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ARE AFTER NORMAL SCHOOL

Enthusiastic Meeting of Working Committee Held Last Evening

Committee Will Work Faithfully Towards Desired End—Strong Representatives

Chatham is going to land one of the proposed new normal schools if energetic and faithful work on the part of the citizens can accomplish it. This was the feeling which prevailed at the meeting held in the City Clerk's office, Harrison Hall, last evening.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing what measures should be employed to bring Chatham's claims before the Government. Everyone present was thoroughly enthused with the project, and left the meeting determined to leave no stone unturned to secure a Normal School.

There were present, Mayor Marshall, Ald. Potter, Ald. Austin, Inspector Park and Principal J. W. Flew, representing the city; Warden Sturgis, Councilors Somers, French, Haggart, Grant, Hornal and White, and Inspector Gelles, representing the county; Chairman Faxon and Dr. McKough, of P. S. Board; Chairman Richards, C. I. Board; Chairman Drew, S. S. Board; President Hadley and Secretary, London, of the Board of Trade.

Warden Sturgis welcomed the representatives of Chatham's progress. He moved, seconded by Commissioner French, that Mayor Marshall be permanent chairman of the united committee.

Mayor Marshall thanked the county for their cordial support. He thought that Kent and Chatham should have a Government institution. On motion of Dr. McKough and Commissioner Grant, J. W. Flew was appointed permanent secretary. Inspector Park announced that in company with H. S. Clements, M. P., he had already interviewed the Minister of Education, and that Chatham's chances were good. He spoke of many advantages possessed by Chatham. These will be presented to the Minister as soon as the Legislature have decided upon their plans.

Inspector Gelles was also most enthusiastic and pointed out many strong points in Chatham's favor. Dr. McKough emphasized the value of Chatham as the centre of 5th class education. No other point in Ontario is so well surrounded with 5th classes.

Commissioner Hornal pointed out that as Kent was the third county in Ontario in land value, first in stock and grain produced, its population must be progressive and intelligent. Such a people produced teachers and needed a Normal School.

All those present joined in the expression of Chatham's good chances and promised the most enthusiastic support.

On motion of Ald. Austin and Potter, all the delegates were appointed a permanent committee to meet at the call of the chairman for further action. This morning Sec. Flew waited on the County Council and a strong resolution was passed favoring the scheme.

AFTER 20 YEARS

Ex-Ald. Arthur J. Dunn of This City Undergoes Difficult Operation in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 26.—Twenty years ago ex-Ald. Arthur J. Dunn, then a boy twelve years of age, was pinned to the ground by the breaking of a circus tent pole and his spine so badly injured that he has not since then had the use of his legs.

To-day he was operated upon at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, parts of the vertebrae pressing against the spinal cord being removed. He stood the operation remarkably well. It is confidently believed that ex-Ald. Dunn will regain the use of his legs, and the ability to walk.

The operation, a rare one, was witnessed by a large representation of the medical and surgical profession. Mr. W. E. McFetrick this morning received a letter from Mr. Dunn's sister, who accompanied him to Detroit, to the effect that the patient had come to successfully and it was now only a question of his vitality in recuperating. The operation is pronounced as the most intricate ever undertaken in Detroit and very successful. Mr. Dunn's many friends in the Maple City will rejoice to learn there is every prospect that he will recover the use of his limbs.

FIRM CHANGED

Burrows Bros., marble dealers, have sold their business to J. E. Thatcher, of Ridgeway, who will take possession on Monday. Mr. Thatcher has been a resident of Ridgeway for many years, where he has conducted a successful business in same line of work.

NAVY FREE TO COLONIES

Lord Tweedmouth Says Thus Britain Could Best Show Her Love.

No Returns Yet Received From Friday's Contests—Cabinet Ministers Are Interested—Standing of the Parties—Only Nine Contests Now Remain and It Will Be All Over by Monday Night.

London, Jan. 27.—"Some people insist upon the necessity of a contribution from the Colonies for support of the navy; for my part I should be quite prepared to give the protection of the British navy to the Colonies as a free gift." So said Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, at a dinner in Edinburgh last night. He declared their existence as a nation rested on the navy. The sea divided us from foreign countries, and also bound us to that quiverful of younger nations sprung from our loins. He thought they could best show their love by offering them the protection of the navy.

Although polling took place in twenty-eight seats yesterday no returns were received last night. These included important contests, among which were the seats of R. B. Haldane, and H. H. Asquith, Cabinet Ministers, and Walter Long's second effort in Dublin. Only nine contests now remain, of which five take place on Saturday and one on Monday, while the polls of Glasgow and Aberdeen and Edinburgh and St. Andrew's University remain open for some days. In the universities free trade Conservatives are opposing tariff reformers.

Standing of the Parties. Liberals, 85; Labour, 44; Conservatives, 149; Nationalists, 87. Gains being—Liberals, 193; Labour, 24; Conservatives, 12; Nationalists, 1. This shows the number of Conservatives in the House to be the smallest in history.

It is a unique fact that the Whitty division of Yorkshire, which figured as a Conservative gain yesterday morning was the sixth seat won by the Liberals during the bye-election last year to go back to Conservative. This fact is pointed to by the Conservatives in support of the "swing of the pendulum" theory as an explanation of the result. The swing Post urges the Conservatives to reconstruct the party on the lines of tariff reform, the "only definite constructive policy the opposition finds ready to stand." It points out Mr. Balfour is opposing the seat of a pronounced tariff reformer in the City of London, and regards this as evidence of his determination to accept this policy.

Member-Elect Don Thomas Higgins, who was Thursday elected Nationalist member in North Galway, was found dead in his hotel at Tuam yesterday, possibly as a result of the excitement of election. He was one of the most militant Nationalists in west of Ireland, and had many conflicts with the police. He was imprisoned under the Crimes' Act during Arthur J. Balfour's tenure of the chief secretaryship of Ireland.

The seat was last held by Col. Nolan. The twenty returns from the polls yesterday give the Liberals a gain of seven seats in England, and one in Scotland. The Unionists captured back again Whitty in Yorkshire, won from them at the bye-election in 1905 by 245 votes. Sir A. Asquith and the Conservatives won the Balfour Government, was returned at a reduced majority. Lionel Walter Rothschild, Unionist, has been re-elected for the middle division of Buckinghamshire, though a reduced Unionist majority by one-half.

Attitude of the Times.

The Times defines its attitude toward the new Government and admits that a term of opposition will do the Union. It points out that its own traditional policy has been to support all Governments in foreign affairs and national defence, and then proceeds, but with regard to the Colonies, the outlook is less clear. They, like the great imperial interests mentioned, ought to remain outside the arena of party warfare. Unfortunately they have been dragged into it to a lamentable extent and sometimes upon the lowest of all grounds—that of mere personal jealousies or antipathies. We can only hope that the responsibility of office will enable the men in power to put aside entirely the prejudices engendered by party strife, and to treat colonial questions with the same sobriety and far-seeing statesmanship which is recognized as essential in foreign affairs. The touchstone in this matter will be the manner in which the new Government deals with the Transvaal.

Fisher Butts In. Montreal, Jan. 27.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, speaking before the Mackenzie Club last evening, declared that he was almost glad that they had decided not to give a preference to the Colonies. Canadian products had a profitable market as it was.

On Hunt for Water.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor William has commissioned Herr Von Ullrich, the chief Government official of Apender, Schleswig-Holstein, to proceed to German Southwest Africa and find subterranean springs by means of a diving rod.

Loss in Montreal Fire.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The damage by fire in the building at the corner of St. James and Victoria square Thursday afternoon is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000; covered by insurance. Poor excuses are always around.

BREAK IN TRENT CANAL

Adjoining Property and Peterboro Houses Flooded.

25,000 Tons of Water Poured Over the Land Lying Below the Canal—Water Flowing Through the Streets Awoke Citizens at 5 o'Clock a. m. and Led to General Alarm—Imperfect Construction Blamed.

Peterboro, Jan. 27.—Yesterday morning at an early hour a disastrous break occurred in the embankment of the Trent Canal, above the lift lock, and before it could be stopped 25,000 tons of water had poured over the land lying below the canal. Considerable damage was done. This break was due, according to the official statement of the superintendent, to the defective construction of the bank and not to the high water, which has been maintained at normal height in the reach. Next to the Government, the heaviest losers will be Curtis Bros., brick manufacturers, whose yards are immediately to the east of the bank of the canal. Houses Flooded.

Their premises were flooded. After the water had flooded all the low ground to the east of the bank, it flowed through a 4-foot culvert and the eastern part of the city was deluged. The streets which awoke the citizens there at 5 o'clock, and led to a general alarm being given.

Fortunately, the guard gates in the canal just above the break, rose automatically with the flow of water, and thus prevented more serious damage being done.

The break was reported to M. J. Butler, chief engineer of the department of railways and canals, and he instructed that an investigation take place and that steps be taken immediately to repair the damage.

Had Blunders. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—(Globe Special.)—The report of Mr. Holgate, C. E., of Montreal, embodying the results of his investigation into the complaint that the lift lock at Peterboro was impracticable, is said to disclose a most serious condition of affairs. It is alleged, if rumor be true, that no comprehensive plans were prepared. Talk of the Minister would not be in a sort of haphazard way without proper supervision. The lift lock now leaks badly, and although the blunders made are not irreparable, the repairs will involve a considerable sum of money. The Minister would not talk of the matter yesterday morning, neither would he say what the report of Mr. Holgate contained. "Until the Cabinet have taken up and dealt with the report," he observed, "I deem it advisable to say nothing."

BIG TIMBER PROFIT.

Georgian Bay Limit in Three Years Appreciates \$250,000 in Value.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.—The marvelous advance in timber prices of recent years is strikingly illustrated in a deal which was closed yesterday for the transfer of timber berth 169, in the Georgian Bay district. F. W. Gleibist of Alpena, Mich., sold the timber to E. B. Foss of Bay City for \$450,000. The tract contains upwards of 100,000,000 feet of white pine.

This identical tract was in the market three years ago at \$200,000. In that short space of time it has more than doubled in value.

Foss, it is said, will be able to make a handsome profit before he lets go of the timber.

Wants Ontario to Refund.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Justice Burbridge will have a case in Toronto on the 31st before the Province of Ontario and the Dominion. In 1873 the Dominion arranged with the Indians, near Fort William for a large tract of land. The Dominion agreed to make money allowances on account of which the sum of \$1,722,000 has been paid. After this treaty was made the Northwest Angle treaty changed the boundary and the land was given to Ontario. The Dominion wants the province to carry out the terms of the treaty with the Indians and refund what the Dominion has paid.

Cable Message Absurdly Untrue. Washington, Jan. 27.—The following cablegram has been received by Secretary of War Taft from Governor-General Iral de Manila: "Natives much disturbed by cable. Acting Ambassador Wright has been authorized to negotiate sale of islands to Japan. Authentic denial from you might be useful." Secretary Taft replied to the cablegram as follows: "The cable statement referred to in your cablegram has not the slightest vestige of truth. It is not only untrue, but absurdly so."

No Reciprocity With Australia.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Other reports from Australia show that no measure of reciprocity with Canada can be looked for during the life of the present Parliament, which will not expire until twelve months hence. The political outlook is very uncertain, and several important measures have had to be withdrawn because they could not be carried through the Commonwealth Parliament owing to the existing slender majority.

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REMEMBERED BY "THE BOYS"

Employees of The Planet Add One More to the List of Presentations to Mr. Anderson

Retiring Editor of The Great Home Journal Fittingly Acknowledges Mark of Respect and Esteem

To-day at noon Mr. Harry W. Anderson, the retiring editor of The Planet, was again made the subject of an address and presentation in view of his departure from the city, to assume a position on the staff of the Toronto News.

This time the gift was tendered from the employees of The Planet Office, with which institution Mr. Anderson has been associated for over 12 years. Precisely at 12 o'clock "the boys" assembled in the editorial room, when Mr. Stephenson, the proprietor was called and with a neat and appropriate address presented the departing young man with a purse well filled with money. In his address Mr. Stephenson dwelt upon Mr. Anderson's exceptional abilities, which have been very much in evidence ever since he accepted a position on the staff and joined with his "happy family" assembled, in extending heartfelt wishes for "Harry's" future success and happiness.

Mr. Anderson was taken quite unawares by this mark of respect and esteem from his colleagues, but in a few well chosen remarks thanked the donors and assured them that their kindness would never be forgotten. Mr. Anderson has lived in Chatham many years, having first attended the C. C. I., where he made a remarkable showing. For the last five years he has ably filled the editorial chair of the Great Home Journal. He has made a host of friends who, while sorry he is leaving Chatham, are pleased to learn that he is making another step of progress in his chosen profession.

KINDLY REMEMBERED

Christ Church Senior Guild sent a very kindly worded letter to Mrs. McCosh, President of the Guild, expressing their deepest sympathy with her and Mr. McCosh in their great sadness and sorrow. The letter was accompanied by a cheque, asking that it be used towards defraying the expenses of a trip, to enable Mr. and Mrs. McCosh to enjoy the rest and change which it is felt they so much needed. Mr. and Mrs. McCosh deeply appreciate the very thoughtful and generous act of the Guild. They left for Washington this afternoon, where they will be the guests of the Hon. James McLachlan, Member of Congress for Los Angeles District, Cal. They will be absent about two or three weeks.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE TO-NIGHT

Neil Twomey, with a strong company of competent actors, will appear in the Grand Opera House to-night in the new comedy-drama, "The Parting of the Ways." Mr. Twomey is one of our cleverest actors and has proved himself to be a great favorite, and his production of this play in other cities has met with warmest approval. Special scenery will be used, and the company will, doubtless, be greeted by a large audience.

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