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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, January 13th, 1899.

The Days of Panic are Over.

In the mass of statistics which the end of the year always produces, few are as instructive as those relating to the year's commercial failures. In Canada, including Newfoundland, there are reported 1,470 failures, involving liabilities \$9,825,554 and assets \$4,194,927, as against 1927 failures with liabilities \$13,219,379 and assets \$5,224,897, in 1897. Bradstreet's tabulated statement shows a decided improvement in every Province of the Dominion except New Brunswick; all of which is eloquent testimony to the improvement so generally manifested throughout the country. The percentage of failures to the number of firms engaged in business is even more encouraging. Commenting editorially upon this feature of the commercial situation the *Globe* remarks: "In Canada the advance in the percentage of the assets to the liabilities, or the advance towards solvency, has not been so marked an accompaniment of the increase in the aggregate of failures, which goes to show that the banking accommodation is here more certain, and there is less danger of a solvent firm being forced to assign through inability to secure advances. The conspicuous and most satisfactory feature of the whole summary is the evidence that we have safely passed through the years of failure and panic."

A Great Demonstration.

The meeting of Liberals in Montreal last week was a notable gathering in many ways. The enthusiastic and spontaneous welcome given to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, the splendid reception given to the addresses delivered, the universal spirit of buoyancy and confidence shown by the vast audience, the complete absence of any discordant note, in spite of the reports of dissatisfaction so industriously circulated in some quarters, all went to indicate how entirely the efforts to break down the stalwart Liberalism of Quebec have failed. The entire absence of even a semblance of truth in the persistent statements that dissension exists among the personnel of the Government, could not have been more emphatically demonstrated, and the proceedings were a fitting sequel to the splendid vindication of Messrs. Tarte and Sifton, which was so pointedly pronounced by the Premier, and subsequently endorsed by vast gatherings of representative electors in Toronto, Brandon, Montreal and many other points, not to speak of the yet more significant endorsement of the bye-elections.

The Surplus.

The statement made by the Minister of Finance at Montreal, that the surplus for the first year during which the Liberal Government has had full control of the finances, amounts to \$1,722,712 is a gratifying indication that however anxious and ready the Government is to embark in any expenditure necessary to the development of the country's resources, it is determined to keep well within the ability of the country therefor. The expenditure chargeable to consolidated accounts has been \$38,832,525 while the revenue has been \$40,555,238. This is the first time in the history of the Dominion that the revenue has exceeded \$40,000,000, and this growth has been obtained entirely through the expansion of trade, and in

spite of considerable reduction in taxation. The approximate returns for the first half of the current fiscal year ending Dec 31st, show that the country is better off, as between revenue and expenditure, than last year—good as that was—by \$2,855,000. To those who have been perturbed by the apparent increase of expenditure, it may be pointed out that, while the debt was increased by \$2,417,802, more than that amount has been spent on the St. Lawrence canals alone, and even the most captious Opposition critic has not dared to take exception to this. Expenditures on necessary public works, loss of revenue from reductions in the burdens cast directly on the people, as in the case of the reduced postage rate, and other outlays of public money not hitherto required, are being met by the careful and economic management of the funds, and by the complete absence of all extravagance and boodling.

The Late Rev. Edward Aston.

"To-day we chronicle with feelings of conscious bereavement the death of one of the cleverest men in the Presbyterian church in Canada. On Friday last at break of day the Rev. Edward Aston passed from toil to reward at the age of 45 years."

The above is the opening sentence of a long obituary notice in the last number of the Merrickville *Mirror*, which, if space would permit, we would gladly reproduce in full. The late reverend gentleman preached in St. Andrew's church here on the 11th and 18th of December last, and left for his home at Merrickville on the morning of the 19th. The following Friday evening, while attending an entertainment in a crowded hall, he had an attack of apoplexy, and after one week's suffering quietly passed away. His last sermon here was no doubt the last he preached, and was from these words in the second book of Kings, "He took up also the mantle of Elijah which fell from him." His last hymn was "God be with you till we meet again." Although he came here a total stranger, so impressed was the congregation with his eloquence in the pulpit and his geniality out of it that there is little doubt that he would have been tendered a call to the pastorate of the church. He was a "child of the Manse," born at Ecclestone, Yorkshire, England, where his father—who, with his aged mother, survives him—was a Congregational minister. At an early age he began his college course at Silcoats, from whence he matriculated into Airdale University, where he received his theological training. He was a close and earnest student, early showing indications of becoming an eloquent preacher; indications which became fully developed with his riper years. His first pastorate was at Morpeth, in Scotland. He emigrated to Canada five years ago and was ordained pastor of Knox church at Merrickville, in the county of Grenville, where he remained beloved and honored by all within the circle of his acquaintance until his decease. In music he was an artist; a thorough scholar, an eloquent impressive and earnest preacher, a polished linguist and brilliant conversationalist. As one of our villagers said, "an evening spent in his company was an intellectual treat." He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss; but they mourn not as those who have no hope. His work was done, or else he would not have been called, and in their sad bereavement they can thank the giver of all good for the memory of such a husband and father.

Sheldon's Popular Books.

A copy of that splendid story entitled "Overcoming the World," by Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," "The Redemption of Freetown," etc., has been sent to us by the Poole Printing Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont. This story is interesting alike to old and young, and has a powerful influence in the moulding of character. Dr. Herriek Johnston, who stands among the very foremost of religious leaders, says: "I have read 'Overcoming the World' with genuine interest. It is a bit of moral heroism that the world wants more of. By the side of realistic stuff that vaunts its fidelity to nature by stirring up moral cess-pools, this little story shines like a star out of the darkness. It will pull tears up into many eyes, and put moral heroism into many hearts." This makes eight books of Sheldon's published by the Poole Printing Co., the extra fine cloth edition of which makes a splendid set of books for Sunday school libraries. They are undoubtedly the best library books published this year. In paper covers, 25 cents; extra fine cloth binding, 50 cents. For sale by all dealers, or sent by the publishers post paid on receipt of price. Or any six books in paper covers will be sent post-paid for \$1.00 by sending to The Poole Printing Co., Limited, 23 and 30 Melinda Street, Toronto, Ont.

Personals.

Mr. Albert Brokenshire returned home from Uxbridge on Saturday.
Misses A. Aldous and L. Austin are visiting friends in Toronto.
Mr. W. Geach of Lindsay is visiting relatives in the Falls and vicinity.
Miss Annie Nic left on Friday last to attend the Lindsay Collegiate Institute.
Miss Floss Smitheran has returned home after a few days' visit to friends in Lindsay.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McFarland left on Monday for a few days visit to relatives at Toronto.
Miss Davey of Bobcaygeon and Miss Ward of Lindsay were at the Falls for a couple of days last week.
Mr. Alvin Gould returned from Toronto on Saturday, accompanied by his cousin, Miss Ada Loose.
Miss M. Golden returned last week from Toronto accompanied by her cousin, Miss Violet Davis, who left for home on Monday.
The Misses Oakley of Toronto, who were visiting Mrs. W. H. Walsh at the Falls, returned home on Tuesday.
Miss Agnes Dickson, who came home for the Christmas holidays, returned to the Toronto University last Monday.
Mr. John Bell (baker) returned home on Monday, in consequence of illness, from Boyd's camp at Bark Lake, in the township of Glamorgan.
Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, M. P. for North Victoria, was at the Falls on Tuesday and attended the funeral of the late William Saggitt Sr., of Somerville.

Village Council.

Fenelon Falls, Jan. 9th, 1899.

Council met pursuant to statute. The following gentlemen subscribed to the necessary declarations of office and qualification and took their seats: William McArthur reeve; George Martin, E. D. Hand, Henry Puley and Joseph McFarland councillors.

Moved by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Puley. That this meeting be and is hereby adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.—Carried.

8 p. m. Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Puley. That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his orders for the same: W. McCall, snowplowing, \$4; J. L. Arnold, charity to Laundean, \$1.55; S. Hughes, printing, \$9.50; Wm. Jordan, hall rent to Jan. 1st, \$25; S. Nevison, salary, \$21.60—six meals for tramps, 60c.; A. Northey, 7 days constable during Mr. Nevison's absence, \$7.—Carried.

Mr. Puley gives notice that he will at this meeting introduce a by-law to appoint auditors.

Mr. Hand gives notice that he will at this meeting introduce a by-law to appoint a local board of health and medical health officer.

Moved by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Puley. That the following compose the standing committees for the year 1899: Finance—Messrs. McFarland, Hand and Puley; Streets and Bridges—Messrs. Martin, Puley and McFarland; Charity—Messrs. Hand, Puley and McFarland, and that the first named on each be chairman.—Carried.

By-law to appoint a local board of health and medical health officer introduced and read a first time. By-law read a second time in committee of the whole without amendment, Mr. Martin in the chair. By-law read a third time and passed and signed and sealed by the reeve.

By-law to appoint auditors introduced and read a first time. By-law read a second time in committee of the whole without amendment, Mr. McFarland in the chair. By-law read a third time and passed and signed and sealed by the reeve.

Mr. McFarland gives notice of a by-law to be introduced at this meeting to extend the time for the return of the collector's roll.

By-law introduced and read a first time. By-law read a second time in committee of the whole without amendment, Mr. McFarland in the chair. By-law read a third time and passed and signed and sealed by the reeve.

Mr. Hand gives notice that he will introduce a by-law at next regular meeting to appoint an assessor for 1899.

Moved by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Puley. That the regular meetings of this council be held on the second Monday in each month at 8 o'clock p. m.—Carried.

Communication from Dr. Wilson re Longdo laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Puley. That the communication of Dr. Wilson be referred to the charity committee, with the understanding that if Longdo is able to work he is to work on streets to pay for anything given to himself or family.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McFarland, seconded