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BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.

A gathering, such as that in connection with the Board of Trade annual banquet, is nothing less than an inspiration.

The committee were exceedingly fortunate in securing the attendance of two outside speakers such as Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. W. H. Hearst. Both are very busy men, Mr. Graham in the House at Ottawa where he is the right hand man of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Mr. Hearst, in Toronto, as head of one of the most important departments of the Ontario Government.

Hon. Mr. Graham traced the history of Canada and showed in succinct terms how the whole structure of Confederation had been based on a spirit of compromise. For a like spirit he earnestly pleaded as between East and the West of to-day and he made an excellent suggestion that it would be a good idea for factory goods producers of the East to meet personally more often with the soil producers of the West.

Hon. Mr. Hearst had a marvellous story to tell with regard to Ontario, the Northern portion of which in recent years there has been such a marvellous development and greatly added territory. It was a big theme handled by Mr. Hearst in a big way.

THE INDIAN RESERVE OUTRAGE.

Reference has been made to the fact that the Borden Government has decided to endeavor to have the courts cancel the sale of the St. Peter's Indian Reserve in Manitoba. This transaction is one of the blackest stains upon the Laurier Administration, and when the full facts of the case are known will astound the people.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, has, during his short term of office, given a great deal of attention to the matter, and after investigating the whole transaction thoroughly has decided that the case be brought before the courts, with the object of having the deal cancelled and the land returned to the Indians from whom it was taken.

The St. Peter's Indian reserve transaction of 1907, by which the Liberal Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier virtually took 48,000 acres of the best land of Manitoba from the poor Indians they were supposed to protect, is a matter that affects the honor of the whole country.

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exercised, for whom the late Government proclaimed to the country it was keeping the lands, were forced to go to these landed gentry, the friends of the government, who obtained the land for a mere pittance, and pay, not twice as much, nor three times as much, but actually eight and ten times as much as Hon. Frank Oliver allowed these speculators and party heeblers to secure it for.

STREET RAILWAY.

There is daylight at last in connection with the Street Railway question. It has been a lengthy process to get matters to the point of unravelling the tangle as between two sets of bondholders, and the recognition of the just rights of citizens for a proper and an up-to-date service, but this thing has now been accomplished. From court to court, and step by step the way has been cleared until now the Corporation is in the position of having made the best offer of purchase.

This means that a loosely drawn franchise yet to run for over a quarter of a century, can be ended and that municipal operation is, possible if so desired. The citizens, of course, will first have to pass upon such things, but at this time there does not seem to be any reason why the city cannot most seriously consider the running of the system. In this regard it should be remembered that we now have another municipal plant in the matter of Hydro-Electric, and that power could be taken from that system. The more of said power used the less the cost to private consumers. On the face of it an interchange as between these two utilities would be of very great all-round advantage.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

His name is Hearst, but he is altogether too live a man to be heard.

Uncle Sam is more and more having "a clean and a sane" July 4th. Now Brantford proposes to have a clean and a sane Old Home week.

Mayor Spence and others associated with the Street Railway outcome are to be congratulated. As for the work of Mr. W. T. Henderson, as City Solicitor; well he has once more demonstrated that he knows how.

Reference has already been made to the splendid annual report of the Brantford Royal Loan and Savings Company. Complete details of last year's operations will be found elsewhere in this issue. Brantfordites are naturally proud of this efficient local institution and of the thoroughly efficient manner in which its affairs are administered.

Paris News

PARIS, Feb. 14.—"Alice in Wonderland," the beautiful extravaganza, which has been played here for the last two nights drew large crowds of both performers and pleased everyone.

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

The Porcelain Tower

Dick Evans sat up in bed and sleepily rubbed his eyes. Again came a cautious knock at his door.

"Come in!" he called impatiently, and as the sleek head of his Chinese house boy appeared in the aperture he added, "What's the matter, Fan Soo?"

Fan Soo closed the door softly and tiptoed to the bed.

"Him Smiss man boy bring chit. Hully up!"

Evans took the note and read the brief cipher message it contained. Then he manufactured a very successful yawn and dismissed the beady-eyed Chinese.

"Breakfast quick! Sabe, San Foo? Dust out of here now!"

Fan Soo dusted out, or it might more aptly be termed as "melting from view."

Alone, Dick Evans worked with lightning rapidity. He was in and out of his bath in a jiffy, quickly dressed in fresh white linen and packing a few valuables in his pockets.

For a long time Smith sat on the floor with his head in his hands. At last he arose and uttered a triumphant whoop.

He darted to a carved chest thrust in one corner and from it dragged a roll of yellow brocade, soiled and dusty and almost falling to pieces with great age.

"If they linger along till dusk I think I can scare them stiff with this priestly garb," he chuckled. "You know one of the traditions connected with this place concerns an old priest of Buddha who starved himself to death for the lower in order to attain celestial rewards. The superstitions say that sometimes the spirit of this old priest comes back to the tower, hungry and forlorn, and cries for food and drink. I shall be that old priest for awhile. Watch me!"

When Smith's tall, gaunt frame was wrapped in the yellow robe and his black snuff on his dark hair Dick confessed himself amazed at the resemblance to a Buddhist priest painted on one of the porcelain panels of the stairway. The disguise was perfect.

The two men sat and talked beside a tiny window that gave a view of the road to the city.

"If they only wait until dusk we can scare 'em off, and then we can get away," Smith repeated over and over again.

The day wore on, and although they caught occasional glimpses of approaching soldiers, they did not make much progress, for there were much halting and disputing. It was almost twilight when a company of ragged soldiers stirred the thick white dust of the road near the porcelain tower.

"They're going to halt there, just as I thought. They're taking pot shots at the tower. See the ancient cannon they are dragging along."

Dick looked out and saw all the things Smith described. He saw more, for he noticed that they were preparing to load the cannon and gunners were pointing it toward the porcelain tower.

"Deuce take it, we're in for it now!" muttered Smith.

"Get into your robes. Scare 'em off, man. You can do it. I know the Chinese like a book. They'll stare at it if they see that old yellow back on the balcony of the tower." Thus Dick encouraged his friend while he helped Smith into the yellow robe.

While the gunners were loading the cannon there came the sound of fierce cries from the south, and a band of tattered brigands came racing through the dust of the road.

At the instant Smith stepped through a door that led to a small balcony that encircled the tower and, lifting his arms in their flowing sleeves, shrieked down at them a mixture of American slang and bad Chinese that hushed the riotous crowd below.

How long he stood there he never knew, but his arms grew stiff and useless and his neck cramped with its rigid attitude.

The long silence of the crowd below was broken at last by a shrill screech of terror from a brigand. That was the signal for panic. In ten minutes the long dusty road was empty and a full moon smiled wanly over the place where superstition still held sway.

"Ten years from now this could not happen," said Smith as he entered the city that night with Dick beside him.

"The last remnants of superstition and ignorance are flying northward this very moment lashed by their own fears. China has awakened, roused and nodded off again for another forty winks. After that—well, we'll all have to keep pretty wide awake to keep up with her."

Dick Evans, who saw a very profitable business going to the dogs, nodded ruefully. "There's just one consolation in the whole affair," he murmured, "and that is that it forms an excellent excuse for getting back into God's country again, and I'm going."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney, makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm has deposited with me ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. Beware of cheap imitations. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FUTURIST DRESS RAGE IN LONDON

Bond Street Sees Three-story Gowns and Pudding Hats

BISHOP'S MITRE WORN Man's Top Hat Worn Upside Down With Startling Colors.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The season with its accustomed blooming of new fashions is not yet with us, but a walk down Bond street even now gives the mere male much food for thought. There was seen a day or two ago a radiant creature in a Bakit three-decked dress and a tall velvet hat like a bishop's mitre.

A little pale sunshine wandered into Bond street early this week-end, giving the mistaken impression that Spring had arrived. It was hopelessly worsted in the competition with Bakit-Petit disciples, who marched under prismatic-hued headgear and so retired early from the fray.

A fifteen minute stroll through Bond street yielded the following list of weird costumes.

FUR ANKLETS IN FULL VIEW

A middle aged woman wearing a brown tailor made costume in three sections, the two upper ones exactly like two morning coats for men, the shortest reaching hardly to her waist.

A tall young woman with a conical-shaped hat of black velvet at least foot high tilted rakishly on the back of her head.

A woman who wore a purple velvet hat shaped like a Christmas pudding with a black aigrette, a white aigrette and a red aigrette impaled at different angles.

An elderly woman in a black velvet dress embroidered in silver carrying a Pekinese dog that seemed to be an enormous tartan bowler.

There are pagoda dresses, many layers that the wearers look like so many jigsaw puzzles that have been solved successfully.

Outside the futurist radius there might have been seen a happy-looking what mouldy person, whose trousers and flapping fragments of boots were tied with strings to a couple of waistcoats and a pair of mains of a lounge coat under a pair of coat of mature age; his hat was a cock hat that was jammed over his head, He, too, was in the fashion.

The Royal Loan and Savings Company THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Thirty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the shareholders was held at the Company's office on Wednesday, February 11th, 1914, at 3 o'clock. The President took the chair and the Manager was appointed Secretary and read the Annual Report and Financial Statement as printed and in the hands of the shareholders, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1913. ASSETS: Loans on Mortgages and interest accrued \$1,712,905.70; Loans on Stocks and Debentures and interest accrued \$119,646.63; Debentures and Stocks owned and interest accrued \$94,763.50; Office premises \$5,900.00; Cash in Banks and Office \$64,841.99; Rents accrued \$127.77. LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$581,700.00; Dividend No. 90, payable Jan. 2, 1914 \$10,180.03; Deposits and interest accrued \$369,530.69; Debentures and interest accrued \$1,034,760.07; Sundry Accounts \$280.74; Reserve Fund \$350,000.00; Balance of Profit and Loss Account \$84.06. Total \$2,347,285.59.

PROFIT AND LOSS: Dividends No. 87, 88, 89 and 90 \$40,684.00; Interest on Deposits and Debentures \$59,587.28; Expenses \$17,425.99; Added to Reserve Fund \$38,000.00; Balance carried forward \$834.06. Total \$156,531.33.

CASH ACCOUNT: Receipts: Cash in Banks and Office, Dec. 31, 1912 \$47,407.97; Paid in on Capital Stock \$1,100.00; Payments on loans, stocks and debentures \$438,647.86; Deposits \$904,195.86; Debentures \$202,420.81; Rents (Office premises) \$1,806.25; Sundries \$618.43. Total \$1,596,472.18. Disbursements: Debentures \$135,376.00; Interest on Debentures \$45,243.69; Deposits \$925,668.53; Interest on deposits \$9,926.18; Loans \$357,216.94; Dividends \$40,684.00; Expenses \$17,537.13; Cash on hand and in Banks, Dec. 31, 1913 \$64,841.99. Total \$1,596,472.18.

W. G. HELLIKER, Manager. We hereby certify that we have examined the Books, Accounts and Securities of the Royal Loan and Savings Company, and have found them correct. The Statement of the Assets and Liabilities, Profit and Loss and Cash Account, as shown above, is a correct exhibit of the Company's affairs at 31st December, 1913. FRED W. FRANK, CHAS. J. PARKER, C.A. Auditors. Brantford, Jan. 7th, 1914.

In moving the adoption of the report the President made the following remarks: "The year 1913 was one of unsettled financial conditions, involving upon the management of all monetary institutions more responsibility than usual. Early in the year, anticipating the situation, a more conservative policy than usual in the conduct of your affairs was adopted, and with very good results, as the report in your hands indicates. I may say that our attitude to the public is to a large extent three-sided. We have to offer rates sufficiently remunerative to attract deposits, maintain our assets in such form as begets confidence, and satisfy, as far as possible and prudent, the applicants for loans. I am glad to assure you that we have succeeded in meeting these conditions. We have adjusted our rates on deposits and debentures so that we now offer 3 to 5 per cent. per annum, according to term, our assets are in a very satisfactory state, especially have we maintained a very high percentage of cash and quickly available securities amounting at the close of the year to \$227,562.00, being 61 per cent. of deposits, and we have met the demands of borrowers to the extent of \$357,216.00 of new loans. The world-wide demand for money was unprecedented, resulting in the raising of rates on loans, in which we have shared. I would call your attention to one item under receipts in cash statement, viz.: \$438,647.86 from interest and instalments on loans and principal repaid. This large sum came over the counter in the ordinary course of business, and it gives you some idea of the liquid character of our assets. The interest and principal payments falling due during the year have been well met. Of the interest due on Western mortgages, 79 per cent. had been paid by the end of the year, and in Ontario 96 per cent., a very good record, indeed. If we take these same conditions towards the end of January (because quite a percentage of this overdue interest matured late in November and December), the figures would be 85.70 per cent. for the West and 98.77 per cent. for Ontario, or of all interest falling due for the year, 89.60 per cent. has been paid. The Auditors' Report and the balance sheet is in your hands, and is, I believe, a correct exhibit of the affairs of your Company to date, and I do not think calls for any further explanations.

"There is another matter which has engaged the attention of your Board, viz.: the Dividend. Your Directors are disposed to deal generously with the shareholders in the division of profits, but we must remember that we are large borrowers of capital by way of deposits and debentures, and it is most important to keep on strengthening our position by increasing our Reserve Fund from time to time, and we ought to not only maintain but increase this Fund, the policy which has brought your Company to its present splendid condition. While it is true that loaning rates have been higher in 1913 than previously, there are not wanting indications of a more plentiful supply of money, which will tend to lower rates and lessen profits. However, if the financial horizon continues to clear up and we can see an average year coming (of which we have no reason to doubt) your Board has decided to raise the dividend to eight per cent. per annum, to take effect the third quarter of the year, viz.: from and after the 1st of July.

"The Brantford Trust Company continues to make steady progress, and I may take this opportunity of reminding you that this is your Company, and any business you can influence, not only your own, but other, will be appreciated.

"Your Directors desire to place on record their confidence in Mr. Helliiker, the Manager, whose devotion to the Company's interests could not be surpassed. The office staff continues to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

The Report was seconded by C. B. Heyd, Vice-President. Messrs. F. W. Frank and C. J. Parker were appointed Auditors for the year 1914. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held after the close of the Annual Meeting, Christopher Cook was elected President, and C. B. Heyd, Vice-President, for the present year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Christopher Cook, President; C. B. Heyd, Vice-President; A. J. Wilkes, K.C.; Franklin Grobb; John Mann; A. K. Bunnell, C.A.; W. G. Helliiker, Manager.

BANQUET DELIGHT

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Hon. Mr. in reply, expressed which he expected at so magnificent a all the rest he had word of the address ham, and with him b his sorrow, and he k the sickness of two euts and political Geo. Ross and Sir He had once been a latter, and he would underneath what som exterior no man pos heart. Both Sir James although differing i most ardent Imperial who early warned with great clame of Ontario in gener northern portion in gave a great many sented them in a m effective manner. T the key-stone of the Recently its territory y enlarged, and it n 407,262 square miles, miles more than form district of Patricia a 26,000,000 acres. T talk of the great Nor tery so, to honor G direction, agricultural erwise, was the lam

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