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ANNUAL MEETING OF ORPHANS' HOME HELD YESTERDAY

T. H. Estabrooks re-elected President — Bequests greater than last year — Forty-two children in home.

The annual meeting of the St. John Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade room. Joseph A. Likely presided. The receiving of reports and the election of officers was the chief work of the meeting.

J. H. A. L. Fairweather, who has been secretary of the Home for the last thirteen years, resigned his position. He was tendered a vote of thanks for the good work done by him during his term of office. The matter of filling the position will be taken up later.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, T. H. Estabrooks; vice-president, Joseph A. Likely; treasurer, H. C. Rankine; directors, W. S. Morrison, M. D., James Manchester, J. King Kelley, Hon. Mr. Justice Forbes, W. S. Fisher, C. H. Peters, with the following ladies, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. H. A. Austin, Mrs. T. A. Rankine, Mrs. Charles Johnston, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. F. W. Murray, Mrs. C. A. Macdonald, Mrs. David Hutchinson, Miss Grace Leavitt, Miss Mabel Sidney Smith, Miss Bertha MacLaren, Mrs. Harold Stetson, Mrs. E. J. Harding, and Mrs. Jack MacLaren.

The report of the directors was received. It showed that at present there are forty-two children in the home; twenty-two girls and twenty boys, sixteen having been admitted during the year and twelve placed out. The health of the children had been particularly good. Dr. Inches gives gratuitous medical service and Dr. A. D. Smith and Dr. Godsoe attend to the dental requirements of the children free of charge.

During the year \$2,176.25 was received as bequests. An act of the legislature gives women the right to be directors of the Home.

The financial statement of the treasurer was submitted and approved. The report of the ladies' committee showed that much had been done for the children during the year.

ST. JOHN RELIEF AND AID SOCIETY MEETS

Annual report presented and officers elected — Small balance in hand.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Relief and Aid Society, held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade offices, the reports of the directors and secretary-treasurer for the past year were presented and approved. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed. The president's report showed that after expenditures during the year, amounting to \$1,588.24, a balance of \$696.23 was in hand. The treasury reported that the assets of the society now consist of \$622.02 deposited with the Bank of Nova Scotia and \$34.21 in his hand as treasurer.

The directors elected were as follows: President, William Shaw; secretary-treasurer, H. D. Everett; directors, the Mayor, Dr. P. R. Inches, Dr. A. F. McAvenny, D. O'Brien, Thomas Hilyard, John C. Ferguson, William C. Jordan, Alexander McMillan, H. L. Everett, H. B. Schofield, H. R. McLehlan, Hon. E. McLeod and H. Adam Glasgow.

ST. JOHN CO. L.O.L. WEST MEETS AT LORNEVILLE

On Saturday evening last a public meeting was held at Lorneville under the auspices of St. John Co. L. O. L. West, County Master W. J. Murray presiding. Past Grand Master David Hipwell gave an interesting address, and a good programme of music and readings was provided as follows: William Ewart, song; Miss Bessie Galbraith, reading; Miss Gertrude Galbraith, recitation; Mrs. O. Stinson and Miss Margaret Galbraith, dialogue; Miss Margaret Galbraith, reading; Mrs. O. Stinson, reading.

There was a large gathering, many of the members of Baxter L. O. B. A. of Fairville attending. Refreshments were served during the evening and after a few concluding remarks by the chairman the proceedings ended with the National Anthem.

THE TAX RATE HIGHER THAN FOR LAST YEAR

How your assessment will be regulated and for what you will pay this year.

According to the list compiled by the assessors there are 13,973 tax payers in the city, who pay a total of \$750,057.18. The rate for the present year has been fixed at 1.94 as compared with 1.92 for last year.

The value of the real estate taxed, according to the assessors is \$30,223,000, while the personal property is \$10,704,600 and the amount of incomes taxed is \$5,253,800. This makes the total value of the city from a taxation standpoint \$36,187,800.

Eighty taxpayers pay into the city treasury more than \$1,000 annually. The St. John Railway Co., with its power plants and street railway is the largest contributor to the city with \$12,960. W. Malcolm Mackay has the heaviest individual tax bill. The Bank of Nova Scotia pays \$10,709. Trinity Church is the largest contributor among the churches with \$2,471.

The purposes and amounts for which the levies were made were as follows:

Streets, etc.	\$123,300.00
Fire	84,119.00
Police	57,450.00
Light	35,800.00
Schools (City)	190,001.00
Libraries	6,190.00
Exhibition	663.00
Sewer & Water Debentures	33,756.00
Restoration Debentures	27,310.00
Widening Public Streets	2,023.00
Canterbury St. Debentures	260.00
Dorchester St. Debentures	444.00
Portland Streets	123.00
Portland Retaining Wall	599.00
Portland Light	160.00
Portland Fire	147.00
Ferry Service	5,730.00
Sewerage Maintenance	11,052.50
Fire Hydrants	7,757.00
Slaughter Houses	689.00

Total city taxes\$590,833.50

County Contingencies\$50,543.00

Support of the Poor24,542.68

Public Hospital43,768.00

Board of Health7,362.00

Valuators2,023.00

Debt Interest13,506.00

Common School (County) ..16,435.00

Total county taxes\$159,223.68

Total taxes\$750,057.18

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Mrs. Fraser Tells Why She Recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills.

They Cured Her Sore Back and Earned a Permanent Place in the Family Medicine Chest.

Bois Franc, Que., May 10th.—(Special)—"I consider Dodd's Kidney Pills one of my best friends." This is the statement of Mrs. Joseph Fraser, a very estimable lady living here. "I had a very sore back," Mrs. Fraser continues, "and decided to try what Dodd's Kidney Pills would do for it. I took five boxes in all and I am happy to say I am quite well again. My back is strong as ever it was. I always keep Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house."

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Grass Fires. Yesterday afternoon No. 1 Hose was called out by a still alarm to put out a grass fire near the exhibition buildings. A grass fire started in Rockwood Park yesterday afternoon and it was extinguished by Mounted Policemen Moore after some difficulty.

"Found" By The Police. Articles reported by the police as being found yesterday afternoon included, key on Main street, and a drunk in an alley off Charlotte street.

ELECTORS OF SIMONDS NO. 3 IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Gathering last night completed organization and elected delegates to Nominating Convention of Liberal-Conservative Party—Rousing speeches by Attorney General Baxter, T. B. Carson, M.L.A., and others.

That the partisan conduct of the Liberal opposition in the Dominion House of Commons and the actions of the Liberal majority in the Senate would justify the Borden administration in appealing to the electors at the present time, was the statement of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General at the meeting of the electors of Simonds, No. 3 at Mayall's last evening. The Attorney-General in a comprehensive and logical review of the political situation said the circumstances demanded that the electors of the Dominion give expression to their views in order that the Government's policy stand in connection with the war measures should be carried into effect without being continually impeded and controlled by the Liberal Senate actuated by the party leaders of the former administration.

The meeting which was called to elect officers and to select delegates to the nominating convention enthusiastically endorsed the Borden Government's administration of affairs. Resolutions expressing the sympathy of the electors with the Hon. J. D. Hazen in his present illness, and stating that an election at the present time was fully justified by the conduct of the Liberal party were also passed.

G. Earle Logan was in the chair at the meeting which was large and representative. Besides the Attorney-General Baxter, speakers at the meeting were John A. Barry, Thomas Carson, M. L. A., and George M. McDade. Following are the resolutions of the meeting:

Moved by Wm. J. Johnston, seconded by Counsellor G. Fred Stephenson and carried unanimously: "IT IS RESOLVED that in the opinion of this meeting the Federal Government is justified in holding a general election at an early date, because the opposition in the House of Commons and that irresponsible body in the Senate have broken the truce which existed between the two parties, by opposing the Government's war budget."

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting strongly condemns the action of the Liberal party both in the Senate and the House in opposing and defeating the Borden Highway Bill, such action depriving the farmers of New Brunswick of assistance in improving the highways."

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting endorse the Government led by that great Imperialist, Sir Robert B. Borden."

Moved by Wm. Sands, seconded by Thomas P. Jordan, and carried unanimously:

"That this meeting learned with regret of the illness of the Honorable J. D. Hazen, K. C., M. P., Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and the representative from the city and county of Saint John in the House of Commons, but is gratified to hear that the operation performed on him resulted favorably."

"Therefore, resolved, that this meeting extend to the Honorable Mr. Hazen its very best wishes for a speedy recovery."

Officers and Delegates.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, G. Fred Stephenson. Secretary, Wm. J. Johnston. Delegates were chosen as follows: William Sands, Upper Loch Lomond; Wm. Johnston, R. F. D. No. 4, and Albert Stephenson, Upper Golden Grove. Substitutes, Thomas J. Jordan, J. W. Willis, John A. Arthur.

Mr. Logan in calling the meeting to order briefly spoke of the fact that an election in the near future seemed inevitable owing to the conduct of the Liberal leaders. He was satisfied that when the appeal was made the electors of the Parish of Simonds would do their share to bring victory to the Hon. Mr. Hazen and his colleague, and by so doing would express their approval of the administration so ably carried on under the leadership of the Hon. R. B. Borden.

Mr. Barry in an able address, reviewed the Laurier and Borden naval policies and pointed out of what advantage the present government's policy would have been in the present war. It would have been brought to a successful issue but for the course pursued by the Liberal leaders and their majority in the Senate. Other legislation for the general advancement of the Dominion had also been held up, such as the progressive highway bill. But for the action of the Liberals in refusing to hold that there was an emergency despite full knowledge of the fact that it actually did exist, the splendid contribution of \$35,000,000 would have been sent for the benefit of the British Admiralty. These facts the electors would undoubtedly remember when asked to decide between the two parties at the polls. Having in mind the necessity of assisting the Empire in the present global struggle, it was the duty of every Canadian to do his share towards returning the present government with a handsome majority to continue their patriotic war measures.

Attorney-General Baxter. Hon. Mr. Baxter, who was enthusiastically received, in opening expressed his appreciation of the assistance which was at all times forthcoming from his friends of the Liberal-Conservative party in the county. When he was called to the Attorney-Generalship of the province, there was a

were endeavoring to climb into power by the ladder of criticism and the ladder of abuse. The Liberals, he regretted, played politics in trying to get back into power instead of supporting the Empire in the present war.

Canada's Splendid Response.

The Attorney General spoke of the magnificent response of the Canadians to the call to fight the battles of the Empire, and dwelt feelingly on the sacrifices that had already been made by those who had given their lives in the great conflict with the enemy in the service of their country. He referred to the duty of those who remained at home. It was most important that the government should not be hindered in its war measures. Those who would support the Liberal party from conviction would not be disloyal, but he did feel that the leaders of that party were walking in very dangerous paths. If an election did come he trusted that the candidates of the Borden government in this constituency would be returned with substantial majorities to assist the government in prosecuting in a vigorous manner their important legislation.

Mr. Carson, M.L.A., spoke of the advantage of effective organization to the success of the Liberal Conservative standard bearers. He was glad to work for the people of Saint John County, and it would always be a pleasure for him to do his share to advance the interests of the electors. Hon. Mr. Baxter brought great strength to the Provincial Government. The Dominion Government might be forced to bring on an election. The people knew their record; it was indeed a splendid one and no doubt, receive hearty endorsement from the electors of the Dominion. The Hon. J. D. Hazen had done much for the advancement of St. John city and county and was ever active in looking after the important department of Marine and Fisheries. Mr. Carson heartily thanked the electors for their support.

Mr. McDade paid a high tribute to Hon. Mr. Baxter's worth, also spoke of Mr. Carson's activities at Fredericton on behalf of his constituents. He dwelt upon the present unsatisfactory situation which prevented the Dominion government from carrying its legislation into effect. While chosen as the responsible representatives of the people of the Dominion, the situation was such that the Liberal majority in Senate had practical control. Hon. Mr. Hazen and every member of the Borden government was anxious to give the Dominion an honest and progressive administration of public affairs. If an appeal was made he predicted the return of the present government with a handsome majority.

OPIMUM CASE BEFORE COURT YESTERDAY

Hum Poy showed himself well posted on medical knowledge — Case adjourned to next week.

The case preferred against Hop Lee, the Mill street Chinese merchant, for having opium in his possession, was resumed in the Police Court yesterday afternoon. Hum Gow, one of the Chinese who has been charged with being an inmate of the resort, was called and testified regarding the raid made by Officer Jeffrey and of the things that happened while the opium was in the place. The witness gave about the same description of the proceedings as previous witnesses for the defense. Hum Gow swore that when Jeffrey entered the room witness was holding a pipe and was smoking Chinese tobacco and that Jeffrey took the pipe away from him. Witness deposed that he had been smoking opium or the pills that were produced in court and stated that he never saw opium smoked.

Dr. Hogan was cross-examined by Mr. McInerney and testified that ten pellets each containing a quarter grain of morphine would be a very big dose, and the patient would be liable to go to sleep all day; it would be an overdose for some people. This question had been asked the witness by Mr. McInerney because Hum Poy, a previous witness, stated that the pellets which were found in Hop Lee's place were his property and were medicine which he took for asthma, and that he took ten of the pellets a day.

Continuing Dr. Hogan said that a person taking morphine each day would be liable to acquire the habit. In the case of Hum Poy, witness could not swear that the Chinaman had asthma, and only took it from what Hum had described to him. Witness said that Hum must have been troubled with asthma or else he must have been drilled well on the subject, for a layman who had not the medical knowledge or the experience could hardly describe the symptoms as Hum did.

Dr. McVey was the next witness called by the defence and testified that he had been a druggist and chemist before he became a physician and surgeon, and that he had been toxicologist for the Medical League Society in New York for a number of years. He had analyzed opium and extracted the alkaloids from opium and there were nineteen alkaloids in addition to various gums. The chief alkaloid is morphine which is from eight to fifteen per cent, and meconic acid three to eight per cent. The percentages range according to the condi-

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tions, the time of the year the flower is picked, the climate, etc. There is from four to eight per cent. narcotine in opium. Fire on morphine would destroy it, and if burned to ashes a person could not detect the presence of morphine. The testimony of the witness was not finished and as Mr. Dattel Mullin for the defence would be engaged on other business the case was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, May 18th, at 2.30 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. B. D. Branscombe, of Wynyard, Saskatchewan, who has been visiting her parents in Fredericton, is the guest for a few days of Mrs. T. F. Granville, 48 Adelaide street.

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