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VARSITY'S NEW SCIENCE HOME

Formal Opening of Physics Building---Means Much to Education.

The splendid new physics building, which has been built on the university grounds, under the new regime was yesterday afternoon formally declared open by the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Wm. Mortimer Clark, in Convocation Hall, before a large and representative assemblage of Toronto's professional and social classes. Dr. Falconer presided, and amongst those seated on the platform were:

Premier Whitney, Hon. Dr. Pyne, Hon. Col. Matheson, Sir Wm. R. Meredith, Chief Justice Moss, Dr. Pritchett, and G. R. R. Cockburn. Lady Clark and Miss Clark were present.

Dr. Falconer introduced Dr. Loudon, the ex-president of the university, who prefaced his detailed sketch of the steps which had been taken and of the difficulties which had been overcome in founding the department of physics in the university and of bringing it to its present pitch of prosperity by publicly offering to his successor, Dr. Falconer, his hearty congratulations upon his appointment. He had been the day previous, he continued, highly gratified in hearing Dr. Falconer's conception of the place and function of the university in the state, and also by the unanimity with which Dr. Falconer's appointment had been approved by the other universities represented, by the faculties, by the alumni, and by the friends of the institution.

He explained that the establishment of the physical laboratory had been the outcome of long and acrimonious discussion, and from its modest beginnings in 1858 down to its present magnificent proportions, they had been compelled to surmount many obstacles. About 1870 the claims of technical education were brought before the legislature, and steps were then taken to establish an agricultural as well as a technical college. Strong representations were, however, made against either institution having any connection with the university, and at that time and for years afterwards their students of science did not enjoy the privileges and advantages of practical instruction in the laboratory. The first equipment for the physical laboratory was provided in 1878. And the disastrous fire of 1890 had in many ways proved to be a blessing in disguise, as it led to expansion.

In the Early Days.

In the early days the volume of work in the laboratory was very small, compared with what it had since become, and in 1878 the strength of the staff consisted of one-half of a professor. (Laughter.) This strength had now been increased about tenfold. In recent years the rooms had become so congested and so supersaturated that it was decided to inaugurate a public movement in order to secure a new laboratory. Their appeal to the government of the day for this improvement fell on deaf ears, and in these circumstances they turned to the Alumni Association. This appeal was not made in vain, and a new laboratory was provided. It was fitting in this connection to acknowledge the royal support and valuable services rendered the university by the Alumni Association, as well as by the authorities of Victoria and Trinity Colleges, and by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

But eventually and now happier days had dawned, and most important changes had been made in the equipment of this department, improvements which had only been rendered possible thru the recent improvement in the finances of the university.

Her ship had at last come home, and her golden age was just begun. The phrase, scientific equipment, now possessed a new and extended meaning, and many labor-saving devices now practically abolished former difficulties connected with experimental work. It was at the present time only necessary to touch a button and the thing was done.

He repeated for their comfort and consolation in the future what had been said to him in their early days, so full of difficulty. Asked by an eminent scientific man abroad how the new laboratory was progressing he had told this gentleman that their efforts in respect to it had brought nothing but ill-will. "Then," replied this gentleman, "you are getting on." (Applause.)

In regard to the department of physics under its new head he expressed the hope that after a long and fitful fever it had entered upon a period of well-earned repose, during which it would devote itself in peace to its great work. That the students, learning to use their hands as well as their heads, would imbibe the true scientific spirit. That this department would be the home of research, and that its staff would unite with the other departments in an organized band, in order that the country might realize, as it had not yet done, that the true object of the university was to add to the sum of human knowledge, whether in the domain of arts and letters, or in the world of science. (Applause.)

A Substantial Building.

Prof. McLennan warmly commended the rapidity shown in the erection of the new building, which enabled them to begin their professional work in it next week, and expressed his hearty acknowledgments to those who had forwarded the work. The building was graceful and well-balanced in design, and a fitting complement to convocation hall. Its foundation was laid in concrete, and the first storey was built of sandstone, while the remainder was constructed of brick with Roman stone facings and finishings. The floors were laid with concrete and covered with tile. They possessed practically a fireproof building, or, perhaps, it would be better described as a slow-burning building. A fire must pass thru at least nine inches of brick, and then

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A Great Change Impending.

It looks very much as if Ontario and the people of Ontario were about to come into control of the distribution of electrical energy from Niagara Falls. With that must follow municipal ownership of the street railways and electric power and light franchises of Toronto and some other cities.

The province may have to play a big game involving large engagements, and the City of Toronto may have to do the same; but if they do it will only be that anything they take over is taken over at the actual costs involved, plus interest, and that no public money liquidate either bonus stock or supply exploitation profits.

If Ontario can control the electrical energy of the falls, if our cities can own their local traction and their local electrical energy supply, Ontario may become in a very few months one of the greatest industrial areas on this continent.

The day is near for a new kind of courage in provincial and municipal affairs.

HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT WU CHOW

HONGKONG, Sept. 17.—Hundreds of houses and many boats and pontoons were destroyed to-day by a fire at Wu Chow, on the Siakiang River, about 150 miles from Canton. About 100 lives were lost.

The conflagration is said to have been due to incendiarism in connection with the recent establishment of a new interior customs station at Wu Chow, the inhabitants of which are bitterly opposed to any extra taxation.

The fire was put out after a kerosene depot had exploded. Property valued at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed.

Looting is now going on in Wu Chow, but all the foreigners there are safe.

MR. KING DENIES.

Never Stated That Asiatic Labor Exceled That of Whites.

In regard to a Vancouver despatch, quoting W. Mackenzie-King in favor of Asiatic labor, Mr. King said last night:

"The despatch is wholly incorrect and misleading. I have not at any time in any place given any such expression of opinion in regard to the employment of Asiatics. Were it not that the despatch has come from Vancouver, and that it is therefore possible that my name has been given by mistake for another, I would under existing circumstances regard the item as a deliberate fabrication for the purpose of making trouble."

ELECTROCUTED AT DUNDAS.

Fallen Wire Kills a Respected Citizen.

DUNDAS, Sept. 27.—(Special).—Samuel Sutton, aged 60, was electrocuted on Main-street to-night by a fallen electric light wire.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

An inquest has been called by Coroner Bertram.

GIANNETTI A SUICIDE.

Hope of the return of the missing witnesses was abandoned at the A. Giannetti inquest last night.

The proceedings were closed and a verdict of suicide returned by the jury.

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WHERE ERROR IN BIG BRIDGE?

Best Brains Planned---Skilled Workmen Put Together---No Graft, Yet it Fell.

OTTAWA, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The commission which has been making an enquiry into the causes of collapse of the Quebec bridge brought its Canadian sittings to an end in Ottawa this afternoon, and goes to New York next week.

Mr. Holgate, the chairman, after the last witness had been examined, said: "As far as we have been able to learn, there had been the greatest care taken all along the line to ensure the safety and permanency of the Quebec bridge structure.

"The best engineers on the continent prepared the plans and specifications, and a wonderful care and accuracy in carrying them out was shown.

"We found absolutely no trace of dishonesty or graft in connection with the construction of the bridge. This seems to be the case of the best engineering brains on the continent and the very best accepted engineering methods being on trial.

"As far as the government's connection with the enterprise is concerned, it seems to us that everything is quite regular, and everything was done that should have been done."

TEN YEARS FOR BROKER FORMERLY OF TORONTO

J. D. Edwards Guilty of Fraud—Sold Shares in Investment Protective Association.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—J. D. Edwards was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary for the theft of $462 from Dr. G. C. Matheson, a dentist. Edwards sold shares of the Investment Protective Association to Matheson, which Magistrate Daly pronounced a fraud from start to finish.

Magistrate Daly said that Edwards was formerly convicted in Toronto. In that city the prisoner was in business as a broker. He signed a contract to sell many shares of stock with the Ashnola Coal Co. These shares Edwards sold, but the returns were not satisfactorily made to the company. Before he had been in confinemtnt long he was pardoned by the minister of justice.

PIRATE IN TOILS.

Blood of Ancestors Inspires Disastrous Voyage.

Herbert Rendle, 31 Matilda-street, with two companions heard a street piano playing "A Life on the Ocean Wave" yesterday afternoon. The blood of his Viking ancestors began a sailor's hornpipe in his veins and the party went waterwards.

At the Q.C.Y.C. moorings they met up with a trim ship owned by William Butler, 155 West Richmond-street. She was uninhabited and the bold marines went aboard.

They hoisted her sails and put out into the wild waters of the bay. Rounding the sheltering lee of a friendly dock they encountered adverse winds and battled bravely with the storm until driven ashore at the foot of George-street, only to find the irate owner awaiting them.

Rendle was nabbed and turned over to P. C. Ross (110). He is charged with theft of the boat. His companions escaped.

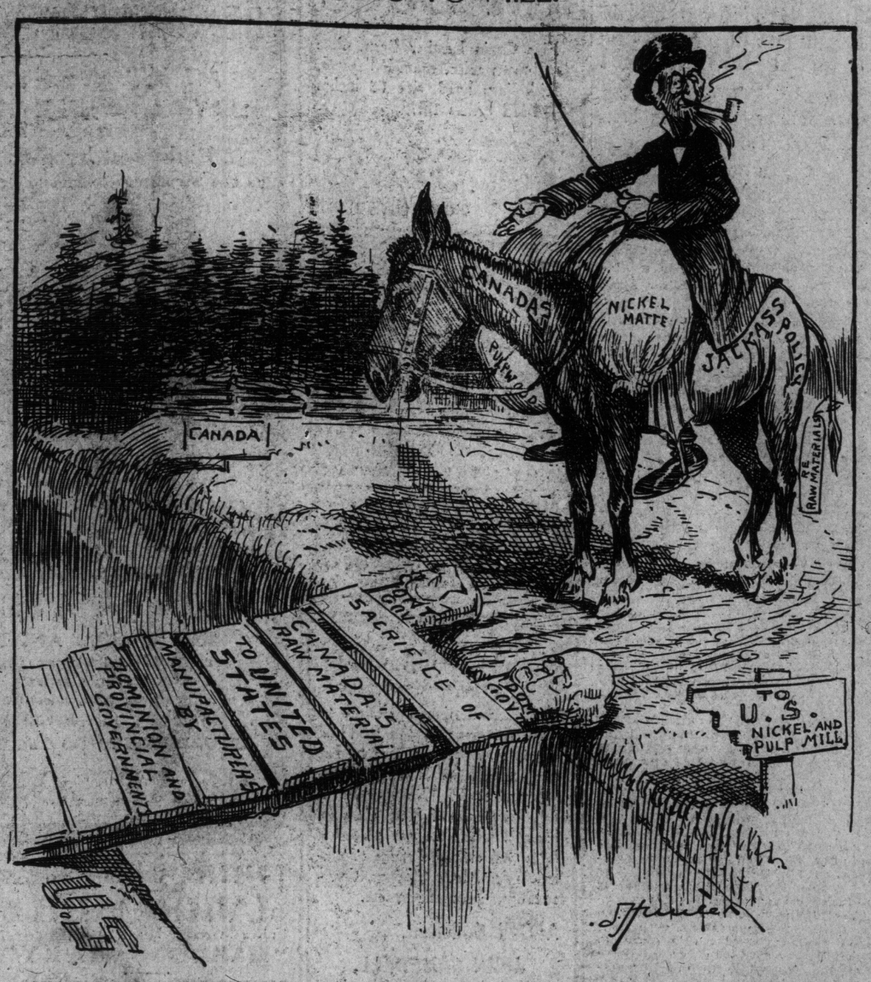
SHOOTS FRIEND, THEN SELF.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—In the main billiard-room of the Checker and Chess Club, East St. Catharine-street, Miss Celanie LaPointe, a dressmaker, this afternoon fired a revolver at the club manager, Ludger Houle, wounding him, and then shot herself in the head. Her life is despaired of.

Houle was fired at while his back was turned, and the bullet entered behind his right ear. He will probably entirely recover in a few days.

The parties had been friends for ten years.

GOING TO MILL.



UNCLE SAM: All I'm scart of is that them thar "sleepers" ain't agoin' tew stand the strain much longer.

DID NOT HEAR TRAIN STRUCK DOWN ON TRACK

Young Man Severely Injured While Walking on C. P. R. Roadway.

Elmer Goulet, 21 years, a laborer, was struck by an eastbound C. P. R. train north of the Winchester-street bridge at 5.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His skull was fractured and his shoulder injured. He is in a serious condition at St. Michael's hospital.

The man was walking on the track when struck. He made no effort to get out of the way of the train, which was in charge of Engineer Charlton and Conductor Baker.

The man is said to live at Clarence Creek, near Ottawa, and has friends at 931 Willow-street, Toledo, Ohio. He may recover.

OUTBREAK OF BOXERISM.

Italian Priest and Number of Converts Murdered.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 27.—An outbreak of Boxerism has occurred at Nankangsien, in the southern part of the Province of Kiangsi.

An Italian priest and a number of converts have been murdered at the Village of Tawouli, and the Lazarist Fathers Mission at Kanichowfu has been burned.

The missionaries escaped to Kiafu, whence they telegraphed for assistance.

MISSIONARIES ALL SAFE.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 27.—Advices received here from Kanchowfu say that the Protestant missionaries there are all safe.

COMPANIES TO DIVIDE CONTRACT FOR POWER

Electrical Development Co. Negotiating With the Ontario Government.

G. T. Blackstock and H. H. Macrae, on the part of the Electrical Development Company (of the Pellatt-Nicholls syndicate), had an interview with the premier yesterday morning to ascertain whether it was not possible for this company to make arrangements with the government for the supply of power to the Hydro-Electrical Commission, presumably on terms similar to the offer made by the Ontario Power Company.

Hon. Messrs. Matheson and Foy and W. K. McNaught, ex-M.L.A., and Wm. Lobb, the solicitor of the Hydro-Electric Commission, were present.

If terms are arranged the Ontario Power Company will supply power for a certain area in the western portion of the province and the Electrical Development Company the balance. A subsidiary company of the latter—the Toronto & Niagara—already has transmission lines erected from Niagara Falls to Toronto, as well as to Brantford, so that in the event of their coming into the agreement for the supplying of power they could at once furnish it to a number of municipalities on the lines named, provided that the latter finally decide in favor of the government's power project as it affects them.

Theatre Party.

A box party at the Alexandra last night included Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir William and Lady Mulock and Mr. and Mrs. Cawthra Mulock.

POWER BY WIRELESS OPERATES TOY CARS

Remarkable Experiments Successfully Conducted by French Inventor.

LYONS, France, Sept. 27.—Experiments in transmitting electrical energy long distances without the use of wires are proceeding here with the greatest secrecy, but it has been ascertained that a miniature railroad has been successfully operated under the new invention in the park on the Chateau Ampleputs.

POLICE OFFICER DRUNK.

Suspended by Police Magistrate Comfort.

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Another lively meeting of the police commissioners is now expected owing to the second police constable, within three weeks, having been, it is said, found drunk on duty. Yesterday, it is alleged, William Groff, whose appointment was strongly opposed by Judge Carman at the meeting two weeks ago, was reported helplessly drunk in the vicinity of Welland Station, Geneva-street, and was taken to headquarters by Sergt. McCarthy, where he was suspended by Chief Parnall, who reported the facts to Police Magistrate Comfort, secretary of the commission.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

How Italian Came to His Death at Toronto Junction.

That Nichelo Gioinazzo came to his death from being accidentally struck by a passing locomotive on the Canadian Pacific Railway at Toronto Junction on the 18th day of September last, was the verdict reached by the jury under Coroner McKichan at the inquest held last night at the city hall. It was the coroner's first inquest.

The evidence of Auxiliary Foreman Walden went to show that the man must have been lighting his pipe and that had he been watching, the accident would have been averted. Walden saw the engine coming and pluckily tried to pull the deceased off the track in doing which he got a nasty blow on the shoulder.

J. D'Ogortino, the first Italian witness interrogated, said that one engine had come along belching much smoke, which wholly enclouded himself, the deceased and another Italian who was walking along with them. The next moment he heard a shout and saw the deceased under an engine. He himself escaped, as he was walking beside the track, while the deceased was inside the rails.

HAVE YOU BEEN DOWN STAIRS?

On some Saturdays Dineen's decide to dispose of the broken sizes in their neat lot of hats. It helps stock-keeping and also helps the man the hat will fit, for it gives him a chance to get a fine hat for $1.50, and all he has to do is to go into the basement and try the hat on. Dineen's, at Yonge and Temperance-streets, keep open on Saturdays till 10 p.m., because some of their patrons cannot visit them until the nighttime. The best range of hats to be found in Canada at Dineen's.

"C.G.E." DROPS CAUSES SCARE

General Meeting Called Regarding New Issue in the English Market.

Canadian General Electric stock has once more become a bomb in the local market, its recent drop to 102 causing a shiver to pass thru the entire financial arena. Sales yesterday as low as 102 1-2 caused numerous private conferences between brokers.

Some of the day's transactions were reported to have been for the account of London shareholders, who had taken the stock when it was first put out on the English market, and who found it difficult to unload on the English Exchange.

The downfall in General Electric has become a matter of extreme importance in financial circles. The stock at one time sold as high as 235, and altho there has been no reduction in the dividend, which is still 10 per cent., the price of the shares is more than cut in half.

Ugly rumors were afloat regarding the company in the street yesterday, but none of these could be confirmed. It is admitted that the company is heavily involved in debt to the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The current loans from the bank at the last annual meeting of the company were $1,112,983, and it is thought that this account has been increased since that time.

To pay off the bank and to provide working funds the shareholders at a special meeting decided to increase the capital by $2,000,000 preferred stock and $1,000,000 common stock.

The original proposition was to make the preferred stock preferred both as to assets and dividends, but at the meeting of shareholders this was changed to preference only as regards dividends.

Rumors Denied.

Frederic Nicholls, the general manager of the company, has been in London the last few weeks in connection with financing the new issue, and according to the opinions of local financiers he has found it impossible to get British subscriptions to the preferred stock except under the original arrangement, viz., that the $2,000,000 preferred must be a first charge against the company, or practically a bond.

A good deal of the common stock of the company was distributed at London over a year ago at about 140 a share, and considerable of the local holdings are said to have gone to that centre since that time.

W. R. Brock, president of the company, was spoken to last night. He said: "The rumors regarding the concern are altogether untrue. I have upwards of 1300 shares of the stock and am holding them for investment. Mr. Nicholls has cabled that indications for floating the new issue of securities are quite favorable, but the matter is not yet definitely arranged. I have the greatest possible confidence in the company and think it a shame that some people are endeavoring to embarrass so substantial a Canadian insitution. I am informed that several Toronto brokers are advising their clients to sell their holdings for the purpose of buying the stock in at a low figure. The company is controlled by a directorate of substantial business men and the dividend paid has always been warranted by the earnings."

Only Partial Success.

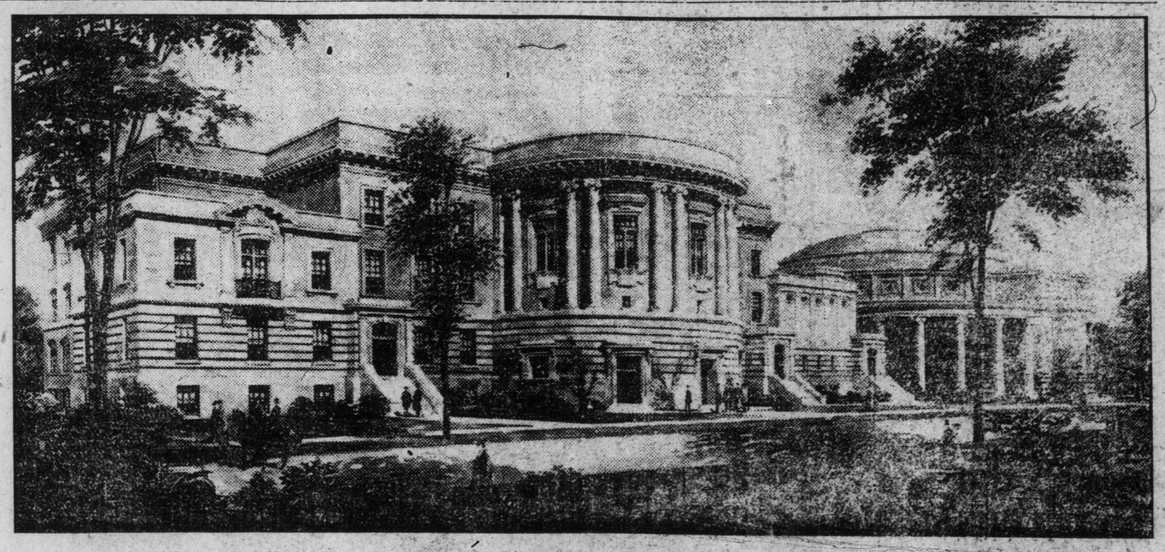
A Toronto financier who is in close touch with the affairs of the General Electric Co. said: "The weakness in the stock to-day was caused by a rumor, circulated by a coterie of bears, that the attempt of General Manager Frederic Nicholls to float $2,000,000 preferred stock in London, Eng., had been unsuccessful. This is, I may say, in a measure true, only the financing will very shortly meet with success. The General Electric Co. endeavored to sell the new preference stock with simply a dividend attached. This the London financiers would not accept as sufficient; they wanted the stock to bear both 'a dividend and assets guarantee.' Consequently, until a certain bylaw is passed at a meeting of the company, making the new preference pleasing in the sight of the London capitalists, the finances of the General Electric are not in an altogether satisfactory state. It is needless to state, however, that this matter will shortly be fixed up and the new preference stock issue will then meet with success in Lombard-street."

General Meeting Called.

Yesterday a circular letter was issued to shareholders notifying them that a general meeting has been called for Oct. 28 to authorize a bylaw meeting the English wishes. To sanction this a two-thirds vote of all stockholders is needed. In making a request for proxies for this meeting President Brock points out that the meeting is to confirm a bylaw passed by the directors to confer on the $2,000,000 of 7 per cent. preference stock of the company a preference as to capital. He says: "With regard to the resolutions passed at the meeting of shareholders held in Toronto on Aug. 15 last, authorizing the increase in the company's capital by the creation of $2,000,000 7 per cent. accumulative preference, and $1,000,000 common stock, your board beg to inform the shareholders that they had completed negotiations with a London financial house for the issue of the $2,000,000 7 per cent. accumulative shares. The solicitors, however, for the issuing house, have pointed out that the above-mentioned resolution authorizing the increased capital does not, in their opinion, confer upon the holders of the new preference stock a priority as to capital, which is necessary to effect the sale."

ELLIOTT AND HOPKINS TO TRIAL

True bills were returned by the grand jury yesterday against Cecil R. Elliott and Albert J. Hopkins for conspiracy in trying to defraud the Toronto Street Railway.



THE PHYSICS BUILDING—Important Adjunct of the University of Toronto, Which Was Formally Opened Yesterday.