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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

First Session of the Convention—The Business Transacted.

Victoria, May 16.—(Special.)—The Provincial Christian Endeavor convention opened in the First Presbyterian church, in this city, on Wednesday evening, with a sunrise prayer, and praise service conducted by Rev. A. B. Winchester, who took as his subject, Power of the Holy Spirit. At 9:30 F. A. Small conducted a responsive Bible reading with sentence prayer for the convention.

At 9:45 Rev. Dr. Campbell, president of the Provincial Union, took the chair, and introduced Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., of Boston, Mass., president of the United Society, and organizer of the Endeavor movement, who said: "I did not expect to be called upon at this time, but am glad to respond to the very kind welcome you have given me. This is my second visit to this Province, and I am glad to note the decided advance that has been made in Endeavor work since my first visit three years ago. I feel quite at home on this side of the line, for I was born under the same flag you live under, and breathed the same Canadian air you breathe. I congratulate you on the growth of the last few years. The cause we all love is flourishing in all lands. In the United Kingdom lately I found an unusual enthusiasm, but of all this I will speak later. In closing let me say with all my heart, may God bless us and our convention." The President then appointed the following committees:

Business—C. Milne Vancouver; W. Wilson, Victoria; E. P. Fewster, Vancouver; A. Davidson, Vancouver; S. A. Muir, New Westminster.

Resolutions—W. T. Cooksley, H. M. Loyd, New Westminster; D. D. Birks, Vancouver; F. W. Davey, A. Fraser, Victoria.

Interesting reports were received from 49 societies in the Province, all showing that the work was making most favorable progress. Special notice was made of the advance of the junior work, and the formation of a Japanese society, the latter being at Vancouver. It had had over 30 conversions among its members, and a number of Japanese have been sent out to preach to their countrymen in Victoria, Union and on the Fraser river, where they have been very successful. G. Davidson, of Vancouver, then conducted an open parliament on the work of the Lookout committee. Many important suggestions were brought forward. Dr. Clark and a number of the delegates took part in the discussion that followed. Rev. Dr. Clark then pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

During the noon recess the delegates were photographed.

The afternoon session opened with devotional services conducted by A. D. Menzies, of Mission City. The first paper was read by Miss Dunnington, the subject being, New Members—How to Secure, and Receive Them. A number of very practical points were brought out. A general discussion of the subject followed, in which a number of the delegates participated. Rev. Dr. Reid, of New Westminster, addressed the meeting on Our Field. The Doctor said in part: "I desire during the short time allotted me to look at this question solely from a Biblical standpoint. Let me refer you to the Word of God, for in it you can easily find your place, and a careful study will soon show you your field; your work lies among men and women. You are to go to them, and strive to reveal to them the love of God as manifested in His sending His Son Jesus Christ into this world of sin that through Him all might live."

At 2:15 the officers of the Provincial Union presented their yearly report. J. A. McIntosh, secretary, read the following:

Dear Fellow Workers:—As this is really the first year in the history of the Provincial Union, we have but little to report in the line of definite work. The main effort of the executive was concentrated on the arrangements for the second annual convention. By a strange oversight no minutes were taken at the Vancouver convention, hence the executive had nothing whatever to guide them in their work. W. F. Gold was obliged to tender his resignation as president last September on account of leaving the Province. An effort was made to secure complete statistical information concerning the Provincial societies. The majority responded with the following results: Number of senior societies, 24; active members, 590; associate members, 387; number of junior societies, 6, with an active membership of 231; associate members, 17. There are three undenominational societies with a membership of 72.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. A. McINTOSH, Secretary.

After this the local unions which did not report in the morning now did so. Vancouver led off with the largest number of societies and most work accomplished. The next topic was Bible Study which was opened by Rev. J. P. Hicks, of New Westminster, in a short, but interesting address outlining several plans for practical Bible study, which were suitable for young people. After a short discussion on the subject, E. P. Fewster, of Vancouver, read a paper on Duties and Responsibilities of the President of a C. E. Society. The topic was considered under three heads—first, in his relation to the committees; second, in his relation to the meetings, and third, in his relation to himself and his society. Many valuable points were brought out. After a general discussion the parting service was held and the meeting closed for the afternoon.

The evening session opened with a praise service, led by J. G. Brown, after which Rev. Dr. Campbell in a few well chosen words introduced Rev. Mr. Clark, who said: "I am always glad to address a new audience for I feel that I can do it not merely as a private individual but also as the representative of many thousands of young people all over the world, for as I have met them in convention they have said to me when you see other young people in different parts of the country convey to them our greetings and love. In my recent trip around the world I met, roughly speaking, 10,000 Endeavorers on this continent, 10,000 in China, Japan and India, 10,000 in Spain, Italy, and France, and 10,000 more in old England. So I can at least represent 40,000 Endeavorers to-night. We are come together to talk up a fact, a 14-year-old fact, not so very old you see, but still a very substantial one. It is not in any sense the work of a single man or any group of men, but of God. This can be accounted for like any other fact. Take for instance your beautiful city. It did not come by chance, there were certain natural advantages which brought men here, and of which they were quick to take advantage. So can this Endeavor movement be accounted for. This fact exists all over the world. I speak of this not to boast but simply to show the magnitude of the fact. At Boston in July we expect to have the largest religious gathering ever held in the world—50,000 young people will be gathered together at that time. For a brief period, at least, the city will be placed at their disposal. The city gardens has been instructed to lay out the gardens with the convention colors, crimson and gold, and place designs in the flower beds of the society's emblems. Your city will be decorated in crimson and gold. What are the characteristics of the gathering? Not the excursion, not the eloquent speeches—what is it? Simply a religious gathering. You can say no more. All this seems to indicate that the old Bible is not losing any of its power and that the cross of Christ is the great magnet that can and does draw men. But there is another fact to be accounted for. You may think this is only for English-speaking countries, but this is so well in this land has also done well across the sea. In China, India, Japan and even in the land of the unspeakable Turk, it has a firm hold. Now to explain it all it is only necessary to bring forward one great principle namely the purely religious idea of the society. Upon it the whole structure is built and all its success is due to it and depend upon it."

Victoria, May 17.—(Special.)—The Christian Endeavorers began their work yesterday morning with a sunrise prayer meeting at 7 o'clock led by H. Siddall, of Victoria. There was a large attendance and considerable interest was manifested. At 9:30 a five-minute praise service was held, after which Rev. E. B. Chestnut, of Sapperton, as chairman of the day, called upon F. W. Davey, of Victoria, to read his paper on Business Methods in a Christian Endeavor Society. This topic was considered of great importance and received the attention of the entire audience. Mr. Davey's main though was that very often religious organizations are careless in the management of their business affairs. This work is often left to a few to do, and little or no interest is manifested in the result. Very often such methods simply create a feeling of contempt on the part of outsiders. Meet on time, have a thorough system, and carry it out, at the same time avoid parliamentary wrangling that amounts to nothing. Pay as you go, for there are few things so calculated to injure a society as a large debt. Too often it becomes the great thing and relegates all else to the background. The president should have decided, clear-cut business views and then carry them out.

The next matter of business was an open parliament on the work of the prayer meeting committee, conducted by Mr. Lloyd, of Sapperton, who briefly outlined the work of this committee and then called upon the delegates for an expression of opinion on the different departments of this subject as brought up. The first point was what class of topics were most desirable. Several delegates advocated the regular consideration of missionary subjects and all favored following those outlined by the United Society. The second point considered was leaders. The ideas brought out on this line were that all should be called upon to lead. One delegate said: "While experienced leaders are valuable, yet some of the best meetings I have ever attended were led by the very weakest members because all felt their responsibility and did their best to help the meeting on." The third point was on the meeting. Variety was the main thought brought out. Several spoke on the great value and importance of the music. The fourth point was the consecration service. Actual participation was the plan most advocated by the delegation. The last point considered was on preparation for the meeting, which was fully discussed. Many valuable points being brought out.

Rev. W. L. Clay, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, then delivered an address on Duties of the Society to the Church, and who said: "Christ, on leaving his disciples, said: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' God in His goodness has raised up one means of doing this in the Christian Endeavor Society. What are the duties every particular society owes to the church? First, obedience to the church and true loyalty to it. This point is important and should be constantly borne in mind. Sometimes young people in the bloom of life and spirit are inclined to look upon their elders in the church as being too conservative and lacking push. But I assure that as time passes I am inclined more and more to look to them and accept their ideas, for after all are they not just as much interested in the extension of Christ's kingdom and they have the benefit of many years of experience. Th second point is the promise in the pledge when you agree to support your church in all her regular and mid-week services, and more you agree to do all this unless prevented by an excuse you can give your Lord and Master. This brings upon you a vast responsibility which is both solemn and serious in its import. And lastly, as all this has to do with individuals just a word to you as individuals. To be able to fulfil this responsibility you must have a life that shall be consecrated to God. By a close contact with Him you will be able to do all and do it well. Be much in communion with God and you will be able to make your life a blessing to those with whom you come in contact."

The last morning subject was Junior Work, which as opened with a paper by Miss Jessie Clements, of Vancouver, who considered the value of the junior society to the Sunday school. The lookout committee as the one that has most of this work in hand. They look after absentees and also for new members. Young people are best adapted to reach and win young people. The junior C. E. reaches those who consider themselves a little too young for the Endeavor and a little too old for the Sunday school. As a developer of character that society has done a good work. The time has passed when people can ask, What good is this society? Now rather they will say, How can we do without it? God grant the time will soon come when every society shall have its junior society, helping the children God-ward.

The second paper on this subject was read by Miss James, of Vancouver, on Missionary Work for Children. A number of valuable points were brought out. E. P. Fewster, of Vancouver, conducted an open parliament on this subject of juniors. Written questions were passed in and answered by Dr. Clark. Several of the prominent ones were: How old must a child be to unite with the church? Hard to say; age is really no point to go by; can easily be determined by the pastor. Should juniors have full control of their own meetings? As a rule, yes; it is good to put responsibility upon them and so they will be developed. How shall a junior society be formed? Why just start it. Take up the matter among the boys and girls; give them a pledge and carefully explain its meaning; let them take it home and show it to their parents and then organize with as many as care to sign the pledge. Is it right for a member of the junior society to ride a bicycle or take a walk on Sunday? This question was referred to a delegate, who replied in the negative. After a hymn the meeting adjourned for the noon recess.

The afternoon session opened with a Bible reading by Geo. Carter, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Victoria. The first matter for consideration was The Model Business Meeting, Illustrated, by W. J. White, of Victoria. With a group of Endeavorers Mr. White went through the regular routine of a business meeting. The following was the order followed: Devotional exercise, minutes of the last meeting, reports from committee, unfinished business, new business. The question drawer was then opened by Rev. Dr. Clark. There are about two answers that will apply to almost all questions that appear on the horizon, namely: Do what your pastor and church want you to and you can't be far out of the way. After this preface the doctor proceeded to answer a large number of questions that had been placed in the box.

Rev. Coverdale Watson, of Vancouver, then delivered an interesting address on The Pledge and the Nature of Its Obligation. The pledge is a faithful and important subject. A pledge is simply the expression of a made-up mind. This may seem simple, but as a fact few people do make up their minds. People who have done so generally succeed. The pledge helps us to do this. I think wrong ideas have come up in regard to pledges. In taking a pledge it is quite optional; we can take it or not. The pledge is the law of all progress and evidence that you yield willingly to discipline. It saves you from doubt. A marshal of France said lately a military life saves from doubt for there is no question as to what should be done. Oh let us make up our minds on some of these things. Let us take our simple pledge and see in that which helps us to reach those ends that Christ has placed before us. This will bear thoughtful study.

G. McCandlen then read an interesting paper on Tithing and Systematic Giving, in which he advocated that Christian men and women were really under obligation to be regular and systematic in giving to the Lord. Systematic giving leads to systematic saving. After considerable discussion by the members the topic was closed. Rev. E. B. Chestnut of Sapperton, gave a short address on The Model Home Missionary, which was listened to with much pleasure and profit.

At 4:30 the delegates went into business session. The nominating committee presented the following report:

Your committee beg leave to nominate the following for officers and directors of the British Colmbia Union of Christian Endeavor for the ensuing term. In doing so we as a committee have done our best to select those active in making arrangements for the convention of 1896 at New Westminster, and would suggest that the convention be held in August. President, Rev. E. B. Chestnut, New Westminster; vice-president, Geo. Jackson, New Westminster; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Victoria, and Dr. Mansell, Vancouver; treasurer, Miss Mahony, New Westminster; secretary, E. D. McKenzie, New Westminster; directors, Mr. Cooksley, Mr. Lloyd, Rev. Dr. Reid, J. H. Scott, Thos. Pearson, R. Robson and Miss Howison.

This was adopted.

The evening session opened at 7:30 with a praise service conducted by G. J. Burnett. At 8 J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, delivered a most interesting address on Good Citizenship, which contained many valuable points of interest to Endeavorers. At 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. Clark conducted the consecration service, each society responding when their name was called, after which the convention adjourned to meet in the Royal City next year.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Its Labors Ended—Final Draft of Stations —Business Transacted.

The Sabbath observance committee presented their report at yesterday morning's sitting of the Methodist conference in Victoria. Among other things it said: "We are continually reminded of the great disrespect in which the Sabbath is held in this Province by people fishing, hunting and boating by excursions, bicycle practice and ball games, not forgetting promiscuous buggy and sleigh driving in quest of pleasure on God's holy day." The report commended the Vancouver and Westminster city councils for passing stringent Sunday closing laws but disapproved of the treatment accorded Mr. Kennedy's bill in the Legislature. Disapproval was also expressed at church goers using street cars on Sunday, and a committee composed of Rev. C. Watson, Rev. J. F. Betts, D. Spencer and D. Donaldson was recommended for the purpose of co-operating with other churches in securing Sunday observance legislation.

Then the mission committee's report presented on Tuesday was taken up and it was decided instead of establishing a home at Bella Coola to appoint a committee composed of Rev. Messrs. Crosby, Raley, R. Jennings and Bevis, with Dr. Bolton, to ascertain the best site for an industrial institute between the Skeena and Rivers Inlet, and to press upon the Dominion Government and the Women's Mission Society that assistance be granted such institute.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the pastor, congregation and choir of the Metropolitan church, also the press, and a letter of thanks was directed to be sent to A. J. Massey, of Toronto, for his generous offer of assistance to the Columbian college.

A report in the form of a communication was read from Mr. Takomoto, the Japanese missionary at Vancouver, showing that two Japanese missionaries were now at Union and two in Victoria, and that they were meeting with good success.

The church property committee brought in their report, which was listened to with considerable interest. It recommended that the Westminster Central church be empowered to sell the Sapperton property, provided the Sapperton church could not pay up its insurance and interest. In regard to the Centennial church, Victoria, the report read: "Whereas it is admitted by all parties that the financial claims on the church can be fully met by all uniting in a spirit of love and harmony, we advised that the trustees and quarterly official board unite the church funds in such a manner as to make the interest on the mortgage and the insurance the first charge on the united church funds."

Rev. Joseph Hall objected that such a combination of the funds was not allowed by the discipline.

The president was of opinion that the discipline would allow the church income to be managed in common, provided the quarterly official board first arrange for the payment of their obligations.

Prof. Odlum explained that the reason of the recommendation was that both parties had agreed that the funds if united would meet all the obligations.

W. T. Cooksley did not think the precedent would be a good one. The minister's salary must be the first charge.

The debate on the church property committee's report was resumed after lunch by Rev. Joseph Hall, who argued, as in the forenoon, that the quarterly official board of the Centennial church could not, on account of the obligations to provide for their own responsibilities, take upon them as a first charge payments to be made out of the trustee funds.

After some discussion on the restrictions imposed by the church discipline, Prof. Odlum for the committee offered as a way out of the difficulty to amend the report by striking out the part objected to and making it read to the effect that the board and trustees might unite the church funds in such a manner, in harmony with the discipline, as to meet all claims made upon the trustees in relation to insurance and interest. This was adopted by the conference. Rev. Joseph Hall, on a question of privilege, said there were in the letter from the trustees to the conference certain aspersions on his character which he wished to refute. He only reverted to this subject because he had reason to know that an influence was being used to spread a feeling prejudicial to his ministerial character. These reports had gone abroad not only to Winnipeg, but to the Atlantic coast, and the parties who thus scandalize his reputation had gloried in it. He appealed to the conference to allow him to defend his character.

Rev. T. W. Hall, though not unwilling to allow Rev. Joseph Hall to be heard, had fears that it would lead to other members in the conference offering objections.

Mr. Morris thought the matter should go back to the committee for a deliverance on the allegations in the letter.

Rev. Mr. Ladner, a member of the committee, said he would be unwilling to sit again. The committee had by their report tried to make peace, and he would like the trouble to drop and die. (Cries of amen.) It was better to get Satan and sin out of the hearts of the people than keep up trouble.

Prof. Odlum deprecated any attempt to continue the case; the committee had brought in their report as they did for the express purpose of effecting harmony. He would move that it was not wise to reopen the subject and that the conference should kindly refuse to hear Rev. Joseph Hall.

The President asked: Will the conference hear Rev. Joseph Hall on his question of privilege?

At this cries of "no" and "yes" were raised. Thereupon Mr. Hall exclaimed warmly: I'll tell you what I'll do if you refuse to hear me. I will seek redress elsewhere. I have been maligned, reproached, calumniated and abused, and I will have justice if the conference will not hear me.

He then asked to be allowed to read a few sentences, but was interrupted by cries of "no," while other members shouted "yes."

John Jessop—It would only lead to crimination and recrimination all round to open the subject.

Mr. Morris started to defend Mr. Hall's right to speak but was called to order, and by a vote the conference decided not to hear Rev. Mr. Hall.

After adopting the mission committee report the conference adjourned till 7:30 in the evening

The evening session concluded the labors of the conference. The statistics committee reported 38 ministers and 15 probationers in the conference and a total membership of 4,681, an increase of 135. The chairmen and secretaries of districts were appointed as follows: Victoria district, president of conference chairman, Rev. R. Maitland secretary; Westminster, Rev. T. W. Hall chairman, Rev. C. Ladner secretary; Kamloops, Rev J. Wood chairman, Rev. J. Calvert secretary; Simpson, Rev. T. Crosby president, Rev. G. H. Raley secretary.

Special committee of conference: President and secretary of conference chairmen of districts and Revs. J. F. Betts, H. Hall, C. Watson, Messrs. D. Spencer and T. R. Pearson.

Overseers of Japanese work: President of conference, D. Spencer, H. Siddall, Revs. C. Watson and A. E. Green, Dr. A. E. Bolton and Prof. Odlum.

The final draft of stations as presented yesterday shows a good many changes from the first draft. It is:

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Victoria Metropolitan—S. Cleaver, M. A.; President of Conference, one to be sent.
Victoria Centennial—J. F. Betts, C. Bryant, superannuated.
Victoria West—J. P. Hicks.
Victoria Chinese—Chan Sing Kai.
Saanich—J. J. Ashton, B. A., B. D.
Duncan—E. Manuel.
Maple Bay and Salt Spring Island—J. W. Winslow.
Nanaimo Central—Robert R. Maitland, L.L. B.
Nanaimo Haliburton street—Samuel Wilkinson.
Nanaimo Chinese—To be supplied. (T. C. T.)
Wellington—R. Wilkinson.
Union—C. H. M. Suthe.land.
Cape Mudge and Lumber Camps—To be supplied. (R. J. W.) Under superintendent of Wallace street.
Nitinat—W. J. Stone.
San Juan—Jas. Hicks, under superintendency of chairman.
Indian Tribes—C. M. Tate; J. C. Spencer (Cowichan.)
Japanese Mission—To be supplied.
College—E. V. Smith.

WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

Westminster Central Church—R. W. Hall; R. Whittingdon, M. A., B. Sc., Principal Columbian College; T. D. Pearson, superannuated.
New Westminster, Sapperton—To be supplied.
New Westminster, West End—J. D. P. Knox.
New Westminster, Chinese—Liu Yi; Pang.
Vancouver, Homer Street—C. Watson.
Vancouver, Princess Street—W. W. Baer.
Vancouver, Mt. Pleasant—J. H. White.
Vancouver Chinese—J. E. Gardner.
Richmond—R. J. Green, (Ebburne).
Howe Sound—To be supplied.
Delta—Joseph Hall.
Maple Ridge—Wm. Hicks.
Mission City—A. D. Miller.
Agassis and Hot Spring—To be supplied. Under superintendence of Central.
Surrey—J. P. Bowell, Secretary of Conference.
Langley—E. E. Hardwick.
Sumas—To be supplied.
Chilliwack—C. Ladner.
Cheam—W. E. Moody.
Indian Tribes—E. Robson.
Japanese Mission—To be supplied.
A. K. Sharp, College; H. W. Peck, B. A., B. Sc.; R. J. Irwin, H. E. Bayley, left without stations at their own request.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

Kamloops—J. Robson, B. A.
Thompson River—To be supplied.
Nicola Valley—W. L. Hall.
Clinton—James Turner.
Salmon Arm—James Calvert.
Revelstoke and Donald—J. A. Woods (Revelstoke.)
Enderby—W. B. Misener; J. E. Roseman, supernumerary.
Vernon—S. J. Thompson.
Okanagan—One to be sent. (G. E. S.)
Similkameen—R. Williams.
Nelson—G. H. Morden.
Ainsworth and Kasio—C. A. Procunier.
Slocan—One wanted.
Cariboo—To be supplied.
Rossland—One wanted.
D. D. Birks, left without a station at his own request.

SIMPSON DISTRICT.

Fort Simpson—T. Crosby.
Naas—S. S. Osterout.
Bella Bella—R. B. Heavis.
Port Essington—D. Jennings.
Queen Charlotte Islands—B. C. Freeman.
Upper Skeena—T. Neville.
Sit-seciis—T. Neville.
Kitemat—G. H. Raley.
Bella Coola—W. H. Pierce.
Glad Tidings Mission—Under chairman.
Japanese Mission—To be supplied.

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A Washington, D. C., despatch says that the refusal of the authorities in Ontario to permit American lawyers to appear in the murder case of the Hyams brothers at Toronto attracted considerable attention among the prominent lawyers who were there in attendance upon the argument of the Chicago anarchists. It appears that the Secretary of State and the Attorney-General both used their good offices to endeavor to induce the Toronto authorities to permit the American lawyer, Mr. Wellman of New York, to be heard in the defence of his client. The British Minister is also said to have been asked to intervene, but did not manifest much interest in the matter. Some of the lawyers say that the result of the action of the Ontario court may be to inaugurate a movement in some of the States to impose restrictions against the admission to the bar of Canadian lawyers, to which there hitherto has been no opposition. It is probable that on the strength of the agitation which might be created it would be easy to pass a law in most of the States forbidding admission to the bar except to those who have sworn allegiance to the United States.

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Fred. M. Wells, of Kamloops, is in the city arranging to take machinery that is being built at the B. C. Iron Works and nearly completed, to Kamloops. The boat that the machinery is intended for is being constructed at the Inverness ship yard, foot of Alex. street, Victoria, and is almost ready for use. It is 62 feet long, 11 feet beam, stern wheeler, cylinders 18 inches in diameter and 60 inches in length, 125 lbs. pressure. She will draw about 12 inches of water. The boat is being built for H. E. Forster, a capitalist of Hamilton, Ont. He has spent a few years in British Columbia and is charmed with the inland waters. The boat will be used not only for pleasure and run on the North and South Thompson, Shuswap and Mara lakes, where there is unsurpassed fishing and hunting. Everything in connection with the plans and building had been left in Mr. Well's hands by Mr. Forster.

Bickle's Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine purely vegetable, and the active principles of virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

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The following letter of testimony from Mr. Douglas Hixon, of Beamsville, Ont., proves that the worst cases of rheumatism can be cured by nature's wonderful life-giver:—

"In June, 1893, I had a severe attack of rheumatism. I was doctored, and used liniments of all kinds, but grew worse instead of better.

"In November I was carried on a bed to the General and Marine Hospital, St. Catherines, where I received kind and careful treatment. My general health improved, but my rheumatism remained the same.

"I returned home in January, and again commenced trying doctors and medicines, but I grew worse, and in April I once more returned to the hospital. My general health again improved, but the rheumatism remained very painful. I could not raise my arms to my head, and was dressed and undressed like a child.

"After two months I again returned home. A friend of mine in Scotland, Brant County, wrote me not to despair, but try Paine's Celery Compound. I have taken ten bottles, and can truly say it is the only thing that has done my rheumatism any good. Since using the Compound I feel no return of the disease, and can now go about doing work. I take pleasure in recommending it to all who are afflicted with rheumatism."

A FLOURISHING COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Gas Company was held on Thursday last at the office of the company, on Hastings street. The report of the directors showed that the company is in a very sound condition, and that gas was in as great favor with the public of Vancouver as ever. The increase of consumers was over 25 per cent. There are now over 620 metres in actual use. This is a considerable increase over former years. The directors reported that they had decided to lower the price for fuel purposes to $1.50 per 1,000 from April 1st last, and that the public had shown by the manner in which the stoves were being applied for their appreciation of the reduction, a large number of people having decided to use gas as fuel. The stoves are being supplied to consumers at actual cost to the company, this being a departure from the manner of putting out the stoves in other years, the results have proved more satisfactory. The improved lamps which are being introduced by the company will also tend to the advantage of both the public and company. Speaking for the management the directors could only express themselves as proud of the results in the operation of the works. The expenses had been about 10 per cent. lower than the previous year, while the revenue had not decreased at all. A noticeable feature of the past year's working, and one that speaks very highly, not only for the management but also for the favor in which gas as a lighting medium is held by the public, was the fact that the company had not lost a half dozen customers from changes either to electric light or coal oil, but on the contrary the list of consumers was continually increasing. The report was accepted, and the usual vote of thanks passed to the directors and the officers of the company. Our reporter was shown samples of the stoves and the company are introducing to their customers. There are several fine ranges with hot water heaters and oven thermometers. All are of excellent design and workmanship, and a visit to the office of the company will be of interest to those who are looking for the latest thing in this class of goods.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

It is reported, with apparent authority, that after a rest of several months ex-Speaker Peel will give a good deal of his time to writing a volume of parliamentary memoirs, the rough notes of which he has been putting together for a long time.

Mme. Carnot has decorated an oratory in her house with inscribed ribbons taken from the wreaths sent to Paris on the occasion of her husbands funeral. In the same room are preserved all similar trophies of an artistic nature, the most remarkable of which is a splendid crown, the gift of Admiral Avelan, on behalf of the Russian fleet.

Admiral Ito, who is in command of the victorious Japanese fleet, is, like most of his compatriots, a man of very small stature, with a thoughtful and sympathetic face, narrow forehead, deeply wrinkled by study, and a distinguished and aristocratic bearing. His chief physical characteristics is extreme thinness, which has earned for him among his devout sailors the nickname of the Lean Admiral.

A good many journals have given prominence to a statement that W. C. Gully, M. P., (the newly-elected Speaker), is a son of the late John Gully, the noted prize fighter, of Ackworth Park, who formerly represented Pontefract in Parliament, while others have stated that he is a grandson of the famous John. The father of the new Speaker was Dr. J. Manby Gully, who practiced in London and at Great Malvern. John Gully's son is, however, a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, and was called the same year the member for Carlisle, and also joined the same circuit (the Northern) as Mr. Justice Wills, the Q. C.

The French President, Felix Faure, who is unostentatious and modest, will not be pleased with the regulations and "ceremonial" recently established by the Minister of Foreign Worship concerning the forms to be observed by the political employes at the passing of a presidential train. They must abstain from cheering out, as usual, the names of the stations; the service must be performed with an absolute silence, and orders will be given only by whistling. The employes of all grades, when the presidential train is in sight, and on its passing along the tracks, or by the stations, must uncover and remain barehanded during the train's stop.

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CROP PROSPECTS.

The Meteorological Bureau has issued a very finely printed weather map, which contains the following remarks regarding crops in Ontario and the Northwest: In the counties of Grey and Bruce and districts bordering thereon fall wheat is looking well, but plowing and seeding appear much later than usual. In the counties of Lambton, Middlesex, Elgin, Kent and Essex, while vegetation seems to be rather backward, fall wheat looks remarkably well, though rain is much needed. Plums are in blossom in some districts, and many all trees are in bud. In Oxford, Brant and Haldimand, and counties immediately adjoining to the north, east and southeast, vegetation appears much backward, but reports come from Paris, Princeton and Stony Creek that fall wheat has been winter killed. Reports from Middlesex and the county of Simcoe, though meagre, show vegetation to be equally as forward as with more southern districts. The date of the flowering of many wild plants, at Gravenhurst being the same as at Toronto. At Orillia the crops are reported as looking well. Navigation on Muskoka lakes was open on the 25th of April. In the counties of Halton, Peel and York, vegetation, though backward at first, made rapid strides toward the end of the month, and on the 30th was about normal; crops are looking well, though rain would much improve them. East of the county of York, as far as Peterboro, grain crops and fruit trees are looking well. Vegetation is rather backward in northern districts, but about normal in the southern portion. To the eastward of the county of Peterboro, reports are too meagre to state definitely, but they indicate a normal spring, seeding having commenced near Ottawa on the 20th, where also flowers were seen in bloom a few days later than at Toronto. Reports from the Territories indicate that by the end of the month seeding was nearly completed, and in general the growth was excellent. In Manitoba the season is nearly three weeks earlier than usual, wheat is sown and at places is showing green in the fields.

A few days ago much excitement was caused at Woodstock by the alleged abduction of the stepdaughter of Solomon Perrigo by three men, who carried her off into the woods. The girl, who has been staying at the house of some friends, has been recovered. She says that her stepfather attempted to criminally assault her, and she ran away. The story of the abduction, she declares, is entirely false. Perrigo was arrested.

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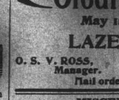

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