

# GREATEST INCREASE IN THE WEST END.

## School Population Growing Twice as Rapidly as in the East End.

### Need For Care, But Not For Scare, About Fire Protection In Schools.

The Board of Education last night spent considerable time in discussing the question of improving the condition of some of the Public Schools in the matter of protection against fire. Incidentally the question of improved sanitation and ventilation of two or three of the oldest schools was considered. Discussion commenced when the report of the Internal Management Committee was presented by Trustee Hobson. It contained the following recommendation:

"That the Building Committee be requested to place outside fire escapes on all three-story school buildings and on such others as in the judgment of the Building Committee may be necessary."

Before a motion to adopt the report was made the Chairman announced that a deputation was present in regard to the condition of the Victoria Avenue school. Dr. Wickert was the spokesman and he told the Board of a visit of inspection which he had made to that school. He said so far as the children of the third story were concerned, the place was just as Trustee Booker had represented it to be—a fire trap. He recommended that the third story be not used until such times as a better means of exit were provided. The doctor pointed out that in many of the rooms the registers of the hot air furnace were close to the doors, and the children, in case of fire, would have to pass over them. One of the furnaces was also in a dangerous position—it being immediately under the main hallway. The hot air pipes in the cellar were very close to the woodwork, and some of the joints were charred, showing that there was a great danger of their becoming ignited if the furnace became overloaded.

That other members of the deputation were Andrew Ross, F. C. McElroy and E. Trustee.

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# SCORES SOCIALISM.

## LORD ROSEBERY CONDEMNNS PROTECTION AS AN EVIL.

A Source of Corruption—Preferable, Though, to Socialism—He Regrets Agitation Against Upper House—Never so Great Need for a Second Chamber as Now—Admits Need of Reform.

London, March 12.—"The active menace of Socialism" with which Great Britain is confronted was a prominent and striking feature of Lord Rosebery's Presidential address before the Liberal League this afternoon.

The former Premier was discussing the necessity of the league's increasing support of "safe Imperialism," in which categories he included the maintenance of the policy of free trade.

"Protection," Lord Rosebery declared, "is a great evil, a great tyranny, and a great source of corruption." Continuing, the speaker said that he foresaw, however, a time when the present movement in Parliament founded on ideas of social reform, might lead to such enormous pressure in the way of direct taxation as to make the nation seek relief from its intolerable burden by shifting a part of this burden to the taxation of imports.

The time might come, Lord Rosebery said he trusted to God it never would, when the Liberals would be forced to choose between allowing the Socialists to gain the upper hand or allying themselves with the party of protection in order to defeat Socialism. Of these two conditions he, for one, without hesitation would prefer protection. This would be a great evil and a source of corruption, but Socialism would mean the end of the empire, religion, freedom and prosperity. From the point of view of the empire he regarded the tariff of the self-governing colonies as an impediment to union, and only an over-powering necessity would compel them to accept the terms of a most universal tariff springing from the centre of the empire itself.

In the elections of 1907, Lord Rosebery went on, the country had seen the Liberals and Conservatives flying at each other's throats for the hanks and letting Socialism slip away from the kernel, namely, seats in Parliament, and they had witnessed the tragedy of the Liberals fighting under the banner of "no second Chamber" at the very moment when a second Chamber was most necessary in order to combat Socialism.

Formerly Great Britain had a strong second Chamber, backed up by the veto of the Sovereign. The veto of the Sovereign had long since disappeared, said the former Premier, and now it is sought to do away with the second Chamber. Contrast this, Lord Rosebery continued, with the conditions in the United States.

"There you find a written constitution, not one syllable or letter of which can be altered without grave and lengthy constitutional process. You find a Senate of overpowering authority, and you find a veto in the hands of the President. Not a veto that has fallen into desuetude, but an active and vigorous element in the constitution. Here we have nothing but the feeble barrier of the hereditary second Chamber, which it is now said ought to be entirely abolished."

"I honestly say, considering the menace of Socialism which has reared its head in this country during the last year, and which is prepared to rear itself on every occasion again, that it strikes me as being that the Government, at the present time, should embark on the policy of abolishing the only barrier remaining between it and the people."

Lord Rosebery admitted that the House of Peers needed reform, but no such reform as suggested by the present Government.

# LOCAL LEGAL.

The following legal cases of local interest were up at Osgoode Hall yesterday:

Blain vs. Konkle—W. S. McBrayne for plaintiff, appealed from the judgment of the County Court of Lincoln of February 6th, 1908, on the question of the scale of costs allowed to the plaintiff on taxation of his costs. Action and counterclaim, each claiming damages on an exchange of horses, and verdict for plaintiff only entitled to Division Court costs, and the County Judge should have affirmed this ruling, but without right of set-off to defendant. By consent of both parties it is referred back to the County Court Judge to exercise his discretion as to costs of action, his decision to be final. No costs of defence.

Allith Manufacturing Co., vs. Allith Manufacturing Co., Limited; vs. Smith-James Dickson (Hamilton), for defendants in first action, moved for order consolidating actions. J. D. Montgomery for plaintiffs in first action, contra. Order made for judgment for plaintiffs in first action for \$1,234.78, not to issue until termination of Hamilton May sittings, or further application therefor on notice. Second action to proceed with all possible despatch and to be entered and set down for trial at such sittings. Costs in each case.

HAVANA STRIKE SETTLED.

The Cigarmakers Are Returning to Their Work.

Havana, March 12.—The strike in four cigar factories, which was begun in January in consequence of protests made by the Cigarmakers' Union against the reduction in the number of operatives employed, has been settled, and hundreds of workmen are now applying for and receiving employment. Two other factories are expected to resume to-day.

In consequence of reports of widespread distress among the field laborers in the western part of Pinar Del Rio, who are without employment at the end of the tobacco harvest, Governor Magoon has ordered the extension of road building for the purpose of affording relief. From the sugar districts throughout the island come general complaints of the scarcity of laborers, as a consequence of which, it is predicted, thousands of acres of cane will remain uncut, resulting in a great reduction in the sugar crop.

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## 5 MARKET SQUARE

PREMIUM TICKETS OPEN EVENINGS

# ORANGEMEN'S CAPITA TAX.

Great Fight For Reduction at Grand Lodge Meeting.

Protest Against Paying Bonuses For Immigrants.

Ministers Criticised For Action at Berlin Banquet.

Mount Forest, March 12.—William Fitzgerald, of the Property Commissioners Department, Toronto, was this evening elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, in place of William Lee, who is retiring because he has been elected secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of British North America. Mr. Cooke was afterwards elected associate secretary, beating Jas. Mayor and W. H. Sanders, both of Toronto.

The following officers were re-elected by acclamation: E. T. Essery, London, Grand Master; H. Lovelock, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master; Fred Dane, Toronto, Junior Deputy Grand Master; Rev. R. W. Lowe, M. A., London, Grand Chaplain; John Hewitt, Toronto, Grand Treasurer; Dr. J. J. D. Banting, Cookstown, Grand Lecturer; A. A. Gray, Toronto, Deputy Grand Lecturer; W. J. Thompson, Mitchell, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and W. H. Wilson, Aurora, and A. W. Wright, Toronto, Auditors.

Mr. W. J. Parkhill, of Midland, installed the new officers. It was then decided on ballot that the next place of meeting should be St. Thomas, the other places named being Brampton, Listowel and Barrie.

It was announced that the number of delegates exceeded 350, the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge, and there were also present over one hundred visitors. On motion of W. H. Sanders, a resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against any more bonuses being paid for securing immigrants and asking for the total prohibition of the immigration of Galicians, Doukhobors, Assyrians, Armenians and generally of people from southeastern Europe, many of whom are members of dangerous secret societies. The question of the reappointment of Mr. R. Birmingham as organizer for the order was placed in the hands of the executive, which at once reappointed him. Other organizers may also be appointed, and with the lecture bureau a vigorous campaign for the extension of the order will be conducted. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor, council and citizens generally for the hospitality extended to the visitors.

The great fight at the afternoon session was over the proposal of the Wm. Johnston Lodge, Toronto, to reduce the per capita tax from 25 cents per member to 10 cents. The great argument for the reduction was that the treasurer had in hand a surplus exceeding \$6,000. The answer was that the Grand Lodge had practically decided on the increased organization work. The yeas and nays were called for, and the present 25 cents

per capita was retained by a majority of only seven votes.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario East appealed for aid in stemming the tide of French Canadian migration into the Counties of Prescott, Russell and Glengarry, where, according to the eastern lodge, there are councils and school boards some of the members of which cannot speak a word of English.

The sum of \$800 was, on motion of Controller Hocken, voted to the support of Protestant missions in Quebec.

The sum of \$100 was voted to the True Blue Orphanage at Picton, Ontario, and \$100 to the Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto.

The action of the Hon. Dr. Reaume and the Hon. Adam Beck in attending the banquet at Jerome College, Berlin, and tacitly consenting to the toast of the Pope being given before that of the King came in for severe censure in the reports and from speakers.

DANGEROUS PRISONERS.

Second Attempt to Break Guelph Jail Frustrated.

Guelph, March 12.—Although foiled at the first attempt, the prisoners in the county jail who endeavored to make their escape have not been discouraged. The jail officials are reticent to-day, and refuse to divulge the particulars of a second attempt, but it has been learned that utensils, secured by Cox in some mysterious way to aid in his escape, were found in the cell where he is now confined. It is also said that he had contrived to make a rope out of the sheet off his bed.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon three prisoners from Palmerston, McAllyn, Heathington and Daveling, appeared before the Magistrate, charged with attempting to break jail. Cox appeared on the charge of abetting them. A Central Prison bailiff arrived here on the 2.50 train, and after the trial removed the first three named prisoners. They have three-year terms to serve, in addition to what may be imposed on the present charge. Cox has only three weeks to serve.

ALIO FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Orders Death Penalty for Murder of Denver Priest.

Denver, Colo., March 12.—"Is there no appeal?" These words were the only words spoken by Giuseppe Alio when informed by Interpreter Matteo that the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed sentence at death.

Just eighteen days after firing the shot which brought death to Father Francis Leo Heinrichs at the altar in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church while in the act of administering the holy sacrament, this wanderer from Italy, an alleged but not proved anarchist, heard his doom.

The attorney for the defence made a motion for a new trial, and was granted five days in which to file papers.

NOT EQUAL TO SUBSIDY.

Postage of Mails to Canada Via C. P. R. Steamer Only \$35.500.

London, March 12.—In the House of Commons Postmaster-General Buxton stated that the gross revenue collected by the British Postoffice on letter and parcel mails despatched from Britain per Canadian Pacific steamers in 1907 amounted to £25,300, to which amount £2,000 should be added for foreign colonial mails. The annual British subsidy is £45,000.

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# EMERALD Y. M. U.

Splendid Programme at the Annual Concert.

The sixth annual concert of the Young Men's Union of Emerald Street Methodist Church was held in the church last night, the edifice being crowded to the doors. The first part was conducted entirely by members of the Union, and included: "Song and Chorus," "Cover Blossoms," by Mr. Albert Partidge and the Union; song and chorus, "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark," Mr. R. Davis and the Union; song and chorus, "Waiting for You," Mr. A. V. A. G. Warner, R. P. Catchpole, Miss Beatrice Rolston, Miss Marie Cleworth.

Work in British Columbia.

Montreal, March 12.—Messrs. Foley Bros., Larsen & Stewart have been awarded the contract for building the first hundred miles of the C. T. P. in British Columbia, the terminal section, from Prince Rupert eastward, which will cost between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

# KNOX Y. M. U.

Amateur Contest Enjoyed by Members Last Night.

Knox Church Young Men's Union held its regular weekly meeting last evening. The President, Mr. Harry Truscott, occupied the chair. The programme consisted of an amateur contest. Selections were given by Stuart Lees, D. A. Wilson, T. M. Wright, G. J. Bath and Ross McPhaie. A talk on education and expression was also given by T. M. Wright, which was very timely and much appreciated. Next Thursday an oratorical contest will be held, and as a large number have entered, it is going to be an enjoyable evening. The Union's basketball team, playing in the Senior City League at the Y. M. C. A., reported that they were now in the lead by some game.

AT THE ALEXANDRA.

To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be an indoor baseball match between the Bankers and Tigers, which should prove very interesting, as these teams are tied for first in the supper league. The balcony admission will be 10c. for this game and a part of the balcony will be reserved for ladies and their escorts.

It took a jury in the Toronto Sessions on Thursday five hours to decide whether an Italian had or had not stolen one handkerchief.