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RAPID TRANSIT.

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One advantage of the new Cunard steamers is the hastening of the English mail that has resulted. Once or twice with the Campania and Lucania English letters written on Saturday have been delivered in Toronto on the following Saturday. This occurred in the past week as it has several times recently, and no doubt an eight-day mail service may be regarded as a certainty in the near future. Letters received on Saturday's noon delivery could be answered for Monday morning's mail. This will be delivered in England on Wednesday week, a return of say 19 days from Toronto. The New York mail would, of course, be returned on Saturday, bringing England within two weeks of return post.

An interesting item was dug up by a newspaperman when going over the files of The Belfast News-Letter for 1798, which bears on this. It related the receipt of a reply to a letter posted in Norfolk in that year and sent to Newfoundland by the sailing packet of the time, an answer arriving in 22 days. The "E. J. Harland," sailing vessel, lost by collision in 1879, and the sister ship, "G. W. Wolff," iron sailing vessels, used to make the run from Belfast Lough to New York in 12 days. The tremendous efforts to cut down these records by steam to the present time under five days is only appreciated by those who stand behind the expenditure of brains and money enlisted in the achievement.

The Massey Hall Service.

Massey Hall was well filled last night at the People's Sunday service. Mr. Wilkinson took the first part of the service, giving beautiful views on the teachings of Christ. Rev. Canon Welch stepped on the platform at 8.15 and gave two splendid addresses on the "Good Samaritan" and the Parable of the Talents, illustrated. He spoke very earnestly and eloquently of the duty of giving assistance and encouragement to every man and woman and child needing our service. In the parable of the talents he plainly showed that man will be held responsible for the use of his talents—that it is not enough to lead a moral life—we have to live a useful life—and will be held responsible for the use of our opportunities.

Mrs. Coutts-Bain sang very effectively "He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye," accompanied by Miss Annie McKay. Mr. Wilkinson announced that he would invite the newsboys next Sunday night to service, and urged the audience to "go out into the lanes" and invite all the boys they could gather. The boys will occupy the second balcony and will sing illustrated songs. Mr. Wilkinson intends during the following week to organize a boys' club for literary and social purposes, including a baseball team.

Assailed and Robbed at 4 a.m.

ST. CATHARINES, May 3.—(Special.)—High Constable Boyle spent all afternoon searching for two men named Eddy, who are said to have assaulted and robbed Patrick Steep at his home in Merritton early this morning. The men called at the house about 4 o'clock, saying they came to settle for chickens they had purchased. Steep, who is an old man, let them in. As he was about to draw a roll of bills from his trouser pocket he received a heavy blow on the head and the men took the money, $8.

Pres. Ross Justifies Statement.

MONTREAL, May 3.—(Special.)—James Ross considers that his recent statement regarding the negotiations with the Steel Co. was entirely justifiable.

"Owing to the intervention of William Mackenzie and other friends, the negotiations had proceeded farther than at any time previous, so that it was well that the public should be informed how far the interested parties were apart in the way of a settlement," he said to-day.

Whirled in Shafting.

LONDON, May 3.—While working around a shafting in Carmichael's butter factory on concession 10, London Township, William Dinwiddie, a buttermaker, had the sleeve of his coat caught in a set-screw. He was whirled around the shaft several times. His arm was broken.

Young Man Drowned.

FENELON FALLS, May 3.—While assisting in putting in some stop logs in the slide, Joseph, son of Andrew Torrance, was accidentally drowned. The canthook became fast and he held on to it too long and was thrown into the water, just above the falls.

Cheese Markets.

LONDON, May 2.—At the meeting of the London Dairymen's Exchange to-day 433 cases were offered; 160 were sold as follows: 55 at 11⅛c, 45 at 11⅛c, 60 (flats) sold at 11⅜c.

BELLEVILLE, May 2.—At a meeting of the cheese board held here to-day there were boarded 1064 white and 95 colored. Sales, 800 white at 11⅜c; balance white refused 11¼c; colored refused at 11¼c.

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NORTH YORK CONS. ARE A UNIT ON T. H. LENNOX

Nomination Goes With a Sweep—J. W. Curry in North Toronto—Suburban News.

NEWMARKET, May 2.—(Special.)—It was not a record crowd in point of attendance which met in the town hall here this afternoon to go thru the formal ceremony of re-nominating T. Herbert Lennox, M.L.A., in the Conservative interest for North York. The farmers were in the midst of seeding operations, and the country roads were in bad shape, and added to all this was the knowledge of the fact that one name, and one only, that of "Herb" Lennox, M.L.A., would be brought before the meeting served to keep down the crowd. But the town hall held fully 500 delegates, and every one an enthusiastic supporter of Herb. Lennox.

Archie McCallum, ex-reeve of King Township, and the man who gave Hon. A. B. Aylesworth a run for the federal house, was chairman, and seated on the platform among many others were Hon. Col. Matheson, A. McCowan, M.L.A.; T. H. Brunton, Warden Keith, J. H. Lennox, James Wells, Mr. Johnston, Dr. Stevenson, John Hutchinson, W. H. Pugsley, Arthur Pugsley, Alex. Brodie, Danford Roche and ex-Reeve John B. More.

A number of ladies graced the gathering with their presence, and the advent of T. H. Lennox, M.L.A., was the signal for round after round of applause.

A number of local speakers gave short snappy talks, and among others two or three from away back in the Village of Pefferlaw, where "Billy Pohnston," ex-reeve and Liberal nominee, resides. The reports brought in by these native runners, showing how rosy were the conditions for the Conservative candidate even in Mr. Johnston's own bailiwick added fresh enthusiasm.

The candidate spoke for an hour, taking up in detail every pre-election promise and declared that every one had been fulfilled or was in process of development. He claimed credit for securing a two-cent rate on the Metropolitan Railway, referred to the license law, which he charged was better administered in North York than ever before, while the licenses there had been reduced by six, and defended the three-fifths clause as conceived and carried out in the interest of temperance.

On the educational and school policy of the government he dwelt at length, and referring to the reduction in the price of school readers which had been called in question scored a big point by sending out, securing a series of readers and showing them to the crowd, said triumphantly, "There is what you are getting for 47 cents, which formerly cost $1.20." Then the crowd cheered.

Coming down to personal matters the candidate said: "Mr. Johnston will find out that he is not up against any kindergarten school this time. He'll have to take his "bumps" as I had to take mine." "You'll beat him hands down, 'Herb,'" said an enthusiastic admirer. "Yes, and toes up," said the candidate.

Referring to the abolition of the prison labor system in the Central Prison Mr. Lennox said that in another year the present system would terminate, and that with the removal of the institution from Toronto, what place is so likely to be chosen as North York.

Hon. Col. Matheson spoke briefly.

Passing reference was made to the charges regarding Cobalt Lake, and the O'Brien charges.

"The course of the government in that matter was based upon equity and business principles," said the minister, and not a breath of scandal rightly attaches to the transaction thruout.

"The guarantee to the C.N.R. was the only thing that we as the trustees of the people could take to safeguard our interests," said Hon. Mr. Matheson, and time will justify the wisdom of our course.

He paid a high tribute to the worth of T. H. Lennox, M.L.A., and predicted a cabinet position in the not very distant future.

NORTH TORONTO.

Mr. Curry Opens Liberal Campaign in North Toronto.

NORTH TORONTO, May 3.—J. W. Curry, Liberal candidate in East York, in the legislature, held a mass meeting in the town hall on Saturday night, which in point of interest and attendance, was regarded as a happy augury, and at which the candidate himself was the principal speaker.

Ex-Councillor J. W. Lawrence occupied the chair and in his opening remarks claimed that East York is now and always was Liberal, and will again put itself on record by electing J. W. Curry as the representative, and one who would be a leader in the house.

H. C. McDonald, one of Mr. Curry's lieutenants, spoke and encouraged the workers in the cause and urged ...e faithful to do their utmost to secure Mr. Curry's election.

The candidate was well received.

Mr. Curry congratulated himself that North Toronto and Stouffville have been tacked on to his constituency. He related the occurrence of his nomination and had accepted it in a spirit of independence of action. "While I accept Hon. Mr. MacKay as my leader," said Mr. Curry, "I reserve to myself the right to oppose him if in my judgment he is wrong."

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The Liberals were trying to regain the reins of government in this province, and those who voted the Whitney administration into power three years ago were prepared to undo what they did at that time.

He admitted that the record of the Ross regime was not of the purest, yet with all the complaints made by the Whitney party the present administration could not show, by the files, that the late Liberal government were corrupt.

He dealt with the pre-election promises of the Whitney government. Hon. Mr. Whitney had claimed that he had donned the policeman's uniform and closed up the Junction pool room, but, said Mr. Curry, what did he do with those in connection with the pool room? I was told that I resigned my position as crown attorney thru being paid a large amount of money by the owners of the pool room to stop prosecution, but I deny the charge. I did my duty then and that to the best of my ability. I did my duty as crown attorney and if elected in East York will do my duty again."

He took up the question of the combines and reiterated his statment that he was ready to prosecute two years ago, but nothing was being done yet by the government. He cited his action with respect to the telephone girls as proof that he was a friend of the poor against a monopoly. The government had secured a report, but had done nothing.

He took up the question of law reform, and Premier Whitney's promises therewith, as well as the question of electrical power as matters of "bye and bye."

The government had abolished the numbered ballot, but increased the expenses of the province. He plunged exhaustively into the matter of a guarantee to the C.N.R., which, following logically the doctrine enunciated by the then opposition leader, was as applied to the Ross government, and wondered if Hon. Mr. Whitney would get a campaign fund thereby. Referring to the question of public ownership Mr. Curry said: "I believe in and I am a strong advocate of public ownership." He repeated his old charges re Cobalt Lake, and denounced the patronage system, claiming that the whole matter properly belonged to a commission.

A meeting of the executive of the North Toronto Conservative Association was held at the residence of Mayor Fisher on Saturday evening.

The rector of St. Clement's Church, Rev. T. W. Powell, held a written examination of his Sunday school on Saturday afternoon. There were 45 questions to be answered and a prize of a copy of the church prayer and hymn book was presented to those who had 30 questions and over correct. The winners in order of merit were Margaret Boulden, Dorothy Boulden, Eleanor Tench, Ross Sturdy, Melville Waddington, Bert Lawson, Isabel Hopkings, Pearl West, Basil Helbert, Elsie Day, Lionel Helbert, Lewis Manton, Francis Powell, Louisa Letsche, Jennie Thompson.

David Blackie of Toronto will deliver an address on the "Scottish Covenanters" at the meeting of Eglinton Methodist Epworth League to-morrow (Monday) evening.

Quarterly services were held at the Davisville Methodist Church to-day, and were largely attended.

WEST TORONTO.

A Number of Important Questions Will Come Up in Council.

WEST TORONTO, May 3.—T. H. Thompson, vice-president of the Conservative Association, has called a meeting of Conservatives in Ward 3, on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock. The meeting, which will be held at 29 Western-avenue, is for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the convention on Saturday, May 10. All Conservatives are invited.

Two baseball games were played on Saturday by teams from the Junction league. The Comfort Soap Works team defeated the Davenport Stars by a score of 11 to 5. Mahoney was the umpire. The Bankers won from the West End Recreation Club by the score of 10 to 7. Joyce umpired the game. There are five teams in the league, and a double header is played Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It will thus be seen that one of the teams gets a holiday each week. The ball grounds are at the corner of Jane and Dundas-streets.

Change of Inspectors.

The inspector on the Dundas-street paving, who has overseen the work since the operations recommenced this spring, finished on Saturday. T. E. Matthews, who has been recommended by the executive committee for the position of works superintendent, will be the new temporary inspector, and if the council ratifies the recommendation of the executive, Mr. Matthews will be engaged permanently.

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City Council Meets.

The city council will meet to-morrow evening, and as several important recommendations of the executive committee will be brought forward, a lively session is anticipated. A conspicuous figure with snowy locks, who has been a faithful attender and interested occupant of the visitors' gallery at the council meetings for several years, will not be in evidence to-morrow evening. His absence no doubt will be much regretted.

The funeral of the late Mr. George, who was found dead on King-street, Toronto, took place on Saturday afternoon from Speers' undertaking parlors to Prospect Cemetery, and was held under the auspices of the Salvation Army.

Increase in Membership.

Communion service was held this morning in Annette-street Methodist Church. There were thirty-two new members received into the fellowship of the church by letter and confession of faith, one of the largest number of communicants in the church's history. The substance of Rev. Dr. Hazelwood's sermon to-night was an appeal for the laying aside of the sin that so easily besets us. Dr. Hazelwood especially emphasized the fact that in trying to make a sin respectable, it becomes in reality more deadly and dangerous.

Rev. Dr. Pidgeon preached at Victoria Presbyterian Church to-night. He made a strong defence of the man or woman who has the strength of character to stand against the drift, impelled to do so by the force of their convictions.

There are 52 cars of stock, including horses, in the Union Stock Yards for to-morrow's market.

MIMICO.

Etobicoke Township Council Meet at Islington To-Day.

MIMICO, May 3.—Court Derwent, I.O.F., will meet on Monday evening, May 4, at their rooms, Sixth-street, New Toronto. In addition to general business arrangements have been made for the initiation of several new members.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold their annual business meeting Monday night. The different officers of the society are asked to be punctually present to make their official reports. The election of officers for the coming year will also take place.

The Etobicoke municipal council will hold their May meeting on Monday at Islington. Matters of interest to Mimico relating to the Lake Shore-road will be among the special items of business dealt with.

A lantern lecture, entitled, "Travels in the Holy Land," will be given by the Rev. Alex. McGillivray of Bonar Church, Toronto, in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock. Music appropriate to the occasion will form part of the evening's entertainment. A silver collection of 10 cents and upwards will be taken in aid of the church decoration fund.

TODMORDEN.

One Time Resident Here Dies Out in Edmonton.

TODMORDEN, May 3.—(Special.)—A telegram received in the village contains news of the death in Edmonton, Alta., of L. J. Aitken, who was a well-known barrister in Manchester, England, and for many years deputy coroner of that city. Some two years ago Mr. Aitken, accompanied by his family, came to Canada with the intention of taking up land in the northwest. Owing to ill-health he remained for about a year in Todmorden and by his genial manner and wide fund of information made many friends here who will regret to hear of his demise.

Thru a typographical error the liability of St. Barnabas Church was stated as being $7000. The amount is $700.

EAST TORONTO.

Funeral of Late Mr. Torrance Takes Place to St. John's Cemetery.

EAST TORONTO, May 3.—The funeral of the late Charles Torrance took place on Saturday afternoon from his mother's residence, Balfour-avenue, to St. John's Cemetery, Norway. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. Mr. Rogers, and at the cemetery by Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed. A large concourse of friends, together with the members of Court York, I.O.F., followed the remains to the cemetery. The floral tributes were especially numerous and beautiful. The pall-bearers were J. Grant, Fred Murch, N. Drummond, E. Hutton, Geo. Woods and R. Moffatt.

In the Senior League on Saturday afternoon the Little York Football team defeated the British United by a score of 7 to 0. The match was the first of the season, and was witnessed by a large crowd.

In the Toronto City League the Broadviews played the Eurekas on the Little York grounds, the score being 1-1.

East Toronto Lodge, I.O.O.F., No. 263, under command of George Emperingham, jun. noble grand, C. Elliott, vice, and John Berry held their annual parade to the Baptist Church this morning, where an eloquent address suitable to the occasion was given by Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe. About 60 of the brethren were in line.

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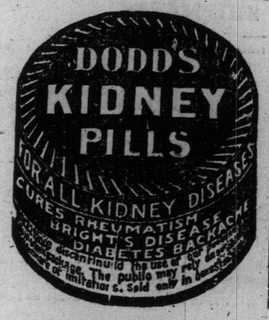

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Japan Buys Railway.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 3. — The Moscow Journal, generally well informed, states that Japan is desirious of purchasing the South Chinese Railway and with this object in view has sent Baron Gotto to St. Petersburg to negotiate the purchase.

Mail Bag Missing.

BELLEVILLE, May 3.—A mail bag was either lost or stolen from the train which reached here from the west at midnight Friday night.