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The Watchman

THURSDAY, JULY 21st, 1898.

The Game of Politics

This is a game that is of very little interest to the average man, but it is just now being enthusiastically conducted by the machine men of party politics in Ontario. When the election was held in March last everybody supposed that constables had votes like ordinary people. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that several of the liberal candidates had been elected by very slight majorities. In fact so slight were some of them that if the constable votes were deducted Mr. Whitney's follower would get the seat. Here was a situation of more than usual interest especially when the change of a very few seats would determine the governing party for the next term. While looking into the books Mr. Whitney and his lieutenants made a discovery. They found that in the statutes naming the officials who should vote, constables were not mentioned. True, it was not said they should not, but here was a chance, at least of depriving these very important functionaries of the franchise and thereby make Mr. Hardy feel the chill of opposition benches. In several protests this point was entered as a reason why the seat should be declared vacant. The premier referred the question to the court of appeal. The gentlemen who constitute that body declined to consider it in such hot weather and so their august opinion could not be obtained till fall. They require a cool day to discuss matters relating to party politics. But here was a difficulty. Before the cool weather some of these protests will be heard. With the point unsettled it would be impossible to dispose of them. Mr. Hardy, consulting convenience and security, has determined to remove this difficulty and any danger there was of an unfavorable decision from these aforesaid cool-weather gentlemen, and called the house to make a statute saying that constables have had and now have the right to vote. With such reading in the books Mr. Whitney's hopes from that source vanish away.

It is a clear case of diamond cut diamond and Greek meet Greek. This skirmishing might have been expected between two leaders of such ability as Mr. Hardy and Mr. Whitney. As to what the result would be if the court of appeal were allowed to interpret the statute as it now stands, it is of course impossible to say. It might be held that since pill clerks and returning officers are mentioned as having a right to vote and constables are not so mentioned they therefore certainly cannot vote. On the other hand it is possible that it would be decided, that since it is not said constables shall not vote, therefore they have the same right to vote as any body else. About all one can be sure of is that the learned judges would decide it one way or the other. It has an aspect to the ordinary individual, which, while it may not reconcile him to Mr. Hardy's move, certainly makes him feel that in all fairness the result of the election should not be affected by the objection raised. Both parties went into the fight in March believing that constables had votes. It was fought out on that understanding. It is unfair that either party should agree to terms before the race and go back on them when it is over. A foul will scarcely be allowed as long as the playing is according to agreement. We are not speaking of whether or not constables should be allowed to vote. They have voted for thirty years. Perhaps they ought not to be allowed that privilege since they receive pay

for their work. But if any change is to be made let it be made before the election and not after it is over. Besides if a constable's vote is objected to on principle so are the votes of deputy returning officers and pill clerks. If it is thought better that paid officials should not vote, Mr. Whitney will have a chance when he comes into power as he probably soon will, of so altering the law that they shall be disfranchised. As it is we admit that in the game of politics Mr. Whitney had a perfect right to take advantage of this point in endeavoring to oust Mr. Hardy, but if that gentleman checkmated him he should not complain too loudly.

Editorial Notes

The report of the audit of Fenelon township treasurer's accounts is printed in this issue. It covers the transactions of that official, a term from 1891 to June of this year, and affords a striking confirmation of the good opinion in which Mr. Lytle was held by the rate-payers of the township. The accuracy and method of the records elicit words of strong approval from the auditor, and deserve for the retiring treasurer general congratulations on the ability and pains with which he has performed the duties of his office.

Montreal News Notes.

A Madame De Bellefleur was killed to-day while walking on the C.P.R. track, by an incoming train near Hochelaga. The City Council is shortly to introduce a measure to tax the departmental stores in the city to the extent of \$1,000 per annum. The move is said to be a popular one among the majority of the aldermen.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE.

A Desire for an Inter-Imperial Defence Conference Expressed.

Montreal, July 20.—A Star special cable from London says: The success of the inter-imperial postal conference has given a fresh impetus to the desire of the Canadian Government for an inter-imperial defence conference. Right Hon. George J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain are both most anxious that Canada and the other colonies should make a regular contribution to the maintenance of the navy and naval reserves. Canada feels that the question demands an all-around consideration, a full allowance being made for Canada's sacrifice in the cause of the Empire in building the Canadian Pacific Railway, etc.

The Pacific Cable Project.

The Pacific cable is again moving. Hon. Mr. Mulock yesterday met the Australian Agents-General and went fully into the best means of bringing the project to a conclusion, especially in view of the probability that unless the British cable is shortly laid, the Pacific may be crossed by non-British telegraphs, namely a cable from San Francisco to Hawaii, with extensions to New Caledonia, connecting with the French cable to Australia. The greatest obstacle to the British project is just the permanent official whom Hon. Mr. Chamberlain had to overthrow before Imperial penny postage could be carried. Lord Herschell, the senior British Commissioner of Anglo-American arbitration commission, sails for Canada on Wednesday, accompanied by his son, Hon. Mr. Richard Herschell.

AN HISTORIC GAVEL.

Made of Maine Relics and Presented to Canadian Masons by Michiganians.

Toronto, July 20.—A unique gavel, the gift of the Michigan Grand Lodge to their Canadian confreres, will be presented here at the Grand Lodge session this afternoon. The handle, which is 10 inches long, was part of the pick hook by which Captain Sigbee of the battleship Maine was pulled out of the water by Mr. Shennod Rothschild when that ill-fated ship was blown up in Havana harbor. The head is of Maine oak, 5 inches long, and here are brass tubings at each end, made of the exhaust steam-pipe of Sigbee's vessel. The beaver and maple leaf on the gavel head are carved, and, on the reverse side, is the Michigan coat of arms. At one end of the mallet head is a maple leaf in silver, and on the other, in Michigan copper, the dates of the 43rd Canadian, and of the 53rd Michigan convention. The crossed flags, Canadian and American, on the handle, lie on silver and are beautifully enamelled.

Hardy Getting House in Order.

Toronto, July 20.—All the Ministers were in place yesterday, Hon. William Harcourt and Mr. Dryden both having returned, and a hot-time pow-wow was held. The building is beginning to bustle for Aug. 3.

The Heat of the Sun.

It is impossible except by illustration and comparison to grasp the idea of the heat of the sun. According to calculations, based upon the energy of the sun's rays on the earth, the temperature at its surface is computed as about 18,000 degrees F. No artificial temperature of this degree can be created by any known means. Efforts have been made to collect and utilize the tremendous heat power of the sun, but cloudiness, mist and darkness have prevented anything like marked success. At the Columbian exposition an apparatus was shown, consisting of a reflector and proper attachments, which utilized the heat of the sun to such an effect that it is proposed to try experimenting with reflectors in countries where the sky is free of cloudiness and the sun shines all most uninterruptedly nearly every day in the year.—New York Ledger.

Cast Offs Rarely Seen in the Street.

"I've seen old shoes in the street," said Mr. Glimby, "plenty of them, and wrecked umbrellas and old hats and cast off coats and various other articles of wear, but never until today, and I've lived some years, did I see a pair of suspenders lying in the street, and this was only half a pair by the way. I notice things habitually, it's a part of my business to see things, but I never before saw a pair of suspenders in the street, and I'll bet you \$1,000 you never did."—New York Sun.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

Napanee People Fully Absorbed in Bank Robbery Details.

They Doubt the Bona Fides of the Pare Confession—Ponton May Be Admitted to Bail Yet—Mr. E. Gus Porter Admitted to See His Client—Another Small Robbery, But on the Dominion Bank Plan of Campaign.

Napanee, July 20.—So far as the sentiment of the town can be ascertained by conversations with leading citizens, it appears that in some features last year's opinions are prevalent. Not a few citizens think that the detectives, instead of putting in every jot and tittle of fact for and against, are inventing a web that is to catch in its meshes the prisoner Ponton.

The People Doubt Pare.—The people in town are not satisfied with the late confession of Prisoner Pare. Having regard to his past, they are clamoring for some additional evidence of Ponton's complicity. None is forth coming from the police, though the Crown authorities make statements that lead one to suspect that some very large developments are at the door. One man remarks: "Why do you have evidence that will convict Ponton over and over again?" When the alleged disclosures come they will have to be weighty or the Crown authorities will be ridiculed, so high a point have the people's expectations reached.

It is understood that when Ponton is brought before Magistrate Daly, unless there is evidence that he received part of the stolen money, and strong corroboration of Pare's alleged confession, the prisoner will be released on bail, which will be readily forthcoming.

Porter Gains His Point.

Mr. Porter, Ponton's lawyer, will be admitted to-day to see his client. The authority came from the Deputy Attorney-General yesterday.

Rumors of Arrests.

The report was circulated like the news of a fire last night that two arrests had been made in Montreal, but no authoritative confirmation of this report has been received. The fact that Detective Dougherty returns to town at 2.30 a.m. to-day from Montreal, and that Mr. Porter had been allowed to see his client, seems to show that something important in the eyes of the police has been accomplished, and that they fear no "queering" of their game. It was also rumored that Mackie had made a confession yesterday afternoon, but the police are silent, and Mr. Wilson, Mackie's lawyer, is in Belleville, arranging the details of his client's defence, and will not be back till Wednesday.

Another Burglary.

The bank robbery case is getting in its evil educative effects. It seems as if meditation upon the ways of the professional cracksmen has produced in the minds of some persons a desire to emulate their example. Yesterday morning early the provision store of Casey Denison on Centre street was broken into and about \$50 worth of goods extracted. An entrance was made through the north door of the store, by means of boring an auger hole large enough to admit a small hand. Then the single bolt that held the door was drawn back and the store was at the mercy of the depredators. Chief Adams has the case in hand and doubtless, spurred on by the work of his friends, the detectives, will do something to distinguish himself.

Attempt to Rescue Mackie.

Tramps in large numbers are known to be in the vicinity of Napanee. The County Treasurer's cow has been milked by them, while private berry patches have been stripped by the prowlers. These facts have alarmed the prison officials. In the minds of many it is thought not unlikely that an attempt will be made to rescue Mackie, though no one suspects that Pare would run away even if the very prison walls fell down.

As for Ponton, outside of the police, not a dozen of the townfolk think he is implicated at all, excepting as a necessary link in the chain of the detectives' original theory. Mackie is really the man who, as the precious jewel, needs much guarding.

More light is required in and about the late Sheriff Hawley. Last night the Sheriff sent a letter to Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of Prisons, Toronto, asking that two electric lights be placed before the jail and four within, one lighting each corridor. At present it is as dark as Egypt round about the jail, and a man might raise a ladder up against the east wall unobserved.

Only One Way of Rescue.

In the opinion of the guard the only way to rescue a prisoner would be to get out would be by an outside party climbing up the outside wall, and creeping along the beehiving wall and feeling his way into the corridors. Then it would be necessary to file a couple of bars and let the prisoner out. Once free from the jail it would be easy for the escaped to catch a train going up the deep grade a mile east of the town, but that won't do," significantly said the guard, as great precautions are taken by the guards during the night.

The Holden Case.

Evidence in the Holden extradition proceedings was taken yesterday in Boston, Mass. County Constable Sills positively identified Holden as one of the tramps he arrested on Aug. 18, 1897, on a charge of vagrancy in Napanee, and who was given two hours to get out.

Mr. Daines identified the money, coins and bills on exhibit in the case.

Constable Sills is expected to return to-day. He may go to Montreal to identify Mrs. Saucier, who is supposed to be Mrs. Seymour. It is possible that Holden may come with him.

On Thursday Mackie is expected to be brought before the magistrate for a preliminary examination, but he may be remanded for a further period.

Many of the townfolk daily go around the jail and carry on a sign conversation with prisoners Ponton and Mackie. A wave of the hand is the best of friends of the prisoners can give. Ponton and Mackie are in good health, but Pare is still under the care of Surgeon Leonard. Jailer Van Luven has had a dozen cartridges loaded with buckshot, with which to repel any attack upon the jail. At 12.30 a.m. yesterday word was received that Lawyer Wilson has been granted permission to visit his client, Mackie, commencing to-day. Lawyer Wilson has not received word personally, as he is in Belleville.

THE NATIONAL POLICY

And Keeping Faith With the People Adhered to by New Brunswick Conservatives.

Moncton, N.B., July 20.—A convention of the Conservative party of New Brunswick was held here yesterday. Hon. Josiah Wood presiding. The delegation was large, only two or three counties not being fully represented. Resolutions were adopted to the following effect: Adherence to the principles of the National Policy. Favoring the growing union of colonial and Imperial interests and preferential trade.

Approving of the course of the Liberal-Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons. A firming that pledges to the people on seeking election should be kept scrupulously inviolate.

Condemning the policy of the present Government at Ottawa, in violating promises to reduce the public debt, and expenditure in introducing the spoils system and encouraging place hunting, and in abolishing the principle of tendering for public works.

Claiming that deliberate disregard of promises by the Premier and others lowers the prestige and dignity of public life. A public meeting was held in the Opera House last evening, which was addressed by Hon. George E. Foster and others.

BASEBALL

Games Played in the International, Eastern and National Leagues—Tuesday, July 19.

At Ottawa—Ottawa 7, Buffalo 1. At Springfield—Springfield 2, Syracuse 1.

Table with columns: The Standing, W, L, P.C. Rows include Montreal, Wilkes-Barre, Syracuse, Springfield, Buffalo, Toronto, Ottawa, Providence.

At Boston—Pittsburg 6, Boston 3. At New York—New York 2, Louisville 1.

At Washington—Washington 2, Cleveland 8. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 7, St. Louis 1.



C.O.L. E. T. H. HUTTON, C.B. Who has been appointed to the command of the Canadian Militia.

THE PRINCE'S HURT.

His Royal Highness Suffers Considerable Pain From His Accident.

London, July 20.—A bulletin issued last evening at Marlborough House, says: The Prince of Wales has passed a fairly comfortable day, considering the severe accident from which he is suffering. The affair causes some anxiety. Another surgeon has been called in and Roentgen rays are being employed. It is feared that the accident will compel the Prince to remain indoors for a month.

There has been a stream of callers at Marlborough House all day, the names of Cabinet Ministers, ambassadors and others filling 15 pages of a quarto volume. The Prince is quite cheerful, although he has had to endure considerable pain. It is understood that the examination and consultation of surgeons will be resumed to-day.

Fears are expressed that the injury to the patella (knee cap) may result in a permanent weakness, perhaps in lameness. All his engagements for the next four weeks have been cancelled.

THE KILLING OF SANDYS.

Chatham Thrown Into a State of Excitement by the News.

Chatham, Ont., July 20.—The news of the shooting of Benjamin J. Sandys at St. Louis, Mo., threw this city into a state of excitement, owing to the fact that the murdered man was a son of known here. The deed man was a son of the late Archbishop Sandys, who for over 30 years was rector of Christ Church of this city. The mother still lives here at the homestead. Benjamin J. Sandys was born here and received his education in the Public School of Chatham. He was a general favorite among all who knew him.

POWER EARLY IN AUGUST.

Cataract Power Co. Hope to Start in Hamilton Next Month.

Hamilton, July 20.—The Cataract Power Company is making fairly good progress in finishing its line between Decew's Falls and Hamilton. All the poles have been erected, and the heavy wiring has been completed to Stoney Creek. The company hopes to be able to turn on its power early next month. July 1 was the original date.

Strike Off, Men Win.

Toronto, July 20.—Word was received by the local labor leaders yesterday morning that the strike of the Malleable Iron Works in Walkerville had been settled, and that the men would return to their work at once. The agreement reached between the manager and the men is that "sand cutters" will be allowed each a man, and the 20 per cent. raise asked for will shortly be granted. The question of wages will be considered when their next contracts are given out.

Killed by Falling Downstairs.

Sandwich, July 20.—Mrs. Timothy Parent, aged 79 years, a pioneer of Essex County, fell downstairs a distance of 16 feet. Her skull was crushed and death was almost instantaneous.

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THE ROYAL BOX.

Queen Margherita of Italy has presented to those of her ladies in waiting who have completed 30 years of service a gold medal, the workmanship of which was executed by a woman.

The young crown prince of Germany shed tears of joy when he was informed that he had passed his examination as an engineer. He was in mortal fear that he would fail, and he dreaded the paternal censure.

Prince Robert of Bourbon, ex-duke of Parma, is now the father of his eighteenth child, a daughter, the ninth child by his second wife. All 18 sons and 11 daughters are living, but only the eldest, the wife of Ferdinand of Bulgaria, now 28 years of age, is married.

Princess Eleonora of Sayn-Wittgenstein, one of the mediocrized semiroyal German families, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment in jail and 300 marks fine for spreading slanderous rumors about her brother-in-law, Count Konigsmark, which brought about his divorce. The sentence has been affirmed on appeal.

GLEANINGS.

Dartmoor is the largest tract of uncultivated land in England. It occupies one-fifth of the county of Devon.

Of the total population of Bombay, which is nearly 1,000,000, the greater part is crowded into an area of four square miles.

Coppying ink may be made by dissolving lump sugar in the common ink, used in the proportion of a dram of the former to an ounce of the latter.

The Mexicans eat salt with their oranges both because they prefer the fruit so seasoned and because it is considered to be more wholesome with salt.

Austria is the only empire in the world which has never had colonies or ever transmarine possessions in any quarter of the earth. Her ambition has hitherto been purely continental.

TOWN TOPICS.

Chicago, as usual, claims a big increase in her population recently. It is not stated whether it is Hawaii or Cuba which she has annexed.—Baltimore American.

Chicago's new census places the population at 1,800,000. Her proverbial modesty alone prevented her from running the figures up to the 2,000,000 mark.—Denver Post.

Another of New York's swiftest families is to be involved in divorce proceedings. It requires a Greater New York to enable its aristocracy to divide up and still live in the same city.—Chicago News.

The thrilling news comes from New York that it is once more proper for a woman to take a man's arm on the street at night. Unhappy provincials that we are, we never knew that this style had gone out of vogue!—Buffalo Express.

Chicago is thus early bidding for the next national political conventions. Though these events are two years off, it is violating no confidence to convey the information to Chicago that St. Louis has first claim on both conventions.—St. Louis

BIRTHS.

CHURCH—In Fenelon Falls, on Monday, 4th, the wife of W. H. Church of a son.

AULBROOK—In Fenelon Falls, on Wednesday, July 6th, the wife of Mr. W. E. Aulbrook of a daughter.

CUMMINGS—In the town-hip of Fenelon, on Wednesday, July 13th, the wife of Mr. W. Cummings of a daughter.

MCAULEY—In Lindsay, on Sunday, June 18th, the wife of Mr. M. E. McAuley of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COTTINGHAM—TRAIN—At the residence of Mr. Frederick Train, at Fenelon Falls, by Rev. James Fraser, on Wednesday, July 13th, Mr. George Cottotham to Miss Geneva Train, both of Kinmount.

MCCRACKEN—GOULDE—On Wednesday, 13th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. Steele, Mr. John McCracken of Anson to Emma, daughter of Mr. S. Goulde of Minden township.

PALMER—SHAW—At the residence of the bride's mother, on July 6th, by the Rev. G. W. Houseman, Mr. Geo. E. Palmer to Miss Lucila A. M. Shaw, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Shaw of Novar, Muskoka.

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