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ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Interviewed the Ontario Government Yesterday and Asked for New Legislation.

The "scrap iron" legislation of last session was the chief subject of grievance which the Ontario Municipal Association brought before the Ontario Government at yesterday's interview. The deputation had prepared the following recommendation on the subject:

"That provision be made in the Assessment Act that real property belonging to or in the possession of any person or incorporated company, and extending over more than one ward in any city or town, may be assessed together in any one of such wards at the option of the assessor, or that the assessment of property may be apportioned amongst two or more of such wards in such manner as he may deem convenient, and that in either case the property shall be valued as a going concern or as forming part of a going concern."

The convention of the association, held in Hamilton last September, framed this recommendation. Other recommendations were also formulated.

Mayor Payment, Ottawa, thought the proposal to elect aldermen by the general vote would swamp the French in the Capital City.

It was suggested to change the date of municipal elections from the first Monday in January to the 22nd January.

A majority of the association are in favor of increasing rather than lowering the qualifications of aldermen. Opposition is also shown to qualification on leasehold property.

The recommendations of the deputation will be considered by the Government.

NO DANGER FROM SMALLPOX.

Dr. Sheard Writes the Secretary of the Board of Trade That There Is No Cause for Alarm.

Dr. Sheard yesterday addressed the following communication to Secretary Wills of the Board of Trade:

"I have delayed replying to your communication of Feb. 14 until such time as I could reassure you that all danger of the spread of smallpox within the City of Toronto was practically past. I may say the incubative period of the disease is 12 days, and, so far as the Health Department is aware, the last of those affected in the Junction visited the city on Feb. 5. I therefore think I can say with a certain degree of confidence that there is no danger of the disease spreading to the city from that exposure.

"So far we have but one case in the City of Toronto; the family are absolutely isolated, and the patient is being treated by the Health Department in the Smallpox Hospital, and I can say that there is no ground whatever for any alarm. Trusting this will be satisfactory to you, I am, faithfully yours, (Signed) Charles Sheard, M.D., Medical Health Officer."

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS.

Annual Meeting of Canadian Association Now in Progress—Over Sixty Delegates Present.

Over 60 delegates, representing nearly every district in Ontario, presented their credentials at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, which opened yesterday afternoon in the County Council Chamber at the new Court House. President J. T. Murphy occupied the chair and, after the regular business had been disposed of, papers dealing with exhibition matters were read by James Mitchell, secretary of Great Northwestern Exhibition; D. G. Hanmer, Burford; William Richardson, Goderich; William Laidlaw, Guelph; James Reith, Grand Valley, and J. W. Sheppard, Cayuga. The delegates accepted the invitation of Manager Hill of the Industrial Exhibition Association and attended Shea's Theatre in the evening. The election of officers will take place this morning.

IRISH TENANTS' BILL DEFEATED.

The House of Commons Voted It Down by a Majority of 96.

London, Feb. 21.—The House rejected today by a vote of 232 to 136 the second reading of the Irish Evicted Tenants bill.

The Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. J. Atkinson, M.P., said the case of the evicted tenants was a fast diminishing evil, which could be dealt with better by voluntary efforts than by legislation. The evictions of the past year, he added, were only 454, the lowest in 30 years.

Red Cross Ladies Give Thanks.

The Toronto Ladies' Red Cross Committee desire to return thanks for the following gifts: Mrs H B Myers, Barrie, 2 pillows; Mrs Sheppard, 3 pillows, for Canadian contingent 3 pillows; Mrs. Henderson, 2 pillows, 2 sheets, pillow cases, handkerchiefs and napkins; Miss Snively, 1 rubber pillow; nurses General Hospital, bandage roller and games; Mrs Montgomery, socks; Anon, soap, towels and handkerchiefs; Mrs Ellis, Rosedale, 4 pillows; Miss Strachan, 4 pillows; Mrs Ffolkes, 4 pillows; Mrs Howard, 4 pillows; Mrs Parker, books; Anon, 2 pairs socks; Mrs Millichamp, 10 fancy handkerchiefs; Anon, 18 cheese cloth handkerchiefs; Miss Widner, 2 pillows; Mrs Bartholomew, 4 pillows; Mrs Hamilton, towels, handkerchiefs, writing paper; Miss Medil, 14 pillow cases, 2 towels, 1 Tam o' Shanter; Anon, writing paper, envelopes; Miss Strachan, 8 small pillow cases; Mrs VanderSmissen, 18 small pillows; Toronto Feather and Down Co., work on same and six tick covers; Mrs Symes, soap; Humane Society, 50 books; Mrs T. C. Patteson, 6 pillows, 12 pillow cases; Mrs J Leadly, 2 pillows; Mrs McDonald, Prince Arthur-avenue, 12 pillows; Mrs Wyld, 12 pillows; Mrs Schoenhafer, 12 pillows; E O P, good wishes and 6 Balaklava caps; Mrs Strathy 4 dozen red handkerchiefs; Miss Dawson of Little Current, 4 dozen handkerchiefs, besides dozens of handkerchiefs kindly introduced into the pockets of pyjamas.

Miss Wilkie, treasurer, wishes to acknowledge the following subscriptions: Charles Spanner, $2; Miss Fenny's chain letter, $5.

Alex. Matheson Buried.

The remains of the late Alexander Matheson were interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from his late residence, 99 Maitland-street, and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Milligan conducted the religious services.

Weekly Criminal Court.

Frank Stevens appeared before Judge McDougall yesterday to answer a charge of forgery. The case was adjourned for a week. Jake Saunders, tried last week on a charge of keeping a common gaming house, was also remanded for a week.

DAVIS AFTER THE RAILWAYS

The Member for Saskatchewan Demands a Board of Commissioners to Control Rates.

NICHOLAS FLOOD BACKS HIM UP.

Dr. Sproule Also Got After the Railroad Companies and Pointed Out Grievances.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—In the House to-day, after the references to the loss of Canadian troops in Africa, Mr. Casey moved that all papers relating to the resignation of Conservative Ministers in January, 1896, should be brought down. He made a long speech, quoting speeches made by the Ministers at that time. The Premier, replying to him, said that he did not know that there were such papers.

Mr. Foster: That's a heavy piece of work.

Davis After the Railways.

Mr. Davis had a resolution that was indicative of progressive ideas. It was:

That the public interest demands that the railway companies of Canada should, at the earliest possible moment, be brought under the control of a Board of Railway Commissioners, clothed with full power to enforce the provisions of the Railway Act, and to prescribe and enforce the observance of such regulations as may be necessary in the public interest.

Mr. Davis Made a Strong Speech.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in discussing it.

Mr. Davis made an excellent speech, presenting facts, backed by figures, to show that the people of the Northwest Territories were grievously oppressed by the C.P.R. In his opinion, the people would never get relief until the Government bought off the C.P.R., as they had the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. He complained especially of discrimination rates, and cited the fact that the freight on coal oil from Petrolea to Winnipeg, a distance of 1400 miles, was 64 cents a barrel, while from Winnipeg to Prince Albert, 600 miles, it was 60 cents. Rates on other articles corresponded, in that the farmer of the West received but one-quarter of his produce as a result of his labors; the other three-quarters went to the railway in excessive rates. The railways were the cause of the small immigration to the West. As to the board that should be nominated, he believed it should be non-political, but made up of three of the best and ablest men in the country.

Davin Backed Davis.

Mr. Davin always speaks before or after Mr. Davis, but this time it was to advocate the project. He pointed out that the Treasury benches were vacant, and the Minister of Railways was absent throughout the whole of Mr. Davis' speech. This was a snub to the speaker and light treatment of a most important question. He favored a strong commission.

Dr. Sproule in Line.

Dr. Sproule deplored the fact that $135,000,000 had been spent in railway subsidies in Canada, and yet the railways were allowed by excessive rates to tax the people. But millions of dollars had been spent in canals, and they were free. He enlarged upon the evils of railway monopolies, and indicated how these could be obliterated by a strong commission. The railway system of Canada made millionaires out of their directors and paupers out of the taxpayers. For the edification of the Government, he outlined a scheme to be followed in subsidizing railways henceforth. No subsidy should be given without the understanding that the Government retained the right to examine into the workings of the company. The Government should retain the right to lower freight rates, if they were too high, and to demand repayment of the subsidy at some fixed date. A commission would do good service in educating public opinion, that would eventually force the hand of the Government.

Mr. Blair Was Silent.

Mr. Campbell (Kent) informed the House that Mr. Blair was present, and silent, "that the Minister of Railways had given the question of a railway commission his keen consideration. The speaker was not enthusiastic over a commission, still he thought railway rates should be controlled in some way. He let himself out when he declared that the railways were unfair, unjust and unpatriotic in discriminating against Canadian shippers in favor of Americans. He hoped the Government would take some action, for it would be impossible to build up an extensive export trade when the railways charged 15c a hundred from Chicago to Montreal, and 15½c a hundred from Guelph to Montreal.

The Speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock.

Short After-Dinner Session.

After dinner, with Mr. Flint in the chair, several private bills were sent to their proper committees.

Mr. Mulock, seconded by Mr. Sifton, moved the adjournment of the House. The House adjourned after sitting exactly one minute and forty-five seconds.

The Speaker is having a dinner.

CURZON IS GOING TO ASSAM.

The First Time in History That a Viceroy Has Proposed to Visit India's Tea Gardens.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.—For the first time on record, a Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, is about to visit Assam, India's great tea garden. Lady Curzon will accompany him. It is understood that his object is to examine into the needs of the Province regarding the tea industry. The projected visit greatly pleases the Province, and it is hoped it will give a great spurt to its tea industry.

Feeding the Hungry.

On Tuesday evening last the Canadian Temperance League, in connection with the mission meeting that is held each week at 210 East King-street, finished up their service in a practical manner by tendering a supper to a hundred or more of the men and women who were present at the meeting. The audience was one of a kind that thoroly appreciate a free breakfast or a free supper, for they do not get a square meal every day. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Dalrymple, one of the league's active mission workers. Music and recitations were rendered by the Misses Newman and Palmer, Mr. Murdoch McDonald and others. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. J. S. Robertson, president of the league, Mr. John Armstrong and Mr. R. S. Shenstone.

From the Editor of The Times.

Capt. Melville, vice-president of the Anglo-Saxon Union, received the following cablegram from London last night:

"Mr. Moberly Bell of The Times wishes all prosperity to the Anglo-Saxon Union, cordially agrees with its objects and regrets his inability to be present at the banquet."

Gold Cure Keeley Dead.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—Dr. Leslie E. Keeley of "gold cure" fame died suddenly at his winter home near here this morning. Dr. Keeley came here recently from his home in Dwight, Ill.

'MINOR' PLEA IS NOT LEGAL

Fred. J. Robson Must Appear For His Examination or Go to Jail for Two Months.

CHIEF JUSTICE ARMOUR'S VIEW

Divisional Court Hears the Appeal re the Hopkins Bank Shares—Who Gets Them?

Chief Justice Armour yesterday decided a novel point of law regarding the liability of minors to attend to be submitted to examination for discovery regarding their means. Some time ago a young girl obtained a verdict of $500 damages for seduction against Champion Skater Fred J. Robson of this city. The judgment having remained unsatisfied, steps were taken to have young Robson examined as a judgment debtor, in order to discover whether he had any means of paying the judgment. Robson, however, availing himself of the defence that he was under 21 years of age, refused to attend to be examined after service of notice of examination upon him. An application was made to Chief Justice Armour for an order to commit the youth to jail for non-attendance, and His Lordship has decided that his age does not confer any privilege upon him in this case, and ordered that he must attend to be examined within three days of service of notice on him, and pay the costs, otherwise he will be committed to the common jail of York County for two months.

Over 300 Bank Shares.

The Divisional Court yesterday heard the appeal of the executors of the late Samuel Hopkins of Port Colborne as to the possession of 300 shares of Bank of Commerce stock, which Judge Falconbridge decided rightfully belonged to Hopkins' wife. Samuel Hopkins and Catharine Hopkins were married at Washington in 1892, he being then over 70 years of age, and she much younger. According to deceased, the marriage was not a happy one during the last few years previous to his death on account of the wife's abuse; he was in poor health, and required nursing, but his wife excluded his friends and relations. Shortly after the marriage Hopkins bought 300 shares of bank stock, which he transferred to his wife. A short time before his death he started an action to have the transfer set aside on the ground of undue influence exerted over him by his wife, and after his death this action was continued by his executors, who are now appealing.

A Dublin Man's Suit.

James Pakenham, late of Dublin, Ireland, and now of Toronto, who tried to establish a large pork-packing business in Stouffville, has issued a writ against John H. Jewell for $357, which he claims were his expenses in coming to Toronto at the solicitation of the defendant.

Action for Damages Dismissed.

The Master-in-Chambers granted an order yesterday in the suit of Crewe v. Hamilton & Dundas Railway Company, dismissing the action as against the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway. This was an action brought for damages for personal injuries sustained.

CITY HALL GOSSIP.

Corporation Bylaws Will Be Revised—McNamee's Claim for Dredging Extras.

The McNamee extras in connection with the dredging of Keating's channel were argued before the City Engineer yesterday. The claim comes to $40,000.

The Red Cross Society desire the Mayor to permit the use of the City Hall as a storehouse for supplies for South Africa.

J. R. Code has asked the Mayor to postpone the tax sale. Sales are of too frequent occurrence.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the communication from the Cortland Electrical Manufacturing Company regarding their offer to equip the new City Hall with their patent fire alarm met yesterday afternoon. Nothing was done, and an adjournment was made until the firm's representatives reported more fully in the matter.

At a meeting of a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to revise the bylaws, and the City Solicitor undertook to do the clerical work, providing he was given another assistant in his department. The sum of $1500 will be asked for the pay for printing and binding of the bylaws.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Hon. James Sutherland, for the Government, Invited Suggestions—Officers Re-Elected.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—At the Dominion Rifle Association meeting to-day, Hon. James Sutherland was present, representing the Government. The Government, he said, was anxious to receive advice and suggestions of a practical character, so as to improve the efficiency of Canada's militia.

Major-General Hutton was thanked for the efforts he had put forth to aid the association.

A resolution of condolence was passed touching the death of Sir George Kirkpatrick.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson was re-elected, as were the vice-presidents for the Provinces.

C. P. R. Immigration Literature.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just issued two excellent immigration pamphlets for 1900—"Western Canada" and "British Columbia"—which contain a great deal of useful and accurate information about the country west of Lake Superior, and are of special interest to those who contemplate settling either in the Canadian Northwest or British Columbia. Large editions of these pamphlets are distributed gratuitously in Great Britain and the United States, as well as throughout the Dominion, and are eagerly read by those who are seeking a new home and desire to know something of the best country in the world in which to find one.

Canadian Transportation.

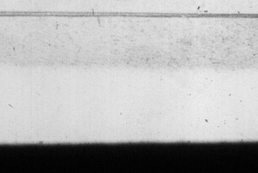
The public are invited to attend a lecture to be delivered this afternoon by A. E. Kemp, president of the Toronto Board of Trade. The lecture is under the auspices of the Political Science Club of Toronto University, and the meeting will be held in room 2 at 4 o'clock. Mr. Kemp's subject is "Recent Aspects of the Transportation Problem in Canada."

North Grey Conservatives.

Owen Sound, Feb. 21.—At a meeting of North Grey Conservative Association, held to-day, the following officers were elected: President, Mayor Middlebro, Owen Sound; vice-president, William Breese, Chatsworth; treasurer, Thomas Vickers; recording secretary, J. H. Rutherford; corresponding secretary, A. M. Anderson.

Want a Ticket-of-Leave System.

The Prisoners' Aid Association wish the Ontario Government to organize a ticket-of-leave system in the Central Prison.



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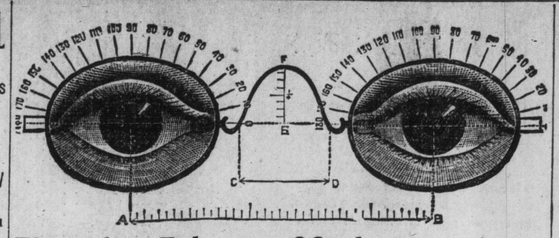

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FORTIFICATIONS? OF COURSE NOT.

Admiral Dewey Says It Would Be Inviting Calamity to Fortify Nicaragua Canal.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Washington correspondent of The Herald has been talking to Admiral Dewey about the Nicaragua Canal, and quotes the Admiral as saying: "Fortifications? Why, of course not. As I understand it, the canal is to be, and should be, a neutralized commercial pathway between the two great oceans. To fortify it would simply result in making it a battleground in case of war. Fortifications would be enormously expensive and might not to be erected. Our fleets will be a sufficient guarantee of the neutrality and safety of the canal in time of war as well as in peace."

DUCHESS OF MAGENTA DEAD.

The Widow of Marshal MacMahon and a Charitable and Excellent Lady Has Passed Away.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Marechale MacMahon, Duchess of Magenta, widow of Marechal Patrice Maurice MacMahon, second President of the third Republic of France, died yesterday at her residence in the Rue de Belle Chasse, after a short illness. On Saturday she had an epileptic stroke.

The Duchess, who was in her 71st year, was much liked in Paris society. She had occupied herself all her life with charitable works.

PLEADING WITH THE QUEEN.

National Council of Women of the United States Praying Thru Countess of Aberdeen.

New York, Feb. 21.—The National Council of Women has sent a communication to the Countess of Aberdeen, former president of the International Council of Women, with the request that she forward it to Queen Victoria. It begins:

"Most honored Queen," and says: "In the name of the National Council of Women of the United States of America an organization representing more than a million of wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, we pray you to offer arbitration to the people of South Africa who are engaged in a terrific fratricidal warfare with your Government."

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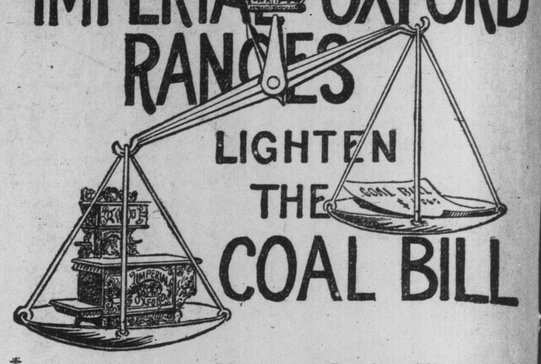

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