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TINSMITHING AND PLUMBING

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THE HOSPITAL OPENING.

The Rose Memorial Hospital will be opened on Thursday, 20th inst. At 1.30 o'clock the Committee and the physicians of the county will meet Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and the visitors accompanying them at the Hospital, when the control of the Hospital will be formally handed over to the Board of Governors by Mr. Ross.

At 2 o'clock the public proceedings will begin in the Assembly Hall of the Collegiate Institute, when a meeting of citizens will be held, and to which all the citizens of the town and county are most heartily invited. Mr. J. D. Flavelle will take the chair. Rev. C. H. Marshall will pronounce the invocation. An address from the County of Victoria will be presented to Mr. Ross by the Warden. Following the reply to the address a number of brief speeches will be delivered.

At the close of the public meeting, and during the evening until 9 o'clock, a Reception will be held at the Hospital, to which all citizens will be made cordially welcome. An opportunity will be given to view the interior of the building and the furnishings and equipment.

THE POST OFFICE SURPLUS.

For the first time in the history of the Canadian Post Office department the Minister in charge, Sir William Mulock, has succeeded in making ends meet, with a balance of \$700,000 odd on the right side of the ledger. It is a remarkable showing, in view of the record of the past. It might properly be termed a triumph of calculating foresight and careful management, and an achievement worthy the unstated praises of all who have the best interests of the country at heart. So far the Conservative press has maintained a silence so significant as to justify the suspicion that the announcement of the surplus comes as a disagreeable surprise.

A retrospective glance at the record of the Post Office department under Tory rule may prove interesting at this time. For the eight years ending June 30th, 1898, the combined deficits amounted to nearly \$6,000,000, or an average of over \$700,000 annually for these years. While the late Tory Government was in power it was repeatedly urged to reduce the rate of postage on letters within Canada and to the United States to two cents, but the deficits were so huge that the Government was compelled to turn a deaf ear to the appeals of the business men of the country.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Postmaster-General, in his annual report for 1898 dealt as follows with the proposal for a reduction of the rate of postage:

"What the department is thus being assailed on one hand by those who consider that its revenues and expenditures should be more nearly equalized, it is at the same time being urged to reduce to two cents the postage on letters, the inevitable result of which would be so large a reduction in the revenue, and as a necessary consequence so vast a discrepancy between the revenue and expenditures, as to materially cripple the operations of the department for years to come. That this is no mere hasty assertion, unsupported by facts, may at once be demonstrated. The lowest estimate of the effect of a reduction to two cents in postage is a loss of revenue of at least \$750,000, which, even if postage on newspapers were reimposed, by which an additional revenue of \$100,000 would be obtained, would still leave a deficiency of \$650,000, which, added to the present amount, would make \$1,250,000 a year to be provided by parliament over and above the revenues, and what postmaster-general could be expected in the face of such a deficiency to ascertain propositions for additional expenditures to improve the service, however necessary they might appear?"

And Hon. George E. Foster, in his last budget speech, reported in

Hansard for 1896, referring to a similar demand, said:

"There is now a deficit of some-where near \$800,000 between the total receipts and the total expenditures of our post office service; and this, I fear, makes the time somewhat distant when what otherwise might be fairly asked for can be granted—that is, a reduction upon the rates of postage in this country."

That which the Tories declared to be impossible has been accomplished under Liberal rule by Sir William Mulock, and with a certainty of prediction that has never been surpassed by any Minister. Not only was the deficit largely reduced in the course of a couple of years, but the long and eagerly desired reduction in postal rates was granted. This act at once elicited a series of bitter attacks on the part of the Tory press, and jubilant forecasts of increased deficits, but Sir William and his colleagues had the faith in the country's capabilities which the Tories always lacked, and a rapid increase in revenue justified their trust. Not only has the original annual deficit of \$700,000 been completely wiped out, but also the further large loss referred to by Sir Adolphe Caron as a certain and permanent result of a reduction in the rate of postage was this accomplished, and what these radical departures from Tory tradition were being boldly inaugurated the postal service was being greatly improved and extended.

Sir William's record in the post office department is so brilliant that it will earn for him the bitter animosity of a portion of the Tory party and the Tory press. He has achieved success where failure was expected, and a concerted attempt will be made to discredit him. And there are other reasons why he will be exposed to their attacks—he is a hard hitter. In his recent speech at Toronto he handled the opposition without gloves and exposed their weaknesses in pitiless fashion.

"For six years," he said, "times have gone badly with our opponents. They might have wisely used their six years in opposition as a period of repentance for these mistakes which led to their downfall and in qualifying themselves for the responsibility of office. Instead of having done so what is their record? Like the Bonapartes they appear to have learned nothing, to have forgotten nothing. In office they appealed to radical and religious passions and were condemned for it. In opposition for six years, they have practiced the like tactics, as if it were a political offence for a minister to be of French extraction and a Catholic. In office, by their unwise fiscal policy, they paralyzed the trade of the country, drove hundreds of thousands of our own people away from their own land, depreciated the value of farm and other property, reduced the demand for labor and the wages of the workingman, and created a feeling of dependency throughout the country. In opposition they have exposed the remedies which we have supplied with some measure of success to the unfortunate evils with which they have afflicted the country, and even today in their blindness they still threaten, if given an opportunity, to undo our work, and relegate Canada to the position into which they had succeeded in plunging her when we were summoned by the people to her rescue."

Sir William Mulock may prepare for an opposition policy of vilification and slander. He has been found guilty of successful administration and plain speaking.

Public Library Board Meeting.

The business at the regular meeting of the Public Library Board last Monday was mostly routine. There were present Judge Harding, Rev. J. W. Macmillan and Messrs. Brady, Kyle, Broderick, W. Flavelle, Steers and Hardy. The Librarian's report for October showed following items: Circulation in detail: History 84, Biography 31, Voyages and Travels 37, General Literature 65, Juveniles, boys 198, girls 43, little ones 42. Books 72, Religious 124, Poetry 50, Science 72, Fiction 8, Miscellaneous 15, Fiction 844. Total circulation for month 1613. Number of new tickets issued during month 21; total number of borrowers to end of month, 1377; cash receipts for month, \$22.13. The Board decided to meet with Council again relative to the site for the new building.

Tales of the Town.

(Chas. Raymond, in Toronto Star.) A little over a year ago a young man who works in the down town wholesale district butted into a crap game and won \$3. He piped off his good luck to the chap who pushed a pen at the desk next to him, and was sore because his friend didn't warn up and tell him he was a hero. The next night this young man, whose first name was Tom, visited the game and drew a couple of bucks more from it.

The office seemed small to him now, and it was like pulling teeth to say "Yes, sir," to the boss. As for the chap next to him, why, he was a fossil—that is all there is to it. His salary was \$8 per week. His sister earned \$5 in a store. His mother is a widow. They found out a few days ago that Tom had got into the firm for \$75 and he was given two days to make good.

"Here, Tom, is the \$75," said the owner of the crap-room joint. Yes, he did in your eye.

When Tom was found out he hurried home and gave his sister a strong talk and shed a few tears as a cinch er.

The money is paid back now. The sister was once engaged to a fellow who was pretty well to do, but death stepped in before the marriage.

But he gave her many presents, and she pawned her watch and two rings to square up for Tom.

The fossil is still working.

PROFITS OF POULTRY RAISING

The Profit of the Modest Hen Exceeds the Wealth of Gold and Coal Mines.

An article in the Inland Poultry Journal goes to show that the chickens which mature in the spring are the greatest combination of capital, yielding the greatest results of any combination on the continent. Speaking of the United States, the Inland Journal says, on behalf of poultry farmers:

"Do our readers ever imagine that our earnings for one year would pay all the positions for ten years, and leave a balance of \$12,000,000 in the treasury? Would you believe that our earnings for one year are \$25,000,000 more than the hog and the potato crop combined; \$52,000,000 more than the entire wheat crop, and \$31,000,000 more than the cotton crop? In round figures, our earnings for one year are in excess of \$290,000,000, and we have been enjoying an average increase of more than 10 per cent for the past ten years. With all this wealth, and this greatest of all combines, our investment is as safe as Government bonds. There is no chance to lose, but there is a chance for the business to increase. In fact there is no reason why it should not. What is true of the United States is true of Canada in ratio. Yet few Canadian farmers realize what a mine of wealth the poultry raising industry is."

Church Notes.

The Salvation Army, according to General Booth, has 7,405 self-sustaining institutions, 4,700 local officers, and its doctrines are preached in 37 different tongues.

The Methodist church is asking \$50,000 in subscriptions for missionary work in Northern Ontario and Western Canada, and on behalf of that movement a missionary rally will be held in Toronto next Monday evening, Nov. 17, at 7.30 p.m. in the Grand Opera House. The speakers are asked to be present and address the meeting.

The Companion's Christmas Packet.

Can you think of a gift more certain to be acceptable than a year's subscription to The Youth's Companion? Is there any one, young or old, who, having once had the paper in his hands and looked through it, did not wish to possess it for his own? It is a gift which, far from losing its freshness as Christmas recedes into the past, grows more delightful, more necessary to one's enjoyment, week by week. If you wish to make a Christmas present of The Youth's Companion, send the publisher the name and address of the person to whom you wish to give The Companion, with \$1.75 the annual subscription price. They will send to the address named The Companion's Christmas Packet, containing the Christmas number, The Companion Calendar for 1903, lithographed in twelve colors and gold, and a subscription certificate for the fifty-two issues of 1903. Full illustrated announcement of the new volume for 1903 will be sent with sample copies of the paper to any address free.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

WOMAN'S WORK

OFTEN LEADS TO A BREAKDOWN IN HEALTH.

Severe Headaches, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, Palpitation of the Heart and Other Distressing Symptoms Follow.

Woman's cares about the household are many and often worrying, and it is no wonder that the health of so many give way under the strain. To weak, tired-out, depressed women everywhere the story of Mrs. Geo. L. Horton, the wife of a well-known farmer living near Fenwick, Ont., will come as a message of hope. To a reporter who interviewed her on the subject, Mrs. Fenwick said, "Yes, I am quite willing to give my testimony to the great good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me, as my experience may help some other sufferer. A couple of years ago my health began to give way, and I suffered from anaemia, with most of the depressing symptoms of that trouble. I became much emaciated, had distressing headaches, and a very poor appetite. At first I thought the trouble would pass away, but in this I was mistaken, as I continued to grow worse. My husband began to patinate violently at the least exertion; my rest at night was broken and finally a bad cough set in, and I was scarcely able to do a bit of work about the house. An aunt in England who had been ill had written me that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had restored her to health, and I determined to give the pills a trial. After the use of a few boxes I noticed a distinct improvement in my condition, and after using the pills for a few weeks more the trouble had completely left me. I could sleep well at night, the cough left me; the headaches that had made me so miserable vanished, my appetite returned, and I could again perform my household work with ease. I shall always feel grateful for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and strongly recommend them to other ailing women."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have accomplished just such good results in thousands of other cases among ailing men and women, and sufferers from any of the numerous ailments resulting from poor, watery blood, who will give these pills a fair trial will soon be on the high road to health and strength. Imitations are sometimes offered by unscrupulous dealers, who care more for their own profit than for their customers' health. Be sure that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is found on the wrapper around every box you buy. If you happen to lose these pills send to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, and they will be mailed post paid at 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50.

MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat Advanced at Liverpool and Paris and Declined at Chicago—The Latest Quotations.

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 12. Liverpool wheat futures closed 1/4 higher today, and corn futures 1/4 to 1/2 higher.

At Paris wheat futures advanced 10 centimes and four futures 30 centimes.

At Chicago Dec. wheat declined 1/2 cent from Tuesday; Dec. corn closed unchanged, and Dec. oats declined 1/4 cent.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day:

	Cash	Dec.	May
New York
Chicago
Toledo
St. Louis
St. Paul
Minneapolis
Portland
San Francisco
San Pedro
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