

LORD PUTS UP SOME BIG MONEY

Historic Crystal Palace is Saved to Nation Thro' Generous Gift.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Announcement is made that arrangements have finally been made for carrying out at once the purchase of the Crystal Palace and its grounds and making them public property. It is expected that the legal transfer will be made as from the new year.

This completion of the scheme for the public acquisition of the Crystal Palace is due to a further large donation from Lord Plymouth, who had already subscribed \$25,000 to the Times fund.

Rather than that any delay should now occur through the failure of some of the municipal authorities to contribute what was expected from them towards the purchase of the Crystal Palace, Lord Plymouth has himself generously agreed to sell the property to the public for about \$150,000 less than the \$1,150,000 for which he bought it.

Saved From Auction Sale
In November, 1911, Lord Plymouth, at the then lord mayor's request, saved the Crystal Palace and its grounds from being put up to auction for building purposes by personally guaranteeing the purchase money fixed by the Court of Chan-

cery, simply in order that time might be gained for the Mansion house committee to make their appeal to the public. On the understanding that a Mansion house fund would be raised to reimburse him, Lord Plymouth eventually bought the property, at a cost of \$1,150,000 for no other purpose than to hand it over to the public when the fund was completed.

Owing to the unexpected refusal of the Camberwell borough council to contribute to the fund and the recent reduction of the Penge contribution from \$100,000 to \$25,000, there is now a deficit on the first half of this fund which it was always supposed that the various local authorities would provide, of \$147,000.

Lord Plymouth's Generosity.
In these circumstances the generosity of Lord Plymouth's decision will be fully realized. His personal contribution to the fund for preserving the Crystal Palace and its grounds as a national possession will be about \$175,000 apart altogether from the responsibilities which have fallen on him as temporary owner during the unexpectedly protracted period while the movement for public purchase has been going on.

The Times prints a letter from Sir David Burnett, the ex-lord mayor as an official announcement that the purchase fund is now closed. A bill has still to pass through Parliament next session to give effect to the arrangements for holding the Crystal Palace as a national trust, but meanwhile, so far as the necessary legal formalities permit, it is intended that the trustees shall forthwith relieve Lord Plymouth from further responsibility for the management.

LANGFORD

(From our own Correspondent)
Rev Mr Cook occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning and gave a splendid address.

Mr Charlie Watson entertained his brother and uncle on Sunday.

On Saturday morning while Mr F. Hanks was chopping something went wrong with his engine which blew him through a door, cut his face up some, but nothing of a serious nature but it might have been serious.

Mrs F. S. Langs was quite sick last week with cold.

Miss Rutherford Walsh is visiting her sister, Mrs Henry Tyson.

Mr and Mrs H. D. Cornwell spent the week end at Boston, Ont.

Mr Ira and George Kendrick, Ancaster, were visiting their mother, who is sick.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Hunter entertained friends from the city on Sunday.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. Edgerton Shaver, Ancaster, on Monday afternoon.

Hundreds of people in Japan were killed following unprecedented volcanic disturbances.

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DUKE'S DEER FOREST

Chancellor Declines to Buy 400,000 Acres in Sutherlandshire.

Mr. Lloyd George has decided for his own part not to accept the Duke of Sutherland's offer to sell the Government part of his land in Sutherlandshire, but intimates that the Development Commission will deal with the offer on its merits.

It should be recalled that the Duke formally offered to sell to the Government about 210,000 acres, 170,000 of which are under deer, at £1 2s. 6d. an acre, though stating that the land was nearly all unfit for human habitation; and about 300,000 acres, 40,000 under deer, but the rest grazing land, at £1 5s. an acre.

Mr. Lloyd George, writing on Dec. 13 said:—
While portions of the land appear to be capable of development, by afforestation, for example, it appears, unfortunately, that the terms which you propose are not such as I can possibly regard as reasonable.

I find that the rental value of the first of the two areas which form the subject of the offer is estimated at £2,818, and that of the second area at £2,582. The price you ask is 22s. 6d. per acre for the 208,874 acres of the former, or £236,108 and 25 s. per acre for the 104,820 acres of the latter, or £243,525. The total price asked for the two is thus £479,633, or just forty-two years' purchase of the rental value of £11,395. Further comment hardly seems to be necessary.

The preliminary valuation for Death Duties placed upon the whole of your Scotch property, amounting to 1,700,000 acres and including such portions as Dunrobin Castle and the best land in Sutherlandshire, is £400,000.

The Chancellor comments upon the difference in valuation, and says the Development Commissioners will consider the offer as an independent body.

To this the Duke of Sutherland wrote in reply:—
May I remind you that the correspondence took place in consequence of your statements at Swindon that "tens of thousands of people are turned out of their homes in order to get sport"; and, further, that "we want to repopulate these glens, and that you can do it by re-afforesting hillsides, protecting glens, getting back the population, who will have the winter employment looking after the forests, and summer employment in cultivating the valleys."

May I remind you again that it was you, and not I, who stated the purpose for which the land could be used. You do not withdraw your statements, of which I have made quotations, and if you adhere to them it would be interesting to know at what price you would expect to purchase land which could be populated in the way you suggest.

The duke proceeds to say that the figure mentioned for probate as the value of his father's Sutherland estates was merely a nominal one, and that the provisional valuations under the Finance Act have not yet been made in respect of the bulk of the property. He adds:—
I see you put the area of my Scotch estates at 1,700,000 acres. The total area is, in fact 923,400 acres and I see from Whitaker's Almanack that the total area of the whole county of Sutherland, in which my property lies, is 1,297,914 acres.

If my offer has had no other result it will not have been altogether fruitless if it leads you to alter not, indeed, the character but the venue of your rhetoric. Even an audience which, like yourself, have never been "at" a deer forest, are unlikely to be impressed by your tears for the perversion of land in the Highlands while you denounce 22s. 6d. per acre for such land as a wholly excessive price.

Responding on Wednesday, the Chancellor pointed out that the value of £400,000 was placed upon the Scottish property in the execution of an affidavit.

The contrast between the value of 8s. 8d. an acre placed on the whole 923,000 acres and the value of 22s. 6d. subsequently placed by you on the least productive part of the property is at any rate an interesting study in the psychology of valuation.

Before you undertake to deliver gratuitous lectures to public men on "controversial methods," you might rectify these errors of accountancy in your estate, which apply different methods of assessment according as to whether you pay or receive.

You point triumphantly to the fact that 22s. 6d. an acre is an excessive price for the land, as if that showed that deer forests are worth so little that the community loses

AT THE PANTOMIME

Heartily Applauds the Efforts of Amateur Juvenile Actors and Actresses.

The Premier of England, who is on a visit to Lord and Lady Sheffield at Alderley Park, Cheshire, was present on Wednesday night at a children's performance in the Tenants' Hall.

It was the annual Alderley Pantomime, an important feature of the old-time Christmas festivities. Mr. Asquith who occupied a front seat between Lord and Lady Sheffield, appeared to enjoy himself immensely, and applauded heartily the efforts of the juvenile performers.

Forty children took part in the production, which was entitled "The Magic Revenger," and was described as a dream, in two acts. There was an amusing scene in a schoolroom where the children stayed behind on Christmas Eve, fell asleep, and dreamt that various characters from their school books had come to life and haunted them, and also saw a terrifying procession of bad conduct marks which however were eventually vanquished by the good conduct marks.

Alleged Bank Frauds
Scotland Yard detectives on Saturday arrested in London a man who is suspected of a number of daring bank frauds in Dundee.

For some time past the Scottish Police have been warned that a well-dressed stranger had been accosting messengers from banks in Dundee, and by means of bogus messages and documents obtaining from them are cash they had just drawn. The latest victim was a messenger for a well-known manufacturer, who was stopped after leaving the bank and told that he had not given the necessary receipt. He unsuspectingly handed over £50 in gold and returned to the bank only to find that he had been swindled.

The news was first informed and the man was traced to London as the result of which on Saturday Detective Sergeant Mitchell and West arrested in Mornington Crescent a man giving the name of John Greig on suspicion of being the wanted man.

Mr. Greig was taken to Cannon Row station and detained pending the arrival of officers from Dundee.

BURFORD
Mrs. Cameron of Regina is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Ledger and Miss Rounds.

Mrs. Ed. Smith of Brantford, spent over Sabbath with Mrs. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mudge have returned from a two months' visit at Chicago, Elgin, Ill. and Detroit.

Mr. Chas. Hodges of Jackson, Mich., is visiting his niece, Mrs. C. N. Woodin.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church held their regular Monthly Tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rathburn last Tuesday. A large number were present, two sleigh loads going from the village. A very pleasant time was spent.

Mr. Elliott of Edmonton, is calling on old friends in the village.

Miss Whyte of Woodstock, sang in the Baptist church last Sabbath.

Mr. Elgin Park was elected school trustee at the annual meeting last week.

Miss Tufford of Paris, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Armstrong.

Miss Wilson of Princeton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Everett, Jr.

Mrs. Kinsella of Manitoba has been visiting her grand mother, Mrs. Hamner.

Mr. Geo. Daniels of Princeton, has rented the Douche Farm.

Mr. Thompson has installed a new and up-to-date printing press in his office.

Messrs. G. French and Edwards have opened out a skating rink in the Fair Building.

The community was thrown into gloom last week through the very sudden death of Miss Alice Smith, the popular teacher at the Public School.

A full account of whose death has already appeared in the papers. The funeral took place on Friday to Paris cemetery. The magnificent display of flowers in a fair way proved he high esteem in which Miss Smith was held not only in her home, but in the whole community. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. George Charles has been engaged as temporary teacher at the Public School, owing to Miss Smith's death.

Mr. Robert McCracken expects to soon have his mill in shape to continue business.

Mr. McClellan from British Columbia is visiting his brother at The Crown Bank.

James Lockhart of Niagara Falls, Ont., has disappeared from his home and cannot be found anywhere about the city. He left, clad only in his nightshirt, with the mercury 10 below.

CHILDREN'S FEAST

Colonials' Kindness Provides Christmas Treat for 1300 Boys and Girls.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Inside the Guildhall were gathered on Tuesday 1,300 boys and girls selected by the Ragged School Union from the poorest parts of London, who sat down to a sumptuous Christmas dinner provided by money sent from Ragged School Union Auxiliary in Victoria, New Westminster, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Among these poor waifs all was joy and gladness. Different was the aspect of hundreds who gathered outside in the cold, for there were no tickets for them, and they could only huddle there, and think of the good things that their more fortunate fellows were enjoying.

The Lord Mayor in his robe and chain of office, the sheriffs, the mayor, the sword-bearer, the Lady Mayoress, Lady Kirk, wife of the president of the Ragged School Union, Sir John Kirk, who is at present abroad, Sir Melville and Lady Beachcroft, and many other friends of the Union were present.

A brief speech by the Lord Mayor was followed by a bright entertainment by children from the Torriano avenue L.C.C. School, Camden Town. Then came the distribution of toys, hundreds of delightful articles being distributed from the "stocking" of the "Star," and a very big and generous stocking it must have been; while crackers were pulled and everybody was happy; except the children outside in the cold Guildhall yard.

ONONDAGA COUNCIL

The members elected to represent the ratepayers of the Municipality of Onondaga at the Municipal Council thereof for the present municipal year were James E. Walker, Reeve; Quinten McBlane, Thos. Walker and Alvin B. Rose, Councillors, which lacked one of being full council board.

The meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m., in case a vote is required, day appointed by statute for holding the first meeting.

They having individually taken the declaration of office and qualification before the clerk were called upon to organize for business.

The Reeve was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the Reeve issued a warrant authorizing the clerk as Returning Officer to issue notices of a meeting for the nomination of a candidate for councillor to fill the present vacancy, to take place in Onondaga Town Hall on Monday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m., in case a vote is required.

The same Deputy Returning Officers and clerks required for the annual election, will act. Voting to take place on Monday, January 26th from 9 to 5.

A by-law appointing two auditors, also one appointing members for the Board of Health were put through.

The by-law appointing officers for the township received its first reading and was then laid over till next meeting.

The following accounts presented were found correct and ordered to be paid, viz.: F. Butters, 64 ft. plank, \$2.24; Brewster and Heyd, 64 ft. plank, \$2.24; H. Vickers, account for rods at Big Creek bridge, \$9.50; election expenses, \$20.00; Russell Mannon, two-thirds value of sheep killed by dogs, \$7.33; House of Refuge, quarter ending, Dec. 31, \$45; Mr. Dougherty, eight months interest, \$16.66; G. Myers, work on Big Creek Bridge, \$14.

Communications were received from Goldman and Company, Ontario Security Co. and from the Hospital for Sick Children and were laid over till next meeting.

On motion the Reeve was authorized to borrow \$1,000 at 5 1/2 p.c. to cover the draft at Cainsville bank.

The Clerk was authorized to send for six copies of The Municipal World and two copies of the Municipal Act for 1913.

The Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Reeve.

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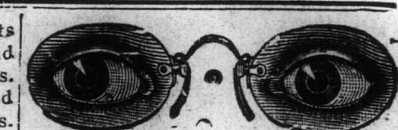
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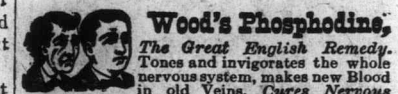
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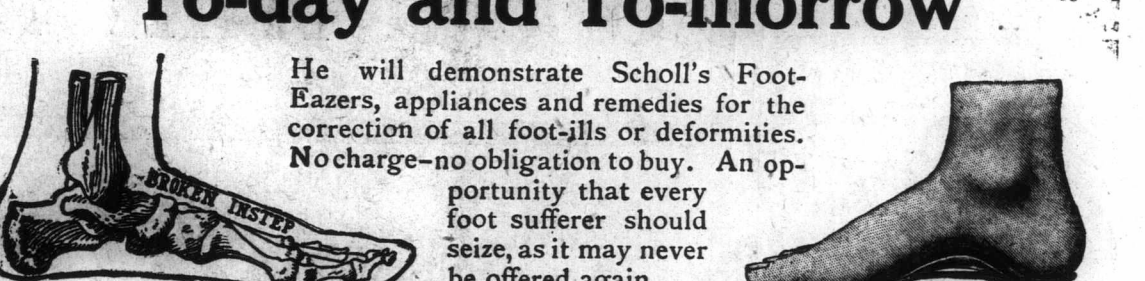
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well off to-day. He has five children, two of whom are sons, one a lawyer, in this city, and the other a student at Columbia University. As a manager he won three pennants in Baltimore and two in Brooklyn, which is something of a record. Mack is just as thrifty as Hanlon. He saved his money and is a model man in every way. He is charitable and has a host of friends. I think that he and Hanlon are the best managers baseball has ever known, and it seems a pity that they should be involved in a petty quarrel.

If Joe Tinker keeps on signing good ball players for his Chicago team, the Federal league race will be a long drawn-out procession, with the Tinks far in the lead.

This will be a profitable year for the ball player. He can play the Feds against organized sport. Spalding's Baseball Record made its appearance this week. It is edited by John B. Foster, secretary of the Giants, and is made up of two general divisions, one being devoted to 1913 and the other to records of previous years.

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