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SOME STATISTICS

When the census was taken in 1881 and then there was a population in Kent County of 54,310 persons. Of these 3,707 belonged to the colored race. In 1901, 20 years later, the census showed that Kent County had a population of 57,422 persons, but while the population had increased, the number of colored people had decreased. In 1901 there were only 2,460 colored people in Kent, a decrease of 247 in 20 years. The census of 1901 showed a decrease in the whole population of East Kent, of 1,508 persons in 20 years. West Kent, on the other hand, showed an increase of 879 persons.

INCREASE WAS DEFEATED.

GRAND LODGE, A.O.U.W., CONSIDERING VOTES.

Report of Special Committee Voted Down—The Subject to be Reconsidered This Morning.

Toronto, March 19. — Yesterday's session of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. was devoted in the afternoon and evening to a discussion of the report of the special committee on the proposed increase. In the result the proposal was defeated, but a motion was carried for a reconsideration of the question, and it will be taken up again this morning.

The morning session was opened at 9 o'clock in Association Hall, with prayer by Rev. James Skeene of Hillside. The Grand Master, William Joseph Gibson of Ingersoll, delivered an address of welcome. Mr. A. James of the Bowmanville Statesman, who has attended Grand Lodge for twenty years, was appointed to furnish reports to the press. The time for payment of the special assessment levied this month was extended to April 30.

At the afternoon session the Chairman of the special committee, F. G. Inwood, Grand Treasurer, introduced the discussion in a vigorous speech, supporting the report, and recorded the vote. Mr. McKeough, Grand Foreman, seconded it. C. E. Cameron, Grand Overseer, supported the committee, as did J. M. Perigrine, Grand Foreman, seconded it. C. E. Cameron, Grand Overseer, supported the committee, as did J. M. Perigrine, Grand Foreman, seconded it. C. E. Cameron, Grand Overseer, supported the committee, as did J. M. Perigrine, Grand Foreman, seconded it.

The six amendments were then put and voted down. On the original motion for the adoption of the report of the special committee being put to an open vote, the delegates appeared so evenly divided that the yeas and nays were called for and recorded. The result was 18 yeas and 17 nays. A two-thirds vote was necessary to carry. During the address by the Grand Master, Mr. Inwood was introduced by T. C. Irving, P. G. W. M. His Worship addressed the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master, Mr. Inwood, responded.

The proposal of the special committee was that the monthly assessment should range from 60 cents at 18 years of age to \$1.50 at 45.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

Constituencies in Ontario to be Wiped Out.

Ottawa, March 19. — Among the changes proposed by the redistribution bill will probably be the disappearance of the constituencies of Bothwell and Cardwell, and one of the Middlesexes. The latter county, exclusive of London, will, in all likelihood, be divided into two constituencies, North and South Middlesex. Muskoka will get a member, and so also will Parry Sound. At present these two are united. Algonquin, which has a population of 63,000, and at present only has one member, will be given an additional representative. So far as can be learned, there will be no interference with Toronto's representation.

West Ontario is regarded as another constituency, which is bound to disappear, in which event the Township of Uxbridge would revert to North Ontario, the Township of Whitechurch to York, and the Township of Pickering to South Ontario. The County of Ontario would then consist of the constituencies of North and South Ontario.

A \$20,000 BLAZE.

Three Stores at Leamington Damaged by Fire.

Leamington, March 19. — Between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday fire broke out in rear of Cronk's shoe store between the floors. The fire had gained quite a start before the alarm was given. There was no solid wall between Cronk's and Currie's dry goods store, and the flames broke through into the millinery department. The goods' furniture store owned by W. D. Cox also suffered much from smoke. The total loss is roughly estimated at \$20,000. All parties carry heavy insurance.

Robert Patterson, an employee of the Chaplin Wheel Works, met with a very painful accident yesterday morning. He was putting on a belt when his hand became caught in the pulley, tearing the little finger on his left hand. He was taken to Dr. James W. Rutherford, who dressed the injured member. The wound required ten stitches.

H. M. Carlsell, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

DEFINITE PROJECT TO BUILD CLUB HOUSE ON THE PARK

Football Club Will Devote Half of its Surplus to that End—One Hundred Dollars to be Deposited with his Worship Mayor McKeough—Co-operation of Cricket and Bowling Clubs to be Solicited—A Commendable Enterprise which will Extend from Year to Year.

Moved by Frank D. Laurie, seconded by Harry W. Anderson, that the Chatham Football Club donate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to be deducted from the proceeds of the recent minstrel production) as the nucleus of a fund to be devoted to the erection of a suitable athletic bungalow, with dressing rooms, etc., on Tedman's Park, providing such co-operation and support from the other athletic associations and the citizens can be secured, as will warrant the success of the project; said sum to be placed in the Bank for this purpose to the order of his worship, Mayor McKeough.

The above motion was submitted by F. D. Laurie at the semi-annual meeting of the Chatham Football Club in the Old Town Hall last evening. It was entered in the minutes under the heading of notices of motion, and will come up for a vote at the next meeting of the club, to be held in a week's time.

In presenting it, Mr. Laurie said:— "This is a matter of great importance. In going over to our grounds to practice we find that there is one great drawback. We have no place to put on our suits, and the players are accustomed to running around to different places to dress or else play in their street clothes. This is very disagreeable indeed, and we should have some building on the park where we can dress for games and practices. We could have connected with it a club room, where we could discuss club affairs, lockers, and possibly a shower bath. It has occurred to me that if we had such a building on the park, say on the bank of the river, it would prove a great benefit to the club. It would also afford visiting teams a place to dress. We have now some \$200 in the treasury—more than we ever had before. Besides this, we have fees yet to collect, outside of the money we have always collected on the field. I feel sure that we will be able to pull through the season with less than half this amount. I would like to see the other \$100 put aside for this building. The bowlers and cricketers are also in need of such a building as this, and I think we can induce them to join with us in putting up this building.

"In reference to the recent minstrel show, I feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to those boys who undertook it and carried it through so successfully. I was, in truth, only an honorary member of this committee and, through sickness, was unable to do any of the work, but I am in a position to know the amount of hard work which has been done. It has done a lot towards encouraging athletic sport in Chatham. I have no doubt but that the several members who have worked so enthusiastically for the football club will work on. It is our intention next year to put on another attraction at the Grand, which, through its own merit, will command one of the largest houses ever given to any production. I am told by prominent men that the people of Chatham have every confidence in the football boys. The erection of a neat little bungalow would be an ornament to the park, and I believe the consent of the authorities could readily be secured. And there is little doubt that the project, once definitely started, would extend and be enlarged until a splendid young men's athletic building would finally be secured. We suggest that the money be placed in the hands of our esteemed mayor, Mr. McKeough, whose interest and efforts in causes of this kind are well known and highly appreciated. With the co-operation of the sister clubs and public-spirited citizens this enterprise can be carried through. We are working in the interest of athletic sport in general and we intend every day to forward the interests of every manly game.

"So far as Mr. VonGuten is concerned, he has explained that his intention in writing to the papers was not to criticize the action of the committee, but he wrote, as a member and supporter of the club, out of personal interest in its welfare in order that the committee might take steps to contradict certain wild and unwarranted remarks which were issuing from places which we will not now mention."

H. W. Anderson seconded the motion and spoke a few words along the lines which Mr. Laurie had taken with reference to the building on the park. C. B. Sissons, W. Coltart, W. McK. Messer, P. B. Fetterly and others also spoke in endorsement of the suggestion. The matter was then left as a notice of motion and will come up for vote at the next meeting of the club. In the meantime, permission will be asked of Colonel Rankin to use one of the rooms in the drill shed for dressing purposes. There were present at the meeting last evening, Messrs. Sissons, Anderson, Courtney, Carver, Fraser, Laurie, Coltart, Angus, Goodall, Sowerby, Messer, Bates and others.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following were the officers elected:—
Hon. President—Robt. Gray.
Hon. Vice-President—J. Piggott, Sr.
President—F. D. Laurie.
Vice-President—Rev. H. E. Kelling.
Manager—W. McK. Messer.
Captain—C. B. Sissons, B. A.
Secretary—P. G. Piggott.
Treasurer—W. A. Coltart.
Executive Committee—Max D. Fraser, J. W. Plewes and J. W. Wilson.
Team Committee—Captain Sissons, Manager Messer and McNaughton.
Auditors—M. D. Fraser and P. B. Fetterly.

The fee for membership was fixed at 50 cents.
The matter of selecting sweaters and colors was left with the President, Captain, Manager and Secretary to report to the club.

Moved by Anderson and Coltart, pointed delegates to the League meeting in Windsor, and that they be instructed to vote for the affiliation of the Peninsula League with the W. F. A.—Carried.

The matter of allowing other small country teams, outside of Darrell, to enter the League was left with the delegates to consider.

CLUB REGULATIONS.
Moved by Laurie and Fetterly, that no money for any special expenditure exceeding \$10 can be voted by the club without one week's notice of motion.—Carried.

On motion of Anderson and Laurie, the following were adopted:—
That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to procure such books as are necessary to the performance of the duties of his office, that he open an account with a chartered bank, in which all club monies shall be kept, and that he also procure a book in which a full list of the paid-up members of the club shall be recorded, treasurer to enter names therein immediately upon the payment of full fees and acceptance of the applicant by the executive committee. That in the matter of all future purchases and expenditures incurred by this club, an order in writing shall be required, certified by the president and secretary, on every occasion, and that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay out of the club's monies only upon the presentation of such certified order. That the secretary be and is hereby authorized and instructed to procure a minute book, in which shall be entered regularly the minutes of all meetings of the club and executive and managing committee, and that the proceedings recorded therein shall be at all times open to any paid-up member of the club.

CONCERT REPORT.
C. B. Sissons, the treasurer, then read his annual report, also the financial report of the recent Football Minstrel Managing committee, both in detail. It was found that in the regular treasurer's report for last season there was a small deficit, while on the recent minstrel show the club was in over \$200 net. Much satisfaction was evidenced by the different members present, at the splendid results of the show.

Football for this season was then discussed, and it was decided to commence practice in the drill shed as soon as permission to do so can be gained from Colonel Rankin. The boys are very hopeful this year and are fully determined to do all in their power to land the Walker Cup.

THE OPERATOR TO BLAME.

Responsibility for the Wreck on the Canadian Pacific.

Toronto, March 19. — The responsibility for the head-on collision between two Canadian Pacific freight trains near Islington on Tuesday morning is apparently placed by a statement made yesterday by the Canadian Pacific operator at Cooksville to Mr. George Spencer, chief train despatcher of the road in Toronto. Mr. Pennell came to Toronto yesterday and stated that he had failed to deliver an order sent from the chief despatcher's office here to hold the eastbound freight at Cooksville. The order was addressed to Conductor Pitt of the eastbound train, but he, not receiving it, naturally started his train through to Toronto.

Pennell is a young man, who had been with the Canadian Pacific for only two weeks, and had been stationed at Cooksville for but three days. He is under suspension. The railway investigation has not yet been commenced. Mr. A. Price, the Superintendent of the division on which the accident occurred, being confined to the house through illness. The loss through the accident to the Canadian Pacific is estimated at about \$5,000.

The report is current that Mr. Ralph Smith, the Labor member for Nanaimo, will resign his seat in order to become leader of the Opposition in the British Columbia Legislature.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS

A series of Mothers' Meetings are being held in McKeough Kindergarten this year. Their object is threefold, viz., to strengthen the bond of sympathy between home and school life, to show the place of the kindergarten in a thorough system of education, and to strengthen the interest in child training and nurture. The third of this series will be held in the school at three o'clock on Friday, the 20th inst. Subject, "Childish Productions." All interested friends are cordially invited.

NEW FACTORY

Civic Industrial Committee well Pleased with new Chaplin Wheel Works.

The Industrial committee met yesterday and those who were present, namely, Mayor McKeough, and Alds. Piggott and Scullard, visited the Chaplin Wheel Works to see if the agreement the company made with the city had been carried out.

R. McKinley, the genial superintendent of the factory, very kindly took to show the representatives of the city through the factory, and in so doing explained each machine and its work and how it worked. Any machines that were not running at the time of going through he started, so their uses could be seen. The factory was a regular hive of industry. A very thorough inspection followed, in which the mayor and two aldermen evidenced great interest, Supt. McKinley receiving many inquiries on different points.

The office was visited and the pay roll showed that about 80 hands were in continuous employment at a fairly good wage. The daily and weekly output of the factory were gone into and proved very satisfactory. Wm. Chaplin, the owner of the factory, was present and was introduced to the visitors.

Both the mayor and aldermen were high in their praise of the concern, and a few more factories as good would soon do a great deal for Chatham. They will recommend to the rest of the committee that the industry is fully up to the contract. The city gave the company \$25,000 payable back at the rate of \$1,000 per year.

On the way to the factory Mayor McKeough pointed out where Patterson avenue was going to extend and where Miss Bennett was going to build six houses.

As there was no quorum at the meeting nothing was done, but the chairman, Ald. Piggott, said he had been corresponding with an American firm capitalized at \$150,000, which is going to locate a branch in Canada.

The Chairman also said that he thought if he could procure the backing of the committee he would be able to secure two more trains on the C. P. R. for the city, making a better train service.
C. E. Lister, proprietor of the creamery, applied asking if he could make proposed improvements and additions to his plant and not have to pay more taxes.

COURT OF REVISION

The Court of Revision on local improvements met yesterday morning. There were present G. O. Scott, Sheriff Gemmill and Ward Stanworth. Wilson Taylor's frontage was reduced from 126 feet to 104 feet and the difference charged to the city. The appeals re the Delaware avenue sewer and other local improvements were referred to an adjourned meeting to be held on March 30th at 7.30 p. m. The Court of Revision was so adjourned that the appellants might have a chance to attend. This was the first meeting of the year. Sheriff Gemmill was elected chairman.

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Friday Night—

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