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EMPIRE DAY.

It was a happy idea to perpetuate
the memory of Queen Victoria by
dedicating the anniversary of her
birth to the Empire of which she was
one of the glories during the greater
part of the nineteenth century—an
era of unparalleled development of
the British Dominions.

The occasion is used to impress up-
on the children the lessons of history
and the advantages of British citi-
zenship. We in Canada share the
great destiny of the greatest race in
the modern world, but we must share
the problems of empire as well as its
splendors and privileges.

What is our conception of the British
Empire? In a province of this
Dominion, British subjects have been
herded in jails and prisons because
they could not read or write the En-
glish language. A few months ago we
had the spectacle of a great political
party in Canada seeking by every
means to place obstacles in the way
of Great Britain by affronting her
any in the East and seeking to re-
pudiate an agreement between the
Governments at Tokio and Ottawa,
which removed any grievance in this
country.

A great British statesman tells his
fellow-countrymen they must learn to
think imperially. The advice is
needed by many Canadians who call
themselves Imperialists. Empire Day
should have an educational function,
and the duties as well as the
glories of Empire should receive con-
sideration.

MR. BECK'S ANIMUS.

Hon. Adam Beck's course in con-
nection with the tuberculosis hospital
project has been small-minded and
autocratic.

The necessity of such an institution
in the vicinity of this city is con-
stantly being demonstrated by pitiable
cases. Philanthropic citizens have
agitated and considered ways and
means for the filling of this great
need, and but for the attitude as-
sumed by Mr. Beck as the city's rep-
resentative and a member of the
Whitney Cabinet, construction of the
hospital might be now well under way.
The offer of a worthy citizen, Mr.
James Blair, to donate the sum of
\$20,000 toward the scheme at one
time seemed to insure its realization.
It encouraged the committee of citi-
zens to take steps to bring the city
and county authorities together, the
result being an agreement by which
the city was to contribute \$6,000 and
the county \$4,000.

The law requires that unless special
legislation is secured such grants must
be ratified by the ratepayers. While a
simple matter in the case of the city
the submission of a bylaw to county
taxpayers would cost about \$2,000,
or half the amount of the proposed
county grant. To overcome this ob-
stacle it was proposed to ask the
Legislature to legalize the county
grant without the submission of a
bylaw, the promoters trusting to pre-
cedent and to the humanity of the
legislators to give effect to their peti-
tion.

But they reckoned without the Hon.
Adam Beck. That gentleman was not
in sympathy with the project, and did
not hesitate to say so. Last Decem-
ber, when the municipal elections
were pending he made it known that
but for the fact that he had a more
important matter in hand—presum-
ably the power bylaw—he would
"jump in and kill this hospital bylaw,"
adding that even if it were approved
by the people, he would block the
whole scheme by having the county
grant annulled.

The ratepayers of the city gave a
majority of about fourteen hundred in
favor of the \$6,000 bylaw. But what
did the Hon. Adam Beck care for the
expressed opinion of the people whose
representative he was supposed to be?
Of far greater importance was the
opinion of the Hon. Adam Beck, and
his opinion prevailed. When the bill
came before the Legislature, it was
knocked out, just as Mr. Beck threat-
ened it would be, because the county
grant had not been indorsed by the
ratepayers. Such an irregularity, in
Mr. Beck's opinion, could not be
countenanced by the Legislature.

If Mr. Beck's course in this matter
were consistent with his past record
there would be less to complain of.
But the very reverse is the case. Mr.
Beck was one of the promoters of the
Nurses' Home at Victoria Hospital

and the debenture issue of \$54,000 for
the construction of the building was
authorized by special legislation at
Mr. Beck's urgent request. The erec-
tion of the Nurses' Home brought the
main hospital building and the isola-
tion hospital into such prox-
imity that, according to law,
the latter was of no further
use for the purpose intended. This
has necessitated the erection of a new
isolation hospital, which is to be lo-
cated at practically the same distance
from the main building as the old
isolation hospital originally was. But
for the placing of the Nurses' Home
where it is, a new isolation hospital
would not be necessary. The old one
had exactly the same accommodation
(for fifty patients) as it is proposed to
give the new one. This new building
is to cost the city \$50,000 or more, and
Mr. Beck has had the issue of debentures
legalized for \$54,000, by special
legislation without a vote of the tax-
payers.

In spite of all this, Mr. Beck not
only uses his influence to thwart the
expressed wishes of the citizens, but
still declares his determination to
block the tuberculosis hospital by every
means in his power, no matter what
the people say.

It is such conduct as this that has
given the impression to Conservatives
and Liberals alike that the Hon. Adam
Beck considers himself greater than
the people whom he is supposed to
serve. Had the tuberculosis hospital
project been a Beck scheme it would
have encountered no more obstacles
than did the Nurses' Home and isola-
tion hospital. But unless Mr. Beck
can be the head and front of any
movement he will knife it if he can.

800 CANAL TRAFFIC.

An idea of the great development of
traffic on the Great Lakes during the
past decade may be gained from a
perusal of the recently published an-
nual report of the United States sur-
intendent of canals for the year
1907. The total net tons of freight
carried through the Soo canals, Amer-
ican and Canadian, in 1887 was 5,494,
649. Ten years later it had increased
by 10,744,412 tons, the total being 16,
239,061 tons. Enormous as this in-
crease was, it was small in compari-
son with that during the ten years
1897 to 1907, the total reaching the colos-
sal figure of 58,217,214 tons.

The vastness of the growth may be
better understood when it is stated
that last year the weekly tonnage of
freight passing through the canals was
about equal to the monthly tonnage of
1896, while three weeks of last year
more freight than was carried during
the whole of 1887.

In the decade 1887-1897 there was a
reduction in freight charges from 14
mills per ton mile to 0.83 of a mill per
ton mile, while during the later ten-
year period the reduction was one
three-hundredths of a mill per ton
mile. A reduction of a third of a cent
in the average charge of carrying 100
tons of freight for 100 miles may seem
infinitesimal, but applied to last
year's tonnage it means a saving in
transportation charges of close on a
million and a half of dollars.

That the Great Lakes are of im-
mense value to the whole North
American continent will be seen from
the fact the average charge per ton
per mile on freight passing through
the Soo canals last year was not more
than one-tenth of the annual charge
per ton mile of all the railways, which
charge a lower rate than do the rail-
ways of any other country the world
over.

The report makes reference to some
remarkable performances of ore-car-
rying steamers. In this respect the
Augustus B. Wolvin led all competi-
tors, carrying during the season equiv-
alent to 274,863,249 tons one mile. It
is figured out that a railway, to carry
this tonnage, would require to have
fifteen loaded fifty-ton cars leave each
terminal every day of the period dur-
ing which this vessel was running.

As yet Canadian vessels are getting
a comparatively small share of this
freight traffic—not more than five per
cent; but there is reason to look for
improvement in the near future. The
value of Canadian vessels passing
through the two canals during the past
couple of decades has increased from
\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, as against an
increase of United States vessels from
\$20,000,000 to \$102,000,000. Much more
favorable, however, is Canada's show-
ing in the carrying of passengers, our
share of that being 57 per cent.

MR. BECK SHARPLY REBUKED.

The Conservative organ in Hamil-
ton, the Spectator, passes some severe
strictures upon Mr. Beck. It accuses
him of trying to "force upon Hamil-
ton a hydro-electric contract regard-
less of price." It says he has resorted
to methods which do him no credit.
"Much more of the method his advo-
cates are now using, at his sugges-
tion," it adds, "will give Hamilton
people an opinion of him that will be
far from complimentary." The Spec-
tator rebukes the Toronto World for
accusing Hamilton aldermen of "side-
stepping" the power contract because
they refuse to be stampeded into rat-
ifying it before they understand its
provisions. The remarks of our Ham-
ilton contemporary fit the situation in
London so well that they are worth
reproducing:

"All honor to the aldermen who

are classed by the World corre-
spondent as 'sidesteppers.' They
have shown by their alleged side-
stepping that they have some sense
of the real importance of the step
which the city is about to take in
the power matter.

"Surely the man who asks for
time to study a contract which,
when signed, commits the city to
very serious financial obligation and
a thirty year monopoly arrange-
ment for power, is not so much a
sidestepper as the man who would
for one reason or another shut his
eyes and sign the contract without
any real knowledge of its contents?"

"The aldermen who ask for time
to study are sidesteppers. They
would sidestep, if possible, any
further trouble in the power mat-
ter. The aldermen who would sign
blindfolded if necessary are also
sidesteppers. They would sidestep
their responsibilities as the people's
business representatives."

In this city also the Beck interests
have been trying to bulldoze the coun-
cill into signing an agreement which
has puzzled even its legal adviser.
There is something suspicious in this
attempt to coerce the municipal
authorities into a blindfolded rat-
ification of the contract. It looks as
though the Beckites wished to use it
as an election card.

Calumny and personal abuse are no
answer to Mr. McEvoy's arguments on
the power question.

The water question has been thrust
into the background temporarily by
the election, but its innings will come.

Colonel Sam Hughes went gunning
for his fellow Conservatives with a
Ross rifle. What a happy family is
the Federal Opposition!

Major Hodgins, the engineer who
laid charges against the Transconti-
ental Railway commission, admits
that no improper suggestion was
made to him by Commissioner Reid.
It would seem that a certain news-
paper owes Mr. Reid another apology.

A Western University graduate has
won the highest honors at Harvard,
in competition with the continent. If
the Western can do such good work
with inadequate facilities, it will do a
greater work when it is on a sounder
financial footing.

The Hamilton Times thinks the
municipalities have the right to ask
for improvements in the Niagara
power contract. It suggests some
points for consideration as follows:

"Before the contract can receive
the sanction of any intelligent and
honest municipality it is imperative
that the city of Hamilton it must
amend: (1) By eliminating the
monopoly clause which ties the
city's hands; (2) by providing means
by which the city can terminate the
contract when she finds that adher-
ence to it is not to her interests;
(3) by furnishing a clear and de-
finite statement of the price which
we shall have to pay, that price be-
ing lower than elsewhere avail-
able; (4) by providing that the city,
which pays the bills, shall have a
real and influential voice in the
management of the scheme."

SEVENTH REGIMENT

IN DAILY MAIL SHOOT

A very large crowd of citizens visit-
ed the Cove Ranges on Saturday af-
ternoon when the rifle team from the
Seventh Regiment, which was entered
for the Daily Mail Overseas Competi-
tion, competed.

The light was most unfavorable for
good shooting and added to this was
the fact that it was the first time sev-
eral of the members have had a
chance to shoot this year.

No very high scores were made.

Out of a possible 105, Captain Mc-
Crimmon secured 94.

Color-Sergeant Chester Butler was
second, with a score of 94 also.

Captain Murphy third, with 92.
Allen fifth, with 82. Pte. King of "G"
Company, sixth, with 78, and Sergt.
Newton seventh, with 8.

The scores, as soon as completed,
were wired at once to the Daily Mail
in London, England.

Over three hundred rifle teams in all
parts of the British Empire shot for
the prize, which is a very handsome
silver trophy.

Each of the above-mentioned mem-
bers of the Seventh Regiment received
a handsome gold stick pin as a
prize for making a high score.

Death of Henry Branson.
An old resident of this city died at
the family residence, 357 Horton street,
yesterday morning in the person of
Henry Branson. Mr. Branson was 60
years old, and came to this city from
Toronto 30 years ago. For more than
20 years he had resided in Toronto. He
was one of the oldest members of L.
O. L., Toronto, No. 142. The funeral
will be held this afternoon at Mount
Pleasant Cemetery. Services will be
conducted at the house by Rev. Mr.
Harris.

Ore for Hamilton.

Fifteen cars of iron ore went
through the city yesterday on the way
to Hamilton, where the ore will go
through the smelters. The ore, which
passed through yesterday, is the largest
advance shipment of the season, and
came in from Samia from Lake
Superior on one of the lake boats.
Railway officials state that from now
on the shipments will be fairly heavy
in this line. Grand Trunk traffic is
steadily picking up and officials report
that the outlook for a good season is
promising.

IS YOUR STOMACH SOUR?

Just notice if you belch gas and have
sour risings. Ten drops of Nervine
in sweetened water will instantly give
relief. Nervine sweetens the stomach,
aids digestion, dispels gas, makes you
fit and fine in a few minutes. No treat-
ment for stomach and bowel troubles
to compare with Poison's Nervine,
thousands have proved it.

Dr. Hutchinson Gives a Few Pointers

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health offi-
cer, directs attention to work which
should be done before the hot weath-
er arrives.

Householders should provide water-
tight garbage receptacles, made of
non-absorbent material, with tight
covers; such receptacles should be
frequently washed or scalded with

boiling-hot water and a mild disinfect-
ant used daily.

Fresh slacked lime sprinkled in the
receptacle will answer the purpose
very well. Keep flies, mosquitoes and
other insects out of your dwellings by
providing window and door screens.

It is a well-known fact that the little
house fly feeding on the many sources
of pollution bring disease into fami-
lies.

Militia Men and the Tercentenary

The Toronto Star says:

Only three weeks till the opening of
Niagara Camp, and just about seven
weeks till the Quebec Tercentenary.
Still the members of several of the
militia corps are not sure to which of
these events they will be expected to
go.

The order for the assembling of the
larger body of troops at Quebec has
been cancelled; the order for Niagara
Camp has been issued. A composite
regiment from the city corps is called
for in the Niagara camp orders. But
it was already understood that the city
corps were going to Quebec anyway.
Meantime, the holiday lists in most of
the establishments where the men are
employed are being settled on, and
those who want to be true to their
corps, and go where the corps goes,
are in a quandary.

Prospects for Camp.
There is a feeling that the prospects
are not bright for a strong produc-
tive camp at Niagara this year. In the
first place, the understanding that
everybody was going to Quebec pre-
vented officers and men from making
arrangements to get away in June.
Now it is too late in hundreds of cases

for them to arrange for leave from
business on June 10, and ten days
thereafter.

Then there are the elections, in
which many of the officers and men
are actively engaged, and in which all
are more or less interested.

Some folks say that a militiaman's
duty as a militiaman should be first,
and such "commonplace" things as
business and elections made second-
ary. But this lofty ideal of patriotism
doesn't work out in this democratic
age.

They Would Like to Know.
Since, from all accounts, the respon-
sibility for inviting the soldiers to
Quebec now rests with the National
Battlefields Commission, the officers
and men of all the military corps east
of Fort William would like to hear
something definite from these gentle-
men.

In the meantime all concerned are
all at sea in regard to the Quebec
trip, and the arrangements for Ni-
agara Camp, so far as the city corps
are concerned, are just about as hazy.
Next week, or the week after, will
see the conclusion of the spring drills.
Will anything be definitely known be-
fore the end of weekly parades?

Londoners Are Preparing Cottages

Many Londoners have commenced
getting their summer houses at Port
Stanley in order, and not a few of
the cottages are being painted and
cleaned, while bonfires and other signs
tell that a general cleaning process is
in progress.

The Port will boom this year as
never before, and amusements are be-
ing provided to make it a most at-
tractive place.

The roller coaster, it is expected,
will be in order by June 20, and many
other features will be added this
year.

Franks Commissioner Pearce, of Lon-
don, has a man at the Port trimming
all the trees, and he has orders to
stay down there for a week, and do all
that is necessary.

London Militia Attend Divine Service

Large Congregation in St. Paul's

Services Appropriate To Victoria

Day in Many Churches.

During the evening Mr. Webster
sang very beautifully "The Prodigal
Son."

Christ Church.

Yesterday was Rev. R. S. W. How-
ard's last Sunday with his congrega-
tion for at least three months, as he
and Mrs. Howard sail on Thursday
morning on the Dominion liner
Southwark, for London, England.
They will attend the Pan-
Anglican congress.

Mr. Howard preached two excellent
sermons.

Mr. Will Taylor, during the evening,
sang "Rock of Ages," and the
choir rendered several anthems.

Talbot Street Baptist Church.

At Talbot Street Baptist Church,
Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. A.
J. Vining spoke from the text John,
5th chapter, verses 46, 47 and 50, the
subject being "Christ and the Bible."

The preacher said that Christ and
the Bible are inseparable. They
stand or fall together.

The principal agents used by Satan
for hindering the progress of the
gospel were professing Christian
ministers who express erroneous views
from their pulpits concerning Christ
and the work of God.

The whole discourse was very able
and very profitable to all who heard
it, the two great divisions of the sub-
ject being what the Scriptures say
about Christ and what Christ said
about the Scriptures.

The speaker exhorted his hearers to
see to it that they put into daily
practice the many lessons contained
for us all in God's holy word.

In the evening the pastor's subject
was "Jezebel's Daughter." The ad-
dress included three reigns over the
Kingdom of Judah, in all of which was
felt the blasting influence of the life
of that wicked woman.

Idolatry prevailed in spite of the
writings of the old prophet and man
of God, Elijah.

The speaker made many pointed
applications of lessons drawn from

St. Andrew's Church.
St. Andrew's Church was crowded
to the doors yesterday morning when
Dr. Ross spoke on "Victoria the
Good," taking his text from Proverbs,
x, 7, "The memory of the just is
blessed."

Dr. Ross pointed out many of the
features of character that made
Queen Victoria's reign such a success-
ful one, and showed how she was en-
abled to maintain her hold on the af-
fections of her people.

Purity in her personal and family
life, he said, was one of the outstand-
ing features of a matchless reign.

Her court was as different from the
wicked and impure courts of the pre-
decessors of her line as it was possi-
ble for it to be. Her domestic af-
fections were of the truly womanly
kind and revealed a noble nature
that endeared her to her people.

The woman of today might well
emulate their late Queen in cultivat-
ing affections of this kind.

Some of the modern women would
rather waste their time fondling with
an ugly lapdog than caring for little
children. They did not possess the
wide sympathy which grew out of a
great love like the Queen's, and which
will last and make her name a bright
one in history as long as England's
history is written. In concluding, Dr.
Ross spoke of the Queen's strong re-
ligious faith which she maintained
throughout her life.

At the evening service, Dr. Ross
preached his third sermon of a series
taking as his subject, "The Prodigal
Son."

the events of the reigns of these three
rulers and not the least was the ex-
hortation to all of his unsaved hearers
to heed the warning contained in
God's word to flee from the wrath to
come. There is only one refuge—the
Lord Jesus Christ.

The ordinance of baptism was ad-
ministered at the close of the evening
service.

At both morning and evening ser-
vices the large congregations heartily
joined in singing the National Anthem.

First Methodist Church.

Rev. James Livingstone occupied
the pulpit at the First Methodist
Church yesterday morning and
preached on "The Spirit of Man."

Man's relation to God has always
been one of the most interesting of
the deeper problems.

Man gives value to all things. Man
has been given the mysteries of God,
and is able to understand them.

There should be no antagonism be-
tween science and wisdom. Man is not
placed in the world to apologize for
being here. Many people are content
to say they are worms, but true men
are not worms, they are made in the
image of God, and are placed here to
solve the problems of the universe.

In the evening the pastor spoke of
Queen Victoria and King Edward to a
large audience in Wellington Street
Methodist Church. During the even-
ing service, Mrs. Edward Wyatt sang
"The Prodigal."

Memorial Church.

At the Memorial Church, Rev. Dyson
Hague preached two patriotic sermons
regarding Victoria Day. Large con-
gregations were present at both ser-
vices.

Miss Drew sang a solo very accept-
ably during the evening services.

Dundas Center Methodist Church.

"The Philosopher's Prayer," taken
from the text, "Give me neither pov-
erty nor riches," was the subject of a
thoughtful sermon at Dundas Center
Church yesterday morning by Rev. E.
B. Lancelley.

The extremes of life, the speaker
said, were undesirable.

The rich man is too busy looking after
his money to enjoy life, while the
poor man is too busy making a liv-
ing to gain any pleasure. The per-
sons situated in middle conditions are
the happiest and are able to make
others happier.

In the evening Mr. Lancelley spoke
on "How much better to get wisdom
than gold."

Mr. J. Parnell-Morris sang "The Re-
cessional," in a very effective man-
ner.

The Epworth League of Dundas
Center Church has invited the mem-
bers of the congregation to a big pic-
nic to be held on Monday afternoon
near Hyde Park. It is expected that
several hundred people will be pres-
ent.

Askin Street Methodist Church.

"Empire Building" was Rev. A. K.
Birks' theme last evening in a pa-
triotic sermon in Askin Street Church
on the growth and strength of the
British nation.

The choir rendered a programme of
patriotic selections at both morning
and evening services.

Evangelist Belcher in York Street
Mission last evening spoke on "The
Life More Abundant."

A well-attended men's meeting was
held in the Auditorium yesterday af-
ternoon, when Dr. Thompson con-
ducted an open discussion on "Man's
Environment," in which many inter-
esting phases of progress were dis-
cussed.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

OF UNITARIAN CHURCH

The anniversary services of the
Unitarian Church were held yester-
day.

The preacher was Rev. R. J. Hutch-
eson, M. A., of Toronto, who delivered
two addresses. There was a large at-
tendance at both services.

The morning subject was "Com-
pensation." Mr. Hutcheson illustrated
the subject by showing the political
reaction at the time of the French
Revolution when the people rebelled
against class oppression; and also
Russian anarchy, a protest against
conditions prevailing in that country
at the present.

In the evening the subject was
"The Golden Rule of the Old Testa-
ment." Mr. Hutcheson said that in
the old primitive mind, God is re-
garded as commanding sacrifice ritual
and unquestioning belief. This primi-
tive mind, exists today, and stone-
ment and sacrifice are demanded in-
stead of the moral qualities of mercy
and justice. He pointed out that there
was a religious value in ordinary
human relations and that in fact in
the development of the ordinary
human relations is the highest re-
ligious duty. The real atheist, he
declared, is the man who is willing to
meet all the demands of the cere-
monial and dogmatism of the church
but refuses to meet his social obliga-

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tions.
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ing in the Unitarian Church.

RETIREMENT STORY

IS LAUGHED AT