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Executors' Notice

Pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chap. 110, Sec 30, the creditors of Esther Hebbs, late of the Township of Fenelon in the County of Victoria, widow, deceased, who died on or about the twenty-third day of October, 1897 are on or before the SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1898, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. McEwen & Anderson, Lindsay P O solicitors for Donald Sinclair and Angus James, executors of the estate of the said Esther Hebbs, their christian and surnames, addresses and occupation, full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them. The said executors shall, after the said sixteenth day of April, 1898, be at liberty to distribute the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have then notice, and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim such executors have not notice at the time of such distribution.

McEWEN & ANDERSON,
of the Town of Lindsay
in the County of Victoria,
Solicitors for said Executors

Dated the 16th day of March A D, 1898.

The Weather.

Report for the week ending Saturday night, Mar. 12 1898 from Lindsay observatory:—

TEMPERATURE.

Highest	50° 50	Friday
Lowest	11° 30	Sunday
Warmest day, mean of	43° 50	Friday
Coldest " "	25° 30	Sunday
The week "	35° 83	

PRECIPITATION IN INCHES.

Greatest fall of rain in 1 day, 0 18...Saturday
Rain fell on 2 days.
Greatest fall of snow in 1 day, 0 60...
Snow fell on 6 days.
Total rain fall and melted snow 0 26

THOS. BEALL.

What is Good.

By JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

"What is the real good?"
I asked in musing mood.
"Order said the law court;
"Knowledge," said the school:
"Truth," said the wise man:
"Pleasure," said the fool:
"Love," said the maiden:
"Beauty," said the page:
"Freedom," said the dreamer;
"Home," said the sage:
"Fame," said the soldier:
"Equity," the seer
Spoke my heart full sadly:—
"The answer is not here."
Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard:—
"Each heart holds the secret;
Kindness is the word."

The Women of This, our Land

(For THE WARDER)

Canadian women are women of brains,
Able and willing to work,
Women who've risen to highest planes,
And helped to dispel the dark;
Pressing onward day by day,
Till now in the fore they stand,
Helping their fellows along the way,
Are the women of this, our land.

Canadian women are women of hearts,
Human in pity, large souled,
Filled with the strength which duty imparts,
Not to be turned or cajoled;
Poor in arts which make less fair,
Able to warn or command
Guardians of home with unslumb'ring care,
Are the women of this, our land.

Canadian women are women of faces,
Faces which lift and cheer;
Beauty deep set, begetting new graces,
As the days pass into years,
Art has no room to improve
Such fairness divinely planned,
'Twould be only right to love
The women of this, our land.

And so in whate'er clime known
Our women have found no peers;
They lead and help others on
In life and all its spheres.
We hope that they always will
Lead on in the good and grand,
And be entitled to tribute still,
The women of this, our land.

—CHAS. MCCAUGHEY.

Three Havana Pictures.

(1) The captain and officers of "The Maine" attending a Spanish bull-fight on Sunday.

(2) Some 260 poor fellows blown into eternity.

(3) An United States battle-ship—costing our government [it is said] with its armament and stores about five millions of dollars—destroyed.

Half that sum would have enabled us to form in nearly every public school in America "Bands of Mercy" to teach the coming generations—"Glory to God, Peace on Earth, Kindness Justice and Mercy to every living creature." GEO. T. ANGELL, in "Our Dumb Animals."

Starting if True.

JAPAN'S DECISIONS MAY SETTLE IT.

The far eastern question is again where it was when the commotion began in the middle of December and now it is pre-eminently a question of what Japan will do. England is augmenting her navy. Japan refuses to sell any of her war ships to the United States. Excitement is running high the world over. The news is most startling and wars now appear to be inevitable, but the greatest sensation and commotion has been caused by the purchase of the entire Army & Navy stock at 53 cents on the dollar by the Wonderful Cheap Man. The effort was most daring but Gunn is a daring man and when he makes this strong statement he wants you to believe it for it is no stronger than the facts warrant, consequently relegates to the third story all compliction and reserve, and frankly tells you his position. He bought this great Army & Navy bankrupt stock at 53 cents on the dollar to benefit the public and keep the name of Gunn as the one firm, the Napoleon of business who can plan, carry out and consummate the biggest business schemes to place the best clothing in every man's hands for less money than the cost of manufacture, and yet make a living profit. Mothers should take a note of this and see his boys' suits for $1.48, worth double the money; and husbands should not miss one of his $4 98 suits worth $9 and $12. Read his half sheet ad in this issue, it will pay you.—39

Of Interest to Men.

The attention of the reader is called to an attractive little book lately published by that eminent expert physician, G. H. Roberts, M. D. 252 Woodward Ave. Detroit, Mich. This book is one of genuine interest to every man and its plain and honest advice will certainly be of greatest value to any one desirous of securing perfect health and vigor. A request for a free and sealed copy will be complied with if addressed as above and THE LINDSAY WARDER mentioned.

Personals.

Miss Maggie Byers of Pontypool spent a few days in town this week, the guest of her cousins, the Misses Walton.

Mrs. Russell and Miss Laura Russell of Toronto are in town for a short time.

Mr. Thos. Waters of Port Hope, spent Tuesday in town.

A Little of it Wouldn't be Bad Here.

According to the correspondent of a London paper the Germans are pretty advanced in the suppression of unnecessary noise. Berlin loads the van. Railway engines are not allowed to blow their whistles within the city limits. There is no loud bawling by hucksters, and a man whose wagon gearing is loose and rattling is subject to a fine. The courts have a large discretion as to fines for noise making. Strangest of all, piano-playing is regulated in Berlin. Before a certain hour in the day and after a certain hour in the night the piano must be silent in that musical city. Even during playing hours a fine is imposed for mere banging on the piano. If a dog barks unnecessarily his owner is notified to muzzle him or kill him. The only person in Germany allowed to make all the noise he likes is the Kaiser.

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His Mother's Songs.

Beneath the hot midsummer sun
The men had marched all day;
And now beside a rippling stream
Upon the grass they lay.
Tiring of games and idle jests,
As swept the hours along,
They called to one who mused apart,
"Come, friend, give me a song."

"I fear I cannot please," he said:
"The only songs I know
Are those my mother used to sing
For me long years ago."

"Sing one of those," a rough voice cried,
"There's none but true men here;
To every mother's son of us
A mother's songs are dear."

Then sweetly rose the singer's voice
Amid unwonted calm,
"Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
"And shall I fear to own His cause?"—
The very stream was stilled,
And hearts that never throbbed with fear
With tender thoughts were filled.

Ended the song; the singer said,
As to his feet he rose,
"Thanks to you all, my friends; good night,
God grant us sweet repose."

A Theatre Incident.

New York, March 15.—The Tribune publishes the following to-day:

"A highly successful attempt to excite a patriotic demonstration was made last night at the Empire Theatre. It does not take much to do that, but the present instance was notable, as showing not only loyalty to the United States of America, but friendliness to Great Britain, and that is rather unusual in an American theatre.

"As a rule British flags and British songs have been introduced on the local stage as a foil for the American, and they have in most cases been received with half-hearted applause, or with silence. But the clearly friendly attitude of the English Government toward the United States in the present crisis seems to have changed all that. The theatre was decorated last night with American and English flags, outside and in, the colors of the two nations being draped together in a manner emblematic of their present mutually friendly relations.

"After the first act of the play the orchestra played and the members of the company sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then 'God Save the Queen,' and the audience not only applauded both, but heartily joined in the singing. It might not be exactly easy for the oldest inhabitant to remember just when an American audience in an American theatre has before joined in singing 'God Save the Queen.'"

Frenchmen are Hustling.

Paris, March 16.—The Aurore to-day affirms that the French fleet is being prepared for mobilization, adding that feverish activity prevails at all the arsenals and shipyards, which are working until 10 o'clock at night.

Continuing, The Aurore says the French northern squadrons at Cherbourg are ready for immediate departure. The ships, it appears, are being swung during the night at Cherbourg for the adjustment of their compasses.

Finally, it is asserted that in order to complete the necessary number of officers, second-year students are to be appointed midshipmen, and all the admirals have been instructed to arrange to reach Paris within 24 hours after being summoned.

The Aurore explains that the mobilization is connected with preparations to support Russia by a naval demonstration in the far East.

The British Empire League

At the last meeting of the British Empire League the postal rates, naval defence, the Pacific cable scheme and other imperial subjects were discussed. Col. Denison was re-elected President. Sir Oliver Mawat, Mr. Tarte, Mr. Casgrain, Lieutenant Governor McInnes, British Columbia, and Sir Mckenzie Bowell were added to the list of Vice-Presidents. Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Mr. Van Sommer and Principal Grant were added to the Executive Committee. Sir Louis Davies, Messrs Tarte, Mills, Mulock, and Fitzpatrick of the Ministry were added among others to the council of the league. Mr. Evans and Mr. T. J. Small were re-appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The committee appointed by the league to present the Pacific cable resolution to the Government, consisting of Rev. Principal Grant, Sir Sandford Fleming, Lieut Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., Lieut-Col. Denison, and Mr. George Casey, M.P., waited on the Prime Minister this afternoon for that purpose. The suggestion made was that a Pacific cable trust should be created, under the authority of the several Parliaments concerned, with power to raise the money and operate the cable.

Dr. Dewart Censured.

Rev. Dr. Carman made the regular yearly appeal for the superannuation fund in the Dunn avenue Methodist church Sunday morning. In the course of the sermon the political aspirations of Rev. Dr. Dewart were severely commented upon.

The speaker took his text from Deuteronomy viii., 18. The provisions of salvation were, he said, a solemn covenant between God and man, and sealed with the blood of Christ. The agreements between nations were as nothing when compared to this solemn contract. It was part of God's plan that man should accumulate wealth and use it for His purposes.

DR. DEWART CENSURED;

Referring to the superannuation fund, Dr. Carman said that a merchant had told him on Saturday that he (the merchant) had given the last money he would give to the fund on account of the actions of Dr. Dewart.

"I strongly disapprove of ministers entering the field of politics," said Rev. Dr. Carman.

Concluding, he appealed to his hearers not to let the error of one man interfere with their clear duty in regard to the fund.

While the plate was being passed Rev. Mr. Rankin, the pastor of the church, urged the congregation to remember that their collection would be watched by their sister churches, and that their example would have considerable influence upon others.

Mr. Marter, M.P.P., who is an old member of the church, also made a few remarks, announcing his intention of subscribing the same amount as hitherto.

The amount asked for was $130, and the total collection, as a result of the special appeal, amounted to over $181.

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Artillery For Klondike.

Kingston, Ont., March 15.—(Special.)—It is generally expected that "A" Battery will provide the artillerymen for the Klondike expedition. The men are all anxious to go. Likely two of the new twelve-pounders will be taken from here, and four or more light guns for manning the mountain battery, and located at Sault Ste. Marie, will complete the equipment. Surgeon-Lieut. Foster, 68th King's County Battalion of Infantry, of which Hon. Dr. Borden is surgeon-major, has been called upon to look after the medical equipment. He is at present attached to "A" Field Battery, performing the medical duties in connection with that corps and the Royal Military College in the absence of Surgeon Major Neilson, who is now at Ottawa. Surgeon-Lieut. Foster's course will expire on April 1st. After this he will ask for a week's furlough to visit his friends at Pictou before reporting his readiness to proceed with the Klondike contingent. Dr. Foster is a tall, well-built able-bodied young man, enthusiastic over his duties, and one likely to do himself credit and his calling honour, and possessing a constitution likely to withstand the rigours of the Klondike. He is busily engaged in making preparations for the trip northward, and finds his time fully occupied in the task.

Major Evans, commanding "B" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Winnipeg will crmmand the corps. He will be assisted by Captain Burstall, "A" Field Battery. These three officers, intended for this duty, were summoned to attend last week for consultation with the Minister of Militia, and, returning to their posts, at once began active preparations for the voyage, which is as good as announced for the second week in April.

Sir William Van Horne's retirement.

New York, March 15.—In view of the repeated denials which have been made by Sir William Van Horne of any intention to retire from the presidency of the Canadian Pacific Railway it is interesting to note a statement made by him to the Washington correspondent of a leading New York paper yesterday in which he announces his intention of laying aside the reins of power after the year 1900, and outlines plans for improving the facilities of the trans-continental line before he makes way for a successor. He spoke as follows regarding these plans:—

"The Canadian Pacific Railway expects at an early date to build three big ocean liners about the size of the Teutonic, and place them on the route between Vancouver and Yokohama. When they are ready it is our intention to utilize the boats that we are now running between those ports for the purpose of a passenger and freight service between Vancouver and Australia.'

"When this work is done there is only one thing left that I hope to accomplish before I retire and that is the establishment of a fast line of steamers between Quebec and Halifax and Liverpool.

"Mail steamers such as I purpose will reduce the open sea voyage to three days and a half, and will greatly cut down the time between New York and Liverpool. The service of the Canadian Pacific Railroad will only be complete when we can take a passenger at Euston Station, London, place him on one of our own cars and land him in Yokohoma without transfer to any other line. This we expect to accomplish by 1900."

President Van Horne is not at all disturbed at the attacks that have been made on the Canadian Pacific Railway by Senator Elkins and others in Washington. He says that in harming the Canadian Pacific Railway the American roads will only hurt themselves and, therefore, he does not anticipate and adverse legislation against his company.

Mr. Whitney may be Premier yet.

Ottawa, March 15.—Among Liberal members of Parliament the opinion prevails that the game is up with the Hardy Government. Of course, they do not say this out loud, but they are free to admit that Mr. Hardy has not the Province behind him, and, although he may endeavor to hold on for a little while, not many moons can elapse before Mr. Whitney is Premier of the Province. Truth to tell, there are not many expressions of regret among the Liberals for Mr. Hardy. In the Mowat Government he was named "the wicked partner," and the feeling against him is evidently strong. A soft spot for Mr. Hardy to fall upon is now being provided. He will likely get the vacant Ontario Judgeship, provision for which is to be made in the estimates this session.

MR. ROSS IS AT WORK.

Hon. G. W. Ross, who is still encamped here, ostensibly conducting the Liberal campaign in Russell, is conferring with the Federal Liberals about a reconstruction of the Ontario Ministry. Mr. Ross would not be averse to trying his hand at the Premiership, but he will make just such another mess of it as he has done of Provincial educational affairs, and his tenure of office can only be of short duration. The Province has said emphatically, "It is time for a change," and Mr. Whitney's day as Premier is rapidly approaching.

MR. POWELL'S ELECTION SAFE.

Grit hopes of acquiring the second seat in Ottawa were to-day dashed to the ground. Sheriff Sweetland gives Powell, the Conservative candidate, a majority of two over O'Keefe, ex-M.L.A. The final statement to-day leaves Powell nine ahead.

Judge McTavish concluded the recount at 12.30. The totals stand as follows: Lumsden 4783, O'Keefe 4539, Powell 4548 and Slattery 3964.

The Judge will make his official return to Returning Officer Sweetland on Thursday, and in the meantime either party will have an opportunity of appealing from his decision in reference to the disputed ballots. The results show that Mr. Lumsden polled 167 plumpers, Mr. O'Keefe 120, Mr. Powell 457 and Mr. Slattery 136.

MISCAMPBELL'S MAJORITY 69.

Orillia, March 15.—P. Murray, returning officer for East Simcoe, officially declared A. Miscampbell, Conservative, elected by 69 majority.

FARWELL ELECTED BY 265 MAJORITY.

Sault Ste Marie, March 15.—The official count to-day gives Farwell, Liberal, 2833; Fell, Conservative, 2568; majority for Farwell 265; all polling subdivisions heard from.

In his lecture on Dante in the Collegiate Institute on Monday, the Rev. Prof. Symonds of Peterboro more than delighted the large audience. He treated his subject in a manner that showed him to be not only a careful student but a pleasing speaker. Mr. Powell, M.P. for Westmorland, N.B., it is announced will deliver the last of the series of lectures next month.

Rebelled Against German Rule.

Berlin, March 15.—The Neueste Nachrichtem publishes an East African despatch which says that the chief of Merere, with 80 000 men, has rebelled against German rule in Uhehe-land. It is supposed that he is taking advantage of disturbances among the Konde tribesmen north of Lake Nyassa. The rebels, it is rumored, are armed with Mausers.

Ten Were Injured.

Winnipeg, March 15.—An accident occurred yesterday on the C.P.R. sixty miles west of Moosejaw, in which nine or ten passengers were injured, though none fatally. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The engine passed over the defective part all right, but the tender and three colonist cars following were derailed, and as the train was going at a good rate of speed, two of the cars were thrown over. The road was torn up for a considerable distance, and trains both ways were delayed about ten hours.

Be Careful What Pork You Eat.

Mr. Elihu Davis' Humber piggery is an institution of quite bad odour, and naturally enough some of the cities are taking steps to quarantine themselves against its output.

Having heard that the place was once more reeking with the slaughter of sick pigs, of which the carcasses were to be turned into the pork of commerce, the Montreal Chambre de Commerce thought it its duty to do what it could to prevent the meat from going into consumption.

It instructed its secretary to call the attention of the Provincial and Civic Boards of Health to a despatch stating that the deceased pigs would be shipped to Montreal, and to ask these authorities to take measures to exclude the remains.—Mail and Empire.

Sons of England

The following are a few extracts from the report of the Supreme Grand President, Barlow Cumberland, Esq., at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held at St. Catharines last week:

MEMBERSHIP

Twenty-one hundred members were added during the Jubilee period while the charters were opened, and the total membership now stands at the highest point in the history of the Order, there being over thirteen thousand on the books. This substantial increase is the source of great gratification. So many applications were received for an extention of the Jubilee rates beyond the 31st December that the Executive considered it well to extend the period for another six months, so that those whose attention had been aroused to the work and benefits of the society might still be accepted on the most favorable terms. I rejoice from my own personal observation to note how largely the new membership is composed of native Canadians, thus strongly evidencing the increasing hold which the patriotic objects of our society are taking in our land. In this connection it may be interesting to note the gradual extension which has taken place in the franchise of our membership. At first the society was composed only of those who had emigrated from the old land. The sons of these members were next admitted, but followed the admission of men who could trace their ancestry to English sources on the father's side. A further extention was made in 1894 admitting those who could trace on their mother's side. By this gradual widening of the constitution, taking place through the 23 years of its existence, provision has been made for the entrance to our society, and joining in its national work in this new land, of numbers who are faithful to the constitution of the land from which their ancestors became loyal to this fair Canadian land of their birth, and devoted to their Queen. If the lodges will bear in mind the possibilities which are opened to them by these gradual extensions of the franchise, I feel sure that the membership of the society can be greatly increased.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,

10. These have been prepared with great care and the details will be found in the several reports of the Supreme Secretary and of the Auditors. I have, however, introduced a new form of stating the financial accounts, which will enable the Grand Lodge to see more clearly than previously the actual financial results of each year and the income and expenditure in each department, and I have to express my thanks to the Supreme Secretary and the auditors for their cheerful and able work in effecting these changes. A steady improvement throughout will be noticed, and the financial position of the Subordinate Lodges particularly shows a decided gain.

During the year there has been paid out for medical attendance $15,636.77, and for sick dues $23,264.12, making $38,300 89 paid out by the Subordinate Lodges, and paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge for funeral benefits $10,047.50, and beneficiary insurance $21,000, making $31,047.50 or a total in benefits paid of $69,348 39. A society which can do so much is worthy of still greater extension.

The expenditure has been kept within the strictest bounds, I stated, when elected, that I would restrict myself to the amount which the society put for the year at the disposal of the executive. This would have been insufficient had it not been for the exceptional activity in the supplies department; and I desire to record my strong opinion that the size of this society has grown to such an extent and its sphere of action been so widened that the the old provisions for its active expansion are not adequate. I trust that the Grand Lodge will accept the suggestion made by the executive in the sessional papers for providing for this further development.

DIVISION OF BANK ACCOUNTS.

11. The funds of the society received at the Grand Lodge office were, prior to my appointment, deposited in three seperate accounts.

1. The Beneficiary.—Including all receipts or payments of the beneficiary department.

2. The Guarantee Fund.—Including all receipts and payments of the guarantee department.

3. The General Fund.—Including all other receipts and payments. In this last account were merged all the receipts and expenditures of the funeral department, and, as a result, the funeral moneys have been from time to time encroached upon for the purpose of meeting the current Grand Lodge expenses, as shown in the Grand Lodge reports of my predecessors. I was of opinion that the funeral moneys should be treated as Trust Funds, and as such should be kept entirely separate. I therefore, with the cordial assent of all members of the executive, created a new deposit account called the Funeral Fund, in which are deposited and from which are paid all moneys collected with the funeral department. There are now, therefore, four bank accounts all which require the signature of three officers of the society, the Supreme Grand President and the Secretary.

The detailed statements of these four accounts are duly submitted with the Supreme Secretary's and Auditors' reports.