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A SHARP CONTRAST.

The Toronto World the other day had a lengthy article contrasting the Canadian Transcontinental Railway Commission with the United States Isthmian Canal Commission, and the comparison shows greatly to the disadvantage of the former.

Canadian Transcontinental Railway Commission—F. B. Wade, K. C., lawyer, chairman; A. Brunet, formerly cashier of a bank; R. Reid, stationer; C. A. Young, implement agent. United States Isthmian Canal Commission—Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, U. S. N.; Major-Gen. Geo. W. Davis, U. S. A.; Wm. B. Parsons, C. E.; Wm. H. Burr, C. E.; Ben. M. Harrod, C. E.; C. E. Grunsky, C. E.; Frank J. Hecker, business man; D. I. Murphy, journalist, secretary.

There is good reason to find fault with the Canadian Commissioners on the score of lack of training and experience for the work for which they will be held responsible to the people of Canada. Not one of them is a railroad man, or a civil engineer or an expert in any kind having a bearing on railway building, and the inference must be that they have been placed in offices of emolument because of party affiliations and as a reward for party services rendered or for the purpose of partisan administering of the vast funds they are to expend.

"I have chosen you with reference to nothing save my belief, after full and patient enquiry, that you are, among all the available men of whom I have knowledge, those best fitted to bring this great task to a successful conclusion. You have been chosen purely because of your personal and professional reputation for integrity and ability. You represent the whole country. You represent neither section nor party. I have not sought to find out the politics of a single one of you. I have not the slightest idea of what your political affiliations are. So long as you render official service of the highest type you may rest assured of my hearty support and backing in every way. I shall expect you to apply precisely the same principles in the choice and retention of the subordinates who are to do the work under you as I have applied in your choice and shall apply in your retention. I shall expect you to appoint no man for reasons other than your belief in the aid he can render you in digging the canal."

While it is not often that the United States has been cited as furnishing a good pattern to go by, it must be conceded that the above is eminently sensible and businesslike, and might well have been copied by the Dominion Government in the constitution of the railway commission. Mr. Roosevelt further said to the commissioners:

"The plans are to be carefully made with a view of the needs not only of the moment, but of the future. The expenditures are to be supervised rigorously as if they were being made for a private corporation dependent for its profits upon the returns. You are to secure the best talent this country can afford to meet the conditions created by every need which may arise. The methods for achieving the results must be yours. What this nation will insist upon is that the results be achieved."

The Canadian Government and Commissioners would do well to commit this to memory and act upon it to the utmost of their ability, no matter whether the present Plan of the Government carries or whether the Conservative party comes to power and has the road constructed as a Government-owned line.

The Mail and Empire scores a further point by resurrecting from the campaign speeches of former Liberal leaders strong denunciation of the system of building and administering Government railways by commission, as being contrary to the spirit of Parliamentary Government. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, in a campaign speech which he delivered at Clinton, prior to the election of 1878, made this statement:

"When we came into office we found that four commissioners were conducting the affairs of the Intercolonial Railway, one on a salary of \$4,000 a year, and the others on a salary of \$3,000 a year, one of them being a member of Parliament. I introduced an Act at once to abolish

NEW CITY MARKET BUILDING WILL BE BUILT AT LAST

Aldermen Take Action on The Planet's Suggestion—By-Law to be Submitted—Ald. Marshall Tenders and Withdraws Resignation—The Lighting Problem—Lengthy Meeting of City Council.

The City Council last night gave another sample of how to take much time to do little business, the aldermen crowding a good half-hour's work into the two hours and a half in which they went in for oratory practice. Ald. Scullard, who presided after the departure of Mayor McKeough, was generous and, although he rubbed his eyes wearily at times and ever and anon sighed sadly, he gave a kindly latitude to the speakers in front of him—a courtesy which they gave very practical evidence that they appreciated. In discussing the proposal to have the lighting system inspected, for instance, 49 minutes of actual time was monopolized and one alderman distinguished himself by speaking some eleven times.

After the happy presentation to Clarence E. Stringer, which preceded the meeting, the Mayor withdrew, "not," as he smilingly stated, "because I love you less, but because I love the children more." On motion of Ald. Piggott and Edmondson, Ald. Scullard was elected to the chair for the balance of the evening. Ald. Marshall tendered his resignation as an alderman owing to his alliance with the new industry which looks towards establishment in this city.

Ald. McCoig moved that the resignation be not accepted. He had spent nearly five years with Ald. Marshall at the civic board and paid a high compliment to his worth and services. He hoped Ald. Marshall would reconsider his decision. All the other aldermen spoke heartily in support of the motion. Ald. Marshall expressed his appreciation of the kind words of confidence tendered and consented to withdraw the resignation, stating he would refrain from discussing or voting upon the matter in which he was interested.

"I presume we all read the editorial article in to-night's Planet on the matter of the market building," declared Ald. Edmondson, "and think its criticism is quite right and its suggestion should be acted upon. The market is without doubt the most disgraceful spot in our city. It is about the most valuable property location in the city, yet the city treasurer assured him it was hardly self-sustaining. I would move that a committee be appointed to go into the matter, have plans prepared and a by-law submitted. Let the citizens inspect the matter and ascertain the cost."

Ald. Martin—I heartily second the motion. Ald. Westman spoke strongly in support of the resolution. The present market, he said, was a disgrace. On the suggestion of Ald. McCoig it was unanimously decided that the Council act as a committee of the whole in taking prompt steps in this matter.

Ald. Piggott made a very satisfactory statement of the comparative figures of the Board of Works in Windsor and Chatham. In Windsor the estimated expenditure of their Board this year was \$14,500, while in Chatham, with more work done, it was only \$7,500.

When the account of Dr. Charteris, for expenses as delegate to a health convention was passed, the finance minister, Ald. Marshall, took occasion to sound an ominous warning. "I do not like these accounts," he said. "Unfortunately we have no way to stop them or secure redress. Under the statute we must just pay up and look pleasant, or try to look so. But it is apparent that the

commission, and to make it a duty of the Minister of Public Works to conduct the Intercolonial Railway as a public work in Canada, and we saved by that means the sum of \$10,000 per annum."

It is not the saving, however, that is the chief consideration. The objection urged by both Mr. Alex. Mackenzie and Mr. Edward Blake to the employment of commissioners was that it removed the public outlays from the control of Parliament. Mr. Blake very forcibly pointed out that danger of transferring to outside persons duties and responsibilities over which the Parliamentary body ought to hold a check. A commission appointed by the Cabinet is beyond the reach of the people's representatives. Their policy and expenditures are alike irresponsible to the electorate. Such a system was so foreign to the principle of responsible government that Mr. Mackenzie declared it could not be tolerated under Liberal rule. The new Liberalism has not only reintroduced it, but in a form far more objectionable than before.

The Liberal leaders have held up their hands in horror at thought of the old Pacific Scandal, which, if all their charges about it were true, has been discounted by their own election exploits, and certainly by appointing such a commission as they have, they are starting out in such a way as to make the people look for a new Pacific Scandal to which the other was a pigmy.

Health Board will considerably overstep its estimates and, with the present high rate, I think it is unfortunate that more care is not exercised in incurring accounts."

All the members of the Council were present. The Bank of Commerce wrote asking permission to build extension.—Property.

R. Lowe wrote asking allowance for flankage on Patterson Ave.—Finance.

Several petitions for local improvements were read and referred. The petition from Works Co. of Syracuse, N.Y. submitting their final proposition for the establishment of their factory in Chatham.—Referred to Industrial Committee to prepare a by-law.

Mary Glasgow wrote asking \$15 and doctor bill for accident on Fifth St. bridge.—Finance.

J. H. Tyrell wrote giving notice of claim for damages on account of accident on Joseph St.—Finance.

Ald. Piggott asked whether it was the fault of the linemen or the lamps that there was no light on King St. West.

Ald. Edmondson said he had taken up the matter and would later move the appointment of an expert to inspect. He desired to know where the trouble was. If it was the linemen's fault he would move their discharge.

It was decided to ask for tenders for the cleaning of Sandys St. sewer. Ald. Piggott reported that he had directed the former motion. Ald. Edmondson moved that an expert be engaged to inspect the lighting system and see where the difficulty arises.

Ald. Piggott thought that one of the linemen was derelict in his duty. He thought the City Engineer should be intrusted with the inspection.

Ald. McCoig said that he hoped the council would now take the action he recommended before the purchase of the dynamo, viz., the thorough and proper overhauling of the entire system.

Ald. Piggott said if the City Engineer wasn't aware of the poor lights it was time the Council made him aware of it.

The matter was finally left with Property committee. Wm. Charles's bid for granolithic walks was accepted and approved.

Ald. Lye brought up the matter of the Lansdowne Ave. sewer and asked if the council purposed doing justice to Mr. Charles. He strongly favored a settlement.

Ald. Martin moved that the city compensate Mr. Charles in the matter by the payment of \$12 in a strong address. The discussion waxed quite warm. Ald. Martin was declared out of order and heatedly responded.

He finally moved the rescinding of the former motion. Ald. Edmondson seconded. The motion failed.

ACCOUNTS PASSED. Work at cemetery, \$36. Pay sheets, Sept. 29, \$54.82. J. H. Oldershaw (referred) \$279.43. Dominion Paving Co., \$100.55. Waterworks Dept., \$365.74. Thos. Martin, \$280. A. H. Patterson, \$6.60. A. H. Patterson, \$19.99. S. Hadley Co., \$23.55. Jas. Somers, \$69. C. P. Telegraph Co., \$35. A. H. Patterson, \$25.00. Park Bros., \$120. Chatham Electric Co., \$1104.03. F. Jacques & Son, \$4.65. S. Hadley Co., \$13.36.

A YOUNG HERO

Mayor McKeough Fittingly Present Recognition to Brave Maple City Youth.

A memorable and exceedingly pleasant event took place at the City Council meeting last evening, when a recent heroic act of a Maple City lad in saving a comrade's life from drowning was suitably commemorated.

After the opening routine of the civic session his worship Mayor McKeough asked Clarence E. Stringer to step forward.

The Mayor rose in honor of the youth as he entered within the rail and addressed him heartily. "Shakespeare," said his worship, "has said that there is a tide in the affairs of man that, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." All men have not the opportunity of being heroes. Some when the chance comes do not seize it and their life is one long regret; others place deeds of valor upon record. It takes nerve and courage to perform a brave deed. "You gallantly saved a fellow companion's life. We are proud of you, Clarence, and Chatham is proud of you, and it affords me much pleasure to present you with this parchment from the Royal Canadian Humane Society."

Amid rounds of hearty applause the Mayor then handed the lad the handsome engraved record of his brave deed, when by heroic presence of mind he saved James Clarke from drowning in the River Thames.

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HAPPIEST MAN IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

"I am the happiest man in Uncle Sam's Navy. I must have got the piles from always sitting on the guns, for I have to get on them to clean them, as I am first-class gunner's mate in the after turret. "I could not do any work when I had the piles, my shipmates did it for me. I certainly was in a bad condition; to-day there is no man on board the ship in better condition than I am, and I can certainly thank Pyramid Pile Cure for the world of good it has done me. I used so many different medicines and spent lots of money until I used this remedy; it is the only one of the whole lot that did me any good. "The first box nearly cured me, and I don't think I ever felt better in my life, that I thought I got the real stuff at last. To make sure of a cure I used a number of boxes, also two boxes of Pyramid Pills and one and-one-half boxes of Pyramid Ointment, and I still have four boxes of Pyramid Pile Cure left, that I keep in case I meet anyone that is a sufferer of piles. I thank Pyramid Pile Cure a million times!" Julius A. Koester, U. S. Flagship Kearsarge.

The wonderful cures effected by this remedy are subject for remark among members of the medical profession everywhere. A little book describing the causes and cure of piles is published by the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., and will advise every sufferer as to how to get it. It is a singular fact that one out of every four suffers from this distressing complaint, and another peculiar feature is that it is no respecter of persons, attacking both those of high and of low degree, the laborer and the millionaire, the scrubwoman and the lady of fashion. We have pleasure in recommending Pyramid Pile Cure, to all such, as it possesses merit, and since it is sold by all druggists generally for the low price of fifty cents a package a prompt and speedy cure is easily within the reach of everyone.

FALL FAIRS

East Kent, at Thamesville—Oct. 4, 5 Chatham and Dover, at Wallaceburg—Oct. 5, 6. Merson, at Leamington—Oct. 5, 6, 7. Colchester South, at Harrow—Oct. 13, 14. Raleigh, at Merlin—Oct. 5, 6. Howard, at Ridgeway—Oct. 18, 19. Harwich, at Blenheim—Oct. 11, 12. Highgate, at Highgate—Oct. 6, 7. Florence, at Florence—Oct. 13, 14. Moraviantown, at Moraviantown—Oct. 13, 14.

Watch lost—On Thursday last, on Queen Street, between Indian Creek and St. Joseph's church, a ladies' hunting-case watch in a VonGuten box. A reward will be paid for its return to The Planet office.

EARNST WORK OF GOOD LADIES

Successful Annual Meeting of the Home of Friendless Held Yesterday.

Eulogy By Dr. Battsby—Thanks to Col. Rankin—Officers Elected and Reports Received.

The annual meeting of the ladies of the Home was held in the City Council Chamber, Harrison Hall, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Battsby was the only gentleman present outside the newspaper representatives. The doctor never misses the annual meeting, and at the request of the ladies he opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. doctor had to withdraw immediately afterwards owing to the meeting of the C. C. L. Board, of which he is chairman. Mrs. N. H. Stevens presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Stegman. There were present at the meeting Mrs. Tyhurst, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. R. G. Fleming, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. S. F. Gardner, Mrs. Charlotte Ryan, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. W. D. Sheldon, Mrs. Bounsell and Mrs. Tisiman.

Dr. Battsby made a short address in which he praised the ladies of the Home for the good work they were doing. Theirs was a thankless task and one which had many discouraging elements. The aged poor were not as grateful as they might be. Still they should be born with.

Mrs. Stevens thanked the doctor for his presence and his address. Mrs. Charlotte Ryan read the secretary's report for year ending Sept. 30, 1904, as follows:

In presenting this the twenty-third annual report of the Home for the Friendless, comparatively speaking the Home has been filled this year, and much credit is due to the matron, Miss Green, who has given her time to these afflicted ones. From 18 to 22 persons has been in constant attendance, of whom 14 were here previous to last year; 40 persons admitted during the year; 21 male; 19 female; 5 Roman Catholics; 30 Protestants; 5 strangers, sheltered over night; 36 from the city; 4 from other parts; 31 white; 9 colored. We received board from four aged persons and one child and still continue the education at the Belleville Institute of little Herbert Wilson. Furnished outside of the Home fuel and provisions to 129 householders, 452 persons in all; 30 Roman Catholics; 99 Protestants; 54 white, 76 colored; 3 burials; 17 hospital patients; 14 railway passes issued to the travelling poor; 241 grocery orders, varying from 25 cents to \$1.00; 185 wood and coal orders distributed, not including the regular Christmas cheer.

The Board of Management of the Home avail themselves of this opportunity of thanking Mr. Gosnell for the use of his office during the past year.

CHARLOTTE RYAN, Secretary.

On motion of Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Tisiman, the report was adopted.

Mrs. R. G. Fleming presented the treasurer's report. It was very clear and the treasurer was complimented for its excellence. It was as follows: Receipts, cash in Bank, Oct. 1, '03, \$782.50; received from Ontario Government, \$314.58; received from city of Chatham, \$2,000; from inmates,

\$225.50; members, \$4.50; Mrs. M. \$148.18; subscriptions, \$145.90; in est. from Bank, \$24.50; total, \$3,599. Expenditures—Meat, \$157.71; flour, bread, etc., \$119.75; milk, \$60; wages, \$30.12; potatoes and vegetables, \$4.70; groceries and provisions, \$456.36; postage, etc., \$16.25; shoes, clothing, etc., \$32.18; fuel, \$866.35; furniture, bedding, etc., \$32.54; medicine, etc., \$135.33; repairs, \$136.10; salaries, \$227.25; hospitals, \$142.68; funerals, \$31.90; artificial limbs, \$25; passes, \$10.65; other expenses, \$39.58; cash in Bank, \$468.71; cash in Savings Bank, \$472.68; total, \$3,595.75. Signed ALTA FLEMING, Treasurer.

Mrs. Laird, for the Religious committee, reported that the clergymen of the city had paid the following number of visits: Rev. Dr. Battsby 8, Rev. Mr. Cobblecock 5, Rev. Mr. McCosh 4, Rev. T. Beverley Smith 4, Rev. Mr. MacGillivray 4, Rev. F. E. Mallott 3. Religious services were held by Messrs. Macaulay, Reeve, Thompson, Sde, Moore, Walker, Putnam and Judge Woods.

Mrs. McLean, the corresponding secretary, reported that she had written 19 letters during the year. Mrs. John Ferguson, treasurer of the Special committee, reported the receipt of \$40 from the Sherwood bequest. This was expended as follows: Christmas cheer, \$24.75; clothing, \$3.30; Mrs. Gordon, \$11.65.

Mrs. Gardner moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. W. D. Sheldon, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Thurston, and Mrs. E. W. Scane, the ladies who had charge of the Wards. The vote of thanks carried unanimously.

Mrs. McLean suggested a vote of thanks to the press to their courtesy during the year.

On motion of Mrs. Sheldon, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, it was carried unanimously.

COLONEL RANKIN THANKED. On motion of Mrs. Fleming, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Colonel J. B. Rankin. Mrs. Fleming said that Col. Rankin had been the solicitor for the Home ever since it had been started and had always given his aid and his advice without recompense. The Colonel was deserving of recognition and thanks for what he had done.

In the absence of Mayor McKeough, Mrs. N. H. Stevens presided during the election of officers: Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Johnson were appointed secretaries.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. E. W. Scane. Vice-President—Mrs. S. F. Gardner. Treasurer—Mrs. R. G. Fleming. Secretary—Miss Ryan. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Johnson.

The newly elected office made short addresses. It was moved by Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Stevens, daines Baird Snook, McD Brady be the Religious committee, the following Advisory Board appointed: Madames Ebb John A. Walker, Ball, Feas the Mayor, Judge House Park and John A. Walker.

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