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THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Continued from last week.) FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the judicial audit committee was presented by Mr. Allan. It gave a statement of supplies for the county institutions secured by tender and otherwise, and recommended that in future all supplies should be tendered for and left to the lowest tenderer, especially in the item of clothing for the prisoners. It also recommended that any suits of clothing purchased for prisoners leaving the jail should be inexpensive as the committee feared that they were pawned after they had left the institution. The report was adopted.

On motion of Messrs. Allan and Willisroft Messrs. McKinnon and Watson were paid \$2 each for expenses in connection with their services on the special committee to investigate the accident on the bridge at Markdale.

SATURDAY.

The council met at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning to wind up the work of the session.

Mr. McKinnon presented report No. 3 of the road and bridge committee, which contained the following accounts: Township of Normanby, \$87.85; Charles Gordon, \$6; Charles McKinnon, 85 cents; and A. C. Paterson, \$3. It recommended that Charles Gordon have a railing put on the approaches of the bridge near Wright's mill at as early a date as possible. Adopted.

Mr. D. R. Preston presented the report of the special committee re Thornbury bridge. It stated that the authorities of the town had removed the covering of a rock elm from the bridge and put on a new covering of the same material three inches thick. They thought that the old covering was worth at least \$30 and that the county was entitled to 55 per cent of the amount. The report was adopted as read.

A motion was introduced to grant ten dollars to the chairman of each committee. This caused some discussion in which Mr. John W. Frost and Mr. Willisroft took important parts. The motion finally carried by a vote of 15 to 1, Mr. Willisroft being the dissenting member.

At this juncture the most interesting chapter of a dry session opened. Messrs. Allan and Totten moved that Mr. Preston take the chair. When this had been completed Mr. Gordon moved a motion, seconded by Mr. Frost "That the thanks of this council are hereby tendered to the warden for his efficient services during the year, and that \$100 be voted to him for the same." The motion was carried by a standing vote of the council. Warden McDonald, in reply, said that he was heartily thankful for the resolution of the council. He was thankful for the treatment he had received at the hands of its members during the year. He was afraid at first that he would have difficulty in the matter of procedure, but had found his work easy, owing to the hearty support of the members. He wished particularly to refer to the kindness of the clerk, who had assisted him very much. The county was fortunate in having a gentleman of Mr. Rutherford's ability for such an office. He was a most obliging official and he (the warden) could not conceive of a more efficient officer. He also expressed regret that Mr. Richardson was leaving the council.

Mr. M. Richardson asked for permission to speak at the conclusion of the warden's remarks, and permission was granted. He said: "The kind reference of the warden brings before my mind the fact that I am meeting you as a county councillor for the last time. As one of its oldest members I cannot help looking back to my first years of public service. It is twenty-nine years since I first met with the council here. At that time I was one of the youngest members. I was timid; was slow to speak or move a resolution, and it was not, in fact, till requested that I brought my first motion before the council. Then, as my memory carries me back we are all passing away. Mr. Geo. Jackson and Mr. Gardner have gone. Mr. Paterson, of Euphrasia, and J. H. Hunter, of Durham, have also passed away with many others. It was here that I met the late John Clark, whom everybody loved and honored. He too is gone. Three fourths of the members of the council have passed away. The years have slipped away rapidly. There were no railroads in the county then and all the members had to drive to the county town. On one occasion it took three days to reach home, and I vowed on the way that I would never return to the council again. When I reached home it was only to find that I had been returned by acclamation. The development has been great since then. The increase in wealth is enormous. Trade has increased and better roads have been built. In the old council there were many hard knocks, and I am glad there is more geniality among the members of to-day. I am making a

move to broader spheres and the move was largely brought about by my fellow councillors. Everywhere they received me with the utmost kindness and hospitality, and it has warmed my heart towards the county council more than ever before. When I met members who were not in line with my political views I knew that I would have honorable treatment. I do not expect to make the same attachment in the Dominion parliament. The county council years ago was sectional, that is, the members were constantly urging the claims of their own townships. Today they look after the interests of the entire county. There are some great questions with which the council will have to deal in future, and which have cropped up in the past. Some provisions will have to be made for the poor of the county, and I hope that the future councils will be able to grasp the problem intelligently and bring it to a successful issue. Another great question is the improvement of the roads and I hope that the county council will not let it die. The application of our statute labor must also still be a line of discussion. Mr. Ross has assured us that the legislature will spend \$1,000,000 on our roads where certain conditions were applied with, and I hope that you will avail yourselves of this opportunity to have some of the government money on inland improvements. Life is short, is real, and earnest too, and we should give our best efforts to bring the best results and make the county council more useful and powerful than ever in the past. With this I say goodbye till I visit the council again."

The farewell speech was received with loud applause. The council then adjourned after which the members rose and sang God Save the Queen.

TOP CLIFF.

It is high time we were awakening from the slumbers of negligence which we have been freely indulging in for the last couple of months. However, without making excuses, or asking pardon we shall proceed in giving such news as we can produce in the meantime.

Fine and beautiful weather during the last couple of weeks with an occasional shower of snow recently, but not enough to make the runners go. Those of us that were behind in fall ploughing were afforded opportunity to spur up the latter part of November and first week of December, and be equal to our go-ahead neighbors at the rear end of the year. The nineteenth century is drawing fast to a close and as a natural consequence Mr. Editor, we need not expect to see the closing of the twentieth, and how many there be that will not see the beginning of the twentieth although night at hand.

Married at the Presbyterian Manse Brandon, Manitoba, by the Rev. Mr. Henry, James Black Esq., Oak River, Manitoba, to Miss Mary Ann McLean, daughter of the late Hector McLean, south line, Glenelg. Miss McLean left the home of her birth in full faith of meeting her intended at the place and time appointed. Accordingly Mr. Black left his home having faith and confidence in meeting his future partner at the true place also. So being co-workers together by having faith and confidence in one another and acting on those principles they both were made happy by performing a future contract by way of unity, etc. In Miss McLean we can assure Mr. Black to have one who will always comply with the vows made by her at the altar and we have no doubt but Mr. Black will do likewise. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Black in this part extend to them congratulations wishing them a long, pleasant and prosperous journey in life together.

Mr. Gilbert McQueen and sister, of Stayner, attended Mrs. McPhail's funeral on the 7th inst.

Miss Laeson, of Varney, is the lucky lady for Top Cliff School for 1901 and we have no doubt but she will give, like her predecessor, Miss McCannel, good satisfaction.

The majority of the young men of this place are away timbering for the last few weeks.

The shooting season being about closed our woods and harmless creatures will be set at liberty again and will rejoice to know that the protecting powers of the land will keep them from fear of being slain by the merciless musket of the hunter.

Municipal matters are quiet so far. We have no doubt but what our representative here, Mr. McCannel, will contest again for 1901 and the probabilities are of his election being sure. Everybody is quiet now after the Dominion election, as one cannot discern between Grit and Tory, but nevertheless we have a mind of our own for a' that.

Mr. John McQueen, Durham Road, brought a pig to Durham the other day which weighed 703 lbs. being of pure Yorkshire breed.

Otto Konold finished thrashing on Friday last by John Black's steam thrasher.

Another young man made happy. Mr. Malcolm McInnis was united in marriage at Toronto a few weeks ago to Miss Tilly McCoskery, daughter of the late Francis McCoskery, near Rob Roy, Durham Road, Glenelg. Mr. and Mrs. McInnis are a happy looking young couple and their numerous young friends wish them much

pleasure and happiness on a long voyage in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McCannel and Mr. Alex. McCannel, of Port Elgin, attended their sister's funeral. Mrs. Neil McPhail, on Friday last and returned home again on Saturday.

Sunday last was bitter cold and reminds us of a frosty winter.

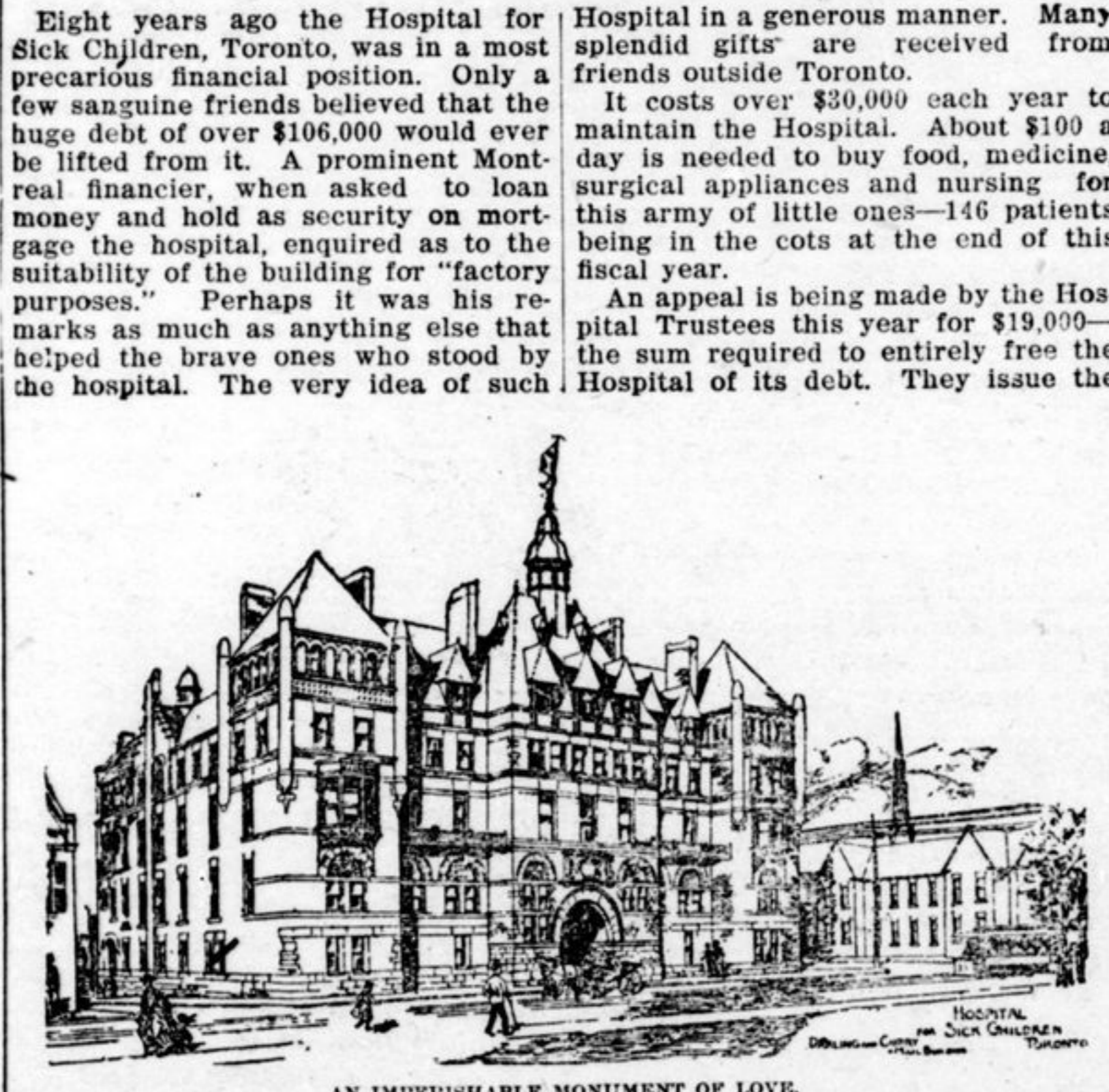
Again we are called upon to chronicle another death in our midst, Jane McCannel, relict of the late Neil McPhail, native of the isle of Islay, Argyllshire, Scotland, aged seventy-six years. Mrs. McPhail has been ailing for the last three months from a complication of diseases and although she had the best of treatment from her attending physician and from her dutiful daughter who watches her day and night during her sickness, yet the appointed time had come and nothing could stay the powerful hand of death. Mrs. McPhail was one of the oldest settlers on the South Line, Glenelg, coming here with her brother, the late Neil McCannel, fifty-one years ago. She was quite familiar with the hardships of pioneer life. Mrs. McPhail was a woman who possessed much patience and had the Christian Spirit at heart which only will stand the test at the hour of death. She leaves a large circle of friends beside her own 3 daughters there was only one able to be present at her death-bed, namely Christina, who was living at the old home and is now left lonely by the death of the beloved mother. The remains were interred in Smellie's cemetery on Friday, the 7th inst. and was one of the largest funerals seen for a long time. The Rev. Mr. Matheson, pastor of the deceased, preached an eloquent sermon from the 23rd Psalm.

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Eight years ago the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was in a most precarious financial position. Only a few sanguine friends believed that the huge debt of over \$106,000 would ever be lifted from it. A prominent Montreal financier, when asked to loan money and hold as security on mortgage the hospital, enquired as to the suitability of the building for "factory purposes." Perhaps it was his remarks as much as anything else that helped the brave ones who stood by the hospital. The very idea of such



AN IMPERISHABLE MONUMENT OF LOVE.

a possibility stirred the hearts and spurred the efforts of those to whom the Hospital work had become dear. Taking the responsibility of the load upon their own shoulders the trustees of the Sick Children's Hospital appealed to the generous hearts of a rich province—Ontario.

Here is a Hospital—they told it through the newspapers—which brows open its doors in answer to the cry of any sick child, a Hospital that has nursed and cured thousands of helpless and crippled children; a Hospital equipped as is no other institution of its kind in the world. Shall a charity so sweet and deserving be forced to close its doors by a mortgagee who thinks it might do for a mill?

That was eight years ago. Not before nor since has a single sick child been refused admission to the Hospital. A staff of doctors and a corps of trained nurses are there during the day and the long watches of the night—tenderly and skilfully caring for the little ones given into their care by fond, anxious parents. Little children are brought to the Hospital from the farthest points of the province. Every town and township has been represented during the past quarter century. The fame of its great healing power has been told in many a humble home—for during twenty-five years 40,000 sick children have been taken care of. Some of the little ones treated in those early days are strong, healthy men and women to-day.

Last year the Hospital roll numbered 5,776 patients. Some spent days and weeks in the cots at the Hospital. Others came for a few days, while many were brought to the doors of the Hospital in the arms of their mothers and received such medicine and advice as to speedily effect a cure in their own homes.

More than one-third of the little children admitted to the Hospital ward-come from places outside the city. The people in the province have helped the

VICKERS

Mr. H. W. Hunt was in Toronto lately mingling business with pleasure.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. John Milligan lost a valuable horse recently.

Mr. Wm. Grierson had the contract of repairing the bridge on Silver Creek, and has made a splendid job of it.

The Hunt family have moved across the road for the winter.

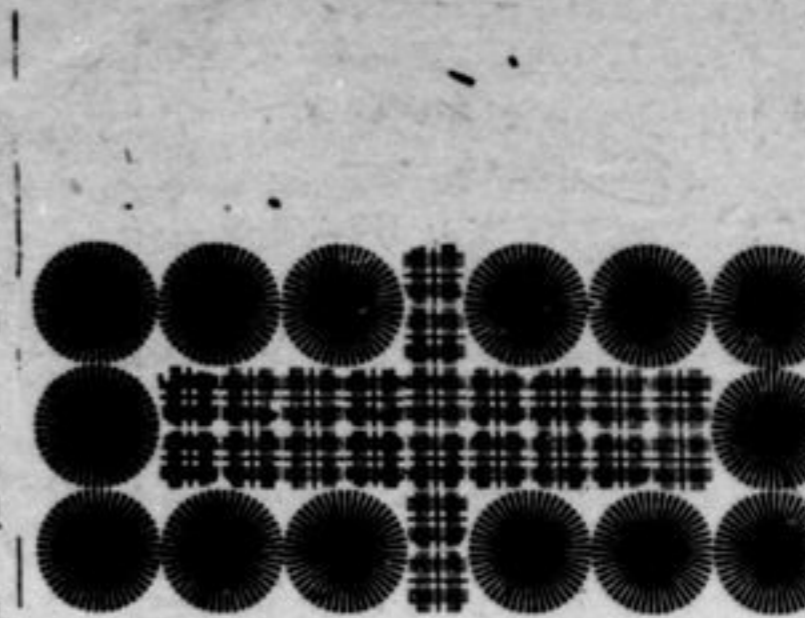
Mr. Chas. Lawrence is erecting a sheep pen. Mr. T. Morton and son are doing the framing. Charlie is one of our enterprising farmers.

Anniversary services were held in the church here on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Rev. Mr. Farquharson, of Durham, delivered a very appropriate sermon which was very much appreciated, the church being well filled.

On Monday evening a literary entertainment was held, when addresses by H. H. Miller, of Hanover, Rev. Wray Smith, of Durham, and Rev. D. Sharpe, pastor, were delivered. Miss Jessie Laidlaw is a general favorite here, as she was pronounced the star of the evening. Miss Rutledge, of Durham, also gave a couple of recitations in very good style. The Durham Methodist choir was also in attendance, and in their usual way rendered some fine selections. Proceeds amounted to about \$11.00.

NOW I FEEL REAL WELL.

Mr. W. H. La Blance, Bonfield, Ont., writes:— "I was once a sufferer from catarrh, and while using Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure I was recommended to use also Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to build up the system. My nerves were exhausted and I was too weak to do a days work when I began using it, and now am strong and healthy, and feel real well. I am perfectly sure that anyone who uses Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will believe as I do, that it is the best strengthener and restorative obtainable."



The Festive Season

Is again near at hand and with it the happy expectant faces of the Little Folk and the anxious thoughts of the older ones wondering what pleasant surprises each for one another may have. We have had an anxious time searching for the prettiest as well as the most useful articles to be found in the market and we feel that a look at our stock will soon convince you we have succeeded in no small degree.

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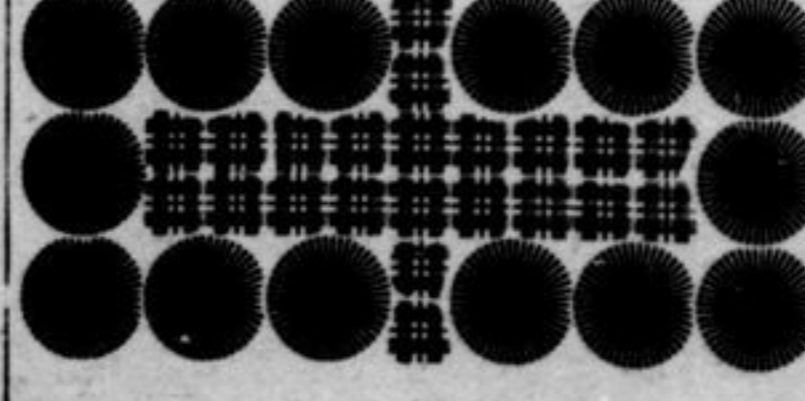
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