

## Must Preserve Old Fort Borden Promises Support

Following Adoption of Patriotic Resolution by Representative Gathering, Minister of Militia Receives a Deputation.

(From the Sunday World.)

Moved by Principal Burwash and seconded by C. A. Brown.

That in the opinion of this meeting the preservation of this historic grounds should be considered as a public park, but for the people of the province and Dominion at large.

That the portion of the eastern rampart already destroyed to make room for a slaughter house should be restored, and that the other features of the fort be repaired, so that they may appear as nearly as possible in their original condition.

And that to aid the authorities in determining the plan of restoration, a committee be appointed to investigate and report, this committee to be composed of the various historical and patriotic societies, with three representatives each from the Toronto City Council and the board of education.

The lieutenant-governor and other industrial citizens made powerful inducements Saturday afternoon against the proposal calculated to destroy the old fort. It was the occasion of a protest meeting convened by the Ontario Historical Society held in the fort enclosure, at the foot of Bathurst-street, and the lieutenant-governor was in the chair. There was a large gathering of citizens, who were evidently in harmony with the hostile attitude towards what was generally considered an act of vandalism.

His honor was accompanied by Miss Elsie Clark and the gathering included: Capt. Macdonald, A.D.C., Hon. C. C. Bagg, Miss M. A. Fitzgibbon, Col. Drayton, Frank Yelch, J. A. Brown, E. J. Davis, F. M. Bell-Smith, Lieut.-Col. Thayer, Trustee Harry Simpson, Col. Gravelly, Bagg, Col. Shaw, C. A. Brown, Trustee H. S. Smallpiece, Wm. Houston, Wm. Rennie, special police, John Harvey, John E. Nevin, David Ross, John Nunn, Trustee Parkin, John A. Cooper, Jacob Gray, G. H. Armstrong, F. E. East, W. W. Dickson, G. R. Smith, Wm. F. Pratt, E. E. Kingston, J. W. Barry, James Hedley, Dr. G. Kennedy, Wm. E. Rotherburn, Dr. Wm. Canniff, Principal Burwash, E. A. MacLaurin, Prof. Wallace, John Timmer, Dr. A. Hamilton.

The ladies, many of whom represented the Women's Historical Society, included: Miss A. G. Fitzgibbon, Miss S. Mickle, Miss M. H. Hill, Miss Livingston, Miss J. A. McMillan, Mrs. Moore, Miss M. Morris, Mrs. James Woodward, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Hedley, Mrs. Josephine MacLaurin, Mrs. H. G. Smallpiece, Miss Mary Leeson, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Miss Scott, Miss M. Merrick, Mrs. Chanceller Burwash, Miss MacKellar, Miss Cox, Mrs. Howitt and Mrs. Chanceller Burwash. The Women's Historical Society, including: Miss A. G. Fitzgibbon, Miss S. Mickle, Miss M. H. Hill, Miss Livingston, Miss J. A. McMillan, Mrs. Moore, Miss M. Morris, Mrs. James Woodward, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Hedley, Mrs. Josephine MacLaurin, Mrs. H. G. Smallpiece, Miss Mary Leeson, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Miss Scott, Miss M. Merrick, Mrs. Chanceller Burwash, Miss MacKellar, Miss Cox, Mrs. Howitt and Mrs. Chanceller Burwash.

"This old fort," said Lieutenant-Governor Clark, in opening the proceedings, "is one of the oldest landmarks of Toronto. It dates back to the time of the American occupation. It is a most interesting thing to find that bodies of these men, who fell in the service of this great empire, are removed to make way for the killing of pigs."

"Now we are to be invaded again and partially destroyed by the street railway company, and it lies in the power of the officers of the City of Toronto to prevent that invasion. I think that the citizens will feel encouraged in a resolution for the preservation of this ancient landmark. I think that the citizens will feel encouraged in a resolution for the preservation of this ancient landmark. I think that the citizens will feel encouraged in a resolution for the preservation of this ancient landmark."

Bought Haphazard for \$2.50, It Contains Irish Relics and Chinaware Worth in the Hundreds.

Frank Walsh, a bricklayer living at 514 East King-street, struck luck on Friday afternoon when he bought a large box, the contents of which he did not know, from Charles Henderson, the auctioneer. He paid \$2.50 for the box, which was found to contain about \$400 worth of antiques, gathered and sent to this country from the Emerald Isle.

The box has been lying in the auction rooms for about five years. Mr. Henderson decided that it must be disposed of some way, so he took a close look at the outside of it. The only address he found on it was a card tacked on the lid addressed to himself. There was also a slip with "B. & N. C. Co., for Derry," printed on it. Mr. Henderson brought it out at his sale on Friday and knocked it down to Mr. Walsh. Few bidders thought it worth while to place a bid on the rough packing case.

Even Walsh did not think enough of his purchase to open it until he had moved it to his home. On the top he found three morphine capsules. Then there were a number of Irish black-thorn cases, some of the things being extremely hard and smooth. Underneath these were three words, found, as a piece of paper tied to each of them stated, after the fashion of Ballynahinch, 1784. They are almost rusted there, one of them, labelled "an officer's sword."

The sword is the brightest of the lot, and has a hilt that looks like a blood. A pike used by the rebels at Ballynahinch is encased with rust. An iron helmet, which is a piece of water covered with grains of emery. A large iron box near the centre of the case contained three flasks of holy water, supposed to have come from the famous well of St. Patrick, at Struill, County Down, Ireland. Another is labelled "For use in every way to have great power in curing. The last flask has a label stating, 'Holy water for internal use or taken inwardly.' The writing appears to be that of a man of great intelligence."

Probably the most valuable article in the case was found at the bottom. It was a collection of old English willow plates. The care taken in collecting the willows, as they are popularly called, will be realized when it is stated that not one plate in the entire collection of over two dozen is of the same design. Another is a piece of china, only small pieces of which can be picked up here and there, and at big prices. These plates are worth at least \$10 apiece.

There is also a whole tea set of "King Billy" china. They have been showing the collection of English willow plates, on foot, and on sailing vessels. Under each is the famous motto of the warrior king, "No surrender." This collection is worth a great deal, even if sold singly, but its value is enhanced when sold as a set. Mr. Walsh has already refused to sell the collection for \$25.

**TORONTO MAN ON EXECUTIVE.**  
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7.—The convention of the Amalgamated Association of America to-day elected W. D. Mahon, Detroit, president. The members of the next executive board include M. Sinclair, Toronto, Ont. The next convention will be held in New Orleans in 1907.

**WHO RECOMMENDED HIM?**  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Oct. 8.—The government of Ontario has appointed Charles F. Wilson, solicitor of Dublin, a commissioner to administer oaths and take depositions for Ontario courts in all parts of Ireland.

**The New Bradford Service.**  
Trains leave Toronto daily 7.25 a.m., 12.01 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 11.20 p.m., and leave Bradford at 7.25 a.m., 12.01 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 11.20 p.m. The service is now in effect via Grand Trunk Railway, account of Bradford, all train services to the west running via Bradford.

**Swiss Open Again.**  
Port Said, Oct. 8.—Traffic on the canal, which had been delayed since the blowing up of the wreck of the British steamer Chatham, Sept. 28, resumed at 6.30 o'clock this morning.

was invaded by our neighbors to the south. This fort played a very important part in the protection of Ontario. It would be a matter of disgrace and deep regret if, for commercial purposes, this fort should be allowed to be destroyed.

"The City of Toronto is bound to preserve this ancient landmark, because it will be an object lesson for all time to our young people as they grow up. Their patriotic feelings will be strengthened and they will feel that this country has a great history."

Letters of regret and inability to be present were read from Mayor Urquhart, Col. Gravelly, Col. Drayton, Dr. Bain, the city librarian, Ald. Jones and John Ross Robertson, Mayor Urquhart, who thought that there is a great deal of excitement over the question of the Garrison commons, wrote a long letter referring to the history of the purchase of this property.

Miss Geeson, whose letters to the press have aroused public opinion, gave an interesting account of the buildings supposed to have been built by the British in 1783. Miss Geeson visited Great Britain, and, with the assistance of Sir James Murray, devoted a great deal of time to the investigation of documents.

C. A. Brown, in seconding the resolution, assured his hearers that the board of education would give every support, every support. Several speakers spoke in support, including E. A. MacLaurin of the United Empire Loyalists, and the motion was carried unanimously.

An interesting participant in the proceedings was Alexander Muir, the children of the Gladsstone School sang his stirring composition and also "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King."

On the motion of W. Houston, seconded by J. A. Cooper, the board of education appointed to wait upon the minister of militia for the purpose of seeking his aid and influence.

The deputation included Lady Edgar, representing the Women's Historical Association; Miss M. H. Hill, representing the Daughters of the Empire; Mrs. Fessenden of the Westworth Historical Society of Hamilton; E. B. Biggar, representing the Ontario Historical Society; John A. Cooper of the Canadian Club; E. A. MacLaurin of the United Empire Loyalists.

Mrs. Arthur Vankoughnet, Daughters of the Empire, J. S. Cartwright, C. A. Brown and Col. George Shaw of the York Pioneers.

When the deputation reached the hall they found the board of control in session awaiting the arrival of the minister. One of the deputation said to the board: "The world that the board had the same purpose in view as themselves, and the board plainly showed their desire to have first say with the minister. The deputation were given a cold welcome and left the building."

After the conference with the minister, the conference of the historical societies expressed suspicion regarding the intentions of the authorities.

"It looks like a fight," said he. "Did you not see the mayor's letter saying that the city had no intention of removing the fort?"

"Actions speak louder than words," was the reply. "Reason to know different, and we're going to fight," he concluded.

It is said the plans for the fort will indicate the line run through the centre of the grounds upon which the old fort stands.

Sir Frederick, having heard the resolution, expressed his sympathy with the objects of the society, and the correctness of the reports already published in the papers that the old fort and grounds were to be sold to the public. He would confer with the society at an early date as to what might be done to carry out the objects of the deputation.

After the departure of the historical societies' deputation, the conference between the board of control and the minister of education lasted for several hours. Generous offers were there.

"Not a word to say," said the mayor at the close.

In conversation afterwards his words referred to the objection to the historical societies as a sentiment. Very few people as a rule ever visited the place. He had not noticed a place in the city where the fort stood. He felt that a railway past the fort would give the people a chance to see it. He felt that a railway past the fort would give the people a chance to see it. He felt that a railway past the fort would give the people a chance to see it.

There was no intention of desecrating the ancient landmark. The old fort co-existed with the city as the city is considered.

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The "white front near Queen Street" loomed large in public interest on Saturday. The windows reflected an immense range of fine West of England worsteds and Scotch tweeds. Price cards announced surprising made-to-measure offers—suits perfectly finished, New York styled, guaranteed to fit, for \$12.50, and a wide choice of trouserings for \$2.85. The goods are here, the variety is here, the New York tailors and cutters are here, and now if YOU will be hereto-day or this evening, Toronto's finest tailoring bargains may be yours. To-day, we repeat our "First Message" Facts.

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