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AN HOTEL AT THE POINT

It is said to be an easy task to write on a subject of which one knows nothing. If so it will be a light labor for us to discuss the exact condition of affairs with regard to the hotel property at Sturgeon Point.

We have been informed on good authority that gentlemen in this town are anxious to buy the property from Mr. McDonald, and have made offers to him that reach the very limit of reason and that these have been refused. It is also said that Mr. McDonald offered the property for \$2,500, and when his offer was accepted he immediately raised his price to \$3,000. As a consequence many people place the responsibility for the standstill condition of the hotel project, wholly upon Mr. McDonald. One of the men who have taken an active interest in the scheme said the other day: "We are anxious to go ahead, but you can do nothing with McDonald. He won't listen to any reasonable proposition."

Last week we made some general remarks on this subject as a sequel to a correspondence to the Mail and Empire from Barrie regarding summer hotels. In those paragraphs we referred to the desirability of securing an hotel at the Point. Mr. McDonald's name was mentioned in this connection, and since that time we have had an opportunity of hearing the subject discussed from that gentleman's standpoint. It is no wonder if those who see it from that position do not put all the blame on Mr. McDonald for the present condition of the negotiations.

From their version it appears that there is no foundation for the statement that Mr. McDonald offered the land for \$2,500 and when offered that sum raised the price to \$3,000. He did offer to take \$2,500 in cash and \$500 stock and subsequently withdrew the offer to take stock. He secured a written agreement from the clerk of the corporation of Sturgeon Point, that the assessment should be fixed at \$1,000 in case an hotel should be built. With that agreement and an arrangement with the G. T. R. company that it would guarantee 5 per cent on the cost of land and buildings for a term of years, Mr. McDonald approached Mr. Coffee, a banker in Toronto, and secured a promise of the money required to go ahead with the hotel project. Shortly after, he and Mr. Sootheran attended a meeting of the Point council, and were informed that the assessment would be raised to at least \$2,500. This departure from the agreement shown Mr. Coffee, caused that gentleman to throw up the scheme, and as a result things are at a standstill to day.

As stated at the outset, we are here only stating the case as it is represented by those who blame Mr. McDonald and those who defend him. This is done with the hope that the facts may be discovered and the way cleared for having an hotel at the Point next summer.

THE WAR IN AFRICA

The events of the past week in connection with the war have been of political rather than military importance. It is true the operations of Generals Gatacre and Clements, north of the Colesberg district, have played an important part in opening the Railway between Cape Town and Bloemfontein, but no decisive fighting has occurred even there.

The occupation of Bloemfontein by the British forces has the appearance of being the most important act of the war. Yet its importance, while probably not without its ultimate effect on the military operations, is chiefly political. It is not a stronghold; it was taken without resistance; it is a place of not more than 7000 inhabitants and is of account only as the capital of the Free State. Last week we surmised that its fall would have a discouraging effect on the people of that republic. Even yet it is hard to tell what the actual effect is. Early reports of the enthusiastic reception of the British by the people of that city, roused the hope that the new rule was an agreeable change. It transpires, however, that great numbers of the Dutch population had previously left the city by train, and it is certain that the Free State army is with the Transvaal forces. Numbers of men bearing arms have surrendered

THE COUNCIL STRUCK THE RATE

On Monday Night. It will be 25 Mills

The adjourned meeting of council met on Monday night in the clerk's office. Several letters were read.

M. S. Foley asked for copy of the copies of the Journal of Commerce rejected by council last year. Like its predecessors it was carefully filed away.

Geo. McLagan, furniture maker of Stratford, who was lately spoken of in the papers as thinking of leaving that town, wrote in reply to the mayor's inquiry, that he hoped to arrange to stay where he is.—Fyled.

Mr. S. G. Parkin explained the poverty of Mr. R. Halliday and asked that his taxes be rebated.—Finance.

Dr. Shier offered his property east of the corner for sale for a fire hall site.—Fyled.

The Finance Committee reported that the rate should be struck at 25 mills on the dollar to meet the necessary expenditure this year. The report was adopted.

A by-law was read three times authorizing the mayor and clerk to borrow \$28,825 for the expenses of the current year.

A motion was carried instructing the Finance Committee to bring in a by-law on which the people shall vote, providing the means for building a new fire hall.

The mayor, Alds. Crandell, Touchburn, Graham and Gillogly were appointed the Court of Revision.

The Biograph.

The biograph entertainments on Friday and Saturday were a success. Scores were turned away in the afternoons and there were good houses in the evenings. The local talent that took part deserve the highest commendation. On Friday night Misses Gross and Leary and Mesdames Dr. Walters and G. H. Hopkins sang a capital quartette. Mr. C. E. Weeks rendered a couple of military songs that made him a reputation as a vocalist. In the duet "Hail" Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Weeks showed great skill. Mr. Owen Smiley, the clever entertainer, who belongs to the biograph company recited in his usual style on Saturday night. Mr. Logie of Bismarck sang a military number. Mr. J. E. Edwards brought down the house with "Lord Lovell" and Mr. Smiley was immense in "Pat's Confederate Pig" and "How Bill Atkins won the battle of Waterloo." Mr. F. K. Beagle rendered great assistance while the biograph operator was ill.

The Weather

(From the Lindsay Observatory.) Report for week ending Saturday night March 17th 1900.

TEMPERATURE.	
Highest.....	34.60 Tuesday
Lowest.....	15.20 Tuesday
Warmest day, mean of.....	22.75 Tuesday
Coldest " " " " " " " "	1.53 Monday
The week " " " " " " " "	1.53

PRECIPITATIONS IN INCHES. Greatest fall of snow in one day 0.5 Saturday Snow fell on 1 days. Total rain fall and melted snow 0.10 THOMAS BEALL.

Sporting Notes

—Mr. W. A. Fanning of Canby sold his fast pacing mare Eventide, by Captain Waters, to Mr. Rod. McKenzie of Toronto for the handsome sum of \$450. Eventide is one of the best prospective flyers of the future to be found in Ontario.

—A matched race has been arranged between the Uxbridge pacing stallion Malvolio, 2:17 1/2, and the Toronto horse, Alcyonum Boy, 2:26 1/2. It is to be mile heats, three in five, under National Association rules, for \$500 a side. The race will be decided over a mile track on October 11th next.—Uxbridge Journal.

... It is simply to test the merits of these two popular sires that this match has been made, or is it an attempt on the part of their respective owners to secure cheap advertising and boom their business during the stud season? Such things have been done before, but it will hardly catch the up-to-date breeder of fast horses.

—Maud S., the famous trotter, died at Port Chester, N.Y., on March 17th. The former champion trotter of the world was taken to Schultz's farm at Port Chester from New York last week, and it was intended to use her for breeding purposes. She was sick and was placed under the care of a veterinary surgeon. She was 26 years old. Captain George H. Stone of Cincinnati was the purchaser of Maud S. when she was a 2-year old, owned by Mr. Burgher of Glendale, Ohio. The price was nominal. It was at Lexington, Ky., where she won her first honors as a 4-year-old by trotting a mile in 2:17 1/2. Her next record breaker was at Chicago, when she made it 2:13 1/2. As a 5-year-old she still further reduced this to 2:11 1/2, 2:10 1/2, and at Buffalo to 2:10 1/2. Then began efforts by others to beat her record. Finally, at Narragansett Bay, Jay I.C. made the then startling record of 2:09 1/2, and deposited Maud S. from her position of queen of the turf. But the reign of her rival was short. Twenty-four hours after Jay E. See made his record of 2:09 1/2 Maud S. at

to the British, but not to an extent that can affect the future fighting.

Gen. Lord Kitchener is among the Cape rebels, who are reported as laying down their arms. Many of them will be tried for treason. President Kruger is said to have threatened retaliation on the British prisoners in his hands, for any penalties inflicted on the Cape rebels. This he certainly has no right to do. He holds prisoners of war and they cannot be regarded at all in the same way as rebels against the government. The British premier has warned Mr. Kruger against carrying out his alleged threat.

The appeal of Kruger and Steyn to the powers for intervention has been ignored by every nation except the United States. With the fear of next November before his eyes, President McKinley conveyed the request of the republics to the British government, and now Britain scarcely knows whether to be pleased or angry about it. She will likely have more cause for anger from that quarter before Christmas.

If the African republics would now give up the fight and bid Great Britain do what she will, they would obey common sense without any sacrifice of honor. They have put up a splendid defence and could now yield to the inevitable without disgrace. Everybody wishes they would, but they will not. The military spirit is rampant in that country, and, as is always the case where that spirit rules, sober counsels, no odds how sensible, would be perilous talk. And so in a few days the carnage will begin afresh, nor cease till between the Vaal river and Pretoria, the mountain torrents are blood red and their rugged passes strewn with corpses.

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE VIGOR and judgment with which the county hospital scheme has been undertaken practically insure its success. Two public meetings have been held and with the most encouraging results. At the first, \$3,000 was subscribed on the spot, and at the next a strong executive was organized and a plan of action wholly above criticism decided upon. Individual subscriptions are to be the foundation of the endowment fund and when the success of the movement shall have been assured by these, the municipalities will be asked to supplement them. The moral obligation and tender philanthropy of this endeavor, are taking hold of the people and we are confident that they only need to see that the promoters are in earnest, to subscribe all the money needed.

THE ONTARIO government is trying to stifle discussion of the recent election scandals by urging that it will give the country a bad name. Likely it will, and the perpetrators of these crimes will alone be to blame. Mr. Eilbur, member for South Huron, made a telling reply to the government's appeal on Tuesday, when he said: "It is decrying the country when we declare that the government does not hold power by the honest votes of the people, but by the crimes of their employes, who bribed, impersonated and switched ballots, then may God give us strength to keep on. It is decrying the country to say that this government passed a law forbidding threshing machines passing from farm to farm without spark arresters, whereas they themselves are running a threshing machine which endangers the country most vitally without any spark or other arresters, because they themselves control the administration of justice, I, sir, plead guilty to decrying the country." (Loud applause.)

WOMEN MAKING platform speeches are among the most distressing afflictions of long-suffering humanity. So far as we know there is only one exception to the rule in Canada. That exception is Evangeline Booth. Her address is of the loftiest and most effective type. The utterance, manner and temperament of the orator are hers. Her presence is magnetic, her voice strangely penetrating, her style impassioned, while her elevated thought is conveyed in the adroitest of language. She is an orator that wrestles with the intelligence, rouses up the imagination and scours the emotions almost to the point of pain. Her address on Thursday night illustrated all these qualities. Though not more than fifteen minutes in delivery it powerfully affected the audience. Such is the earnestness and emotion with which Miss Booth declares the teachings of religion, that for the time at least, the listener escapes the tedious process by which reason toils to faith, and by a quickening of his moral impulse is inclined to goodness, and while he seeks for goodness finds out God. The moral and spiritual uplift of the Commissioner's address would appear to closely approach the ideal of popular religious discourse.

Cleveland made the new record of 2:08 1/2, and regained her lost title. After she passed into Mr. Bonner's hands she still further lowered her record, but was later eclipsed by records made possible by pneumatic tires and other devices for increasing speed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The House of Talk

To the Editor of Watchman-Warder: Sir.—We, in this vicinity, quite appreciate the editorial in the Watchman-Warder referring to the endless protestations of loyalty made by our so-called representatives in parliament. It is plainly evident that wind and wisdom do not go together, and that politics and statesmanship are two very different sciences, which, if history speaks truly, have seldom flourished in the same ground. There is a conviction, which is already widespread and is continually growing, that our form of government has some very serious faults, and that even the majority, much less the minority, is very imperfectly represented. The most practical arrangement seems to be the principal initiative and referendum, and direct legislation, or else the Hare-Spence style of voting. May a change come soon and deliver us from the "House of Talk."—Yours, etc., O. BOWLES, Ranolph, March 20.

Three Unfortunates

Three young lads; they went to town For reasons all unknown: While on the road the horse took fright And left them far from home.

Upon the road they struck a log Which tipped them in the gutter, And when they rose they could not see A sign of horse or cutter.

The horse, he tore along the road And made for Hillman's barn; If it hadn't been for a set of sleighs He would have done no harm.

The lads, they ran along the road To try to overtake him, They didn't know when at the forks Which road the horse had taken.

Of course, the lads felt rather queer As they had come from town, And every step they took were Afraid of falling down.

One had the blanket on his arm, And one the sled did carry, Ruhe and Will they walked ahead While last of all came Harry. WITTY FALLSBURG, Bracebridge.

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A Whole Family in Galway Township Narrowly Escape Cremation.

On Wednesday morning, 14th inst., the residence of Mr. Edward McMahon, Swamp Lake settlement, Galway, together with contents, was destroyed by fire. A dreadful calamity was narrowly averted by the coolness and bravery of Mrs. McMahon, who, with her three small children and her aged and helpless mother, were the only occupants of the dwelling. About four o'clock Mrs. McMahon was awakened by the roof of the kitchen falling in. She sprang out of bed to open the room door, only to be driven back by the thick clouds of smoke. To close the room door and smash the window of her room was the work of an instant; then seizing the three sleeping children she threw them out into the snow. Her mother, who was sleeping in a room on the opposite side of the house, next required her thrilling experience. Rushing around she broke in the window, and taking the old lady—who is bordering on ninety and blind—in her arms she bore her to a place of safety. As there was no time to save any wearing apparel, Mrs. McMahon again entered the burning building and brought out a mattress and bed clothing, in which she wrapped her mother and children, while she ran half a mile to her brother's farm and procured assistance. Mrs. McMahon's feet were slightly frozen, but apart from this she does not feel any bad results from her thrilling experience. There was a small insurance on the building in the London Mutual.

Air as a Bullet Wound Cure.

The Zulus carry their wounded to the hills and expose their wounds to the air, having found by experience that that is the quickest way of curing them. There is in London some sort of hospital for the treatment of wounds by ozone, founded upon this very Zulu practice.

Sorrowful Town.

The little town of Estcourt, which is 76 miles from Pietermaritzburg, is situated on the Bushman River, which is crossed by a railroad bridge of five spans. Estcourt is the seat of magistracy for Weenen County and is a place of considerable importance as a trading station. This county takes the name of Weenen, which signifies weeping, from a melancholy incident connected with one of the bloodthirsty Zulu raids which occurred during the Dutch. It is said that there was not a home in Estcourt at that time that some member of the family had not fallen a victim to the rapacity of the Zulus. The climate of the place is the best and most invigorating in Natal, and, above all, it is free from dust.



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- Towelings of all kinds, Cotton Towels, Linen Towels.
- Tickings, Ginghams, Flannelettes.
- Grey Union Flannels, All-Wool Grey Flannels.
- Large stock of White Bed Spreads, White Marseilles Quilts.
- Bed Comforters, Floor Oilcloths.

- LADIES' UNDERWEAR—Large stock of Ladies' Vests in Cotton, Union and Wool.
- Just to hand one case Ladies' White Underwear.
- Ladies' White Skirts, Ladies' Colored Dress Skirts.
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- Ladies' Hosiery and Gloves; the knife goes into them and they will be cut good and deep, so don't miss them.
- Ladies' 50c and 60c Blouses go at 35c.
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Sale Register.

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A Bank of England Curiosity. One of the curiosities of the Bank of England is to be seen in the printing room. A man sits at a desk, and every three seconds a machine delivers to him two complete £5 notes. If he sits there six hours he receives over £70,000, and in 300 days over £20,000,000 sterling.

Her Last Words

were: "If I had only told it sooner!" How often this said?

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