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WHERE BRANTFORD STANDS

The Hamilton Herald has been looking up the civic indebtedness per head of the fifteen cities in Ontario and also the percentage of civic debt to total assessments. This is the outcome:

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Civic Debt Per Head. Includes Windsor, St. Thomas, Kingston, Peterboro, Hamilton, Woodstock, London, Berlin, Stratford, Chatham, Brantford, Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph.

It should be remembered in connection with Brantford that there have been extra demands in the matter of costly flood prevention works, and that our Public Schools, and Collegiate Institute are much above the average.

THE LATEST PROPOSAL

The everlasting City Hall question is to the fore once more.

This time the suggestion is to call for tenders for a building to cost \$150,000 to be located on that portion of property facing on Darling street, which still remains in the city's possession, after the sale of one-half for the new public building. This would bring the two structures back to back.

One of the main features in connection with the suggestion is that at last there is recognition of the desirability of not using the centre of the Market Square for a civic pile. That piece of property was decided in perpetuity for Market purposes only, and should be devoted to that plan.

Another thing with reference to the matter is that citizens can now doubly congratulate themselves upon the refusal to let the Laurier Government have half of said square for nothing. The plan was a combined public building with a City Hall, and from the size of the structure now in course of construction on Dalhousie street it can readily be seen how much our very large and rapidly growing market would have become cramped.

It would certainly seem in this matter that the public utility now calling for first attention should be a covered city market and the present antiquated structure in the centre be torn down. As it is, present conditions, or more properly lack of conditions, are not only a disgrace, but a serious menace to health, not alone of the buyer, but also the seller. A walk through the square last (Friday) night showed as usual meat and other products exposed in the open in order to hold a place for Saturday trade. This is most emphatically not what should be. It would be quite possible to devise some method of covering upon a neat and sanitary basis, and the rent of compartments would more than meet sinking fund and interest.

M. C. A. building. The day has long since passed in this community when a municipal hall was necessary as a public meeting place of sufficient size.

This leaves then the accommodation of a little over twenty civic officials to be provided for. That they should have much better quarters, no one doubts, but at this time is the outlay warranted of \$150,000 on a civic property worth at least \$30,000 or \$180,000 in all?

The matter, at any rate, should be most carefully considered.

GRIT PROFESSIONS VS. ELECTORAL CORRUPTION.

One of the serious charges of corruption at elections, brought by the Grit press, led by the Toronto Globe is that the Hon. Robt. Rogers, Minister of Public Works, promised "to build a bridge over the Richelieu River at Chateauguay, while as a matter of fact the river does not come within 25 miles of the constituency."

Contrast this exhibition of righteous Grit exposure of supposed bribery with the boast of Mr. Marcell, late Speaker of the House of Commons, and it will be seen how far, and to what extent bribery was practiced during the Laurier regime, and never condemned, but tacitly justified by the Grit press, led by The Toronto Globe.

Mr. Arthur Beauchesne, who opposed Mr. Marcell at the general election, wrote to the Montreal Gazette that at a joint meeting in Paspébiac Mr. Marcell said to the electors: "Mr. Amyot, the Government engineer, is here with me. He will take contracts after the meeting for the construction of the new breakwater. See him and arrange with him for loading the stone and handling the timber." In his election address, Mr. Marcell pointed out that he had obtained for Bonaventure in public subscriptions more than \$125,000 a year, \$10,000 a month, \$300 a day, or about \$125 for each voter in the constituency. How was this corruption with public money punished by the government? He was rewarded by an approving government and a grateful party with the speakership of the House of Commons and \$4,000 a year and perquisites.

In what way did the Toronto Globe meet this charge of corruption when attention was called to it by the Toronto News? The only condemnation of the act was that The News "has rather soured on the French-Canadian, Mr. Marcell is of that race and makes a good cock-shot for the amusement of The News' clients." Race and creed, as usual.

A contemporary has drawn attention to a few, among the many, acts of political corruption of those who are now so loud in proclaiming their virtues, that it is well that the people should be reminded of them.

In West Huron, where a Conservative was elected, the ballot boxes were opened and enough Conservative ballots stolen to give the seat up to his Liberal opponent.

In the Brockville contest ballots were so numerous that they were picked up on the floors of the polling booths, and the ballot boxes stuffed with bogus ballots sufficient to elect the ministerial candidate, who has forgotten the appeal to Durham to vote for Aylesworth and the canal.

It is said they are still trying to iron out that kink in Laurier's sunny smile, but without much reasonable hope of success.

If you want to know what it is to have your mind riveted, just occupy an office opposite the steel construction of a new building.

No mere cut can do justice to the splendid nature of Brantford's new public building. As it continues to grow citizens are commencing to realize what a dandy structure they will have.

So the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia are with us once more. The local grit organ which questioned the advisability of their coming in the first place, will no doubt be greatly peeved over their return.

The Grit organs are commencing to yell bribery regarding South Bruce. If so, the laws are on the statute to stop it. Why not take action? As a matter of fact they are preparing the faithful for another bump.

Finance Minister White charges that when the Laurier government was in power it did nothing to settle the navy question. Try again! The late government had a policy which was approved by the British admiralty, and made a good start on a Canadian navy. Pray, what has Mr. Borden accomplished?—Expositor.

Rubbish. About the only appropriate thing in connection with Laurier's toy navy was the names of the two vessels for "Niobe" was the lady always in tears over her distressed condition, and a "Rainbow" is something so intangible that to chase one is always regarded as the height of folly. Both vessels had to speedily go into drydock for repairs and the two of them together would scarcely have been sufficient to strike terror into a fleet of Eskimo kayaks. What Borden has been able to do is to ensure three more real battleships, now building.

The Poorhouse

The poorhouse, naked, grim and bare, stands in a valley low, and most of us are headed there as fast as we can go. The paupers sit behind the gate, a solemn thing to see, and there all patiently they wait, and wait for you and me. We come, we come, O sad-eyed wrecks, we're coming with a will! We're all in debt up to our necks, and going deeper still! We're buying things we can't afford, and mock the old time way of salting down a little hoard against the rainy day! No more afoot the poor man roams; in gorgeous car, he scoots; we've mortgages upon our homes, our furniture, our boots. We've banished all the ancient cares, we paint the country red, we live like drunken millionaires, and never look ahead. The paupers on the poorhouse lawn, are waiting in a group; they know we'll be there anon, to share their cabbage soup; they see us in our costly garb, and say: "Their course if brief; we see the harbingers that harb of bankruptcy and grief." Be patient, paupers, for a span, ye friendless men and dames! We're coming, blithely as we can, to join you in your games.

AS BUSY EYES SEE IT ALL

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Cut Down to a Column.

Priests intercepted and prevented the departure of children of Dublin strikers being sent to foster-homes in England.

James Lynch, President of the International Typographical Union, has been appointed Labor Commissioner for N. Y. State.

Two hundred and thirty miners are entombed in shaft No. 2 of the Stag Canon mine at Dawson, N.M., an explosion having occurred at the property.

A central body to control the missionary work of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, is favored by a committee which is investigating the subject.

Gunard Johnston, aged 24, was instantly killed in the Chapin Mine in Michigan, when he fell 900 feet down a shaft, Johnston struck on his head, and every bone in his body was broken.

A noted surgeon, Just Lucas-Chamionniere, of Paris, dropped dead from acute agina pectoris while reading before the Committee of the Academy of Sciences a paper on prehistoric trepanning.

A Pekin despatch to the London Telegraph says that the Chinese cabinet has decided to open negotiations

with the five-power group for a new loan of \$100,000,000, to be used for industrial purposes.

Attorneys for the four "gunmen" under sentence of death for the murder of Rosenthal, the New York gambler, requested the Court of Appeals to postpone the hearing of their appeal until after November 17.

Anthony Comstock, head of the New York Society for the prevention of vice, may try to stop the sale of the Suffragette, the English militant organ, on the ground that its discussion of white slavery and sex hygiene is improper.

The arrest of William Levy, at Cleveland, is believed to show up the operation of a large gang of jewelry smugglers, and seizures to the value of \$30,000 were made in various shops Toronto is alleged as the source of supply.

The London Standard surmises that the whole trouble over Mexican policy during Great Britain and the U. S. is due to rivalry over control of the oil fields. Huerto having reversed the Madero policy of granting concessions to Americans.

Two hundred boys and girls of the Lockport, N. Y. high school went on strike because the board of education failed to reach a decision regarding their complaint against Principal Walter Severance that he did not encourage school sports.

A party of 20 prominent mining officials engaged in recent work in the Seneghnydd mine in Wales, where over 400 lives were lost, were yesterday overcome by gas and rescued just in time. Some of the party were affected as though by laughing gas.

The Phelps-Dodge Mercantile Co. and the Douglas Hardware Company, of Douglas, Arizona, with their managers, W. H. Brophy and W. F. Fisher, were named in indictments returned by the grand jury charging conspiracy to send arms and munitions to the Mexican revolutionists.

Dr. James Douglas, president of the Phelps Company, is a native of Quebec, and trustee of McGill University. Wm Bowie a pioneer resident of Brook near Watford, is dead, aged 88.

Liberals allege that "bribery and corruption" are already apparent in South Bruce.

The Federal Government will build an experimental cold-storage plant for fruits at Grimsby, Ont.

Rev. W. C. McKendry, formerly of Stouffville, has been called to the Front Hill Baptist church.

Thomas White of Orangeville, was the victim of a murderous assault, and Wm. Carter has been arrested. Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers is dead at St. John's, Nfld. He was well known in the Maritime provinces.

Five men were killed and four injured when a C.P.R. work train collided with a freight near Chabreau, Catholic and Protestants in Vancouver are engaged in a struggle in regard to participation in civic affairs.

A Hamilton jury awarded Fred Frit \$75 against Magistrate Jelfs, for wrongful ejection. He sued for \$3,000.

About 500 delegates are attending the 48th annual convention of the Ontario S. S. association being held in Knox church, Ottawa.

A letter from Australia addressed to "Joe Lally, Canada, via America," reached the Cornwall lacrosse notable without a day's delay.

Lieut. McDonald of the Montreal fire department fell from the third floor down an elevator shaft at a warehouse blaze and has a broken arm.

Montreal Board of Trade will refuse support to the proposition for a world's fair there in 1917, as being quite beyond the bounds of feasibility.

Hon. W. T. White, speaking at Lucanow, denied that he had made any positive declaration that there would be no revision of the tariff next year.

N. W. Rowell, K.C., addressed the first luncheon of the Hamilton Board of Trade, his subject being "The Housing Problem." He proposed that the Government should try to solve it.

A horse and wagon owned by Joseph Rogerson, who delivers the mail on the rural route out of Thorold, were stolen from the shed of the Summit House, along with a robe and some letters.

Ivan George Langley, Minister of Municipal Affairs, declared his conviction that the establishment of a sample market for grain in Winnipeg,

would result in great loss to the farmers of Saskatchewan.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the government at Ottawa by western Conservative members to take off the duties on wheat, flour and semolina, in order to take advantage of the American tariff changes.

MONOGRAPHS.

THE COST OF LOVING. Tickets, taxis, bonbons, books, Dinners, dances, shows, de luxe: Cost of living? No, by jing! Cost of loving—that's the thing.

AFTER BOURDILLON. The fly has a thousand eyes, And the man but one— Which makes the swatting of flies So hard to be done!

ONE WAY TO DO IT. The British suffragette, my word, She has a funny trick: Of learning how to cawst a vote, By 'cavin' 'arf a brick.

DENIS A. MCCARTHY. Fine Array of Soloists. A grand concert will be given by the choir of St. Jude's on Nov. 15. The choir will be assisted by the following: Miss E. Cornelius, soprano; Miss J. Cornelius, contralto; E. Roberts, baritone; A. E. Martin and N. McLeod, tenors; R. T. Hall, elocutionist; M. Miskelly, concert soloist; and the City Quartette. Mr. P. Farnsworth is the choir-

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