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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 1876

REMINDERS.

Wednesday.

COURT AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MASON AND ST. GEORGE SOCIETY.

THE BAND at the Wharf, 7:30 p.m.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Quite a number of our contract advertisements are crowded out to day because of the republication of yesterday's fire report. This we feel sorry for, yet may perhaps be excused under unusually circumstances, particularly as the advertisements received over double the usual circulation yesterday.

There has been an election in Belgium and much excitement prevails over the success of the Catholic candidates, for what reason we are not informed. In Antwerp the rioting was so furious as to necessitate the calling out of the regular troops, who fired upon the mob. The result is not known.

Notwithstanding the armistice fighting still continues in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Bulgaria. This may defeat the pacific efforts being made by the great powers and bring on the conflict sooner than expected. Our firm opinion is that the Turkish affair must plunge Europe into a war of unequalled extent and fury.

The London "Tribute," a most reliable authority, by the way, says the handsome majority of 196 given to Mr. Scheuchter in North Middlesex does not represent the true Reform advantage in that Riding. The party did not work anticipating a close contest. The preponderance of Reform sentiment was taken for granted. The next election, our contemporary says, will show higher figures than those quoted above if the Tories dare contest.

Sir A. T. Galt may be induced to accept a nomination for South Ontario on an independent ticket, but we somewhat doubt it. Should he consent he would, in all likelihood, carry the Ridings. His name is familiar to most people as an upright and able statesman, and the services of such a man are always in demand. We cannot say that we would regret seeing the worthy gentleman represent an Ontario constituency in the present Parliament. He would go there unpledged, but with too much sense to offer any factious opposition. His counsel would be valuable to the Government and to the Opposition also.

The Ottawa Times makes what we consider a sensible suggestion. It is that the Post Office Department should issue stamped envelopes as a measure of economy and convenience. We know from experience that letters properly mailed and stamped have been sent to the Dead Letter Office because the stamps, which generally but imperfectly adhere, had fallen off in the box. It is necessary to have a bottle of ink at hand in order to make "the things stick," as we heard a P.M. remark not long since.

The Ottawa Citizen says:

"Although affairs in Turkey are unusually interesting at the present moment, yet the Turkish newspapers are unusually dull."

We thought there was something the matter with our usually spirited contemporary, and began to attribute it all to hot weather and dull times. But now we understand just how it is. Those Turkish newspapers, from which the Citizen called its choicer bits, and which furnished inspiration for those brilliant essays that fill its columns have grown unusually dull." Hence those tears.

Rev. Canon Baldwin, who had engaged to preach a sermon in the Cathedral, Montreal, on the 12th of July for the Orange men, now refuses to carry out his engagement. He objects to the Order having a procession and display of insignia through the streets of the city on the occasion of their anniversary. Under the circumstances, we think Mr. Baldwin has acted with commendable prudence and forethought. The Orange men have just as much right to parade on the 12th proximo as other Societies on their natal days, and can with equal justice claim the protection of the civil authorities. They should not, however, insist upon doing what they know will expose them selves and perhaps thousands of others to the fury of a crowd of fanatics, and by this means jeopardize life and property.

We can understand the provocation that exists for this action on the part of the Orange men. The Guibord affair and more recent outrages at Oka have stirred up much bad blood; but the good of the community should be consulted rather than the gratification of a religious and morose. The time will come, no doubt, when such parades will be no longer in favour.

The scene of religious bigotry and church exclusiveness was reached in a case recently reported from England. A Mr. Allen was appointed head master of Perse Grammar School and immediately after dismissed. F. C. Maxwell, M.A., who had been assistant master for nearly six years. The sole reason for this

action was, that Mr. Maxwell was a Non-conformist. His ability for the post was not questioned. Indeed, Mr. Allen gave him a testimonial of efficiency, which was also fully endorsed by all who were acquainted with his services. The school is professedly non-sectarian and supported by Nonconformists as well as Churchmen. But because Mr. Maxwell professed the Wesleyan creed he was adjudged unfit to discharge the duties of assistant master in Perse Grammar School. He is a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, and the report states that much indignation is expressed by the Cambridge authorities at the high-handed proceedings of the head-master. The powers conferred upon such functionaries in England must be more arbitrary than we have any knowledge of. It would indeed be a novel affair to have a Grammar School head master in Canada dismiss his assistant because of his religious professions.

A TARDY CONCESSION.

The earnest remonstrances addressed to the United States by the Canadian government, relative to the free navigation of the rivers and canals of that country by Canadian vessels, in accordance with the 27th Article of the Washington Treaty, have resulted in a concession of the right. Though tardy, this action on the part of our neighbours removes a grave censure on their national faith, and concedes the privileges we were just entitled to by provisions of the treaty referred to. Official information has been received at Ottawa from Washington to the effect that the Collector of Customs at Plattsburgh, N.Y., had been instructed to allow Canadian vessels laden with imported goods to pass that port on a clearance to Albany. The conditions are the same as govern the navigation of United States barges and vessels going from Canada under section 3,102 of the Revised Statutes, with certain regulations as to imported goods in bond, &c. It is also stated that similar instructions will be addressed to the Collectors of Customs at Buffalo, Oswego, and Burlington. The Washington Treaty stipulated that the United States Government should use influence with the State Governments, owning the canals, to have the 27th Article of the Treaty carried out in good faith. For some time an attempt, not very creditable, was made to evade the want of jurisdiction. The firm yet moderate representations made by the Mackenzie Government, through the agency of Sir Edward Thornton, have at length prevailed, and we get a right which will undoubtedly be of much benefit in a commercial point of view, and at the same time remove a troublesome grievance.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

As was intimated a few days ago, the Government notice referring to the Cana Pacific Railway, which we have already given, was stolen from the public offices at Ottawa by the *Mail and Citizen*, and was first disposed of by the collector of customs at Ottawa for \$222. Mr. B. M. Britton, Q. C., for plaintiff; C. V. Price, defendant's attorney. Undeferred.

At the sittings to-day, Breden vs. Murphy was first disposed of. Verdict for plaintiff; Mr. B. M. Britton, Q. C., for plaintiff; Dr. Henderson, Q. C., for plaintiff; C. V. Price, defendant's attorney. Undeferred.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday afternoon:-

Farewell vs. Beaufort. Verdict by consent for \$60, subject to arbitration of Mr. W. H. Fuller. Mr. Mudie for plaintiff; Mr. T. H. McGuire for defendant.

Doran vs. Harrison. Verdict for plaintiff. Dr. Henderson, Q. C., for plaintiff; C. V. Price, defendant's attorney. Undeferred.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning for the benefit of Committee.

THE WEDNESDAY.-The Council met at 10 o'clock. All the members present.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and adopted.

PISON REPORT.

From A. S. Oliver, gael surgeon, reporting that since the last report the health of the prisoners in the gaol had been very satisfactory. One death had occurred, that of an aged inmate.

Most of the inmates persons who had been in gaol so long have removed to the Asylum, and one inmate remains in confinement.

He will be removed to the Asylum as soon as a suitable place can be found.

Mr. Oliver is an active member of the Masonic body and St. George's Society, which associations are to attend the funeral to-morrow and, accord their last hours.

He was also a faithful and zealous member of St. George's Cathedral congregation, and in all respects a good citizen. He leaves a wife and young child, as well as three married daughters, the youngest of whom, Mrs. J. K. Oliver, was married last Wednesday, and left home in the happiest spirits, now to be recalled from her wedded trip to a house of gloom. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

DEATH OF MR. TOWN.

This morning the public, which is most sadly being made accustomed to sudden death, was again moved at the decease of Mr. Richard Town. He was in full appearance of health this morning and without complaining of any illness laid down on a sofa at his residence and died - life passing away almost imperceptibly without a struggle. The Masonic Hall Block stands as a monument of his public spirit. He was an active member of the Masonic body and St. George's Society, which associations are to attend the funeral to-morrow and, accord their last hours.

Mr. Town, a teacher in the High School, Otonabee, and general of the Victoria College, and for the position of County Inspector of Schools, which he understood would be shortly vacated by the present occupant - i.e., that the County was about to appoint another inspector.

GAOL REPORT.

From J. W. Langmuir, report of a late visit made by him to the County Gaol, alluding to the condition in which he found the institution, and suggesting certain things, among others an additional supply of clothing for the prisoners, and an addition to each of the turnkey's salaries of \$100. The report spoke most highly of the appearance of the gaol.

On motion of Mr. Spoor the Inspector's report was referred to the Finance Committee.

BRIDGING.

From John Hamilton, Clerk of the Township of Hincklebrook, petitioning the County for a grant to assist in the rebuilding of the bridge at the Village of Parham, the Township being unable to build it at its own expense. Referred to the Bridge Committee.

Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Staley, to the effect that the Gaol Committee in the united Counties of York and Wellington, and Addison, recommending joint action in the repairing of the bridge at Peterborough, on the boundary line between the townships of Camden and Peterborough.

After some discussion in which the liability of the County was reviewed, the motion was put. Mr. Spoor withdrew his name and Mr. Dennison seconded it.

Eventually the motion was laid over until the next day.

NOTICE.

Mr. Spoor gave notice of a by-law to repeat by law No. 15, relating to hawkers and peddlers. He recited his objections thereto. What the by-law levied was illegal; that it derives its authority from 22nd vic. shap. 24, which did not give the authority declared in the by-law; that it authorized the disposal of goods other than those manufactured in and growth of the County of Frontenac, whereas the statute permits the sale of goods manufactured in the Province without paying a license fee; that in injuriously affecting the public welfare it requires two Justices of the Peace to decide a case; the legal clauses were not legal, and virtually made the by-law null and void.

EQUALIZATION.

Mr. Watkins presented the report of the Committee on Equalization, recommending the equalization of the municipalities as follows:

Baldwin \$25,000

Bedford 84,000

Caledon and Miller 28,000

Garden Island 65,000

Hinchliffe 73,000

Hove Island 50,000

Kennebunk 32,000

Lington 770,000

Loborough 272,000

Oden 45,000

Palmerston 36,000

Portland 349,000

Portsmouth 78,000

Peterborough 500,000

Waterloo 320,000

Uxbridge 27,000

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