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Everyone who could find a place to stand crowded into the ballroom at McConkey's last night.

It was a tribute to Rudyard Kipling, the poet of the empire. Mr. Kipling himself regretted that he could not address a larger audience, and there was keen disappointment among many thousands of people in and near Toronto who were anxious to hear him.

Never had the Canadian Club a more popular or distinguished guest. He spoke briefly, not to exceed 20 minutes. Indeed, the local celebrities spoke at greater length.

Mr. Kipling talks very slowly. There is a little pause between syllables, and a perceptible pause after every word. His voice is not strong, and he makes no pretence at eloquence. But his articulation is clear and distinct, with just a suggestion of what we are accustomed to call the English "accent," and he speaks to the point. No note was wasted in local references or conventional compliments.

It is no secret that Mr. Kipling, while appreciating to the full the many courtesies accorded to him, was disappointed to find that the idea of a meeting of the people of Toronto. To a friend last night he stated that Toronto was the most loyal city within the British empire. His speech to the club was an earnest, straightforward appeal for closer union and preferential trade. He did not refer to Canadian politics, nor did he touch upon Asiatic immigration.

Tribute to Empire.
Upon rising, the poet received a great demonstration and his opening sentences referred to the tribute thus extended to him.

"When I reflect," he said, "upon the thousands of men who year after year imperil their lives for the sake of the empire, and when I reflect upon the many who have been wounded and died in battle for its greatness and preservation, this honor that you pay to one who has merely expressed their spirit, seems out of all proportion. But I know that this tribute is paid to me as an individual. I know that it represents your hearty accord with the great idea which I have been fortunate enough to express—the idea of a common empire, made up of free and self-governing nations."

"This idea did not originate with me; no man can say where or when he found its origin, but the great statesman who first distinctly voiced it, who deserted the sheep paths of petty politics to promote the splendid dream of a world-wide empire, was the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. (Cheers.) For this he sacrificed political advancement, friendships and even health itself. (Applause.)

"Every nation," said Mr. Kipling, "within the empire, and especially the big four, have contributed daring and sacrifice. History stirred with no more romantic interest than when its page-told of the courage, the daring and the enterprise of Canadian pioneers. But pioneers were still upon the earth. They were still to be found in Canada, and their kind and kin, equally gallant, brave and light-hearted, are to be found to-day in South Africa and Australia."

Beware of Pessimism.
He warned the people living in the older parts of Canada to beware of pessimism. "Having had miracles worked in your favor you must not conclude that the age of miracles is past. You may smile at the enthusiasm of some man from the bush, living at some jumping-off place, who wants you to believe that his plan will soon be a second Toronto, a second Johannesburg, or a second Victoria, as the case may be, but you will realize to your cost that the only way to become the centre of a thriving town is to be found to-day in South Africa and Australia."

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BELLEVILLE HAS BIG INCREASE IN POPULATION

With Suburbs, City Has Now 12,000 People—Increase in Property Values.

BELLEVILLE, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—City Assessor H. P. Thomas has made his report to the city council. It shows that an increase in property values of \$196,068 has taken place, the total assessment being now \$4,189,988, and that the population has increased 548 over last year, being now 9515.

These figures show the bona fide population, and do not include the students of the three colleges, nor the employees of the two cement works at the above, the population would be nearly 12,000.

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Send us every case of non-supply of cars, and loss of business consequent thereon. Also every case of slow delivery of freight. The World will try to do the work that the Ontario Railway Commission, our boards of trade, and the people's representatives ought to do.

NINETEEN THOUSAND ADDED TO POPULATION OF TORONTO IN YEAR

Assessment Commissioner Reports 272,600 People and \$207,317,768 Value of Property Liable to Taxes—Phenomenal Growth of Ward Six.

Population 272,600
Increase 18,880
Assessment \$207,317,768
Increase \$22,054,507

The city's population, as shown by the completed assessment returns, is 272,600, an increase of 18,880 above that of last year, or 7.4-10 per cent.

The total 1906 assessment of \$207,317,768 shows an increase of \$22,054,507, the largest in Toronto's history.

The former greatest increase, says Commissioner Forman, was for the year 1890, which amounted to \$21,016,575. "This increase," so his report reads, "was due to the boom, and some of the taxes then levied are now being paid in the sale of city tax-sale land."

The statement by wards is as follows:

Ward	Assess. Val.	Pop.
1	\$12,113,634	20,533
2	\$29,122,041	44,465
3	\$8,063,316	45,467
4	\$7,595,500	58,640
5	\$20,245,654	56,444
6	\$21,187,622	42,951

Ward 6 Assessment.

The statement of the assessment of ward six, just issued, showing a total of \$21,187,622, compares with \$17,490,568 for last year, an increase of \$3,697,054. The assessed value of the land is \$3,442,533, an increase of \$49,548. Commenting thereon, Mr. Forman's report says:

"There has been a general increase in land values throughout this ward, owing largely to its great development, and to the keeping up of the character of residences throughout the ward."

Land values have generally increased throughout the city, and in some cases land is being held at figures that are approaching boom prices. The stringency of the money market has had a dampening and probably good effect on real estate, and as a result builders are restricted in their operations. The effect of this, it continued, will be to materially reduce the cost of building."

Value of Buildings.
The assessed value of buildings, \$13,745,089, shows an increase of \$2,611,964, or 23.4 per cent.

\$31,939, shows an increase of \$3,752,282, or 28.4-10 per cent. Of this the report says:

"Considerable additions have been made to manufacturing industries, chiefly in the northern section of the ward, the greater being that of the Dominion Radiator Company, which, with new industries on Sterling-road and others streets amount to the sum of \$300,000. Residences have been erected on all of the principal streets. The section north of Bloor-street has very rapidly advanced. While many of the houses are of good and substantial character, and in keeping with the class south of Bloor-street, many are of the less expensive character, suitable for mechanics and others of lesser income. The assessment roll, according to the assessment roll, shows a value of \$225,000. Altogether the development of ward six has been almost phenomenal during the past twelve months."

Business Assessment.

In the business assessment the increase is \$139,435, which is accounted for by the further extension of business property and land increases. Income assessment shows an increase of \$45,949, or 28.2-10 per cent. Comment is thus made:

"The salaries in the larger concerns situated in this ward have been noticeably increased. This, with the new business arising, means the consequent employment of labor, thus accounting for the above increase. The total increase in this ward is \$150 per cent, as compared with last year. Last year's increase was 14.8 per cent, as compared with the assessment for 1906."

Increase in Exemptions.

The increase in exemptions is \$589,233. This is accounted for by the increase in value of the exhibition's lands and buildings, High Park, Dufferin Grove (now exempt) and other properties now forming park lands.

The population increase of 1901 is 13.5-10 per cent. Last year the assessment showed an increase of 2946, or 11.3 per cent.

Since last year there have been built and completed ready for occupation 1037 new dwellings.

Skeeter is Under Fire Once More

Doctor Says that 250,000 Deaths Are Due to Their Malicious Bites.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—"There are 250,000 deaths annually as the result of mosquito bites," said Dr. Edward A. Ayres, a member of the faculty of the New York Polytechnic, last night at a meeting in the New York Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West Forty-third-street.

Dr. Ayres furnished other astonishing figures in his lecture on "The Mosquito as a Sanitary Problem." He said five diseases were directly traceable to the bite of the insect. They are malaria, yellow fever, beri-beri, dengue and filia rias.

The government is eliminating the mosquito danger by draining swamp lands, he said. Dr. Ayres said that in one hundred years 100,000 deaths occurred from yellow fever, the victims being inoculated with the disease by mosquitoes.

CANNOT GET PAR FOR RENFREW DEBENTURES

Has Been Offered 98 for Five Per Cent.—Town May Try Great Britain.

RENFREW, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Renfrew cannot dispose of its debentures at par. Letters from Amellius Jarvis & Co. and W. C. Brent & Co. state that the debentures at the present time can only be sold at 98 for five per cent. Before selling at that price, Renfrew will try the old country.

FATAL RAILROAD COLLISION.

GREENSBORO, N.C., Oct. 18.—Passenger train No. 34, northbound, on the Southern Railway, last night crashed into a freight train at Ridd, near here. Three persons are reported killed and 19 others injured.

'Dead' One Said Hello To Mollie

Mrs. Timothy Brennan Fainted Away When Her Long Lost Brother Appeared.

WILLIAMTIC, Conn., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Timothy Brennan fainted away today when her brother, Dennis Long, opened her door and said, "Hello, Mollie."

For hours she was unable to talk coherently and she says she is not yet convinced that it was her brother. He left his home here fifteen years ago. A year later his sister received word that he had died in a hospital in New York. Another letter soon told her of his burial. Her brother went to Denver fourteen years ago and has since been in business there, accumulating a good sized fortune in mines. He is about fifty years old.

DESECRATED THE GRAVE OF PRESIDENT KRUGER

Marble Bust Torn From Its Base and Badly Chipped—A Painful Sensation.

JOHANNESBURG, Transvaal, Oct. 18.—A painful sensation has been caused by the discovery that the grave of President Kruger, who died in Switzerland July 14, 1904, and whose body was interred at Pretoria, has been desecrated.

The marble bust of the ex-president has been torn from its base and badly chipped. The desecration is believed to be the work of thieves who expected that a reward would be offered for the bust, but which they found too heavy to carry off.

SNOW ON THE UPPER LAKES.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Oct. 18.—Snow is falling over the upper lakes to-day, accompanied by high winds, which have created the heaviest sea of the year. All boats are tying up here waiting for better weather.

A CORRECTION.



"Just put 'em in your pockets, Rud,
Secrete 'em in your clothes,
Put a hatful in your poetry,
And plenty in your prose.
My long suit's fruit, not Frost-Flakes,
Chirped Our Lady of the Snows."

TRADERS BANK HAS NEW CHIEF

H. S. Strathy Resigns Post of General Manager and is Succeeded by Stuart Strathy.

H. S. Strathy, for many years the general manager of the Traders' Bank, handed in his resignation to the board of directors at a special meeting held yesterday. He has accepted a seat on the directorate.

His successor will be Stuart Strathy, his nephew, of Hamilton, who, for a year, has been acting assistant general manager.

The directors have not arrived at a decision as to whether an assistant to the general manager will be appointed, or whether some new departments will be created within a brief space of time. Several important changes will be made in the head office staff, but the past year or two the business has increased so rapidly, and the extension of the bank's agencies has involved so much extra labor, that Mr. Strathy, owing to his advanced years, found the work more arduous than he felt he should undertake. The directors, however, induced him to remain until arrangements could be made as to his successor.

With this end in view, Stuart Strathy was transferred about a year ago from Hamilton, the chief agency, and made assistant general manager. Yesterday the change was completed, and the general manager's resignation was accepted on condition that he would consent to become a director.

Substantial provision of a permanent nature has been made by the bank for H. S. Strathy, in recognition of his long and valuable services in connection with the bank. His ability and industry have largely contributed to the great success of the Traders, which today is in the front rank of the larger financial institutions in Canada.

Mr. Strathy has reached a period of life considerably beyond the three-score and ten, and whilst his experience and care in bank matters will be preserved, he will be relieved from the heavy strain of attending to the great volume of work which must fall to the lot of the chief officer of a large institution.

Stuart Strathy brings to bear on his new position a life-long banking experience, a record of careful and made a deal, and a business integrity beyond question. He worked up a very large business in the bank in that city, and left there to become assistant general manager with the goodwill and confidence of the customers and shareholders of the bank in that city.

COP NABBED FAKE SPIRIT

Seance Spoiled by Inquisitive Plain Clothes Men Who Had Woman Confederate.

Plainclothesmen Hoag and Brisbane of No. 4 police division went on a still hunt for a spirit last night and succeeded in bagging the supernatural visitor, in the person of Mrs. Clarence Howland.

Her husband, Rev. Clarence, was also taken into camp. Both are charged with fraud, in that they put up an unspiritual spiritual seance.

The scene of the unveiling of the mysterious stunts was set at the Howland house, 72 Bathurst-street. There the policemen attended. There were present about fifteen people, each of whom had paid \$1 to see a materialization of the inhabitants of "Kingdom Come."

The Rev. Clarence, a bland young man of 35 years, met them. He ushered them within, and in a brief space introduced his pretty wife. Next a committee of five ladies was selected, and the usual showman's declaration of indelible honesty.

Retired with these to a rear room, where she divested herself of her clothing, putting on a skirt belonging to one of the committee. Then she came to the front room again and retired into a "cabinet" or screen.

At this stage Rev. Clarence dispensed with the lights. All were extinguished save one, which burned dimly at the back of the room.

First there were weird noises, and then the spirit issued forth from behind the screen and walked majestically amid the throng of awed spectators. Stopping by one and another a whispered message was delivered.

LANGFORD DATE WALKS DISTANCE

Reaches Destination Hour Behind Schedule and Collapses at Hotel Door

PORT HOPE, Oct. 18.—David Langford, who made an attempt to walk from Port Hope to Toronto and return to Port Hope, a distance of 138 miles, in 38 hours, failed to accomplish the feat in the time.

He arrived at the Queen's Hotel at 9:03 to-night, an hour and three minutes behind his schedule.

Langford was in a state of collapse and had to be carried to his room. Discouraged Reynolds, the veteran member of Port Hope, and to-night he offered to wager \$500 against \$500 that he would make the same trip on Monday next in 35 hours.

For the third time this year pedestrians with the ambition to walk from Port Hope to Toronto and return in 38 hours have failed.

Reynolds of Port Hope, who attempted the journey last June, gave up, with four and a half hours left in which to complete the journey.

Scattered good of Oshawa quit after traveling 90 miles of the 138, and David Langford of Renfrew, the last on the list, failed to accomplish it in the stated time.

Langford left here yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, and, to carry out the undertaking, had to be at the Queen's Hotel, Port Hope, at 8 o'clock this evening, but at that hour he was four miles from town. Langford lost time all along the return journey, and at Newcastle, 17 miles from here, which village he reached at 2:40 p.m., he collapsed. He was revived, however, by Trainer O'Brien, and worked hard to accomplish the feat.

Langford stopped at a farmhouse near Oshawa to have his sore foot washed and dressed. At Newtonville, which he reached at 5:12, he was examined by Dr. McKenzie, who said he was able to proceed, and he left at 5:30.

A 6:30 he was nine miles from Port Hope, and for the next five miles he covered the best time of the journey. Langford is in very poor shape, his feet, legs and tongue being badly swollen.

CHEAP POWER TO WIN DESPITE THE GLOBE

Meeting at Twentieth Century Club in Hamilton Amazed at the Organ's Inconsistency.

HAMILTON, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The government's power scheme was the chief topic at the meeting of the Twentieth Century Club this evening.

Hon. J. S. Hendrie emphatically denied that the cabinet was split on this question, and declared that the cabinet was more unanimous on this than on any other subject. He declared that the government would see the scheme thru and would not be stampeded by any paper. It had its back to the wall. The reduction in the price of copper and all modern inventions would be taken advantage of.

The Globe's About Face.

J. P. Downey, M.L.A., followed, and referred to The Globe's top as a disgusting spectacle. The Globe, he said, had supported the cheap power scheme until it had found out that it would in all probability be successfully carried out, and then when it found that the scheme was going to hurt the interests of the men who controlled The Globe, it rushed into the arms of the iniquitous corporation.

He declared that when the committee got thru its labors, prison labor would not be put on the market in competition with free labor.

Samuel Barker, M.P., and Claude Macdonell, M.P., attacked the Dominion Government for its corruption. Jas. Livingstone also spoke. J. W. Lamoreau presided.

FREIGHT SHEDS BURNED AT TORONTO JUNCTION

Loss Will Be About Six Thousand Dollars on Building and Contents.

TORONTO JUNCTION, Oct. 18.—Shortly after 9 o'clock to-night, fire broke out in the Grand Trunk freight sheds, 400 yards west of the station, and, despite the best efforts of the local fire brigade, the building and contents were entirely consumed.

At 9:15 a still alarm was rung in, but the building, an old frame one, fell an easy prey to the flames, and the efforts of the firemen were directed toward saving the rolling stock in the immediate vicinity. A number of G.T.R. employees were employed to remove the cars, none of which was destroyed.

The loss on the sheds, which were erected about thirty years ago, is placed at from \$1500 to \$2000, and on the contents, which included a piano, stoves, furniture and general merchandise, about \$4000. The blaze is thought to have been caused by a passing engine. The fire attracted thousands of spectators, and the police had some difficulty in keeping the way cleared for the work of the firemen.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN PLANTED 5000 EU-BS

Earl Grey Invited Senior Classes to Rockcliffe Park—Gave Boys Interesting Lecture.

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Earl Grey, whose love of flowers is well known, invited the senior classes of the public schools to Rockcliffe Park this afternoon, where they planted 5000 bulbs in a huge flower garden. The governor-general gave the boys an interesting little lecture on horticulture. Next week the boys of the separate schools will plant other 5000 bulbs, all of which have been imported from England.

HELPING TO HOLD THEM UP.

The Toronto Evening News, owned by Mr. J. W. Flavell, some weeks ago sent a special staff correspondent to England to investigate the financial position of the London, Sept. 30 (published in The News, Oct. 10) he writes about "Canadian South American securities," and other things.

The existing situation contains other hopeful features. The demand for Canadian municipal issues at improved prices has already been mentioned, and it is quite clear that British capital is learning more to appreciate the merits. Such issues as Canadian General Electric preferred, Montreal Light, Heat & Power, and Canadian Northern Railway debenture stock are now largely held here, to say nothing of such Canadian South American securities as the Rio and Sao Paulo issues, which have been steadily passing into "dinner" hands here and on the continent.

DINEEN'S SPECIAL HAT DAY.

As Saturday is the recognized hat-buying day with the men, Dineen's takes particular care that they keep well stocked up with all sizes and styles for men of all ages, and the store at Yonge and Temperance-streets remains open until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of so many who can't find time to purchase during the day. Dineen's carry the widest range of fashionable hats in Canada. Prices are reasonable and the quality can be relied upon absolutely.

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