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24TH AT CHURCH

The 24th Kent Regiment paraded to the Victoria Avenue Methodist church yesterday. There was a good turnout of the Regiment. The weather was propitious and the outing was enjoyed by the men.

The Rev. T. T. George delivered an eloquent sermon from the text "Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

The choir, under the leadership of Miss Blanche Baxter, contributed excellent music. After the church par-

ade, before dismissing, Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., made a brief address to the officers and soldiers of the 24th Regiment in the drill shed. He announced that the next church parade would be on April 19th to Holy Trinity church. After that the Regiment would not attend church in a body, but the various members of each company in the battalion would unite and attend the church to which they belonged. This was to promote friendship between the different companies of the Regiment. The Colonel also mentioned that the 24th Regiment had been invited to visit St. Thomas on Monday, May 25th. The officers had held a meeting Saturday night and decided to accept the invitation provided suitable terms could be secured. The officers of the 24th Regiment had agreed to bear half the expenses of the trip to St. Thomas. If St. Thomas agreed to the terms asked by the 24th Regiment the battalion would go to St. Thomas.

10,000 TONS

Messrs. Weir & Weir, of St. Mary's, have contracted with the Dresden Sugar Company this week to grow 5,000 tons of sugar beets at St. Mary's and vicinity, and A. Q. Bohlen, of Exeter, has also contracted to grow 5,000 tons. Although these contracts call for 5,000 tons each, these gentlemen fully expect to furnish double that amount. The Dresden Company reports that contracts are coming in very fast the past two weeks, and if it continues that way it will only be a short time before the company will have the required amount of acreage.

MACAULAY CLUB WILL ASSIST

Will Co-operate with Athletic Associations in Bungalow Building Project.

Mr. Brisco's Generous Offer to be Availed of—Citizens are Extending Hearty Support

Public-spirited citizens continue to energetically promote the project to erect an athletic bungalow on Tecumseh Park. If the encouragement and support meted out be any criterion, there is every prospect that the enterprise will be carried through at an early date.

Following on the generous offer of N. H. Stevens, F. H. Brisco, manager of the local Grand, liberally placed the house at the disposal of the promoters for the presentation of some entertainment in aid of the project.

Mr. Brisco's kind offer is being discussed by those interested and an effort will be made to avail themselves of it.

The matter was suggested to the Macaulay Club at the regular meeting on Saturday evening, and was most heartily received. Although the Macaulay Club is, in its character, a distinctly literary association, its membership is made up of citizens who take a keen and active interest in athletics, and they readily volunteered assistance. For some weeks past the Macaulay Club have been preparing a presentation of the Trial Scene in the Merchant of Venice, and the members on Saturday decided to contribute this excellent feature to the entertainment proposed. This will be a decided acquisition to the program, the parts all being well taken by members of the Club.

MEET WEDNESDAY.

President F. D. Laurie has called a meeting of the City Football Club for Wednesday evening next, when the motion to contribute \$100 to the project, of which notice was given at the last regular club meeting, will be considered and voted upon. This money will immediately be placed in the bank to the credit of his worship, Mayor McKeough, as the nucleus of the fund. The Cricket and Bowling clubs will also hold their annual meetings with in the next week and discuss the project. The Football Club will likely appoint representatives to discuss the matter with these clubs and solicit their co-operation.

Citizens are generally discussing the project most enthusiastically and the hearty support of the public is assured.

POLICE IN A QUANDRY.

Mysterious Disappearance of Geo. M. Mackay.

Toronto, March 23.—Geo. M. Mackay, Superintendent of the Mackay Window Cleaning Company at 44 Richmond street east, is wanted by the police and his friends to tell how his death notice came to be inserted in an evening paper on Saturday. Mackay is missing from his apartments at the Working Boys' Home at Church and Gould streets, and his friends at the institution are of the opinion that the man contemplated suicide and caused the insertion of his own death notice. The police treat the matter lightly, although they do not state what is their reason for thinking that Mackay will turn up.

Mackay was at the home late on Saturday afternoon, and on leaving bid the officials good-bye, adding that he would not be back. Superintendent Smith paid little attention to the man's statements, thinking that he wished to change his boarding house, but about an hour later on reading the following death notice in an evening paper became alarmed:—

Mackay—Suddenly in this city on Saturday, March 21, 1903, after a short illness, Geo. M. Mackay, youngest and beloved son of Andrew Mackay of Montreal.

Funeral private. Superintendent Smith at once communicated with the police, and Constable Wallace was sent to the offices of the company on Richmond street to see if by any chance Mackay might be lying dead there. P. C. Wallace on reaching the place found tacked on the door a mourning card with a copy of the death notice pasted on it. An entrance was forced, but nothing unusual was noticed. Yesterday the place was visited again by Policeman Bond with the same result. If Mackay is not heard from to-day the detective department will take the matter up and pursue a searching investigation to determine the whereabouts of the missing man.

CASTRO HAS RESIGNED.

THE VENEZULAN PRESIDENT GIVES UP OFFICE.

It is Believed that He is Acting in Accordance With a Previous Arrangement.

Caracas, March 23.—The Venezuelan Congress by a unanimous vote has declined to accept President Castro's resignation, which he tendered Saturday, and has passed a resolution requesting him to reconsider his decision. It is believed that President Castro will yield to this expressed desire of Congress and remain in power. To a deputation appointed to acquaint him with the action of Congress, President Castro replied that he would return in answer on Thursday. His term does not legally end until February 20, 1904.

In announcing his resignation to Congress President Castro said:—"I deliver my abdication in order that you may proceed legally to call on him who should take my place, so that there may remain to no Venezuelan the slightest pretext for hostility to his country, or for connivance with foreigners who, without any ground, save force, fell upon unfortunate Venezuela, ramping under foot reason and justice, to the detriment of civilization and the beautiful conquests of right. With head uplifted and with a tranquil conscience, I return to the efforts of toil which honor and dignity. All the energies and possibilities of myself are at your service should it become necessary to arise and defend our country against attacks of the foreigners. All the glory I ask is to contemplate Venezuela becoming respected, prosperous and happy."

Washington, March 23.—From an official it was learned that this move on the part of President Castro has long been contemplated. Representations were made to him several months ago by the leaders of Venezuela that his resignation would have the effect of enabling the people of that country to present a solid front to the world in the matters in controversy with the powers. The statement was made that the resignation is the result of a secret agreement with the leaders referred to that President Castro should temporarily relinquish his office pending the adjustment of the matters which Mr. Bowen has in hand. It was intimated, however, that while President Castro nominally gives up his office, it is the intention to keep it in the family by an arrangement to make Castro's brother Vice-President, so that he would succeed to the Presidency.

IMMORAL EXHIBITIONS.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's Amendment to the Criminal Code.

Ottawa, March 23.—The Minister of Justice's bill to amend the criminal code proposed to add the following section:—Every person who, being the owner, lessor, lessee or manager of a theatre, presents or gives or allows to be presented or given there in any indecent or immoral play, opera, concert, acrobatic, variety or vaudeville performance, or other entertainment or representation, guilty of an indictable offence, and liable, if convicted upon indictment, to one year's imprisonment with or without hard labor, or to a fine of five hundred dollars, or to both, and, on summary conviction, to six months' imprisonment, or to a fine of fifty dollars, or to both. Every person who takes part or appears as an actor, performer, or assistant in any capacity, in any such indecent or immoral play, opera, concert, performance or other entertainment or representation, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to three months' imprisonment, or to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or to both. Every person who so takes part or appears in any indecent costume is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to six months' imprisonment, or to a fine of fifty dollars, or to both. In this section the word "theatre" includes any hall, room or other place open to the public, gratuitously or otherwise, where dramatic, musical or other entertainments or representations are presented or given.

GRAND TRUNK'S POLICY.

A Winter Port in the Maritime Provinces.

Montreal, March 23.—Hon. William Pugsley, Attorney-General of New Brunswick, is authority for the statement that the management of the Grand Trunk Railway has quite decided to make their winter port in the lower Provinces, and that the announcement will be made formally during this session of Parliament. Hon. Mr. Pugsley is on his way home from Ottawa, where he had been for several days, accompanied by Premier Tweedie. Although he was in close touch while there with the men who are negotiating the Grand Trunk Pacific project, he could not say what subsidy had been asked from the Government, or what amount the Government were inclined to give. The probability of the Attorney-General's statement is strengthened by the understanding that prevails here, to the effect that the G. T. R. was led to believe that if in future their traffic was not diverted from Portland to some Canadian port they need not look for any material Government aid in the building of the trans-continental line.

THE WALL COLLAPSED.

Partial Wreck of a Mill at Elora—Heavy Loss.

Elora, March 23.—One of the oldest mills in the county was partly wrecked about 10 a.m. Saturday, when a wall six stories high fell into the falls below. The wall was weakened by the breaking up of the river last week and the continued high waters since. The mill is the property of the Fergusson estate, but was operated by Mr. T. A. Sloan. Had the accident occurred a few minutes earlier Mr. Sloan would probably have lost his life, as he had just left that part of the mill. A carload of oats ready for shipment and the electric dynamo were lost in the ravine. The full extent of the loss is not yet known.

MINERS WAGES RAISED.

ANTHRACITE STRIKE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Shorten Hours—Board of Conciliation is to Deal with Disputes—No Recognition of Union.

Washington, March 23.—Following is a brief summary of the report of the commission appointed last October by President Roosevelt to investigate the anthracite coal strike. A member of the commission is authority for the statement that the commissioners were absolutely unanimous on all points of the report which is dated March 18 and is signed by all the members of the commission, who are: Judge George Gray of Delaware, Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright and Brigadier-General John M. Wilson, both of this city; Bishop John L. Spalding of Illinois, Thomas H. Watkins of Pennsylvania, E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Edward W. Parker of this city.

The award to continue in force until March 31, 1906.

An increase of 10 per cent. in wages to contract miners from November 1, 1902, and during the life of the award.

An increase of 10 per cent. in wages to water-hoisting engineers for the same period.

An increase of 10 per cent. in wages to other engineers, pumpmen and firemen, from November 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, and 5 per cent. thereafter during the life of the award.

An increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of all company men and other employees. Company men and other employees not specifically provided for to be paid on the basis of a nine-hour working day.

Engineers, firemen and pumpmen to work in eight-hour shifts instead of twelve-hour shifts.

Engineers and pumpmen to be relieved on Sundays without loss of pay.

Local Boards of arbitration for the settlement of disputes in individual collieries.

A sliding scale, by which miners' wages are increased 1 per cent. for every 10 per cent. increase in price of coal.

Check weighmen to be employed at the collieries by the miners at their own expense.

Uniform distribution of mine cars among the miners.

Any increase in the size of mine car or topping to be accompanied by proportionate increase in rate paid per car.

No specific recognition of the United Mine Workers.

The present methods of payment for coal mined shall continue unless changed by mutual agreement.

Concerted effort on the part of the mine workers to limit output except by agreement with operators forbidden.

Work not to be suspended pending settlement of matters referred to arbitration boards.

No discrimination against non-union men.

Boycott and violence condemned. Demand that coal mined be paid for by weight refused.

Imposition of the State militia in the coal regions to preserve peace justified.

Commissioners Unanimous.

THE BURNING COAL MINE.

An Official Statement Given Out Last Night.

Halifax, N.S., March 23.—The following official statement was issued by the Dominion Coal Co. last night:—"The fire in Dominion Colliery is confined to the north side of the angle deep and all efforts are now directed towards extinguishing the fire and preventing it from spreading. Meantime plans for submerging the burning area are under consideration, but until all other means of dealing with the fire are exhausted no decision will be announced. It may be necessary to submerge more of the workings than at first thought owing to the difficulties encountered in constructing suitable dams, and coal mining at Dominion No. 1 may be temporarily suspended for some time.

"In this case employment will be found for all the workmen formerly employed at the Dominion at the other collieries where the output can be increased to overcome the shortage of three thousand tons daily. The fire has not interfered in any way with regular shipments as the output is fully maintained at the other five collieries, where the production is 9,000 tons per day. If mining at the Dominion is suspended the output of the remaining collieries will be increased."

JAPAN'S EXHIBITION.

A Large Attendance on Opening Day.

Kobe, Japan, March 23.—The fifth Industrial Exhibition at Osaka had its preliminary opening Friday. According to the original arrangements the opening was to be accentuated by a demonstration, including the ringing of bells, blowing of steam whistles, etc., but all these arrangements had to be abandoned owing to the death of Prince Komatsu, and the opening ceremony was conducted in the quietest manner. In spite of intense cold a great concourse of people waiting in front of the exhibition rushed in as soon as the exhibition opened. The number of visitors on the opening day was 22,415 as against 6,000 on the opening day of the former exhibition. It is expected that all the exhibits will be in order by the beginning of April, when the official opening ceremony will be conducted by the Emperor of Japan.

New Militia Bill.

Ottawa, March 23.—It is said that the militia bill, which Sir Frederick Borden will introduce this session, will provide for an increase in the permanent corps, and also give power for the appointment of a Canadian officer to command the militia force. If this power is granted, it should ever be taken advantage of, and would probably be accompanied by the appointment of an Imperial officer as chief of staff, or some such office.

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