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NAMETHE SITE

Out of the several schemes set forth as a solution of the fire-hall problem the council has selected what appears to be the only satisfactory one.

As is often the case when a new building is to be erected, there are different opinions about the site of the new hall.

In deciding to build, the council has done well; let them go a step further, select what they consider the best site, publicly announce their choice and submit a by-law to raise money to build a fire hall in a particular place.

EMPIRE AND COLONIES

It has been said that the colonies' contribution of troops to aid in the Transvaal war has welded them and Great Britain into an Empire such as they were not before.

REV. MR. HUGHSON'S FINAL JUSTIFICATION

The Pastor of the Baptist Church Writes Regarding His Controversy with the Catholic Record.

To the Editor of the Watchman-Warder: SIR.—On Jan. 21st, I preached a sermon on "The Perils of Britain," which was reported in your issue of Jan. 25th, and commented on by the Catholic Record of London, in a trenchant article, extracts from which, followed in a subsequent issue by a reply from me, have already appeared in your columns.

As reported I enumerated the perils of Britain under the headings,—The War, The Danger of Luxury, The Drink Traffic, Anarchy and Socialism, and the Return to Rome.

ation in a common cause, it is very true. If it means that it will result in a uniform political system under which the various British possessions are to constitute one Empire—

The action of the colonies has opened the question of their place in the Empire and their relation to it. It had to be raised some day. Whenever it came it was bound to constitute a great problem for both colonies and motherland, and it will likely be a prominent feature of Imperial and colonial politics in the next few years.

The idea that we already know how the question will be settled is a great mistake. There are several possible solutions. The colonies may be independent, they may remain in their present positions, be given limited representation in either the British House of Lords or Commons, or Imperial Federation under a common central government for the whole Empire may be their destiny.

EDITORIAL NOTES

IT HAS OF LATE become a too common custom to cast reflection on each other's loyalty. There is no disloyalty in Canada. No other equal population in the world contains so little hostility to the government and institutions under which they live.

THE MAN WHO for several weeks past has, in many eyes, seemed the arch enemy of British connection, has come and gone. He was heard with delight by the best people of both political parties in this town.

making admissions as to decline in Spanish resources and French and Italian belief. After the Record's vigorous defence of Spain's undecayed condition, for asserting which it had described me as "a clergyman... who will not hesitate to adopt any misrepresentation to suit his purpose."

THE RECORD professes to have treated me with courtesy in all but its last article in the discussion. In that it does not even pretend to have done so. A seeming breach of courtesy however, was the utterance of the following sentence:

"We are not greatly surprised that Rev. Mr. Hughson should fall into such an ethical cesspool, for his religion has no fixed moral code, any further than to leave it to each individual minister to find in the bible such principles as may suit his own fancy, and at the same time be acceptable to the leading members of his congregation for the time being."

and this sentence was the occasion of my proposing a test to the editor of the Catholic Record, because he therein deprecates, by mean insinuation, the private interpretation of the bible and maintains that it ends in a moral cesspool.

"You have assailed my moral system. I propose a test according to our Lord's teaching. 'Ye shall know them by their fruits.' (Matt. 7:16) From all available statistics of crime and immorality for any given period, call out those that refer to Baptists; from all authentic Baptist documents and works of recognized Baptists call out sentiments that you regard as immoral and by any other legitimate means of judging the morality of a body of people that you may suggest, obtain evidence. I will do likewise with reference to Roman Catholics and then let us publish the results of our inquiry in parallel columns in the Catholic Record and Canadian Baptist and other papers if you wish. I challenge you to the test."

This test I consider eminently fair and to the point, especially as the Catholic Record had described morality as "the special sphere of religion" and the criterion was one given by Christ himself, for just such cases (Matt. vii. 15-20). He, a Catholic, had described me as a Baptist, as a teacher of immoral doctrines. What could have been more fitting than in a friendly way to compare notes and examine our several moral fruitfulness in the faith (2 Cor., 13:5 Galat 6, 3-7) But the Catholic Record is aware that he cannot face such a test. Apart altogether from the statistics of crime in which it has been frequently pointed out that the Romish church has an unenviable pre-eminence, the editor of the Catholic Record was no doubt aware that any one who has access to Roman Catholic works on theology and morals could produce some remarkably interesting reading matter. Such access is difficult to get and the editor might have presumed on this fact to have accepted my challenge; but when I say that I have access to Roman Catholic editions of Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventura, Oecam Nicolas de Clemange, Bellarmine, Gerson, Lignieri, Lerrone, De Cardenas, Gaudana, De Morcia etc, etc, and also to the "Constitutions of the Society of Jesus" (Rome 1583) "Rules of the Society of Jesus" (Rome 1616) "Canons of the General Council (Rome 1806) "Instructions of the Society of Jesus" (Rome 1806) "Instructions of the Society of Jesus" (Rome 1806) and many other writings by and for the Jesuits, I am sure he will be glad he refused my challenge.

As to his complaint at my having put in "Baptists" rather than "Protestants," I take it as a high compliment to our church, as implying that it compares well in point of morality with other Protestant churches. My only reason for having done so is that I did not and do not "claim to be the champion of Protestantism in general." Such an assumption would have been presumptuous in me. However, I am perfectly willing that the Record should alter the test so as to include all churches

that accept the rule of 'individual interpretation.'"

THE BAPTIST CHURCH I am not particular to defend my church or myself against some coarse characterizations, other than to justify my bonafides in mentioning it. It has had a vivid history, throughout the present era, save only in that period called the Dark Ages. The Apostolic church was essentially constituted in doctrines, officers, ordinances and government as ours is to-day and continued so until a generation set in under the growth of the doctrine of Baptismal regeneration and until the admission of masses of heathen with Christian names, baptized with degenerate into what is now called the Holy Catholic, Apostolic and Roman church. In modern times, she has had a visible history since before the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century and numbers her membership more than five millions of people who have made personal profession of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and represents a constituency of twenty millions of people at least, scattered throughout the world. So far from having given the gospel to "no one nation," it is her glory that she was the pioneer in the whole modern Protestant foreign missionary movement. William Carey the first missionary and whose earnest thought the movement arose was a Baptist. Adoniram Judson the first American Protestant missionary was a Baptist. Within this "very obscure sect of very limited extent" then, representing the second largest Protestant body in the United States and of respectable proportions in Canada, the Catholic Record could have found ample space for investigating its moral fruitfulness, but it dare not make the comparison.

IN CONCLUSION I do not regret having warned Catholics against Romanism, nor that you published an extract of my sermon, nor that the Catholic Record has challenged my statements. If I have said anything not strictly true, or if I have spoken any truth in other than the spirit of love, then am I sorry. But believing as I do that the Roman Catholic church makes obscure the doctrines of grace, so that very many estimable people are caused to err and kept in spiritual bondage to their own hurt; because people are invited for salvation to a church rather than hierarchy and because a designing theory of religion, was claimed the bible, which the Holy Spirit gave to our instruction in divine things, to any but an arbitrary interpretation that was crystallized, for the most part, in the ignorance of the dark ages, I affectionately urge my fellow Catholics to turn from the Roman Catholic faith, before they trust their eternal happiness utterly to their church; to examine into her credentials by observing the moral results of her system and by using their own good common sense which God has given them to compare the teaching and practices of their church with that of our Saviour and His apostles as given in the New Testament. Believe me, the hard common sense of the intelligent common people is more useful in coming to an understanding of the word of God, than is all the casuistry of some theologians. Thanking you for your kindness in allowing me this space, I am yours,

L. S. HUGHSON.

Stock Notes.—This week John Campbell, Fairview Farm, places a new advertisement in our columns. Because of the great satisfaction the Berred Plymouth Rock Cockerels sent out to customers all over the province during the past four months, the demand for hatching has so increased that it is found necessary to keep two flocks of selected parents and cocks of different strains to meet the demand. As those two birds are of quite different shades of coloring, and used on stock to make good mixings, we anticipate a good trade satisfactory to all parties. Already many orders have been placed for eggs. A customer in North-west, recently to whom six cockerels were sent, could not be supplied. They had to be Fairview bred. An order for eggs was added, with the privilege of increasing the same later on. It now appears that B. P. Rocks are to lead in the poultry yards as Shesheps and Shropshires do in field and stall.

OPS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Pathmasters, Fenceviewers and Poundkeepers Appointed—Three Polling Subdivisions Remodeled.

Ops council met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 2nd, at the usual hour. All members present. After the minutes of last regular meeting were read and adopted Mr. Jno. Alex. Culverwell, promoter of the Burleigh Falls electric power scheme, who was present, addressed the council. He said that owing to lack of sufficient power at Fenelon Falls he had abandoned it, but had since secured almost unlimited power at Burleigh and now desired permission to erect poles and wires along the Onemee road to convey power to Lindsay.

COMMUNICATIONS.—A letter from Mr. J. A. Paddon, treasurer of the Patriotic Fund committee, thanking the council for the liberal grant given them.

Sundry little accounts and bills for charity disbursements and for snow-shovelling, etc. With regard to snow-shovelling claims the council entertained none but those in excess of the statute labor for which the commutation set forth in the by-law was paid.

Mr. Thos. Hawkins complained that a certain culvert had not been put in on 8th con. line, at lot 8, because Councillor Hickson was opposed to it. Mr. Hickson contended that a culvert was not needed there, but finally assented to have the engineer decide the matter and pay his share if liable.

Mr. Byrne moved, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that sealed tenders be asked for the township printing for the year beginning May 1st prox.—Carried.

PETTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.—Pathmasters, fenceviewers and poundkeepers for current year were on motion by Messrs. McLean and Hickson duly appointed.

EQUALIZING THE POLLING DIVISIONS.—Owing to the number of voters in each polling sub-divisions Nos. 4 and 5 being more than the 200 limit, and the number in polling sub-division No. 3, being much less than 200, Mr. Byrne moved, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that lots 14 and 15 in the 5th, 6th and 7th cons., be detached from Div. No. 4 and annexed to Div. No. 3, and that lots 15 in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th cons., be detached from Div. No. 5 and annexed to Div. 3 also.—Carried.

CHANGES IN STATUTE LABOR BEATS.—On motion by Messrs. Byrne and Hawkins, the following resolution was passed namely, that the statute labor assessed against lot 20, con. 2, 17 and 18, con. 1, be in future done in beat No. 4, and that the statute labor of S.W.W. qr. 20, N. hf. 20 and of lot 21, con. 1, be done on 4th pr. 1st con., under the supervision of pathmaster of beat No. 4; and that by-law No. 453 be modified accordingly.—Carried.

BATCH OF BY-LAWS.—By-laws to confirm the appointment of pathmasters, fenceviewers and poundkeepers, to describe polling sub-divisions Nos. 3, 4, and 5, as now limited, and to permit the erecting of poles and wires for the conveyance of electric power, received the usual readings and were passed, signed and sealed as by-laws Nos. 561, 562, and 563.

PLACED IN NEW HANDS.—Mr. Byrne moved, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that the treasurer place to the credit of Commissioner Hickson the unexpended money appropriated to road Div. three in 1898.—Carried.

WILL USE THE CRUSHER.—The clerk was on motion by Messrs. Hickson and McLean, instructed to inform the county clerk that Ops council would require the use of the county stone-crusher on or before the 1st of June next.

THE NEXT MEETING.—A few small accounts were next paid, on motion by Messrs. Hickson and Hawkins, after which Mr. McLean moved, seconded by Mr. Hickson, that the council adjourn till May 28th prox., at 10 a.m., when the assessment court of revision will be held and other business transacted. W. F. O'BOYLE, clerk.

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