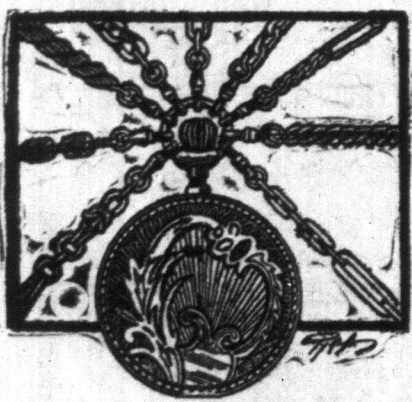


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LOCAL TEMPERANCE ADVOCATES MEET AND GIVE THANKS

President Parrott Takes a Fling at the Local Press—Predicts a Third Newspaper for Chatham—Other Speakers Deliver Encouraging Addresses—Some Good Music by the A. M. E. Quartette.

"Although we have not been successful in carrying the referendum we have won a great victory in the Province of Ontario, and we are here today to return thanks for this victory."

These were the encouraging remarks with which President Parrott, of the Kent Temperance Association, opened his speech at a meeting of the temperance people held in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon.

The meeting itself was not as large as the ones previous held. The house, however, was fairly well filled and the short speeches which were given were listened to very attentively.

President Westman, of the City Temperance Association, presided over the meeting and made a short opening address in which he stated the present position of the temperance people.

"Although we have not carried the bill," said Mr. Westman, "we have no reason to feel disheartened. No Government can afford to deal lightly with the demands of the temperance people and if our Government will not give us what we ask for, another may, and if the present Government ignores our wants we will get another."—Applause.

He then introduced President Parrott, who said:

"I am reminded of the remarks made by General Wellington at the time of the battle of Waterloo. He was heard to exclaim, 'What can save Britain if Waterloo is lost?' I am glad that we have met our Waterloo, even if the vote was lost, for we have indeed won a great victory, and the result is most flattering. It was said to be a characteristic of the great Napoleon that he could take a victory but could not command a retreat. In this case we are not called upon to acknowledge defeat, for we have come out victorious."

"In the late South African war our soldiers were at first met with reverses. What was the cry that went back to England? 'More men and bigger guns.' We are much in the same position today. The enemy have been hiding behind rocks of a vote that has not been polled. That rock alone has saved them from losing what they prize most dear. We are now ready for the cry of 'more men and more guns' and we will get them."—Applause.

COMPULSORY VOTING.
"I do not intend to go into politics, but I do wish to say that I am and always have been an advocate of compulsory voting. Through a man's franchise he is made a guardian of his country. Either they should exercise this right or it should be taken from them."—Applause.

"I wish to thank the friends who have helped us in this campaign, in speaking at the different meetings which have been held throughout the county. They have done excellent

service. I also wish to thank the ministers who have given us help. They do not ask for thanks, but they did their duty and we are very grateful. I am sorry that some of the ministers were not with us. Some of them did not even say which side they were on.

"We are also thankful to our opponents. The credit is not altogether due to the temperance people. Many who never before supported the temperance cause voted with us this time. We are thankful to the men who signed the business men's manifesto. They just told where they stood and gave us a text to talk upon."

MR. PARROTT AND THE PRESS.
"We are thankful to the press for the few crumbs of comfort—and not very big or sweet crumbs—which they have occasionally doled out during the campaign and for the somewhat meagre and half-hearted reports of the temperance meetings which have appeared once in a while. The stand taken by the press in this campaign has created a feeling among the people of Chatham that we need a paper that will deal fairly with public questions, and I believe that in a short time, within the next year, such a third paper will be established here."

Mr. Parrott closed with thanking the ladies and the children as much of the credit for the good showing made is directly due to them.

Mr. Parrott was followed by S. C. Walker, who delivered an address much upon the same lines as Mr. Parrott.

Wilson Taylor spoke next. He also delivered an excellent ten minute address.

CITY SECRETARY.
Rev. T. T. George, Secretary of the County Association, who followed Mr. Taylor, stated that he thought that when all the returns were brought in it would be found that Kent had done its duty in the campaign with the possible exception of Dover and Raleigh.

"Some ministers," said he, "have refused to enter into this campaign, as they wished to keep out of politics. This is a question which should be dealt with separately from politics."

"In some of the large cities it has been said that the Conservatives turned out and voted for the Act simply to get the Reformers in a tight box. This, I believe, is not true."

Mr. George concluded by condemning an editorial which appeared in one of the city of the city papers Saturday evening, and heartily thanking the press for fair and full reports of their meetings during the campaign.

A quartette from the A. M. E. church provided some excellent music during the meeting.

TELEGRAPH DEBITES.
St. The cartoonist is dead.

Mr. H. L. Hall, city editor of The London Advertiser, is dead.

Ex-Speaker T. B. Reed of the United States Congress is dead.

Rev. John Kelman has declined the professorship offered him at Knox College.

Lewis York, a young man near Belleville, was trampled to death in his stable.

Mr. John Dillon, the Irish leader, who was taken ill at Chicago, has fully recovered.

The Archbishop of Toronto conducted the service of blessing the new Parkdale Catholic church.

For the month of November British exports increased \$9,074,000 and imports decreased \$8,146,000.

Several young men suspected of plotting to assassinate the Czar were arrested in the Imperial Park at Livadia.

It is reported at Ottawa that Lord Milner, Governor of the Transvaal, will be the next Governor-General of Canada.

Incomplete returns of the vote on the referendum record 125,579 polled, with a majority of 65,149 for the act.

A St. Louis millionaire brewer was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary in connection with the "boodling" scandals.

Lieut.-Col. Lamb, who accompanied the British Palma trophy rifle team to Ottawa, in September last, committed suicide.

The Assuan dam, on the Nile, completed at a cost of nearly \$25,000,000, will be formally opened by the Duke of Connaught to-day.

It is reported that Wm. Priest, a Brandon bootblack, has inherited a fortune of one million dollars by the death of an uncle in California.

The temperance people of St. Catharines intend to enter municipal affairs and put a list of candidates in the field for Mayor and Aldermen.

Edward Murphy and William Burton, accused of attempting to personate voters at Kingston, were fined \$50 and costs each or six months in jail.

A plan has been proposed to the Minister of Education for a School of Forestry in connection with the University of Toronto and the Ontario Agricultural College.

Mr. D. D. Mann, Vice-President of the Canadian Northern Railway, was injured in a collision on that road at La Broquerie. Mr. Mann's injuries are reported to be slight.

The trial of the petition in Centre Bruce against the return of Mr. Hugh Clark, M.P.P., has been postponed. A date will be named later, when it is learned about how long the trial of the Soo petition is likely to last.

Edward Donald of Montreal is appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits in Quebec for use in Ontario; E. T. Sider of Cayuga is appointed Associate Coroner for Haldimand, and D. P. Bogart of Whitby Associate Coroner for the County of Ontario.

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BAD FIRE.

The house on the farm of Nelson Edward Robinson, 11th concession line, Raleigh Township, together with the barn and strawstack, were burned early Saturday morning.

James Delaney had been living in the house, but on the day preceding the fire he moved to another house across the 10th concession line. The house was insured for \$50 and Mr. Robinson estimates his loss at \$500.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council resumed after dinner. Mr. French called attention to the fact that Mr. McArthur's account for fulfilling the duties of an accounting officer at the last election had not been paid. On motion the account was ordered paid.

A motion by Mr. Sturgis was voted down. "Thank you," said Mr. Sturgis. "You appear to be thankful for small favors. That's according to Scripture, remarked the Warden. 'I'm glad there is one of the Council able to quote Scripture goodnaturedly.'"

The by-law in regard to the Tilbury and Raleigh townships was discussed in committee of the whole. Mr. Jones recommended that the by-law be laid over till the January session as an amendment had evidently been secretly added.

Mr. Ross asked that the by-law be taken without the amendment, which the solicitor had added.

Mr. Jones replied that the solicitor had added a clause after the by-law was given its first and second readings. The by-law couldn't be passed without the addition and he didn't care to vote to pass it without the solicitor's addition.

He moved that the by-law be laid over till the January sessions.

Mr. Ross warned the Council that, if the by-law wasn't passed, there would be a clause in the by-law against the County before the new year.

Mr. Jones said that he had heard such threats before, but nothing was to be gained by passing a by-law that would be struck out for non-residents.

Mr. Vester stated that the Council in committee had a perfect right to amend, add or strike out a clause in a by-law.

It was decided to hear the solicitor's opinion on this point.

Mr. Walker upheld Mr. Vester and said it was quite in order to amend the by-law and the Council could add a clause if they wished to.

The clause added by the solicitor was then put in the by-law.

The Lowden road had long been used by Tilbury and Raleigh in lieu of the townships, which was impossible. Since then the townships have been made passable and neither the County nor Tilbury want to be held responsible for the road.

This by-law relieving the County from liability for this road was passed. It repealed by-law No. 20, which was passed in 1894.

The by-law appointing F. H. McPherson auditor of the Treasurer's books from the time of the dismissal of Mr. Shambles up to the end of the year was passed.

The by-law legalizing payment and grants of money was passed.

The by-law to extend the time for the enforced sale of non-residents' land for taxes was also passed.

Mr. Sturgis moved, seconded by Mr. VonGuten, that the Warden vacate the chair and that ex-Warden Jones take it. That the sincere thanks of the Council be extended to Francis Rankin, Esq., Warden of the County of Kent during the year 1902, for the able, courteous and business-like manner in which he has handled the affairs of the County during the year, and more particularly to commend him for firmness and promptitude of his action in taking possession of the office of the defaulting treasurer and for handling same with efficiency.

until a new treasurer was appointed, and also for his courteousness to each member of the Council during his term of office, and trust that in future he will be able to look back to the year 1902, with a degree of satisfaction and pleasure.

This motion carried unanimously with the singing of "For he is a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Jones extended the vote of thanks of the Council to the Warden. Warden Rankin in thanking the Council, said:

"I very much appreciate the kind-

December Sale!

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For years past has made the month of December a clearing month for heavy winter goods. Those who are late getting their winter supplies have a very special opportunity to buy just in the nick of time at December clearing prices. **December Sale**

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Latest basket weaves, brown, east for, navy, and black, Dollar Goods, December Sale, a yard	68c.	In French Flannel Waistings we shine, a yard	38c.
Heavy Irish Eriese, Dollar Goods, a yard	50c.	Silks, full lines in Japan Silks, all widths, for a yard 25c and	50c.
Special black cheviot, 40c. goods, for a yard	29c.	Tamelines, all shades and the leading colors at a yard	48c.
A December Special in Broadcloths, in three colors, a yard	50c.	Black Taffeta Silk, extra values, at a yard 50c, 72c, \$1.00 and	\$1.25
		Organdies for party dresses, at a yard 22c, 36c and	50c.

WOMEN UNDERWEAR. MEN

Very Heavy Fleece Vests, 50c values, for	35c.	Wool and Fleece Shirts and Drawers, special 50c lines for December, 60c, 75c and \$1 values,	50c.
Winter Weight Fleece Vests and Drawers, each	25c.	Scarlet Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 75c and	50c.
Children's and Misses', all sizes, up to per suit	50c.	Men's Heavy Socks, 85c, 25c, 30c and 2 pr. for	25c.
Ladies' Natural Wool, unshrinkable, 72c to	\$1.00		

BLANKETS AND FLANNELS

Grey and White Fleece Blankets, for a run, per pair	75c.	Yard wide Heavy Grey Shaker and Union Flannels for	12 1-2c.
All Wool, 6-pound White Blankets, ticklers,	\$2.50	Navy Blues, Greys and Seattles, all wool Flannels, from	20c up
All Wool, extra large and heavy Blankets, \$3.50 to	\$4.50	Wrapperettes and Fleece Back Waistings, from 6c, 8c, 10c and	12 1-2c.

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To describe and quote our Furs of all kinds the local papers could be filled full, especially in Electric Seal Jackets, not to mention Astrachan; we show the nobbiest and an unsurpassed stock.		Ladies' \$5.00 to \$12.00 Jackets, black satin and mercurized lined, in fawn, brown, grey and black, sale price	\$3.98
In Superb Sable Neckwear we are leaders.		The very latest, up-to-date Monte Carlo Coats.	
		For small children, a line of Tasty Reefers at	\$1.25
		Heavy Homespun and Frieze Walking Skirts,	\$2.25

MILLINERY.—Trimmed Felt hats, latest idea, \$2.00. Children's and misses' Flops \$3.50 value for \$2.50. Remember our special leader in black velvet Hats with tips at \$5.00. Black velvet Bonnets, Christmas specials, for matrons \$2.50 and \$2.00. Fine line of black Breasts, 50c.

WILLIAM GORDON

ness of the Council. I don't see how I could have been better used than I have been by this Council. I have tried in all cases to fill the chair with credit to the Council and myself. I cannot forget the many kindnesses I have received at the hands of the Council. There has never been a single objection to my ruling. I can never forget the year just closed or the way it was used by this Council. In the unfortunate affair in regard to the treasurer, I lost many hours of sleep studying the best action to take. It was a difficult matter to deal with and I feared lest I might make a mistake. I am pleased to be able to think that every member endorsed my action."

Mr. VonGuten, who has occupied the seat on the left side of Mr. Rankin during his seven years in the Council of the County of Kent, moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, who occupied the seat on the right, a vote of success to all the other Councilors who were seeking re-election. The Council then adjourned sine die.

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