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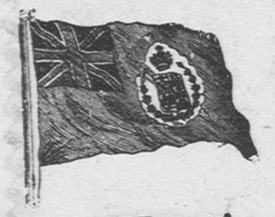

Mass Meeting

A Mass Meeting of the Reformers of the County of Victoria and district of Haliburton will be held at Dickson's Hall,

FENELON FALLS,

—on—

Tuesday, January 12

at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing. All are respectfully invited to attend.

Geo. Johnston, Pres., S.V.R.A. Jas. Dickson, Pres., N.V.R.A.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.

RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION.

We congratulate Mayor Sootheran and the members of Council on their return to office by acclamation. It may be that the result is to be attributed in part to a growing apathy on the part of our citizens, leading to a dearth of interest in municipal affairs, and not to the ratepayers' inability to find fault with the Council's record in many ways. On the other hand, while they have made mistakes and spent money with a free hand, they have given proofs of a desire to do things, and recognizing the folly of changing representatives every year, public opinion has declared in favor of giving the old members another trial. We do not think the experiment will prove a disappointment.

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL FRIENDS OF LINDSAY CENTRAL FAIR.

At a meeting of the directors of Lindsay Central Fair, held yesterday, decisive action was taken along the line so long advocated by The Post —the improvement of the grounds and buildings. A special Committee appointed for the purpose reported the successful conclusion of the negotiations carried on for some weeks with Mr. R. M. Beal, owner of the proerpty lying north of the present grounds, who agree to dispose of about five acres for the sum of $1,500. The directors ratified the bargain made and the purchase will be concluded in the near future.

Now that we have the land required to make the Lindsay Central what it is destined to become, the question of fiances introduces itself for careful consideration. The Fair has outgrown the present accommodation in many ways, and it is most important that the plans made for the improvement of the stock stables and other buildings be not long delayed—in fact the work should be undertaken as soon as spring opens in orde rthat the work may be completed in time for next year's Fair.

To accomplish this the directors must face a debt of at least $3,500, as fully $2,000 will be required for the erection of the new buildings and the improvement of the old and the new grounds, in addition to the purchase price. The Society is already carrying some financial obligations, and the addition of $3,500 to the amount would entail an interest charge not pleasing to contemplate, and to provide for its payment would necessarily entail some pinching of the already not too generous premium list.

To do this would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fair — the prize list should be added to rather than diminished. We should endeavor to at once reap the advantages made possible by the providing of better facilities. Without help the directors will be unable to plan for this result.

The business men of Lindsay, and citizens generally, must rally to the aid of the Fair directors and help them in their difficulty. The Lindsay Central is representative of the town, and has contributed much to its prosperity during its quarter century of successful existence. That prosperity is likely to be wonderfully enhanced under new conditions, when we may expect crowds twice as large as in the past and a Fair extending over four or five days.

Our merchants and hotelkeepers, who reap the most benefit from these large annual gatherings, must do their duty at the present juncture. The hotel men especially should rise to the occasion, as their subscriptions in the past have been miserably small in proportion to their gains. The directors will circulate a subscription list in the course of a few days, and much will depend on the support given by our citizens.

MARIPOSA'S CEMENT PROPOSITION

A by-law is being submitted to the ratepayers of the municipality of Mariposa, to grant a partial exemption for ten years to the Victoria Cement and Power Company, who propose to erect Portland Cement Works in the northern part of the township. Other municipalities have granted inducements — mostly much greater—to other companies. The Company would still pay the school tax, the local rate and the general rate, which would be a great help to the ratepayers, and as the Company have no children to educate, that would be a clear profit. The workmen and operators of the Company would pay taxes the same as other people.

A manufacturing industry going into a township or municipality finds this difficulty; the law exempts farmers' income, machinery and personal property, while it does not except manufacturers, consequently unless the municipality is willing to grant a partial exemption to the company it would have to pay an unfair share of the local taxation. We think every municipality in this country ought to be willing to extend the hand and give liberal treatment to manufacturing industries. We have up to the present been lagging very much behind other districts in that respect. A few enterprising men in this County are now doing a great deal to assist us in catching up. The Raven Lake Portland Cement Works, in the township of Bexley, are a monument to the enterprise and energy of a number of our citizens, and we hope to see another equally fine plant in the township of Mariposa, and we sincerely hope that ratepayers of that township will give it a unanamous lift.

NORTH RENFREW.

(Toronto News.)

North Renfrew is unquestionably a good deal of a puzzle to the Government's friends. Whether the influences at work to bring about such a result were local or Proivncial, whether the weakness lay with the candidate or the Government, it would not be easy to say at this moment with the information before us. The riding, it must be borne in mind, has a record for fickleness. The election in 1902 of the late Mr. Munro was a surprise. His success was admitted on all sides to have been due to unusual popularity. After his death no Liberal was in sight who was believed to have a good fighting chance except Mr. Mackie, and for a time there was talk of his resigning his seat at Ottawa and taking the field. When this arrangement was not reached a Liberal victory was made extremely uncertain. In the absence of a strong candidate, and, as Mr. Ross has explained, for other reasons, the contest was postponed, and the postponment must have weakened the Liberal cause, which, it is the boast of Liberals to say, is ever advanced by a bold reliance upon the people's judgment. Meanwhile the Conservative candidate was making his canvass. Throughout the summer he was attending picnics and steaming up and down the Ottawa in his yacht making frineds with the electors, so that when the day of battle approached the Government's opponents had the stronger position as a consequence of the long delay. But it was believed by the Government to be possible to overcome this handicap by means of effective organization, aided by the natural propensity of a riding like North Renfrew to support the occupants of the offices. We know now that the riding has sustained its reputation and has again nonplussed the prophets. For our part we are sorry that Mr. Ross has received no better acknowledgment of his long services to the Province. Fortunately his adminstration did not hang upon the outcome. He has still a majority in the Legislature, which, although uncomfortably small and less than the interests of the Province make desirable, is yet sufficient at a pinch for legislative purposes. Of one thing, apart altogether from whether or not they want Mr. Ross to govern them, there can be no doubt—the people do not want Mr. Whitney. The meaning of North Renfrew may be interpreted as your politics may incline you, but by no manner of means is it an intimation that Mr. Whitney's leadership or his policy are indorsed. Mr. Whitney did not lead, and his policy, if he has one, was not discussed. If, therefore, anyone feels like arguing that Mr. Ross should retire as a result of Saturday's events, he must also argue that the Premier retire in favor of Mr. Gamey. It is when we arrive thus logically at this absurdity that we see how difficult it is to assign any outside meaning to what was so largely due to local and personal causes.

What You Want.

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Outside Municipalities.

Verulam.—Reeve, John D. Hunter. Councillors, George Brooks, John J. Devitt, David McFarland and Emerson Tiers.

Sturgeon Point Council.

Nominations for the Council of the village of Sturgeon Point took place in Mr. Hopkins' office Monday, resulting in the following being re-elected by acclamation: Reeve, Mr. J. D. Flavelle; Councillors, Messrs. O. Bigelow, J. W. Anderson, T. Stewart and R. Kennedy.

THE L. C. I. TEAM DEFEATED

THE BOYS PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT IN PETERBORO TUESDAY NIGHT.

Score Ended Peterboro 8, L. C. I. 4 —The Referee was Unfair.

The Collegiate team went down to defeat Tuesday before Peterboro's crack Junior O.H.A. team by a score of eight to four.

About four hundred people turned out see the opening game. The game started sharp on time, and from the first play became rough, until anything was allowed by the referee — cross-checking, slashing, tripping,— any old thing went, and not a man decorated the boards. Peterboro took the first three, then Collegiate got one on a shot of Killen's, and a few minutes later Armour shot a slow one, beating out the goalkeeper, but the umpire would not count the goal and he was sacked and umpires changed. The half ended Peterboro 4, L. C. I. 1.

The play in the second half was fast and furious. For the first ten minutes the play was all Collegiate, and time and time again the forwards went down the ice to shoot only in vain, for the goalkeeper and point were both Johnnies on the spot and put up excellent hockey. Armour and Williams rushed the puck the length of the rink, scored the goal, but the referee called offside—why, no one could understand unless it was because Lindsay scored. Koyl and Killen journeyed down and the score was 4-2. Then the forward line got "com" going and Killen found the nets. Score 4-3. A few minutes later Killen scored again, and the game was a tie, 4 all, and for a few sweet moments victory looked as if it was to perch on the speedy L.C.I. bunch, but the pace was too much, and before time was called Peterboro got four more, one on a kick by a forward, one offside, and two clearly fair goals, leaving the score Peterboro 8 L. C. I. 4.

Notes of the Game.

Killen, Koyl and Duffus played fine hockey.

Team—goal, McGrath; point, Koyl; cover point, Duffus; forwards, Killen (capt.), Armour, Williams, McDonald.

Referee Clarke was too easy on off sides, and he should have boarded at least a dozen players for rough play.

Peterboro play here on Jan. 8th. Keep that date open and you will see the best game of the season. The L. C. I are out to win—don't make any mistake.

The splendid showing made by the L. C. I. team against the Peterboro Junior O. H. A. team shows that we have a junior team in town that will make the best of them climb.

L. C. I. will practise to-night at 7 o'clock sharp. The following players are requested to be out on time: Koyl, Killen, Duffus, Williams, Armour, McDonald, Gladman, Ross, Brady.

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LOCAL OPTION

In Fenelon and Mariposa Townships.

As the electors of Fenelon township are to vote on a Local Option by law on Jan. 4th, it may be of interest to our readers to learn a few facts regarding Local Option.

When it was introduced in Mariposa the majority was trebled, as it was also on the third vote. In the old hotel stands, travellers are accommodated as usual, treating is banished and drunkenness within its borders is almost unknown.

The Fenelon people feel that their township is able to take as high ground as Mariposa, and in Local Option, at least, desire to have two "banner" townships. Fenelon resents the imputation of being a wholesale manufactory of drunkards. There are two hotels in the township, one at Glenarm and another at Cambray, the latter having been closed for the last six months. The difference in the moral tone of the village is quite apparent. The referendum vote in the township on Dec. 4th, 1902, was;

	For Temper'nce	Ag'st
1. East of Sturgeon Lake	9	6
2. Cambray	82	20
3. Nesbitt's	64	6
4. Cameron	75	10
5. Brown's	69	6
	299	48

In the Province some eighty townships are under Local Otion and twenty-five more vote on it for the first time in January.

Local feeling is running very high in the matter. The voting will be on the municipal lists, and in voting on the by-law FOR LOCAL OPTION means For Temperance, AGAINST LOCAL OPTION, means Against Temperance.—w.1.

DEATHS

HOPKINS.—In Kinmount, on Monday, Dec. 21st. Hazel Hopkins, second daughter of Mr. A. Y. Hopkins, aged 14 years.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OPS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been nominated for Councillor for the coming year, and as I will be unable to see you all before polling day, I solicit your vote and influence. If elected I will work for the best interests of the township.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain, yours very truly,

WM. H. WILSON.

Dec. 30th, 1903.—w1.

M.P.P.'S TRAGIC END

Death of Mr. Andrew Pattullo of Woodstock in London.

WAS ILL FROM NERVOUSNESS

Brooded Over Press Criticisms, and End Was Hastened By Excruciating Pain Driving Him to Desperation—Sketch of His Journalistic and Parliamentary Career—Tribute to Deceased By Premier Ross.

London, Dec. 30.—Yesterday Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P. for North Oxford, when taking medicine, by mistake obtained a bottle supposed to contain strychnine. The swallowing of the dose caused such great pain that he was evidently unable to bear it, and committed suicide. A relative of his here says that the mother of the deceased met death also by suicide, several years ago.

Mr. Pattullo for some days past had been in a nervous condition. He had cancelled his speech to be delivered before the Tariff Reform League at Ipswich. Barlow Cumberland spoke in his stead. He seemed to be excited over the English papers' criticism of his speech delivered a few days before his rash act. He had no financial difficulties. He had but recently received $500 from Canada.

His nephew, a newspaper man in London, who was stopping with his uncle at 11 Montague Place, says: "Mr. Pattullo woke up early gasping for breath like a person in heart trouble. I administerd a dose of medicine prescribed by Dr. Will Ross, son of Premier Ross. He felt better and went to sleep. In the morning he was very cheerful and arranged to attend a fancy dress ball on Thursday with me. He showed such strength and cheerfulness that I went to my newspaper, did one and a half hours work and returning found the door locked and Mr. Pattullo dead inside with his throat cut with a razor."

Mr. Pattullo's speeches made great hits in England. He spoke to the point, and his audiences admired his outspoken criticisms, though he was exhausted physically by each effort.

Regret in Woodstock.

Woodstock, Dec. 30.—Throughout the entire city of Woodstock and the riding of North Oxford there are evi-

ANDREW PATTULLO, M.P.P.

dences of feelings of regret over the sudden death in London, England, yesterday afternoon of Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P. It is the intention of the relatives to have the remains brought here for interment.

The late Mr. Pattullo was 53 years of age. He was born in Peel County, and removed to Oxford when a very young boy, settling with his father in Blenheim township. He was educated in the public school and in the Dundas High School and the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. After winning the Gilchrist scholarship, he commenced the study of law in London, but was compelled to give it up on account of ill-health.

In 1875 he entered upon a newspaper career with The Woodstock Sentinel. In 1880 he assumed control of the paper, which afterwards became The Sentinel-Review. For twenty years he was recognized as one of the ablest editors west of Toronto. He was president of the Canadian Press Association in 1890, 1891 and 1892. For years he was a power in the Reform party in the political campaigns in Oxford, and was a very able platform speaker. In 1898 he succeeded the late Sir Oliver Mowat as the member of the Provincial Legislature for North Oxford, and has since represented this riding in the Ontario House. Three months ago Mr. Pattullo retired from his newspaper duties and proceeded to England as an observer of the Chamberlain campaign. There, however, he entered upon the work of assisting Mr. Chamberlain, and for the past month has been addressing meetinbs in support of the fiscal policy advocated by Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Pattullo is survived by one brother, G. R. Pattullo of Woodstock, and three sisters, Mrs. Laidlaw of Hamilton, Mrs. Findlay of Barrie and Mrs. Short of Chicago. His wife, formerly Miss Isabel Balmer of Oakville, died in 1895. Apart from his newspaper work, Mr. Pattullo interested himself five years ago in the system of good roads, and addressed many meetings in the province. He was also an active member of the Dairymen's Association, and did much towards developing the dairying industry in Oxford. When he proceeded to England it was stated by his closest friends that he proposed to enter English politics and did not intend returning to Canada. A letter received yesterday, however, said he would return in six weeks, after speaking in support of Mr. Chamberlain in Scotland.

The announcement of Mr. Pattullo.s death was received by Registrar Pattullo from his son, G. R. Pattullo, jr., of the staff of The London Express. It simply read: "Andrew Pattullo is dead." Friends here surmise that the cause of death was heart failure. Particulars were immediately wired for.

A Eulogy By Premier Ross.

Toronto Dec 30.—The news of Mr. Pattullo's death in London created a distinct shock here. Hon. G. W. Ross paid the following tribute:

"I have known the late Mr. Pattullo for many years. I made his acquaintance in connection with journalism, in which he achieved more than ordinary distinction. He was a terse and polished writer, and took a comprehensive and fair-minded view of public questions. The late Premier, Sir Oliver Mowat, owed a great deal to Mr. Pattullo for the strong hold he secured on the electors of North Oxford, as Mr. Pattullo, through his paper, was able to keep Sir Oliver's constituents well-informed as to the policy of Sir Oliver's Government, and his methods of administration a few years ago. He was well known as a capable debater in addition to his journalistic experience, and on several occasions—perhaps last session—even more notably than at any previous session—he impressed the House with his powers as a debater and the lucidity of his exposition. He was a Liberal throughly in sympathy with his party policy and in regard to municipal matters was in many respects in advance of a great majority of his fellow members. Personally, I feel his loss very much. He was in the vigor of a well-matured manhood and gave promise of many years of usefulness as a publicist and parliamentarian. I am sure that this regret is shared in by my colleagues as well as the majority of the members of the House."

OUR NAVY CAUSES TROUBLE.

Heartburnings at Washington Over an Ottawa Despatch Concerning Proposed Warships on the Great Lakes.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An Ottawa despatch containing a statement credited to Under Secretary of State Pope, regarding the presence of warships on the Great Lakes, has been printed here. The American State Department has not been informed up to this moment that the Canadian Government contemplates placing an armed cruiser on the lakes in addition to the few small national vessels now maintained there.

Recently the Canadian Government laid down a couple of revenue cutters for lake service, and although these were better vessels than those heretofore employed the construction was not regarded as violating the treaty. Attention was called to the matter by some of the Congressmen from the Great Lakes section, and a United States naval officer visited the place and examined the vessels under construction, which gave rise to some feeling on the part of the Canadians.

As soon as Congress re-convenes there will be a renewal of the attempt to secure a repeal or modification of that section of the Rush treaty between the United States and Great Britain that limits the use of naval vessels on the lakes.

The activity of Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan, has excited a corresponding move in Canada. He has heard that the Canadian Government is about to enter a formal protest against the location of the proposed United States naval training station on the Great Lakes. Mr. Smith is prepared to renew the attack upon the Rush treaty, holding that it has had a paralyzing and disastrous effect upon the shipbuilding industries of the Great Lakes.

A CRITICAL SITUATION.

Provisional Government Has No Money to Defend San Domingo.

San Domingo, Dec. 29.—The situation here is extremely critical. The provisional president, General Morales, is absent from the city, and the provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs, in terror has resigned, as a consequence of which the council of ministers is incomplete. The provisional Government endeavored to secure a loan of $20,000 for the purpose of defending the city against the insurgents; but, being without resources, the Government could not guarantee the loan nor the city against pillage by the insurgents.

It is reported that Gen. Gelletier has formed a Provisional Government at Azuade Compostell presided over by himself, and that the inhabitants of Barahona have joined in the movement, and that the two forces are jointly marching on this city. Consequently there are now two Provisional Governments in the republic.

Another Revolt.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The State Department yesterday received the following undated despatch from Minister Powell, regarding the progress of the revolutions in San Domingo:

"Another revolution at Azua and Barahona, with another Provisional Government there. This makes two revolutions and a couple of Governments, one in the north and centre, and one in the south."

ATLAS LOAN AFFAIRS.

Judgment Given Against National Trust For Retention of Stock.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Judgment was given at Osgoode Hall yesterday by Chancellor Boyd, awarding the London & Western Loan Company, damages of $7,100 against the National Trust Company of Toronto, liquidator for the Atlas Loan, arising out of the detention of 525 shares Dominion Coal and 50 shares Dominion Iron and Steel by the National Trust which had been deposited by the Elgin with the Atlas, instead of turning them over to the London & Western on demand. The prices afterwards depreciated, and it was sought to recover the amount lost.

The Chancellor said that all things considered, 105 was a fair price to estimate the selling figure of the coal stock as against 93, or $6,300. The steel selling figure was placed at 58, as against 42, and the loss estimated at $800. Interest should also be paid by defendants on the dividends collected from the time of receipt until payment to plaintiffs, and the costs of the litigation.

Prefer to Pay in Full.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The recent sale of timber limits has already brought in $1,800,000 cash, the lumbermen not all availing themselves of the terms of purchase, many preferring to pay in full.

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