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The annual meeting of the London Baseball and Athletic Association was held at the new apartments of the Board of Trade last evening, the attendance of stockholders being large, evidencing the fact that London's interest in baseball was as old as the city itself. President T. K. Grigg, A. Niles, T. G. Dorcy, Ed. Richards, John James, D. J. Cowan, Fred. L. Trebilcock, J. C. Duffield, Samuel Grig T. K. Grigg, Alex. Stuart, C. W. Leonard, Ed. Cleghorn, W. T. Strong, J. W. Main, George T. Brown, John B. Jennings, L. Martin and many others. After the President's statement had been read, the report of the officers of the association for the year closed was presented as follows:

| RECEIPTS.                                                 |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Home games.....                                           | \$15,775.83        |
| Gate receipts.....                                        | 1,428.38           |
| Privileges (rent of grounds, agents' expenses, etc.)..... | 4,400.00           |
| Balance, 1900.....                                        | 6,081.73           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                                         | <b>\$23,685.94</b> |

  

| DISBURSMENTS.                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance, 1899.....                | \$3,557.30         |
| Salaries (including manager)..... | 12,428.38          |
| Traveling expenses.....           | 1,428.38           |
| General expenses.....             | 1,428.38           |
| Advertisements, not paid.....     | 100.00             |
| Interest on bonds.....            | 282.25             |
| Care of grounds.....              | 218.15             |
| Telephone.....                    | 45.00              |
| Postage.....                      | 5,015.04           |
| Funerals.....                     | 75.00              |
| <b>Total.....</b>                 | <b>\$23,685.94</b> |

The amounts received from the various clubs were, roughly stated, as follows: Buffalo, \$2,000; Detroit, \$1,500; Hamilton, \$500; Rochester, \$200; Syracuse, \$1,000; Toledo, \$600; Toronto, \$1,500. The amounts given to the various clubs were, roughly stated, as follows: Buffalo, \$1,000; Detroit, \$1,000; Hamilton, \$500; Rochester, \$200; Syracuse, \$1,000; Toledo, \$600; Toronto, \$1,500.

The liabilities at present amounted to \$2,700, to offset which the association had its grounds, on which \$600 had been spent, but if the liability of the club was \$2,000, the liability of \$200 was money advanced to the league, \$800 was advance money sent to players, \$200 was for traveling in search of players, and the remainder is amount lost during the season closed.

President Hobbs made a speech in which he stated at length the club's present position and prospects. He said that the club had been in the hands of the league for some time, and that the league had been in the hands of the club for some time. He said that the club had been in the hands of the league for some time, and that the league had been in the hands of the club for some time.

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## THE ONTARIO HOUSE.

The Address in Reply to "The Speech."

A Plea for Tolerance. Mr. Meredith on the Separate School Question.

Toronto, Friday, Jan. 31.

The mover and second of the "Address in reply" made so many points in their strong and interesting speeches that the leader of the Opposition felt called upon to do his best to pitch into things generally, but got severely worsted in one or two spots between himself and the Attorney-General. Among the petitions presented were the following:

Mr. Denny—From town of Orillia, for an act to consolidate the debt of the town.

Mr. Ingram—From City Council of St. Thomas, for an act to enable the corporation to pass a by-law in aid of waterworks.

Mr. Balfour—From the Council of Tilbury Centre, for an act to amend Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Mackenzie—From Hiram College, for an act to amend Act of Incorporation.

Mr. H. E. Clark—From Iron Molders' Union, No. 28, Toronto; No. 136, Oshawa; Eight Assembly, 3,449, K. of L., and other unions, asking for the constitution of Boards of Arbitration.

Mr. Mackenzie, in reply to move the address in reply to the speech, moved that the House do pass the following resolution:

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party. Perhaps the subjects most fruitful of discussion had been those of French in the separate schools. In respect to these two subjects the country had been subjected to a very severe strain. He believed the agitation in regard to the use of French in the public schools was a most unwise one, and it had not taken any root among the people of the country. As to separate schools, his conviction was that of many others, that the children of the country should be educated in the common schools of the country, and he believed such could be done, and that yet the religion and morals that he considered an absolute necessity in the education given children could be preserved. He believed all this could be done. But he recognized that there were a very large number of people who most conscientiously and thoroughly believed that their children in the tenets of the church to which they belonged. It was over 40 years ago since separate schools came into existence. No question whatever had been raised as to the ability or right of the Ontario Government to abolish these schools. The whole discussion was as to whether or not the Government was justified in making such improvements in the machinery necessary for the working of the act as would enable it to be properly administered. He did not believe the Opposition in their arguments in connection with these amendments put the case fairly. They had always represented that the Roman Catholic ratepayer was not in accord with the position of this subject. He had every reason to believe the very opposite, and he cared not in what way it was brought before the people, he believed it was in thorough accord on the subject. He had yet to hear of a Roman Catholic ratepayer who had complained of being assessed against his will for separate schools. In this respect he believed the whole agitation in connection with the separate school amendments was most unwise and that it would be unwise to continue it. He mentioned his experiences in connection with the new party. It was rather young to have a "machine." Still, it had an organization, and at the time it wanted to give its organization might be termed the Kelly motor of politics. (Laughter.) He did not see any place for the Third party in Canada.

Mr. Mackenzie concluded by once more condemning the agitation in connection with the French schools and the separate schools, and insisting that the amity and concord that should prevail among the different creeds and races in this country never be obtained until such agitations closed. He sat down amid warm applause.

Dr. Gilmour, on rising to second the address, was received with applause. He congratulated the member for West Lambton on his able and eloquent address, and amid deafening applause, he said that the expectations of a brother of so illustrious a statesman as Hon. Alexander Mackenzie were fully realized by his friends.

Dr. Gilmour, in speaking on the subject of education, said there was no department controlled by the Government which came in for such unmerciful and unjust criticism as the Education Department from the Opposition. Some of the critics professed to be greatly concerned about religious instruction, but he would venture to say that many of these gentlemen learned more about the Bible three years ago from the Ross Bible than they did during all their previous lives. (Cheers and laughter.) But the people pronounced on this subject, and now nothing more was heard of the Ross Bible so-called. The cry now raised against the French schools in Eastern Ontario, notwithstanding that these schools constituted the regime of John Stouffville, Macdonald and John Carling, men whom the Conservatives had chosen to honor and praise. Even that great and good man Dr. Ryerson, who had been the champion of these schools, the attacks of the Opposition put the speaker in mind of the narrative of Daniel. When the policy of the prophet was unsalutary they attacked his religion. So it was with the Ontario Conservatives. For as soon as they found out the policy of the Mowat Government could not be successfully assailed they raised the religious cry. (Applause.) The speaker then referred to the condition of the Province for not glossing over the condition of these schools. They appointed three commissioners of undoubted integrity and experience to investigate the condition of the French schools. The commissioners discharged their duties in a thorough manner. What does their report show? It shows that the allegations made by hon. gentlemen, opponents of the Government, and that the Government did put forth an honest effort to advance the true interest of the French children in these schools. (Applause.) Speaking of temperance Dr. Gilmour said that owing to obstacles put in the way of the Temperance party in Ottawa, especially by the Senate, temperance legislation was often impaired, but there was reason to believe that satisfactory progress was being made on safe lines. This was largely due to the Ontario liquor license law, the best he considered in the world. The Ontario liquor law is rigorously enforced, and there was only now required the closing of bars and saloons on all public holidays. The Government has already done much towards curtailing the evil flowing from the liquor traffic. He did not know what the amendments proposed to the law were, but he felt sure that they would be to the side of sobriety. In conclusion, Dr. Gilmour said: "We are now in the last session of this Parliament. For eighteen years the Attorney-General has presided over the affairs of the Province. Seldom does such a successful and useful career fall to the lot of any public man. He has by his private life and public services endeared himself to the hearts of all true sons of Canada. (Immense applause.) It is not too much to say that he is revered by the people of Ontario as Gladstone is by the people of England. (Renewed applause.) James H. warned Charles H., his brother, once against assassination. 'Don't be the slightest alarmed, James,' said Charles, 'they will never assassinate me to make you king.' There was no danger of the Province making a change in its Government. Dr. Gilmour took his seat amid tremendous applause.

Mr. Meredith spoke in reply, and in speaking of separate schools said that their establishment was a great mistake. The British North America Act provided no interference with them, but the House should see that a perfect machinery were given these schools. He would insist that a public school support unless by his own voluntary act. No bishop should control the State schools of the Province. He closed by saying that he intended to bring in an amendment to the Separate School Act, giving the ballot to Roman Catholics at trustee elections, if the Government would not do so.

The Attorney-General, rising to reply was warmly received. Referring first to the willingness of the leader of the Opposition had expressed to "bow to the decision of the Province," he gently reminded him that he had already bowed several times in that direction and would doubtless soon have the opportunity of doing so again. He congratulated the mover of the address on the eminent ability he had

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shown in his speech. Reference had been made to the relationship between the mentally and West Lambton, and the ex-Premier of the Dominion. Mr. Alexander Mackenzie had lived long enough to have acquired the esteem and respect of all parties in the country, and to be assessed from those who knew him something far higher than esteem. He (the speaker) had, however, had the privilege of being associated with the oldest brother of the family who once represented the constituency which he himself now represented, and whose death was a calamity to the country. The honorable gentleman, who had just spoken well expressed the ability and high character of his brother. As to the second of the address, continued the Attorney-General, of course they expected great things of him, and had heard him before, but on this last occasion he had really surpassed himself.

The Attorney-General spoke of the kind words that came from all sides in regard to his late very dear friend, Mr. Parlee. Mr. Parlee's ability, he said, as a legislator and administrator was recognized everywhere. Yet he was a man without enemies. He was glad he had so worthy a successor in the representation of West Lambton. Then Mr. Mowat turned his attention to Mr. Meredith, that gentleman objected to any reference being made in the House to Dominion politics. He had not wanted to be called upon to defend the doings of the members of his party at Ottawa. Quite right. It would be a very difficult thing for him to do. Yet he (the honorable leader of the Opposition) knew very well that it was only through the Dominion party that he could hope to remove the Provincial Government from power, and it was therefore important that they should have an occasional discussion in this House on matters so closely affecting the position of his honorable friend. Mr. Meredith had emphatically disclaimed any connection with the interests of the Province in this matter, but the fact remained that all through the struggle he had afforded aid and encouragement to the Dominion as against the Province. Mr. Meredith protested against the depression in question being mentioned, he did not and could not deny its existence. In other respects the address was highly commendable. He told Mr. Meredith that the report of the mining commission, the absence of which he had complained of, was in type, and had only been held back that it might be made more perfect. Concerning the liquor license question, Mr. Meredith had said the Government was only owing to the growth of temperance sentiment in the matter and that he would not touch it. Well, that was just what the Government always did—based their laws on the sentiments of the community. That was why their laws received such general admiration. He took up Mr. Meredith's reference to the Third party. He objected to Mr. Meredith putting into the mouth of the speaker an expression used by the mover of the address in regard to the Third party—that of religious bigotry.

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