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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Child Burned to Death at the Junction—Women's Convention at Weston—York County Items.

York County Commissioners met with Reeve Hill and Deputy-Reeves Sylvester and Miller of York Township yesterday at the Court House to consider final arrangements re the York Mills bridge. The members of the township held a meeting prior to this, and were unable to make a satisfactory agreement with Mr. W. P. Bull, representing the Rolls estate. After deliberation with the county members a means of mutual settlement between the parties interested was suggested, and the prospects are favorable for a satisfactory settlement. The bridge, under the conditions, will be placed at the new site.

It is imperative that as many members as possible of the Milk Producers' Association attend the meeting at the Albion Hotel on Saturday at 1 p.m.

East Toronto.

There were about 50 persons at the airbrake class. The work of instruction was taken by Mr. William Hodson, who was assisted by Mr. George Teskey. To-night the regular meeting of the Mutual Improvement Society takes place.

A large number attended the meeting held for organization of the Y.M.C.A. baseball team. The officers appointed are: President, Joseph Lamb; manager, George Prescott; captains, W. Hutchison and A. Teskey; secretary-treasurer, T. E. Baker. The membership roll is already large. It is necessary that all persons joining shall also be members of the Y.M.C.A. The G.T.R. has very generously given the use of its spacious grounds for the team. The diamond has already been marked out. East Toronto will have a most active team.

Mr. Joseph Seagram, M.P., visited the Newmarket track yesterday. He stated that his horses will arrive here next Monday and Tuesday. Feed is being stored in the stables at the Bay View Hotel. There will be about 20 men in charge.

Mr. Dawes of Lachine sent ten horses to the Woodbine. He had only three last year. His group this year is a promising one, and expected to do some fast work.

Andy Bell, who has been suffering with rheumatic fever for the last four weeks, and confined to his bed, appeared for the first time yesterday.

North Toronto.

Rev. R. Ashcroft of St. James' Cathedral will preach at St. Clement's, Eglinton, to-night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held last evening, with Mr. T. Moore presiding. An offensive drain on Yonge-street, near the Town Hall, was referred for inspection and remedy to the sanitary inspector.

The annual house to house inspection of all properties in the town will be proceeded with at once by the Sanitary Inspector, M. H. O. Dr. Richardson reported favorably on the present healthy condition of the community.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Messrs. Harper, Stibbard, Brown and Mayor Davies, with Councillor Wedlington, formed the Finance Committee held last evening at the Town Hall. A communication from City Clerk Blevins asking for concerted action to obtain abolition of tax exemptions was favorably considered, and recommended to Council, asking that two members of the Council be appointed to attend the proposed convention.

The innovation of the ringing of a curfew bell will be made, if arrangements can be entered into with the School Board for the ringing of the school bells for this purpose. The chairman will confer with the board with that end in view.

Tax Collector Whaley was consulted as to the sale of lands for arrears of taxes, and advised the time most propitious for the sale to be in September.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, April 1.—(Special.)—The High School students have reorganized the football club, with officers as follows: Mr. Chrysler, B.A., president; W. G. McFarlane, vice-president; J. Woodward, captain, and J. Anderson, secretary.

A tough-looking character, who gives his name as James Barnes of Frankfort, Ky., was arrested by Chief of Police Royce this afternoon in Abbot's bakery, Dundas street, and immediately locked up in the cells. He had been begging around town during the morning, and had tried his hand at a little pilfering; but the most serious charge against him in the morning will be that of assault upon the young lady behind the counter, whom he endeavored to intimidate.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Jennie Liscum, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. J. Liscum, Elizabeth-street, was burned to death as the result of playing about a bush fire started by some boys near High Park this afternoon. Her clothes caught fire, and before she could run to the nearest friend's—Mr. Lillew's—she was badly burned about the legs and body. Dr. Clendenan was immediately summoned, and had hopes of saving the little one's life; but she died about 5 o'clock this evening. The accident has cast a sad gloom over the west end of the town.

WORKS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Marr did a lot of repairing to a house on Keele-street, on condition that he should collect the rent until such time as his work was paid for. The owner did not keep the taxes paid up, and so the Town Treasurer instructed the occupants that they must pay the rent to him. Visions of bondholders and seizure arose in their minds when the treasurer sent in his demands, and in order to try and keep the tenants there, Mr. Marr appeared last night at the Works Committee meeting. Nothing was done, and to-day the people moved out. The property will be sold at the tax sale, Mr. Marr and the town will get no rent, and more unproducing property will be added to the Junction's list.

Weston.

Weston, April 1.—(Special.)—The semi-annual convention of the York County W. M. S. Christian Temperance Union was held in the Methodist Church here to-day.

At the morning session papers were given on "Juvenile Work," by Mrs. Williams; "Evangelistic Work," Mrs. Cody; "Social Purity," Mrs. Garrett; "Press," Miss Wiley, and "Narcotics," Mrs. Cowling.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Wilmott gave an address on "Systematic Giving," and at 4 o'clock there was a mass meeting of children, who were addressed by Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Cane.

At night the church was crowded to the doors. Mrs. Gilchrist occupied the chair, and an address was given by Mrs. Rutherford, which was followed by the solo, "Come Unto Me All Ye that Labor," by Miss Rowntree.

Rev. C. C. Johnson also delivered an address, in the course of which he said: "We are preparing for the battle of the century. As citizens, we are face to face with the battle for the right. The call to arms is heard throughout the land, and the recruiting officers are in every town. It may put men to shame when they think that the recruiting officers in this instance are women." He said, in conclusion, to say that the temperance people were looking anxiously to Ottawa for the Plebiscite Bill. During the past week some attention had been given to a temperance bill in the local legislature. In reference to this he said he had no faith in politicians, and would rather place his faith in the women of this country. To the women, he said, men looked for moral support. They had not the franchise which was well for them, for they, like men, might allow partizanship to rise above their principles.

The convention was one of the most successful ever held here, and was largely attended at each of the three sessions.

East York Notes.

Mr. William Magwin, Wexford, gave an at-home last night and progressive euchre party, and other games. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gray, Don; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ionson, Mr. William Henry, Miss Atkins, Mr. Joseph and Miss Ley, Ellesmere; Mr. and Mrs. John Parcell and others. The affair was a most enjoyable one. Mrs. Ionson carried off the prize for winning the most games, consisting of a pot of candles.

Quite an exodus is taking place in and about Wexford. Mr. James Thomson has removed to the farm of M. Armstrong, second concession, West York, and Thomas Wright has departed for Charles Thomson's, east of the Canada-road.

Thornhill.

Mr. D. Smiley's maple syrup camp is turning out exceedingly large quantities of the sweet sap.

Negotiations are again in operation for the purchase or lease of the Thornhill Mineral Springs.

The present difficulties in the city in respect to telephone services might be alleviated by a reference to Dr. Langstaff, who has, during the past seven years, operated a first-class private service for some miles around this district. There are some fourteen offices at private houses on three different routes, extending from Edgely on the west to L'Amaroux on the east. The service was inaugurated and built entirely by the doctor's efforts, many of those benefited assisting with subscriptions. This service, together with the Bell Telephone Company's gave a complete chain of communication for many miles. The cost of maintenance, Dr. Langstaff says, is very small, and is provided for by fees charged non-subscribers for the use of the service.

TEN DOLLARS—TEN DAYS.

New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Spring Excursion to Washington and Side Trip to Virginia Beach, Friday, April 9th, 1897.

On above date the New York Central will run their spring excursion to Washington. Fare for the round trip $10. Tickets from Washington to Virginia Beach, located 18 miles east of Norfolk, Va., six miles from Cape Henry and about thirty miles from Old Point Comfort. It is the most beautiful seaside resort in America. The Princess Anne Hotel, at Virginia Beach, stands less than 300 feet from the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. The view from the front of the hotel reaches to the broad horizon of the ocean, and for miles the level beach of the ever restless surf is seen. A chain of beautiful salt water lakes, upon which rowing, sailing and fishing may be enjoyed, are located near the hotel, amid forest surroundings. Lynn Haven Bay, from which the finest of all oysters are secured, adjoins the hotel property. The beach at low tide is as hard as a boulevard, affording excellent opportunities for either driving or bicycling, along the very edge of the surf. Great forests of noble pines fringe the shore for miles in each direction. The rare combination of ocean, lake and forest make Virginia Beach an ideal spot for either recreation or rest. How to get to Virginia Beach from Washington. Leave Washington on one of the Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Company's boats at 7 p.m. Boat stops at Fortress Munroe, Old Point Comfort, 6.20 a.m., leaves Fortress Munroe at 6.30 a.m., arrives at Norfolk at 7 a.m., two hours and twenty minutes from Norfolk. Leaves Norfolk via Norfolk, Virginia, Beach & Southern Railroad at 9.20 a.m., arrive at Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach, at 9.55 a.m. The fare for this side trip from Washington to Virginia Beach and return to Washington, including a day and a-quarter's board at the Princess Anne Hotel, only $6. This does not include staterooms or berth on steamboat. Remember the extra session in Congress is now being held in Washington, and no better time could be selected to visit the Capital of the United States than at this time. A tourist agent will accompany the excursion and furnish all information and look after the comforts of the excursionists. For time of train, space in sleepers and all information, call on nearest New York Central ticket agent, or address H. Parry, General Agent, Buffalo. ed

Newspaper Consolidation.

New York, April 1.—The New York Journal and The New York Advertiser have consolidated under the title of The New York Journal and Advertiser.

Dressed in Good Taste.

The sack suit never wanes in popularity. As a business dress this season it will be seen more than ever. Henry A. Taylor, the Rossin House Block, has, perhaps, the nicest stock of woolens in Canada for making up into present styles.

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NO VOTE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Clause Struck Out of the City's Bill.

MAYOR WAS CALLED DOWN

City's Bill Roughly Handled by the Municipal Committee.

No Extension of the Franchise Which Might Let in the Female Vote—Board of Control Will Not be Increased—Other Important Clauses Struck Out—Power Given to the City to Establish a Telephone System—Cyclists' Right of Way Established.

The Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday morning considered the Toronto municipal bill. The Attorney-General presided, and the Mayor and City Solicitors Fullerton and Caswell appeared in support of the bill.

The first clause of the bill provides for fire escapes on all public buildings and passed without difficulty.

The next clause created a discussion. It proposed to give the Park Commissioner power to plant, move or trim trees in the streets. The Premier expressed the opinion that it might interfere with private rights.

Ald. Scott started to explain, but Mr. Hardy intimated that he didn't propose to discuss the clause with every alderman, and would talk to the City Solicitor. The clause will be amended.

NO NEW YEAR'S DAY VOTING.

The New Year's Day election clause was defeated by 19-18. The Mayor, Messrs. Fullerton, Caswell and Ryerson pointed out that the city endorsed the proposal by some 10,000 majority.

Mr. McKay of Oxford said that the proposal meant the infringing upon a time-honored right. The House had always observed holidays, and it would be little short of outrageous to show a lack of observance at this late date.

Mr. Crawford of West Toronto made an appeal to the committee to let the clause pass. He urged that it was confined solely to Toronto, and it would be only fair to the city to allow them to try the experiment.

Loud cries for a vote arose, and, in response to the demand of the members the Premier asked for a showing of hands. The clerk counted 16 for and 16 against. The chairman had not voted.

"How does the chairman vote?" asked a voice from a back seat.

"No! No! The chairman is not going to vote," remarked that gentleman. "We will take the yeas and nays."

LOST BY ONE VOTE.

The vote resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Benett, Blezard, Barr, Caven, Cleland, Craig, Crawford, Dynes, Ferguson, German, Moore, Mutrie, McNeil, McNichol, Paton; Pardo, Ryerson, Taylor—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bower, Bush, Dana, Field, Platt, Gibson (Huron), Haggerty, Haycock, Loughrin, Magwood, McDonald, McKay (Oxford), McLaren, Macnish, Pattullo, Preston, Robillard, Truax, Willoughby—19.

The Premier did not vote on this occasion either. He declared the clause to be lost.

UNKIND TO THE LADIES.

Clause 4 was to provide that all persons over 21 years of age and on the revised assessment list should be enfranchised for municipal purposes.

Mr. Hardy thought this looked like extending female suffrage. The question was a political one, and the committee was not the party to deal with it.

Th members agreed and the clause was struck out.

THE MAYOR CALLED DOWN.

Clause 5 reduced the property qualification from $400 to $200.

Mr. Hardy thought it odd that Toronto should ask this, when in smaller towns they were increasing the rate.

Mayor Fleming remarked that the change was asked because of the decrease in the assessment.

The committee cried "Lost, Lost!"

Mayor Fleming wanted to say another word. Mr. Hardy said, "No."

Mayor Fleming: Oh, well, then, if you want to run the city of Toronto, why——

Mr. Hardy: You can't run this committee. We are met here for business and not to waste time over a dozen little freaks.

The clause was struck out.

Ald. Hallam expressed a desire to have the bill withdrawn, because the city could not get the relief they asked, but Mr. Fullerton, the Mayor and others said nay.

TAKING POPULAR VOTES.

Clause 6, making proper provisions and safeguards for taking the popular vote on any question, was allowed to stand until it should be re-cast. The new arrangements will not interfere with the Sunday car vote and with the Island railway vote.

Sub-section 7 of this clause, which closed the hotels on those voting days, was vigorously opposed by Mr. German and was thrown out.

LICENSE POWERS.

Mr. L. V. McBrady, on behalf of certain liverymen, opposed clause 7, which proposed to transfer the city's remaining license powers to the Police Commissioners, but the clause passed.

By clause 8 cities may vote certain sums for the celebration of Her Majesty's jubilee. The committee inserted a clause to permit a contribution by the city to the Victorian Order of Nurses.

THE BOARD UNALTERED.

Clause 9 was the Board of Control clause, and proposed to increase the membership of that board from three to four and do away with the Mayor's double vote.

The clause was struck out without hardly a moment's consideration.

"The board has only been in operation a year," said Mr. Gibson of Huron. "Give it a fair trial."

"Only nine months," corrected the Premier.

There were cries of "Lost!" and that settled it.

AREA OPENINGS.

Ald. Carlyle and Dr. Burrick, on behalf of the Ratepayers' Association, Messrs. W. G. McWilliams, Jackson and others opposed some features of the city's bill to regulate area openings. The clause was amended to provide for payment of a license fee and will again come up for consideration to-day.

IN CASE OF APPEALS.

The Attorney-General stated, with reference to the city's application to have appeals against the decision of the Court of Revision of the city of Toronto made to the three judges of York County instead of calling in the judges from the adjoining counties, that he proposed to grant a further appeal to the Court of Appeal. As this is satisfactory, the city's bill in this respect was withdrawn.

CITY TELEPHONES.

Mr. Fullerton introduced to the committee a bill to enable cities to establish a telephone service. This, he said, was on account of the Bell Telephone Company asking permission from the Dominion Government to increase their fees in Toronto to $65 and $85.

Mr. Fullerton pointed out that the Telephone Company's profits were 10 per cent., and they distributed a dividend of 8 per cent. Their contingent fund amounted to $950,000.

The Mayor also advocated the bill, remarking that the telephone patents in Canada had already expired.

The Attorney General said he did not see why a telephone service should not be placed on the same footing as gas, water and light. He asked that the bill be extended to apply to towns, and with this amendment the bill passed without dissent.

Bicycle Regulations.

The Municipal Committee have endorsed these principles in reference to Mr. Stratton's bicycle bill:

That bicyclists on the devil's strip going east and south should have the right of way.

That when a farmer's wagon meets a bicyclist on a country road the farmer need not turn out, but he must give the bicyclist sufficient room to pass.

That a bicyclist coming up from behind must turn to the left and give the conveyance in front audible warning of his approach.

Is He an Election Agent?

Before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday J. W. Thompson of Whitby, a sub-examiner at the department examinations, was examined by Mr. Matheson, who endeavored to show that he was in this way paid for service as agent of Hon. Mr. Dryden. Witness said he had been a teacher for 11 years and was principal of two Public schools. He admitted that he had drawn $142, at the rate of $3 a day, as an examiner for the Education Department. His work was of a clerical nature. He refused to say whether or not he was one of the agents of Mr. Dryden in preparing voters' lists.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

"A MIDNIGHT BELL."

At the Grand next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be seen Hoyt's most famous comedy, "A Midnight Bell," replete with brilliant wit, and overflowing with side-splitting comedy. "A Midnight Bell" is said to be undoubtedly one of the strongest plays of its kind now before the public. This is not alone due to the attractive quality of the comedy, it is said, but to the superb presentation as far as the scenic and musical effects are concerned, and the superior excellence of the company supporting the popular comedian, Digby Bell, and his talented wife, Laura Joyce-Bell, the famous comedienne. The production in its entirety is under the personal management of Mr. Duncan B. Harrison. Saturday matinee and evening Arcestus Thomas' comedy, "The Hoosier Doctor" will be presented. The sale of seats opens on Monday.

"DODGE AT THE FRENCH BALL."

The following notice recently appeared in an exchange regarding Mr. Henshaw, Miss Ten Broeck and others of the company, who are to appear here in the latest musical comedy, "Dodge at the French Ball:"

"At irregular intervals we find a man whose originality is marked and whose comedy is spontaneous. Such a man is John E. Henshaw. The play that he brought out at the Lansing last night was much stronger in plot than the average farce, and what the playwright lacked the star made up for, and his acting was an inspiration to the company and a gratification to his audience. Mr. Henshaw has surrounded himself by an excellent troupe. May Ten-Broeck, who is everywhere well known, played the part of Mrs. Dodge. She did a great deal with the character, although it limits her in many ways. She sang her negro songs particularly well. Frank David, who played the part of Potter, was an able second to the star, helping him out in most of the best parts of the show. Like a great many other comedians, he first attracted attention as Cadeaux in 'Erminie.' Ed. Webb and J. R. Homer both sang well and Carlotta, who for a number of years was known as an agile dancer, did some good work. The music in the piece was of a high order. Everything was new and the chorus work was given in a masterly manner."

This will be the attraction at the Toronto Opera House next week, commencing Monday evening.

THE BIJOU THEATRE.

The highest salaried attraction yet presented at the Bijou Theatre is announced for next week in Imogene Comer, contralto, who is reported to present the strongest act of the season. She comes to this city direct from Koster & Bial's, New York city.

MR. SMILY'S RECITAL.

Mr. Owen A. Smily will give a recital of his own compositions in Association Hall Tuesday, April 20.

Special Excursion to Washington—Reduced Rates.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on April 9, in connection with the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, it will run a special excursion from points on the line of the latter railroad, Suspension Bridge to Syracuse, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of those taking their annual vacation at that time, and all who may wish to visit the United States Capital in the delightful early spring. Round-trip tickets, good going only on specified trains, on April 9, and good returning on any regular train leaving Washington not later than April 19, will be sold at greatly reduced rates. Special sleeping cars will be run through on night train.

Tickets for side trips from Washington will be sold at the following rates: Virginia Beach and return, via Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Line, including state room berth and one and one-quarter day's board at Princess Anne Hotel, $6. Richmond and return (all rail) $4. Old Point Comfort and return (all rail), $6. Mount Vernon and return (via electric railway) 50 cents.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address B. P. Fraser, Passenger Agent Buffalo District, 19 Exchange-street, Buffalo, N.Y.

Still Flowing In.

Additional subscriptions received by the Ontario Bank for the relief of distress in India are: R. Wells, Aurora, $2; Young Ladies B. C. Methodist Church, $5.30; Miss Rowswell, $1; Alf Copson, $1; King Mission S. S., Aurora, $4.25; S. S. No. 3, Darlington, $2; R. C. Ward, Sudbury, 50c.

The Wabash Railroad.

If you are contemplating a trip to the gold mining country, please consider the merits of the Wabash Railroad, the short and true route, via Detroit, Chicago and St. Paul, to all points in the Kootenay district. Passengers leaving Toronto and points west by morning trains reach St. Paul next day at noon, where direct connections are made for all points in the gold fields. Quickest and best route to Hot Springs, Ark.; Old Mexico, California, and all western points. Tickets and time-tables of this great railway from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints. ed

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

The above is a very true saying and should be practised more than it is. People should keep their bodies in good health, and the best way to do this is to drink the XXX Porter, brewed by the Eaton Bros. Brewing Co. Pure, sparkling and delicious.

VARSITY'S SIX TOWNSHIPS.

Discussion of Mr. Ross' Bill Last Night.

PRINCIPLE OF STATE AID

Said by Some Members To Be Detrimental in Its Effects.

Two Townships of Mining Lands Included in the Deal, Which Mr. Ross Says Is Recompense Due the University for Lands Utilized by Government—Appropriation for Technical Schools—High Schools May Become Technical by Municipal Bylaw—Insurance Bill Well Received.

The Government rushed through the second reading of Hon. Mr. Ross' bill to set aside six townships for the use of Toronto University at the Legislature last evening. The line of attack chosen by the Opposition was that the connection of the University with the Government was detrimental to the interests of that institution. The Minister of Education explained that the bill was a compromise, providing for a partial indemnification of the University for lands belonging to it which had been utilized at different times by the Government. The Attorney-General also informed the House that the lands included two townships of mining lands, and all would be sold in the same manner as other Crown lands, the proceeds going to the University.

MUNICIPAL AUDITING.

In the afternoon the House went into committee to consider the Attorney-General's municipal audit bill, Mr. O'Keefe presiding. The mover explained that he had altered the bill at the request of different members of the House to make it apply to cities of 15,000 population and under. A provision was also made to recognize the Ontario Association of Chartered Accountants, and a expert accountant would be eligible for the position of auditor. The bill, as amended, was carried.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The House went into committee of the whole to consider Hon. Mr. Ross' resolution: "That, towards the maintenance of technical schools there shall be paid annually, on the report of the Minister of Education, out of any moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, a sum not exceeding the amount payable for the maintenance of High school pupils under the regulations of the Education Department."

In reply to Col. Matheson, the Minister of Education stated that no additional appropriations to the High school grant would be asked for this session, although he believed that technical school appropriations should be additional to those for High schools. The motion passed.

The Provincial Secretary's bill respecting vital statistics also passed the committee stage.

HIGH SCHOOL CHANGES

Hon. G. W. Ross' bill empowering High School Boards to change their school into a technical school was then considered.

Col. Matheson thought a change such as the one involved in the bill should be left to the vote of the electors.

Mr. Ross pointed out that the change had to be ratified by municipal bylaw. He knew of no great remonstrance against the bill taking effect.

Col. Matheson explained that he had heard that the bill would seriously affect the city of Toronto, as he understood that it was proposed to use one of the buildings now used as a High school in the city to furnish accommodation for a technical school.

The bill passed.

EVENING SESSION.

It was the night of the Speaker's weekly dinner, so that it was wellnigh 9 o'clock when the Minister of Education arose to move the second reading of his bill setting apart certain wild lands of the Crown for the use of the University of Toronto.

Mr. Ross stated that the object of the bill was to settle some outstanding claims of the University. It would prevent expensive litigation against the Government. For some years back the revenue of the institution had not met the expenditures, although for the past couple of years there had been a surplus. It was a splendid occasion to settle once and forever certain outstanding debts, as it was the centenary anniversary of the establishment of the University.

MATTERS OF HISTORY.

In 1797, said Mr. Ross, an address had been presented to King George for permission to establish a university. In the same year as well 500,000 acres had been granted the institution, but of that amount considerable had since been taken by the Government of Ontario to endow grammar schools. This land had never been totally returned, and this was one of the grounds upon which Toronto University now based its claim for indemnification. It was asking for the full grant originally bestowed and including the lands so held in abeyance. This claim was estimated to value some $196,000.

Another claim of $225,000 was put in for the occupation and rental, with interest, of the old stone building belonging to the University, but occupied without payment of rent between the years 1853 and 1868 by the Government.

A third claim against the Government on the part of the University was occasioned by the taking away of certain University lands to endow Upper Canada College. This claim, together with interest, amounted to some $196,465.

There were various other claims the Minister explained, such as that for $2000 worth of University land made use of in the construction of the Tay Canal. This was properly a Dominion Government obligation.

THE LACK OF FUNDS.

Mr. Ross went on to explain that the lack of funds was largely due to the $355,000 spent in the erection of the various wings, departments, libraries, etc. of the University. The attendance at the University had increased from a total of 84 students in 1854 to 951 in 1896. The staff of professors, lecturers and fellows had increased from 19 to 46. Taking into account the various affiliated colleges, the University examined 4747 pupils, besides the 951 attending the University itself. These affiliated students were taught by some 303 professors and teachers. The work of the institution, therefore, merited any assistance which could be given.

ON BROADER GROUNDS.

But, besides the material grounds for help, the University appealed on the broader grounds of the religious, literary, scientific and artistic benefits which it caused. It also appealed upon national grounds. In Germany there were no less than 20 national universities, and the eloquent member for Middlesex considered it highly beneficial to national life to have a national university in Ontario. It was not a new thing to aid universities, said the speaker, and he proceeded to substantiate this by giving the sums expended by such advanced nations as Germany, Great Britain, France and the United States in aid of universities in the past three decades.

Of all the events whose anniversaries would be celebrated this year, the Minister of Education held, in conclusion, that the centenary of the establishment of Toronto University should receive the highest consideration. He moved the second reading of the bill.

A CASE OF NEED.

Mr. Howland hoped that with the main purport of the bill the House would be unanimously favorable. It was a case of tardy restitution and the financial statement of the University showed that the endowment was much needed. A report of a London expert had estimated the minimum annual cost of a well-equipped university to be £50,000, while Toronto University was managing with half that sum. But as to some particular phases of the bill he had to raise some objection. The bill would grant only a partial payment of the obligation, and, as this was not entirely satisfactory a deed of release was to be executed by officers of the University. If the effort to indemnify the University was to be successful, it should be an indemnity of the University, and not by the University, for the burdens which it was bearing as a protege of the Government. The best way to relieve the University was to cut it loose from cumbersome Government control. It could not be hoped that the funds of the province, now in such an unhappy condition, would meet its necessities. It was from the benefactions of private individuals that the aid must come. How could the University of Toronto hold out its hands for such benefactions when its history showed it to be a creature of the caprice of a Legislature deprived and endorsed at Government will? Concluding, the member for South Toronto held that, should the present bill become law, it should be immediately followed by a liberal measure which would cut the University loose from the winding sheet of control wound around it by the Government.

A WRONG POLICY.

No reply was offered from the Government benches and Col. Matheson arose. He agreed that the obligation of the Government should be met. He believed, however, that it was a wrong policy to tie up any lands for a private corporation and not allow free claims, even though that corporation was a University. He was afraid that some of the claims of the University would not stand ventilation. As regards the Tay Canal property, he did not know of a single foot of land taken by the Government for that canal. There was, therefore, no claim against the Government on that ground, and grounds of every would have to substantiate. The $7000 annuity provided for by the bill meant a cash payment of at least $200,000, which meant a great deal. The Minister had taken the right stand when he had excused the grant on the ground that it was a national university. The speaker thought, like Mr. Howland, that the present claims were paid off, that the Government should then shake the school loose and have no voice in its control. The minute it was free from that control, benefactions would pour in as they had done to McGill, Queen's and Trinity. Wealthy men would not endow the University so long as the funds were controlled, and they were not assured how economically either, by the Government.

DEFENCE OF THE BILL.

Hon. Mr. Gibson boiled the objections of the Opposition down to mean a belief that the Government had not been liberal enough in indemnifying the University. The Opposition appeared to assume that further assistance would have to follow. This was not necessarily the case. A large increase in the revenue was looked for from the renewal of leases upon city and other lands, which, owing to real estate depression, could not be leased at present The present settlement was looked upon as a final one. The bill was criticized because it would lock up large areas of lands in the hands of a private corporation. This was not the case, for the bill provided for control and management of the lands set aside by the Crown Lands Department. The Biological Department was not a burden upon the University, for the fees of pupils fully paid the interest on the amount expended in the erection of the building as well as the rental. All that was wanted was to put the departments of mineralogy and geology on a satisfactory footing, and the equipment of the University would be complete.

MR. WHITNEY'S VIEWS.

The leader of the Opposition agreed that it was eminently proper that the House should not deal with the question in a narrow spirit. It would be the height of folly to adopt any other course than to indemnify the University. The bill, however, did not attempt to shut out the possibility of further application for grants on the part of the University. The bill distinctly permitted of this, and he wished to be distinctly understood not to sanction that feature of it. Mr. Whitney stated, in conclusion, his intention to take a vote on the question of the advisability of the connection of the University with the Government before the end of the session.

Mr. Beatty of Parry Sound believed the grant to be a needless interference with the free grant system of Ontario.

LAND NOT TIED DOWN

The Attorney-General explained that it was not intended to tie the land down. It was intended to sell it on the same terms as the ordinary Crown land around it, and all the exploration and bookkeeping was to be done by the Government. The University was to receive any moneys which the Government might derive from it. It would not interfere with free grant lands, because the land in the six townships was not in the free grant district at all. Two of the townships would be mining townships, so that there was no reason why, during the present mining fever, these lands might not be sold at a good figure in the interests of the University.

Dr. Willoughby concluded the debate. The question was then put, and the bill carried without division.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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