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Hamilton Aldermen Have Their Friends Retained by the City.

Another Victim for the G. T. R. Express—Street Ry. Will Carry Bicycles for Five Cents—St. George's Day With the Churches—A Hamilton Lady's Accident—Musical and Dramatic Matters—General News.

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special.)—"Aldermanic interference" would make a serviceable peg for the Aldermen to hang a few remarks on at to-morrow evening's meeting of the City Council. A few days ago an employe of the Waterworks Department, after being discharged, because there was no work for him, was reinstated at the instance of a protesting alderman. Yesterday, Ward Foreman Seeley discharged a man, named O'Neil, because of lack of work, but an energetic alderman friend took O'Neil to the foreman and told him to go to work again. And he went back. It is an old story, this interfering and meddling with the duties of heads of departments. The citizens would prefer that heads of departments should have sole power to employ and discharge men, as it is considered that they are the best judges as to what is required.

Killed on the Toronto Track.

An elderly man, named William Moss, whose home was at 56 Lock-street south, started out to go fishing near the Valley Inn yesterday morning. He took the Grand Trunk track along the bay side, and had reached the three-quarter mile post from the Stuart-street Station, when he was struck by the fast speeding engine of the Toronto express and hurled into the ditch, mangled and dead. The unfortunate man was struck on the back of the head. Deceased leaves a widow and a family of five or six children. He was employed at the Rolling Mills.

An inquest was opened yesterday afternoon at the City Hospital by Coroner Griffin, with Mr. J. W. Boyd as foreman. After viewing the remains the enquiry was adjourned until to-morrow evening at No. 8 Police Station.

A Boon to Bicyclists.

The Street Railway Company have been making the exorbitant charge of 10 cents for carrying a bicycle, but the announcement has been made that hereafter the charge shall be only 5 cents.

Society Sermons.

The annual sermon to the members of St. George's Society, in commemoration of St. George's Day, was preached in All Saints' Church this afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Canon Forneret. The members were accompanied to church by members of St. Andrew's Society, I. O. R. Society, and the Sons of England Society. During the service musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Frank Wanzer, Mrs. Pitman, Mr. Daniel Robinson and Mr. Sidney G. Dunn. The offertory was in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Society.

In connection with the seventy-ninth anniversary of the institution of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a special sermon was preached this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Beavis in the First Congregational Church. There were present, in addition to the members of Hamilton district, the Burlington, Wentworth and Royal Encampments, Canton Hamilton and Justitia Rebekah Lodge. The collection was on behalf of the Aged Odd Fellows' Home of Ontario.

The 13th at Church.

The 13th Regiment attended divine service at All Saints' Church this morning, where Rev. Mr. Forneret, rector of the church, and chaplain of the regiment, preached an appropriate sermon, in the course of which he referred to the Spanish-American war. He said it was not proper for him, an officer in a British regiment, to say much about the trouble, but his prayer in the matter was that "right would be victorious." The regiment paraded 325 strong, under command of Lieut.-Col. McLaren. The red coats never looked better and the line of march was thronged with spectators.

Death of "Barney" McCowell.

Mr. Bernard J. McCowell, better known as "Barney" McCowell, died at his residence, 99 Ray-street north, at 10.30 this morning. The cause of his death was pneumonia, from which he had been ill but a few days. He had been for 21 years baggage master at the Stuart-street Station. He was very popular among his fellow employes and his pleasant manner and genial disposition in the discharge of his duties were noted by all those who came in contact with him.

High Rollers or Low Rollers?

One of the questions to be determined at to-morrow evening's session of the City Council is whether the aldermen will be high rollers or low rollers. If high rollers, they will accept the recommendation of the Board of Works and buy a Pitts roller, costing $3300; if low rollers, the city fathers will expend $670 in putting into shape the old machine that has been in a state of innocuous desuetude these many years. Ald. Dunn, who is working hard to get useful and not too expensive streets, says the city must have a first-class roller. Those who have some faith in the repaired old roller say it will do all the work required.

Cut an Artery.

Mr. Read Weaver, carpenter, 201 York-street, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. He was working with an adze, when the tool slipped and struck his left leg, severing a large artery. He lost considerable blood before he could reach Dr. Rodgers' surgery, where the doctor attended to the wound.

Thrown Out of the Wagon.

Mr. "Tommy" Stout, Barton-street east, while doing business on Main-street east last evening, left his wife in his wagon outside. While she was waiting, a runaway horse and rig came tearing along and dashed into Mr. Stout's wagon, throwing Mrs. Stout out violently. Dr. Baugh was called. He found that she was suffering from shock only, no bones being broken, fortunately.

Musical and Dramatic Matters.

Organist C. J. Dixon, Mus. Bach., of the Church of the Ascension, gave his monthly recital after morning service to-day, rendering in a finished manner compositions by Mendelssohn, Schumann, Schubert and Batiste. The recitals are greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The soloist at next Tuesday evening's concert by the 13th Band will be Mrs. Martin-Murphy. At the opening concert last Tuesday evening the band kept up its reputation as an A-1 rain maker, but, rain or fair, the concerts will be given each Tuesday evening.

The Garrick Club's spring performance has been set for May 13 at the Grand Opera House. The play will be "The Paper Chase," those taking part being Messrs. W F Ambrose, J D Crerar, E J Dillon, F B Greening, Clement Marsland, F A H Sitwell, Mrs H C Simonds and Misses Madeleine Bell, Lillian Ottaway and Bessie Walker. Mr. P. D. Crerar will be stage manager.

On Tuesday evening an amateur performance of the domestic drama "Ambition" will be given at the Grand by members of the I. O. O. F.

That Rymal Fight.

The inquest on the death of John Fuller, the Winona young man who was mixed up in a fight at Rymal a week or so ago, will be resumed to-morrow evening, when Drs. Carr and Simpson will be prepared to give their report of the post-mortem examination held by them. It appears to be the general impression that Fuller's death was due to pneumonia and not to injuries received during the fight. His most serious wound was a scalp cut about an inch and a half long.

Among the Churches.

The anniversary services of Wentworth Presbyterian Church were held to-day. The preacher was Rev. Robert Johnston of London.

Large congregations attended the anniversary services at the Barton-street Methodist Church to-day. The preachers were Rev. A. C. Crews of Toronto and Rev. G. K. Adams of Gore-street Methodist Church.

To-day was missionary day at Gore-street Methodist Church, and appropriate sermons were preached by Rev. S. E. Marshall of Barton-street Methodist Church and the pastor.

Rev. Robert McCosh of Chatham preached at both services at the Church of St. Thomas to-day.

An illustrated song service, entitled "The Story in Song," was given this evening in the Victoria-avenue Baptist Church.

The First White Child.

Mrs. Macdonald, mother of Mr. William Macdonald of the Rod and Gun Hotel, Mr. Lewis Macdonald of the Board of Health and Mr. Fred Macdonald of Detroit, died yesterday at her Peter-street home. Deceased was 71 years old and was the first white child born in Garafraxa Township. The funeral took place this afternoon.

Dr. Lyle on the War.

Rev. S. Lyle, D. D., this evening preached a sermon on "War" at the Central Church. He spoke with much force on the roots and fruits of war. The roots were lust for territory, lust for gold and lust for fame. In referring to the thoughtless causes that sometimes brought about war, Dr. Lyle was severe on the yellow press, which was often as responsible for war as the silly gossipers round the throne during the early days of English history. Nations, he said, might any day be embroiled in war by a venal and scandalous press. In closing, he said he would venture to predict that between the Americans and the Spaniards, the race of progress, civilization and hardy individuality would succeed. He trusted, however, that peace would be speedily brought about.

Disappointed Burglars.

The offices of the Simcoe canning factory and the Dundurn Flour Mills, York-street, were broken into last night, but the burglars got only a few stamps for their trouble.

News Briefs.

Lieut. E. W. Morrison of the Fourth Battery has gone to the Kingston School of Gunnery to take a month's course.

Mr. H. Obermeyer has been elected secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, succeeding Mr. P. Obermeyer, who resigned.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold its convention this year in Hamilton, opening Sept. 23.

The funeral of Walter Fedlar, who died at the city hospital last Friday, took place this afternoon, and was conducted by Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which deceased was a member.

The Police Commissioners are meeting almost daily to complete the revision of the police manual.

Ex-Mayor Tuckett has returned from Bermuda. He reports that Sheriff Murton, who is there for his health, is no better.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

"Dorothy" at the Princess To-night.

The Cummings Opera Company will open its second week at the Princess Theatre to-night in "Dorothy," which promises to be even a greater success than "The Mandarin." "Dorothy" is one of the most delightful of comic operas, and on its last presentation here some years ago at the Grand delighted large audiences. It is full of bright gems and has a pretty story, while the comedy is most witty and, in the hands of Messrs. Soloman and Lodge, is bound to create no end of fun. Mr. Hubert Wilke's beautiful baritone voice will be heard to good advantage in the role of Sherwood. Mr. Wilke is undoubtedly the best baritone on the comic opera stage to-day and his solo, "You are Queen of My Heart To-night," will certainly prove a treat. Mr. Harold Blake, who made such a favorable impression last week, will have a better opportunity in the part of "Wilder," and this clever tenor is bound to score another success. The cast that will present "Dorothy" to-night is probably the best that has ever presented the opera in Toronto, and as every member has appeared in the opera before, an excellent performance is assured. It will be elaborately staged with special scenery, while the costumes will also be new. Through the kind permission of the Country and Hunt Club, Mr. Cummings has secured the hounds, which will be seen in the second act, making a most picturesque scene. The finale, which was arranged by Mr. Joseph Nicol, the musical director, and introduced last week in "The Mandarin," will be repeated. He has happily blended together "Yankee Doodle," "Way Down South in Dixie," "The Campbells Are Coming," "Royal Grenadiers," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Marching Through Georgia," and "God Save the Queen," the principals singing "God Save the Queen" and the chorus the other airs.

The Latest "Fun Show."

The New York Journal's funny play, "McFadden's Row of Flats," with its two Yellow Kids, Alec and George, is likely to be greeted by a series of overcrowded houses at the Toronto this week. This is the farcical review which in a few short months has gained the distinction of being the merriest play of the season. It is said to be a hundred per cent. brighter, neater and wittier than "Hogan's Alley," which created such a furore here a few months

ago, and to require pretty nearly three times as many artists in its production. The two Yellow Kids are a big feature of this entertainment, and are played by the Speck Brothers, midgets. Among the specialists with the company are the four emperors of music, Howard, Russell, Edwards and Whiting; the six Harrison Sisters, Charley Loder, Richard Mullen and George Leslie, comedians; Estelle Wellington, finnesse; Annie Dunn, Lizzie Conway and others. The engagement is for one week, with "bargain matinees" as usual on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

At the Bijou.

This week another high-class vaudeville show will be presented. The favorites of America, the Troubadour Four, will introduce new songs and their original bee and monkey songs; Les Vougeres, in eccentric singing and dancing, assisted by Mlle. Funny and his pet Mexican dog; Weber and Hughes, comedy musical artists; George W. Moore, the inimitable monologue artist; James W. Bingham, the ventriloquist and his exclusive novelties; German and West, comedy singing and dancing.

Mlle Toronta's Concert.

The date of Mlle. Florence Toronta's appearance in her native city will be Tuesday, May 17. The event will be under the patronage of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen and under the immediate patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Miss Mowat, Colonel Sir Casimir and Lady Gzowski and Sir George and Lady Kirkpatrick, who will be present. The subscribers' list opens at Massey Hall on Thursday morning at the same time as the list for the Joseph Hofmann piano recital, which takes place on May 10.

The Coming of Dan Godfrey.

The director of the tour of Lieut. Dan Godfrey and his famous band, Mr. Charles A. E. Harriss, was in the city yesterday at the Queen's Hotel. Mr. Harriss has just paid a flying visit to every Canadian city between Halifax and Toronto. He finds that everywhere the coming of the greatest bandmaster of modern times, with his famous musicians, the cream of the Guards regiments, is arousing the greatest anticipation. In the eastern cities, where details are farther advanced, the visit of the band is under the highest authorities, military and civil, and is being made the occasion of a public holiday and a grand popular demonstration. Special trains are being run from surrounding places, and the only difficulty anticipated is finding a building sufficiently large to accommodate the people, the rinks and drill halls being utilized, instead of the opera houses, which are found too small. In Montreal seating accommodation will be provided in the Immense Armouries there for 7000 people. The band is due to be in Toronto on the last two days in May.

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TO AID CANADIAN FARMERS

Dominion Illustration Stations Scheme Before the House Committee.

Proposal to Give the Same Instruction in General Farming as is Afforded by the Government Dairy Stations—Outline of the Scheme—As Good as a Klondike Investment.

Ottawa, April 23.—(Special.)—Yesterday morning, by direction of Hon. S. A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying, presented to the House of Commons Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, the following possible plan for the establishment and maintenance of Dominion illustration stations for farmers. This would be an important advance in the direction of further help by the Government, intended to assist the farmers in every county to obtain the largest returns from their farms and their labors.

"Illustration Stations" for Farmers.

The most important direct aids to agriculture given by the Dominion Government are:

1. The establishment and maintenance of Dominion dairy stations, whereby the making of butter in creameries during the winter has been introduced into all parts of Canada, and by means of which co-operative dairying has been established in districts where it was unknown;

(2) The cold storage service for the carriage of perishable food products;

(3) The imparting of information on the needs and preferences of markets which can be supplied with Canadian products, and the making of trial shipments of the same;

(4) The maintenance of experimental farms;

(5) Encouragements to agricultural societies, chiefly in the Northwest Territories; and,

(6) Protection of live stock interests by veterinary service and quarantine.

During the last ten years very marked progress has been made in improving the quality of manufactured farm products, such as butter and cheese, and in feeding live stock profitably. There has been much less improvement in the method of cultivating crops, in the selection and general use of the most productive varieties of cereals, grasses and roots, and in maintaining the fertility of soils.

Research and Illustration.

Every experiment is capable of rendering a two-fold service. It may discover what was before unknown; and it may illustrate and demonstrate the application in a profitable way of principles and methods which are not new. It is seldom advantageous to combine in one experiment the objects of research and illustration. It is always a good plan to concentrate effort and attention on a few things, until some real progress has been made. The hurried multiplication of experiments, without definite comprehensive plans, may cause amazement, but they seldom yield practical service. The history of experiment stations maintained by the Governments in all lands shows a general tendency towards making them, or letting them become, "show places," having in consequence a very limited range of usefulness. Too much Barnumism renders no service to science or to farmers.

Information Presented in a Helpful Way

When any principle or method that may be applied to farm management has been discovered as a good one, the information about it should be given in such a way that it will be as soon as possible beneficial to those for whom it is intended. There is great danger of valuable information being buried in bulky printed reports beyond the hope of resurrection. For men who are mostly employed in working with material things, such as land, farm tools, animals and products, illustrations should be given (1) where they can see them, (2) in such a way that they can readily understand them, and (3) so that they will be attracted to learn and to put the lessons into practice.

The dairying service of the Department has been useful in that way through the Dairy Illustration Stations. These have been object lessons which the farmers could readily see and copy from.

A similar system suited to illustrate—that is to make clear—the relative productiveness of different varieties of grains, of roots, and of fodder plants, would be readily accepted and acted upon by the farmers. The quality and quantity of crops which could be obtained on the same land, in the same season, from different methods of tillage, might be illustrated in such a way as to quickly cause nearly all the farmers who saw them to put the best methods into practice on their own farms.

Local Organizations to Co-operate.

To accomplish that I would recommend that some local organization of farmers, such as a farmers' institute, an agricultural society, or farmers' club, should provide an "illustration field," or "illustration station," to be used in the way and for the purpose indicated. In any county where one of these organizations was not disposed to do so, I would propose that the County Council, or the township or parish council should be assisted to provide a small "illustration station." No property need be purchased, and there would not be any necessity for engaging a local superintendent on salary. From 10 to 20 acres of suitable soil should be arranged for. It should be fairly uniform in character, situated near the market town, beside a public road, and, where practicable, close to a school house.

The Farmers' Institute or other local organization might arrange with the farmer occupying the land, to conduct the "illustration work," according to directions which would be furnished from the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The illustration field for a county need not be permanently in one locality. The illustrations might be given in one place for a year or two, and then in some other locality, after they had served their purpose in the first place.

Government to Provide Plan and Seed.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture should provide the plan in general and in detail. For each locality it should aim at the accomplishment of something definite, in introducing varieties of seeds, methods of cultivation and improvement in the fertility of the soils. The work to be carried on at each "illustration station" or field should be directly adapted to furnish information to the farmers on what would be useful to them in their district at once.

The plan should be simple and clear, in order to make it as effective as possible in affecting the practice and products of the neighborhood. For instance, one-fourth of an acre, each of the four different varieties of oats might be grown side by side. The rule should be to grow not more than four varieties of any one kind of grain. One-eighth of an acre might be grown of each of the four different varieties of carrots and of four different varieties of potatoes.

For illustration of different methods of culture, one-quarter of an acre of some suitable variety of Indian corn for fodder might be sown broadcast; one-quarter of an acre in rows two feet apart, with the seeding quite thick in each row; another fourth of an acre with the corn in rows three feet apart, and cultivated according to the best known methods; and a fourth one-quarter of an acre with the corn three feet apart, but left uncultivated. Such an illustration of methods of corn-growing would result in a general adoption by the farmers of the best methods. Similar illustrations should be given of methods of cultivating other crops.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture should provide the seeds, and compensate the occupier of the land, who would be superintendent of the illustrations, for the expense incurred in the extra labor of sowing and cultivating the comparatively small plots.

I estimate that the expense to the Government for the seeds and such compensation for labor would amount to from $50 to $100 per "illustration field," according to the size and work. This would be a means of obtaining a large measure of volunteer service from a great number of leading farmers, in spreading information in a thoroughly practical way throughout the localities in which they lived.

Traveling Inspectors and Lectures.

A practical farmer with a good knowledge of business methods, and ability to express himself clearly in writing and in public speaking, should be secured as traveling inspector and lecturer for each group of twenty or twenty-five "illustration stations." The information which they would gather at these stations during the summer would furnish most useful material for meetings of farmers held to discuss agriculture during the winter months.

I estimate that if 100 "illustration stations" were in existence in Canada at suitable centres, each would be visited during the year by from 500 to 1000 farmers, who would examine the work carefully for the purpose of learning all that could be transferred into the management of their own farms.

The Klondike Would Not be in It.

I think by that means the quantity of crops could be increased at least 25 per cent., from the same acreage, without extra expense, within ten years. That would mean an annual increase of wealth for all time afterwards; and the educational value of the "illustration stations" to the farmers themselves and their families, would go on growing in a manner that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The annual value of the crops from the farms in Canada is estimated variously at from $220,000,000 to $270,000,000. In a few years the increased value of the farm crops traceable to these "illustration stations" would amount to so many millions a year that even the Klondike would not be in it, by comparison, as a means of enriching the people of Canada.

Estimate of Costs.

I estimate that the expenditure to be made by the Dominion Government for giving effect to this scheme would amount to from $100 to $200 for each station, including the administration and the traveling inspectors and lecturers. In the course of three years there might be an "illustration station" in each county.

For the encouragement of those who sought to excel in carrying on the work the Government might arrange to award a gold medal to the superintendent in each group of stations who conducted the work in every respect in the best way. Silver and bronze medals might be given to the others in the order of merit.

Then a special provincial medal might be provided for the most successful superintendent in each province, and also one grand Dominion medal and diploma, which would confer great honor on the one fortunate enough to win it. These would cost very little in proportion to the good they would do.

Pigs and Poultry to be Included.

After a few years, the plan might very well include methods for increasing the fertility of the soils by the growth of such crops as clovers, peas, beans, etc.

It would not be desirable to take up any illustration work with live stock in connection with these stations, except, perhaps, with pigs and poultry. With modifications to suit the nature of the work, the plan could be applied to the establishment and maintenance of "illustration stations" for these two branches of live stock; and very great benefits would result from illustrating the best methods of selecting breeds, and of rearing, housing and feeding them.

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