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NOTES.

Andrew Carnegie's offer of a public library to Sault Ste. Marie is likely to be accepted.

Miss Webster, who lives near Chatsworth, is suffering with a mild form of small-pox and the house has been quarantined.

Cigarette smoking is held responsible by the medical examiners of the Chicago School Board for a startling increase in heart disease and nervous ailments among pupils of the High School.

It cost $6,000 to remove the surplus of the sixteen inches of snow that fell on Toronto streets during the great storm of a couple of weeks ago; three hundred men and three hundred teams were engaged at the work for several days.

The design of the new English postage stamp has to be changed owing to the custom, that heads of successive rulers have always been made to face opposite ways on coinage. King Edward's head on the new issue of stamps faces the same way as Queen Victoria's, and will have to be turned in the opposite direction.

Speaking of the uselessness of petitions, the Seaforth Expositor points out their inevitable fate, thus: We notice that the Legislature is being inundated with prohibition petitions; each sitting there is a new shower. It is a pity there should be so much wasted and misdirected effort as these petitions represent. If those getting them up could realize how little good they do, they would scarcely waste the time and effort necessary. The title of each petition is read in the Legislature by the member who receives it; it is noted by the clerk; is placed in a basket and carted off to the lower regions, where it remains until the close of the session, and then the whole lot of them are burned in the furnace. They have no more influence on the members than so much waste paper. If these petitioners want to have their case heard in the Legislature, they must get at the individual member in their own constituency. That is the place to make the impression. If they can secure sufficient power in this way they will soon notice a movement in the Legislature. Petitions won't do it and those who get them up and send them in are simply wasting their time. A deputation directly to the member is worth a deal more than all the petitions that could be framed.

Waterbury, Conn., has had a two million dollar fire.

Pope Leo XIII, aged ninety-two, is at the point of death.

Rev. Joshua Dyke, B. D., was elected Mayor of Fort William by acclamation.

It is altogether probable that the Grey Old Boys will hold their first summer re-union in Owen Sound next summer.

A Shallow Lake syndicate has signed a contract with the Wiarton Beet Sugar Company to grow 100 acres of beets this season.

M. Santos Dumont, the great balloonist, made two excursions across the Mediterranean Sea in his air-ship last Wednesday.

The Premier of Ontario has been invited to attend the King's Coronation next June, and now the important question is, who will then be Premier.

Editor E. J. B. Pense, of Kingston, has been elected by acclamation to the Legislative Assembly to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Wm. Harty.

Mrs. Wild, wife of Rev. Dr. Wild, formerly pastor of Bond street church, Toronto, was stricken with paralysis at her residence in Anderson, Indiana, last Friday and died on Saturday.

Among the settlers flowing into Western Canada are representatives from every state of the American Union. The total number of Canadian homesteads taken up by parties who formerly resided in the States is 2,753.

The second annual Ontario Provincial sale of pure bred live stock will be held in the city of Ottawa February 12th and in Guelph February 26th. At each of these sales a number of first class animals will be offered, and it will pay farmers wiseing to obtain good animals to improve their breeds to attend.

F. H. Clergue, the great Soo capitalist, has offered to supply a reading room at each of the seven stations of the new Algoma Central Railway, and the matter is being brought to the notice of Hon. Mr. Harcourt. No doubt these will soon be provided with reading matter by the Canadian Reading Camp Movement.

During the summer season the Grand Trunk railway inaugurated a system of lighting several of its trains by electricity, also supplying the dining cars and cafe parlor cars with fans, the current used for both lighting and fan being generated from the axle of the wheels, an innovation very much appreciated by the travelling public.

Centre Grey Farmers' Institute will hold a Seed Fair at Kimberley about the 1st of March when about $70 will be offered in prizes for grain and potatoes. Exhibitors will be required to have and successful exhibitors to hold from 10 to 50 bushels of the different varities for a given period of time or until sold at a set price, said amount to be equal to that exhibited. Due notice will be given. Parties are invited to bring samples of other varieties for sale. J. I. Graham, Secretary.

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District News

Contributed by our able staff of Correspondents.

Flesherton

The first carnival of the season was held at the rink here on Tuesday evening of last week and was a decided success, both in points of attendance and the number of unique costumes worn. A large number of visitors were present from outside points and the Markdale Citizens' Band furnished an ample supply of music. The following were prize winners:—Open race, 1 mile, E. McClocklin and N. Swallow, of Durham, 1st and 2nd respectively, time 3.13; local race, 1 mile, George Cairns, Ceylon, 1st, Charlie Sullivan, Flesherton, 2nd, time 4.11; best lady and gent skater, Miss Mabel Munshaw, Flesherton, (Greek costume) and Mr. C. Alton, Markdale; best lady skater, Miss Janet Gibson, Flesherton; best ladies costume, Miss Carrie Sullivan, as Queen Elizabeth, 1st, Miss Blanche Hamilton 2nd; best ladies costume, under 16, Ida Sullivan, Highland Lassie 1st, Mamie Sullivan, Summer, 2nd; best comic gent, Mr. Harry Steely, who was the star of the evening; best comic, under 16, Emerson Bellamy, Irishman, 1st; fat man, A. Wardrobe 1st; clown, Wash. Irwin, Markdale, 1st. Among others who wore neat costumes, Misses Zilla and Ethel Trimble, nuns, Miss Mabel Boyd, Miss Millie Crossley, Dr. Murray, clown; Messrs. Charlie Richardson, ghost; Charlie Hales, comic; Bert Barnhouse, clown, J. Kingston, volunteer; Edgar Bellamy, British soldier in khaki. The judges were Messrs. Joseph Armstrong, Markdale, —— Johnston, Collingwood, and C. Stafford, 4th line. Messrs. C. H. Munshaw and A. Bentham acted as orderlies, and owing to the crowded condition, were kept busy keeping the ice clear during the competition. The proprietor, Mr. Graham, received many congratulations on the prime condition of the ice. The refreshments in charge of Mrs. Graham and Messrs. Hoy and Wardrobe were very palatable and satisfying to the whetted appetites of the skaters.

The A. O. U. W. Lodge here received a visit from D. D. G. Master, T. Hanbury, of Dundalk, on Friday evening last. At the conclusion of lodge business all repaired to the Flesherton hotel where an oyster supper was partaken of, speeches made and an enjoyable social hour spent together.

Mr. Wm. Betts, one of the earliest settlers in Artemesia, and who has for some years lived alone, was found dead in his own yard on Tuesday morning last. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death.

Quarterly Communion service was held in the Methodist church on Sabbath morning last at which thirteen new members were received, all by letter. The sermon was an appropriate and helpful one, the divisions being "The world that's to be overcome," and "The faith that overcomes the world." In the evening the subject was "Is the soul immortal, or does death end all?" and the sermon, the first of a series for this month, was a thoughtful and very impressive one.

Mr. Charles Stafford sr. and Mr. John Chard sr., neighbors on the 4th line Artemesia, are both very ill at present, the former having recently had two paralytic strokes and the latter suffering with cancer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bellamy attended the marriage on Wednesday of last week of the latter's brother, Mr. S. J. Osborn, of Osprey, who took unto himself a life partner in the person of Miss Maud Robinson, daughter of Mr. Alex. Robinson, of Osprey.

Mr. Samuel Turner, of this place, was in Toronto part of last week consulting a specialist for an affection of the eyes which he was informed was cataract forming but not sufficiently ripened to operate on for several months yet. The old gentleman was accompanied to and from the city by Mr. C. H. Munshaw.

Mr. W. N. Brown, of Toronto, spent Saturday and Sunday with his wife, Mrs. Brown, of our Public School staff.

Miss Mabel Munshaw spent part of last week with friends at Traverston.

Miss Kavanoh of the post office is holidaying for a couple of weeks at her home at Sharon.

Miss Annie Howard left on Monday to spend some time in Toronto.

Mrs. M. K. Beaton visited last week with her sister at Dundalk.

Miss Winnie Hamilton has returned from visiting friends in Detroit.

Rev. L. W. Thom was in Chatsworth on Friday last assisting Rev. J. Little in preparatory services.

Holland Centre

Miss Maggie Husband returned on Friday to her home in Horning's Mills.

Miss Boggs has returned after spending a month with friends at Alton.

Miss Stowe, of Priceville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Fee, west of the village.

Many were disappointed last Sunday because of the storm and bad roads, it being Quarterly Meeting in the Methodist church. However there was a very fair sized congregation. Quite a number were present from Massie, and some from Berkeley.

Mrs. Greenaway is still very low and very much sympathy is felt for her family.

We sometimes hear of a man being cruel to an animal, but just now our village is stirred with the report of a woman being cruel to a child. As the case is to be tried in Owen Sound it will then be known if there is any truth in the accusation.

Mr. Alex. Shuto's little girl, who has been very sick with congestion of the lungs, is, we are glad to report, on the mend.

Loyal Orange County Lodge, of North Grey held their annual meeting in Price's Hall, Holland Centre, on Tuesday the 4th inst., but owing to the bad state of the roads the attendance was not up to the average. The following officers were elected for 1902. Worshipful County Master, Carson Price; D. M., James Gillespie; Chap., Rev. G. F. Franklin; Fin.-Sec., Wm. Lang; Rec.-Sec., Robt. Taylor; Treasurer, Joseph McClelland; D. of C., N. Jones; Lecturer, Wm. Brownlee; Dy. Lecturer, John Crowther.

Kimberley

Mr. Albert Press, of Duncan, will run the tank for the butter factory to Meaford again. Albert is a true Briton.

Honest Charlie Rear paid an overplus in cash last week.

Mr. George Allen is again quite weak on account of exerting himself too much after a spell of sickness. He has been in bed for some time lately. We hope to see him around again soon. Miss Clara Hurd and others sent a rocking chair to him recently.

Its a fine winter in the valley so far; plenty of snow and moderately cold weather.

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Honor Rolls.

Report of S. S. No. 2, Artemesia, for January.

4th—L Gibson, E Beattie, P Teeter.

3rd sr—E Beattie, W Gibson, G Hill, J Flesher.

3rd jr—E Hill, F Gibson, H Pallister, J Gibson.

2 sr—A Milligan, H Stuart, W Foster.

2 jr—C Milligan, F Teeter.

Pt. 2nd sr—L Beattie, E Hill, E Gibson.

Pt. 2 jr—D Gibson.

1 sr—E Purvis, M Hill, H Baker, F Teeter.

1 jr—E Hill, E Wise.

Average attendance 25.

Report of S. S. No. 2, Holland & Euphrasia.

3rd jr—Howard Holley, Ethel Holley.

2 sr—J Moore, K Burrell, N Sample.

1 pt 2—M Coventry, E Sample.

1 pt 1—Cecil Montgomery, George Burrell, Millie Holley.

Margaret I. Ross, teacher.

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The Tenth Boy.

The man in the office was busy and over-burdened, and admitted that he needed help. It was suggested that boys were plentiful and that there would be only too many to apply for the place if his want was made known. But he promptly corrected that statement.

"Half boys are plenty; I need a whole one, and they are scarce." Then he laughed and explained: "The average boy starts in not with the purpose of seeing how well he can fill the place, but with the intention of learning as speedily as possible how much of himself he can keep out of it and still draw the pay.

"Oh, he's honest enough, as he sees it—that is most of them are—but he is interested in forty things outside, and not a bit interested in the work, except for the money he can get out of it. Consequently his services are not very valuable. I do not believe it is possible for anyone, man or boy, to do thoroughly and efficiently work in which he feels no interest beyond the compensation it will bring in dollars and cents. If he does not like the employment itself, he must at least find satisfaction in his mastery of it, and take pride in his own skill and reputation as a workman, or he cannot do it successfully. Only about one boy in every ten understands this, and he is the boy who stays, and who climbs."—Ex.

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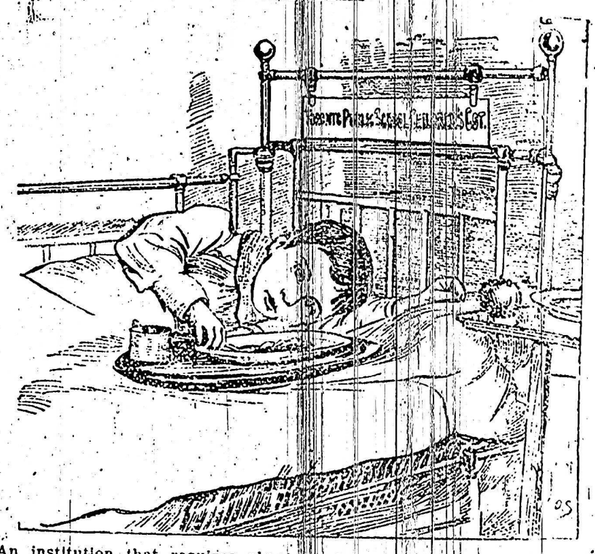
What The Hospital for Sick Children on College Street, Toronto, Has Done and Is Doing for the Little Sufferers of the Province of Ontario.



An institution that requires about $34,000 a year for maintenance, an institution that depends for support on the goodness of the generous people of the Province of Ontario, must needs have considerable faith in the love, affection and generosity of the people.

While the institution is located in Toronto its work is essentially provincial. It admits not only children from the city of Toronto but from every city, town, village and hamlet, yes, from every spot in the Province of Ontario.

So when you give—be your giving large or small—it goes for the benefit of every child of the province that is admitted and treated.

This statement is made because occasional reference is made to the Hospital as a Toronto institution for Toronto patients, whereas every sick child in Ontario has the same rights and privileges as those who live within the shadow of the great red pile on College street.

It costs about $34,000 per year, or a dollar per patient, per day, to maintain the Hospital. The Government of the province gives about $7,000 a year, or nearly eighteen cents per head, in other words, per patient per day. This amount is all expended in maintenance. The corporation of the City of Toronto does even more. It gives $7,500 per year or eighteen cents per head per day, and this too goes towards the maintenance, not only of Toronto patients, but for every patient in the Hospital, no matter from what part of the province the little one may come from. Yes, and this contribution of the corporation is increased by from $4,000 to $6,000 donated by citizens of Toronto for the maintenance of all patients, to say nothing of the $4,000 contributed yearly by Toronto people, the founders of maintained and named cots in the building.

During its lifetime the Hospital has handled 8,000 indoor patients and of these 4,000 were cured, and 2,700 were improved. Of these—and please note this—1,757 came from 1,205 places in Ontario and outside the city of Toronto.

Ten years ago the Hospital carried a heavy burden of debt. The building and its furnishings cost $150,000 and of this $20,000 was paid by the corporation of Toronto and $60,000 by its citizens. Year by year the debt has been reduced and it is now down to $13,000.

To clear the indebtedness this annual is made. Hospital work cannot be carried on without money. Interest or mortgages has to be paid. Annuitants, workers has to live. Nurses, doctors, officials are all human. They earn their wages whether they live in or out of the Hospital.

A hundred and twenty children per day—yes, in some months a hundred and forty—once it was a hundred and fifty—all these to look after and care for. Thirty nurses continually at work. A half-dozen maids with brooms and dusters; cooks and table maids to prepare the food and serve; clerks in the office who work like beavers, typewriters who tap the keys of their machines for hours a day, answering checks of letters, preparing accounts, watching every doing in the immense building on College street, that never closes night or day, and the year round—a force of two hundred people, small and large, a little army doing what they can for God's suffering little ones.

True, it is that some have to pay—yes, all who can afford it are expected to pay—but those who cannot pay and can produce the certificate of a clergyman or known ratepayer of the province to the effect that they are too poor to pay can have maintenance and treatment free of charge.

If all could pay there would be no need to appeal for money, but either 50 per cent. of the work is free work for the children of those who cannot afford to pay.

Fancy a great family of nearly one hundred and fifty sick children. Not sick little ones at your own home, therefore know something of the work, but when you visit Toronto drop in and see what they are doing to win back little ones from the grave.

It would only weary the reader to go on with more stories. This year a giant effort is being made to clear away the debt. Every dollar of this debt handicaps the Trustees. Every dollar sent in helps to lighten the load that is being carried.

If every reader would send but a dollar what a grand fund would be raised in a few weeks of time. Let every one who can spare a dollar, send it to Douglas Davidson, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Hospital, or to J. Ross Robertson, the Chairman of the Trust. And please send it in at once, for even the best of us are prone to forget our best intentions.

Contributions will be received at this office during this month, and in the first issue of The Standard in March a list of the names of contributors will be published.

County Council.

The House of Refuge Question Left over until the June Session—The valuation of several Municipalities Increased.

The County Council of the County of Grey met in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, on Tuesday the 28th inst. The members were all present at 2 o'clock, the statutory hour for meeting. The only change in the personnel of the council is Mr. Duncan McLean, who was elected by acclamation in December last to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ries, one of the representatives of Division No. 2.

The clerk took the chair and informed the council of Mr. McLean's election; and then called for nominations for the wardenship. There were only two nominations—Chas. McKinnon, Esq., of Durham, and George Watson, Esq., of Proton township.

On the first vote the election was decided, Mr. McKinnon having received ten votes and Mr. Watson six votes. Messrs. Gordon and McCollum, the mover and seconder of Mr. McKinnon, escorted the Warden-elect to the chair of the council, and formally introduced him to the council.

Mr. McKinnon addressed the council at some length, after which he subscribed his declaration of office and commenced the duties of Warden by calling upon the clerk to read the minutes of last day of November session.

A special committee comprised of Messrs. Allan, Pringle, McDonald, Gordon, McDonald and Doyle, was appointed to strike the standing committees for the year 1902, after which the council adjourned till 7 o'clock in the evening.

At 7 o'clock council resumed, and quite a number of doctors accounts were presented and read by the clerk, and were by the warden referred to the various standing committees. Concerning the award of the arbitrators in the matter of attaching a portion of the town of Owen Sound to the township of Sydenham; application of Dr. Robertson for a grant to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto; petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the village of Clarksburg to be erected into a police village; an account from the township of St. Vincent for a grant fund of an amount incurred in caring for a lunatic, $39.29; a similar account from the township of Collingwood for expenses in connection with a case of lunacy; annual statement of Electoral District Agricultural Society of East Grey; a letter from Jas. Gillespie in reference to his account for services as Deputy Returning Officer in division No. 8; a petition from a number of ratepayers of Durham asking for a hawkers and pedlars license for Hugh MacKay for 1902; application of Lt.-Col. Caughey of the 31st Regiment for a grant of $300 to purchase a stand of colors for the regiment, also for a grant of $200 to supplement the pay of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 31st Regiment while on duty; an account of W. A. Anderson, inspecting officer for division No. 3, $12.50; an account of MacKay & Sampson, $19.50, for services in connection with the arbitration between Owen Sound and Sydenham; an account for Euphrasia for $30.10, for refund of expenses in the case of a lunatic; a similar of a memorial from the county of Waterloo, re railway crossing; a copy of memorial from County of Kent, asking for an extention of the time for the importation of sugar machinery; notice of a by-law to confirm a deviation on town line of Proton and Normanby; several accounts for printing, and to county buildings, etc.

Judge Creasor was present and read a personal invitation to the council to a meeting to be held in the council chamber for the formation of a Historical Society, and on motion the Judge's invitation was accepted.

The special committee to strike standing committees presented their report which was adopted and engrossed in the minutes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The members were all present. The minutes of Tuesday were read and confirmed. The report of Andrew Grieve, school inspector for East Grey, was presented, a draft of a memorial to Dominion parliament for the appointment of a railway commission was referred to the Memorials committee; statement from Collegiate Institute, Owen Sound, for extra maintenance referred to the Education committee; application from Prisoners' Aid Association, of Toronto, for a grant; application from the Poultry Association for a $50 grant; application of Douglas J. McDonald to be appointed county student to the Ontario Agricultural College; account for building Hudson bridge, $621.17; a number of accounts for inspecting bridges, were presented and referred to the Road and Bridge committee.

Reports were presented from Finance committee, County Property committee