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WILL CELEBRATE DOMINION DAY

Liberal Conservatives Will Memorialize the Greatest Achievement of Dead Leader.

Mr. Borden's Presence to be Assured—Mammoth Undertaking of Loyal Patriots.

Chatham will have the big Macdonald celebration on the first of July. This was the unanimous decision arrived at by the members of the local Liberal-Conservative Association at their meeting last evening and, judging from the unity and enthusiasm displayed among the members present, the celebration will be the largest and best ever held in the Maple City.

This is the second meeting which has been held in reference to this celebration and both of them have been successful. Last evening the committee rooms in the Northwood Block were packed to the doors with hearty adherents of Canada's greatest statesman, the late Sir John A. Macdonald, and all were greatly enthused with the prospect of commemorating his life in the manner proposed.

At the previous meeting it was thought that the celebration might possibly be held on the 8th of June, the anniversary of Sir John's death. Since then, however, word has been received from Mr. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader of the Dominion, and he cannot assure the Association that he will be able to be present on that date as it is believed the Parliament may be in session and his time will be fully occupied there. On the other hand, there will be no session on the first of July, and Mr. Borden will be in a better position to come to Chatham.

There are several reasons why the first of July has been chosen as the day of the celebration. The most important was the matter of securing Mr. Borden, as one of the advantages of the celebration will be the opportunity of hearing and getting acquainted with the Conservative leader. Then Dominion Day is the anniversary of the Confederation of the Provinces, one of the crowning acts of this great statesman's life. Another point was the weather, which will be far more settled by the first of July and better suited to enable the large gathering to be held. As an open air speaking will be the order of the day it is extremely necessary that the celebration day shall be a fine summer day.

Several members present expressed themselves upon the subject of a celebration and all were heartily in accord with everything that has been done. Secretary Arnold said that he had written to the neighboring Associations and several of them have already replied, urging the local Association to go on with the project as they would be assured of the hearty and unanimous support of all of the outside Conservative Associations.

Someone asked if the first of July comes this year on Monday, as Monday is thought by some to be a poor day for a celebration.

"Well," said D. A. Hutchinson, one of Chatham's veteran Conservatives, smilingly, "I think Monday a good day for a Conservative celebration. You know after a Conservative goes to church and hears a good sound sermon it puts him in a good frame of mind for coming out once more on Monday to hear the truth expressed again. It is only those with a troubled conscience who do not care for political celebrations after Sunday."

However, the first of July comes on a Friday, and this will enable the farmers to make more convenient arrangements for coming into the city. In fact, the first of July is an ideal day for the celebration and it should be the largest and best ever held in the city, and it is the determined intention of the Conservatives to make it a record breaker. Such men as R. L. Borden, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Foy and James Olney would draw crowds in themselves, as everyone is anxious to hear them, and thus it will be a red letter day for Chatham.

The following gentlemen were appointed an advertising and special attraction committee—Messrs. Peltier, H. Robinson, C. Austin, Sulman, Jenkins, Briscoe, and Day, and they with the Finance committee already appointed, will start to work immediately to boom the project. Nothing is being overlooked, and the citizens of Chatham may look for something out of the ordinary on Dominion Day.

DIED IN BROOKLYN

El Stephenson, eldest brother to the late Rufus Stephenson, collector of customs, died at his residence in Brooklyn, Ohio, on Wednesday last. The deceased resided in this city a number of years ago, and two years ago spent a few days in the city and renewed many old acquaintances. He led an active life as a farmer for many years and held a number of municipal offices, but retired from both a few years ago, and his illness was of short duration.

NOTHIN' DOIN' IN TEMPERANCE

Mr. Pardo Says Ross Government Will Take No Action in Prohibition Legislation.

Will Hang on Until Forced out—Irish Jack Distributes a few Genial Jibes at the Cause

T. L. Pardo, M. P. E., was in Chatham last evening on his way to his lake shore home, where he is spending to-day and Sunday, returning to the Legislature on Monday.

"Mr. Ross' letter to the temperance delegation must just speak for itself," said Mr. Pardo, when asked by The Planet if he could throw any light on the Premier's intentions and correspondence.

"Will there be any temperance legislation introduced this session?" the member for West Kent was asked.

"Oh, no. I think that is generally understood," was the prompt reply. "No action will be taken. I think Mr. Ross himself is willing enough to have temperance legislation if it could be secured safely. But it's too dangerous. If any such stringent legislation was introduced, as has been talked of in the papers it would only get the support of two or three in the whole house, and these would be mostly Conservatives, such as Hugh Clark, Dr. Barr and Crawford. Under these circumstances it would be suicidal for Mr. Ross to expose the temperance cause. It would be different if he were a private member."

"Then, what are the prospects?" Mr. Pardo was asked. "Will Ross go to the country at the end of the session or will he stay on and fight the election?"

"Mr. Ross will live out his parliamentary term unless he should be defeated," was the reply. "At least I believe that to be the present intention. More than that I cannot say."

"And what about about the Soo guarantee?"

"I know nothing about it yet, but what I see in the newspapers. You newspaper men seem to know more about it than we do." And Mr. Pardo turned to resume his conversation with Irish Jack, to whom he had been chatting.

"Don't you say a word to these Planet fellows," cautioned the gentleman. "They'll get everything they can out of you."

But Irish Jack couldn't resist a parting shot.

"Did you see Ross' letter to the preachers?" he called after the reporter, with a face wreathed in smiles. "Pretty clever, wasn't it? Quite clear and satisfactory!"

And then, with emphatic pauses, he smilingly added, "I told—y—ou—so!"

C. C. I. DISPUTE

Deputy Minister Miller Gives Advice in Reference to County Pupils

The Dresden Standard, of this week, publishes the following in reference to the question of the County's share for cost of maintenance for County pupils in the Collegiate Institute:

"Some time ago, when County Commissioner Sturgis was in Toronto he interviewed the Minister of Education in reference to the pupils of the Chatham Collegiate Institute. The other day he received the following reply:

Toronto, March 25, 1904.

Dear Sir:—I am directed by the Minister of Education to inform you that the Resolution of the County Council of Kent respecting the provisions of the High School Act in reference to the grant to Chatham Collegiate Institute has been fully considered by this Department. Section 1 of the Amendment to the High Schools Act passed in 1903 provides for the payment of 80 per cent. of the annual cost of maintenance of County pupils. This Amendment is to be taken in connection with sub-section 6 of section 34 of the Consolidated Statute. Sub-section 1 as well as sub-section 2 of section 34 should also be read in this connection. It will be noticed that after deducting the Government grant from the total cost of maintenance the County Council is liable for the percentage mentioned of its share of the cost of maintenance. This is determined by giving the County credit for whatever sums are paid by County pupils, the balance being amount of grant for which the County is liable.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN MILLER,
Deputy Minister.

The strokes of the pen need deliberation as much as those of the sword need swiftness.

Women occasionally show how really indifferent they can be to pre-

CRICKET CLUB TO TAKE TOUR

Enthusiastic Annual Meeting of Maple City Devotees of the Great English Game

Important Report of the Secretary—Officers Elected—Other Business Transacted

The annual meeting of the Chatham Cricket Club was held last evening, in the parlors of the Garner House, with the following present:—W. B. Wells, J. L. Nicholls, W. J. Kenny, J. W. Aitken, Reg. Richardson, Sam. A. Mercer, Geo. S. Perrin, H. Dennis, A. C. Woodward, Lloyd Scott and others. W. B. Wells was appointed chairman.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was then read by J. W. Aitken, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Chatham Cricket Club:—I have pleasure in submitting a combined report of the standing of the club financially and prospectively as Secretary-Treasurer.

The club is in good standing, showing a small item on the credit side with practically all of the goods of the year still unused. This item alone will mean a nice surplus in our accounts for the coming season, and should place that long-talked-of tour on a certain basis.

Now, gentlemen, while on this subject I might say that it is a matter of regret that cricket is not advancing so rapidly in Canada as one would wish, but it seems to me that the cricketers themselves must do the pushing and arrange, for tours, so that interest will increase, and the enthusiasm alone will prove the standard of the game. I would urge that this club take some decided action this evening and decide to make a tour to Toronto and Hamilton. Let this be decided upon and everyone become enthusiastic with the idea and make the arrangements before the season hand to be able to get away if called upon by the club. If the club decides this evening I will stretch a point to see that necessary funds be available, as I believe that they can be secured without fail if asked for.

Our great drawback during the season just passed was the lack of games. These can be secured only by showing that the west has cricket equally as good as the east. The cost of attending a tour to Toronto, where four good games can be secured, is very little greater than going to Cleveland.

The Toronto teams make trips to Ottawa and Montreal, and if our team played cricket as of yore, these teams would certainly come our way. Chicago Wanderers have not toured for a few years, and the reason is simply that the other clubs did not respond with the return games. I understand cricket is taking a boom in the United States, following the very successful trip of the United States team to Great Britain. Now it is our duty as a cricket team of long standing to help along the improvement and excite the interest that will place Chatham where it belongs in the cricket circles. The report was discussed, and adopted.

"We should encourage the game around here," said W. B. Wells. "Many of the towns in the County have teams or intend to start them, and games should be arranged to keep up the interest. I think a double matting should be ordered for the games in the outside towns where the grounds are not very good."

It was decided to order the matting from England.

The election of officers was next dealt with and resulted as follows: President—Ex-Mayor T. A. Smith. Vice-Presidents—W. S. Ireland, Geo. B. Douglas, S. Perrin, Wm. Ball and F. M. Searf, Tilbury.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. W. Aitken. Assistant Secretary—Reg. Richardson.

Match committee—W. B. Wells, J. L. Nicholls and S. A. Mercer. The fees are to remain the same—\$5 for seniors and \$2 for juniors.

A communication was read from James Roach, of the Detroit Cricket Club, asking for agreement to a schedule of matches between Detroit and Chatham, as follows:

Detroit at Chatham, May 24.
Chatham at Detroit, June 9.
Detroit at Chatham, July 21.
Chatham at Detroit, August 11.

It was moved by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the schedule be agreed to. The motion carried.

An eastern trip to London, Brantford, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and the different towns in Toronto was discussed and left in the hands of the Match committee.

The trip will not be of very great expense and will, no doubt, be carried out. The Chatham team has toured before and won great honor and will, no doubt, do equally well if not better, this year. It is proposed to take the trip the first week in August.

MIX-UP ABOUT THE JUDGESHIP

So Says Geo. Stephens, and Consequently Mr. Douglas Has Not Been Gazetted

Objected to L'Original but is Afraid He'll Have to go or Relinquish Appointment—Location of Armory

"Well, to tell you the truth, there is a little mix-up down at Ottawa and Mr. Douglas has not yet been gazetted. There is a little trouble arising out of the placing of both Mr. Douglas and Mr. Hyche, of Calgary, but I think the matter will be settled next week."

Such was the answer made by Geo. Stephens, M. P., to a Planet reporter's query this morning as to why Mr. Douglas' appointment to the Judgeship had not been finally settled.

"It is an assured thing that he will be given some judgeship, is it not?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes, I think so," replied Mr. Stephens, "but I understand Mr. Douglas does not want to go to L'Original, and I am doing all I can for him. I had hoped to get him established in St. Thomas but, of course, there is no hope for that now. The Government have not yet decided where either Mr. Hyche or Mr. Douglas will go. They are trying to put them in places that will be suitable for them."

"Where do you think now that Mr. Douglas will go?" again asked the reporter.

"I think it very likely that he will have to go to L'Original. I don't know that I can get him in a better place. If I will then remain with him to say whether or not he will accept the Government's offer. If he won't some one else will have to be appointed."

"In the matter of the dredging of the river," said Mr. Stephens as the conversation continued, "I feel greatly encouraged since I have talked the matter over with some of the other members, and I think I will be able to get a grant. Mr. Sutherland has been home at Stratford, Ill. for the past week and I have not had an opportunity of speaking to him about the matter. I got a map of the lake and I think we will have to do so much dredging as we at first supposed. As soon as the water goes down to its normal level I will have a Government engineer here to go over the ground and sound the depths. If I don't get the estimate in this year I will in the next."

"In reference to the placing of the armories on the Park Mr. Stephens was very emphatic in his statements. "You need not think," exclaimed he, "that I am going to allow the citizens to spoil the Park. There is only one place for the armories, and that is where the drill sheds are now. That is the proper place, and I can tell you that is where they are going to be. I can speak with authority on this point, for I myself have the placing of the armories, and that is where I am going to put them. I had considerable hard work in procuring those armories and at this stage of the proceedings I am not going to see that Park spoiled by locating them any place but where the drill sheds are now."

"The result of a week's cruise leads me to believe that the Japanese fleet is engaged in covering arrangements for a new landing of the troops recently mobilized. A close blockade of Port Arthur is not maintained, presumably because of information regarding the state of the channel. Certainly up to the present no Japanese transports have entered the Gulf of Pe Chi Li."

A large crowd is expected at the Grand on Monday night to witness Mr. Melvin Robinson's production of "David Garrick," a comedy in three acts.

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