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QUEEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE

INTERESTING SKETCH OF ITS EARLY HISTORY.

Dr. N. F. Dupuis, Unearthed Wealth of Valuable and Entertaining Information Before the Oler Club of Queen's University.

Before the Oler Club of Queen's Thursday night, Dr. N. F. Dupuis gave an exceedingly interesting sketch of early medical education in Kingston.

Referring to the founding of Queen's Medical College in 1854, the speaker said it was felt by Hon. John A. Macdonald, later Sir John A. Macdonald, and Rev. Prof. Williamson that there was a call for a medical college in Upper Canada that should be free from all religious tests and give to students of all creeds and nationalities, and that Kingston offered a favorable location for such a college. These gentlemen accordingly called a meeting of the medical men of Kingston to whom they propounded their scheme.

It was there and then decided to establish a medical school in connection with Queen's, and the following medical men were appointed to form its first staff of professors: Dr. Sampson, took the chair of clinical medicine and surgery, and was president of the school; Dr. John Stuart, the chair of anatomy and physiology; Dr. John R. Dickson, that of surgery; Dr. H. Yates, that of medicine; Dr. O. Strange, that of materia medica, and Dr. Hayward that of midwifery. Dr. Strange, however, resigned almost immediately, and Dr. Fife Fowler took his place.

Twenty-three students were registered in the first session, 1854-5; forty-seven in the second session, over fifty in the third and sixty-four in the fourth. The college was then situated on Queen street, opposite St. Andrew's church. Dr. Hayward retired after the first session and his place was filled by Dr. Litchfield in the subjects of midwifery and medical jurisprudence, he being assisted in the latter subject by Alexander Campbell, who later became Sir Alexander Campbell.

In 1860, through a change in the medical act, which made it illegal for one professor to teach more than one subject Dr. Litchfield resigned that of midwifery, and was succeeded by Dr. M. Lavelle, who subsequently became warden of Portsmouth penitentiary.

No regular professor was appointed to the chair of chemistry, and until the year 1858 the subject was taught by Prof. Williamson of the Arts faculty, until he was relieved by the appointment of Dr. Lonson.

Queen's, in the course of her peregrinations, at first made use of more commodious quarters on William street, and finally to its resting place on the campus, where it is situated to-day.

The building had been some years before erected as a deanery or residence for Archdeacon Stewart, of the Anglican church in Kingston, and is at present known as the "residences." The structure called the old medical building, but consisting of only two stories, was built ostensibly at least for the medical faculty.

The speaker told of the financial and other difficulties which Queen's encountered and said that the medical college did not pass through the malstrom unscathed, for besides losing the annual government grant of \$1,000, as a result of the Ontario Government passing a bill that no denominational university was to receive state aid, it was afflicted by internal troubles from which it suffered sorely. Three of the staff—Stuart, Dickson and Lawson—resigned, although Dixon afterwards reconsidered his resignation and returned to the chair of surgery.

Heally accepted the position of medical superintendent of Rockwood. His position in the school was filled by McLean and later by Sullivan. Stuart's chair was divided, Kennedy taking anatomy and Octave Yates physiology, and Lawson's place was filled by the appointment of Robert Bell, C.E., and later by Dr. T. R. Dupuis. Owing to the want of harmony, which developed between the medical faculty and the trustee board, it was decided to separate the medical school from the university. The college, however, was affiliated with Queen's for the purpose of having degrees conferred, as well as for the purpose of getting assistance from some members of Queen's staff.

To provide residence for the staff, the Board of Trustees resolved to turn the building occupied by Queen's classes into three residences, the classes taking over the medical building, the medical classes being turned out on the street. The medical faculty had to seek other quarters and secured the building, which is now the home for the aged. Classes

were held here only one session, being moved to the old Commercial Bank building near the foot of Princess street. Classes were held here until the new arts building was erected, when the classes in arts and theology were transferred there, and the medical college returned to its former home on the campus.

CROP OUTLOOK IS NOT GOOD

WHAT A NUMBER OF FARMERS TOLD THE WHIG.

Hay Crop is Promising, but Grain, Corn and Potato Crops do not Promise Very Well at Present.

The Whig on Friday called up a number of farmers to ascertain what effect the wet weather was having on the crops in their districts. All were agreed that the general outlook was not nearly so promising as it was this time last year. The hay crop looks exceptionally well, but the other crops do not promise well. The grain crop, except on specially high land, will be more or less of a failure. Very little corn has been sown, and not a great deal of potatoes have been planted. Of course, if the weather improved (note the "if") the crop outlook would likewise improve, but the yield, in any event, will not be as large as last year.

C. F. Adair, of Cataract, stated that the hay crop was especially good. The hay, however, was beginning to fall down as a result of the overgrowth, and if the rain continued, would be partly ruined. The grain sown about 1st of May looked exceptionally well in all high situations, but that sown on low land was a failure. In many cases the grain was sown twice, but the second sowing was as bad as the first. Very little corn had been sown, but it was not too late yet.

Hiram Atkinson, Kilburnie, took an optimistic view, and said that the farmers in his district had not much to complain of as yet. There would be some loss of grain, but the hay crop was excellent. Only part of the potatoes had been planted and practically no corn, but there was time for both yet.

George F. Clark, Collin' Bay, said that the wet weather had seriously affected the farmers in his district. They were unable to do anything on the land owing to the ground being so wet. The grain sown on low land was all gone. The underpart of the clover was all rotting, and the crop would be an indifferent one.

J. Greenlee, Cusheendall, stated the crops were fairly good on high land. Those sown on low land, however, had been drowned out. The hay crop was better than it was last year, but unless the grain crop materially improved, it would only be about half as good as it was last year.

J. S. Sibbit, Pittsburg, reported that the grain was beginning to be scalded. Little corn had been planted, and it would probably be necessary to plant something in its stead. The potatoes were rotting, but the hay would be good, if it would get a chance to ripen.

A. J. Craig, Glenburnie, stated that hay was looking pretty fair on high land, but there was quite a lot of low land that had not yet been sown. The planting was, of course, later than last year, but, on the whole, everything was looking pretty fair.

BOY GOT TAME CROW FOR COPY OF WHIG.

A Novel Transaction at Barrieffield Camp on Thursday.

A novel transaction occurred at Barrieffield camp on Wednesday when a newsboy had a tame crow given to him by a soldier, in return for a copy of the British Whig.

The story goes to show just how popular the Whig is with the men in khaki; and the demand for it at the big military camp. The newsboy was making his way through the lines when the soldier noticed the lad carrying his bundle of papers. "I have not got the price of a paper," said the man in uniform, to the youngster, "but I will tell you what I will do. Give me a copy of the Whig, and I will make you a present of my tame crow."

Immediately the lad was all smiles—smiles of the Sunny Jim variety. Here was an offer worth while. He had an idea that the soldier was joking with him, but the man wearing the King's uniform was as good as his word, for in less time than it takes to tell the story he went into a tent and coming out again said, "Here's your crow," handing the bird to the newsboy.

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The Whig is not giving this crow story in order to "crow" over it, but merely to show the readers just how eager the men at the big military camp are to read the news of the day.

A JUNE WEDDING.

Alan Mara Bateman Takes a Bride at New Haven, Conn.

The Old Stone Church in East Haven, Conn., was the scene of a rainbow wedding on June 3rd, when Miss Grace Hotchkiss Street, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Burton Street, was united in marriage to Alan Mara Bateman, son of G. A. Bateman, of Kingston, by Rev. D. J. Clark. The rainbow idea was carried out in the decorations of the church and gowns of the bride's attendants, and was both attractive and unusual. Miss Emeline Street, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bride had six bridesmaids.

Seeking Son at Barrieffield
L. F. Kallmeier, of Rochester, N. Y., was at Barrieffield camp today seeking his son who left home on Monday on the steamer Toronto to enlist in a Canadian regiment. A youth answering the description of young Kallmeier was seen yesterday at one of the city recruiting places.

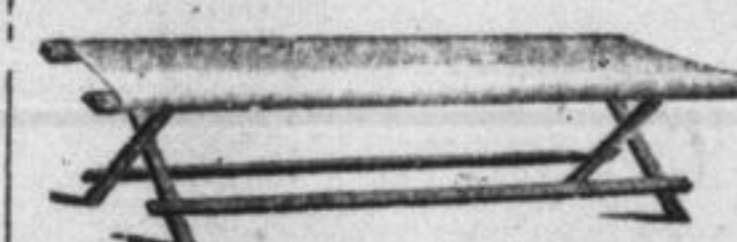
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