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THE DAILY WHIG.

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THE U. S. ARMY.

A report of the United States militia force has just been presented to congress, and from it we learn that there are nearly as many officers as privates. The number of the men enrolled in the militia, all told, is 100,837, and there are 8,210 officers commissioned and 18,331 non-commissioned. Among American military men every third one is "general" or "colonel," and few rank as low as "captain." France and Germany and Russia constantly maintain standing armies of a million and a half to two millions each, draining each nation of its best manhood and national resources to keep the armies in constant efficiency. The United States would find a vast army a necessity if surrounded by such powerful military neighbors as the nations of Europe. As it is Canada has little to dread from its powerful neighbor, simply because its powerful neighbor finds no occasion to have an army always in fighting trim, just as the ordinary unarmed Canadian citizen is in little danger from violence, simply because all, or nearly all, the citizens by whom he is surrounded are without deadly weapons.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.

It is reported that the British chancellor of the exchequer will report a surplus of fifty millions of dollars for the past year. The Washington government has a surplus of somewhere near a hundred millions, and the difficulty appears to be to know what to do with it. In Canada the finance minister has no trouble about surpluses, whatever other troubles may be in his path. When parliament meets the probabilities are that a deficiency of somewhere between three and five millions will be heard from, though a part of this may be "charged to capital account." Our dominion debt has now grown to something over two hundred and thirty millions. Taxes are already about as high as they can be placed. Our customs duties on all dutiable goods amount to something over one third of the original value of the goods, and to over twenty per cent. on the value of all goods imported, including those on the free list. To try to raise any further revenue by an increased rate of customs would be useless, as they are already beyond an actual revenue maximum, and the temptations now are too great to resort to smuggling.

When facts like these are referred to the tory press raises the hue and cry of "im-patriotic" and "running down our own country." The honest truth is that the press of Canada, truly patriotic to the interest of the people, would have sounded the alarm long ago, roused the people, and stopped all reckless financial mismanagement and mislegislation.

The WHIG often wonders to what depths Sir John could wade before his party followers would refuse to follow him. It is doubted if any other party would follow a leader so far into the mire.

THE SUGAR EXTORTIONS.

Since the present government placed the enormous duty of from one cent per pound and 35 per ad valorem to nearly two cents, and so purposely arranged it that all the people's supplies must pass through the hands of the Canadian refiners, we have had to pay most exorbitantly for one of the principal necessities of every household. Our tariff has been so arranged that it was an easy matter for the few sugar refiners we now have to combine to extort the greatest possible sum out of the people, and they have taken advantage of their opportunity to the fullest extent. Just how many millions the long suffering Canadians are paying to-day for sugar, more than is just and right, considering the first cost of the imported article, is not easy to ascertain. It is a well-admitted fact that the purchasers are paying to-day at least one cent per pound more than would be a reasonable profit to the importers and refiners. That is certainly an under estimate, but it is at least a figure that few will be induced to deny.

Last year, according to the trade returns, the importers report the total quantity of sugar of all kinds entered for home consumption at 200,466,072 pounds. A charge of an extra cent on this amount would represent considerably over two million dollars. This large sum was wrung out of the hard earnings of the consumers of the dominion with the connivance of the much vaunted national policy that the dominant party worked so hard to fasten upon the country. There may be some poetic justice in the fact that the admirers of the same N. P. have had to crouch under the extra burden equally with the rest. They appear to "enjoy being skinned" like the proverbial eels.

The report from Halifax this week is that the small sugar refinery in that city, with a capital of \$150,000, has during the past year paid its stockholders a dividend of 13

per cent, and in addition paid off a mortgage of one hundred thousand dollars, and laid by for a rest, an odd forty thousand more. In other words a business with a capital of \$150,000 makes a profit of \$150,000 in one year, taking advantage of the monopoly it is possibly to enjoy under our present system.

Under all the circumstances this extraordinary rate of profit is not to be wondered at. How much the Montreal refiners have been able to lay by under their strong combine with all the retailers of sugar in the two provinces on their knees before them, has not yet been made known. Possibly they will mercifully withhold all the facts from the people.

It need not create any surprise, however, if another Redpath sugar refiner should decide to purchase another grand English estate and retire to enjoy his rich reward, leaving some favoured successor to fatten on the same monopoly. The great wonder to these refiners must be how the patient Canadians willingly submit to these burdens.

YOUNG MEN'S RECEPTION.

The New Y. M. C. A. Rooms Opened—The Events of Last Evening.

The commodious new rooms of the Y. M. C. A. were formally opened last evening by a reception to the members and subscribers. Some of our leading citizens were present. The president occupied the chair and after welcoming the guests called upon Messrs. H. A. Lavell and T. G. McAllister for songs. Rev. Salem G. Bland gave a short address. The association, he said, followed the Methodist itineracy plan in regard to its rooms, but he was pleased that each change was for the better. One more change was to be looked for and that was to a completely equipped building with rooms, gymnasium, and bath rooms. The citizens would give this in time. He advised the young men to be manly and joyful in their christian lives. Mr. B. M. Britton followed with the remark that the association must include some who were showing signs of gray hairs and bald heads. He wished the association all prosperity in its needed work. Mr. Pratt, the secretary, gave a short account of the recent convention held in Toronto. He described the new building of the association there, and added that the local association needed men far more than it needed magnificent equipments.

Mr. Harvey sang "Is It There?" Mr. F. H. Hill spoke a few words in regard to the financial condition and told how several citizens had lately, without solicitation, doubled their subscriptions. Another director, Mr. G. M. Macdonell, alluded to the old association which existed before, and remarked that it had died for lack of young men. If the young men of this association continued to support it as they were so well doing, it would receive everything else it needed. Those present then inspected the rooms, and afterwards the evening closed with prayers led by Rev. W. Timmerlake.

A VACANT OFFICIAL POSITION.

A Chief of Police Still Wanted in Montreal—Who'll Be Appointed?

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—In connection with the much-vexed and long-disputed appointment of a chief of police of the metropolitan city of Montreal, a prominent citizen, well acquainted with the British army, remarked that to his mind had Lieut.-Col. John Walsh, of Ompah, Ont., been in the field he would have made all the running and won in a canter. Col. Walsh's military career is well known by Montrealers, the 78th Highlanders having a very warm place in their hearts. The colonel is a man of commanding presence, and is in the habit of being implicitly obeyed. He has just the qualities required in the chief of a force which has had too much of its own way, wants bringing up to the standard, and putting under the strictest military discipline. The trouble is that the colonel has but an imperfect acquaintance with French; nevertheless were his paramount claims properly represented there would, it is certain, be a strong feeling in his favor. It cannot be denied that a stranger who knew his business would be far more acceptable to the masses than an individual who has figured in ward and local politics and might be expected to be at the beck and call of this and that alderman or some corner groggeryman. The salary of chief of police has been placed at \$3,000, but had the council been able to secure the services of such a man as Col. Walsh there is no doubt the remuneration he would have received would have been more in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

TENDERING THANKS.

The Success Secured Calls For Congratulations—Praise for the Principal.

Montreal Gazette.
Queen's college and its worthy principal are to be congratulated on the success that has attended the efforts put forth by its friends to raise for it an endowment fund that would place it in a position to meet the requirements of a modern educational institution that aims to keep abreast of the times. The sum desired, a quarter of a million dollars, was a large one, and that it has been obtained in so comparatively short a time, speaks highly for the worldly success and generosity of the alumni and friends of King's chief university. Greatest praise, however, is due to Dr. Grant, who has labored constantly in season and out of season to put Queen's in a foremost position, and the result is a justification of his contention that there is room in Eastern Ontario for a seat of learning equal to, but independent of, the federation of universities that the provincial government is promoting.

THE CANADIAN ORDER.

The New Court of Foresters is to be Called After Lord Stanley.

A preliminary meeting was held here last night to prepare for organizing a court. Mr. H. M. Mowat, barrister, was called to the chair, and introduced the subject in glowing terms, speaking of the prospect of having so good a start made. Mr. F. A. Birch was appointed secretary. It was decided to name the court Stanley, in honor of the proposed governor-general for Canada. The following committee was appointed to procure a room for organization: The chairman and secretary, John Waddell, J. McIntyre, and W. O. H. Stanford. The meeting adjourned to meet again in about two weeks, of which notice will be given. There are over thirty applicants on the charter list.

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