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AN IRISH UNIVERSITY FACTION.

Some few years ago, what is known as University Federation was consummated. The federation was effected only after the exercise of a great deal of diplomacy and persistent effort on the part of those who were seized of the importance of the idea. There were many interests to conciliate and many unfavorable anticipations to dispel. Victoria University imagined that the interests of the Methodist denomination would suffer unless it was assured of a separate representation on the University Senate, for a short period at any rate. It was, therefore, agreed that the graduates of Victoria University should elect five representatives to the Federated Senate for a period of five years after federation. The medical and law departments had confidence in the bigger university scheme. They demanded no separate representation. The graduates in law and medicine voted for senators along with the arts graduates of Toronto University, and as far as they were concerned there was a perfect assimilation. After five years' trial the federation scheme has proved a success. It is admitted to be such on all hands. There is no clamor for a return to the old order of things. But Victoria University demands a further extension of the privilege of electing its five members to the Senate. There are many good reasons why the demand should not be granted. In the first place, the deal is being put through as a political and not as a university measure. The various bodies that framed the constitution of the federation, and that are responsible for carrying it out, have not even been consulted. The proposal appeared first in the Legislature. Instead of submitting the project to the properly constituted body, the Victoria College authorities are trying to railroad the scheme through the Legislature as a political measure. They bring it up without preliminary notice of any kind, with the object of getting a snap verdict. Principal Sheraton, in his letter to the press, shows clearly that the university people are strongly opposed to a further extension of Victoria's privilege. The extension would still further delay the consummation of the unification that was the special object of the federation movement. In the next place, no reasons are given why Victoria should enjoy privileges that are not extended to Knox, Wycliffe and the other colleges, as well as to the medical and legal faculties. The demand for separate representation by Victoria is a retrograde movement. It is a modified form of the interminable Separate school nuisance. Victoria, apparently, wishes to earn for itself the appellation of the Irish Party in university politics. It wishes to vote as a faction, and, more than that, it demands that five representatives elected by Victoria College graduates, and responsible to the latter alone, shall take part in the administration of a university to the graduates of which they are in no degree responsible. The proposal is unconstitutional. It is inimical to the best interests of the University. The demand ought to be refused. At any rate, the question should be taken out of politics and referred to the authorities to whom it properly belongs.

THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

The application of the Owen Sound Beet Sugar Company is worthy of the attention of the Government. Just what assistance the Government should extend to the new enterprise we do not pretend to say, but it should do something practical to encourage a new and promising industry. The manufacture of sugar from beets is no experiment. France and Germany make more sugar from beets than they consume, and the United States has started in in earnest to acclimatize the industry. Several of the Western States have been making beet sugar for some years. New York is the first of the Eastern States to go into the business. A factory at Rome has just turned out the first beet sugar ever made in that state. The experiment has, on the whole, been satisfactory. The factory has made a small earning and has turned out a fine grade of sugar. The farmers throughout the whole state are taking a lively interest in the new industry, and the prospects are that the Rome experiment will be duplicated in many other parts of the state. The requisites for a beet-sugar factory are: Plenty of beets containing 12 per cent. sugar and 80 per cent. purity; plenty of pure water; limestone with a high percentage of pure carbonate of lime and little silica; cheap fuel; good facilities for transportation; plenty of room; plenty of capital. The requisites for a sugar-beet crop are: Rich land; proper seed; plenty of work; persistence, patience, energy, intelligence.

The conditions in the neighborhood of Owen Sound are all favorable for the industry, and if it will succeed there it will succeed in a score of other places in Ontario. The Government would be fully justified in extending liberal assistance to an industry that promises so much for the farmers.

TO-DAY.

Grand Opera House—Duff Opera Company, "Shamus O'Brien," 2 and 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House—"The Land of the Living," 2 and 8 p.m.

The Princess—"Charley's Aunt," 2 and 8 p.m.

Bijou Theatre—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

MOLLY M'GUIRE CLUB.

A Hot Time at the Meeting Last Night—The Genuine Grits are Kicking Hard.

The "peace on earth" supposed to be incidental to this season of the year did not reign at the St. John's Ward Liberal Club on Christmas eve. The internal dissensions that created such a rupture in the organization during the recent campaign in Centre Toronto came to a head again last night with similar results.

As will be remembered, the chief cause of the trouble in the club has been the control exercised by the McGuire faction. Since the last annual meeting, when Alf McGuire secured the presidency, a strong minority, headed by G. Harris, C. E. Hacker and T. Vance has been seeking to gain a hearing for charges they wished to bring against the officers, but it is said that the latter have repeatedly evaded the accusations by adjourning the meetings as soon as the matter was mooted.

Last night the Harris-Hacker-Vance faction entered the club meeting at 8.25, and a McGuire man forthwith moved an adjournment. The minority objected, and threatened to secure justice through the press unless they were heard. At this the McGuires subsided for a moment, and Mr. Harris asked the president if he and his colleagues intended to retain office contrary to the provisions of the constitution.

President McGuire asserted that he would hold on to his office, and told Harris he was trying to break up the club.

Liberals v. Ex-Tories.

Mr. Harris retorted that he and his followers were old-time Liberals, while McGuire, John McKay and their crowd were all Tories after jobs. All the positions but one so far secured by the club had been given to Tories. Mr. Harris also accused McGuire of having adjourned a meeting of the club in order to attend the annual meeting of and securing control of the North Toronto Liberal Club.

At this there was a concerted attempt to expel the Harris men by physical force, but the latter managed to hold their own.

Mr. Vance next rose and stated that he could prove that Alf McGuire had stated that he (McGuire) was in the club only for what he could get out of it.

The president hotly denied the charge, but when Mr. Vance asked for a committee of investigation he was refused the request.

Further trouble arose over the appointment of delegates to the convention for South Toronto, which is soon to be held to nominate a candidate for the Ontario Legislature. The McGuires insisted that the president and the secretary of the club should be the delegates, but Mr. Hacker claimed the delegates should be elected. He would, he said, like to see Liberals instead of Tories go to the convention.

The club finally broke up in disorder.

A Few Lines of Importance to Commercial Travelers.

A more picturesque and elegantly located hotel is not to be found within the limits of any city than is the Hotel Arlington, corner King and John-streets, Toronto.

This hotel is now under entire new management, and is known as the Hotel Arlington Company, Limited, under the directorship of Mr. C. J. Beecham, who for a number of years past has been very prominent in hotel circles in New York city.

Mr. Beecham is running "The Arlington" on the co-operative plan, and already has many prominent members of the Commercial Travelers' Association as holders of shares in his company. President Orr of the association has made a personal inspection of the hotel, approves the plan, and can be seen in reference to the same. They have spent a large sum of money inaugurating many improvements, refurnishing and re-decorating the hotel throughout. A most cordial invitation is extended to all commercial men and the general public to call and inspect the hotel and its appointments. All attention and courtesy will be shown every visitor. 6-7

Sergt. Holmes Guilty.

In the Sessions yesterday Sergeant Instructor Holmes of Stanley Barracks was charged with non-support of his wife. During the progress of the trial T. C. Robinette, counsel for the defence, raised the objection that there had been no proof of the death of Mrs. Holmes' former husband Charles Whately, prior to her marriage with the accused, and His Honor Judge McDougall allowed the case to go to the jury, subject to the objection. After a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Until the reserved case is argued Holmes will pay his wife $4 per week.

Chinese Policy is the Emperor's.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Weekly Journal, Zukunft, combats the statement that Prince Bismarck has suddenly become an enthusiastic supporter of the Chinese expedition and that during his recent visit to Friedrichsruhe Emperor William confided to the Prince his most secret plan. It says: "Emperor William and Prince Bismarck did not exchange a syllable as to politics, and the Chinese policy is solely the Emperor's. It is in the interest of both men that this fact should not be obscured, and those zealous persons who are always trying to represent Prince Bismarck as a secret collaborator in the changing experiments of a new course, will assuredly get no thanks, either from Potsdam or Friedrichsruhe."

Automatic Couplers and the Law.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued a circular to the railroads promulgating the order extending for two years the time within which the railroads shall equip their cars and engines with automatic couplers and driving brakes, as required by the act of March 2, 1893.

The senior girls' Bible class of St. John's Church presented their leader, Rev. A. Williams, with a pair of gauntlets on Thursday evening.

Jeremiah Awarded $1000.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Jeremiah L. Ryan, one of the survivors of the charge of Balakava, was awarded $1000 damages against the city of Chicago to-day. Ryan fractured his knee cap by a fall caused by a defective sidewalk.

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CHICAGO COLISEUM BURNED

A Disastrous and Quick Blaze in the Windy City.

Some People are Missing and Have Undoubtedly Perished—In 20 Minutes the Big Structure Was Destroyed—Are Light Wires Got Crossed and It is Supposed the Fire Was Started in That Way—Destruction Complete.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time the fire originated, by the crossing of two electric light wires, until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot brick, was not more than 20 minutes. The building had been rented for an exhibition of a manufacturers' exposition, and was filled from end to end with booths, all of which were destroyed with all their contents. It is supposed that a number of persons were lost in the flames, and although no bodies have been recovered, the following are missing, and have undoubtedly perished:

A girl named Pauline, surname not known, seen to enter the burning building in search of her mother, who she said was imprisoned by the flames. The girl and her mother were employed in the Irish village, the former as a dancer and the latter doing chorus.

Two women dancers in the Midway exhibit seen in the building just before it collapsed.

Two men seen in the centre of the building by firemen during the fire.

L. Ladanye and his son conducted a sausage booth in the building. Ladanye entered the structure during the fire to search for his son, who he declared was penned in by the flames, and neither has since been seen. Both lived at the Columbian Central apartment building.

The number of injured is large, many people being seriously burned.

How the Fire Started.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining their Roentgen machine when they were startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of their exhibit ablaze crossed arc light wires which were over the exhibit are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to smother the flames, but before they had secured water, the fire had spread throughout the entire booth. Morley, realizing that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, made an endeavor to save some of the most valuable of the X-rays paraphernalia. Running to the machine he grasped two Crookes tubes and then with Robertson began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit, the tubes, which he held in both hands, exploded from the heat, and he was severely burned about the head. Robertson was burned about the face. About 300 persons were in the building at the time of the fire and at the first alarms there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide, and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building, there was little difficulty in reaching the doors.

Spread Like Lightning.

Within 10 minutes after the fire began, the roof was ablaze and in a very short time after the fire had appeared on the top of the building, one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another and another, each one going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly, as after the first arch went down the weight was too great for the arches next to it, and all collapsed.

The Coliseum cost $250,000 and was twice as large as the Madison-square Garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery floors, was 770 feet long by 300 feet wide and contained 2,500,000 pounds of steel, 1,200,000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks.

WESTERN HOSPITAL.

Lady Aberdeen Paid the Institution a Visit Yesterday—Much Interested in Its Work.

The board of ladies and the medical staff of the Western Hospital, which is located at 395 Manning-avenue, had arranged a very charming little reception for Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who arrived yesterday about 4.30, accompanied by Captain Wyatt. The reception room was decorated with evergreens and holly, and here Her Excellency was welcomed by the president of the medical staff, Dr. Price-Brown. After the usual courtesies, Dr. Price-Brown reviewed the history of the Western Hospital. He said that though they were limited as to room and conveniences that the hospital was doing good work, and that it had already 30 beds. They had a house surgeon and a competent staff of medical men and nurses. They were a trifle in debt, but the sum due from the Government would clear them, and they hoped in time to have more commodious hospital quarters for this end of the city, where it was much needed. He cordially thanked Her Excellency for the honor of her presence, especially when her time was so much taken up otherwise.

Her Excellency then thanked the president and the ladies for their reception, apologized for coming on Christmas Eve, and begged any of the ladies who wished to go home to their little ones to do so; she would not regard it as any discourtesy, as she felt that she had come at a time when all must be very busy. She then, in company with Dr. Price-Brown and other gentlemen of the staff, visited the wards, interesting herself in all the details, and showing her usual heartfelt sympathy with such a good cause.

Five-o'clock tea was then in order, and Her Excellency was presented, quite informally, but very prettily, by Mrs. George Carveth, with a bouquet of roses, and the season's wishes by all the ladies to whom she had been presented by Dr. Augusta Gullen, the president of the Woman's Board.

Some of those present were Drs. Price-Brown; G. H. Carveth, James Spence, J. B. Gullen, J. McCulloch, F. J. Dawson, J. Ferguson, S. M. Hay, J. S. Cotton, Dr. Lelia A. Davis and Mesdames Carveth, Aylesworth, Cameron, Price-Brown, S. M. Hay, W. Fox, Mrs. George Campbell, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Crowley and others.

Presentation to Mr. Diver.

A very pleasant incident occurred in the office of the Central Press Agency yesterday, when the employes presented Manager Diver with a handsome silk umbrella, silver-mounted and bearing in its handle a suitable inscription. Editor Watson, in making the presentation, referred to the exceedingly pleasant relations that existed between all departments and the manager, which he considered largely responsible for the great success of the business. Mr. Diver replied with suitable brevity. He was glad to know that his efforts in the direction of the welfare of his employes were appreciated, and he believed the sentiments expressed by their representative were those which he endeavored to be guided by.

The estate of the late actor, William Terriss, is estimated at between £40,000 and £50,000.

Merchants at Winnipeg report the best Christmas trade in the history of the place.

Brandon, Man., is likely to lose a lot of its population in the spring from emigration to the Klondike.

Eight United States mail boxes in Oswego, N.Y., were broken into and robbed of their contents Thursday night.

HOT SHOT FOR DRYDEN.

The Veterinary Surgeons Protest Against the Appointment of Col. McCrae as Tuberculine Instructor.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association was held yesterday in the college on Temperance-street. There was a fair attendance present, Major Lloyd of Newmarket being in the chair. Mr. C. L. Smith, Brantford, was made a member. Papers were read by Messrs. J. Hopkins, W. Martin and S. Sisson. A deputation composed of Messrs. Blackhall, Clinton, Orr, St. Mary's and Gibb Baden were present from the London Association to aid in obtaining better legislation for the profession. The secretary's annual report was read and showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition.

McCrae's Appointment Condemned.

Mr. C. Elliott of St. Catharines brought before the notice of the Association the action of the Ontario Legislature in regard to the appointment of Lieut.-Col. McCrae as a public instructor in the use of tuberculine. McCrae, it was claimed, was a layman and didn't know anything about the subject. Why wasn't Mr. Reid of the Agricultural College at Guelph, appointed? Surely he had plenty of time. The reason was that Mr. Dryden saw a first-class opportunity of giving Mr. McCrae a job. He would not endorse any such action, so long as there was a veterinary college and veterinary surgeons competent to do the work.

Mr. Elliott's remarks opened the plug of suppressed indignation and for a few minutes it fairly bubbled over.

Mr. W. Gibb of Baden said that Mr. Dryden had broken aloof entirely from giving any countenance to the profession. He was taking the bread and butter from their mouths. He was as good a Grit as any man in the country, but he would not stand such treatment. He would do all he could for the defeat of such a Government. The association should band together to work against the Government in the next election.

Useless Treatment.

Mr. W. J. Wilson of London condemned such instruction to the farmers. The action of tuberculine was such that a farmer or dealer could administer it to diseased cattle, and any use of it by the Goverment inspector would be useless for at least 30 days after. In this way the stock would pass the inspection all right, but if the disease showed itself again in a week or two it would hurt the cattle trade of Canada.

Mr. Blackhall said that Mr. Dryden has given them a slap in the face. When they treated with him previously to obtain butter legislation he had promised assistance. Now he had ignored them by the appointment of a man out of the profession, who didn't know anything about the subject.

Mr. Cowan of Galt said Mr. Dryden, by the appointment, insinuated that the profession was antagonistic to the interests of the farmers. That was not so, but Mr. Dryden was working against the interests of the farmers by such an appointment. This country was free from disease, and if other countries learned that such an instructor was needed they would be afraid of our cattle. He didn't think Mr. McCrae knew enough about the subject to procure the best kind of tuberculine.

After more discussion the following resolution was adopted:

That the tuberculine test needs to be safeguarded by certain precautions, not possible to those without professional experience.

That it is not in the interests of the farmers of this province to have any person authorized to instruct them in the use of tuberculine as a test for tuberculosis, as it is liable to create unnecessary alarm concerning the health of the cattle of Ontario.

That a continuation of the present methods will bring the tuberculine test into disrepute for the following reasons: That animals destined for shipment to the United States may be injected with tuberculine by the owners or dealers, and the subsequent test by the Dominion Veterinary Inspector rendered both useless and deceptive, paving the way for fraud and consequently injuring the live stock trade of this country.

If such appointment as specified above were necessary, we condemn the action of the Minister of Agriculture in appointing Lieut.-Col. McCrae to that position, instead of a duly qualified veterinary surgeon.

The following officers were elected for 1898: President, S. Sissons, Toronto; first vice, W. J. Wilson, London; second vice, J. E. Blackhall, Clinton; secretary-treasurer, C. H. Sweetapple, Toronto; directors, W. Steele, Stratford; G. W. Coulter, Weston; W. Cowan, Galt; H. S. Wende, Tonawanda; O. Graham, Port Perry; W. Gibbs, Baden; J. Wagner, Tavistock; F. Daly, Sutton. Delegates to Western Fair: Messrs. Wilson and O'Neil; to Toronto Fair, Dr. Smith and S. Sissons.

A donation of $25 was made for a gold medal to be competed for next spring.

A request from the Canadian Humane Society seeking assistance in obtaining Dominion legislation to stop the docking of horses by persons other than duly qualified veterinary surgeons or their assistants, was supported.

SEDITIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Canadian Government Requested by Britain to Confiscate Them.

London, Dec. 25.—The New York correspondent of The Morning Post says:

The Canadian Government, at the request of Great Britain, has ordered the confiscation of seditious publications. This is primarily due to a desire to prevent the Canadian dependence movement from stimulating disaffection in India; but it will have the effect of suppressing all public discussion as to annexation to the United States and collateral subjects.

It is said that the New York State Forest, Fish and Game Association has purchased a portion of Grindstone Island, in the St. Lawrence, for a State park.

MOTHER AND BABE.

Nature is cruel and visits upon mother and babe alike the results of the mother's neglect of her own health. It is an oft-told tale—the mother dies in the agony of child-birth, and in a few short months the sweet babe follows her to the cemetery.

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A GRAND POW-WOW

To Take Place in Winnipeg Shortly in Regard to the Indian Reserves.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—On Jan. 20 there will be a conference between Indian agents, leaders on the Indian reserves, etc., in the Indian Commissioner's office at Winnipeg. The object of the conference is to see if the nine Indian reserves along Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis cannot be consolidated into two reserves, one on each lake, say one for Protestant Indians and one for Roman Catholic, the details of course to be worked out at the conference. The idea is to put the Indians on reserves where they can be reached by inspectors, medical men, etc., and where they can have the benefits of good schools, farm instruction, etc.

Marshal Newell Cut to Pieces.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—Assistant Division Superintendent Marshal Newell of the Boston and Albany was found cut almost to pieces on the tracks near the switch tower here to-night. He was formerly a well-known Harvard football player and came here from Great Barrington, Vt.

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