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WAS THERE A RESPONSE?

At the ministerial association's meeting in Toronto the other day the theatre was under discussion, and Rev. G. M. Milligan, so well known here, quoted the remarks of Miss Willard to the effect that the christians should establish a theatre that they can attend. And Mr. Milligan is reported to have said: "Why shouldn't we have one? If those who manage our theatres will not give us plays fit to go to, why can't we have a true dramatic one that any christian can patronize." It is not reported that there was any response to this declaration from the brethren present. The Methodists were significantly silent, and it was felt that Mr. Milligan, though so satisfied himself, was rushing upon debatable ground. Some of the clergy are very much opposed to the theatre, but they cannot live apart from the drama, since, as Shakespeare says, all the world's a stage and men and women merely players.

CREDIT TO SIR CHARLES.

The English papers, certainly put a new face upon the speech of Sir Charles Tupper, which, on the cattle question, and, according to cablegrams, was of a most offensive and partisan character. The speech was made at Dundee and the reference to the cattle trade was inspired by a deputation, the spokesman of which had intimated that the only way of having the restrictions removed was by returning Mr. Chaplin to office and power. Sir Charles, in response, referred to the kindness he had received from both conservative and liberal governments, and that as high commissioner for Canada it did not become him to discuss the issues that divided the two parties of Great Britain. But he recalled a fact which the spokesman of the deputation had seemingly forgotten, that Mr. Chaplin was not the friend and advocate of the cattle trade, that, on the contrary, there would be no cattle trade with Canada if he had had his way. The press is glad to relieve Sir Charles of the imputation that he had essayed to run the government of Great Britain as he has run the government of Canada. At Dundee he was most impartial in his observations, and he seems to have parried a difficult question very successfully. The WHIG gives the new version of the story in justice to the high commissioner.

CANADIAN SEALING CLAIMS.

Mr. Cleveland, in his message to Congress, is very mild in his recommendations, and deals plainly with the issues which, in his opinion, should occupy the attention of the legislators. Among the matters upon which he dwells is the claim of the Canadian sealers to indemnification, according to the Paris award, for injury by seizure in the Baffin sea. The appropriation called for is \$425,000. Congress and the senate may hesitate and grumble a lot, but it is on record that the Paris award was considered a very good thing by leaders of American opinion, and the American press, and it is too late now to venture upon new conclusions. The Montreal "Gazette" thinks the president's recommendations, coming so soon after a successful year's hunt, will tend to firmly convince those British Columbia talkers, who, after the result of the Paris arbitration was made known, wanted to sell their outfits, that they did not know as much as they thought they did. Well, usually the men who are in the business, who have been in it for many years, and have, therefore, a valuable experience, know more about it than the men who get their information second-hand and from doubtful sources. That the Canadian sealers did better during the last year than they expected, and the American sealers not so well, is a surprise all around; and one in regard to which Sir Hibbert Tupper did not prophesy, so that it is difficult to see how it will help to make him "a persona grata in his early arrival in the Pacific province."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ottawa has struck its snow shovelling wage—14c per hour for day men, and 17c per hour for night men.

The parish councils' elections are now on in England, and they affect 23,000 different localities and 90,000 persons. There's a commotion for you.

Sir Charles Dilke is still ostracised by English society. He is a great man who suffers for his loss of character. It looks as if he can never atone for the past.

The liberals of the maritime provinces are conducting a great campaign in the interest of freer trade. They are fully convinced that a general election is at hand.

The Toronto council voted on the proposition to close the bars of hotels and saloons at nine o'clock, and the proposition was defeated by one vote. Narrow shave.

Dr. Talmage, though bereft of his tabernacle, preaches as usual to the world through the medium of the press. No other divine has so large a constituency and preaches to so many people.

The Westwood case is no longer a mystery. Clara Ford has made a confession which must be followed in turn by an atonement for her crime. She has practically implicated herself. Murder will out.

Li Hung Chang virtually wishes he was dead. He has lost his position as much dictator of China, his peacock feathers nearly at his girdle, and now he is accused of

high treason. It only remains for him to lose his head.

Mr. Taylor, the conservative whip, at Ottawa, is credited with the statement that if there is to be a session of parliament before an election it must be an early one. And George is supposed to know everything.

The Buffalo papers predict a winter of suffering for many poor people in that city. The poor fund has been increased \$10,000 over last year's figures, but the authorities expect that the deficiency will be greater than last year.

It has been declared by Mr. Fielding, premier of Nova Scotia, that the dominion franchise act has cost, in its operation, about \$1,000,000, and that its chief merit has been to keep good names off the voters' lists and bad ones on them.

The Toronto "News," which poses as an authority on such questions, says the prominent P.P.'s of Ontario are a unit in denouncing Grand President Madill and in saying that he must go. The order, it is declared, has decreased forty per cent. under his management.

Sir John Thompson is in England. He is understood to have two objects in going there: (1) To be sworn in as a member of the privy council, and (2) to confer with Sir Charles Tupper in regard to the next election. The patron element is something the Von Moltkes of the party don't know how to fight.

The London "Advertiser" says that it has reliable information that Sir John Thompson and his colleagues have resolved to order the dominion elections at the earliest opportunity. It asserts that a panic prevails at Ottawa because of the fact that a deficit of five million dollars has to be faced when parliament meets, thus involving a large additional taxation on the country. The ministers, it says, do not care to meet this situation before the general election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The True Cause of Death.

CHALK RIVER, Dec. 4.—(To The Editor): Your issue of Nov. 22nd was sent me by a friend, in which was marked the report of a correspondent at North Bay, which says: "J. McMillan, late car checker here, took carbolic acid at Chalk River and died ten minutes after. He had been out of employment for some time, and it is thought this was the cause of the rash act."

As minister of the congregation in which Mr. McMillan was a highly respected elder, I deem it my duty to give an emphatic denial to the above report and furnish the proof of the cause of death, which will remove the stigma the correspondent's false statement attaches to the name of one who was so greatly beloved, and now universally lamented by this entire community. The following will suffice: "PEMBROKE, Nov. 19th, 1894.—To whom it may concern: This is to certify that James McMillan, of Chalk river, member of the order of A. O. U. W., died on Thursday, 15th inst.; that I saw and recognized the body as that of James McMillan, about twenty-four hours after death, and I believe he came to his death from heart failure, induced by physical nervous exhaustion, consequent on loss of sleep, mental worry and failure of appetite induced by anxiety because of being out of employment for a few months, and being of a nervous and irritable disposition. It having been suspected that the deceased committed suicide by taking carbolic acid, I gave special care to the consideration of all the facts and circumstances at the time of and prior to the death, and have no hesitation in saying that his death was not caused by that agent, as there is no evidence other than the fact that carbolic acid, in a small quantity, was found near the body to support such view, while all the other facts as to time, effects, after evidence and post-mortem appearances together with the well-known action of carbolic acid taken under such circumstances, disprove the supposition.—W. W. DICKSON, M.D., coroner."

It is not always easy for newspaper correspondents to secure the facts relative to transpiring events, but surely a man solicitous of his reputation for veracity, having only street rumor for his authority, would not give to the public the statement that a respectable citizen, who came to his death from heart failure, "took carbolic acid and died ten minutes after," without taking pains to ascertain the truth of this assertion.—E. S. LOGIE.

The WHIG gladly gives space to this letter and regrets that pain has been caused his many friends by the item published, not from a WHIG correspondent, but received through general telegraphic reports. We previously noted the denial as to Mr. McMillan's death, having clipped the true facts from a Carleton Place paper.

A Story Of Sir John.

Pope's Memoirs.

Among the residents of Kingston is a certain Mrs. —, who is an ardent politician and worshipped Sir John. This worthy lady is not of a devotional turn of mind and does not very often trouble the church. On one occasion, however, two or three years ago, she was present. The sermon was on the ingratitude of the Jews and the way they persecuted the early christians was commented upon. Mrs. — listened attentively thereto. She was observed by many to be visibly affected. The minister thought that he had made an impression. Some days afterwards he called upon his penitent, and after a few commonplaces had passed between them, mentioned that he had noticed her presence in church on the previous Sunday, and observed with satisfaction that his words had not been wholly ineffectual. The old lady, who above all things is honest, was unwilling to appear for a moment in a false light, and replied, "Oh, dear, no, it was not that, but when you were talking it made me think how those wicked gits do persecute John A."

Col. Tyrwhitt Injured.

At Bradford while grooming his horse yesterday (Sunday) morning, Lieut.-Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. for South Simcoe, was kicked five times by the brute before he could get away from it, once on the head, once on the cheek, once on the body and twice on his thigh. Although badly bruised it is not anticipated that any of the wounds will prove of a serious character.

Thirty-two portfolios of the World's Fair for \$3—a beautiful Christmas gift, at the WHIG office.

THE EDITOR AT HOME.

WHEN THESE FUGITIVE ITEMS FLEW INTO HIS SANCTUM.

Some Things Talked About in the City and District—Kingston as the Hub of the Eastern Section Has Interest For All Our Readers.

Rev. Dr. Sexton, New York, has been delivering addresses nightly in Kingston.

G. Brimacom, brakeman, severely hurt by striking a bridge on the branch line to Kingston.

Ten good milch cows will be auctioned on the market square, Saturday, Dec. 8th, at noon, by Murray.

Farm stock sale: At Davis Stevenson's, Wolfe Island, on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at noon, by D. Grant.

The Kingston collegiate institute pupils defeated the freshmen of Queen's at football on Saturday by 21 to 0.

It is not good form, young man, to wear a big chrysanthemum in your buttonhole. A little bunch of violets is on a par.

The ship-carpenters working at rebuilding of steamer Maud have struck against a reduction of wages from 13c to 12c per hour.

Two lads, Enwright and Tye, given up by the police and ladies' aid as incorrigible, have been sent to the reformatory from Kingston for five years.

A Gananogue correspondent asks us the date of the annual ball of the business college. The college has never given a ball, and the most likely date this year is Feb. 30th.

The St. Andrew's Society of Kingston celebrated Scotia's night by a grand concert, at which Principal Grant discoursed on athletics. He also preached the annual sermon on Sunday.

Weather prophets say the winter will be open because the beavers had only recently commenced to build their houses in the water. When the winter is going to be long and severe these animals commence building early.

J. H. Haycock, M.P.P., says he will do all he can to bring about legislation that will do away with the Petworth dam. He says there are 14,000 acres of land under water that could be put in a proper state for cultivation at 25c per acre.

We have received this week several honor rolls, the result of publishing one of these reports in a recent issue. We had to discontinue the publication some time ago because they were so numerous as to exclude general news. We have again to decline their publication.

At the request of several men we publish the following information: "There is nothing that so tends to shorten the lives of old people, and to injure their health, as the practice of sitting up late, especially winter evenings, and more especially if there is a grown up daughter in the family."

SURPRISED HIS FLOCK.

A New Organ For Wolfe Island Roman Catholic Church.

Rev. T. J. Spratt treated his congregation to a "surprise party" by announcing, on a recent Sunday, that he had placed a new organ in the parish church. On last Sunday he secured the attendance of Ernest Cunningham. Under his master touch a variety of beautiful music was furnished after the regular service. The choir also sang. His reverence asked the congregation to signify their approval of the instrument by a standing vote, which they did, after which he submitted his scheme for its payment, by sending leading parishioners around with subscription books. Owing to some delay in putting this process in execution most of the congregation had departed. However it will likely be tried again with better success. Though surprised somewhat at its purchase, after hearing its fine tone and calibre and learning at what a bargain (below cost) it had been secured the generous congregation congratulated themselves and felt pleased at the practical astuteness of their worthy pastor in securing such an instrument at such a sacrifice—one that will be in keeping with the fine church they will possess, when the plans are carried out, for re-modelling and enlarging the present structure. As some pipe or ten thousand dollars have been collected towards that object some parishioners felt that this should be sufficient to give them a truly imposing edifice and that future silver collections should go towards paying for the organ and securing a cemetery. Possibly the suggestion will be acted on. The new organ is a Doherty make reed pipe style. The old one will be raffled it is said. The church choir will be "out of sight," literally at least, as the new organ is a very high one.

The Late A. D. McNeil.

Gananogue Reporter.

A. D. McNeil, who died Nov. 22nd, was the eldest son of late Alexander McNeil. He was aged sixty-five years, and born on the McNeil homestead, near Lansdowne, and now occupied by his brother Bruce. In 1851 he purchased 250 acres three miles west of Lansdowne, and seven miles east of Gananogue, when it was a dense wilderness, and by continuous hard work succeeded in making it one of the best farms in the township. He married Margaret, daughter of the late William Landon, in 1857. Five children blessed their union and all but one daughter survive him; they are Mrs. A. R. Green, Mrs. W. W. Shipman, W. A. and C. A. McNeil, and are all residents of the township in which their father died. In religion he was a Presbyterian, in politics a staunch liberal.

His Mind Deranged.

Brockville Times.

A respectable resident of Perth street, named Joseph Goodison, was taken to Rockwood asylum this morning suffering from acute mania. Mr. Goodison has been subject to these attacks for some years, the one previous to this being about two years ago. At that time he was sent into the country to remain with friends and the change of air and surroundings had the effect of restoring him to his right mind again. On this occasion this treatment was repeated with different results. Instead of recovering he gradually became worse and yesterday he was brought home a raving maniac. The doctors think his case is not a hopeless one.

'Twould Be Better To See 'em Play.

Toronto Mail.

Principal Grant discusses the beauties and amenities of football as if he were a veteran player. It would be interesting if he could inveigle Archbishop Cleary into a controversy on the subject.

Mrs. Percy Bryant, suffering from erysipelas, is dangerously ill.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Principal Grant Addresses Its Members in Chalmers' Church.

Last Sunday Principal Grant preached in Chalmers' church to the members of the Scottish societies in the city. There was a large attendance. Instead of preaching a sermon he gave an address on the thoughts suggested by the name of the society. The name showed its members that they were rooted in the past, a national past, a religious past, and a Scottish past. His address followed along the lines of those four divisions, and in conclusion he discussed the place that such societies properly filled in Canada, pointing to the evils of allowing the feuds, past or present, of the old land to mark the lines of political or ecclesiastical divisions in this country.

1.—The past. Emerson says "The past is made for slaves." That is true, if we wear the grave clothes of the past, but not if we breathe the spirit of the past. A man who lives only in his own age is a barbarian. It is good for an individual to have had honorable ancestors or to have come from a good stock. So with a nation. This was illustrated by the present vitality of the Welsh, the English, the Irish and the Scottish peoples, all of whom draw so much of their strength and excellencies from the traditions, folk-lore and ballads of olden times. The man who despises those founts of inspiration forgets the words of Selden, "Let me make the songs of a people and I care not who makes their laws." We glory in our antiquity. We are Canadians, but not, therefore, Crees, Algonquians or Micmacs.

2.—A national past. The nation, however, the term may be defined, is as truly a divine fact as the family, and cannot be ignored without striking at humanity. The black or white international means communism, and that means social class, in which the weakest must go to the wall. Patriotism is the sole ascent to humanitarianism, and without patriotism there can be no deep feeling. "None of us claims to be a patriot of the world alone. A friend of every country but his own."

3.—A religious past. Religion must be at the basis of every great national life, and therefore the religious forms of one nation will be different from those of another. This point was illustrated from the history of Holland, Germany, France, Spain, Russia and the United States.

4.—A Scottish past. The claims that Scotland had on her sons, not only because of her scenery and romantic memories, but because of the actual contributions to the cause of mankind were fully described. After referring to what she had done for sound political economy, for philosophy and for modern material civilization, he described more fully what she had done by the effective adaptation of christianity to modern life and modern necessities. John Knox, Andrew Melville and Thomas Chalmers were described as three great statesmen, far in advance of the age in which each lived. They saw that the church must be "broad based upon people's will" and therefore that the people must be religious, free and educated. He described Knox's educational proposals as an effectual provision of parish schools, high schools, and universities, supported partly by fees, but chiefly by endowments. Chalmers was the only man in the nineteenth century who thoroughly faced the great social problem of caring properly for the poor and showing the only way in which it could be met, and also the great ecclesiastical problem of how churches unconnected with the state can be sustained by a financial scheme adequate to a whole country.

In conclusion he urged them never to break any of those bonds, but to cement them in every possible way, direct and indirect, and so to make Canada the inheritor of all the past, especially to rivet and sanctify the ancient ties by sweet charity. His closing words were: "That God would bless the St. Andrew's Society and Sons of Scotland everywhere, that He would make us, the members of the Kings Society, worthy of our forebears, and make our works of faith effective, is the prayer of your president, who has had the privilege of addressing you."

To 'Whig's' Subscribers.

Publishers make announcements in plain language but they are not always understood. The weekly and the semi-weekly, we repeat, are the same price—one dollar a year. They contain the same reading matter, except the addition of a story in the semi-weekly. The two publications, therefore are the same, subscribers to the semi-weekly having the news divided in half, on Mondays and Thursdays. The weekly is chosen by those at a distance, because it is a larger paper and making greater bulk in the mails and going once a week it is more sure to reach the subscriber than two lighter papers are.

Any name will be changed over from the weekly to semi-weekly providing it is paid for six months in advance. We cannot make entries on the books and changing of two mail lists unless we have a guarantee of a prepaid subscription. Then the semi-weekly is not going to be sent out on the credit system that has prevailed with the weekly. This is to be distinctly understood, as announcements hitherto have not been seriously regarded. Be it understood, therefore, that the semi-weekly WHIG will not be sent out on credit. Such a rule is found to be necessary by the dishonesty of many subscribers.

All accounts for subscriptions in arrears must be paid up. We have notified everyone and there is no excuse whatever for non-payment. Money orders cost only 2c each and are absolutely safe. Any one can, therefore, remit without inconvenience on payment of 5c postage.

To agents who have inquired we repeat that the WHIG—daily, semi-weekly or weekly—is given for the balance of this year free to prepaid subscribers for 1895.

This week advertising has crowded our reading space, something we cannot avoid at this season of the year. It is the merchants' harvest and they are the subscribers' best friends. Without the thousands of dollars that advertisers contribute to the WHIG we should never be able to issue a paper of more than one or two pages, so that readers can afford to give way for this short and busy season to the kindly advertiser.

The lords and commons agitation is quiet in the old land just now, but the storm is brewing. Salisbury is disappointing his followers by his inactivity, and Chamberlain is too zealous to be wise. Rosebery is again in dreamland and waiting for a vision.

WOLFE ISLAND WAFTS.

A VENERABLE LADY AT REST—THE ISLAND MARRIAGES.

Several Couples United in Marriage on the Quiet—The Blue Ruin Account Questioned—Young Men in Conflict—The Engagement of a Teacher.

WOLFE ISLAND, Dec. 4.—The pulpits on Sunday last were all occupied by the pastors in charge. Owing to the deplorable condition of the roads but one service is held in each of the churches at the ferry, as the pastors find it next to impossible to return from the lower appointments in time to hold evening service. The Sunday school of St. Andrew's church is busy preparing for a Christmas tree entertainment.

Death has again visited our island and claimed another victim in the person of Mrs. Shaver, mother of Mrs. W. Horne, who passed away on Monday about mid-day. Owing to her great strength and careful living the deceased had long reached the allotted age, being in her eighty-fourth year. In her early life she was a very active and intelligent woman, and being a great reader was possessed of a well-stored mind. During her latter years she devoted nearly all her time to the perusal of good books and magazines, and her sight was clear almost to the last. In religion she was a Presbyterian. Her funeral services will be conducted to-morrow morning by Rev. Mr. Lang.

The two marriages we predicted a short time ago have taken place, and two more besides. In the latter cases the contracting parties, being young and bashful, rather than go through the usual public parade, had the nuptials performed on the quiet. Cupid is still busy; the contagion is still raging; and we expect some more results before the holidays. The islander who gave a WHIG reporter such a blue-ruin account of our condition must be something of a pessimist or else has had a bad dose of the blues. His statements to the effect that three sheriff sales occurred in one day, that they are of daily occurrence and that the state of affairs is worse than that of Ireland, are incorrect and misleading.

The Cold Springs factory, owned by James Kyle, will be operated next year by Arthur Henderson. The regular meeting in connection with the factory was held recently and the business of the past season satisfactorily settled. The patrons were well satisfied with the returns received and intend to send a larger supply of milk next season.

Several young bloods, who went to town on Saturday and got drunk, were very quarrelsome on the boat coming home. They were only restrained from fighting by the captain threatening to have them locked up. However, their pugilistic spirits did not subside, and soon after landing the fight was on. Being a very unequal contest it was of short duration and the fellow who attempted to lick the crowd went home running down with gore.

As the present teacher of our village public school is retiring, the trustees have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Gordon, of Glenvale, for 1895. Miss Gordon has taught on the island for the past year and has become quite popular, notwithstanding a certain "News" correspondent's mean insinuation to the contrary, concerning the island's pedagogues. We are not, nor do we assume to be "leading literary lights" or "poets," but nevertheless, we think we are just as popular as those that question our popularity.

B. Haglan has gone to reside in Uncle Sam's territory. The islanders are sorry to lose him. The singing of Trinity church choir is much appreciated. Miss Lizzie Bullis makes an efficient organist. Messrs. J. Kyle and C. Pyke, suffering from rheumatism, are slowly recovering. Mrs. T. Fawcett, Mrs. Whitmarsh, Miss Grimshaw and Messrs. Hennessy and S. Mosier are now under the doctor's care.

The Park Paragraphs.

THOS. SMITH, superintendent of the park, has left for his home in Fulton, N.Y., for a short visit. Waggoner Bros', store at Fisher's Landing has been painted and looks fine. The sloop Flying Cloud made the run from Clayton to the park wharf, a distance of six miles, under part of the mainsail, in twenty-five minutes a few days since. Joseph Robinson will attend the Water-town court this week as juror. Quite a number from Fine View will attend the court as witnesses. J. A. Morris and wife, of the Fine View store, have gone on a visit to friends in Pulaski, N.Y. The new farm house is completed and ready for plastering. The month of November has been one of the worst fall months experienced here for years. The water is very low just now and is still lowering rapidly. There are twenty-six householders on the park who remain all winter. A. Fredenburgh, Fine View, is building a horse barn, and Henry Lafleur and George Eager are building ice-houses at the same place. Prayer meeting last Thursday evening in the chapel conducted by Elder Kinney; Sunday services conducted by Rev. Mr. Snowden.

About Stray Stock.

The laws of Ontario provide that any person taking stray stock shall give notice three times in a weekly newspaper, and if the property is not called for within three weeks after the first insertion of the notice, the finder will go before a justice of the peace and take the oath to the finding and advertising. If the property is not claimed within one year and should not exceed \$50 in value, it then belongs to the party taking the same up; if over \$50 it shall be advertised by the justice and sold, and the excess of all expenses shall be paid over to the county treasurer. Any person taking up an estray and neglecting to cause the same to be advertised shall be liable to a fine of \$20. The law applies also to other personal property.

Was a Popular Official.

Brockville Times.

Alex. Adams, for twenty-five years the popular G.T.R. station agent at Ballantyne, who resigned his position about two years ago to go into business with a nephew at Hamilton, a few miles from Glasgow, Scotland, is likely dead and buried ere this. A letter received by friends in Ballantyne a few days ago stated that Mr. Adams was very low from the effects of an attack of the gripe last winter and four doctors in consultation had decided he would not live longer than four days from the time the letter was written. The nephew with whom he was associated in business had the misfortune to have both arms cut off five years ago at Napanee while working in the capacity of brakeman on the Grand Trunk.

M. Campbell, James street, is dangerously ill from erysipelas.