



OFFICERS OF THE PHOEBE-STREET SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Back row: Howard E. Clark, vice-president; A. F. Jury, vice-president; Len. E. Williams, hon. treasurer; George E. Bedson, president. Bottom row: Levi J. Clark, hon. president, principal 1876-1877; Joseph L. Leary, hon. president, principal; R. Bert Magill, hon. secretary; Alexander McMillan, hon. president, principal 1888-1900.

Some Recollections of Phoebe Street School

The original Phoebe-street school dated back to 1855 and consisted of three rooms. Some years later it was enlarged to a two-storey eight-roomed building and concurrently with the increase of local population it was further enlarged in 1878 to twelve rooms, and in 1890 to fourteen. The latter involved not only an additional storey, but considerable changes in the interior plans. Four of the small rooms became two large ones, in one of which a kindergarten was added. The old, narrow,

than a good visitation. After the boys and girls constituted the school. Moreover, the fire paved the way for a new modern building which in size and equipment will be at least equal to the best schools of the province.

The history of the old school recalls some peculiarities of what school organization was a generation ago. The sexes were separated, education not having obtained public favor. But this line of cleavage was not confined to the pupils alone. The old school could boast of two principals, a man and a woman, each of whom was supreme in his or her sphere. Tradition says that the school machinery did not always run smoothly, nor could it very well be expected to do so, having two heads with co-ordinate jurisdiction in one building. At any rate, the school authorities did not think it desirable to perpetuate it. There have been schools that until recently have maintained a separation of the sexes among the pupils, but in later years, with one brief exception, this did not exist in Phoebe-street School.

The district north of the school, which in the earlier days afforded ample playgrounds, had shortly prior to 1888 become almost entirely built up. When differences of opinion among boys became so pronounced as to be regarded as "affairs of honor" they were compelled to repair to the nearest lane, on their way home from school, to adjust their differences. There was no broad field where, under the shadow of some tree, as in earlier days, they could undisturbed, adjust them. There was always the risk that some of the smaller boys or girls, panic-stricken at the thought of a fight, would carry the report back to the school. Hence, the business was conducted under difficulties, that had at least a deterrent effect. It is due to the boys to say that these are to-day matters of much rarer occurrence, especially among the larger boys. Perhaps the games have done more towards curing this than anything else.

This suggests the disadvantages with which the later boys of the old school have had to contend. Except basketball, there was no game open to them because there was no playground. Up to the nineties there was but one spot, and that not large, which afforded room for a game of ball. This was immediately east of the Weston Bakery at the head of Soho-street. If, during the noon hour they hurried back for a game of ball, this was immediately east of the Weston Bakery at the head of Soho-street. If, during the noon hour they hurried back for a game of ball, this was immediately east of the Weston Bakery at the head of Soho-street. If, during the noon hour they hurried back for a game of ball, this was immediately east of the Weston Bakery at the head of Soho-street.

In spite of all these improvements, the old building, the dear to the memory of more than one generation of old boys, could not be regarded as up to modern requirements. Perhaps it had been "done over" too much and the fire which a short time since visited it—tho regretted by many an old pupil—could not well be regarded as other

engage the attention of the board of education. Could not old boys, from all the schools come together and devise some plan for improvement in this regard? The schools are doing all that is possible under existing conditions, but they are sadly handicapped for want of suitable or available grounds.

The Phoebe-street Old Boys have already determined to equip the gymnasium in the new school. This is in the right direction, better perhaps than instituting a scholarship—especially as the school is so unfavorably situated for out-door physical training. Succeeding L. J. Clark, A. McMillan became principal in 1888, and continued till 1900, with the exception of a year and a half, when he replaced the late Mr. McAllister at Ryerson school, who for this period was supervisor of the schools in the west end.

WOMEN AS INVENTORS.

Women are stepping at a lively gait into the field of invention. There are many successful devices patented in the names of women, and a few of these have made large returns to their inventors.

One woman had offered to her as soon as it was patented \$20,000 for her device of a satchel-buttoned paper bag. The glove fasteners which have almost superseded the old-fashioned buttons and buttonholes are the invention of a woman.

Domestic utensils naturally attract the ingenuity of women, and there are flat-irons, pie tins, ovens, stoves and baking dishes which are paying their originators well from every-day-in-the-year sales.

But women are not confined to any field. "No pent-up Utica contracts their powers." A letter box with a signal for the postman when there is a letter in it, and box is one of woman's inventions. Another woman has invented an embalming fluid for undertakers—grew some thing to think about. There are pages of women's names in the patent office reports. There are wheels, locks, brakes, alarm clocks, fire escapes and all sorts of patents issued to women—Chicago Journal.

LOST THE GLOVES.

The other day Miss Fannie Lomer ran across the road to see an intimate friend. As is usual with young ladies, they had a good deal to tell one another. In the course of the conversation Fannie said:

"I used to think that Gus Simpson was a nice young man, but I just hate him now."

"Why, what has he done?"

"He's treated me shamefully."

"In what way?"

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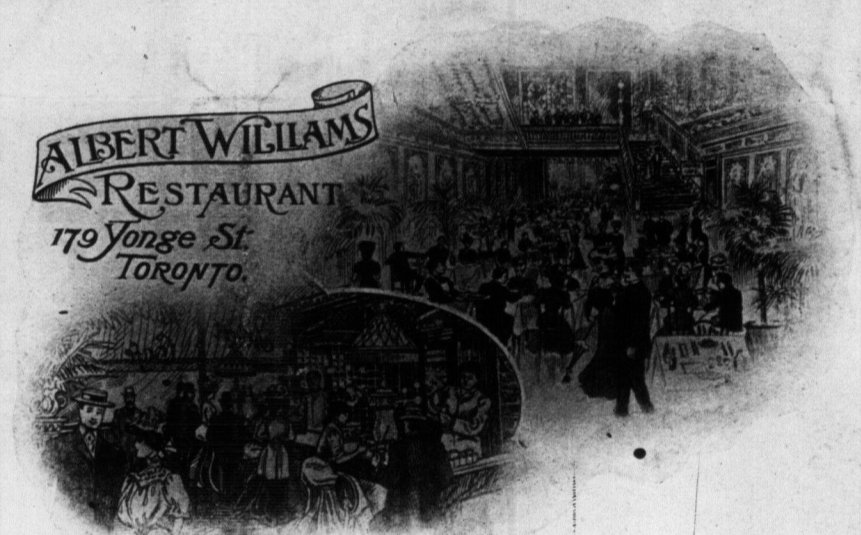
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"And what did he do then?" enquired her listener, eagerly.

"He—just—chucked and said, 'You have lost, Fannie. I take No. 9's; then laughed with all his might. That's what he did.'"

STOCK WORTH MILLIONS.

The holders of the rich shares of the Canada Northwest Land Company will soon be carving up a few millions of dollars.

At a meeting of directors, Sir William Van Horne submitted figures showing that in a comparatively short time the entire amount of preferred and common stock subscribed will have been paid back to the holders, and the company will still hold lands, which at to-day's prices may pay out from \$800 to \$1000 a share, 25 per cent.

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(in trust)	144
Lord Strathcona	110
William Hendrie, Hamilton	80
W. M. Howard, England	75
Sir Thomas Shaughnessy	500
R. B. Angus (in trust)	250
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Sir William Mulock	400
George F. Hart	400
Robert Rerford	400
E. Oiler	400
W. D. Matthews	400
R. Simpson (estate)	375
Senator Mackay	250

There are a large number of shareholders who own all the way from 5 to 15 shares.

Up to the annual meeting in March, out of a capital of \$1,467,881, there had been returned to the stockholders the sum of \$733,840, and at the last meeting

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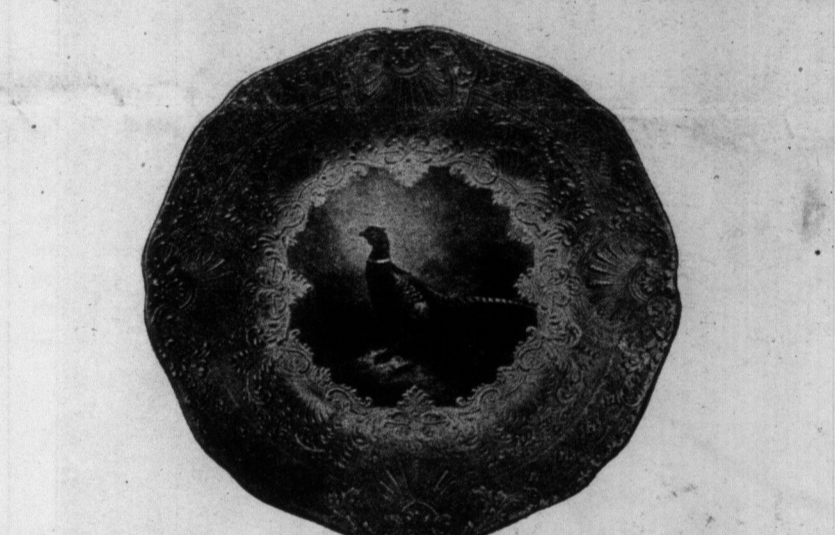
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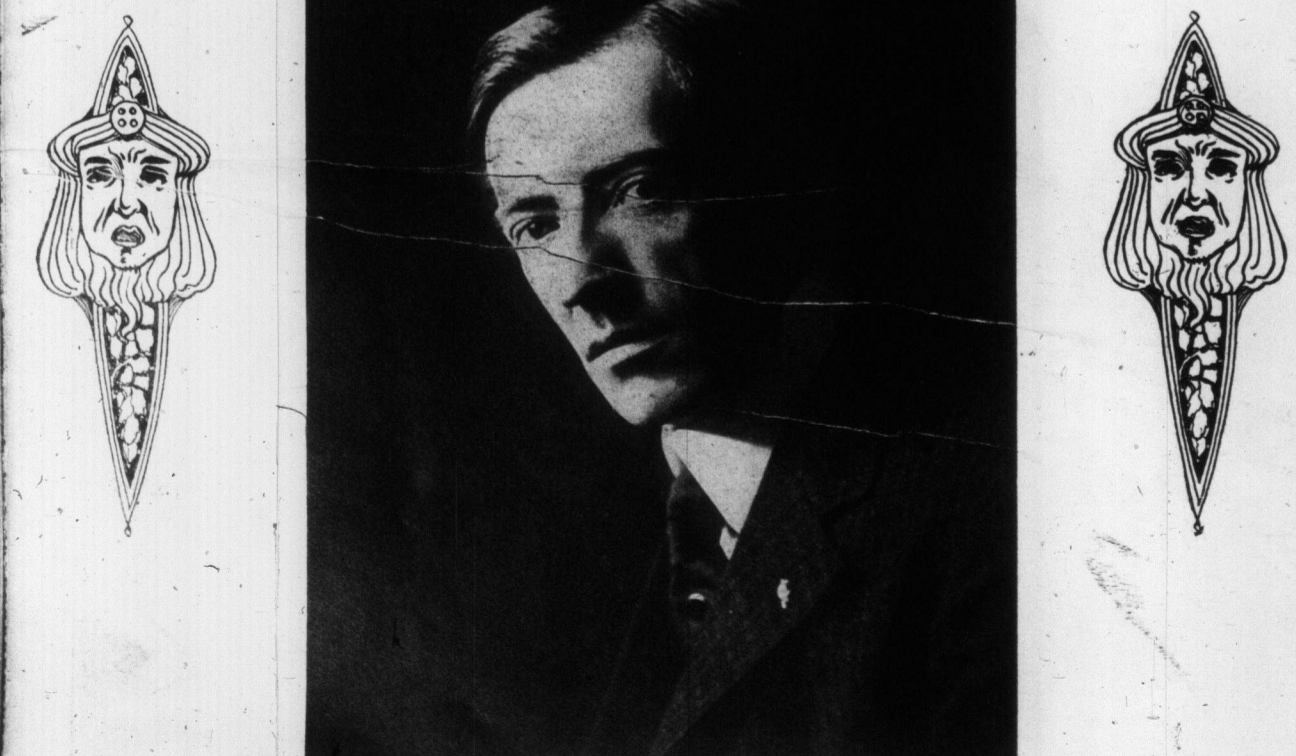
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