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We have just secured from a Jobber down East a large shipment of Ladies' full-fashioned Black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, guaranteed perfectly fast, extra fine quality. These go on sale to-day at 12 1/2c. a pair.

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BANQUET TO CAPTAIN BELL

Large and Representative Gathering Honor Esteemed Citizen.

Mr. Bell's Feeling Response to Toast of the Evening—Other Speakers Pay Tribute to His Worth.

"May I ask you all to fill your glasses to the brim and drink to the health and prosperity of our guest of the evening, Captain Edwin Bell, LL. B. We honor, esteem and admire him as a citizen, as a military man, as a friend."

As Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Rankin, LL. B., presiding officer at the magnificent banquet tendered Capt. Bell at the Hotel Garner last evening by the 24th Kent Regiment and Macaulay Club, rose to propose the toast of the evening he was greeted with a fusillade of hearty and spontaneous applause. In graceful and appropriate language the eloquent Colonel depicted the many virtues and values of Capt. Bell and the splendid service he had rendered the city during his residence here.

Captain Bell, on rising to respond, was greeted by cheer upon cheer and the hearty singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." After appropriately expressing his appreciation of the reception accorded him, Mr. Bell said that after a residence of over 40 years in the city, one felt keenly severing his immediate relations with life-long friends. But it was a source of satisfaction to know that while he was leaving his native city he was not leaving his native country. Applause.

Mr. Bell, in fact, presided while on his right sat Capt. Bell, Matthew Wilson, K. C., Ald. Thomas Scullard and S. T. Martin; on his left, T. L. Parde, M. P. P., Judge Houston, Major Schell, and Capt. Stone. Harry Collins, vice-president of the Macaulay Club, occupied the vice chair and presented the second part of the toast list.

Colonel Rankin conveyed messages of regret at inability to be present from his worship Mayor McKeough, Judge Bell, N. H. Stevens, S. Stephens, Dr. J. H. Duncan, Dr. G. T. McKeough, A. C. Woodward and others. A splendid orchestra, under the direction of Bandmaster Harry Phillips, gave a series of delightful selections during the evening.

After justice had been done to the excellent menu provided, the toast list was proceeded with as follows:

"The King—National Anthem, The Canada and the Empire—E. Stone, Thos. Scullard.

Army and Navy—Major G. P. Schell, field and C. E. Beaton.

Our Guest—Captain Edwin Bell, LL. B.

Learned Professions—M. Wilson, K. C., M. Houston, P. M.

Municipal Institutions—Warden Robinson, S. T. Martin, J. A. Walker, K. C.

Song—W. W. Scane.

Athletic Sports—J. S. Black, S. B. Arnold.

The Press—H. W. Anderson, F. Jarvis.

The Ladies—W. T. Piggett, M. D. Fraser, W. A. Coltart.

The Host—Chas. Hadley.

Auld Lang Syne.

PRESENTATION.

The members of "H" Company of the 24th Regiment met last evening in the Garner House parlors, before the banquet, and presented Captain Edwin Bell, of their company, with a nicely worded address and beautiful pair of field glasses. Color Sergeant John R. Smith made the presentation.

Captain Bell made a most feeling reply, expressing as his greatest sorrow in leaving Chatham that of leaving his company. He would remember the boys as long as he lived.

Captain Black, the new company commander, also made a few remarks expressing his pleasure at succeeding to such a fine company, and his aim to endeavor to keep it up to the high standard established by Captain Bell.

A pleasant hour was spent in conversation and smoke.

THOUSANDS ON STRIKE.

Labor Troubles in Cities of the United States.

New York, May 2.—The strikes of mechanics and laborers which had been looked for did not materialize to the extent that had been anticipated, although a great many men, including 30,000 Italian excavators, are on strike.

Philadelphia, May 2.—At a meeting of the Carpenters' Union it was decided to strike because the employers refused to advance wages from 40 to 50 cents an hour. More than 7,000 men in the building trades obeyed the order to strike. A thousand more men are directly affected.

Omaha, Neb., May 2.—Eighteen hundred men, including teamsters, hotel and restaurant employees and members of the building trades have struck.

FRANK VICTIMS 62.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER READS MESSAGES.

Damage to the Mine Less Serious Than Reported—Several Persons Reported Killed Have Turned Up—More Additions to the Death-roll.

Ottawa, May 2.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Oliver asked the Prime Minister if he had received any further word regarding the disaster at Frank. Now that the accredited officials of the Government are on the ground and are aware of the extent of the actual disasters, both as to loss of life and loss of property, he thought it would be satisfactory to everyone to have whatever information the Government possessed made public.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, said that he had received further information from the Government accredited officials on the spot, but he was sorry to say that the information was not exact. It was sufficient, however, to show that the damage is of an extensive character. They are proceeding with the excavation, but are not yet able to report exactly the damage done. He had two telegrams from Mr. Pearce.

One of them was very long, and it was unnecessary to read it all, as the information it contained was mainly covered by the other.

The other telegram was as follows:—

"Frank, N.W.T., April 30, 1903.—James A. Smart, Deputy Minister Interior, Ottawa, Ont.: No Welshmen killed. Reported death of Welshmen incorrect. Canadian-American has all works, excepting probably the tunnel, destroyed, all the machinery installed, and the new machinery not yet in place. Tipples scales, power house, horse stables, with horses, fire hose and all works totally wiped out by rock slide. Whether tunnel, 6,000 feet in length, will be available for future operation remains to be seen. Only damage to the mines is to Little Collieries, the French Company of Grassy Mountain, having one and half miles of railway knocked off. Space and site of same covered with rock to an average depth of fifty feet. (Signed) Wm. Pearce."

Continuing, Sir Wilfrid said:—As I have said, it will not be necessary to read the other telegram, which is very long, but I can give some parts of it, which may be material:—

"The following is probably more nearly a correct estimate of loss than any yet: 34 men, 8 women, 30 children killed; 11 injured, probably only two or three dangerous. The injured have good attendance. Only two killed in or near mine. Ten dead recovered; remainder nearly all buried under many feet of rock; possibly a few near edge of rock may be recovered. Of the killed twenty-one are miners at the balance ranchers, merchants, livermen, engineers, railway contractors, laborers. Six cottages were totally destroyed by rock, being swept away like feathers and broken into match-wood. One was partially ruined. Ten habitations of ranchers and others outside Frank were destroyed. All the machinery installed and large amount of new machinery near the tunnel mouth was totally destroyed; tipples scales, engine house and all other plant destroyed. It is uncertain whether or not the tunnel is materially injured, probably not."

Mr. Oliver asked whether it was possible to give a list of those who have been killed.

Sir Wilfrid replied he had no doubt it would be forwarded as soon as possible, but so far he had received the names of one man only.

Frank, Alta., May 2.—Six new names were added yesterday to the list of victims of Wednesday morning's rock-slide. The additional dead are: Abram Dixon, John Gustafson, Edward Cruse, David Johnson, Jacob Tommi and Jacob Sorri. One of the men reported yesterday as dead has been found alive.

The total number of known dead is sixty-three. Two others of the injured will also die.

Divisional Chief Engineer McHenry of the C.P.R. is hard at work directing the survey of the new line. The work of rebuilding will begin on Saturday.

Telegraphic communication to the east, which had been interrupted, was resumed yesterday.

The death roll has been increased to-day by the names of Wm. Bobbles and John Clark, all miners. Two brothers, named Wooster, cannot yet be accounted for, and it is feared that they are also among the lost. Two hitherto reported dead have been found to-day to be alive. They are B. Sumis and John Sorri. The total of the death list now numbers 84. The injured are reported progressing favorably. No new bodies have been thus far found in the mine, all have been identified but one.

Ernest Neahr, of the C. B. C., has accepted a position with a Detroit firm.

The fire returns for the month are:—April 1, 7:15, local alarm. Stone's dry goods store; April 5, 4:50 p. m. box 32, chimney fire, residence of Mrs. A. Arnold, Richmond street; April 9, 12:55 p. m., box 35, residence of Mr. Horn, Raleigh street.

DISCUSSING AUDITOR'S REPORT IN PRIVATE COMMITTEE CAUCUS

Commissioner Vester's Suggestion that the Proceedings Be Open to the Public Voted Down—Members Say There is Nothing to Conceal.

A special session of the Kent County Parliament is in progress in Harrison Hall. When the Warden, Thos. Robinson rang the gong yesterday afternoon at three o'clock every Councillor was in his place, as follows:—

Warden Robinson and Councillors Sturgis, McCoy, Vester, Reycraft, Chinnick, French, Grant, Somers, Sifton, Handy, Haggart, Hornall and Ross.

Warden Robinson opened the meeting with an explanation of the reason for calling it, namely, to consider the report of Auditor Frank H. Macpherson on his audit of the Treasurer's books. The Warden then called upon County Clerk Jonas Gosnell to read the report. The report appeared in yesterday's Planet in full.

Immediately after the reading of the auditor's report a deputation of lawyers, consisting of Judge Houston, Edwin Bell, J. A. Walker, S. B. Arnold, O. L. Lewis and M. Wilson were heard regarding the Kent Law Association. M. Houston and M. Wilson spoke, asking that more space be given in the association, as the large and increasing library of books demanded it. The matter was put in the hands of the Property committee.

"It is my intention," resumed Warden Robinson in connection with the auditor's report, "that the report be referred to the Finance committee, consisting of the whole Council, and adjournment be made to the committee rooms, where the matter can be fully discussed by the members."

MR. VESTER AND THE PRESS.

Mr. Vester—Why not have the discussion right here in the open, do the thing above board, and have all the matters made public by allowing the newspaper men to be in. There are men on the staff of the report and they should have the privilege to make their explanations right here in the open.

"The object is, Mr. Vester," replied the Warden, "to have a general personal of the report and consult one another on the different matters with the auditors, Messrs. Walker and Wilson."

"Will the reporters be allowed in?" asked Mr. Vester.

The Warden—No.

Mr. Vester—Well, then, there's something this Council doesn't want the people to know.

Mr. Ross—Mr. Vester is just talking to get into the newspapers. Why don't he move an amendment if he don't like the motion, and save all this valuable time.

Mr. Vester moved an amendment to the motion of Messrs. Sifton and Hornall, that the perusal be in committee.

Mr. Sturgis, in seconding the amendment, said he did not altogether agree with it, but the Council could vote one way or the other.

Vester's late colleague, C. L. VonGuten, has a charge against him in this report and he should have the privilege of making his explanations in public and before the new men of the Council.

Mr. Ross—The committee room is the proper place to discuss these matters.

Mr. Sifton—As mover of the motion I have nothing whatever to conceal, but we can talk so much better together in the committee room.

Mr. McCoy—The Warden has been in a position to know more about these things than we do, and would like to explain to us and have our views. There's no disposition whatever to smother anything up.

The Warden—I have nothing whatever to hide. What we want is the best way to deal with this report.

Mr. Vester—It's the best way that I want, too.

The Warden put the amendment first. Messrs. Vester and Sturgis voting for it, while the remainder voted for the original motion, and adjournment was made to the committee room.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The County Council were in committee all morning and only resumed about noon. A communication was received from the Auditor Macpherson in type and copies of it could be secured for distribution in the townships at a low figure. On motion the communication was left till the afternoon.

The account of Auditor F. H. Macpherson was presented. The account amounts to \$1,349.83. The following is a copy of same:—

For services under Order-in-Council of Nov. 12th, 1902, from then until date, making investigation of the accounts of the County of Kent, from May, 1891, to Dec. 31, 1902, 74 days, 7 hours each, at \$8 per day, \$592.

Services of A. F. Falls, 75 days, at \$6, \$450.

Services of F. G. Morley, 29 1/2 days at Windsor and Chatham, \$250, \$73.75.

Services of stenographer, writing 700 letters and preparing reports, 37 days at \$1.25, \$46.25.
Stationery, printing, etc., \$13.
Postage, etc., \$17.32.
Railway fares, hotel bill, registry office, express, telephone and telegraph, \$97.81.
Paid C. E. Beaton for writing up 12 Land Registers by special arrangement, \$60.
Total, \$1,349.83.

DEATH'S SUMMONS

Edward McCorvie, one of the most prosperous young farmers of Mull, passed away yesterday after a long wearisome illness. Mr. McCorvie comes from one of the best respected families in Harwich, and universal regret is felt at his untimely end. The family also have the undivided sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

Deceased was 48 years of age and was born and brought up on the farm where he resided previous to his death. Two years ago he was troubled with a growth on his throat, which afterwards developed into paralysis and caused his death. He was in Hamilton for six months taking X-ray treatment and returned home last March to all appearances much improved. A short time, however, a turn was made for the worst and his death is the result.

Out of a family of nine children Edward is the first deceased, which probably makes his death felt more keenly than otherwise. The other children are Mrs. (Major) Rowe, Ridgetown; School Trustee John McCorvie, of this city; Miss Mary McCorvie at home; Mrs. James Anderson, of Howard; Miss Bell McCorvie at home; Mrs. Joseph Baird, Harwich; Archie McCorvie, of the firm of Watson & McCorvie, grocers, Mull, and Mrs. McVicar, of London.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at half past three o'clock to the English cemetery. Rev. A. E. Jamieson, of whose church at Bethel deceased was a consistent member, will conduct the funeral services.

HE RESIGNS

Superintendent of the House of Refuge Decides to Quit His Position.

Action Taken as the Result of Auditor's Report and Views of County Council.

The County Council in committee had an interesting session. When the report of the Provincial Auditor was read yesterday the Superintendent of the House of Refuge was mentioned as not having made quick returns of money received from the sale of some logs. The Superintendent, Mr. Arnold, asked to be heard by the Council in committee of the whole, that he might explain his position.

He, however, found so many of the Council opposed to him that he decided to send in his resignation at once, and told the Council that he would be out of the House of Refuge by Monday night.

Girl's Strap Slippers.

A large variety of Girl's Strap Slippers has been put into stock at prices from

50c. to \$1.00, sizes 3 to 7 1/2

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\$1 and \$1.25, sizes 11 to 2

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