was remanded until to-day, when, after hearing the evidence of two female witnesses, the police magistrate gave the sentence as stated.

He tried to escape the officers of the law, and got as far west as Oshawa, when Chief Jarvis wired County Constable J. S. Creen, and Whitesides was caught and brought here this evening. Chief Jarvis took him in charge and will escort him to Cobourg in the morning.

Shortly after Whitesides left the Toronto police he went into the hotel business at Hampton, where he claimed to have been robbed of several hundred dollars which he had hidden under the mattress and which he had intended to apply toward the purchase of the property.

The Canada Metal Co's. Babbit babbit.

Broderick's Business Suits, $22.50—118 King-street.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Woodstock, July 11.—All the nominees for the aldermanic vacancy in St. John's Ward, having withdrawn, Mr. McDonald has been declared elected by acclamation. He took the oath of office and the declaration respecting his qualifications this afternoon and took his seat at the board of the council this evening.

Brunet's Barber Parlors, 17 Colborne St., is the place for gentlemen. 246

MARRIAGES.

DEEKS—RICHIE—At St. Peter's Church, Toronto, on Saturday, July 9th, by Rev. Carey Ward, assisted by Rev. H. S. Musson of Holy Innocents' Church, Indianapolis, Miss Irene Louise Richie, second daughter of the late John Richie, jr., to Donald Walter Deeks.

Use "Maple Leaf" Canned Salmon the best packed.

EAST TORONTO WILL HAVE THAT WATERWORKS SYSTEM

Bylaw to Spend $55,000 Carried by Majority of 24 Out of 250 Votes.

East Toronto, July 11.—Voting on the waterworks bylaw to-day to expend the sum of $55,000 was carried by a majority of 24. The vote by wards was as follows:

Ward One—For 30, against 44.
Ward Two—For 56, against 42.
Ward Three—For 51, against 27.
Majority for bylaw, 24.

A bylaw to grant the sum of $2500 to the local branch of the Y.M.C.A. carried on the following division:

Ward One—For 50, against 18.
Ward Two—For 66, against 33.
Ward Three—For 45, against 30.
Majority for bylaw, 80.

The vote polled, 250 out of a total of 420, is regarded as unusually large for a money bylaw. A fact in connection with the passage of bylaws in East Toronto is that no bonus or money measure ever submitted has met with defeat.

Mayor Walters and the members of the council are jubilant, and active steps will be taken to hasten the progress of the work, with the hope of installing the system before the close of the year.

DEATHS.

MERCER — At Barnhamthorpe, Monday, July 11, 1904, Mrs. S. K. Mercer, beloved wife of Seneca Mercer, age 74.

Funeral from her late residence to Bethany Church, on Wednesday, July 13, at 2 p. m.

McGHEE—At Lot 1, Con. 7, Vaughan Town Line, on Monday, July 11th, 1904, Ann McGhee, relict of the late Joseph Rowntree of Weston, in her 80th year.

Funeral will take place from the residence of her son, James Rowntree, on the 12th inst., at 2 p.m., to Pine Ridge Cemetery.

MEREDITH—On Sunday, July 10, 1904, at his late residence, 356 Centre Island, Arthur Meredith, in his 52nd year.

Funeral private, from his late island home, on Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving and constant remembrance of George H., eldest son of Richard Harcourt, aged 19 years, drowned in Toronto Bay, July 10th, 1903.

Invisibly his spirit hovereth near at hand,
A ministering visitant from the happy land.
While his lamp burneth bright and clear on high,
How canst thou, gentle mother, weep and sigh?
His saddened gaze would surely bid you stay
The swelling tear-drops, flowing fast to-day.
Mother, look upward, till thou hear the swell
Of heavenly anthems—nay, not funeral knell!
Life on earth to dear brother was sweet,
Death maketh his life complete.
—Brothers Fred and Clarence.
4 Elm Grove-avenue.

BISLEY MATCHES BEGUN CROWE'S GREAT SHOOTING

In the Alexander Martin Competition He Makes a Score of 49 Out of 50.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

Bisley Rifle Range, July 11.—The annual meeting of the National Rifle Association opened this morning under favorable auspices. This association was founded in 1860 (incorporated by royal charter 1890) to give permanence to volunteer corps and to encourage rifle shooting thruout the King's dominions.

Among the numerous competitions the principal place for individual firing is taken by the King's prize, which this year is of the aggregate value of £2420. The winner receives the King's prize of £250, N.R.A. gold medal and the N.R.A. gold badge. It consists of three stages: the first at 200, 500 and 600 yards; the second limited to the first 300 in the first stage, 20 shots at 600 yards and the third, in which the first 100 in the first and second stages compete, 10 shots at each of 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

Price of Interest.

Among the team competitions the prize of greatest interest to the empire is the Rajah of Kolapore's Imperial Challenge Cup, to be shot for on July 15 by teams of eight from the volunteers of the mother country, or from the militia or volunteers of each British colony and the Indian staff corps or civil service. The distances are 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, the competitors to be in uniform and one hour at each distance being the time limit. A special commemorative silver bowl is given by the association to the captain, adjutant and each member of the winning team. In connection with this cup there is an £80 N.R.A. prize awarded to the team, exclusive of the mother country team which makes the highest aggregate score.

Another team competition, open to the Dominion, is the MacKinnon Challenge Cup, shot for at 800, 900 and 1000 yards, 10 shots at each by team of 12 in uniform. A special silver bowl is also given to the officers and members of the winning team.

Canada Was Third.

Last year the Kolapore Cup was won by Australia with a score of 770, South Rhodesia being second with 758, Canada third with 757 and the mother country fourth with 755. Canada has been successful six times: in 1872, '73, '81, '84, '89 and '96.

The MacKinnon Cup was won last year by Canada with an aggregate of 1375, England coming second with 1340 and Scotland being third with 1317.

Colonel Collins, commandant of the New Zealand contingent, hopes to take his team home by way of Canada that it may shoot at the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifles Association. If successful at Bisley a visit to Canada is highly probable.

Crowe's Great Shoot.

In the J. H. Steward Challenge Cup competition this afternoon Pte. Neil Smith of the 21st Regiment, Stewart, put on a score of 34 out of a possible 35. The distance is 500 yards. The cup is valued at £10 10s. Cash to the amount of £75 is added by the N. R. A. The competition closes on July 21.

In the Gregory he made the same score.

In the Alexander Martin competition, Staff-Sergt C. R. Crowe of the 30th Regiment, Guelph, scored as follows: 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—49. Immediately following this he put on a score of 12 bullseyes.

In the Gregory unaided competition, open to all-comers, seven shots at 200 yards, Lance-Sergt. W. G. Fowler, 12th Regiment, Toronto, scored 33 out of a possible 35.

The Canadian team yesterday visited Bisley churchyard and laid a wreath on Major Perley's grave.

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