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MORE WORK AND LESS TALK.

When Parliament opens at Ottawa next week will the wordy war of last session be renewed? Sir Charles, fresh from talking an average of two hours at fifty-six meetings on his western tour, will no doubt feel equal to a six or seven hour stretch again this session while the younger Tupper is said to have been loading himself up again. Mr. Derwin, too, will probably be as anxious as ever to hear the music of his own voice, and burden Hansard with speeches which nobody ever reads. Last session's Hansard makes up three large volumes and is so bulky that scarcely any person will ever think of searching through the vast amount of rubbish which it contains to find a few grains of something substantial. If the Opposition would boil their speeches down to reasonable length they would be published more fully by the press, be read more generally by the public and when placed in the official report might be more frequently referred to than those of last session are. The voluminousness of their speeches last session was a weakness instead of strength to their cause, and if they hope to make any impression on the country at the approaching session, they will curtail their efforts, and give more point to their effusions, that is if they have anything wherewith to point them.

STILL AT THEIR FAVORITE WORK.

The chief Conservative organ in Ontario and some of its satellites are still engaged in the work of endeavoring to sow discord by misrepresenting the action of the Government and of French-Canadian Liberals in reference to the Canadian contingents, special reference being made in this connection to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Tarte. This is done by garbling the speeches of the Premier and attributing to Mr. Tarte statements in a paper published by his sons and endeavoring to make it appear that these are the words of Mr. Tarte himself. In referring to any dissent that may have been made by French Canadians either to the sending of the contingents at all, to the sending of them without authority from Parliament, or to the full payment of them by Canada while engaged in service, care is taken to quote only the utterances of Liberals, anything of that kind which may been said by Conservatives being carefully suppressed. If they wanted to be fair they should present all that Sir Wilfrid said at Sherbrooke, when he frankly confessed that the readiness with which the French-Canadians responded to the call of the mother country was from different motives than that from which British Canadians responded, the latter being bound to do it by the strongest tie which exists, that of blood, while the latter were impelled by gratitude and a desire to see this country united. They would also quote Mr. Tarte's clearest avowal of his loyalty at the same place, the patriotic address of the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec to part of the departing troops of the second contingent, the words of the speech from the throne put into his mouth by Liberal advisers at the opening of the Quebec Legislature, and the unequivocal declarations of loyalty and acquiescence in the principle of Canada assisting in the defence of the Empire made by Conservative and Liberal alike in the debate in reply.

It was hoped that such a policy of misrepresentation and such an attempt to create division was not a part of the course to be pursued by the Conservative leaders when the House meets in a few days. The persistency with which some of the organs continue their disreputable work leads to a fear that it will be indulged in there, too. It seems almost impossible to believe that any party should endeavor to secure a renewal of power by any such contemptible methods, and if they do there can be little doubt that they will make just as great a failure as they did by their blundering method of handling the Manitoba school question in 1896.

SIDE LIGHTS.

The fact that there fifty-six veterans of the Fenian Raid of 1866 and 1870 in and about St. Thomas is good evidence that the older citizens when young were as ready to defend their own land as the younger ones are to take part in the defence of the Empire at present. The idea of having the medals distributed at the patriotic concert is a good one and will no doubt give an additional interest to that event.

Whatever municipal action may be recommended by the finance committee and adopted by the city council in reference to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the sum which may be granted cannot be very large, and ought to be supplemented not only by the amount which will be raised by the coming concert, but by such subscriptions as citizens would be willing to give. The calling of a public meeting to organize a committee would be a move which it is believed would be generally approved. If this does not come within the scope of the communication to the mayor from the Lieutenant-Governor on the matter, it can easily be effected by a requisition of citizens to the mayor requesting him to call a meeting for that purpose.

It is a matter of satisfaction that the charges of discrimination of freights and of secret rebates being given by the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Railways to the Standard Oil Company is to be made a matter of investigation by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council commencing on January 30th. The price of Canadian oil has been advanced by the Standard monopoly five cents a gallon, of which four cents a gallon is additional profit to the company, only one cent, it is said, going to the producers of crude petroleum. Besides the alleged secret rebates it is stated that the rate on oil from Sarnia to Montreal is twenty-five cents per hundred weight, while from Black Rock to Montreal a distance of seventy-seven miles less, it is thirty-five cents per hundred weight. The refineries of the Standard Oil Company are situated at Sarnia and Petrolea.

Conan Doyle, the author, thinks a monument should be erected to the memory of Paul Kruger with this inscription: "To the memory of the man who federated the British Empire." Goldwin Smith thinks the Transvaal war has rung the death knell of Imperial Federation. As far as the trend of public opinion can be discerned at present the former has gauged it much more correctly than the latter. It is true the idea has not passed entirely out of the nebulous state yet, but it is fast assuming shape, and by the time the war is over will be nearer practical realization than its most ardent advocates dreamed of a few years ago.

The economical management of the public institutions of Ontario has been pointed out time and again. The latest report shows that at the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville the average cost is $166.09 per year. The Catholic Male Institution of the Province of Quebec charges each pupil $168 per year, and receives a grant of $86 per pupil from the Government besides, as well as private contributions, bringing the total cost up to about $100 more per year than in Ontario. In the United States 9,252 mutes are educated by different states, the cost varying from $168 per year in Georgia, the lowest, still a trifle higher than Ontario, to $465 in the District of Columbia, nearly three times what it is in this province, while the average cost for the whole of the states from which statistics have been obtained is $293.58 per year, or $127 more than in Ontario. In our own Province of New Brunswick it is $205, or $39 higher.

LITERARY NOTES.

Sheldon's Remarkable Books.

We have received from The Poole Publishing Company, of Toronto, a copy of "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong," by Charles M. Sheldon, the well known author of "In His Steps." The book contains over 200 pages, and is a tragic tale showing how a noble man, who endeavored to exemplify the spirit of Christ, was opposed and persecuted. The story is one of intense vigor and pathos. It will secure a wide reading, and it should make a deep impression upon every reader. The Poole Publishing Company have eight of Sheldon's books at fifteen cents each, in attractive paper covers, or thirty cents in cloth covers, postpaid. They are the most widely read books of this generation. For sale at all bookstores.

An older "institution" than St. Nicholas itself is pictured in the frontispiece of the February number of the only American magazine for young folks—to wit, the Sphinx; and picturesque facts about that prehistoric Egyptian creature—facts with which all children should be, but are not, familiar—are set forth by Emma J. Arnold, with illustrations by Harry Fenn and Malcolm Fraser. The "Unsuccessful Colony," to which Elbridge S. Brooks introduces his little group of historical travellers, was New Albion, sometimes called Plowden's Patent, in honor of Sir Edmund Plowden, to whom Charles I. made a large grant which the patentee was never able to turn to account—a grant that included a considerable part of the Middle Atlantic States.

The last of the "body" articles in the February Century is the one that will doubtless attract the most attention. This is the first instalment of hitherto unpublished extracts from the private diary of Dr. B. E. O'Meara, Napoleon Bonaparte's physician at St. Helena. The original manuscript of this journal, in eighteen little volumes, has come into the possession of The Century Co., and is found to afford a surprisingly large amount of new material in the way of conversations with the exiled Emperor. These "Talks with Napoleon" will form an important feature of The Century during the year 1900. The editor has evidently had in mind the multide of visitors to the French Exposition in organizing the series on "Paris of Today," by Richard Whiteing, author of "No 5 John Street" and "The Island." The first of these papers, "Paris Revisited," appears in this number. Mr. Whiteing, who knows his Paris as few Englishmen know it, takes a bird's-eye view of the city from the Eiffel Tower; but his comments and criticisms on the people and their governmental machine are at least as piquant as his descriptive passages.

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Jan. 25.—We are pleased to note that Mr. R. C. Scott has commenced to buy hogs again at this place, the first lot going out last Tuesday.—Capt. John Taylor, of the dredge, has gone to Buffalo on a business trip.—Mrs. Mariatt and Nellie left on Thursday for a month's visit to friends and relatives in St. Marys.—Capt. Burger, who has ploughed the "raging main" for many years, has concluded that sailing through life can be better accomplished by the assistance of a helpmate. Therefore on the approaching shades of Thursday evening the 19th inst., he was joined in happy wedlock to Miss Alice Henderson, contracting parties both of this place. We extend our congratulations and trust the remainder of the voyage in life may prove a very pleasant one.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cooper have gone to Buffalo for a few days.—Miss Grace Raymond, of Tilsonburg, is the guest of her sister, Myrtle, for two weeks.—The Oddfellows have improved the appearance of their hall greatly by the addition of some much needed repairs.—Elder Carey exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Cuthbert, of Eden on Sunday evening.—Cornelius Johnson, who controls the eastern mail route, has also absorbed the route between this place and Tilsonburg.

The Paris Exposition will not be the only spectacle worth seeing on the continent of Europe this year. The Oberammergau Passion Play, which is given every ten years, will be produced this summer. The programme is finally made out, and 27 performances are promised. The Oberammergau play is the most famous of the survivals of the medieval type of religious drama.

OUR NEIGHBORS

NEW SARUM

Jan. 24.—Mr. Geo. Blackwell, who has been undergoing an operation in a Montreal hospital, has returned to his home in this village.—Mr. Mark Miller and Chas. Percy spent Sunday out of the village.—Mr. Greenway, of Manitoba, who lately purchased Mr. Seba O. Sanders' farm, has moved thereon.—Mr. L. D. Close is remodelling a house in Vienna for Mr. Alfred Chivers.—A carload of walnut timber was shipped from this depot last week to Hamilton, thence to England, by Bradley & Co., of Hamilton.—Miss Erma Fonger is on the sick list.—Rev. Mr. Spencer has returned from Port Burwell, where he has been assisting Rev. Mr. Cary with revival services.—Miss Louisa Hawley is visiting her uncle, of Calton.—Mr. H. Brush is not improving much.—The Christian Endeavor Convention of Elgin will be held in the Baptist church, of this place, Feb 23.—Mr. Geo. Leister, jr., is on the mend.—Mr. Neil Close and Miss Melissa North spent Sunday with Mr. Thomas Penhale, of North Yarmouth.—Miss Miza Nelson, of Alvinston, who has been visiting Miss Ethelean Tisdale and other friends, of this place, has returned.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Penhale, New Sarum, on the 24th inst., a son.

MOSPETH

Rev. G. F. Kerr, of Thamesville conducted a missionary service in the Methodist church on last Sabbath morning.—Mr. W. Snyder is able to be out again after being confined to the house for over a month from the effects of an injury to one of eyes, which it was feared he would lose the sight of at one time.—We regret to state that Dr. A. J. Stevenson, one of the most successful physicians ever located here, has sold his practice and will move to Ridgetown.—Mr. James White and wife, who have spent the last three months in England visiting relatives, have returned home.—Mr. James Hurst has again been appointed assessor for Howard.—Mr. Alex Robinson who died at Blenheim on Friday from the effects of the hardships he experienced while in the Klondike, was formerly of this village, where he spent his boyhood.—Miss Hattie Goff, Talbot street, who has been so very ill for the past six weeks, is still confined to her bed.—The McCormick Bros., Talbot street, were recently offered $4,500 for the timber on their farm by a Chicago firm, but will not close the bargain unless they receive $5,000.—The gas well recently secured by Mr. C. Geddes, Talbot street, has given out, but Mr. Geddes is again drilling, and we trust this venture will prove successful.—A drama entitled "The District School of Olden Times" will be presented on the evening of Feb. 16th, in the A. O. U. W. hall, under the auspices of the Guild in connection with St. John's church. The drama has been presented in several cities, and proved a decided success wherever heard.

VIENNA

Jan. 23.—Again death has visited our town and taken from our midst Mrs. Saxton, widow of Mr. Lot Saxton, who died about nine years ago. Mrs. Saxton has been ill for several months from a complication of diseases. The family consists of one son, Herbert, who with his wife and family reside at the homestead and two daughters, Miss Florence also at home and Miss Belle, at Detroit.—Mrs. Sadler, sister of Mrs. E. W. Gamble and Mrs. T. Pressy, of Putnam, left for the home of the latter on Thursday last.—Mr. and Mrs. David Tull, of Mount Brydges left for their home last week after spending some weeks with Mrs. Tull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Teall.—On Saturday, Jan. 20, born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Chute, a daughter.—Miss Marjorie Franklin, of Walsingham, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Will Chute.—Mrs. Suffel, sr., of Parkhill, is visiting her son, Mr. E. H. Suffel, of this place.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ackley, of St. Johns, Mich., who have been visiting Mrs. Ackley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Briggs, leave on the return trip to their home to-morrow. They will visit at Corinth and Aylmer by the way.—At the meeting of the Vienna School Board last week, the work of appointing a chairman in place of Dr. Hoover, resigned, was left over until the Feb. meeting. Mr. George Ault was elected secretary and treasurer in place of the late J. T. Gamble.—Miss Nellie Teall and her cousin, Miss Addie Graves leave, in a few days for West Lorne where they purpose visiting for a few weeks.—Rev. A. S. Edwards, Miss Edwards and Master Stafford leaves for Toronto on Wednesday the 24th to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Rev. Edwin Edwards to Miss Shepard.—At the meeting of the Cheese and Butter Company on Friday night last, it was decided not to have a milk route on the 1st concession, the company there also agreeing not to send a train on the 2nd concession. Mr. Wm Watts was appointed secretary and salesman of the company, and Mr. Pedlow, treasurer.—Miss Minnie Campbell is very ill with la grippe.

On Saturday last Mr. A. D. McGugan received direct from Scotland two beautiful two year old heifers. These heifers were imported by Mr H. Cargill, M. P. of Bruce County and were the pick of a large importation made by him.

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