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WOMEN IN COUNCIL.

Dr. Chamberlain Tells Them of the Need of County Homes—A Nurse for a Nickel.

The quarterly session of the Woman's Council was held Thursday afternoon and evening, in the theatre of the Normal School, at which a large number of ladies were present.

The address of a woman's touch was illustrated by the acting-president, who concealed the baroness of the table on the platform with a very handsome cover, which she brought with her in a brown paper parcel.

The acting-president, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, occupied the chair.

The president of the Woman's Art Association gave an informal report of the work done, outlining the course and objects, mentioning that 20 lecture courses had been given in the city, at Varsity, Queen's, Halifax and down East.

A representative from the Aberdeen Society detailed the joy that 174 families felt on receipt of parcels of books, and many grateful letters had been received.

Mrs. Wood, from the Humane Society, dwelt on the great importance, and vast magnitude of their work, and cited an instance where she, herself, had induced a person whom for the sake of brevity she would call a "man," to let out his check rein three holes.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in January of \$37.95, and an existing sum to the good of \$57.65.

Miss McLeod, the head of the Victorian Order of Nurses, described what district nursing is, giving examples of cases, also explaining the method of procedure, and the routine of a day's work. This order is intended merely for those classes who cannot afford the cost of a regular nurse, the maximum charge per visit being 50 cents, and from that down to 5 cents.

The following were appointed delegates to Ottawa, the latter five being substitutes: Miss Cox, Mrs. George Kerr, Miss Cayley, Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Edward Lee, Mrs. Francis, Miss Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Thornton.

The Aged Poor.—"Toronto does good, places her poor in jail," is what a Halifax lady said some time ago. The question of the aged poor is being taken up by the Local Council of Women. On this subject the meeting was last evening addressed by Dr. Chamberlain, the municipal inspector of Asylums and Prisons.

"We have the poor," said the Doctor, "and we have to solve the problem of what to do with them. It is an old, old theme. The United States has the nearest ideal system of country in existence, though for the helpless poor Canada has a very complete system."

"Half a century ago things were better, the neighbors did their share, and the churches co-operated, but with increase of population this had to be taken up by the municipalities. There is a change for the worse took place under the 'Wage-earning Act,' designed to operate against hibernators. The municipalities, generally pennurious, found under this act old people could be committed to the common jail, and when they came out at the end of six months they were sent back."

"This system, still in existence, is cruel and much inferior to the farming-out plan."

County Homes.—"The remedy for this existing evil, to my mind," said the Doctor, "is the establishment of county homes over all the Province, but although we have 14 of these, legislation on the part of the Local Legislature is necessary. These homes are not a success, because they are not uniform in management, and there is no law making people enter them and nothing prohibitory as to retaining them. In the United States this is compulsory, and they must stay there, and their system consequently is much better than ours."

Home Defective.—"Also, to my mind, the homes we have in this direction, are not what they should be. The class of honest poor, rendered poor by misfortune or other cause, require more sympathy than those who may be termed dishonest poor, who when young jump no provision for the future."

As Soon Jump Into the Don.—"I have visited the Industrial Home, which is anything but a 'home,' and is a resort for tramps, who break through slowly. The aged poor in the homes are discontented as well. I would as soon go and jump into the Don as go into a home, and I would rather die young than have to live on their diet. The surroundings are not home-like enough, the dieting is not what it should be. These homes are unwholesome. If they were comfortable the inmates would be happy and would have no inclination to wander away, and should the Government see their way clear to establish

RAILWAY NEWS.

The Grand Trunk are having a great deal of trouble with their bridge on the Grand River, near Paris, one of the abutments of which was split in two by the frost of last week. Superintendent Fitzhugh has been on the scene all week; the place has also been visited by Messrs. MacDonnell and Morse. The break was thought to be repaired on Saturday, but the stone-work broke again, and the damage is now greater than it was before.

Two Versions, Both Correct.—Some time ago Mayor Shaw wrote to President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific and General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk, asking if the disagreement between the companies over the Port Arthur Division affected the interchange of passenger traffic at North Bay, or had the freight business also been affected. General Manager Hays replied that the passenger traffic only was affected, while a letter was received from President Van Horne yesterday, stating that the disagreement had affected both freight and passenger traffic.

A railroad official said yesterday that, though these statements were contradictory, they were both correct. The Grand Trunk had abandoned the agreement controlling the percentages on passenger traffic and the Canadian Pacific had disregarded that covering the interchange of freight at North Bay. Still, the Canadian Pacific had to accept freight handed them at North Bay if it came from a Grand Trunk point, but if it originated at a point on their own line they would take it amount by South's Falls. For instance, a settler for the north is coming on a Grand Trunk non-competitive point, and is going to the destination via the C.P.R. He may take the C.P.R. train at the nearest junction point, but his effects will be hauled by the Grand Trunk to North Bay, and there have to be accepted by the Canadian Pacific. To abort the Grand Trunk are willing to interchange freight traffic at North Bay when it pays them to do so.

Good Earnings.—The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending March 14 were \$492,000 in 1898 and \$220,000 in 1897, an increase of \$272,000. The earnings of the Grand Trunk also show an increase, the figures for the week ending March 14 being \$107,000, and for the week ending March 18, 1897 were \$403,556, an increase of \$72,511.

Late William Hamilton's Estate.—The will of William Hamilton, Esq., superintendent of Toronto Waterworks, was filed for probate yesterday in the Probate Court, at the south-west corner of Wilton-crescent and South-west-street, \$5000, subject to a mortgage for \$4000 life insurance, mortgaged for \$800; \$900 in household effects and \$50 in cash. The household effects are divided among the widow and children. The former also getting \$2000 life insurance. The property, by appointment of Mr. Hamilton's will, is to be maintained the daughter Stella until she is of age, when it becomes hers. The balance of the estate of the first wife is to be divided among the sons, who are also residuary legatees. The sons, William Mortimer, Henry James and Frederick Rae, are the executors.

One of the greatest blessings to parents is Mother Graves' Worm Expeller. It effectively dispels worms and gives health in a marvelous manner to the little one.

Wills of Brother and Sister.—Two wills, made by a brother and sister, were entered yesterday in the Surrogate Court. They were made by Peter Nicol, farmer, of York Township, who died in February, and formed a will, property valued at \$12,500, principally in land in King Township. His widow and two sisters, including the deceased's Mary, are named as beneficiaries. Mary Nicol left \$555 in notes to her sister, Jessie Nicol.

Woman's Art Association.—Dr. Tyn Brock, professor of philosophy in the University of Toronto, has kindly consented to lecture before the W.A.A. on the subject of "The Philosophy of Art." Dr. Brock's cultured manner, exquisite diction, philosophic insight and intense appreciation of the spiritual make him a worthy exponent of such a theme. Those who on previous occasions have listened to his lectures are warm in their expressions of pleasure at again hearing him. The lecture will be given at the studio, 80 Canada Life Building, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock.

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More True Bills.—The Sessions grand jury yesterday returned true bills against C. T. Brown, Richard Parson, Archibald Macdonald and Mrs. Sarah Anger on charges of theft, and against John Cochrane, obtaining money by false pretence. Archibald Macdonald was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

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NINETEENTH AGAINST THE EXP. DUTY OW

Henchmen of Americans The Ground at Ottawa.

Canadian Copper Company Want sent State of Affairs to Go S. J. Ritchie Wants the Refining Done in this Country Will Government Do?

Ottawa, March 20.—Opponents of an export duty on copper who consist of the henchmen of Americans now controlling the Ontario mines, are thick on the streets. Among them a tensibly representative citizen, Dr. Struthers and D. non, but their disinterestedness readily realized when it is explained that Dr. Struthers is physician of the Canadian Copper Company, which up the fight against an export duty on copper is a man who has the contract to roast ore for the Canadian Copper Company. The other was distributed to every member of the House a copy of an anonymous letter prepared in advocacy of the export duty, which was signed by Mr. S. J. Ritchie, a large interested party, is anxious to see the smelting and manufacturing of nickel in the Dominion. Mr. Ritchie has prepared, and has caused to be printed, a telling indictment of the Canadian Copper Company, which is a member of Parliament, is believed cannot fail to influence the Government to impose the duty of the export duty, which was signed by the Tariff Act of last year, 10 cents per pound of 2 1/2 tons upon copper.

A heavy point (talked) A heavy point is scored against the Canadian Copper Company, which they have entirely carried out the conditions of a million charter, which was signed in 1886. Hon. W. B. Ives makes following statement:

He was the chairman of the House committee on the House motion at that time, and had refreshed his memory by reading the report of the committee, which was brought before the committee power to establish treating and other any provisions of the Act elsewhere.

The words or elsewhere were not out the committee with of forcing the companies to refine their ores in Canada.

And yet, despite the provision company has been sending all gnet, in the shape of matte, to say for treatment.

Can Blow Either Way. That the opponents of an export nickel can blow hot or cold is one of the warmest champions of the Canadian Copper Company, a member of the committee of the Federated Mining Institute, which was at the recent meeting in Montreal, and was highly important duty and lead manufacturers.

The circular this committee have sent to all members of the Institute, a prohibitory duty, similar to that levied by the United States on nickel, and which is a highly important market for Canadian lead, and which is highly important smelting and manufacturing industry.

A report duty on nickel would closely achieve the same object.

TORPEDO BOAT FOR HALIFAX

Britain Sends a 30-Horse-Power Torpedo Boat to Halifax, N.S., March 20.—According to a dispatch received from the torpedo destroyer Rocket has been ordered to Halifax, and will arrive there on Friday. The craft is one of the torpedo boats owned by Great Britain of the latest design. The specifications of her style commissioned by the British North American station. The sending of the vessel to Halifax is learned in naval circles here.

BRANTFORD FIREMAN DROWNED

Veremans W. Allen Succumbed to the Result of a Bicycle Accident. Brantford, March 19.—W. F. A man of the Fire Department, per at noon to-day. Deceased was first to join the firemen under the system, and was highly respected. He was a wife and two children, a girl. Deceased was cut on his forehead by the handle of the bicycle, the seat broke, and he was thrown to the ground, but he proceeded to his hall. He would not give up. He was taken to the hospital, but he passed away on Tuesday. He was 40 years of age, and was doing well until this when he became worse, and died.

A Comet With a Tail. Cambridge, Mass., March 20.—A comet has been discovered by the Harvard Observatory from Prof. Schaeberle's discovery of a bright comet position March 20, on 5th March. The comet is of the following position: Right ascension 21h 18m 26s; declination 42m 25s. The comet is of the 2nd magnitude, and has a tail 2 1/2 in diameter of the seventh magnitude, has a strong central condensation, and a long tail.

The Great Flancon—Amusement Evening.

Genls Would Surrender the 5th New York. March 19.—The 5th New York publishes the announcement that the surrender of the 5th New York steam yacht Niagara, now near the city of New York, was a result of the vessel of Harlan & Wolff Company, Washington, surrenders his vessel to the Government in the event of hostilities between the States and Spain.