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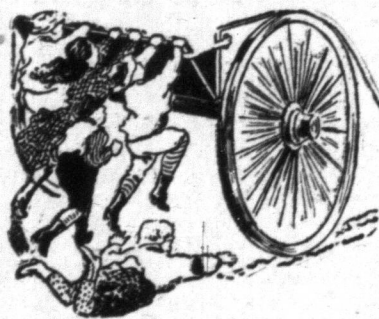
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Plans and specifications may be seen at the store of the proprietors, Wallaceburg, or at the office of the architect. All tenders to be addressed to the proprietors.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed separate and bulk tenders for the erection of PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, Chatham, will be received up to 8 o'clock p. m., July 18th.

Tenders to be addressed to I. L. Davis, Secretary Library Board.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of J. L. Wilson & Son, Architects.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of Library Board.

I. L. DAVIS, Secretary.

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### JUMPED 80 FEET

St. Thomas Youth Sprang off a Train in the Dark—Arm and Legs Broken and May Die.

St. Thomas, July 3.—In the darkness of last night's thunderstorm, a 17-year-old lad who was riding on a Lake Erie & D. R. R. freight train from Pinafore Park to the city, jumped from the top of the car to escape the brakeman while crossing a high bridge, and alighted 80 feet below the track in Kettle Creek ravine, breaking his arms and both legs. In the darkness he thought the train was on solid ground. The boy lay for an hour in the pelting rain and was unconscious when found. His recovery is doubtful.

Claude, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCubbin, Bedford street, died last night from pneumonia. The little fellow was sick for only four days. The death is particularly sad as his twin sister died only last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their double bereavement. The funeral will take place this afternoon to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Mr. George will officiate.

### "CORONATION CONTINGENT"

Sail for Home on Steamship Tunisian and Get Great Send-off.

Entertained by the Lord Mayor Laurier's Plans—Colonial Commercial Agencies.

London, July 3.—The members of the Canadian coronation contingent left London this morning for Liverpool, where they embark on the Alcan Liner Tunisian in the afternoon for Montreal. The adjutant-general conveyed to the troops the entire satisfaction of Her Majesty the Queen, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and the Commander-in-Chief, Lord Roberts, at the appearance and soldierly bearing of the men on all occasions. An account of the review was reported to His Majesty the King, who also desired to make known to his loyal colonial troops that from his sick room he heard with gratification the expressions of welcome from his people to their loyal comrades. The departure of the Canadians is a disappointment to the general British public, who have seen far too little of them. The return of the troops is explained by the business engagements of many members of the contingent. The soldiers were accorded an enthusiastic reception at Liverpool this afternoon, and were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor in the Town Hall. At six o'clock this evening the Tunisian pulled out into the Mersey with the Canadian coronation contingent on board, homeward bound.

### THE CANADIAN PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will probably visit Paris before returning to Canada. He has been invited to a banquet tendered by French politicians, and this invitation he may accept. The Temps, of Paris, predicts the failure of the Imperial conference. It regards as dangerous the experiment of a Zollverein, a federation or even a permanent council.

### COMMERCIAL AGENTS.

New Zealand has determined to appoint commercial agents in Britain and other parts of Europe and also in South Africa. The opinion prevails among Canadians here that Canadian appointments should not be politicians or men selected on account of political pull, but experienced business men, thoroughly posted on all branches of Canadian industry.

### ANGLO-CANADIAN NOTES.

Lieut. Turner, who was thrown from his horse at the Queen's review had a narrow escape, but is now recovered and sails on the Tunisian tomorrow.

The Canadian mounted men were much chagrined because so few of them are allowed to appear on horseback.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was invited to Baroness Burdett-Coutt's garden party to-day.

The leading theatres are arranging special performances in honor of the Premier. George Alexander the actor-manager, is entertaining them on Saturday with Paolo Francesca.

Sir Frederick Borden is spending the day in bed suffering from fatigue. It is generally believed that Hon. Mr. Fehling has been offered and declined knighthood in recognition of his share in the Canadian preferential tariff.

After the close of the Colonial Premier's conference in London, says the Paris correspondent of the Times, a banquet will be given in Paris by French politicians to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

### "AS WELL HANG FOR SHEEP AS SUFFER FOR A LAMB"

Trustee Paxton Takes This View in Moving the Sale of the Payne School Property, Which Met Approval From School Board.

### DR. G. T. MCKEOUGH REPLIES TO THE PLANET.

Lucid and Logical Statement Concerning Expenditures and Estimates—Aldermen Accused of Hysterics and Grandstand Plays—Comparative Record of Rates.

### PRINCIPALS MAY SECURE INCREASED SALARIES.

Cowan's Comment on McKeough School Condemned—Payne School Property Sold for \$1,400 to Mr. Tillson—Trustee Cornish Vigorously Opposes The Transaction.

Judging from the feeling as shown by the speeches made at the School Board meeting last night, the Trustees have no more love for the Aldermen than the Aldermen have for the Trustees.

The whole trouble has arisen over the high tax rate this year, and the School Board estimates, which are \$2,000 more than last year. The Council can't see why the School are not able to keep down their expenditure, and the Board contend that they have figured it down to as small a sum as possible. Then, also, some of the Aldermen took occasion to score the Board.

The members of the Board were more than a little annoyed at the remarks made, and took occasion to express their views on the matter. During the meeting Dr. McKeough said:—

"From the report of the last Council proceedings one would almost believe that certain members of that body have gone into hysterics, but I believe that those who read it have realized that it is only a bluster and a case of grandstand methods and spectacular gallery proclivities. They are certainly not sincere in their remarks or they would have criticised the expenditure in detail, and enquired into the reason of this expenditure. They have abused us for selling property, which, if it were not sold, would raise our estimates \$2,000 more. They do not seem manly or courageous enough to assume the responsibility of what I believe to be an unavoidably high tax rate. They dealt with the matter in rather a contemptible and abusive manner, and seemed to be looking for shelter, as it were."

"On the other hand, The Planet came out the same day with an able, judicious and argumentative editorial on the city finances. Of course, it scored the Board, but we are not ashamed of honest criticism. I have been told that the Banner had something in about it the day after, but I have not read it. I do not regret my vote on the sale of the Queen street property. I did it conscientiously and I believe we made a good sale. There is not another man in Chatham who would give as much money for that property, and we need the money very much. The building is useless except as a storeroom. There is not a more unsanitary building in Chatham. All of the measles, smallpox, etc., that occurred in South Chatham have been attributed to that school."

"It would possibly have been more judicious if we had advertised the property for sale; but if we had, we would have lost the sale with Gray's. Three months ago we got a valuation on the property and advertised it, and we had no offer for it."

"We have made three sales of property. The one for \$200 was criticised very severely by the Council. After selling it the Council collected \$108 back taxes, which we paid to avoid a law suit. That is one little item in our estimates. And I may say that had we given away that site ten years ago, we would have been \$150 ahead."

### REPLIES TO THE PLANET.

The Planet asked some pertinent questions in its editorial on Wednesday, and as I am the only representative of the Finance committee here, I will endeavor to answer them. The first was—Why are the estimates this year \$2,000 more than last? Well, it is the old story. In 1900 the estimates were \$13,600; in 1901, \$12,000, and this year, \$14,000. Last year the estimates were too small. In saying this I wish to cast no reflections on Mr. Johnston, the chairman of the committee that year. He was one of the most valued members on our

Board; but why the estimates were dropped is a mystery to me. As a result, we had to carry \$1,300 into this year. During the present year we are endeavoring to pay as we go. Early in January we paid out \$1,100 for wood, purchased in 1900 and not paid for, besides \$100 in small debts. That makes \$1,200 of the \$2,000. The Government grant this year is \$40 less than formerly. Then we paid \$164 taxes that we never had before. We have also made extensive improvements to the Central school and have engaged a skilled janitor and increased his salary \$150. We have also increased our teachers' salaries \$350. We have two principals which it is difficult to excel, and we cannot retain them unless we pay them good salaries. They should at least receive as much as the junior assistants at the Collegiate Institute, and an increase may follow. This, you will see, accounts for the \$2,000 increase in the estimates.

### THE SECOND QUESTION.

"The next question asked by The Planet was—What do you propose to do with the \$2,000 received for the Queen St. site? This was partially answered by Mr. Paxton, in an interview in The Planet to-day. \$1,200 will finish the improvements on the Central school, as for the balance, we have not decided what we will do with it, but improvements and sanitary alterations are necessary at McKeough school. Ald. Cowan was very unthinking in his remarks at the Council meeting. They were uncalled for and untruthful. It is not only the mental development of the child that we are seeking to obtain in our schools, the physical development also. Cecil Rhodes put as much stress on physical development as mental, and humbler minds can well agree with him. Ald. Cowan should be the last man in the city to criticise the improving of the sanitary surroundings of our schools or to characterize them as ridiculous."

"We have something to show for our expenditure. We have two magnificent schools, an excellent inspector, two unsurpassed principals and teaching staffs of which we are proud, and we keep these up for less money than any other city in Ontario. In order to give you a few figures, Windsor's school rate in 1900 was 78¢-100 mills, Sarnia's 53-100 mills, Stratford's 41-2 mills, St. Thomas' 41-2 mills, Woodstock's 56-100 mills, while Chatham's was 42-5 mills. And this year it is only one-fifth of a mill more than in 1900. The reason of this, as I say, we did not tax enough last year."

TRUSTEE HEYWARD.

Speaking along the same lines as Dr. McKeough, Mr. Heyward said:—

"I have very little to say, still as the mover of the motion to sell this property to the Gray's for \$2,000, I feel like the Doctor in not letting the remarks of the Aldermen go unchallenged. It is all very well for the Councilors to make grandstand plays. Mr. Cowan said that no doubt the \$2,000 would be used to improve the sanitary condition of McKeough school. If Ald. Cowan would take the trouble to visit the school instead of making foolish remarks he would soon see how much the improvement is necessary. I wonder that the Health Board has not condemned it long ago. I do not approve of any such talk from the members of the Council. We are quite able to run our own business. There are just as many good, intelligent men in the School Board as there are in the Council. The Mayor said that the people would have to look around next year for men for the School Board. I am not ashamed of my vote on this question."

Mr. Paxton—I am sorry I was not here when this matter for disposing of the property came up. I was accused of being afraid to come. If I had been here I would surely have voted for it.

The meeting last night was called for the purpose of passing by-laws. The members present were Messrs. Bensen, chairman; Robertson, McKeough, Paxton, Cornish, Heyward and McCorvie.

A by-law was read for the sale of

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