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THE WHIG, 76th YEAR

DAILY BRITISH WHIG, published at 306-310 King Street, Kingston, Ontario, at \$6 per year. Editions at 2:30 and 4 o'clock p.m.

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Daily Whig.

A TRIBUTE TO LAURIER.

The National Review has printed an appreciation of the life and services of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by J. Castoll Hopkins, who has written various works, but is best known as the compiler of the Annual Review of Current Events. Mr. Hopkins was originally a newspaper writer. The editor may feel at times inclined to criticize his leaders, but when he does it he invites attack, or his candid reflections are copied by the opposition press and used as "ammunition" against his party.

Mr. Hopkins did not pose as an independent while on the staff of the Mail—that paper does not encourage anything like political scepticism—but when he withdrew from the party press the judicial spirit took possession of him, and his reviews have been markedly fair and impartial. This article in the National Review, (an English magazine), is about as concise and correct a summary as one can write of a political life that has developed rapidly and has shown the fruits of ripened judgment.

It is assumed that for the present, and while the premier's figure is yet the most conspicuous in parliament, or "while his views come so near the Canadian," more direct comment cannot be made. "Whether," says Mr. Hopkins, "he has done all that could or should have been done, in paths hewn out by the power of oratory, must be left to the retrospect of history, to the attitudes of a wider and older and higher period. Some facts have been given, and many more might be adduced upon both sides of the question, but there is only space to add that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been a great Canadian in the sense of personality and oratory and idealism, a great politician in tact and forcefulness and knowledge of the people, a great leader in his faculty of winning and holding opposing elements in harmonious action."

THE COST OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education has been constituted for another year, by the re-election of five of the old members, all experienced in the service, the return of an ex-member and ex-chairman, and the selection of one new member whose standing in the community warrants the assumption that he will be a valuable acquisition. The interest in school matters is not usually of the liveliest character. Somehow there is not great eagerness, on the side of representative men, to secure places on the Board of Education, and this is remarkable, seeing that it has to do with most important interests, and that it has control of a large proportion of the civic revenues. Under the circumstances it is fortunate that the elect of the people are generally so devoted to the tasks that are committed to them.

The new board will face questions that will try its judgment. Several issues, arising late in this year, will have to be dealt with. They require early action, and by a strange and unaccountable change in the school law they will have to go over until the meeting of the new board in February. What the Education department means by thus deferring the date of organization is not apparent. The old law permitted of the first meeting as soon as the council had appointed its representatives, on the second Monday in January. This was late enough, and practically left the schools without any government for the first half of January. Now they will be left without supervision for more than a month, and every emergency must be dealt with in a tentative and irregular manner. Whoever inspired the change in the law was certainly "loaded up the wrong way," to quote a popular phrase.

The burdens of education are increasing. Education is recognized as the one thing which should be maintained efficiently and at reasonable cost. The amount devoted to it in Kingston has been gradually rising, until now it is of imposing dimensions. Nor is there reason to expect that retrenchment can be practiced. On the contrary, there are contingencies which point to a greater expenditure. The salaries of the teaching staff have been rising. The demands are urgent for a further advance. The erection of a gymnasium involves the appointment of instructors. The frequent reports of over-attendance in certain classes suggests the erection of an addition to the institute.

Upon the policy of the government with regard to model schools, to be

defined at the ensuing session of the legislature, may require the building of special accommodation for one of these schools, and its necessary equipment. The public schools are crowded, and there is a call for more room at either Rideau or Victoria schools. All of which points to a year of great activity on the part of the Board of Education, and it is hoped it will be equal to the service which will be put upon it.

INCIDENT AT THE POLLS.

It is not to the discredit of any men that they are active members of any body to which they belong. The incident at one of the polling booths on Monday only brings out the more clearly certain characteristics of representative citizens. The mayor and two of his colleagues were accused of controlling or dominating the council. This was certainly a severe reflection on the other members of the civic body, all of whom would resent the imputation that they were petty or wretched men.

The mayor is the presiding officer of the council. It is his function to preserve order and decorum while it is in session. He cannot dictate to any one. He cannot command obedience. He can offer advice, but it is for the council to accept or reject this as it pleases. Any alderman may lead in debate according to his experience and wisdom. He cannot pose as a dictator, and there has never been "boss rule" in this city, or anything that can be compared with it. The men whom the people elect to manage their business may, in the opinion of certain persons, but they are exercising their judgment as they think best, and it is for the majority of the taxpayers to approve or disapprove of their conduct in due season.

The incident referred to had its origin, it is assumed, in the action of the council on the license question. The finance committee did not act on a petition that was referred to its consideration, and the Whig has all along contended that there should have been a reference of the question to the people. But the Whig does not charge the finance committee with doing a wicked thing. The council has not hesitated to reject or amend committee reports, as the circumstances suggested, and it could have amended the report of the finance committee on the license question had it been so disposed.

This being the case the position of any member of the finance committee is of small account. His view became the view of the council, and its majority assumed the entire responsibility for its action. It is reported that the activity of any member of the council is not to his discredit. It would be remarkable if those who have been for many years in civic life, and have been in the mayor's chair, were not forceful in manager and yet able to serve the people faithfully and well.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The American suffragettes have been appalled by the cowardice of their sisters in England who allowed themselves to be snowballed into a stampede. It was an awful surrender.

Patten, of Chicago, was the wheat king for a season, and had his picture in the papers: He will not be the corn king, as the market is now going, and will be a wiser if not a richer man in consequence.

Saskatchewan supports the federal government in its Canadian naval scheme. The attempt of the opposition to fetter the government at Ottawa by giving it advice of the Roblin-Rogers stamp was frustrated by Premier Scott.

What is to be gained by the conservative leaders in Manitoba and Saskatchewan moving resolutions, and making speeches which do not harmonize with the speeches of the federal leaders? Is the plot developing for the removal of Mr. Borden from the leadership?

The local government will deal directly with British associations in the hope of securing a supply of farm labourers in Ontario. The demand of the hour with the farm hands, as with the city help, is shorter hours and bigger pay. Can Sir James Whitney promise these?

The New York Herald is making the most of the Scott case. The young man, a graduate of Toronto's School of Applied Science has certainly been used badly in Saxony, and some blundering officials, in expelling him, will have to make atonement. It's a real Canadian international case.

The Press Association of Canada is to be credited with the proposed change of law dealing with the combines. The association had an experience in breaking up the paper combine, and made that case an object lesson that has at last converted the government on certain points.

WHAT TOOK PLACE

REV. T. E. BURKE GIVES HIS VERDICT.

The Discussion Was Friendly and Scenelless—Aldermen Were Belled by Street Gossip—Laughed When Facts Became Known.

Kingston, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor)—In the Whig, of this evening, there is an article bearing the title "Rideau Ward Scene," which is not fair to me, and if allowed to pass unchallenged may give some a wrong impression of what actually took place. Not what are the facts? About half a dozen were in the nomination room. Mr. Polson made a remark about the few present, and deplored the general lack of interest on the part of the Canadian people in municipal nominations, and called attention to the fact that he had seen in the paper that up to last Friday not a man had offered to run in Belleville. His remarks had no reference to Kingston in particular, but the country in general. Addressing myself to Mr. Polson, I asked him if he did not think that such lack of interest was due to the fact that cliques and corners and parties seem to be running things and aggrandizing men objected to bucking up against cliques, and refused to run Alderman Clugston, thinking that what I said had special reference to Kingston, and that I had insinuated that there were no honest men in the council, said that he was just as honest as I was, and that he sat at the Kingston Council. As soon as he understood what I really did say, and what Mr. Polson and myself were talking about that alderman took back what he had said in haste.

Then Alderman Elliott, speaking of Kingston council, in particular, said that the remarks that things were run by cliques did not apply to Kingston, for he was in a position to know that the business was done in an open and above board manner. To this remark of Alderman Elliott, I replied that if what he said about Kingston was a fact, and I was not in a position to state the contrary, both he and Alderman Carson were much belied men, for I had heard it at almost every corner that they ran the council, and that even his worship the mayor was their tool.

Alderman Carson came in while the conversation was taking place and became a little ruffled at the remark that Kingston council was run by cliques, and he asked who said so, and some one told him that I said so, but when he learned exactly what I did say, right before all present he replied that if what he said about Kingston was a fact, and I was not in a position to state the contrary, both he and Alderman Carson were much belied men, for I had heard it at almost every corner that they ran the council, and that even his worship the mayor was their tool.

The debate continued considerably over an hour, and I cannot recall all that was said, but the above is a fair summary of it. There was no scene; everybody concerned parted good friends. There was an interesting conversation and at times a bit lively, but when men came to understand what had been said, and not what some other person thought had been said there was agreement and a hearty laugh on the part of all concerned.—T. E. Burke.

Before reading this letter I read it over to Mr. Polson and his worship the mayor, and they declare the above to be a fair summary of what took place.—T. E. B.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Township of Oso.

For reeve—Jerome Thomson, Robert McVeigh.

For councillors—Levi Glass, Jacob Cobb, Robert McVeigh, Antoine Quigley, George P. Butler, A. W. Buell, David Dods.

Township of Sheffield.

The last year's reeve and councilors were re-elected:

Reeve—Smith Gilmour.
Councillors—James Edmund Harrison, George Black, John Sullivan, Melville C. McKim.

Wolfe Island Township.

For reeve—William Fawcett and John Spoor.

For councillors—George Gillespie, Joseph Greenwood, John Flynn, Thomas Fawcett, William Allum, Grant Grimshaw, George Furner.

Bedford Township.

For reeve—John A. Kennedy (acclamation).

For councillors—William Lee, Joseph Jean, L. E. Bateman, Thomas McEichol, Thomas Burns, James Fitz Nichols, Justis Jones, Charles Thompson, John Tolin.

Pittsburg Township.

For reeve—D. D. Rogers, James Gordon, Thos. W. Spence, Daniel McLean.

For councillors—James H. Garrett, H. G. Graves, James D. Baxte, R. B. Donaldson, John Bennett, Michael Shortell.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Spence have resigned, and the contest for the reeve-ship will be between Mr. McLean and Mr. Gordon. Mr. Baxter and Mr. Donaldson, nominated as councillors, have since resigned. This leaves the councillors elected by acclamation.

To Complete Arrangements.

There will be a meeting in the club rooms at the Royal rink, at eight o'clock this evening, to complete arrangements for the new Kingston Amateur Hockey League. Five or six teams are expected to enter in the senior series, and the teams will all be fast ones. The Royals, R.C.H.A., Collegiates and Wormwith's have already signified their intention of entering. All teams desiring to enter should have representatives at this meeting, as final arrangements will be made, if possible.

A lot of people express opinions that might better have been shipped by freight, or not at all.

BOY SHOOT'S CHUM.

Fatally While Rabbit Hunting Near Chatham.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 28.—John Miller, aged twelve, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion named Norton, while hunting rabbits in Harwich. Young Norton tried to stop the flow of blood and then ran swiftly for help, but on his return Miller was dead.

Sermons From Shakespeare.

A series of "Sermons from Shakespeare" will be run weekly in Saturday's Whig, commencing, however, on Friday, December 31st, owing to Saturday, January 1st, being a holiday. The writer of the sermons is an author or whose books are well known in England, United States and Canada. He has had several published and favorably received in all three countries. He has been a student of Shakespeare's dramas and poems for more than twenty-five years, during ten of which he taught the plays in leading educational institutions. He is a well-known lecturer on various subjects, and particularly excels as an interpreter of the Elizabethan drama. In these sermons he is giving the results of long years of thought, study and teaching. He speaks from knowledge. He brings to his work reverence for the master he is interpreting, and approaches the texts selected with the enthusiasm and sincerity that every clergyman should show towards scriptural passages.

The Cold Hand.

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At The Post Office.

The post office inside and outside staffs are still up to the eyes in work. The Christmas day mail was a record breaker, being twenty-five per cent. greater than that of a year ago. Then came Sunday's mail, so that on Monday the carriers had a double load. However, the office is pretty well cleared of parcels. If the inspector of post offices could have seen the mail-packed office, he would hurry along the new wing that has been promised. The local office must have more space for its staff to do their work.

Dug Grave, But Man Alive.

A Marysville, Tyendinaga, despatch says:—"The friends of Martin Doyle, of Buffalo, formerly of this place received a message of his death. They dug the grave and met the train for a couple of days when they got another despatch that he was still alive and likely to recover."

A Great Sale.

For the balance of the year. Pruce, Brock street, has greatly reduced prices in the order and ready-made clothing department, also in gents' furnishings. Stock is well assorted with new goods.

Prize Winner at T.C.S.

Master "Ted" Rogers, University avenue, is the winner of the general proficiency prize in form II at Trinity College school. As he has been at Port Hope only since September, he deserves great credit, and his old and young friends are much pleased.

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- Ladies' Hockey Boots, fleece lined, Special \$2.00
- Ladies' Lightning Hitch \$2.50
- All kinds Men's Hockey Boots \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
- Lightning Hitch Hockey Boots, with steel toes .. \$3.50 and \$4.50

Everybody should get in the game.

ABERNETHY'S

NEWS OF WELLINGTON.

The Laymen's Banquet—Home For The Holidays.

Wellington, Dec. 27.—The Laymen's Banquet, held in the Methodist church, on Wednesday night last, was well attended. The supper was elegant, the ladies in attendance made everything very pleasant for the occasion. The addresses given by Mr. Pringle, of Belleville C. W. Burr, of Bloomfield and the missionary from China were very instructive.

J. Y. Garfield is on the sick list. W. A. Rockwell has sold his furniture business to Dunsuir Ainsworth. Mrs. Striker, visiting her niece, Mrs. J. S. Hill, Detroit, returned home on Saturday last.

E. McMahon has sold his butcher business to Mr. McQuoid. Rev. Mr. Depencier, of St. Andrew's church will be removed to Oshawa. The Rev. gentleman will be greatly missed in this village. He was a gentleman highly respected by both young and old. Mr. Johnson, of Albert College, Belleville, will occupy the Methodist pulpit next Sunday morning and evening, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Hornick. Mrs. Clarence E. Abernethy, of Belleville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clark last week. Prof. Kenneth Beech, of Albert College, Belleville, spent a couple of weeks with his mother here. Capt. McDonald has purchased Walter Gladsey's residence on West street.

Miss Ethel Teskey is spending the holidays with friends in Toronto. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Howick are spending their holidays in Barrie and Toronto. Miss Blanch Herrington, is home from Toronto. Ross Platt, of Toronto, is home for his holidays. Arthur Nixon, of Toronto is with his parents. Verie McDonald and Prof. Kenneth Beech, of Belleville are spending their holidays in their homes here. Miss Lenella Broad is home from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith spent the holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents.

George E. Elliott has been appointed excise man at the inland revenue office, Peterboro.

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