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TORONTO FINANCES.

From a statement laid before the Toronto city council on Monday it appears that the estimated expenditure for the year is $3,243,193. The tax rate is 19 1-2 mills, or the same as last year. The taxes raised this year are less than they were in 1893, when the rate was 17 1-4 mills; but the valuation was then $156,834,000, compared with $128,271,583 in the present year. The assessment value continued to drop from 1893 till 1900, when it turned upward again, and is expected to continue on the up grade, as values have got down to a solid basis.

The statement shows that in 1896 building permits were issued to the value of $657,268; in 1899, $2,011,000; and in 1900, $1,888,066. Up to May 28th this year the permits represented $756,730, exclusive of the new Palace hotel, the site and building of which would cost $1,400,000.

The city's percentage of street railway receipts last year was $127,128, and for the present year the estimate is $14,000, compared with $65,239 in 1892. And in the last three years the city has received $64,000 additional per year for mileage.

The bonded debt of the city on December 31st last was $20,831,245.15, added to which are debentures on hand not yet sold, $886,887.01, making in all $21,718,134.16. Deducting the sinking fund on hand, $5,432,990.98, the net debt is $16,285,143.18. This year debentures will mature to the amount of $802,315.79.

The treasurer adds to his statement the cheerful announcement that a considerable reduction in general taxation will be effected in the next few years.

THE BEERS MEMORIAL.

The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, at its annual meeting on May 20th, decided to raise a fund to be called the "Dr. Beers Memorial Fund," to provide an annuity for the widow of the late Dr. W. Geo. Beers. One reason the Montreal association has taken up the project is the fact that Dr. Beers was an active patron of athletics, and, as the association puts it, "the father of lacrosse." He produced the first laws governing the game, and created an interest in it all over Canada. But there are other reasons, which are thus stated:—

Dr. Beers was recognized as a staunch Britisher and stalwart Canadian, whose love for his native land was intense, yet who held firmly to the belief that the welfare of Canada was best assured by remaining an integral part of the British empire. In conclusion, when we are reminded of the excellent work he accomplished in the cause of emigration during his historic trips to the British Isles in 1876 and 1882, of his honorable and patriotic address before the Dental Association of America at Syracuse a few years ago, of the organization of the Victoria Rifles, and his active service therein for many years, of his contribution to the world of literature, of his scholarly attainments and his charming personality, we are honoring the memory of one of Canada's truly great sons.

THE HIGHER CRITICISM.

There is a sharp controversy in Ontario over the appointment of the Rev. Herbert Symonds, D. D., of Ashburnham, Peterboro, as head master of Trinity College School, Port Hope, to enter upon his duties on July 1. Rev. Dr. Symonds appears to be an upholder of the higher criticism, and on this ground Rev. Dr. Langtry of Toronto sharply assails the appointment. To his attack Canon Welch of St. James cathedral, Toronto, replies as follows:—

I am prepared to substantiate by quotations that the "whole Anglican episcopate"—I thank thee," Dr. Langtry, "for teaching me that word"—at its last meeting at Lambeth, recognized the necessity and value of the higher criticism as a method; that the present Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Bampton lectures, declares that evolution is not inconsistent with revelation; that the Bishop of Rochester, whom many churchmen expect to be the next occupant of the See of Canterbury, was a contributor to Lux Mundi; that, of the three most recently appointed bishops in England, two, and, for all I know, the third, also, have been working, one at Cambridge, and the other at Oxford, along the lines condemned, and that even the late Dean Church thought there was something unsatisfactory in the present condition of things.

ROYAL COURTESY.

A score of American capitalists, delegates from the New York Chamber of Commerce to the meeting with the London Chamber, were received by the king and queen at Windsor on Saturday last. Lord Pelham-Clinton, says a cable from Windsor, stated that the king regarded the presence in England of such a representative body of American business men as highly significant of the close and friendly relations existing between the two countries, and in furtherance of that feeling he was delighted to welcome them to his castle and make their acquaintance. The king and queen held a friendly conversation with the visitors, who afterwards expressed themselves surprised and highly pleased with the cordiality of the reception.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien says that while the war in South Africa may be ended in September the bulk of the army will be needed there for twelve months.

WHAT THEY MISS

Who Stay Cooped Up in Town All the Time.

A Scribe Presents Some Farm Pictures in a Fragmentary Way.

A long, dense row of tall lilacs were bursting into bloom. Below them the apple trees were white with blossoms. In front of the house, in the small garden, narcissus bloomed, and sweet brier filled the air with its delicate perfume. Near by a square-trimmed hedge of cedar delighted the eye; and other shrubs and flowers added additional beauty to the picture.

As we drove into the yard behind the house two dogs, a shaggy collie and a clean-limbed hound, rushed to welcome us, while from the front of the barn a tiny bull-terrier puppy, very young and very weak, joined feebly in the chorus.

Did you ever see a hen with a brood of tiny ducklings? There they were, in a part of the barn, two hens, and two broods hatched from duck's eggs, and as carefully guarded as if they were chickens.

And there were other little ducks, old enough to travel alone. We saw them in the yard, and in several other places, for they were continually running about. Take a spade and let them see it, and they will run quacking after you to the garden, and as you turn up the soil will fairly tumble over each other and get under the spade and your feet in their eagerness. One poor little fellow with a broken bill pleads for a share, and if you turn the soil over for him he will follow you about and pay no heed to the others. And from the garden they will all rush to the long trough that is filled with water for them, fling themselves over the side and into it, and swim and dive—and then away again for more food. They seem to be made up chiefly of down and appetite, for as yet there are no feathers.

In a yard in a field behind the barn were older ducks. They were fenced in, and had a little pond for their pleasure. They were known as Billy, Jane, Lisa and the girls, and they came waddling to the fence when called.

One other item—and the most interesting of all—about a duckling. It was a tiny, fluffy thing, but lately hatched. In a corner in the house a cat and her kitten had their home in a soft lined box. Into this the little duckling was placed, just to see what would happen. It snuggled up close to the warmth of the cat's body, she curled herself protectingly around both it and the tiny kitten, and there lay the prettiest picture you ever saw. Presently the cat, being called, got up and came out of the box. Soon she heard a sound from the duckling, and hurried back. Her maternal instinct accepted the little fluffy stranger in place of the others of her own offspring, that had been taken away.

And hens—did I tell you there were four breeds of hens in the henery, each with a yard or run at the back of the building, each run separated from the others by wire netting?

And the Jersey cows—at milking time the pasture gate was opened, and the delighted collie rushed at top speed to the pasture, brought the cows together and walked gravely behind them to the barn, except that now and then she would playfully rush at the head of one of the older cows, who treated the familiarity with the contempt it deserved.

Of course there were horses, four of them, as coolly indifferent to the visitor as well fed animals should be. One of them held the road against chance comers on the way into town later—but that is another story.

Away at the foot of a slope, reached through a belt of woods, was a lake, with a boat on the shore. And in the fringe of woods along its border were bunches of great purple violets, stalks of pointed trilliums, Jack in the pulpit, dog tooth violets, and other flowers. In the trees birds were singing. Across the neighboring fields the crows flew leisurely, calling each other.

Overhead the air currents at different altitudes bore fleecy clouds in opposite directions. From a vantage ground behind the farm buildings a glorious panorama of fields and woods, broad stream and encircling hills, stretched away for miles and miles. The day was warm, and a slight breeze bore the scent of lilacs and apple blossoms and trees and wild flowers.

A day to be enjoyed, a scene and an experience to be remembered. A pleasure made greater by kindly hospitality, and rounded out by a brisk drive of nearly a dozen miles back to the city, seeing the splendor of the sunset and the majestic pageant of the full, round moon, rising beyond the hills toward Loch Lomond.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, June 5.—Winds mostly westerly, fair and warm; Thursday, light winds, fine.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight, with warmer in west portions; Thursday, showers in north, fair in south portion, fresh northwesterly winds. Western New York—Showers and thunder storms tonight and Thursday, with lower temperature, fresh to brisk southerly to southeasterly winds.

SENSATIONAL BASEBALL.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

A colored baseball team under the captaincy of Jos. Eatman is practising daily for a big game to be played here on July 1st with a St. John nine.

NEW NON-TARIFF COMPANIES.

Three new non-tariff fire insurance companies are in course of formation in Ontario. One is in Toronto, and the other two are in the Western Peninsula, with headquarters in London. The non-tariff companies already in existence number 18, and these will be an addition to the list.—Mail and Empire.

Many a man would starve if he had nothing to live on but his reputation.

OUTING DAYS.

(The Star will be glad to receive communications for this column, relating to fishing resorts, fishing parties, fishermen's luck, and that sort of thing.)

An unusual accident happened to a north end fisherman, who was tempting the trout on a near-by lake the other day. By some means or other his set of false teeth dropped out of his mouth and overboard. The fish will probably have their doubt as to whether the set will make a toothsome dainty.

Arthur B. Thompson, son of William Thompson, of Willow Grove, caught a trout a few days ago in Taylor lake, that weighed between four and five pounds. Taylor lake is about five miles beyond Loch Lomond, on the middle road toward St. Martins. It is nearly a mile long, and nearly half a mile wide. There are two islands in it, and the road runs close beside the lake. Near by is Otter Lake. There are perch in Taylor lake. The trout run large, but are hard to get. Mr. Thompson told the Star this morning that a fisherman would be pretty certain to get fish in either Taylor or Otter lake. His boy had taken several fair sized trout before hooking the big one the other day. He was fishing off a raft fast to the shore, and had just dropped the line over the end of the raft when the big fellow snapped it and rushed under the raft. The line was a strong silk one, and held him. When brought to the surface he turned two somersaults before he was finally gathered in and safely landed on the raft.

There are no boats on Taylor and Otter lakes, as the number of trout taken has never been large enough to attract many fishing parties. But there are rafts, and Mr. Thompson and his son John, both of whom have farms close to Taylor lake, have some good fishing every season, and say it is well worth a trip if the day is favorable for taking the large trout found there. A dark day is best, with a good breeze. The fishing in these lakes is free. If properly stocked, being so near St. John, these lakes should be very valuable. They are fed by springs.

TORONTO SENSATION.

Desperate Attempt of Three Criminals to Escape from Justice.

TORONTO, June 4.—County Constable Boyd was shot dead this evening in one of the most remarkable attempts of criminals to escape from justice in the annals of crime in Toronto. Hice, Rutledge and Jones are on trial at the assizes on a charge of robbing the post office at Aurora, Ont. At the conclusion of the day's proceedings the men were placed in a hack. County Constable Boyd sat inside and Constable Stewart outside with the driver. Great precautions were taken to prevent the escape of the prisoners. Two of them were shackled together and all hand-cuffed. All went well until the corner of Shuman ack and Girard streets was reached. Here is a steep incline near the bridge leading to the jail. A stranger at this point ran up to the hack and threw revolvers into it. The burglars seized them and began firing. Boyd was shot in the head and killed instantly. The hack stopped, and the prisoners jumping out ran to a passing Carleton street car, which would take them out into the country. Stewart, the second constable, opened fire on the men, hitting Jones in the groin. The prisoners jumped in the car and ordered the motorman to go on. Instead of doing so the motorman drew off the handle and attacked the men, the conductor pulling the trolley off the wire. Stewart and the hackman came up and after a fight succeeded in re-capturing the prisoners, who were removed to the jail. Jones' wound is not dangerous. The young man who threw the revolvers into the cab is being pursued by the police.

GENERAL NEWS.

Ten thousand troops will be assembled at Toronto when the Duke of Cornwall and York is in that city.

The United States Cotton Duck Co. has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J., with a capital of $50,000,000.

A. Sonier is on trial at Dorchester, charged with stealing $475 from the Intercolonial hotel at Sackville.

The Moncton Board of Trade is endeavoring to get a steamer for service on the Petitcodiac river.

Isaac Fox, of Gagetown, died on Saturday evening, leaving a widow and three sons.

A telegram to J. Macdougall, of Amherst, yesterday, announced the death of his mother in Montreal.

Among the crown lands sold at Fredericton yesterday, was one of 200 acres, south side Seven Mile Lake, St. John Co., to Chas. H. Poor, at $1 per acre.

Richard C. Brown has resigned the management of the Nova Scotia Steel Co.'s mines at Sydney Mines, and is succeeded by Thos. J. Brown, at present manager at Dominion, No. 2, Glace Bay.

A London cable, received at Ottawa, states that the home authorities appreciated Canada's offer of another cavalry regiment for South Africa, but that it is not considered necessary to accept the services of any more colonial troops.

The principals of the four great Scotch universities have decided that the scheme proposed by Andrew Carnegie to give $7,500,000 for free students is impracticable, and with Mr. Carnegie's consent, a modified scheme to provide an endowment to scientific and technical instruction will be considered.

The Quebec government sale of crown timber lands principally in St. Johns, St. Maurice and Gaspe and Rimouski, took place at Quebec yesterday. There was a large attendance of lumbermen. The sales realized over $500,000. Many lots were withdrawn, there being no bids at upset prices.

The new church of the Disciples of Christ, at Burtt's Corner, Keswick, was dedicated last Sunday. It has a seating capacity of 250 and is handsomely finished. W. H. Harding, of Lord's Cove, was the preacher, and Rev. Mr. Young, of the Methodist church, assisted in the service. The collections amounted to $200.

AT ACADIA.

Report of Proceedings at the Closing Exercises Yesterday.

The alumnae of Acadia seminary held their annual reunion Monday evening. Toasts to the various classes were responded to as follows: To the class of '63, a letter from Mrs. Dr. Lyle of China; '67 by Mrs. Dr. Manning of St. John; '69, Mrs. Warren, P. E. I.; '85, Miss Eva Andrews, Wolfville; '86, Miss M. Chapman, Wolfville; '89, Miss Ida McLeod, Fredericton; '90, Miss E. Johnson, Wolfville; '91, Mrs. H. Estabrooks of New Glasgow; '95, Mrs. J. W. Seaman, Sherbrooke; '96, Miss Grace Patriquin, Wolfville; '99, Miss Edith Shand, Windsor; '00, Miss Sadie Dykeman of Fairville; '01, Miss Irene Spencer of Port Morien.

The class day exercises by the college class of '01 were most enjoyable. The programme sparkled with bits of bright undergraduate fun. The roll of the class was called by Aaron Perry of Queens, N. B.; the class history was read by R. M. Jones of Wolfville, the prophecy by Miss Pierson of Canning and the valedictory by A. L. Lewis of Sackville.

The matriculation of Horton Collegiate academy took place in the afternoon. Twenty-eight students received diplomas. Three essays were delivered by members of the graduating class. At the close of exercises Principal Brittain gave a brief address. He said that the number of students in residence had increased fifty per cent. Provisions had been made to accommodate boys under fourteen years of age in the future.

The closing ceremonies of Acadia seminary took place in the evening. The programme was:

March Pontifical.....Gounod
Misses Mabel Elliott and Mary Delap.
Prayer.
The Lord is My Shepherd.....Schubert
Seminary Glee Club.
Essay—Molière, the French Dramatist.....
Maude King, Wolfville, N. S.
Essay—Russia's Policy and Problems.....
Jennie Anna Flemming, Truro, N. S.
Piano solo—Senta's Ballad from the Flying Dutchman.....Wagner-Liszt
Emily Portia Starr, Wolfville, N. S.
Essay—The Growth of Civilization as Revealed in Architecture.....
Emily Winifred Morse, Bridgetown, N. S.
Vocal duet—Io Vivo Et 'amo.....Campana
Misses Sadie Epps and Maude Scott.
Essay—The Chinese Situation.....
Edith Maude [illegible]ley, Wolfville, N. S.
Essay—What the World Owes to the So-called Unpopular Man.....
Irene Clinton Spencer, Port Morien, N. S.
Piano solo—Hark! Hark! the Lark!.....Schubert-Liszt
William Lewis Wright, Stoney Creek, N. B.

The prize winners for the year were then announced. The Rhodes medal for accomplishment in painting went to Miss Mary E. Colpitts of Albert Co., N. B. The prize for piano music was won by Miss Portia Starr of Wolfville, and Miss Jennie Fleming of Truro received the prize for excellence in French, with Miss Maude King of Chipman, N. B., receiving especially favorable mention in the same subject.

The prize for the most efficient scholar in the seminary in the several branches of an English education, went to Miss Bessie King of Chipman, N. B. The St. Clair point scholarship, for the highest excellence in scholarship and conduct, was divided between Miss Bertie Bowlby of Port Medway, N. S., and Miss Mabel Lee of Aylesford. The governor general's medal for best English essay work, was awarded to Miss May Green of Perth Centre, N. B.

Before the close of the evening a handsome chair for the reception room was presented to the Seminary by the graduation class. Miss Maude Lounsbury of Newcastle, in a graceful speech, made the presentation, which was appropriately responded to by Principal McDonald.

Principal McDonald spoke of the past year as the most successful in the history of the institution. One hundred and eighteen pupils attended, and of these thirty-three had come from New Brunswick.

Rev. D. Hutchinson of Moncton delivered an admirable address on Purpose of Education.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Natural History Society of New Brunswick met last evening, Dr. G. F. Matthew in the chair. The committee on the proposed summer camp reported that it was deemed inadvisable to hold it this season on account of the distance from the city of the place proposed and the inability of the working members of the society to attend. J. W. Banks was elected an ordinary member of the society. Donations were received for the library, consisting of reports and documents, and for the museum as follows: Piece of birch tree gnawed by beaver, and eight species of plants new to the province, with others typical of the vegetation of the south Tobique Lake Basin, presented by G. U. Hay; specimen of wood gnawed by the teredo, sent by Geo. A. Day, C. E., from Bay du Vin; also an Indian stone axe, by Mr. Day. Specimen of mussel showing growth of nullipore, and slate showing several burrows made by a boring shellfish.

Dr. Matthew, in the absence of a report from the delegate to the royal society, gave a very interesting account of the proceedings, chiefly of section four, or the geological and biological section, of which he is a member.

A brief paper on the Possibility of Developing Power by the Movement of Tides at the Falls. From a consideration of the circumstances Prof. Duff concluded it would not be possible to chain this power with sufficient economy. Remarks were made on the paper by Geoffrey Stead, J. D. Howe, G. U. Hay, A. Gordon Leavitt, Dr. Matthew, and the paper was ordered to be published.

Two papers were presented by Dr. W. F. Ganong. The origin of the New Brunswick Peneplains and The Physiographic Origin of the Miramichi River. Dr. Matthew gave a resume of both papers, the hour being too late for their reading.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The board of trade met yesterday in their new rooms in the Jardine building. The report of the council stated what had been done with regard to securing steamship service between St. John, Yarmouth and Halifax, and with regard to the fire insurance matters.

The council had recommended the appointment of Lieut. H. McNiel-Dibb, R. N. R., as local examiner of masters and mates at St. John, and also that of Charles Metcalfe as grain inspector at St. John.

With regard to Old Home week, the council had felt that it was too late to do anything this year, but they hoped next year, with the aid of the Tourist Association, which had brought the matter to the notice of the city council and the provincial government the Old Home week might be arranged for.

Messrs. H. C. Tilley, W. E. Stavert, and James Oborne were unanimously elected members of the board.

On motion of W. F. Hatheway, seconded by J. A. Likely, the secretary was instructed to communicate with other boards of trade in the province, urging joint action to secure proper inspection of railroad bridges and culverts. Messrs. Hatheway, Sutherland, Likely, Jarvis and Fisher spoke strongly with reference to the proposed steamship service between Halifax and Jamaica, and the failure of the government to make St. John the port of call. Upon motion a committee of five, consisting of G. Wetmore Merritt, J. A. Likely, W. F. Hatheway, W. S. Fisher and J. N. Sutherland, was appointed with power to act in the matter.

Mr. Hatheway spoke highly of the work of the Tourists Association, and of the public spirit displayed by Joseph Allison and George S. Fisher in improving Rockwood Park. W. M. Jarvis expressed the opinion that the steamer Prince Edward would shortly be placed on the route between St. John, Yarmouth and Halifax, and Mr. Jarvis today read a letter from Mr. Tarte saying that a new suction dredge was being built which would do the work in St. John harbor at a greatly reduced cost, and that operations would probably be commenced this season.

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PERSONAL.

W. C. Jordan of the Globe business office staff, Mrs. Jordan and Miss Annie Henderson have returned from a trip to Upper Canada and the Pan-American exhibition.

Miss Florence, daughter of W. O. Slipp, West End, is home from Boston, bringing with her a diploma from the training school for nurses in connection with the New England Hospital for Women and Children. More than half of the graduating class were Canadians, all of whom took first places in work and examinations, as usual with our girls.

Dr. Colter, post office inspector, is slowly recovering from the injuries he sustained in the Albert railway wreck. The doctor is now able to move about his room, but it will be some time yet before he can return to active work.

"EMPEROR McKINLEY."

Bryan's Text for Onslaught on U. S. Supreme Court Decision.

Taking for his text the words, "Emperor McKinley," W. J. Bryan has given out an extended statement bearing on the supreme court decision in the insular cases.

Mr. Bryan delares the supreme court has joined with the present congress in an effort to change the form of government, and he calls on the people to repudiate the verdict. Mr. Bryan says in part:—

"By a vote of 5 to 4 the spreme court has declared President McKinley emperor of Porto Rico, and according to the press despatches the emperor has gladly and gratefully accepted the title conferred on him by the highest judicial tribunal of the land.

"Those who are encouraged to believe that the constitution had caught up with the flag were doomed to disappointment. The decision declares that the people are not the source of power, it defends the taxation without representation, and denies that governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed.

"It assails the foundation of the republic and does so on the ground of expediency. The dissenting opinions bristle with precedents and burn with patriotism."

Th Halifax Chronicle learns that the census will show Sydney's population to be about 12,000, but it believes the population is fully 15,000.

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