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Cobdenism and Sugar.

The Canadian Manufacturer says that Cobdenism is disintegrating the Empire and as an example cites the refusal of the British Government to impose countervailing duties on bounty-fed sugar for the benefit of the West India sugar planters. The Manufacturer has chosen a poor weapon for its attack on Cobdenism, which stands for unflinching free trade. The case of sugar is one of the strongest that can be adduced on behalf of free trade principles. The British Government hesitates to impose countervailing duties not from a blind adherence to Cobdenism so-called, but from the plain standpoint of pounds, shillings and pence. Never was the commercial value of free trade more clearly demonstrated than in this instance. The short-sighted policy of bounty paying countries means millions of pounds yearly in John Bull's pocket. The British get their sugar cheaper than do the Germans and French who export it. In fact the Germans and French go down in their own pockets in order to save John Bull going deeper into his. As a result the bounty-fed British consume 88 pounds of sugar per head per annum, while the average German can only afford 26 pounds and the average Frenchman only 30. Not only this, but cheaper sugar has enabled the British to excel in manufactures of which sugar is a raw material. The French and Germans bonus the British jam and confectionery business. So much for Cobdenism.

The distress of the British West Indies, caused by the stagnation of the sugar industry, is engaging the attention of the home government. Any attempt to impose countervailing duties on bounty-fed sugar, which has driven the West Indian product from the market, would be strongly resented just now not only by free trade theorists, but by the hard-headed business interests and taxpayers generally. They know that it simply means millions taken from them and given to the West Indian sugar planters. It may be they will be induced to submit to some such sacrifice for the sake of the disaffected colonies. If so, it will not imply a renunciation of Cobdenism. It will be a self-inflicted loss, a generous but reluctant departure from a beneficial principle. If it succeeded in crushing the bounty system on the continent Great Britain would revert to the present profitable conditions. The British do not worship Cobdenism as a fetish but they appraise it at its utilitarian value. The sugar question as we said before, proves that value in a most practical and conclusive way.

A Cool Million.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church in session at Toronto has decided to raise a special fund of a million dollars, before the close of the century, i. e., within the next sixteen months. A million dollars is a tidy little sum which would lubricate to a considerable extent any of the funds needing attention. The Methodists of Canada can raise it if they will—and they will.

Friendly Words From Neighbors.

The change that has been wrought in the attitude of the United States towards Great Britain since the Spanish war, is as marked as it is gratifying. For example, the British victory in the Sudan is heartily rejoiced in by United States journals as a triumph for civilization. The following from the Detroit Free Press, fairly represents the almost universally friendly tone of the newspapers published south of the great lakes:

"Thus Anglo-Saxon prowess gains victories under the banner of St. George as well as under the Stars and Stripes. It is the same indomitable spirit that conquers great obstacles in both English and American armies. And as Englishmen were but recently rejoicing over the victories of Yankee ships and armies and sending us their congratulations, so now we Americans can take pride in the great victory at Omdurman. The Maine was avenged when Cervera's splendid fleet was pounded to pieces on the Cuban coast. Gen. Gordon's cruel death was terribly avenged last Friday when 15,000 Mahdists went down before the withering fire of Sir Herbert Kitchener's English and Egyptian soldiers."

"And it is not vain-glorying to say that the triumph of the Anglo-Saxon cause in both of these campaigns will be highly beneficial to civilization. The wonderful progress which Egypt has made in civilization and in material prosperity under the English protectorate is known of all the world. The success of the campaign against the Mahdists means the continuance and expansion of British influence in the land of the Nile, and in consequence the advance of civilization into the heart of Africa. Likewise, let us not doubt the triumph of the Anglo-Saxon race in the Spanish-American war

means the advance of the highest interests of mankind. England and America have reasons to congratulate each other over the successes that have lately come to each. Such victories mean the advance of Anglo-Saxon ideas, and the spread of freedom and good government in the world."

Call to a London Clergyman.

The congregation of Erskine Church, Toronto, has extended a call to Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, London, to become its minister. The call has been indorsed in the usual manner by the Presbytery of Toronto.

This is by no means the first opportunity Mr. Clark has had to go elsewhere. But as he is the last man to exploit calls for self-glorification, these invitations have been, not once nor twice, nipped in the bud before they had time to become generally known. It is no matter for surprise to Mr. Clark's congregation to learn that his services would be eagerly welcomed elsewhere. Gifted with an unusual power of natural eloquence; sane in his judgments and utterances; a tireless reader and strong thinker; possessed of the saving gift of common sense; thoroughly courageous, and not afraid to stand up in his free pulpit, when necessary, against any passing current of opinion; broad and tolerant in his views, and rightly esteemed by men and women of every class and creed—Mr. Clark adds distinction to the pulpit of Canada.

Will he accept the invitation to Toronto? Not if his congregation in London has any say in the matter!

The Western Fair.

London's magnificent annual exhibition begins on Thursday of this week. It bids fair to be the greatest Western Fair ever held in this Western metropolis. The exhibits of every class will be much above the average. The art exhibition, in the new annex, will be crowded with pictures of special merit. The attendance will break all records. If you want to see your friends the Western Fair is the likeliest place at which to find them. Our own citizens should go to the Fair early and often, and show full enthusiasm for what is one of the two best all-round exhibitions held on the continent of America. Let every flag be flung to the breeze while the Fair lasts, and let such a welcome be extended to the thronging multitudes as will cause all who visit our beautiful city a desire to visit again.

Fuzzy-wuzzy at least died game.

If there is to be a general disarmament, let us start with the tramps.

Our American cousins are still remembering the Maine by paying war taxes.

The charge of the 21st Lancers was so brilliant that even the French "can scarce forbear a cheer."

The czar's policy of a general disarmament is making headway. They say the Khalifa is now a warm supporter of it.

Gladstone did not die a wealthy man, as wealth is estimated in England. A good name is better than great riches, and even his heirs prefer the former legacy.

It is pleasant to read the friendly eulogies of the skill and prowess of the British troops in Egypt in the campaign before Omdurman. There's lots of life in the old lion yet!

Major Walsh, who has just returned from the Klondike, denies in toto the charges made against the Klondike officials. But the Government's critics prefer something yellow, like the Dawson City Nugget.

An American mining engineer says the Klondike is nearly played out. This is not proved yet; but even if it turns out to be true the Canadian people will be nothing out of pocket, thanks to the policy of the Government.

Queen Victoria has been a grand ruler, and it looks as if the young Queen of Holland might turn out to be another. Good women seem to make good rulers, even if, off the throne, they are not allowed to cast a vote.

The Kaiser showed sense and tact in sending a telegram of congratulation to Gen. Kitchener. It was probably intended as an antidote to that other famous telegram to one Kruger. William remembers the flying squadron.

The Canadian Gazette predicts that cheese will become less and less the food of the people, as bacon, potted meats, fruits, preserves, etc., become more generally used by the working classes. This is one reason why Canadian dairymen should extend the

butter industry. In any event Canada may be relied upon to supply the bacon, potted meats, fruits, preserves, etc., that may displace our beloved cheese.

With the Anglo-Egyptian army, the Anglo-Russian understanding, the Anglo-German agreement, and the Anglo-American alliance, it looks as if Britain's "splendid isolation" had passed into history.

Little Queen Wilhelmina has promised to abide by the constitution, which requires her to obey the advice of her responsible ministers. When it comes to choosing a husband, however, Wilhelmina will probably consult only the Queen of Holland.

There seems little doubt that Great Britain and Germany have agreed to support each other in certain lines of foreign policy. Both peoples are intensely practical. They do not like each other, but they do not let this interfere with business.

The school board last night took a shy at the Normal School site. Any one who imputes political bias to the majority of the trustees or hints that they are actuated by any motives other than pure regard for the city's interests, is, of course, libelling those lofty civic partisans!

The soprano, the tenor, the contralto, likewise the basso, have all returned from their holidays; the choirs are filling up, and the musical services of the churches will flow on at full tide. By the way, why is it that most anthems are pitched in keys beyond reach of the average voice?

The Farmers' Advocate points out that Norway, Sweden and Denmark have in all 75 agricultural schools, and in proportion Canada should have 40 instead of less than a dozen. Conservative legislators at Toronto sometimes talk as if Canada, or at least Ontario, should have none at all.

The billeting system dies hard, but it seems to be doomed. The system was inevitable, and justifiable, when the country was new, and hotel and boarding-house accommodation was scarce. But there is now no justification for its continuance, and it will very soon depart into limbo with the primitive system under which the preacher and the schoolmaster "boarded round."

The Methodist General Conference at Toronto has a notice of motion for a wrestle with the antique method.

The more the Sudan campaign is studied the more remarkable does it appear. The whole cost to the British taxpayers so far has been less than £2,000,000, nearly half of which is represented in permanent assets, such as telegraph and railway lines. Compare this with the campaign of 1885, which cost £5,500,000, and ended in disaster. The equipment of the present Anglo-Egyptian force is beyond all praise. Every device is employed for the comfort and sustenance of the troops in that burning climate, and from all reports the British fare as well as if on their own soil. The sick are being carried up the Nile on gunboats, and it is safe to say there will be no duplicate of the Santiago horrors.

"Public School Domestic Science" is by the Copp, Clark Company, Limited. The author is Mrs. J. Hoodless, president of the School of Domestic Science, Hamilton. The book has the official approval of the Department of Education, and may be used as a text book in any high or public school, if so ordered by a resolution of the trustees. Mrs. Hoodless has made a thorough study of domestic science, and in her admirable work has reduced it to practical form for the tuition of school children. It teaches them the peculiar merits of various food products, and the most approved and hygienic modes of cooking. The rules are stated with such lucidity that any child can comprehend them. The book should do much to advance the domestic education of our school girls.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

A Smiling Land.
(Manitoba Free Press.)
A magnificent harvest is now assured to Manitoba. The farmers and business men of this province have something in common to smile at.

Overcrowded.
(Hamilton Herald.)
"There's always plenty of room at the top" is a saying that doesn't apply to the thermometer these days.

They Went Prepared.
(Montreal Gazette.)
The soldiers sent to the Sudan have special dress, goggles for their eyes, pads for their spines, and are generally looked after in a way never before heard of. They are going into a hotter climate than Cuba's, but will

come back in better shape than did the United States troops from their recent expedition. Kitchener's seems to be an expedition where the margin of mis-laps is reduced to a minimum.

Cheap at the Price.
(Ottawa Journal.)
Uncle Sam's war bill will be \$281,000,000. But that is a low price for nothing more than the new friendship between the United States and Great Britain.

Strong Language.
(Chicago Chronicle.)
The men who ordered a summer campaign in a fever-infected country, and made no adequate preparations to succor the troops are responsible for the woes of an army sent out as if for a picnic with a lot of boys in the staff department.

Kingston's Sorry Plight.
(Kingston Whig.)
In England the school authorities have provided for the instruction of the feeble-minded and vicious by themselves and by special teachers. Just what has been attempted in Canada, and what may have to take place in Kingston before very long.

Worth Watching.
(Pittsburg Dispatch.)
It will be worth while to watch the outcome of the Egyptian campaign to see whether British management will result in anything like the distress and suffering entailed by our own campaign at Santiago. Conditions are not quite the same, but the scene of British operations is at a slightly lower latitude than Cuba.

Canadian Cheese.
(Chicago Times-Herald.)
The fact that Canada sends 68 per cent of the cheese imported by Great Britain while the United States sends only 24 per cent is explained by the thorough organization of the Canadian dairymen, who are united in an endeavor to produce a uniformly high grade suited to the demands of the market in the Province of Ontario alone there are eighteen associations of cheesemakers, representing 1,200 factories, with an annual output of 100,000,000 pounds.

Czar's Protest Strikes Home.
(Springfield Republican.)
We have at different times asserted that to annex the Philippines and embark upon the imperialistic policy in both hemispheres would soon cost the American people very nearly as much the total annual cost of the armies and navies of France and Germany combined. The statement has never been successfully challenged, the imperialists dare not discuss it.

What has enabled the American people thus far to escape the frightful burdens of which Nicholas II. so earnestly complains? It is that same political "isolation" which Washington enjoined upon us, but which our wise men of today are saying we have outgrown. The country seems full of fool politicians, fool editors, fool clergymen, fool judges and fool professors, who talk as if our political isolation were a curse like popular literacy or tuberculosis. Entanglements with other nations will be for our good, said one newspaper recently. Such sayings, when considered beside the words of the czar, seem utterly beneath the common sense for which Americans are noted.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Gold Comfort.
Breathless Would-Be Passenger — When does the half-past five train leave?

Porter—Five thirty.
Passenger—Well, the new church is 27 minutes past, the postoffice is 25 minutes past, and your clock is 33 minutes. Now, in the name of Joey, which clock am I to go by?

Porter—You can go by any clock you like, but the train's gone.—London Fun.

"I've Kissed Him."
"I've kissed him, so I won't have to kiss his picture tonight." A remark made by a mother after visiting her sick son, from Chickamauga, at the University Hospital.

There never was a strain more sweet; There never was a father tongue; It wasn't the voice that spoke the words—

'Twas the heart and soul that sung. And now a new light shone in her eyes That chased the cloud of fear away. For the days were done that had seemed to her—

Such long and weary years. And what if he lay on a cot With a white and hard-drawn face— With her heart so full of thanks and prayer—

What was either the time or place! She had kissed his fevered lips? She had held him down to her breast? He was hers again, he was well again, For love would do the rest! —P. H. Doyle, in Philadelphia Times.

Perplexed.
Mr. Wiggins was so worked up over the news from Manila that he spent four hours trying to locate the Philippine Islands on his wife's Bazar pattern, under the impression that he had a map of the Pacific Ocean before him.—Harper's Bazar.

The Worst of Men.
Some men there are, of men, I think the worst, Poor unhappy if they can't be cursed—

Even at dinner they will be unblest, However good the viands and well-dressed; They always come to table with a Squint with a face of verjuice o'er each dash, Fault the poor flesh and quarrel with the fish, Curse cook and wife, and, loathing, eat and growl. —Peter Pindar.

The governor and commander-in-chief of the Newfoundland forces is to be Lieut.-Col. Sir Edward McCallum.

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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

Opening of the Fifteenth Annual Conclave in Hamilton.

Election of Officers and Provincial Priors—The London Preceptory's Big Turnout—Windsor the Next Meeting Place.

Hamilton, Sept. 7.—The fifteenth annual conclave of the sovereign great priory of Canada, Knights Templar, opened yesterday morning in the Masonic Hall with a large attendance of delegates and visitors. Mayor Colquhoun, on behalf of the city, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the sovereign great priory, and M. E. Sir Knight D. F. MacWatt replied.

When regular business was begun Supreme Grand Master MacWatt delivered his annual address. It referred to the growth and excellent financial standing of the priory, and to the deaths of the year, and gave a record of the official visits. The membership is 1,822, the additions for the year being 164, and the removals by death, etc., 88, making a net gain of 76. A clause of the address of interest was: "I notice in my reading that Knight Templarism was introduced into Canada in the year 1800. This being so, it seems to me desirable that our centenary in 1900 should be celebrated in a fitting manner. To do so properly, preparations should be made, and I therefore deem it advisable to call the attention of great priory to this at an early period."

The grand treasurer's report shows a surplus of nearly \$20,000 on the year's business, after liquidating all indebtedness.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.
The election of officers resulted as follows: Supreme grand master, M. E. Sir Knight D. F. MacWatt, Barrie; deputy grand master, R. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, M.P., St. John, N. B.; grand chaplain, R. E. Sir Knight J. R. Bathe, D.D., Chatham; grand chancellor, M. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Montreal; grand treasurer, R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman, Hamilton; grand constable, R. E. Sir Knight W. D. Tawse, Guelph; grand marshal, R. E. Sir Knight C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto; grand treasurer, R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, London; grand council (elected), R. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carlik, Windsor; Dr. Walker, St. Stephen, N. B.; W. G. Reid, Hamilton; C. F. Vassell, Toronto, and W. Roaf, Toronto (appointed), R. E. Sir Knights J. S. Dewar, London; William Gibson, M.P., Beamsville; J. L. Trossider, Montreal; Harry Collins, Toronto, and L. G. Archibald, Truro, N. S.

The following provincial grand priors were chosen for the several districts: London, R. E. Sir Knight A. C. Clarke, Windsor; Hamilton, R. E. Sir Knight Charles Smith, Hamilton; Toronto, R. E. Sir Knight William Simpson, Toronto; Kingston, R. E. Sir Knight R. A. Klock, M.P., Klock's Mills, Ottawa; Quebec, R. E. Sir Knight W. M. Lemassur, Montreal; New Brunswick, R. E. Sir Knight A. D. Truman, St. John, N. B.; Nova Scotia, R. E. Sir Knight D. C. Fraser, M.P., Truro, N. S.; Prince Edward Island, R. E. Sir Knight D. Nesbitt, Charlottetown, Manitoba and British Columbia districts will choose district priors later on.

The credential committee reported 125 representatives in attendance. On motion of R. E. Sir Knight W. J. Carson, of London, the next conclave of great priory will be held at Windsor, the date, in September to be definitely fixed by the grand master. After the installation of officers by M. E. Sir Knight Malone, the Sarnia Preceptory, under command of V. E. Sir Knight Dr. Johnson, exemplified the degree of the red cross before the great priory in an exceedingly correct and impressive manner.

Following this, in the evening, twenty knights of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, of London, under command of R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, worked the novice and installation degrees of the order of the Temple in an exceedingly precise and impressive manner, winning many encomiums for their correct rendition of this portion of the degree. The same preceptory continued the work and exemplified the consecration ceremony, to the great pleasure of all who witnessed it.

Then followed the degree of Malta, by Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, of Montreal, under command of R. E. Sir Knight Phillips. Their work was also well done.

The Windsor, London, Sarnia, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal Templars fraternized as only Knights Templar know how subsequently, and were hospitably entertained by the Hamilton brothers, who did everything in their power to make the stay of the visitors one of pleasure.

The London Preceptory had the largest turnout at the great priory meeting, and were much admired for their military bearing and appearance.

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FAIR AND COOLER.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Eighty thousand persons attended the Toronto Fair on Labor Day.

—Miss Gertrude Guymer, of William street, is spending a week with friends at Oakville and Toronto.

—Mr. John G. Wooley, the noted American temperance orator, has been secured to speak here on the 15th inst.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Waterloo street north, spent Sunday and Monday visiting friends in and around Thamesville.

—Miss Edith Gould, 170 Adelaide street, has returned home after spending three weeks holidaying with friends in Detroit, Mich.

—Mr. G. J. Jennings and family have come from Toronto to reside in the city and for the present are staying at Mrs. Barrows', 127 Horton street.

—Miss Wilhelmine Simms, of 625 Elias street, has returned from a five weeks' visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Simms, Thamesville, Ont.

—Miss Lillian Jennings has returned to her home in Brampton, Ont., after a pleasant three weeks' visit with her friend Miss Ethel Barry, 506 Adelaide street.

—Bishop O'Connor, of this city, will visit Logan and Mitchell next Sunday, and hold confirmation in St. Bridget's and St. Paul de Vincent churches respectively.

—Mr. Thomas Edwards and daughters, who have been spending the past ten weeks with her sister, Mrs. Glover, of West London, have returned home to New York.

—Miss Catherine Stephenson, of Detroit, has returned home after spending a two months' vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gould, 170 Adelaide street, city.

—Chatham Banner: The public discussion between Elder R. C. Evans and Will Elmore opened at Northwood's Hall last night, and will continue every evening this week.

—On Sunday night in the Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley, Miss Mary Leys, of London, delighted the congregation with her sweet rendition of "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."—St. Thomas Journal.

—Detroit News: James Clark and Solomon Heslan, both of London, were locked up this morning in Windsor on suspicion. They had in their possession nine partly filled boxes of cigars. A telegram was sent to the London police.

—A well-attended prohibition meeting was held in the Brick Street Methodist Church last night, Rev. Mr. Fisher presiding. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Thomas, Brenton, E. R. Fortner and F. H. Heath. Music was furnished by the choir of the church.

—Galt Reporter: The Galt Children's Aid Society has now 29 children for which it wants homes. Galt and London have exchanged lists. The local society met yesterday afternoon, and received reports regarding the children it had befriended. They are all doing well.

—Chatham Banner: Mrs. Britton, of London, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Lorne avenue. Mr. J. N. Dillon, of Forest, is spending a few days with friends in London and Chatham. Mrs. Joseph James, of Leamington, Mr. C. Wells, of Chatham, have gone on a month's visit to London and Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh, Head street, are visiting friends.

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In London and Toronto. Owen Watson left for London yesterday morning, where he will attend high school.

—Mr. W. F. Groom and Miss Clara Julia Harris were married on Monday, at St. Peter's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Tierney. The bride wore an elaborate gown of white cashmere trimmed with white brocade silk and chiffon, and carried bridal roses.

—Miss Lillian Smith, sister of the groom, and Miss Lillian Smith, acted as bridesmaids. They were attired in becoming costumes of white muslin and carried bouquets of pink and white carnations. Mr. Peter Harris, uncle of the bride, and Mr. J. B. Miller, supported the groom. The happy young couple went east on a honeymoon tour, carrying with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends. They will be at home after Sept. 27, at the corner of Piccadilly and Maitland streets.

FREE BIBLES.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Western Ontario Bible Society was held in the depot yesterday afternoon.

—A report from the previous meeting of the committee respecting the holding of branch meetings, and the agents to attend them, was presented and adopted. A report also was made of a number of Bibles having been donated to certain people who were unable to purchase.

The board signified its approval of this act, and passed the following resolution: "That a copy of the Holy Scriptures be given to any family or person on the recommendation of a minister or member of the board of directors." With this resolution request was made that it be sent to the local papers, calling special attention to it, feeling that it was not generally known that work of this kind was done by the Bible Society. Several other matters relating to the work of the society were introduced and adjusted, and the meeting adjourned.

B. M. E. CONFERENCE.

The quadrennial conference of the B. M. E. Church is in progress at the Beth-Emmanuel Church, Grey street.

Bishop C. A. Washington, of St. Catharines, is presiding. The following officers have been chosen for the conference: Secretary, Rev. R. R. Ball; assistant secretary, Rev. H. Wright; reporter, Rev. R. H. Holden; postman, Rev. H. Rockhold; marshal, Rev. W. F. Moore; Amen, Rev. H. Wright; assistant, Rev. T. C. Oliver; M. A. Niagara Falls South; G. R. Blount; Simeon; W. R. Drake, Chatham; R. H. Ball, Toronto; J. D. Mead, D.D., Liverpool; N. S. H. Davis, Windsor; J. H. Davidson, Windsor; Wm. LeBoutre, Bedford; H. Rockhold, London; R. W. S. Johnson, Chatham; Wm. F. Moore, North Buxton; Wm. LeBoutre, Bedford; H. Rockhold, London; R. Brown, Montreal; R. Hatchett, H. Wright, Dresden; P. Brooks, Guelph; S. A. Lucas, Brandon.

BALANCE IS SMALL

Funds of the Convalescent Home Running Low—Donations Gratefully Acknowledged.

The first meeting, after the summer holidays, of the board of management of the Convalescent Home was held on Monday, the 5th. The report showed that there had been an average of four inmates even through the slack season. Some had been discharged, able to work, and four remain in the home until their time of residence expires.

The treasurer reported that she had been able to meet all demands to date, but that the balance remaining was very small, and that it was to be earnestly desired that friends of the home would not let its good work be at a standstill for want of a helping hand.

The home had never as yet been driven to close its doors upon any on the score of poverty, and the hope was expressed that it would never have to do so in the future. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Hopkins, who was absent from illness, was unanimously passed, the same being personally conveyed to her by the president and Mrs. Bullen. The following donations were gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Bullen, fruit; Mrs. W. J. Reid, a basket of pears and apples; Mrs. Boomer, cakes; Mrs. Harris, Colborne street, apples; Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, butter and cornstarch; Mrs. Lashbrook and the First Congregational Church, flowers.

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GENERAL CUT HINTED AT

Board of Education Will Consider Reducing Salaries.

All Public School Teachers Receiving the Maximum May Be Affected.

Thursday and Friday of Next Week Will Be School Holidays—On a Party Vote the Board Disapproved of the Normal School Site.

The board of education held a regular meeting last night. The special kindergarten committee, after some months' deliberation, brought in a lengthy report, which was adopted. It included an increase in the salaries of directors from \$250 to \$275 for the minimum, and from \$450 to \$500 for the maximum. There was considerable talk of the advisability of reducing the maximum for all public school teachers except principals, from \$500 to \$450. The government was censured on a straight party vote for the selection of the Normal School site.

Applications for leave of absence were received from Miss McDonald, transition teacher at Wootley road school, and Miss Gahan, transition teacher at Colborne street, to attend the Normal College, Hamilton, from Miss Florence Taylor, of Talbot street, to attend the Normal Kindergarten, Toronto. Granted.

Inspector Carson reported that Miss Hay, of Princess avenue school, through illness, would not be able to teach during the month. Miss Hay, the transition teacher, is in charge of Miss Hay's class at present.

As Miss McArthur is unable to resume her duties as principal of Wootley road school, Mr. Carson recommended that Mr. E. E. Gibbs be placed in charge of the school until the next meeting of the board, unless Miss McArthur should return before that date. Carried.

Miss Taylor, assistant in Talbot street kindergarten, is leaving to attend the Normal. Mr. Carson recommended Miss Spence for the position during Miss Taylor's absence. Misses Laidlaw and Angus were also applicants for the position. Miss Angus was appointed.

The special kindergarten committee, after holding several meetings, recommended the adoption of a list of rules to govern the work of the kindergarten supervisors, directors and assistants.

One recommendation was that the afternoon directors and assistant directors be placed on the same basis as the morning directors and assistant directors as to salary, the same to date from Sept. 1, 1908; also that the minimum salary of kindergarten directors be \$25 per annum, and the maximum \$500.

Trustee Martyn moved in amendment that the maximum be \$450. "I would favor the amendment," said Trustee Macpherson, "if the public school teachers' maximum were the same."

The report was adopted unchanged. Trustee Macpherson gave notice that he would move the board instruct No. 1 committee to report upon the advisability of changing the scheme of paying salaries to teachers on the regular staff by providing that the maximum salary be \$450 instead of \$500.

There are now fifteen or sixteen teachers getting the maximum salary, said Mr. Macpherson, and while he did not like interfering with what might be regarded as vested rights, he thought it fairer to make the change suggested.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL SITE.

Trustee Bayly moved "That in the opinion of this board, the site selected for the purpose of a Normal School is not sufficiently central, and that a site more centrally located should be selected. Further, this board desires to place on record the fact that they were not consulted in the selection and had no voice in it." The agitation for a Normal School in London had been begun by the board of education 22 years ago, he said. Then it was a necessity. Now, with two other schools in the province grinding out teachers in such abundance, he hardly thought it was a necessity. At any rate, to be a success, a good site was most essential, and the site chosen condemned the school. The first people to be consulted should have been the board of education, he said. In his contention that South London was a poor location, he said the records for the three schools in that suburb for June last showed 294 pupils on the roll, and the average attendance 633. To get the required number of pupils for the Normal School they would have to draw at least 200 from the rest of the city.

Trustee Boyle, interrupting, raised a point of order, saying the board had no authority to do such a matter.

Trustee Bayly was allowed to continue. The school would be a white elephant on their hands, not a success, he said, and as it was not likely to be a success, they should put themselves on record as having no part in it.

Trustee Macpherson commented on Trustee Bayly's fondness for making such motions, and he hardly thought the agitation of the city council last year for not consulting with the board re the amalgamation with West London, Mr. Macpherson pointed out that the minister of education had this year given the city council a chance to select the Normal School site, but the council not only rejected the offer, but ignored the board of education in the matter.

Mr. Bayly took good care, however, not to condemn his political friends. "One can't get away from the idea that it is all political clap-trap, and as such it will be viewed," Mr. Macpherson said.

Trustee McRobert, seconder of the motion, denied that he was partisan in the matter. He believed the site should be more central.

Dr. Teasdale implied that Trustee Macpherson had spoken as he did because he lived in South London. The speaker was opposed to the site because it was not more central. He was surprised that the government had not made a larger grant for the purchase of a better location.

Trustee Bayly denied Trustee Macpherson to say in what manner this had been made a political question. If it were political, it had been made so by the government, and not by the speaker.

The motion passed on the following division:

Yeas—Trustees Bayly, Evans, McRobert, McConna, Dr. English, Dr. Teasdale, Dr. Ziegler, Hamilton, Logan, Mrs. Boomer—10. Nays—Trustees Martyn, Boyle, Wilkins, Veldman, Gillean, Strong and Macpherson—7.

Tenders for seats for the commercial form at the Collegiate Institute will be called.

The schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week. A vote of thanks to the representatives of the Western



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At the request of Mrs. Boomer, her motion concerning the introduction of domestic science in the schools was laid over.

Trustee McCormick's motion to reconsider the salaries of Principals Bryan, Baker, Althouse and Latta was lost.

The members present were Trustees Logan (chairman), Mrs. Boomer, Messrs. McRobert, Bayly, McCormick, Evans, English, Martyn, Boyle, Wilkins, Teasdale, Hamilton, Strong, Ziegler, Gillean and Macpherson.

AMUSEMENTS

"ALONE IN GREATER NEW YORK."

The big scenic melodrama, "Alone in Greater New York," which has been secured as the attraction during fall week at the Grand, is one of the most pronounced successes of the season in Detroit, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Louisville and other cities visited, the theaters have been packed night after night with audiences whose hearty indorsement of play and players was displayed in unmistakable terms.

As indicated by its title, the play is a reflex of life in the big American metropolis, and while the theme is old, the production and incidents are handled in a way that seems to charm and interest every beholder. Manager Whitney, of the Grand, witnessed the Detroit production, and was so favorably impressed that he at once began negotiations to have it brought to London.

The box office sale will open at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

MARKS BROS.

Another full house greeted the Marks Bros. at the Music Hall last night to see the beautiful melodrama, "The Duke's Daughter." The play is strong and full of interest; the costumes and settings were grand. Tom Marks, as Sergt. Casey and Bridget Doyle, played the two parts well, and as the two

characters are different, his versatility is undisputed. In a word, Tom is all right. Alex. Marks handled the part of Victor Laurant in good shape. His acting and careful dressing of the character was admitted by all. Herbert Betts as Pierre Rosell, the bold, bad man, was good. James Fields, as the duke, played the part in a dignified manner. Tom Shey played Jacques well and his make-up was good. Ed Vail, as the minister of police, was good. Amelle Loer was a sweet guerite, and made much out of it. Emma Gertrud played Florence, the sourette, in a clever manner. Ester Evans, as Andre, was good in the part. The specialties, as usual, were good, and the warpage pictures were well received. Tonight they play "The Irish Hero," a good play with a strong plot. New specialties and war views will be seen. Ella Marks' piano selections last night were exceptionally good.

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