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TO THE ENGLISH METHOD OF SPELLING.

Sir A. B. Aylesworth Deplores Abbreviations—Canadians Too Ready to Adopt American Words.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—"We Canadians should adhere to the English method of spelling, rather than that adopted in the United States. I do not desire to take up the time of this house with trifles, but this matter, in my opinion, is not trifling. There is a thing the spelling of words by dropping the spelling of words by dropping out letters. The good, old, well-established English spelling should be maintained."

So spoke Sir Aylesworth in submitting an unexpected amendment to a private bill in the house of commons tonight. Mr. Carvell was the promoter of a measure to incorporate "the Saskatchewan & Hudson Bay Railway Company, and submitted its second reading. Thereupon the minister of justice advanced his amendment to change the name to "Hudson's Bay Railway Company," and incidentally aligned himself with the English spelling wing in the controversy which, it will be remembered, centered in the provincial education department some months ago.

Sir Alan alluded to the fact that the "good old English spelling" was "Hudson's Bay," while the United States had adopted and amended the term in "Hudson River." He deplored the general tendency to follow American forms of spelling. "It is," said he "the English language that we speak, and we look to England for our standards of orthography and geography. I believe that we in the Canadian parliament in all our official writings, do well to maintain that standard, whatever the newspapers or other people may see fit to do."

The suggestion of the minister of justice was unanimously adopted, and the bill in question amended accordingly. The house spent the whole afternoon and evening in supply, dealing with the estimates for heating and lighting the public buildings at Ottawa. The military public works estimates stand over again at the request of Sir Frederick Borden, who is desirous of submitting his plans and data to the house.

CAMPAIGN FOR MONEY

Will be Conducted by Y.M.C.A. Next Week.

The board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. met on Tuesday evening, for their regular monthly meeting.

After routine business was dispensed with, the board took up the question of the financial campaign, to be carried out next week. The board discussed, for some time, as to whether it should present the claims of the association to the public every year, or go once in three years, as was done in 1908. After hearing from Mr. Hopkins, the provincial held secretary, of the experiences of other places, operating under the three-year plan, it was decided that the old plan of one year should be adopted. It was found that the public were not sufficiently enlightened from time to time, on account of the three-year presentation, and it was more desirable that they be brought into closer touch with things, which could be accomplished by going to the public each year.

The sum found to be required this year is \$3,500. This amount is absolutely necessary on account of the growing needs of the different departments of the work. In order that the work of the association may not be curtailed, but enlarged according to the present demands, the public generally should seriously consider the appeal to them the coming week.

On Sunday next, the association will occupy most of the city pulpits for one service. They will be filled by the best men the association can bring here. The idea is to put before the public, in as simple a form as possible, the work being done by the Y.M.C.A., and its needs for the present year. No subscriptions or collections will be asked for at any of these services. A full programme of these services will be announced shortly. The regular Y.M.C.A. monthly paper will be given out at the different churches, which is an exceedingly interesting number this month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Mayor Graham Writes Concerning His Action.

Kingston, Feb. 8.—(To the Editor): In your columns of yesterday, you state I admit I was in error in interfering and ordering out the road grader on Saturday last. I want to say there was no misunderstanding on my part. In my conversation with the city engineer, yesterday morning, I stated to him, if I had known he had ordered the work done and he could assure me the dangerous parts on Princess street would be removed that afternoon, I would not have ordered out the road grader. I, as mayor of the city, have a perfect right to interfere with any department that I consider is not doing its duty, as I am a member of every committee of the different civic departments. I had no desire to override the chairman of the board of works or the city engineer, as I did my best to get in communication with them before taking the stand I did. My sole aim is to serve the city to the best of my ability, and if similar circumstances occur and the negligent department does not at once take action, I shall protect the city's interest, no matter what course I may have to take, and trust to my colleagues to endorse my action.—Yours, etc., C. J. GRAHAM.

The statement credited to the mayor, in yesterday's issue is practically the same as his worship now writes.

The largest and best library in the city. Life membership \$1.00. Special rate good only until Tuesday, Feb. 14th.

George McConville, Barrie street, left to-day, for Scranton, Pa., on a visit to relatives.

"Boy shaving soaps" at Gibson's.

ST. ANN'S CONVENT BURNED AT MONTREAL.

There Were 200 Children in the Place—All Got Safely Out—The Flames Quickly Devoured the Building.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—The immense five-story St. Ann's convent and school in the north end of the city was totally destroyed by fire, which broke out shortly before noon to-day. So swift was the rush of the flames that by noon the whole building was a roaring furnace, and the firemen were powerless to save any part of it.

There were two hundred children in the building when the fire broke out, and a panic was narrowly averted. The Brothers in charge succeeded in getting all the children out safely. Two firemen were badly injured by a falling wall. At one o'clock the fire was still burning fiercely.

IS SURE TO PASS.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 8.—While here yesterday, talking to the Congregational Club, Hon. Mackenzie King, Canadian minister of labor, said he was positive the reciprocity bill would go through the House of Commons as a government measure without amendment, and the Canadian cabinet also believed the agreement would pass congress.

LOOK FOR BRIGHT YEAR

For Work in Christian Endeavor Union.

The executive of the local union of Christian Endeavor met in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, last evening, and discussed business pertaining to the union. H. W. Newman was chosen as delegate to represent the executive at the convention in Toronto, on Feb. 15th.

The order of competing for the banner was also changed and hereafter the society having the highest percentage of attendance at their bi-weekly consecration meetings combined with the attendance at the rally will be awarded the banner. The organization of several new societies was discussed and everything looks bright for a year of good work.

IN BRITISH COMMONS

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN MOVES AN AMENDMENT

To the Address on the Fiscal Question—London Times Says Canada Has Been Drawing Apart From United States.

London, Feb. 8.—In the House of Commons notice was given last night of an opposition amendment to the address on the fiscal question, which Austen Chamberlain moves to-morrow. It is as follows: "This house expresses regret at the persistent refusal of his majesty's government to modify the fiscal system of this country, imperilling advantages at present derived by British commerce from preference granted by the dominions overseas, and which has deferred the commercial union of the empire and deprived the country of its most effective method of inducing foreign countries to grant fair terms to British manufactures. The debate has been arranged to extend over two nights and the division will be taken on Thursday."

The London Times says Canada for years has been drawing apart from the United States, not nearer. The present position is due partly to the latter's growth of population and exhaustion of her natural resources, but the United States does not throw down barriers for nothing. The whole affair is a specimen of fiscal bargains such as Canada has already accomplished with France and Germany, but more significant.

Harcourt on Reciprocity.

London, Feb. 8.—Answering a question as to whether the ratification of the reciprocity agreement should not be held off till after the imperial conference, Secretary of State Harcourt said he knew no reason why the agreement between Canada and the United States should cause to be submitted questions concerning the internal affairs to the judgment of other dominions. He did not anticipate immediate signing of the agreement anyway.

Catarqui Ward's New Light.

Ald. Robert Fraser this morning called upon Ald. Elliott, chairman of the light, heat and power committee, to thank him for having placed the first of the new electric arc lamps in Catarqui ward, at the corner of Orchard and Catarqui streets. Ald. Elliott could not understand the Catarqui ward representative's gratefulness. He explained that the new lights had not been erected yet. Ald. Fraser, however, was positive there had been another "lamp" erected at the corner above named. And this is how it happened: The old light at the corner had been out for several nights and boys secured an old tar pail, enclosed the ancient arc lamp in it, and hoisted it up again.

Given Military Certificates.

Militia orders out announce the granting of these certificates of military qualification to members of the 14th regiment: Subalterns, infantry—L. C. Lockett, H. W. Marshall, J. C. D'Este, R. D. Whiteman, L. H. Birkett, Z. F. Gattman, G. T. Richardson, W. E. Swaine, H. F. Pense, F. A. Keill. Sergeant—G. Cannon. Corporals—G. Cannon, W. Bolton, E. Clark, P. Trotter, W. Williams, A. Woodrow, F. Moxley.

"Vapo Cresoline." Sold at Gibson's. Big sale of oranges, at Gilbert's store, 9, a peck.

BY PORTSMOUTH COUNCIL TO PAY THE COST

Of Registration of Deaths at Asylum and Penitentiary—Grant Sought for the City Firemen—County Council to be Asked for Grant for Breakwater.

The regular meeting of the Portsmouth council, was held on Monday night. Reeve Baiden was in the chair, and all the members were present, with the exception of Joseph Kerr, who was out of the village.

A number of accounts were presented and passed. The clerk read a communication from Hon. William Hart, who was sent in response to an appeal made to him to co-operate with the public works department, to have a grant made to the city fire department, for their work in the recent fire at Portsmouth when the schooner Mary Ann Lydon caught fire. The firemen, by their good work, saved the long pier from being destroyed. Mr. Hart promised the council that he would take up the matter with the department.

The contract for the general supplies for the year was awarded to James Campbell, the contract for redecorating the interior of the town hall to Joseph Liddle, \$35; contract for repairing the walks, John Mills, \$20; John Skelly was re-appointed as assessor.

As requested at the last meeting of the council, the clerk reported that the village had paid into the county during the last three years, the sum of \$21,000. During that time grants amounting less than \$300, had been made to the village by the county council. The reveue will call this fact to the attention of the county council, at the June session, and endeavor to have that body pass a grant to assist the village in reconstructing the breakwater, which is badly in need of repair.

Another matter taken up was that of the payment for the registration of deaths in the penitentiary and Rockwood asylum, and the council will take steps in an endeavor to have the government assume this responsibility, feeling that it should come under the government. Last year, there were seven deaths at the penitentiary, and forty-nine at Rockwood asylum.

IN SPORTING CIRCLES.

R.C.H.A. Defeated Renfrew County—Curling Results.

The City Hockey League series took a slump yesterday. There were three games scheduled, but only one was played. Portsmouth defaulted to R.C.H.A. in the afternoon, and Wolfe Island defaulted to Portsmouth at night. The only scheduled game which was played was the one between Renfrew County and R.C.H.A., the latter winning out by the score of 3 to 2. It was only in the last ten minutes that the game was exciting. At half time the score was 2 to 0 in favor of the batterman, and then they all went to pieces, allowing the other team to score two goals.

Will Play at Verona.

The members of the Kingston Business College hockey team will play at Verona, on Saturday next. This game was to have been played last Saturday, but had to be postponed. The college puck chasers will do their best to give the Verona boys a hard tussle.

Ladies' Curling Match.

One single match was played in the ladies series, at the curling rink, on Wednesday morning. Miss A. Birch defeated Mrs. R. Hooper by a score of 11 to 9.

Other Curling Matches.

The curling games at the rink, last night resulted as follows: Skip Laird 11 Skip Bell 10; Skip Reid, 10, Skip E. Searle 8; Skip Brewer 17, Skip Willis 4; Skip McLean 12, Skip McFarlane 4.

Canadiens, 9; Wanderers, 2.

At Montreal last night, Canadiens demolished the one-time champion Wanderers by a 9-2 score in a game that threatened to end in a free fight. Outplayed at every point the Wanderers tried to club the French-Canadians into submission and, if anything, received the worst of the encounter.

Defaulting Teams Will be Fined.

It is proposed by the president of the City Hockey League that, next season, an effort will be made to pass a by-law in connection with defaulting teams. It is proposed to charge each team an admission fee of \$5 on entering the league. If they default a game they lose this deposit and the money goes to the league. If they are late arriving at a game they will be forced to pay a fine. If at the end of the season they have not committed any misdemeanors, the deposit will be refunded to them. This rule, if carried through, will enforce promptness on the part of the different teams and will ensure the carrying out of the schedule.

YOUNG LADY A WITNESS.

She Saw the Men Attacking John Hickey.

The police have been interviewing a young lady, who was coming along Johnson street, when the assault on John Hickey occurred, last night, and she is likely that she will be a witness, when the case comes up in the police court.

The young woman states that she noticed the men in a scuffle, and at first was under the impression that it was a friendly encounter. However, when she noticed that it was otherwise, she cried out, "Police! Police!" It was evidently this cry which made the men run off in such haste.

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