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WHY DIDN'T THEY SPEAK?

The following item which appears in one of our exchanges may explain why some of the new members of parliament are not heard from:

"Before the House rose Mr. McLaren, of Huntingdon, one of the new Liberal members of the House, rose to explain why he and so many other new members had been so silent during the session. He had kept track of the speeches delivered during the session, and the speakers. Fifty-five Opposition members had talked and 29 Government members, exclusive of Ministers. There had been 525 Opposition speeches and 226 Government speeches. One member of the House has been on his feet 94 times and another 57 times. He had counted no speech of less than five minutes. One Opposition member had made 46 speeches, another 42, another 40; others 39, 31, 30 and 25. On the Government side no one spoke often than 12 times. Mr. McLaren went on to say that if the old members hadn't been so loquacious the new members would have said more, and if the old members weren't so quick to rise the new members might have had a better show."

Just think! 751 speeches in all, and of these one member made 94. Is it any wonder in the face of such circumstances that an intelligent man would keep his seat in silence, while the chattering windbags were letting off gas and saying nothing. We have no doubt there are men in this constituency, who, if elected, would have made half-a-dozen speeches, even if they didn't have anything to say. Our present member, however, isn't so gushing but as we said before in these columns he's laying by a store of information which when properly formulated, will come with telling effect some day. Mr. Richardson is not the man to speak without having something to say, nor is it his style to give a re-hash of what others say and call that a speech. Mr. Richardson is a gentleman of no mean ability, and his reserve and modesty now will give him added force when he sets out as a parliamentary debater. We have no fear of the way he exercised his judgment in voting, and fully believe he earned his sessional indemnity just as well as members who spoke ninety-four times.

The health of Mrs. McKinley, wife of President McKinley, is in a very critical condition, and her recovery is hardly expected.

The Court of Revision met on Friday evening last. Only two appeals were made, in fact only one, viz., Mr. George Ryan, of the Central Hotel, had a right for consideration, being the only one filed in accordance with instructions on the schedule. Mayor Calder, however, appealed against the increase of \$1700 made on his assessment and the Court by making a reduction recognized his claim. Mr. Calder is not willing to accept the decision of the Court and will probably appeal to the judge for a further reduction. There was a general increase in the last assessments, but Mr. Calder claims that his is abnormally large.

We do not intend to champion the cause of Mr. Calder, but on this question of assessment, we must express our conviction that there is something radically wrong, in clapping on a heavy tax on men who are spending a great deal of money in building up the town by such improvements as have been made during the past few years by Messrs. McIntyre, McKechnie, McLachlan, Calder and others. To us it seems an injustice to make such men bear the burden, and leave the unimproved property as low as it is in many cases. We know perfectly well that persons owning vacant lots will look askance at us for giving expression to such ideas, but however they feel in the matter doesn't alter our opinion, that leniency should be shown, if shown at all, to those who spend their money for general improvement. The first class buildings should not go to their full value unless the unimproved property and tenement shacks be assessed on the basis of rents paid or rents demanded.

With regard to rents, we shall say a word, and though not very favorable to some of those who have houses for the purpose of renting what we say is the plain truth. Some are actually going crazy, because there's a likelihood of two or three families moving to town and actuated by greed the rents must go up. Five or six, or even ten or fifteen dollars a month may not be too much for some to pay, but we hold they should get value for what they pay, and we know they do not. Going back then to the question of assessment, why not, instead of putting in some of these uninhabitable barns at two or three hundred dollars, put on a valuation on the owner's estimation of the rent value. If a place worth a thousand dollars rents for say eight dollars, why shouldn't the three hundred dollar shack, for which the owner gets eight dollars a month pay as much or more revenue to the town as the better class of dwelling? There's a wrong somewhere, and with greed on the part of the owner and leniency on the part of the Council, or the part of the assessor the evil is sure to continue.

ABOUT THE DOUKHOBORS.

(Belleville "Ontario.")

Mr. J. J. Haslett, a former well-known resident of this city, now a Dominion Immigration agent in London, and who is at present in the city visiting friends, gives the following interesting information and advice in regard to immigration:

To the Editor of The Ontario, Sir:—Having read through the columns of The Toronto Globe the very interesting debates over the Immigration policy of the Dominion Government, more particularly the part relating to the Doukhobors and Galicians, I will be kindly allow me, make a few remarks relating to these people, and having been engaged for the last fourteen years promoting immigration, I trust that I may be allowed to say that I have some knowledge of the subject. I notice some of the debaters in the House of Commons reflect on the morals of these people. Now for my part of observation I think this a very curious and unwise reflection. It is true these people have a different way of proving their religious belief from what we are accustomed to in Canada, but we must bear in mind we are dealing with a country where religion as long as religious laws made by them are strictly adhered to, I can see nothing to fear from their customs. They are physically a splendid people, and have no religious bias, hence they, like the Menonites of Southern Russia who were settled by the late Government in Southern Manitoba, will prove to be splendid settlers. Mr. McCreary, the member for Selkirk, knows much better than any other member of the House as to their fitness, and I most heartily agree with his remarks as to their qualifications as settlers.

I think if we can bring people of an Anglo-Saxon race, who are physically sound, although comparatively speaking, poor, no better class can be found to act as pioneers. Some writers appear to be shocked because the women work in the fields, but one has only to refer back to the pioneers of eastern Canada to find that nearly always the poor pioneer had to depend on the assistance of his wife in order to enable him to surmount the difficulties of clearing his lands from the timber. What Canada wants is population in her rural districts, and every encouragement and assistance should be most heartily rendered by the people of Canada towards the present Government, who are striving to do this. South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America are putting forth strenuous efforts in order to people their waste lands, and Canada should put even more energy than is at present set forth by larger appropriations of money toward the object, and this policy carried on until our population is double what it is at present. I will venture to say that very little would then be required to induce people to this country. We have been for so many years contending with our great neighbor, whose larger population has drawn to her the great bulk of immigration from Europe for the simple reason that whereas for one letter written from Canada describing her possibilities, fifty were written from the United States so that we have been almost like a small retail house trying to do business against a large wholesale establishment. Now conditions are different. The United States have, practically speaking, no lands to offer to intending settlers, whereas we have hundreds of millions of acres open to settlement, therefore as I said before, we can't do too much towards peopling these waste lands. Now it has often been quoted that every actual working settler is a source of revenue to the country of at least \$500 and some say \$1000 per year, and in that case if it costs say \$100 per family to bring about the above result every one is receiving the above revenue at very small cost to the country. The immigration returns of the United States show last year an immigration return of 217,000 or thereabouts, but they were not of the agricultural class, the greater part being returning people of different nationalities of previous immigration who go home periodically to Europe, and as the immigration laws of the United States make it compulsory for people travelling steerage to be classified as immigrants the above numbers is easily accounted for. I will conclude by saying that I think every encouragement should be given to the Government for their splendid efforts towards the peopling of our great waste lands and no man is carrying this policy out stronger than the present Minister of the Interior and his able staff of agents. I remain yours,

J. J. HASLETT, Belleville.

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DOIWEISM ON THE DECLINE.

The Chicago Inter Ocean says:—"Surrounded by more than a dozen of the disciples of John Alexander Dowie, who prayed and chanted hymns at the bedside, Mrs. H. W. Judd, wife of the land superintendent of Zion, died with her unborn child at No. 221 West Sixty Street Sunday afternoon. In the group of praying men and women there was no physician. Mrs. Judd died of an ailment that proper medical treatment could have cured, a victim of her faith in Dowie and his creed. With her went out the life of a babe that would have seen the light of day in a brief period. A doctor been called. The circumstances of the death have called forth an investigation by the police and a searching inquiry by the coroner. A post-mortem examination by the county physician has already been made, and his opinion is on record that death was due to negligence. Before Mrs. Judd's death, Dowie visited her and prayed, and performed other rites peculiar to Zion. Mrs. Judd was noted for her beauty, and was of robust health. She was the mother of three children. She became ill on Friday night. A trained nurse in complete relief of such cases but only a disciple of Dowie and the husband were in the house. All day Saturday Mrs. Judd suffered, slowly but surely bleeding death. The elders of Zion and many women came and prayed for her. The head of the institution came with Overseer Spiecher, and their supplicatory prayers, as little as the others. A brother of the dying woman begged that a physician be called, but Mr. Judd, backed by the praying band, refused the request. After hours of agonizing pain came the end. Dowie's followers laid plans to keep the matter secret. An undertaker was found, who took the corpse away in the night, and the people in the house refused to have anything to do with the matter. But after the undertaker had prepared the body for burial, he awoke to the fact that he was taking part in a punishable offence, so he notified the coroner and the matter came within the pale of the law. The neighbors in the vicinity of Mrs. Judd's home were so incensed at the action of Dowie that they threatened to burn him. Recent defections of prominent elders of

Zion tabernacle and the sudden death of Mrs. Judd, have caused a panic among Dowie's disciples. It is noticeable that the followers of Dowie are not very aggressive at present, and there is no doubt a few years will see the finish of this misguided sect. Some of Dowie's followers in Chicago repudiated him recently because he claimed to have in his possession the seal of God mentioned in Rev. VII-3, and said he was the fifth angel mentioned in the same chapter.

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COMBINE IN WAGGON TRADE

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The Canadian Implement Trade, a trade journal of Toronto, prints the following:

The manufacturers of farm wagons met in Toronto last month, and it is reported decided upon an agreement to combine on prices to dealers and agents, to stop advertising of every kind, to dictate credits, and passed regulations making a fairly strong and firm combination. To his credit, one manufacturer refused to submit to dictation and stepped out.

It might be well for the farm wagon manufacturers, the dealers in farm wagons, and the general public to reflect upon the action just taken. The result of this combination will work an important change in the trade, and may go so far as to revolutionize it. It will at once make the close cash buyer pay for the slow buyers' time, and will produce other features objectionable to the general public which in the United States have become a grave burden, and which are already being felt on this side of the line.

But the wagon-makers themselves might well consider where their action will end before adopting all the clauses of the agreement. Upon the statute books of the Dominion there are regulations which touch with no light hand on combinations of this kind. These regulations were placed there for the purpose of preventing the kind of agreement which has just been made.

"Whenever the Governor-in-Council," the regulations read "has reason to believe that there exists any trust, combination, association, or agreement of any kind among manufacturers to unduly enhance the price of any article, or in any other way to unduly promote the advantage of the manufacturer or dealers at the expense of the consumers," the Governor-General in Council shall order an investigation.

If the judge reports that such disadvantage to the consumer is facilitated by the duties or customs when imported, then the Governor-General-in-Council shall place such article on the free list, or so reduce the duty on it as to give to the public the benefit of reasonable competition in such articles.

When applied to the case in point, this particular clause in the tariff laws means that as soon as notice is brought to the Government of the agreement of the wagon-makers, the Government is bound to remove the duty on wagons. Is that what the wagon-makers desire? Do they wish to enter into competition with the large companies in the United States? They know full well that the removal of the duty would mean perhaps death to them and certainly great disaster. They cannot compete with the firms across the line, and they do not wish to try. That being the case, they should look over again the agreement made last month.

The Government lately decided to investigate the "Paper Combine," so-called, and the move of the farm wagon-makers is along similar lines.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Table with columns for date, temperature (Max, Min), and wind direction. Includes rainfall for the week and general direction of wind.

VANDELEUR

Miss Mina Graham arrived home from British Columbia last Wednesday. She has been working too hard and has come home for a month or so of rest.

Mr. Allen McLean, of Glenelg, was the guest of Mr. G. Warling and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Richardson, of Chatsworth, arrived here on Saturday last to visit her brother, James Warling, who is on the sick list.

Mrs. Carson, of Priceville, is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert, for a few weeks.

Mr. John Blain, another of the early pioneers, passed away to the spirit land on the 23rd of May, after a short sickness with inflammation of the lungs. The rains that we have been having lately hindered root planting.

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