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The Shoe Man

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TARTE VISITS RONDEAU AND MAPLE CITY FACTORIES

The Minister of Public Works Spent a Busy Morning—Gives a Short Interview to The Planet—Big Board of Trade Banquet to be Held To-Night.

While waiting for the special to Erieau, George Stephens, M. P., John Piggott, Sr., Chas. Austin and Will Hadley accompanied the Hon. J. Israel Tarte to the establishment of William Gray & Sons, where he took great interest in seeing through the works and in finding out what percentage of American made goods were used in the manufacture of buggies. Mr. Tarte expressed his pleasure on learning that the bulk of the material used was Canadian.

The carriage factory of Robert Milner was next visited. Mr. Tarte examined critically a run-about made by Mr. Milner. It had steel wheels and rubber tires. The Minister of Public Works remarked that he had seen one just like it before. Mr. Sifton owned it.

Mr. Tarte—Do you build the entire rig?
Mr. Milner—All except the wheels. We buy them in the United States at \$10 a set.

Mr. Tarte—Why don't you manufacture them?
Mr. Milner—The Americans turn out so many that they can afford to sell them cheaper than we can manufacture them.

Mr. Tarte—Whether do rigs sell cheaper or dearer here than in the United States?
Mr. Milner—The Americans make thousands. They best us in quantity but their rigs are not as good. The Canadians make a better rig, but they sell it cheaper.

Returning to the station, Mr. Tarte was met by William Woollett, General Manager of the Lake Erie Ry. Co., and J. A. Leitch, General Manager of the Lake Erie Coal Department, and General Agent L. E. Allison, and a short wait was made for the train.

The following gentlemen accompanied Mr. Tarte: Messrs. J. A. Leitch, W. B. Harper, John Piggott, Sr., J. P. Piggott, N. H. Stevens, Detective A. H. Skirving, Henry Cargill, Conservative M. P. for Bruce, happened to be in the city and accepted the invitation of George Stephens to accompany the party.

The Benham excursion didn't put in an appearance at the station and the special train was forced to proceed to Erieau without them.

Arrived presented a lively appearance. The workmen have the new coal hoist almost completed, and the Government dredge Ontario is busy at work cutting a slip for the coal dock.

At Erieau the party was met at the piers by R. M. Paxton, foreman of the Government work being carried on at the piers, and Captain Gavin, of the dredge Ontario.

Mr. Paxton pointed out that the west pier needed fixing. At the coal hoist, where the Lake Erie had filled in the sand and was filling it up. The Lake Erie had spent much money filling in, but the south-west wind washed the sand back again.

When Mr. Tarte saw the damage done he dictated a message to Lewis Coste, Government Engineer, to come up at once and examine the place.

Mr. Tarte remarked that the trouble with all Mr. Bell's work had been that he built his piers on quick-sands and they had no solid foundation.

Mr. Woollett, General Manager of the Lake Erie, asked that the pier be extended further out into the lake so as to prevent the bars washing up in the channel, and also to provide a better anchorage for boats in Rond-eau harbor.

Mr. Tarte promised to consider this matter.

The party then boarded the Government tug Sir John, which is working with the dredge, and crossed over to the east pier. After inspecting the new breakwater being built in front of the lighthouse keeper's residence and some repairs that Captain Post suggested to the piers, the party returned to the city, arriving here at 12 o'clock.

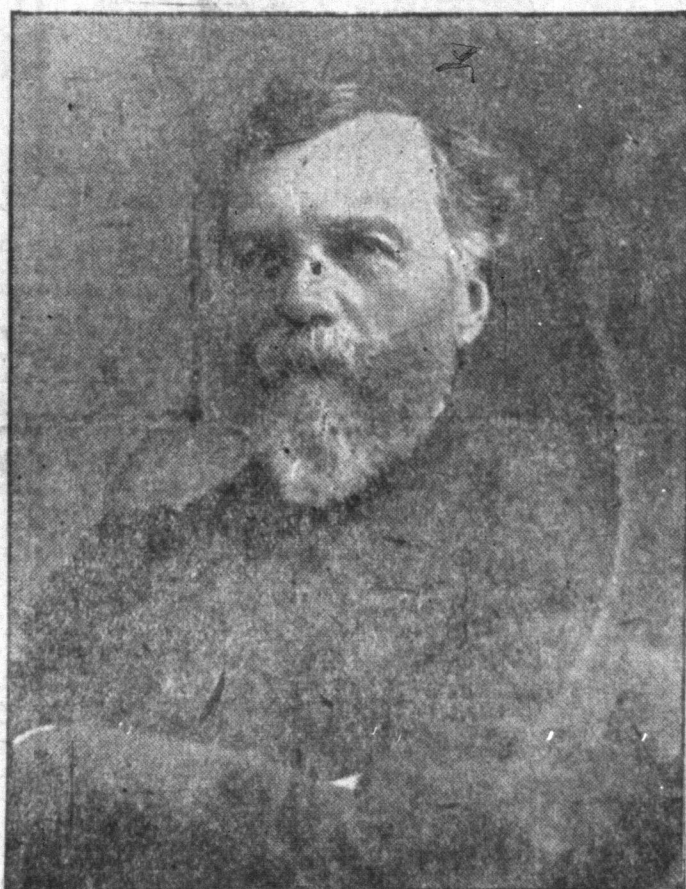
Mr. Tarte was then shown through the Manson Campbell factory, the Binder Twine factory and the Mineral Baths.

Standard and the United Gas and Oil companies. To-day has proven that their convictions were correct, and success has crowned their efforts. A couple of months ago one well was completed about two miles past of here, which showed up well, but instead of shooting it, another well was begun on the adjoining farm, which was shot this morning with 65 quarts of nitro-glycerine, with the result that several acres of land around the well are completely covered with oil. There is considerable excitement, and several other firms are hastily completing arrangements to begin operations at once, and land is being leased largely in the vicinity.

BIG MONEY

What Some Presbyterian Churches Have Contributed—Maple City's Record.

The annual Bue Book of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is out, containing the minutes of the General



HON. J. ISRAEL TARTE, who to-day opened the Peninsular Fair.

Assembly of last June—and all the committee reports.

The figures in the statistical report are especially interesting as showing the magnitude of the church and her progress.

The number of communicants is 219,470, which is an increase of 5,799 over last year. During the year 11,259 persons joined the church for the first time, and 8,709 joined by certificate, 10,739 infants and 1,129 adults were baptized.

There are 7,559 elders and 11,028 ministers on the rolls. The total stipend paid to ministers was \$1,052,691. This does not include the sums paid ministers or missionaries by the Home Mission Committee. Out of the 58 Presbyteries in the Dominion, only 11 report all their ministers as paid in full. Chatham Presbytery ranks in this honor list as having no arrears due any ministers.

The total missionary revenue was \$394,203, of which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society contributed the sum of \$55,043 and for all purposes the sum of \$2,857,489 (not including the Century Fund) was raised.

Turning to the detailed report of the Presbytery of Chatham, we see 4,456 as the number of communicants, 11,555 sittings in churches, and total revenue last year of \$52,165.

The largest congregation in the Presbytery is St. Andrew's, Windsor, having 625 members. Next is St. Andrew's, Chatham, 375, and next First Church, Chatham, 368 with Ridgeway fourth, 275. In total sums raised, First Church, Chatham, heads the list with \$5,047. St. Andrew's, Windsor, raised \$5,978. St. Andrew's, Chatham, \$4,348. Ridgeway \$2,564.

Glancing over the report generally we are impressed with the vastness of the sums raised by some of the large city congregations. In Toronto there are three congregations which passed the twenty thousand mark; they are

Floor St. Church (Mr. Wallace, minister), raised \$26,874.00; St. James' Square church, \$26,832.00, and St. Andrew's \$22,901. In Ottawa, St. Andrew's church contributed \$38,404.00, but Montreal towers above them all. Crescent St. Church report \$52,527 paid to all purposes, and that without a minister's leadership, for their pulpit was vacant last year. St. Paul's raised \$41,583, and Erskine church comes third with \$36,279. The Scotch may be crazy, but after all they can give when they want to, and they stand by their kirk.

NEW FACTORY

Harry McCaskell, of Belleville, is in the city looking for a building suitable to start an apple canning factory in. An effort will be made to get the King St. school. If Mr. McCaskell secures a building he will begin operations within a week and will employ 100 hands to start with. Mr. McCaskell is associated with Mr. Graham,

TO-NIGHT.

Prayer meeting, city churches, at 8 o'clock.

Vaudeville performance, Grand Opera House, at 8.15.

Court House, No. 6244, A. O. F., Odd-fellows' Temple, at 8.

Board of Trade banquet to Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Hotel Garner, at 9.30.

HON. J. ISRAEL TARTE OPENS THE PENINSULAR FAIR

Large Attendance at the Opening This Afternoon—Magnificent Parade Led by the 24th Kent Regiment—Minister of Public Works Speaks.

Old Sol smiled and an immense crowd assembled at the exhibition grounds this afternoon when the great Peninsular Fair of 1902 was formally opened to the public by Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works.

Long before the parade was organized—at 1.30 this afternoon—the streets were lined with spectators and hearty applause all along the line punctuated the progress of the procession.

The 24th Kent-Regiment in full force and accompanied by their two bands left the Tecumseh Park armory at 1.20 sharp under the command of Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin and Major G. P. Schofield.

At the C. P. R. station the Regiment was met by the carriages and the order of procession formed, the route being via King and Queen streets.

The Regiment led, being followed by the carriages. The two bands under the musical direction of Band Master Harry O. Philp discoursed excellent martial music throughout.

The first carriage contained Hon. J. I. Tarte, Geo. Stephens, M. P., Henry Cargill, M. P., North Bruce; Gen. Supt. Leslie, of the L. E. & D. R. R.; President Jas. Chinnick of the West Kent Agricultural Society, and President John Piggott, of the Chatham Board of Trade.

The second carriage contained C. Austin, N. H. Stevens, W. A. Hadley, Fred. Corey, Petrolia, and Jules E. Clement, Secretary to Mr. Tarte.

Many other private carriages followed.

Upon arriving at the exhibition grounds, the procession rounded up in front of the grand stand and Mr. Tarte opened the fair from the judge's stand. The ground was literally covered with people who listened with interest to Mr. Tarte's speech.

Geo. Stephens, M. P., introduced the speaker with a few well chosen words. He said:

"I have the honor to-day of introducing to you a man who holds the highest position in the Government which the Premier can offer. I can say for the honorable Minister of Public Works that millions pass through his hands every year, and no one can point to one dollar which he has misappropriated. I would thank him on behalf of the Agricultural Society and the Board of Trade for his presence here to-day."

Mr. Tarte was then introduced and as he took off his hat to speak he was greeted with hearty cheers and applause.

"Through the courtesy of your Agricultural Society, the Board of Trade, and the Government, I have been able last year and this, to visit and learn more about the Province of Ontario. I am not inclined towards flattery—I do not depend on it for a reputation—but let me say in all fairness and justice that your province, in my opinion, is the banner province of the Dominion. I do not wish Quebec to take too much of a back seat.—Laughter. We are not much behind you, but I truly think that from an agricultural and manufacturing standpoint, yours is the banner province. Some people have been finding out lately that I have been travelling too much. In my opinion public men do not travel enough. The more a public man travels the more he learns for himself, the conditions of the country, and people.

"Some of you here to-day are of French origin, but we are all natives of the same Canadian land. We are here to say, and if you know the French you will realize that we have no idea of quitting.—Laughter. I have had the honor to-day of shaking hands with some of my countrymen here. I have learned that they are no disgrace to your province but are honest, good working farmers. We are all of the same Canadian birth and should be loyal to each other.—Applause. If your father and grandfather were English you can't be French.—Laughter. I am of French descent so I can't be Scotch, but I am next to it.—Laughter.

"We have a great country. There is not another country in the world with greater resources than we have in Canada. We have to work out our own industry, which is not only sure but great. We are going ahead in leaps and bounds. Providence has been good to you.—It has given you a good God's bounty.—Laughter.—and good crops. We may not have been altogether the cause of the latter, but He has been good to us all. There are two questions of vital interest to this country, which I have not time to dwell upon to-day. These are transportation and the tariff—practically one question. These are questions which you cannot deal with judiciously with a biased mind. They are questions of business and should be dealt with as such.

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HAS SUPPORT OF CONSERVATIVES

Hon. Mr. Tarte Tells The Planet That Many Tories Are With Him.

His Tariff Talk, However, is Entirely Devoted to the Liberal Interests.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, arrived in this city at an early hour this morning in his private car. He is accompanied by his private Secretary, Jules E. Clement, Will Hadley, Walter Piggott, W. W. Scane, Chas. Hadley, Charles Austin and F. F. Quinn formed the reception committee that met the Minister of Public Works on his arrival. This morning Mr. Tarte was up quite early and, when seen by a Planet representative, he chatted in his usual vivacious and friendly manner.

The busy little minister has somewhat aged since he was here last and looks in poor health. He acknowledged that he had been in bed all day yesterday and was suffering at the present time from a severe cold. One noticeable thing about Mr. Tarte is that he is approachable by everybody.

"I started as a reporter just like you," remarked the Minister of Public Works after The Planet man had been introduced. "Then about the year 1871 I started a paper for myself in a little village. I often printed the paper by hand because I had no money. There is a great deal of money in the newspaper business now and if you are careful you will do well in it. There are three newspapers in Montreal and they are doing well."

"I know The Planet well. It is a good paper. The late Rufus Stephens was a personal friend of mine and a good man he was, too."

"Has your tour any political significance?" Mr. Tarte was asked.

"No," was the reply. "I am just around in the ordinary course of my working and getting information. What I have done in reference to the tariff I have only done working in the interests of the Liberal party. The Conservatives support me. I am glad to say. In Montreal, my one division, I got 500 Conservative votes at least."

Mr. Tarte said he had nothing to say politically; that he had come up to open the great Peninsular Fair and to gain information from the people of the West.

CARRIED OUT ALL CONTRACTS

Mr. Tarte Amazed at the Coal Business Done by the Lake Erie Ry.

Gen. Man. Woollett Says They Have Filled All Their Contracts Instead of Holding Coal.

"I had no idea that you were doing the coal business that you are," was the remark of the Hon. Israel Tarte to General Manager W. W. Woollett when he saw the coal hoist and learned the amount of coal the Lake Erie handles.

Speaking afterwards to a Planet representative Mr. Woollett said: "Mr. Tarte is the right kind of a man. He gets around and sees things for himself. If he merely listened to deputations, he would only hear one side, but he sees and then knows what is wanted."

"We have been able to keep all our customers supplied with coal," continued Mr. Woollett, speaking of the coal situation in response to a query of The Planet man, "and we have every reason to believe that we will be able to continue to do so. Had we wanted to turn our customers down we could have done so and sold all our coal at a much better price, but we wouldn't do it."

"We are the only company that has been able to keep their customers supplied."

STRUCK OIL.

Wheatley, Ont., Oct. 7.—Some time ago it became the conviction of several of the larger oil producing companies that there was in the vicinity of Wheatley oil in paying quantities. Last spring drilling was begun by the