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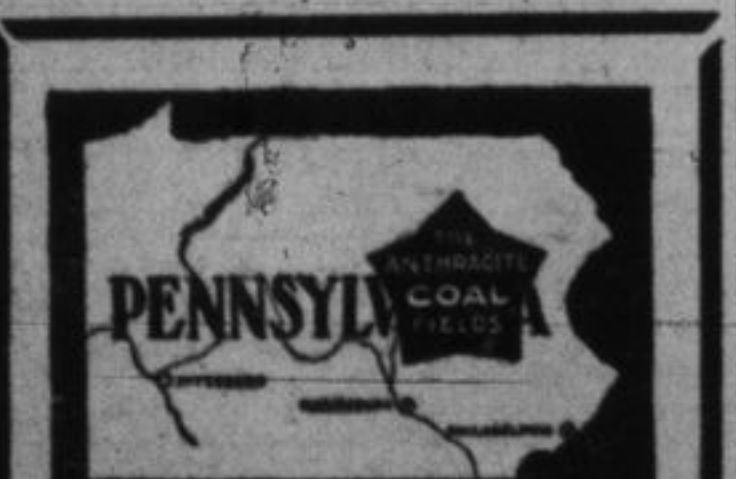
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ADMIRATION OF THE MAN.
The reception which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was accorded at Ottawa is said to have been marred by an incident of which, perhaps, too much was made. Mayor Hopewell was asked to read an address of welcome. A civic address, and declined. Mr. Borden had just returned from a jaunt to the west and it occurred to Mr. Hopewell that he should not show any distinction between them.

It was pointed out that the premier had been engaged in a national and non-political way when he attended the imperial conference, while the leader of the opposition was employed politically in his travels in the west. Mayor Hopewell, because he is a good conservative, could not see any difference. The Whig is not disposed to see any grievance in the case. Sir Wilfrid, at Montreal, and Quebec, had been given civic addresses, and, as the Montreal Star observed, the man was worthy of this attention because of the high position which he occupied.

At Ottawa, too, on a previous occasion, and in a similar connection, he had been given a civic greeting, but there was nothing compulsory about it. It was an indication that the man could be honoured without any feeling of self-reproach so far as his conservative friends were concerned.

When Mr. Borden was in the North-West he was received by liberals repeatedly. They sometimes led in his reception, and in certain instances are said to have met most of the incidental expenses. It may have been embarrassing to Mr. Borden, under the circumstances, to launch out into an attack on his opponents. But the liberals did not expect him to suppress his opinions because they were present and had joined in a civic address.

The issue is a personal one. It was Mayor Hopewell's option to join in welcoming Sir Wilfrid Laurier back from the imperial conference, and in refusing to participate in this function he has been exercising a personal liberty. He has not added to his stature. That is all that can be said.

WHAT THE GUARANTEE MEANS.
A hotel company wants the city council to guarantee its bonds, and to a considerable extent, say \$200,000. And the members of the council are inclined to sit up and look serious. They do not know just what to think. The scheme may be good, and it may be bad. It may have merits of its own, and it may not be worthy of a moment's consideration. All depends upon the men who are behind the scheme. What experience have they in hotel management? What capacity have they for progressive service? What faith have they in themselves and the future of the city? They may lack in many essentials. Without faith they cannot succeed.

Propositions of this kind should be referred to a committee of competent business men, men of snap and enterprise, and men of audacity. They should be able to get at the bottom of the case quickly. The standing of the projectors, and their ability to carry through a good thing, is the first consideration. That part settled the civic committee—the afrosal registration of discerning gentlemen—should be able to ascertain what other places are doing in order to secure local industries. They will find some evidence of this description in the securities that are on the market, the debentures that some municipalities issued in aid of factories, railways, businesses of different sorts.

Have any of these enterprises failed? Possibly—can here and there—but these failures have not killed the ambitions of the people and dried up the fountains of their generosity. Nothing ventured nothing won. The hotel scheme may not be as inviting as it looks. It will stand inspection. Kingston certainly wants a new hotel, a large one, modern in appearance, in arrangement and equipment, and modern in its management. Let us have it then. In the hands of the right man it ought to pay its guarantee of bonds under the circumstances. It might not involve any civic responsibility.

THE CRY OF DISTRESS.
The reports coming from the sea of fire, in Northern and New Ontario, are more and more depressing. What the awful holocaust means cannot be estimated now. The fire is still raging and not a unit has spent its force, through timely rains and lack of dry

OLD BOYS' PROGRAMME

FOR CIVIC HOLIDAY IS NOW ABOUT COMPLETE.
There will be Lots of Hand Music—Outline of the Proceedings—The Finale in Macdonald Park on Evening of 31st.

The arrangements for the reception of the Old Boys on the Civic holiday, July 31st, are being completed. Aid. Hoag, in the absence of Mayor Graham, presided at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the City Hall, when various reports were presented and adopted. Aid. Kent gave an outline of the work of the bands on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and was authorized to make final arrangements. The battery band will play Sunday night and Monday forenoon; the Salvation Army band on Sunday afternoon, the 14th. P.W.O. Bands, at arrival of trains on Saturday and give the Monday night concert.

The flag pole presentation, raising of flag and official welcome to the Old Boys will occur in Victoria park, on Monday, at 9:30 a.m.; the sports will be pulled off in the cricket field at 10:30 a.m.

Aid. Ross was made chairman of a large committee to arrange with the Automobile Club, to give the officers of the various visiting Old Boys' Associations a trip about the city on Monday afternoon. J. A. Mihnes is chairman of a committee to look after details of trains, lighting, street cars, registration and accommodations.

As a grand finale to the event, it is proposed that, in Macdonald park, on Monday night, at the close of the band concert, the vast company will join in a grand circle, join hands and sing "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King."

The general committee promises to further in every way good fellowship during the visit and asks the aid of the citizens generally. Decorations and illuminations are desired.

The general committee meets again, Tuesday night, at eight o'clock.

NEW HOSPITAL HEADS

Complete Organization of Islands Institution Effectuated.
At the office of Dr. George M. McCombs, Clayton, N.Y., the organization of the Thousand Island Hospital was completed.

The nominating committee, of which Mrs. Charles A. Ellis was chairman, reported the following candidates: President, Mrs. Letitia C. Grant; first vice-president, Ellen Le Fevre; second vice-president, Mrs. Georgia Waite; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Baker; secretary, Mrs. Vernie N. Rickett.

Dr. McCombs was elected chairman of the executive committee, with power to choose his own helpers on a committee of five for final arrangements, which will be completed by July 25th, the date set for the next meeting.

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE TRAIL

Of the Men Who Escaped From Jail at Watertown, N.Y.
With the aid of two bloodhounds, officers are scouring the St. Lawrence river, from Cape Vincent to Alexandria Bay, for two of the men who escaped from jail at Watertown, N.Y., on Sunday night. It was reported that one of the two, Newton, was seen on Wolfe Island, but no trace of him can be found. The bloodhounds picked up the trail of the escaped men near Depauville, but lost it again. A report from Clayton says that Newton was there on Tuesday. The officers are now searching in the vicinity of Alexandria Bay, where it is thought the escaped men have taken to a swamp.

Boy Was Drowned

Smith's Falls News.
On Friday evening last John Purcell, who is a grandson of William Chant, Delta, and an orphan were in bathing in Delta lake. He could swim but a little and went too far from shore, and when he tried to return, he sank.

There was no person with him and he was left to the mercy of the water. A young man, George Parslow, of Brockville, who was spending a week on Delta Lake, and had a tent close by saw the boy sink for the third time. He rushed to his rescue at once. He jumped in with his clothes on, and dived to the bottom and succeeded in bringing the boy to the shore, where he was quickly revived. It was a close call for the boy who is ten years. The saving of his life is entirely due to Mr. Parslow.

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