

SUFFRAGETTE MOVEMENT IN MOCK PARLIAMENT

Votes for Women Discussed by Members—Tax on Bachelors Was Proposed.

There was an interesting debate at the mock parliament in the Liberal Club last evening on the motion to tax bachelors, and one to give the franchise to women. The attendance was not so large as has been the case, although there was a fair crowd.

Mr. James Learn, of Westminster, was appointed speaker for the house, and performed the duties of that office in a satisfactory manner.

Franchise for Women.

Mr. Jared Vining brought in the motion to grant the franchise to women. He pointed out that women had the same legal rights as men. They could own property; they paid taxes, and performed other duties as citizens. This, he considered, should entitle them to a full vote in the affairs of the country. Mr. Vining stated that they would give a higher moral tone to political life, and would do much to improve conditions in the country.

"The Beastly" "Rude Men"

Mr. U. A. Buchner and Mr. J. H. Fowler opposed the bill on the ground that in municipal matters women had the vote, but they failed to exercise it to any appreciable degree. There was no demand for woman's suffrage. The real women, the housekeeping women did not desire it, and the reformers would be of little value to the others. Mr. Edgar Jeffries favored the motion, which was lost.

Tax on Bachelors, Yes, Tax 'Em!

Mr. Buchner brought in a bill to tax bachelors. In a very bright speech, he advocated a tax on unmarried men that would induce them to accept the responsibilities of matrimony, and their duty by their country, and to assist families of seven children or over.

An Encroachment, Eh?

Mr. J. H. Fowler opposed the bill on the ground that it was an encroachment on personal liberty, and would fall of the objects for which it was drafted. It failed to take cognizance of the many reasons for bachelorhood, a large majority of them valid, and consequently much injustice would result.

In Favor of It.

Mr. Jared Vining favored the bill, and Mr. E. Peacock also spoke for it, pointing out that the married man with a family was bearing too much of the financial burden of the country. Bachelors, apparently, were not popular, as the house voted almost unanimously to impose the tax.

A DISCUSSION ON THE SOCIAL SIDE OF FORESTRY

Was Held By the Members of Court Forest City.

Court Forest City, 5744, A. O. F., met on Tuesday evening in the Foresters' Hall, Dundas street, and discussed the social side of forestry. Chief Ranger R. A. Emery in the chair, when a most interesting discussion took place on "The Social Side of Forestry."

The chief speaker, extended his regret that this side of the ancient order was not as popular as it could be made if only the different courts in the city would join hands and organize an old-time celebration. He threw out the hint that if the union committee would come out of the Rip Van Winkle sleep in which it has apparently fallen, there was no reason why this, the best side of all fraternal orders, should not prove as popular as it is in the old world, and be the means of increasing the membership.

Secretary W. Richards told of what had been done in the past in the way of church parades, etc., and thought that if only the courts would get together something might be done, but each and every member should attend the courts regularly and help the union committee by showing a real live interest in its doings. The A. O. F. was making great headway financially, and members were coming in, and that was no reason why the social side should not advance.

Excursion to Toronto.

The Grand Trunk Railway will run an excursion to Toronto tomorrow under the auspices of the K. O. T. M. A special train will leave the G. T. R. depot at 8 a.m., the fare being \$2.35 return.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE SICK HEAD

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure one of these troubles, they are worth trying.

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\$10,000 Demanded or Boy Killed

Sharon, Pa., March 18.—Ten thousand dollars ransom is demanded for the return of William Whittle, Attorney James P. Whittle's 8-year-old son, who was spirited away from school here this morning by an unknown man, furnishing mystery which the detectives of the country are being asked to solve. Accompanying the demand for ransom is a cover threat that the boy will be killed unless the money is produced.

Chief of Police Crane tonight received word that the rig in which the lad was taken away had been recovered at Warren, O., with the child's hat on the buggy seat. To the boldness and openness of the abductor is attributed his success in getting the child out of Sharon without exciting serious suspicions.

Asquith Has an Eye on Germans

London, March 19.—In the House of Commons last night the Opposition speakers made a strong effort to force the hands of the Government into giving a guarantee that four additional vessels of the Dreadnaught type should be laid down.

Premier Asquith forthwith declined to promise anything except that the vessels would be built if Germany continued her active construction of war-ships.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL WILL NEED \$6,250 MORE

Figures for 1909 Have Been Prepared and Submitted to the City.

The estimates for Victoria Hospital show an increase of \$6,250 over last year. This will include the isolation hospital maintenance for six months, showing that a considerable sum is necessary to provide for this new section of civic hospital work.

The overdraft for the past year is given as \$2,184.05.

In the expenditures every item shows a more or less decided increase over the preceding year. This is due to the cost of maintaining the new isolation hospital.

The items are as follows:

	Income.	1908.	1909.
City appropriation	\$29,250.00	\$35,500.00	
Government grant	4,533.84	5,000.00	
Flour	1,068.70	1,200.00	
Taxes	390.49	350.00	
County of Middlesex	2,876.01	3,000.00	
Flour	1,068.70	1,200.00	
Overdraft	2,184.05		
Total	\$62,374.13	\$67,850.00	

Interest on debt \$161.95 \$150.00

Butcher's meat 4,365.14 4,100.00

General furnishings 2,168.33 2,300.00

Flour 1,068.70 1,200.00

Milk 3,417.83 3,600.00

Tea and coffee 537.24 600.00

Potatoes and vegetables 856.82 950.00

Drugs and medicines 3,894.29 4,200.00

Medical and surgical appliances 2,979.80 3,000.00

Surgical instruments 184.85 200.00

General furnishings 2,168.33 2,300.00

Brooms, etc. 324.43 350.00

Fuel 5,550.79 6,000.00

Light and power 1,854.31 2,000.00

Water supply 106.35 250.00

Salaries and wages 20,212.00 21,000.00

Insurance 438.09 450.00

Contingencies 1,349.93 1,500.00

Repairs, ordinary 1,591.83 1,800.00

Repairs, extraordinary 1,566.56 2,000.00

Printing and stationery 377.61 300.00

Annual report 500.00

Total \$62,374.13 \$67,850.00

CLANDEBOYE.

Clandeboy, March 18.—Mrs. McRim is home from visiting friends in London.

Mr. John Seale and family were visiting friends in St. Thomas the past week.

Mr. Farrell, of Port Huron, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodgins, who were visiting old acquaintances here for the past two months, have returned to their home in Battleboro, N. B.

Miss Susan Hodgins, who has been ill, is getting around again.

Mr. Ross is busy hauling and loading logs at the station for Mr. Adam Beck, London.

Mrs. Cunningham and daughter Jane have returned home after spending a couple of months in Exeter with a daughter of Mrs. Cunningham.

Mrs. Porter has bought a house here and is going to live in the village.

Miss Irene O'Dwyer was visiting friends in London today.

Mr. T. Morley and T. Flynn cut, split and piled eight cords of hardwood in one day this week.

Mr. Ira Blee has come from London to his 200-acre farm, and is going farming again.

Mr. Eslie Hodgson has moved into the village to reside.

Mr. A. O. Dwyer will have an extensive sale of horses and cattle on March 23.

Mr. Z. McIlhenny, of Elginfield, was calling on friends here today.

Our Mooreville sawyers are getting in trim for the big sawing match in London next week.

Mr. James McIlhenny, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital the past three weeks, is improving.

PORT ALMA.

Port Alma, March 18.—Mr. Crews is moving the house he had at Port Alma to the lot he recently bought from Mr. J. Simpson.

The Leamington Company have completed the well on Mrs. J. Simpson's farm, and are now moving the other to Joseph Simpson's farm.

Mrs. Kendall spent last week in Chatham visiting friends.

Mrs. Shapley is home from the west to visit her mother, Mrs. McKim, and other friends.

Mr. Moses Mifflin has moved into the house on Mr. John Coffee's farm.

A number of young people spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. A. E. Lawson, who, with the family, will shortly leave this neighborhood.

Miss Ruby Campbell, who visited the neighborhood during the last month, has returned to her home in Newbury.

East London Items

DUFFERIN AVENUE DEEDS NOW IN HANDS OF CITY

People in East End Carrying Out Their Part and Ask Aldermen to Make Improvements.

At the meeting of the board of works last evening, local improvements on Dufferin avenue east were considered. Mr. J. W. O'Brien urged that the work be proceeded with at once. He said that all the deeds were in the hands of City Solicitor Meredith, and there was now no reason why the work should not be proceeded with at once.

This matter has been before the committee for several years. When the street was opened up, the land was divided into lots, and the work was done on the grading, when difficulty arose concerning a drain, and as a result it was held up for some time.

The board of works refused to go ahead with any permanent improvements until the land was divided over to the city. There has been some difficulty in getting the deeds, and consequently the improvements have not been made. Now the deeds are all in the keeping of the city solicitor, and the residents desired the street improved.

The members of the committee were in favor of making the improvement, and the deeds of the parcels were in the hands of the city solicitor, and the residents desired the street improved.

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