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DR. McKEOUGH'S STATEMENT.

As was to have been anticipated, the members of the Public School Board did not permit the comments of certain of the City Council at their recent meeting to pass unchallenged.

To the charge of unwarranted extravagance, preferred by the aldermen, Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, representing the Finance Committee of the Board, made an extensive and lucid response last evening.

Dr. McKeough had several kind things to say concerning the comments—both critical and complimentary—of this journal upon the issue. His references are appreciated by The Planet. And, without indulging in the emptiness of a mutual admiration interchange, it must be pointed out that Dr. McKeough's straightforward, explicit and logical statement concerning the finances and expenditures of the Board will carry weight and inspire confidence.

It is evident, from the prompt and thoughtful manner in which the questions suggested by this journal were met and answered, that the School Board is prepared to court any examination of their financial details desired by the ratepayers, even to the minutest details. It is equally evident that all the expenditures have been made by the trustees, to the best of their ability, with the view to properly advancing the local educational interests and, at the same time, safe-guarding the pockets of the people.

Whatever may be said concerning the sale of the Queen street school and site, it certainly appears that there was no justification for the somewhat bitter attack in undefined generalities upon the Board's expenditure and the attempt to hold the trustees responsible for the record. In response thereto, Dr. McKeough produced facts and figures and submitted them in a frank and businesslike way. They are entitled to a careful perusal by the ratepayers.

The comparative statement with the school rates in other towns and cities goes to show that the Chatham Board's financing has been conducted in a manner alike enterprising and economical. As has been already pointed out, The Planet believes with many other ratepayers—notwithstanding the straightforward and argumentative defence of Dr. McKeough—that a mistake was made in the hurried sacrifice sale of the location alluded to. But that has nothing whatever to do with the conduct of the expenditures, which, the explanation last night would show, has been careful, economical, judicious and businesslike—calculated to earn appreciation and confidence from the public.

A TRUE PATRIOTISM

In his declaration of the Conservative policy in our attitude towards the mother land, Mr. R. L. Borden said: "I suppose that while we settle these matters ourselves, it would be no harm to discuss them at least with the mother country. I for one will always maintain the utmost rights of Canadians to their own self-government. I will always maintain that Canada must settle for herself what her contribution towards the defence of the Empire shall be; but I do not think that it necessarily follows from that, that Canada should slay the mother country in the face when the mother country proposes in a courteous manner to discuss this subject with her. I say that I believe in dealing with the defence of the Empire in a straightforward way. I do not believe in dealing with it by adopting a preferential tariff which will shut up mills in Canada and give increased profits and outputs to some men in Yorkshire. That is not the way to contribute to the defence of the Empire. We may have our

differences about this matter; but we can settle them in our own way, according to the principles of constitutional Government that prevail in this country, and every man in Canada is perfectly entitled to express his views on the matter either in Parliament or outside of it. But when we once settle the question to our own satisfaction, let us approach the mother country in regard to it in a courteous manner; and if we do propose to contribute to the defence of the Empire, let us do it in a straightforward, manly way, and not, as is suggested on the other side of the House, by granting a preference and ruining our own industries, because we have not contributed our proper share towards the defence of the Empire."

"TOO BAD."

While it has often been said that a portion of the United States press rejoices in anything that can be construed as damaging or derogatory to Great Britain, it is gratifying to notice that when anything particularly sorrowful strikes the British nation a feeling of sympathy is shown in almost every case. The illness of the King has produced expressions of sympathy from all quarters of the civilized world, and especially in the neighboring Republic, The Brooklyn Eagle contributes this tribute of sympathy in a well written editorial:

A profound scholar and an unskilled laborer was told here at the same time of the stroke of the King. Both instantly said, "Too bad!" The words summed up all the editorials, all the telegrams, and all the prayers which the fact has drawn out. The universal pity spoke in these words. Beyond them, expression was art.

Plus horror and indignation, the same was the case when Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Carnot, the Emperor of Austria, the Czar and Humbert were assassinated: "Too bad," the sorrow of it, the shock of it, the reversal of hope, the shut off from usefulness and life and love, "Too bad!"

In the case of the King this was especially so. He had patiently waited for the call of duty for sixty years. He had far more than half that time assumed many of the ceremonial and social obligations of the Queen. A man among men, he had lived in the public eye, with all of the restrictions and none of the powers of royalty on him.

He mounted the throne with the respect and admiration of the people and he magnified his obligation and intention, as a constitutional King, to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious mother. At the end of the year of more than conventional mourning, he was ready to be crowned as his predecessors had been, to put upon his reign the stamp of dignity and splendor, amid the world's salutation, that had been put on theirs. In almost the very act of coronation, for which spectacle and celebration had been prepared on a scale surpassing precedent, he was stretched under the surgeon's knife, to save, if might be, his life at all. The pity of it, the irony of it "Too bad!"

Still, there is a fine side to it all. The sorrow of a people is more distinguished than their exclamations. Death or disease, before the King was stricken, more than once had made his household a partner in his empire, with every household in his empire, and on Tuesday pain made him more than a King, made him a brother of all his people. In exclamations there may be thrift, fawning or hyperbole. In tears there is none. Under the wand of sorrow even enmity converts to sympathy and hate to tenderness transmutes. Tragedy is the case of peasant or prince, or in hut or palace, is a factor that makes for humanity and works toward love. The King of England as a sufferer may be said to have won a tribute from mankind; that, like mercy, becomes the throne monarch better than his crown.

THE LITTLE MINSTREL.

His hands are soiled, his throat is hoarse, His face is streaked with dirt and thin, And many a slip is in the air He plays upon his violin; A sadness dwells within his eyes, And scowls are ragged on his feet, And scowls are ragged on his feet, The little minstrel in the street. There by the curb he plays away Where flakes float past and winds blow chill, And maybe, as the critics say, He lacks the tortured artist's skill— But now and then a little strain Played faultlessly and soft and sweet Floats up from where he stands out there, The little minstrel in the street. Say, ragged little minstrel, why Must people listen but to hear The false note, ever passing by The strain that rises soft and clear? Oh, it were well with us if we Might in our own ways sound the sweet And faultless notes as oft as he— The little minstrel in the street. —S. E. Kiser.

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Henry VIII.

Henry VIII. was enormously fat and easily overheated. At the slightest exertion his face became purple.

Soldierly Birds.

On a parade ground at Calcutta are several adjutants, or argalats. These birds, which belong to the stork tribe, walk up and down the ground, and they look so much like soldiers that at a distance strangers often mistake them for grenadiers.

Saxony.

Of all German states Saxony has the densest population, 281.1 to the square kilometer, while in the empire at large it is 104.2.

Mineral Waters.

An enormous capital is invested in the mineral water industry in Great Britain. It is probably not overestimated the figure to put it at £15,000,000, while the workers employed will number not far short of 100,000.

German Drug Stores.

In Germany there is one physician to every 2,058 persons, but only one drug store to every 10,393 persons.

Gold Pens.

Gold pens are now usually tipped with iridium. The bits of this metal are laid in notches at the point of the pen, then fastened on with flux, being afterward ground and polished for use.

Pineapples.

Pineapples, either raw or cooked, are recommended to persons with weak throat.

Rifle Muzzle Velocity.

It appears that the greatest velocity of a rifle ball is not at the muzzle, but some distance in front. An average of ten-shots with the German infantry rifle has shown a muzzle velocity of 2,008 feet per second, with a maximum velocity of 2,132 feet per second at ten feet from the muzzle.

Siam Likes Odd Numbers.

The number of rooms in a house, of windows or doors in a room, even of rungs of a ladder, in Siam must always be odd.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

Central American Papers. There are more daily newspapers in Costa Rica than in any other Central American republic. The natives of the other Central American countries rely almost exclusively on weekly and monthly publications.
WABASH. Miss Ida Ross is visiting at London. Mrs. Savilla Dougherty is recovering from her recent illness. Ike Kelly has returned from visiting his brother George, of Pontiac. Arthur Henderson, is working at Mr. George Liberty's, of Wyanotte, Mich., is visiting her parents. George Kelley, Jr., of Pontiac, is visiting relatives here. John Hawkins is sick with the quincy.
BETHEL. Miss Hattie Road is spending a week with friends on the Creek Road. Mrs. G. Purser is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ferguson, at St. Thomas. John Forbear made a flying trip to Thanesville on Saturday. Albert Perzer, of Pontiac, Mich., was visiting friends here last week. Mrs. Warren Martin, of Chatham, preached here last Sunday. We are pleased to have Rev. John Osterhout to fill Mr. Samuel's place on this circuit for the balance of the year.
FLETCHER. The farmers are getting too much grain. Miss A. Ouellette, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, is the guest of Miss Rita Barry this week. Mrs. Miller and daughter, of Chatham, visited friends in the village this week. P. T. Barry, spent Saturday in Detroit, on business. The lawn social given by the young people of St. Patrick's church, Raleigh, was a grand success. Miss Barry won the clock in a contest with Miss Brown by a large sum of money. Miss Khalen, of Detroit, is home for the holidays. Miss A. Flynn, teacher, has gone to Chatham to spend the vacation with her parents. Miss Harwood is the guest of Mrs. Hawkins this week. Miss Lizzie Stewart left on Friday to spend the holidays with her mother in Detroit.
EBERTS. The cold wet weather has been very injurious to the corn crop here. A number of I. O. O. F. from Chatham and Dresden, with our local brethren, will attend service at Chatham church next Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Neilly will preach a special sermon for the occasion. The Brethren celebrated Dominion Day with a feast and Gospel services in the town hall here. The Mission Band held their annual quilting bee at Mrs. Nell Cummings' last Thursday. John Forsyth, Jr., gave a very interesting address on National Prosperity last Thursday evening at prayer meeting. Miss H. French and Miss A. Mackness are spending a few days in Detroit. Miss Rowe has returned to her home to spend holidays. Miss Maggie Melanac is spending her holidays with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Hatheway, of Ann Arbor, have returned after visiting at Mr. Catton's.

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