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REDUCED MAJORITY

Beauharnois, Que., March 26.—In the bye-election in Beauharnois to-day between Geo. Loy, Liberal, and J. G. H. Bergeron, Conservative, resulted in re-election of Mr. Loy, who was recently unseated by a majority of 107 votes. The majorities were as follows:—

	Loy, Bergeron
Valleyfield.....	237
St. Cecile.....	46
Stanislas.....	34
St. Louis.....	117
St. Timothe.....	21
Clement.....	96
Beauharnois.....	149
St. Etienne.....	31
Totals.....	454 297

At the general elections Loy's majority was 277.

CECIL RHODES IS NO MORE

South African Diamond King Passes Away After Lingering Illness.

Completely Broken Down With in Last Two Years, but Kept Grip on His Last Interests.

Cape Town, March 26.—Cecil Rhodes is dead.

Mr. Rhodes died peacefully at 5.57 p. m. He slept during the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult, and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

Mr. Rhodes was conscious until 5.55 p. m., when he uttered a few words and sank quickly. The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure. At his bedside were Dr. Jameson, Dr. J. W. Smartt, British Commissioner of Public Works; Col. Elmhurst Rhodes, Director of Signalling of the South African Field Force, and Mr. Walton, of Port Elizabeth, a member of the Assembly. Mr. Rhodes' last words were:

As the new rates have just been received by the agents, the property owners are as yet ignorant of what their new rate will be, and will not know before the time for renewing their insurance, and then, it is thought, considerable difficulty will be met with by the agents and great dissatisfaction produced among some of the property men, as, in many cases, the rates will be largely increased, while in other cases the rates will be reduced. Of course the men with the increased rates are those who will object most forcibly and some have already expressed their intention to change their insurance from tariff companies to non-tariff companies if the new rates are in any way unreasonable. The agents for tariff companies will thus be working under a disadvantage against their competitors as it will, no doubt, be difficult for them to procure new insurance under these regulations as their opponents in the non-tariff companies will be able to provide far cheaper insurance. This, too, will be added to the fact that a lot of their old business will probably be taken over by their hands, owing to the recent change.

When the inspectors of the Underwriters Association come to Chatham, they struck a key rate for the service. As Chatham has an exceedingly good fire department the rate for the city was fortunately very low, much lower, in fact, than that of many Ontario cities of the same size as Chatham. Each building in every block was then well inspected, and additions made to the rate for deficiencies and deductions where the regulations were complied with and then rates were struck for every block.

A standard building was set for the inspectors to work from. This building is one having walls of brick or stone—brick preferred—not less than 12 inches thick at the top story, 10 inches of stone, extending through, and 36 inches above, roof in parapet, and coped, and increasing four inches in thickness, for each story below, to the ground—the increased thickness for each story, to be utilized for beam ledges; ground floor area, not over 2,500 square feet, say 25x100; height, not over three stories or 40 feet; floors of two inch plank, three inches better, covered by 7-8 or one inch flooring, crossing diagonally, with waterproof paper, or approved fire-resisting material between, — if tin or sheet iron is used deductions are made; wooden beams, girders, and wood story posts or pillars, twelve inches thick, or protected from columns; elevators, stairways, etc., cut off by brick walls, or by plaster on metallic studs and lathing, communications at each floor, protected with approved tin-covered doors and fire-proof sills; windows and doors on exposed sides, protected by approved tin-covered doors and shutters; walls of flues, not less than eight inches thickness, to be lined with fire brick, well burned clay, or cast iron, and throat capacity not less than ninety-six square inches if steam boilers are used; all floor timbers to be trimmed at least four inches from outside of flue; heated by steam; lighted by



the names of his brother and some of the others present, which were meant to be good-byes. The only person who attended him during his illness and who was not present at his death, was Dr. Stevenson. All his other boys and personal servants were admitted at the last.

The body will be taken to Groote Schuur, his residence near Cape Town, on a special train to-morrow. There it will probably lie in state for a day or two, and the public will be admitted to view it. It has not yet been determined where Mr. Rhodes will be buried. It was his wish that he should be buried at Mattope Hills, Rhodesia. Certain of his friends will proceed to Mattope Hills to determine whether it is practicable to carry out this wish. The features of the dead man are placid, and a death mask of them will be taken.

The Letter-Box

PAINT AND ASSESSMENT.

To the Editor of The Planet:—Sir,—I notice in yesterday's issue of your paper, Judge Houston says the assessors jumped his assessment up because he painted his front door. The extra assessment he paid was twelve dollars. Now had I been an assessor I would have made him put up about fifty dollars extra. Any man that will pay five dollars for enough paint for a door deserves to be assessed. I have known men to paint the city a deep, dark red for less than five dollars, and then have the pleasure of contributing a moderate sum to swell the City Coffers, Yours, T. A. SMITH.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. King, Dover, at the advanced age of 93 years. Deceased was mother of Wm. King, Pain Court. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The corpse was put into operation yesterday. Only the streets leading into the city will be acrossed just now.

NEW STANDARD OF INSURANCE FOR MAPLE CITY BUILDINGS

Underwriters' Association Issues New Schedule of Rates for Chatham—Heavy Property Owners, in Event of Rates Rising, Will Abandon the Tariff Companies

—What the Agents Have to Say.

A complete surprise is awaiting some of the large property owners in the Maple City, who have their property insured in tariff insurance companies.

Hitherto the rate of the fire insurance on a building has been regulated by the merits of the building itself as regards fire protection, and the nature of the stock in it as to its susceptibility to damage in event of a fire. In this way a man who has a fairly good fire proof building gets a low rate of insurance, while a man in an adjoining store, who pays no attention to fire proof precautions pays a high rate on his insurance.

According to the new mode of rating, however, a whole block is taken into consideration and a common rate struck for the entire building, so that in many cases a man who complies with the necessary regulations for fire protection is paying the same rate as his less thrifty and careful neighbor, and is literally having to pay for the latter's insurance.

This change in rating was made by the inspectors of the Underwriters' Association on their recent visit to this city. Every building was thoroughly inspected by them and rated according to the new conditions. The rates have been sent in schedule form to the local agents of tariff companies and will go into force at once. They will apply of course to the insurance in tariff companies only. As to stock, however, the rating will remain as formerly, the new mode of rating applying chiefly to the buildings, only.

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gas; cornices of incombustible materials; roof of slate, metal or tile. If partitions are hollow or walls furled off, there must be firestops at each floor.

J. G. Kerr, who owns considerable property on King street, when interviewed by The Planet this morning said:—

"I think you would be safe in saying that there is not a single building in town which complies with the standard building there described. I know none of my buildings do. I have considerable insurance in tariff companies, but if this change makes the rate much higher than it is at present, I shall immediately change to non-tariff companies, which, under present conditions, give much cheaper insurance than the tariff companies."

W. E. McKeough, another heavy property owner, said:—

"I have some of my insurance in tariff companies, but I had not heard of any change in my rate. If there is any addition to the rate I pay at present, I will change to non-tariff companies. I have insurance in both tariff and non-tariff companies, and I think one is as good and as safe as the other. The Anglo-American, a non-tariff company, were exceedingly prompt in paying the insurance on my building recently destroyed by fire."

S. Austin, it appears, will not be affected by the change. He said:—

"When the underwriters were inspecting the city we applied for a special rate and it was given to us. We comply strictly to all of the regulations set forth and are rated in class 'A' and thus do not have to pay a high rate."

Mr. Malcolmson said in the matter:—

"I think it is a very fair way to arrive at the rate. I have not heard of any change in our rate, so could not say whether I think we have received fair treatment in our rating or otherwise."

Chas. Kellar, insurance agent, when interviewed in the matter said:—

"The agents for non-tariff companies may lose a few risks, but I do not think they will lose heavily. Our business was far greater last year, and the new rating was in force in some places—than it has ever been so I think we have nothing to fear."

W. H. Harper, Insurance agent, said:—

"I think it is the only way to arrive at an adequate rate for fire insurance. In my opinion the agents will not lose anything. I don't think fire insurance companies get the credit for all that they do for the city. The companies have got to take these precautions in order to guard against losses. This association is not formed with a view to raising the rates. It is entirely the reverse and they run the rate down as far as they possibly can, without incurring financial losses to themselves. If the people would pay more attention to the regulations distributed by the association, their rates in many cases would not be so high."

"The Association is at present negotiating with the government for the appointment of a fire marshal to inspect all fires. I think this would be a good move in the right direction."

GOOD TIME

City Teachers Gave it to County Colleagues at McKeough School Last Night.

The teachers of the city entertained the other teachers from West Kent last evening, at McKeough School. The evening proved one of the most pleasant in the history of the teachers of West Kent. The memory of the pleasure will be treasured up and at future conventions the assemblage of the spring of 1902 will be recalled as the greatest in the history of the meetings.

The first part of the evening, from 8 o'clock till 9.30, was devoted to social intercourse and games. The band room had been gracefully and prettily decorated and presented an enticing appearance. Small tables were disposed about the room and some 150 teachers were soon seated. Trustees Dr. R. V. Bray, Geo. Hayward, and Wm. Robertson were present, besides a few other friends of the teachers. During this part of the evening the Opera House orchestra dispensed sweet music.

From 9.30 to 10.30 a splendid program was presented. Principal T. A. Brackin, President of the Association, presided, and guided the evening's pleasures in smooth running channels in accordance with the schedule laid down. The following was the program:—

Clarinet Solo—Mr. H. Philp.
Sextette—Ex-Pupils of McKeough School.
Solo—Miss Baxter.
Sextette.
Solo—Miss G. Somerville.
Sextette.
Solo—Mr. W. H. Brackin.
Light refreshments were then served, after which the orchestra played several excellent dances.

GENEROUS BEQUEST

The local branch of the Children's Aid Society desire to acknowledge the receipt by Treasurer Fred. Stone of \$100 from the executors of the estate of the late William Young, Chief of Police, which amount was donated to the Society by the will of the deceased gentleman.

Mr. Young was for the past three years a member of the Executive Committee and also the Advisory Board of the Society and always took a deep and active interest in its work. The Society also desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$4 being collection contribution of the Victoria Avenue Methodist church Sunday school.

TRY TO CORNER GEN. DELAREY

Lord Kitchener Cables Particulars of Combined Movement not Completed.

135 Prisoners Have Been Captured With Quantity of Stock.

London, March 26.—Incomplete reports of the result of the combined movement of the British columns against General Delarey have enabled Lord Kitchener to announce the capture of about a hundred prisoners, three fifteen-pounders, two pom-poms and quantities of stock, wagons, etc. General Delarey appears to have successfully evaded Lord Kitchener's column at the off-set.

In a despatch dated from Pretoria at noon yesterday, Lord Kitchener says:—

"At dusk on the evening of March 25 the combined movement against Delarey was undertaken by columns of mounted men, without guns or impediments of any sort. The columns started from Commando Drift, on the Vaal River, and travelled rapidly all night, and at dawn March 26 occupied positions along the line from Commando Drift to the Lichtenburg blockhouse line. The troops moved rapidly eastward, keeping a continuous line, with the object of driving the enemy against the blockhouses or forcing an action. The result has not yet been fully reported. 'Kekewich's column, after the commencement of the action, captured three fifteen-pounders, two pom-poms, nine prisoners and a hundred mules, carts and wagons."

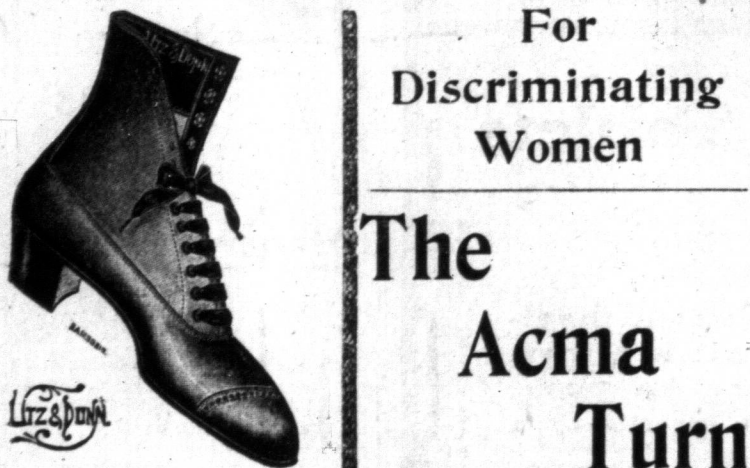
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