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COPING STONE ON LITERARY OFFICE

George N. Morang Celebrates
Completion of "Makers of
Canada" Series by
Brilliant Gathering
of Authors.

"Laying the coping-stone on a splendid literary edifice" was the phrase used by Sir Glenholme Falconbridge in his letter last night by Morang & Co. to the authors, editors and advisory committee engaged in the production of the "Makers of Canada" series recently completed in twenty volumes.

Five years ago, on Nov. 16, 1903, the undertaking had been inaugurated at a similar dinner at the firm's offices on Wellington-street. Last night, on the fifth anniversary of the date at the firm's new offices, 63 Bay-street, which were most tastefully fitted up for the occasion, a company, numbering some of the most distinguished men of Canada, assembled to signalize the success of the undertaking. George N. Morang himself was in the chair, the recipient of many hearty compliments and cordial wishes for further success in his patriotic undertaking. A man born just across the river from Canada he has allied himself with Canadian nationality, and last night's proceedings were a sterling tribute to a most estimable achievement.

John Reade, the well-known author, writing from Montreal his regrets in being unable to attend, happily expressed the thoughts of many in his letter. "It must be a source of much satisfaction to your enterprising and patriotic company to know that the scholars of both hemispheres have commended your undertaking, which has itself contributed in a signal way to the making of Canada."

"To have united the leading minds of both sections of the Dominion in so illuminating a service is a triumph in the celebration of which it is an honor to be asked to share."

Distinguished Company.
Mr. Morang himself occupied the chair and others present were: Sir Charles Moss, Byron E. Walker, Senator Kerr, Hon. J. J. Foy, G. G. S. Lindsey, John A. Ewart, Prof. Adam Shortt, Prof. Mayor, John Lewis, Pelham Edgar, Col. G. T. Denison, W. F. Maclean, H. P. S. Nordheimer, Dr. Warren, H. P. S. Nordheimer, Dr. Warren, H. J. Butcher, W. J. J. Maclean, W. Langmuir, A. Pepler, W. L. MacKenzie King, M.P., H. S. Andrews, Chancellor Burwash, Prof. Alexander, Principal Audet, C. C. James, Dr. Nicholas, C. T. Pearson, Controller Hocken, T. Foster Hire, W. H. Cross, J. F. Ellis, Joseph T. Clarke, Frank Drake, John A. Ewart, Agassiz, J. C. Grace, J. H. Horsey, J. A. Russell, Richard Brown, Atwell Fleming, John Murray, H. M. Whitfield, A. Brodie, Dr. J. D. Logan, E. J. Archibald, M. O. Hammond, Albert E. S. Smythe, R. P. Glasgow, Barlow, Cumberland, Newton McTavish, C. C. James, Dr. Harper, John C. Saul, Dr. D. J. Gaggan, F. C. Jemmett, John M. King, K.C.

The royal toast having been honored by the singing of the national anthem in the highest style of art, J. C. Saul read letters of regret from his Excellency Lord Grey, Goldwin Smith, Lt.-Gov. D. C. Fraser, Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, Robert Murray (Halifax), Frank Saul (Toronto), and others were received from Mrs. Charles P. Coffin (Boston), daughter of Parkman, the historian; John Reade, Sir John Hanbury Williams, Sir Louis Jett, Senator Jaffray, Senator Cox, Senator David, Prof. J. W. Larned (Buffalo), the lieutenant-governor of the province, Sir William Mulock, and others. Wm. Mulock, Justice McCorkie, Sir William Van Horn, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, William White, Sir Charles M. Hays, William Macdougall, J. H. H. George P. Brett, (the Macmillan Co., New York), Duncan Campbell Scott, Lady Edgar, Miss Jean McMillan, Narcisse E. Dionne, Leblond de Brimoth, Alfred D. De Celles, James Harward, Hon. J. W. Longley, R. H. C. C. and A. G. Bradley, and Dr. George H. Parkin, both writing from England; Dr. George Bryce.

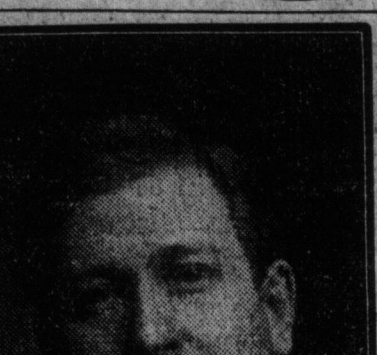
Some of the letters written were of deep interest, and Mr. Saul's selection were listened to attentively. Mr. Bradley's account of the lady in England who could never make an Englishman understand what a United Empire Loyalist meant, caused much amusement. "Canada."

George T. Blackstock proposed the toast of "Canada." The overwhelming amount of geography about the subject, which comprised one-fifth of the earth's surface rendered it a serious undertaking. They had the map of the country physically that existed in the face of the globe. Nations were judged by the general expression of their civilization and he never came in such a gathering without feeling gratitude of those who, like Mr. Walker, recommended attention to the development of the literature and art of the country.

Col. Denison responded, expatiating on the marvelous development of the country since Confederation, when Nova Scotia was as far from Toronto as Japan is to-day, and Japan was so far away as to be unconceivable to the people of the North-west. "All the great civilized nations of Europe lay within

The Toronto World.

TWELVE PAGES—TUESDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 17 1908—TWELVE PAGES



GEORGE N. MORANG
Who signalled completion of "Makers of Canada" by giving dinner to authors.

George N. Morang Celebrates
Completion of "Makers of
Canada" Series by
Brilliant Gathering
of Authors.

STOLEN MILLION FORGER ASKS JUSTICE

Prominent Chicago Business
Man Sentenced Within Four
Hours After Arrest—De-
vice for Copying
Signatures.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vilsingen, a real estate dealer, for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, to-day confessed to having obtained three forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary.

The arrest, the indictment, the confession and the sentence were work of less than four hours.

Taken in the midst of business from his office desk at 172 Washington-st., shortly after the noon hour, Van Vilsingen appeared before the court and in tears confessed that for from 18 to 20 years he had been securing money thru the sale of forged documents and that he had bought back many of these spurious instruments without detection, at least 25 people would lose an aggregate of more than \$700,000 thru the paper which he has not yet redeemed.

In forging the notes he declared he had perfected a unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desk top, so arranged that by an electric light thrown from beneath he could readily trace from original forged signatures onto worthless paper.

Thru his arrest and sentence the prisoner made no effort to defend himself, but only asked that his punishment be speedy. Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was imposed, Van Vilsingen replied bowing his head, "Only that I believe in my punishment at once."

His term in the penitentiary was fixed as indeterminate, from one to 15 years.

Van Vilsingen, who is about 45 years old, was married Feb. 14, 1907, to Miss Roosevelt Blend, was described at the time as a distant relative of President Roosevelt. The bride was a daughter of Wilson C. Blend, Van Vilsingen had been a bachelor, living at the Calumet Club. He was known as being of philanthropic disposition, giving special attention to the welfare of boys.

LOCAL OPTION IN BRANTFORD
Council Decides to Submit Bylaw in January.

BRANTFORD, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The city council to-night by a vote of 8 to 7 decided to submit a local option bylaw next January.

The council chamber was crowded with large deputations representing the hotel and temperance parties, and the proceedings were lively. No petition signed by 25 per cent. of the ratepayers was presented to the council, and the matter of submitting a bylaw was entirely optional. The surprise of the meeting was occasioned by Ald. Wood, a leading temperance worker of Brantford for many years, opposing the submission of the bylaw. Mayor Bowly opposed the bylaw and Ald. Hall refused to vote.

Should the bylaw secure the necessary three-fourths vote 16 hotels and 4 shops will go out of business here.

CHINA HAS GRIP ON AFFAIRS IN CHINA

Gendarmes Guard Streets, But
Nothing More Serious
Than Run on Banks—
New Ruler Will Re-
form Laws.

PEKIN, Nov. 16.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead.

The Chinese had been so accustomed to look upon the dowager as the one person dominating all, that the announcement of her death caused but little change in their unemotional natures and easy going ways during the early hours of the ceremonies attending her passing, but to-day there has come a marked change.

Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in fear of the increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs, and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintaining of peace for a time at least.

At noon 300 gendarmes guarded the streets, and other military forces were held in readiness for an emergency. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches and in some cases the regular legation guard was augmented by reinforcements from other places. Fifty Highlanders were added to the British forces.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday, and to-day, and fourteen native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. It is probable that to-morrow a number of banks will be closed, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

As yet the cause of death in the case of the emperor and dowager empress has not been made public. A number of lengthy reports have been written with reference to this, but they are unintelligible to the foreigners here, who have not yet recovered from the shock of the suspicion of foul play which was widespread. There is no reasonable evidence, however, to show that death in either case was the result of anything other than natural causes.

It is understood that many reforms will be instituted in the palace by Prince Chun, embracing eventually the abolition of lunches and the introduction of a modern system for the conduct of affairs.

The Chinese Government seemingly has no fear that the conditions now prevailing will be utilized for greater reforms, if precautions now taken at Peking against a general insurrection can be made to over-awe the disaffected. To-night a large number of the gendarmes are withdrawn, and the streets are in a state of appearance. The police took the remaining shreds of color from the shops and vehicles before sundown. The people have adopted a dress of mourning, and all officers are attired in white. The buildings are draped in blue and black.

STABBED IN THE NECK.

Street Fight at North Bay May Result Fatally.

NORTH BAY, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—In a desperate street fight to-night between Italians, Frank Amenda, a boarding house keeper, was stabbed in the neck and is now in a critical condition at the hospital.

Amenda and several other Italians had been drinking together and while in front of the North Bay Hotel, the quarrel began. After a general mix-up Amanda fell on the pavement with a deep gash four inches long under the left ear.

Amanda accused Charles Sandrelli, a contractor, of doing him wrong on account of his previous condition. Sandrelli refused to let him make a statement to the police. Sandrelli was arrested at his home and placed behind the bars. Both parties have been residents of North Bay for some time. Several arteries were severed by the knife and Amanda's recovery is doubtful. Sandrelli denies the accusation.

SIX KILLED IN MINE.

Cage With Ten Men Plunges Depth of 285 Feet.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.—Six men were instantly killed, and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at the Ellsworth mine in Washington County late to-day.

Because of a break in the machinery, the cage occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from near the outlet to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 285 feet.

JOLY DE LOTBINIERE DEAD.

Was Once Quebec's Premier and Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

MONTREAL, Nov. 16.—Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, premier of the Province of Quebec in 1878 and 1879, died at his home at Quebec this morning. Sir Henri was born in France in 1829, was educated in Paris, and came to Canada in 1855. He entered public life in 1871, and in spite of his being a French Protestant, he succeeded in gaining much power and honors.

In 1894 the late knight knighthood for his public services, he being created K.C.M.G.

He twice declined a seat in the senate and in 1896 he was called to the Dominion cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as minister of inland revenue.

In 1900 he was appointed lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.



Opposition Pilgrim: Say, I may be superstitious, but them horseshoes certainly do look good to me.

JOSEPH HALLATT IS TAKEN FOR MURDER

Arrested at Request of Winnipeg Police on Charge of
Causing Death of
Miss Polson
Recently.

Joseph E. Hallatt, single, 29 years of age, was arrested at his mother's home at 427 Church-street at 11:30 last night.

The arrest was made at the request of Chief Constable J. C. McRae, whose brief wire to the local police merely named the charge as murder.

From other advices it appears that the charge arises out of the death of a Miss Polson at Winnipeg two weeks ago. The girl was run over by a man driving a light wagon.

When asked by the police here if he cared to say anything, Hallatt said: "Yes, I know about that. I was there and saw the girl. She never regained consciousness. I was not the man who ran her down."

Later, however, he denied this, saying that he knew nothing of the matter, save what he had heard.

"I was not out of the house that night," he said. "The man was driving a grey horse in a light wagon. Both horse and wagon were like mine, from what I hear."

"I did not know the girl. I knew only two girls in Winnipeg. I let Toronto in August and came back two days after the accident. My leaving the west had nothing to do with the accident. I came to visit my mother."

Hallatt says that he was collector for a hides and tallow firm at Winnipeg.

He was arrested by Detectives Sokkett, Archibald, Guthrie, Anderson and Twigg at the place where his mother, Mrs. Allison Hallatt, runs a boarding-house. He was not in when the police called at 10 o'clock, but, returning a little more than an hour later, the officers got him. He went quietly with them after Detective Anderson had explained to him why he was wanted. He seemed to treat the matter lightly, and to be sure of his ability to clear himself.

He spent the night in the Court-street station, and will appear in police court to-day. Word of the arrest was sent to the Winnipeg authorities last night.

LAURIER TO REST IN FLORIDA.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made arrangements for a brief holiday before the meeting of parliament, and after leaving accordingly at the end of the present week for Florida.

Boil Hardy, at Calgary, says he has resigned from the C.P.R. Mechanics Union.

GOOD LUCK



Opposition Pilgrim: Say, I may be superstitious, but them horseshoes certainly do look good to me.

TITLE FOR LEMIEUX

MONTREAL, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—There is a rumor here that Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, will be knighted New Year's for services rendered the Dominion and the empire while at Tokyo some months ago, and for his efforts to establish favorable exchange rates between Canada and the motherland.

MONKEYS, SQUIRRELS DENTISTS IN AFRICA

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Monkeys and the large gray squirrels that overrun the jungles of Africa, are their own dentists. They fill each other's teeth with consummate skill and often kill an aching nerve.

At least this is what Dr. L. Frank Derby Pierce of West Roxbury, Mass., says, and he is going to lecture before Chicago dentists on the subject.

Dr. Pierce, who spent several years in the jungles of Africa, says that monkeys and squirrels have discovered a blue clay, much the same in color as that which covers the diamond fields, and in this clay is a large percentage of crocote. When the animals have the toothache they plaster this clay into the cavity as a remedy. The crocote often kills the offending nerve.

LAWLESS NEW TREASURER INDEPENDENT FORESTERS

Acting Assistant Supreme Chief
Ranger Succeeds the Late
Harry Collins.

After an all-day session of the supreme council of the Independent Order of Foresters, at the Temple Building yesterday, Thomas Lawless was appointed to the position of supreme treasurer, the post made vacant by the death of Harry Collins. The salary is \$4000 a year. Mr. Lawless for the past few years has been assistant supreme chief ranger, and he also has been the editor of The Forester, the official I. O. F. organ.

The post to which Thomas Lawless has been appointed has been vacant for several months, and the work has been done by Dr. Millman, the supreme physician.

The supreme chief ranger, Eliott G. Stevenson, has just returned from California, where he had gone in the hope of improving his health, and yesterday was the first sitting of council for two months. The chief ranger's ambition has been to have the official staff of the supreme officers somewhat reduced, so as to place the order on a solid business basis, but nothing was given out on that point yesterday.

WOMEN WILL REPEAT.

Y.W.C.A. Definitely Decides to Have
Another Tag Day.

The emergency committee of the Y.W.C.A., having charge of "Tag Day" arrangements, decided at a meeting last night to repeat next Saturday, when it is hoped the balance of the \$25,000 required for the women's gym, and swimming tank will be secured.

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Corner Yonge and Temperance, exceptionally well lighted, manufacturing flat, freight and passenger elevator service, ample space for office, square feet, steam heating, immediate possession.
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Realty Brokers, 26 Victoria St.

STANDARD BANK ABSORBS THE WESTERN

Straight Purchase of the
Shares of Smaller Institution,
Which Was Es-
tablished 25 Years
Ago.

The trend of events in the financial world was again witnessed yesterday when it was announced that one of the large Toronto banks, the Standard Bank of Canada, was about to absorb one of the smaller sister institutions, the Western Bank of Canada, with headquarters at Oshawa, and which has carried on business for upwards of 25 years.

The Western Bank of Canada was one of the old semi-private financial institutions which served the purpose of the older days of financing. It was started in 1883 to facilitate business in the County of Ontario and surrounding points. The bank has performed this function with profit to itself and with credit to its clients. Present-day financing, however, has necessitated a change, and in the interests of the shareholders of both the banks the wider scope is more in accord with the spirit of the times.

There is to be no interchange of stock in connection with the absorption, the Standard being a straight purchaser of the shares of the Western Bank, the price for which, however, could not be learned.

The Western Bank stock has never been listed on any exchange, but a 7 per cent. dividend was paid to the shareholders last year and after payment of this nearly 9 per cent. on the paid up capital stock of \$550,000 was carried forward. The authorized capital of the Western Bank is \$1,000,000, but of this only \$550,000 has been subscribed. The success of the Western is shown by the fact that its history it has accumulated a reserve account of \$300,000.

The Standard Bank of Canada has an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, and of this \$1,537,700 has been subscribed. The amalgamation of the two financial institutions is regarded as an opportune one. The Standard Bank of Canada is located in an altogether different territory from those of the Standard.

The two institutions have been in very close financial relations for a number of years and it is presumed that the amalgamation will further benefit the larger bank. The Standard Bank are: Directors—W. F. Cowan, president; Fred Wyld, vice-president; J. W. Allan, F. W. Cowan, W. R. Johnson, Wellington Francis and H. Langlois. The general manager is George P. Schofield.

The Western Bank directors are: John Cowan, president; R. S. Hamilton, vice-president; W. F. Cowan, Robert McIntosh, M.D., W. F. Allan, T. Patterson, J. A. Gibson and Robert McIntosh.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Western Bank to ratify the sale will be held on Jan. 6.

CALLED POPE ORANGEISTE.

Rufus of Compton Takes Action
Against Les Depeches.

MONTREAL, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Rufus Pope, ex-M.P. for Compton, is taking criminal action against Les Depeches, the personal organ of Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

During the recent federal campaign, a special edition of this paper was circulated amongst the French-Canadians of Compton County. "Why should Mr. Pope defend Les Depeches, who was asked, and it answered the question as follows: "Because he is an Orange fanatic," and this is why Mr. Pope is bringing the action."

CHANCE FOR LEBLANC.

J. W. Levesque Resigns Seat Owing to
Irregularities.

MONTREAL, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—It now looks as if Hon. J. E. LeBlanc, leader of the Conservative opposition at Quebec, who was defeated at the local election in June last, will be again in the house when the legislature meets. J. W. Levesque, who was returned in Laval by a majority of four, will vacate the seat to-morrow because of irregularities committed by agents, and the belief is that Mr. LeBlanc will capture back to the county.

MAY PROBE ALL.

Commissioner Cassels May Have More
Work to Do.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—As a result of the relations of graft in the marine department at Quebec, the government has under consideration the opening of all of the departments to a commission of inquiry.

It is probable that the commission will be Judge Cassels and the inquiry may begin after the report on the marine inquiry has been made, which it is expected will be completed by Christmas.

SIDEWALKS GETTING SLIPPERY.

When They Start to Throw You Down,
It's Cold Enough for a Fur-Lined
Overcoat.

Dineen's want gentlemen to come in and see the fur-lined overcoats at from \$50 to \$150, values unequalled anywhere. These coats are all Dineen quality, and that means the best coat that can be had for the money. The cold snap that has now asserted itself is here to remind you of the overcoat you will need very soon. Call at Yonge and Temperance-streets and get the best satisfaction that is to be had.