

Spring Medicine

The popularity which Hood's Sarsaparilla has gained as a spring medicine is simply wonderful. It possesses just those elements of health-giving, blood-purifying and appetite-restoring which everybody seems to need at this season. Do not continue in a full, tired, unsatisfactory condition when you may be so much benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is carefully prepared from Sarsaparilla, Dandelion, Mandrake, Dock, Pipsissewa, Juniper Berries, and other well known vegetable remedies, in a manner peculiar to itself. It will cure, when in the power of medicine, scrofula, salt rheum, sores, all humors, dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, general debility, catarrh, rheumatism.

Purifies the Blood

"I wish to earnestly advise all, whether they are ill or not, to take, if only one bottle, Hood's Sarsaparilla in the spring and fall in order to put the blood in a good healthy condition so as to resist any ill they may be subject to, because we all know that most of our sickness arises from impure blood." Geo. Smith, Waldo, Texas.

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Has a record of cures of Scrofula and other blood diseases never equalled by any other preparation. The most severe cases yield to this remedy when others have failed to have the slightest effect. Its many remarkable cures have won for Hood's Sarsaparilla the title of "The greatest blood purifier ever discovered."

Makes the Weak Strong

"We have used Hood's Sarsaparilla with excellent effect in our family of six children, and find it to be the best article of its kind we have ever heard of. It keeps the blood in good condition and gives the children a good appetite." Mrs. F. R. WILKIE, 210 Livingston Ave., Albany, N. Y.

"We all like Hood's Sarsaparilla, it is so strengthening." L. RAYMOND, Auburn, R. I.

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"I used two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has done me much good, for which I cannot be too thankful. Before using, I was in a somewhat debilitated state in the summer; but, after using, the debility left me and has not returned. I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all who suffer from debility." F. L. REX, School for the Deaf, Omaha, Neb.

Purifies the Blood

"In the spring my whole system was completely run down. Two months ago I began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after using two bottles I find my appetite restored, my nervous system toned up, and my general health greatly improved. I consider Hood's Sarsaparilla has no equal." GEORGE BRATT, Bill Foster, Gallipolis, Ohio.

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Has had remarkable success in curing dyspepsia, sick headache, heartburn, sour stomach, and similar troubles. It tones the stomach and digestive organs, creates a good appetite, cures sick headache, overcomes drowsy feeling and mental depression. It also acts upon the kidneys and liver, causing these important organs to healthy action.

Makes the Weak Strong

"Two or three years ago I was out of sorts and debilitated. I took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla which toned me up wonderfully. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla to be an excellent remedy and would recommend it to others as a good blood purifier." J. H. LYON, Lakeside, Lake County, Cal.

N. B. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

Lively Discussion on Equalization.

The Towns and Villages Ask Reductions on Ground of Hard Times—Other Business Transacted.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon was spent in committee, the discussion in one of them least provokingly interesting. At the Equalization Committee meeting a lively discussion between the members took place on the equalization of the various municipalities. Reeve R. P. Smith, of Strathroy, occupied the chair.

Reeve Leitch, of Carleton Place, moved that valuation of Carleton be reduced \$1 per acre, on ground of poverty of land and depreciation in value, and on account of heavy charges for drainage made by Metcalfe. The motion was lost.

Reeve Gibb, of Mosa, brought the case of his township before the committee, moving that it stand at \$23 per acre as equalized last year. Reeve McLeod, of West Williams, moved that Mosa be raised \$1 per acre on the ground that it had within its bounds two prosperous villages, Wardville and Newbury, while the towns of Gloucester and Bothwell were immediately to the east and west. The amendment to raise Mosa \$1 an acre was carried.

Deputy Reeve Abney, of London township, moved that the valuation of his township be reduced \$2 per acre. Lost.

Reeve Conklin, of Westminster, moved that Westminster be reduced by \$4 per acre. Lost.

Reeve McLeod, of Gloucester, moved that the valuation of that village be increased \$10,000, as it was the most prosperous village in the county. It was now a general railway center, and a large extension would be built there shortly by the G. T. R.

Reeve Leitch, of Gloucester, replied that it was a fact admitted by everybody that all villages and towns in the county had depreciated and were depreciating from what they were a dozen years ago. The people in Gloucester were no poor on account of hard times; they could not get enough together to pay taxes. He himself had put his note in the bank several times during the past winter in order to meet the liabilities of the village. Part of the taxes were not collected.

Reeve McLeod, after listening to the plea of Mr. Leitch, consented to withdraw his motion, and the figures will remain as last year.

Reeve Hodgins, of Biddulph, contended that Lucan and Ailsa Craig were in even worse condition than Gloucester. They were assessed altogether too high, having fallen off very much in the past few years. He moved to reduce Lucan by \$700. His motion carried.

Reeve Brown, of Wardville, thought his village should be reduced to \$55,000, and moved accordingly. It was going down hill. Reeve Calvert, of Metcalfe, agreed with him, and urged that the reduction would only be justice to the village. Reeve McLeod, of Elford, said that Wardville, in his opinion, should not be placed at over \$50,000, as he considered it assessed much above its value. The motion carried.

Reeve Campbell, of Ailsa Craig, moved that Reeve R. P. Smith, of Strathroy, be reduced to \$140,000. Agreed to, on the grounds of argument made by Reeve Hodgins, of Biddulph.

The equalization as far as the other municipalities were concerned was allowed to go unchanged.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Warden Robson opened the council at 10:30 a.m.

A petition was received from the ratepayers of school section No. 23, Westminster, complaining of excessive taxation minister, and asking for a reduction of school boundaries. Educational Committee.

Reeve Leitch, of Carleton, called attention to the non-payment of rates by certain municipalities. London West was in arrears over \$1,100 and Strathroy nearly \$1,600. Poor people in the townships had to go out and pick potatoes and apples on a rainy morning to scrape together their twenty shillings to pay their rates.

Chairman Gilmore, of the Finance Committee, pointed out that the municipalities in arrears had to pay 6 per cent. interest on arrears, while the county borrowed money at 4 1/2 per cent.

The Committee on Rules of Order suggested several changes in the business rules. Adopted.

Inspector Deane presented his report. It dealt with the schools of Westminster township, Delaware, Dorchester, Niagara, Biddulph and McGillicuddy. The total expenditure in the year was \$54,634.94, a decrease of \$1,222.24. The average paid per pupil was \$1.25, a decrease of \$0.02.

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The Equalization Committee's report valued the several townships as follows: McGillicuddy, \$6,775.45; \$2,740.51; Biddulph, \$2,354.45; \$1,649.89; Adelaide, \$4,171.45; \$40 per acre; Carleton, \$6,271.45; \$30 per acre; Delaware, \$2,027.45; \$40 per acre; Dorchester, \$1,025.45; \$40 per acre; Elford, \$3,447.45; \$34 per acre; Lobo, \$4,290.45; \$50 per acre; London, \$9,833.45; \$54 per acre; Metcalfe, \$3,164.45; \$35 per acre; Mosa, \$4,058.45; \$50 per acre; Niagara, \$6,800.45; \$40 per acre; Westminster, \$6,898.45; \$54 per acre; West Williams, \$3,151.45; \$33 per acre. The equalized value of county towns and villages was thus estimated: Strathroy, \$678,798; London West, \$235,000; Parkhill, \$235,299; Gloucester, \$136,425; Newbury, \$66,465; Wardville, \$55,000; Ailsa Craig (Middlesex proper), \$80,000; Ailsa Craig, \$60,000; Lucan, \$147,000. The whole of Middlesex was calculated at \$60,835.45, and the total equalized value at \$55,344,290. The consideration of the report was laid over until the afternoon session.

Warden Robson reported on his examination of the criminal justice accounts irregularities. In one case he had found that a constable had arrested three prisoners at one time, and they were committed to prison on the same day by a magistrate. A resolution was passed by the council, sent in charging for three separate trials and days. Some of the justices had signed blank forms to be filled in at the pleasure of county constables. The whole question was referred to Councilors Calvert, Smith, McDougall, Gilmore and Scarrow to investigate and report back.

The Council adjourned until 3 p.m.

METHODISTS DELIBERATING.

Rev. B. Clement Chosen President of the London Conference.

Proceedings of the Niagara and Guelph Bodies.

LONDON.

WINDSOR, June 5.—The London Conference assembled at 9 o'clock yesterday, Rev. J. R. Gundy presiding. On the general roll call 112 ministers were present and 47 laymen. On the first ballot for president the votes were distributed as follows: B. Clement, 139; J. G. Scott, 35; Dr. Aylsworth, 34; J. Leary, 22; W. W. Shepherd, 10, and a few scattering votes. The second ballot resulted as follows: B. Clement, 62; Dr. Aylsworth, 44; J. G. Scott, 43; J. Leary, 9; W. W. Shepherd, 4. Third ballot: B. Clement, 79; Dr. Aylsworth, 43; J. G. Scott, 41. The fourth ballot resulted in the election of Rev. B. Clement as president on the following vote: B. Clement, 107; J. G. Scott, 34; J. G. Gundy, 28; Rev. W. W. Shepherd, 10. Edwards on the second ballot was elected secretary.

A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the dying Premier and Lady Macdonald.

At the afternoon session Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.D., was appointed assistant secretary, and Rev. G. H. Thompson, journal secretary. A resolution was passed expressing hearty satisfaction with the manner in which the retiring president, Rev. J. R. Gundy, had conducted the business of the Conference during the past year. A similar resolution was cordially accepted in relation to the retiring secretary, Rev. W. R. Rigby.

Rev. Geo. Jackson was elected chairman of the Aylmer district to succeed Dr. Pascoe, who has resigned on account of affliction in his home. This was for the first time a resolution expressing sympathy with him in his severe affliction.

The following constitute the Nominating Committee, including one minister and one layman from each district: Ministers—Rev. W. W. McDougall, Rev. D. M. Kennedy, Rev. J. G. Scott, Rev. Geo. Jackson, Rev. R. Millard, Rev. J. R. Gundy, Rev. James Graham, Rev. J. C. Gundy, Rev. Dr. Davis and R. Masters, of the E. M. E. Church, Windsor. Adjourned.

BRUNEL, June 5.—The Guelph Conference resumed at 9 a.m. One hundred and thirty-two ministers and 59 laymen answered to their names. For the presidency two ballots were cast. In the first Rev. John Scott, M.A., 56; Rev. James McAllister 12 and some other scattering votes. From the second ballot Rev. B. Clement was elected, receiving 110 and Holmes was elected, receiving 110 and a few scattering votes. Rev. Wesley Cason was elected secretary on the second ballot, receiving 90 votes out of a possible 154. Rev. Dr. Dewar was introduced and addressed the Conference briefly in the interest of the Christian Guardian, after which the Town Council of Berlin was introduced to the Conference and presented a very fine address. The Rev. Josias Green was elected as chairman of the St. Marys district in place of Rev. M. L. Campbell. Reports were read from the Conference Special Committee and from the Court of Appeal. The Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of the chairman of the district and a layman from each district nominated by the chairman.

NIAGARA.

BRANTFORD, June 5.—The ministerial session of the Conference resumed yesterday morning, and adopted the committee's report that Rev. Samuel Wilson and E. L. Clement be granted a superannuation relation for one year; that the Revs. E. H. Koyle, B.A., A. Bowers, B.A., Jas. Webb and David Kearns be restored to the work.

Rev. H. D. Meyer, of the German Evangelical Association, would have been received had there been any place for him. He is recommended to any Methodist Conference having a vacancy.

Rev. John Wakefield was elected president of the third ballot by 105 out of 202 ballots, Dr. Sutherland following with 90 votes and 7 scattered. Rev. J. W. Van Wyck, assistant secretary of last year, was elected secretary upon the first ballot. The superannuated ministers' fund is in good condition.

Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was introduced and warmly welcomed. In the course of a brief address he declared that "if any more organic union is to be effected in this country it must be between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The doctrinal differences cannot stand in the way, and polity should not keep them apart. We must be looking forward to organic union; it will come." The doctor's remarks were heartily received.

Rev. R. J. Elliott and Isaac Tovey, M.A., were appointed assistant secretaries and Rev. J. H. Collins assistant secretary. The Conference educational anniversary was held in the evening in the Colborne Street Methodist Church, where a large audience was assembled to listen to the Rev. Thomas Colling, M.A., and Dr. G. Sutherland D.D., discuss the great educational question.

MONTREAL.

BROCKVILLE, June 5.—The Montreal Conference received a class of 50 probationaries—the largest received in the history of the Montreal Conference. A. F. Rivard, a Congregationalist, was received into full connection for the French work. Revs. Isaac Hall and John Hodson made application to be received from the Congregational Church.

The income of the Educational Society during the past four years has risen from \$11,000 to \$20,000.

On the first ballot for the presidency the Rev. J. C. Antill, D.D., of Douglas church, Montreal, received 104 votes out of a possible 172, and was declared elected. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University and a preacher of 39 years' standing. While stationed in Toronto he was elected secretary of the General Conference, and for two years past has been an associate instructor in the Montreal Theological College, besides doing the full work of pastor. Revs. W. G. Hanterton was elected secretary.

The Conference passed a resolution expressing sympathy for the dying Premier and Lady Macdonald.

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Six drinking fountains for man and beast will be erected in the city at the request of the London Temperance Union. Ald. Scarrow spoke for man and beast.

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The Salvation Army will be allowed to hold services on Victoria Park Sunday afternoons.

The chairman and secretary will report on a sewer on Waterloo street, between York and King streets.

A couple of plow furrows will be made on both sides of Hyman street in place of its being graded as previously recommended.

A sewer on Matland street between Queens and Dufferin avenues will be laid. Several Bruce street residents will be granted their request for a sewer, provided they pay the usual two-thirds cost.

Artificial stone walls will be laid on Dundas and Richmond streets, where needed, the Canadian Slit Barytic Stone Company to be the contractors.

One or two patent sewer traps will be tried at the solicitation of an agent who exhibited his model. The invention is warranted to prevent all sewer gas straying away from its proper confinement.

Assistant City Engineer Graydon will assume control of all duties in his department during City Engineer Tracey's illness.

W. P. Turner will be given a contract for Richmond, Hyman and Wellington street drains at \$2,000, and \$12 for gully holes and \$18 for man-holes. John Walter will also be given the work on William street sewer at \$120.

The Council will consider the question of allowing all public parks to remain open on holidays. J. McMartin and others asked for the free use of Queen's Park on Civic Holiday for athletic games. As a precedent had already been established this summer the committee could not consistently refuse the request, and should refer it to the Council along with their recommendation.

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