THE ASSEMBLY.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund—Overture From the London and Hamilton Synods in re Home Missionaries—Finale.

OTTAWA, June 20.—The attendance at the General Assembly this morning was very thin. Principal Forrest moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Moore, that discipline shall not be exercised in regard to marriage with a deceased wife's sister or deceased wife's niece. The resolution was ordered to be sent to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act.

The petition for a division of Kingston Presbytery was referred back to that Presbytery for further consideration.

The names of E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., of Ottawa; Mr. Roxborough, of Norwood, and John Leys, Toronto, were added to the Home Mission Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund shows total receipts, $30,851 42; payments, including $12,206 annuities and $11,278 new investments, $24,394 42; balance, $6,457. The fund includes investments and cash in hand amounting to a total of $117,468 52. While the receipts from interest have grown, the collections and ministers' rates are both less than before. The total number of annuitants is 73, and the annuities paid exceed those of last year by $862. In the eastern section the total receipts were $5,177 70, and the expenditure $3,505, leaving a balance of $1,672 70 to be added to capital. The total assets of the fund on April 30, 1890, were $77,853 75, an increase of $2,508 06 over last year. The total number of annuitants is 20 widows and 22 orphans, whose annuities amount to $3,070 50. The number of contributing members is 100.

An overture from the Synod of Manitoba, asking the Assembly to co-operate with other bodies in securing such use of the Bible in the public schools as the laws in operation in the several Provinces will allow, was laid over till next Assembly.

A communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Montreal directing attention to the use of intoxicating wine in the sacrament was ordered to be simply acknowledged.

An overture was read from the Synods of Hamilton and London recommending that no person be employed by the Home Mission Committee unless recommended by presbyteries, and also defining the class who should be eligible for employment—(1) ordained ministers; (2) licentiates; (3) students in colleges who have attended the theological class at least one year, and (4) lay catechists approved by presbyteries and no others. The overture was referred to the Home Mission Committee to report to next Assembly.

An overture was presented from the United States General Assembly asking co-operation in petitioning the governments of the earth in behalf of peace. The object aimed at is the settlement of international questions without recourse to war, but by reference to a Christian tribunal. A conference would take place in July, 1891, to which the Assembly were invited to send a delegate.

Rev. Principal Caven, Principal Grant, Dr. Reid and Dr. Fraser were appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

The object of the Prisoners' Aid Association was approved, and last year's committee on the matter reappointed. A memorial in relation to education in Quebec was referred to the Committee on Civil and Religious Rights. Rev. Messrs. Patterson and Frizzell, of Toronto, were appointed to represent the church in Canada at the forthcoming jubilee of the Irish Presbyterian Church. This ended the proceedings of the sixteenth General Assembly, Dr. Lang pronouncing the benediction.

THE ROYAL CLAN.

Election of Officers—The Secretary's Report—Buffalo the Next Place of Meeting.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., June 21.—The annual meeting of the Royal Clan, Order of Scottish Clans, closed yesterday afternoon. The meeting opened on Tuesday and three sessions were held a day in order that the work might be got through with. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Royal chief, James Sutherland, M.P., Woodstock.
Past royal chief, John Kinnear, Cambridge, Mass.
Royal tannist, Samuel Clarke, Duluth, Minn.
Royal chaplain, Dr. Morrison, Buffalo.
Royal secretary, Peter McLaren, Cleveland.
Royal physician, Dr. Urquhart, Rochester.
Royal henchman, John Brown, New Haven.
Royal warder, J. M. McDowall, Alleghany, Pa.
Royal sentinel, J. R. Stewart, Orange, N. J.

The report of the royal secretary showed: Membership in last report, 2,194; initiations, 740; total, 2,935. Suspensions during the year, 300; deaths, 23; present membership, 2,611—net increase, 417.

The financial statement showed: Beneathment fund received from assessments, 66 to 83, inclusive, $32,251 55; general fund, 5 cents per capita on each assessment, 66 to 83 inclusive, $1,891 75; through royal secretary's office, $1,862 36; total, $3,754 11. Number of assessments issued during the year, 19; number collected, 18; number of claims paid, 19.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Buffalo.

VOICES OF THE PEOPLE.

READERS OF THE ADVERTISER.—Let us hear from you on all questions affecting the public. Make your communications brief and send your name as a guarantee of good faith.

A Live Man's Rejoinder.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

My attention has been called to a bit of sensational news published in yesterday's Free Press, as follows:

Father Bayard, of Sarnia, who is very low from the effects of la grippe, is still at the City Hospital, and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Now, as Father Bayard has nothing in common with the Free Press, Mail, Empire, "et hoc genus omne," since their raising the No-Popery cry, he takes the liberty of asking a space in your journal to correct the false statements of the Free Press. 1. Father Bayard is not at the City Hospital. 2. He is not very low as far as health is concerned; and consequently, in the third place, the statement that little hopes are entertained for his recovery is a mere invention of the Free Press man.

Apart from a lameness occasioned by too much exertion and fatigue, Father Bayard is in a strong and vigorous state of health, and he would be most happy to assist the editor of the Free Press in preparing for death, "positis ponendis;" and give him, after death, all the honors of a good, genuine Catholic burial.

By inserting the above in the columns of your valuable daily, you will confer a favor on yours respectfully,

JOSEPH BAYARD, parish priest of Sarnia.

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"COME IN!"

The City Once More Talks Amalgamation to London West.

Would the Increased Assessment Justify Giving a Deferential Rate?—A Bridge Over the Wharncliffe Proposed.

Alderman Taylor presided at the meeting of the Joint Amalgamation Committee of London West and London City Councils which was held at the City Hall last evening. Ald. Moule, Ald. Garratt and Ald. Anderson with Secretary Graydon were also present, as well as Deputy-Reeve Scarrow and Councilors Brody, Duff and Spence from the village. Secretary Graydon read the proposed basis as made last year. The city members then offered to give the same terms to the village as last year, which included making openings in the dam and to give the villagers the same protection and privileges as other sections of the city. The basis referred to stated that the openings in the dam should be the same as estimated by the City Engineer in 1888. As to what the 1888 agreement consisted of some doubt seemed to exist. The Secretary tried to find that agreement, but failed.

Councilor Brody spoke of the meeting of ratepayers, which had been held in the village to consider the petition for a vote and had instructed the Village Council to consider the petition for a vote and to confer with the city, with a view to getting other terms.

Deputy-Reeve Scarrow said people had really signed the petition as being for a public meeting. The meeting was held, and only D. C. Macdonald and W. Smith had voted for amalgamation on the basis as proposed. The people, however, had a strong feeling for amalgamation, and believed the two municipalities should be one.

Ald. Anderson—Well, what do the people want?

Deputy-Reeve Scarrow said in the old agreement the depth of the stop-logs was to be decided by the Engineer. Could it not be definitely stated as being eight feet?

The Secretary read a clause from the Council's proceedings of 1888, which showed the depth proposed to be 8 feet and the width 40.

Councilor Spence said this year's Village Council had no official statement of the conditions which the city proposed to offer.

Chairman Taylor said the terms as in the minutes were correct.

Deputy Scarrow said the village representatives certainly rejected them.

Ald. Garratt said the city was bound to do the square thing and look after the village in event of amalgamation. The only thing which could effect the villagers was a question of taxation. It was a matter of mills.

Deputy-Scarrow—Well, will you give us 6 mills off, the same as London South?

Ald. Taylor—We're doing that now by offering to assume your debt.

Councilor Duff—That does not count; we're willing to assume that ourselves.

Deputy Scarrow—You could well afford to give us 6 mills off as the assessment in the village now is only about one-half the real value of property. In event of amalgamation the assessment would rise from $300,000 to $500,000. The village rate for debt charges was only 5 mills while the city's was 11 mills. If 6 mills were given off a raise of one-third in the assessment would make the city the gainer, whereas in reality the raise would be much more. If the city would leave the village assessment as at present for a number of years they would gladly pay full rates thereon. This was not lawful, though, and that was the only reason why the villagers asked for the reduction in mills.

Ald. Taylor and Ald. Anderson stated it as their opinion that the City Council would only give the terms as formerly offered.

Councilor Duff knew his taxes would be doubled if he came into the city, but he was willing to come in if just terms were proposed. A very slight increase in the present village tax would soon dispose of the debt.

Deputy Scarrow—The city has twice the debt in proportion to the village. Victoria Park cannot be sold and is not an available asset.

Ald. Taylor—Well, what do you think that breakwater would sell for?

The old agreement was then taken up and passed clause by clause. It was substantially as follows:

1. That the new ward be known as No. 7.
2. That the joint corporation assume all present debts of the village.
3. That two openings 8x40 feet be made in the dam as proposed.
4. That the city sewage be disposed of or treated in some manner to abate the nuisance.
5. That the new ward have the same privileges and be governed by the same laws as the remainder of the city.

Councilor Spence said the breakwater had been erected at a cost of $20,000 to protect the villagers' property. What the people wanted was protection and abatement of their grievances.

Councilor Duff—Give us the 6 mills off and leave out of the question making vents in the dam. That would be a paying change to the city.

Councilor Duff—We don't want a fire hall; we don't want water mains; we require few improvements.

Ald. Moule moved the following addition: "That a bridge be placed across from London West to London South on the Wharncliffe road within a year."

Ald. Garratt, Ald. Anderson and all the village delegates approved of this and it was added to the basis.

Deputy Scarrow moved that the village be given 6 mills off on the understanding that the new assessment be sufficiently increased over the present assessment to make up the deferential rate.

This provoked some discussion as to whether the city would really be able to increase the village assessment. The matter was still underdiscussion at 10 o'clock, so the committee adjourned to meet again on Friday evening next at the same place.

The utmost good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting.

NOT TO BLAME.

Inquest on the Death of Edward Fildew—No Blame Attached to the Railway Company.

The inquest on the death of Edwin Fildew, who was run over and killed by a Richmond street car Monday evening, was held before Coroner Smith at the Police Station last night. The Street Railway Company was represented by Mr. J. H. Flock, Q.C. Mr. James Magee appeared for the driver of the car, Thos. Barnes, and Mr. George McNabb for Mrs. Fildew.

Mrs. Sarah A. Fildew, the widow, was the first witness sworn. She said her husband motioned the car to stop. The driver slackened speed, but did not slow up beyond a trot. A number of people were on the rear platform and her husband ran to the front, the driver standing on one side to let him on.

P. C. Gaul, who saw the accident from the corner of Dundas and Richmond, testified that the car stopped before the second wheel had passed over the body.

William Higby saw Fildew jumping on the front platform. He grasped the left railing and had one foot on the step when he slipped. He held on until he drew himself under the car. Fildew staggered as he walked. Did not see him hail the car which was stopped immediately.

Messrs. P. Boyle, Henry Wheeler and C. F. Complin testified to being on the car. None of them saw Fildew attempt to board the rear platform.

Other witnesses corroborated the previous evidence, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, exonerating the Street Railway Company and Thos. Barnes, the driver, from all blame.

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THE FARMERS.

Meeting of the Central Institute Executive Committee—Two Cabinet Representatives Wanted.

TORONTO, June 20.—The Executive Committee of the Central Farmers' Institute held a meeting yesterday at the Walker House. The president, Mr. N. Awrey, M.P.P., occupied the chair, and the members present were: Vice-President T. Lloyd Jones, Burford; James McEwing, Drayton; Murray Pettit, Winona; J. B. Ewing, Dartford; D. M. McPherson, Lancaster; Daniel Black, Iona Station; Henry Brown Chesley; A. H. Pettit, secretary-treasurer, Grimsby. A communication was received from the Minister of Agriculture stating that he had placed in the estimates $1,500 for the Central Farmers' Institute as requested by a delegation appointed to lay the matter before him.

The following questions were put down for discussion at the annual meeting of the institute on the second Tuesday in February. They will first be submitted to the local institutes for their opinions:

1. Has the success of winter dairying been such as to warrant its general introduction in the Province of Ontario? Question to be introduced by Thos. Ballantyne, M.P.P., Stratford, and Henry Nixon, of St. George.
2. What legislation is required to prevent the formation of combines and trusts injurious to the farmers? Introduced by Mr. Matherson, of Montreal, and Thos. Bain, of Dundas.
3. Ornamentation of our public highways.
4. Beneficial effects of windbreaks on the farmer. Introduced by Mr. Pettit, Winona.
5. The position of the Province of Ontario. Introduced by Henry Brown, of Chesley.
6. Is the exportation of fatted cattle more profitable to the farmers of Ontario than the exportation of lean or store cattle? Introduced by D. M. McPherson.

N. Lloyd Jones, chairman of the Committee on Clarke Wallace's Combine Bill, reported verbally that a deputation had waited upon the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Senate with regard to the measure, but that body refused to amend the bill so as to make it workable.

On motion of Mr. D. M. McPherson, seconded by Henry Brown, a committee consisting of James McEwing, Daniel Black and the Secretary was appointed to draft a memorial to the Ontario Government, requesting them to appoint two members of the Cabinet from the ranks of the farmers.

The Secretary was instructed on motion of Messrs. Daniel Black and J. B. Ewing to have printed 7,000 copies of the annual report.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Lovell & Son, Montreal, who have published so many first-class novels, have added one more to their list. It is entitled "By Order of the Czar," and the author is Joseph Hatton, best known as the producer of "Clytie." The new work will have many readers. Price 30 cents.

Oscar Wilde contributes the complete novel to the July number of Lippincott's Magazine (Philadelphia). It is entitled "The Picture of Dorian Gray," and it is a story that everybody will want to read. Not only is Oscar Wilde one of the most interesting figures of the day, but he is a remarkable clever and original writer, as he has shown himself to be in his essays, poems, and short stories, and above all in this, his first novel. The story is strikingly original in conception, is strong in interest, and fitted with a dramatic and tragic climax.

The initial number of Outing Weekly Tennis Record" is a handsome affair typographically, its sixteen pages being patterned after the shape and size of Outing, to which it may be bound with perfect ease. The Record reports lawn tennis in a full and pleasant manner, the matter covering the movements, play and players all over the country. The contents will include letters from England, Ireland and the leading tennis centers of America. The subscription price of the Tennis Record is $1 year, or 50 cents for six months. The subscribers to Outing receive each number of the Record free.

The July number of the Cosmopolitan Magazine (New York) departs from its usual make-up and devotes itself largely to fiction, travel and sport. A new Southern writer, Robert Yulee Toombs, of Georgia, comes to the front with one of the most spirited sketches of southern life yet published. Julian Hawthorn presents a curious study of the Boston girl, asking of her in his title page "Was It Typical?" Eleanor Sherman Thackara, a daughter of General W. T. Sherman, appears for the first time in the literary world in a discussion of "Three Great Philadelphia Training Schools;" and Mrs. Roger A. Pryor considers the constitution of "American Society" in an interesting way. "Trout Fishing in Lake Edward," and the actual experience of "Trapping a Grizzly" will interest the hunter who proposes to roam the mountain-ridges during the summer. Arthur Sherburne Hardy will start this month for Japan with the intention of preparing for the Cosmopolitan some articles on the military forces of that country, to be completely illustrated by photographs and sketches.

In Defense of Women.

[Illustrated American.]

They are as nice and moderate and modest as their mothers and grandmothers, and a great deal better informed; they are willing to accept any drudgery not involving the entire extinction of refinement, and ready to worship their husbands to their hearts' content. And as to extravagance, the charge, even as regards the society girl, is overstretched. Women are not extravagant by nature. On the contrary, they are penurious; they are even mean; they have microscopic eyes.

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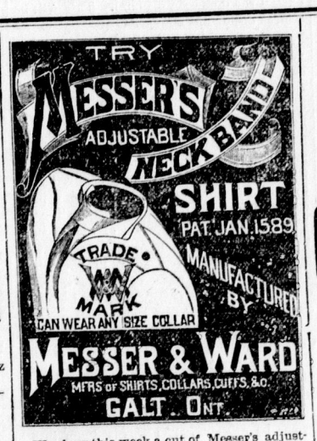

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