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How it is Proposed to Mark the Tercentenary.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A deputation from Quebec, some thirty strong, waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier today to request that the Dominion government take up the project of the tercentenary of the founding of Quebec by Champlain, and provide for a national celebration of the event in whatever is considered the most fitting form.

The deputation submitted that the plan was to obtain a grant of about \$100,000 from the Province of Quebec and \$50,000 from the Ancient Capital itself, which would take \$150,000 of the disposal of those who take the celebration in hand.

The plan in contemplation is to have the celebration take place in the week of July 3, for which an elaborate program has been drawn up in which the representatives of England, France and the United States would be invited to participate. The program would include a formal expression of the homage of Canadians of all classes to His Majesty and of grateful remembrance to the mother country of Champlain, the father of the Canadian nation; the inauguration of a monument to Bishop Laval, the celebration of the confederation anniversary, thanksgiving services in the various churches, a national procession, in which all elements of the Canadian nation would take part, together with public amusements, tournaments and sports on land and water.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the idea of having the festival in Britain, France and the United States assemble at Quebec would commend itself to everybody. It would be a fact for the three greatest nations of the world, and would add to the lustre of Quebec, which was the cradle of Canadian civilization.

Mr. King, addressing Mr. Cassels, asked that the company advise the public as to the date of the last week, for instance—and there were others—the girl was in a rather pitiable plight.

Effects of Strain. Miss Richmond was an employe of a dry goods store. She produced a diary dating back to 1900. It included all overtime she had earned since 1901. This was a fair average. Her calls per hour had averaged 20¢. Witness referred to her book for the date when she had begun wearing glasses. The optician said she required glasses because of nervous strain.

Funeral of G. N. Kidd. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The funeral of the late G. N. Kidd took place this afternoon. A large number of colleagues attended. Among them were: R. L. Borden, M. P.; Urian Wilson, M. P.; George Taylor, M. P.; Dr. Ferguson, M. P.; Col. Matheson, Dr. Preston, E. A. Dunlop, Hon. Nelson Monteth, W. R. Smyth, M.L.A., and many others. The legislative assembly sent a wreath and Premier Whitney a spray.

New Yacht for Clifford. Tread, Feb. 12.—A handsome new yacht, 100 feet long, with torpedo stern, was purchased in New York last week by Hon. Clifford Sifton for his private use on the St. Lawrence. His coachman, Clark, has sold to Kingston parties.

Keep Your Eye on Silver Bird. This stock is now selling at 15 cents per share. It will sell above \$1.00 inside of six months. See advertisement elsewhere.

Won't Go Off. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Hull City Council will take legal steps forthwith to restrain the Hamilton Powder Co. from obtaining a new license in this city. The powder company refuse to move.

The harbor board will send a representative with the city deputation to go to Ottawa to-morrow night to bury up the government on the despatching and unloading of the eastern and western shambles.

RELIEF FOR THE GIRLS STILL MATTER OF DOUBT

Manager Dunstan is to Reassure Commission That Promises Will Be Kept.

Mr. Cassels, counsel for the Bell Telephone Company, is annoyed at the newspapers. Before the telephone enquiry opened yesterday afternoon he exclaimed: "All the newspapers are pandering to the city sentiment." Later, in the cross-examination of Miss Lasler, who appeared to the reporters, saying he hoped they would be fair enough to record "that statement" which was to the effect that she was satisfied with the wages she had been receiving, but had struck because the hours were increased, and when the counsel suggested that the company must have "some system" by which to cater satisfactorily to its clientele, witness said she supposed so.

Just before the close of the afternoon proceedings, Mr. Cassels objected that time was being wasted indiscriminately in bringing witness after witness for no other reason than to show that the company hadn't as yet provided the relief promised.

"O, then, you admit that the company hasn't come up with the promised relief," broke in Mr. Curry.

"Why, certainly," responded Mr. Cassels. "Mr. Dunstan will set in the box and tell you the actual conditions under which the whole lock system is operating at the present time, and explain the why and wherefore."

"Well," said Mr. King, "the trouble has been that from the evidence, it would appear this very point was in doubt. We would like to be convinced that the company's promise of relief was given in good faith, and would be lived up to."

Miss Jessie Leckie, the girl who had been discharged for calling Miss Clark "a contemptible sneak" and for "disturbing" on a line where she had no instructions to do so, was the first witness of the day. She told of the adverse conditions, and Mr. Cassels wanted to know the use of "going over witness after witness to show what we admit."

"Well, if you admit that these girls were driven like slaves," began Mr. Curry.

"No, no, we admit nothing of the kind," was the quick interruption.

"Well, then, that is what I want to show."

"It is only to impress the newspapers," retorted Mr. Cassels. "Miss Leckie told of the 'listening' practices, and said she had objected to overhearing conversations."

In the afternoon Mr. Curry examined Mr. Maw, who said about 100 operators were now in the main office between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The 20 minutes intermission had been given to all except an occasional odd one.

"Very funny," said Mr. Curry. "None I have examined seem to have gotten it."

The superintendent said there were about 100 competent operators on the waiting list now. Over 250 strikers had been discharged. Two or three lines have been changed to relieve the load.

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"You can fool some of the people all the time" was the motto of a young Englishman named Wm. E. Taylor, who, on his arrival in America several weeks ago, commenced to advertise for persons for addressing envelopes. The method was the old gag of sending it to join the association, the sender to receive a fountain pen and a bottle of ink, and to commence work.

The place of business was at a shack four miles from Kingston. Taylor had just nicely started when Postoffice Inspector Henderson pounced on him. He was arraigned at Niagara Falls on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He was remanded for a week.

By the big bunch of letters from Toronto, there are a lot of people here who are either very easy, or need the money pretty badly, for the dollar was enclosed in every letter.

The annual meeting of the exhibition association will be held to-morrow.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

TORONTO JUNCTION.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 12.—The school board met to-night. The principals report on attendance as follows: Annisette-street, 811 on roll, average attendance 621; Western-avenue, 375 on roll, average attendance 219; Carlton, 442 on roll, average attendance 371; St. Clair, 179 on roll, average attendance 160. Forty-eight of those at St. Clair are from S.S. 12. Miss Brown requested leave of absence until September next. The heating system was debated. The increase of salary recommended by the management committee was laid over for another month, until the estimates are struck. A communication was received from S. Rydman, the Beaches town official, stating the steam heating plant, to take place as soon as convenient.

W. J. Fairhead, for some years the Junction's correspondent of The Star, leaves on Thursday for Winnipeg where he has accepted a position on The Telegram.

East Toronto.

East Toronto, Feb. 12.—Last night's meeting of the town council was fruitless in effecting any settlement of the vexed railway question. The absence of Councillor Hodgson gave the supporters of the railway extension a chance to secure a snap verdict on a motion by Councillor Nimmo, declaring that in the event of the annexation scheme being rejected by the city, steps would be positively taken to proceed with the extension on the basis suggested by Manager Moore. But for the defection of Councillor Brown, who was thought to be favorable to the extension, the town to-night would be pledged to grant statutory franchise to the Toronto & York, if the city declines to entertain the annexation plan. A vote to limit the whole question stand over until the railway commission scheme is settled, was then carried.

Mayor Ross announced that a new proposition was in course of submission to the town, with respect to a rival electric line, and a communication from the city of Syracuse stated that permission had been granted for a line along the Danforth road, and that construction work had been started.

A most enjoyable at home to the ladies was given by the members of the Beaches Masonic Lodge last night. Steps are being taken to place petitions opposing any interference with the railway extension. The death of William English occurred on Sunday morning from pneumonia. He was 68 years of age and had lived in East Toronto all his life. He leaves a family of six children. His wife is Mrs. Elizabeth English, nee Cook, who was born in King.

Those children of the late Mrs. Catherine Bartley who had not already received their portion of the family estate have been awarded their shares in their mother's property, which is valued at \$4216, consisting of \$1270 for cash and \$2946 in stocks. To son Lewis of Stouffville \$800, to son Norman of East Point, Ont., \$380, to daughter Elizabeth of Stouffville \$1100 and to Madam McCreary of Apsley, Ontario, \$250 each.

Charles Mann of Kinton left his estate to his widow, Mary Jeanie Mann, worth \$4000. He owned a lot in Sutton, Ontario, and a farm in North Gwillimburgh, Ontario.

King Township. Mrs. Eliza Cook of King died, nee, and had estate valued at \$1000.00, goes to her three sons, Robert, William and John.

Noises and quiverings heard and felt by residents in the vicinity of Spadina early yesterday morning and regarded as a result of seismic disturbances are explained by Director Sargent of the observatory as having been caused by the heavy frost getting in its work.

A New Church. Arrangements have been made by the church extension committee of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto to establish a mission in the rapidly growing section of the city bounded by Spadina, Ossington, Avenue and Danforth-rows. The site has not yet been definitely selected, but the matter will likely be decided at the committee's next meeting.

CAN'ERS WANT PURE FOOD. 2000 Delegates in Convention at Buffalo to Form Association. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The national convention of fruit and vegetable packers and allied associations opened here today.

President Bailey of the Atlantic States Packers' Association spoke of the great need of a national association. President Sears of the Western States Packers' Association suggested that a law be passed compelling a uniform standard of tinplate. President Frost of the National Canned Goods & Fruit Brokers' Association hoped to see the formation of a national association at this convention.

What began as pleasant stories over his having worn a cutaway coat and a black and white check shirt at an afternoon reception given by Princess Elizabeth Frederick's ladies-of-honor, became a regular campaign, so that every day for a week brought fresh stories concerning him—that he had made a scene over the question of the presence of his wife, that he had worn trousers turned up at the foot in the presence of the emperor, and other ridiculous things. From these the discussion passed to general criticism of Americans and of the embassy.

It is affirmed by persons who were present at the court ball that not one of the stories has the least foundation.

LORD'S DAY ACT POPULAR. Great Enthusiasm Throughout West, Says Mr. Shearer. Rev. J. G. Shearer, who has been for the past four weeks engaged in the general work of the Lord's Day Alliance in Manitoba and the Northwest, has returned to Toronto.

Mr. Shearer had completed arrangements to go as far west as Edmonton, but the branch lines through Manitoba and the Northwest were practically out of business and Swift Current was the most westerly point reached.

"Everywhere," said Mr. Shearer, "I found the most stringent provisions of the new Lord's Day Act, and I am free to admit that not even in Ontario was the desire for a national Sabbath more pronounced than on the prairies."

FAMILY FLEE WITH MURDERER. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 12.—News of a brutal murder at Marlborough yesterday, and the subsequent flight of the murderer, with the wife and children, of the man he killed, was received here today.

The victim was Patrick Crivada, a middle-aged Italian laborer, who was shot in his own house by an unknown Italian last evening.

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POOR HARRY LEHR. Newspaper's Best Drammel Gets Libeled in German Press. Berlin, Feb. 12.—Various newspapers of Berlin have been publishing unpleasant articles about Harry S. Lehr of New York, and what is said to have been his misbehavior at the court ball given a fortnight ago.

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GOOD ADVERTISERS. How Some Foreigners in the West Are Spending Canada's Fame. Montreal, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Consul-General Freyesleben, the representative of Austria-Hungary in Canada, who goes to Calcutta, stated today that he had visited all the principal centres in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and all were doing well.

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