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COUNTY AND TOWN.

The annual June meeting of the County Council brings to us representatives from all sections of the county. The representatives of the parishes in the council are a solid, common sense, hard head-headed lot of men, who have no time to fool away in concocting "schemes," and who perform their delegated duties probably more conscientiously than either our provincial or federal assemblies. It is a certain thing that better men, as a rule, sit in the county councils of the country, on an average, than in the so-called higher legislative bodies.

This council, as will be observed by reference to an article in another column, was organized by charter as far back as 1852. Since then an act has been passed by the legislative assembly specially providing for the incorporation of county councils.

It is said that a certain jealousy exists between county and town. If it be so it is a lamentable thing, for their interests are inseparable, and the prosperity or adversity of each must affect the other. Anything that can be done to dissipate this suicidal jealousy, if it exists, and to weld this fine town and county, as the political orators say, "into one harmonious whole," should and will undoubtedly meet with the earnest support of the sensible men of both county and town.

FOUND GUILTY.

Erastus Wiman has been found guilty of forgery, and although at the time of writing sentence has not been imposed, it may be taken for granted that the one-time millionaire must herd for a longer or shorter period with criminals.

Few people will be found to gloat over the fall of a man whose name for many years has been a synonym for enterprise and business pluck.

Mr. Wiman began life as a newsboy, and for many years worked as a printer in a Toronto newspaper office. His acute mind and marvellous business ability pushed him rapidly forward, and his name very shortly became famous as a financier. Those who knew him best speak of him in affectionate terms, and a pathetic incident of his trial was the steadfast fidelity with which his friends stuck to him throughout. Even the jury, we read, rendered their verdict—which their conscience dictated against their sympathy—with sorrowful hearts.

Mr. Wiman will be remembered as the advocate of the commercial union of Canada and the United States. He advocated it fearlessly wherever he spoke, and evidently sincerely believed that it meant the prosperity of his native land. But this policy never secured a deep hold on the Canadian people.

Ambition, the stumbling block of all who allow their insatiate thirst for power and influence, to master their reason and prudence, has claimed another victim. Erastus Wiman is now a criminal. Unlike a great many speculators he has been found out, and the prison cell is his doom, while others, perhaps, equally culpable, travel around in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day.

Death of Chief Justice Coleridge.

John Duke Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England, died at 8.50 Thursday evening. He was unconscious for a few hours before his death. His son Bernard will succeed him in the peerage. It is announced that Baron Russell will succeed Lord Coleridge as Lord Chief Justice and that Sir John Rigby will become a Lord Justice of Appeal in the place of Baron Russell. Robert T. Reid, now solicitor general, will become attorney general and Richard B. Haldans, M. P., solicitor general.

Lord Coleridge was seventy-three years of age and had been Chief Justice of England since the death of Sir Alexander Cockburn in 1880. He had an eminent political as well as a splendid legal and judicial career, as Solicitor General, Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. Lord Coleridge was a master of English composition, and although he has written no important books, his contributions to current English journals have been written with a grace of expression rarely excelled. As a man of great intellect, guided by high moral principles, he was among the best and most noble of this age, and his death is a great public loss. A few years ago Lord Coleridge visited America and received a very warm reception from the American bar. Baron Russell, who succeeds him as Lord Chief Justice, is better known as Sir Charles Russell, and has a very prominent legal position. He defended Parnell in the Times case, and won the peerage for his service in the Behring Sea arbitration. As he was the first Roman Catholic Attorney General of England since the Reformation, so he is also the first Roman Catholic to be appointed Lord Chief Justice since that important period.

Iron and Lead Acqueduct Pipe was never so low as it is this year. W. F. Dibblee & Son have a full stock of both. Parties requiring the same should send for prices.

THAT LICENSE SYSTEM.

The By-Law Under which Licenses Are Collected.—Interview with Business Men on the Subject.

Much interest is taken in the town and also in the county in the question of the laborers license, and indeed the entire question of a license as it affects people who come to Woodstock. The provisions of the by-law enacting this license are given below.

For license to Architects, Contractors, Master Builders or Mechanics, employing workmen,—One dollar per day,—Three dollars per week,—Five dollars per month,—and Twenty dollars per year;

For license to Journeymen Mechanics in any trade,—Fifty cents per day,—One dollar per week,—Two dollars per month,—and six dollars per year; For license to Physicians, Lawyers, or other Professional Persons,—Two dollars per day,—Three dollars per week,—Five dollars per month,—and Twenty dollars per year;

For license to Store Keepers, Shop Keepers or persons carrying on any kind of business in any building,—Five dollars per day,—Twenty dollars per week,—Thirty dollars per month,—and Sixty dollars per year;

For license to any person to purchase in the Town, Farm Products of the following kinds,—Oats, Potatoes, Butter, Pork, Hay, Poultry or Grain of any kind,—Five dollars per day,—Ten dollars per week,—Fifteen dollars per month,—and Twenty dollars per year;

For license for any person to engage in the occupation of a Commercial Traveller or for the vending or canvassing for the sale of any kind of goods or chattels,—Three dollars per day,—Four dollars per week,—Six dollars per month,—and Eight dollars per year.

For license to persons to vend small wares or merchandise, or to hold gifts or other shows or entertainments on the streets, (not to ensure against interference of authorities for obstructing the streets or being a nuisance) Fifteen dollars per day; Fifty dollars per week; Seventy five dollars per month; One Hundred dollars per year.

For license to persons to vend or canvass for the sale of any other article not enumerated in this law, Ten dollars per day; Forty dollars per week; Eighty dollars per month; and One Hundred dollars per year.

The license regarding laborers, is to the effect that they be charged a license of 25 cents a day, 50 cents a week, \$1.00 a month, and \$4.00 a year.

THE DISPATCH has solicited the opinion of various business men in town on the subject, and they are here published.

John Fisher—Although not much of a protectionist I am in favor of this license. It must have the effect of raising wages. I do not think we want any set of men in the town who cannot scrape enough together to pay the equivalent of the poll-tax. If I were speaking from a selfish motive I would be apt to say that the laborers tax is inimical to my interests, but I am speaking from what I consider a fair stand point.

John McKenzie—This license either as it affects mechanics or laborers, is a gross outrage. I have been here fifteen years, but if the day I went to work here a tax bill had been thrust into my face, I wouldn't have stayed long. Let a man come here and work awhile and when he has been here long enough let him pay his taxes. Suppose I have a certain amount of work to be done in a certain time. I can't get men in Woodstock to do it, so I get a lot from some other part of the country. Is there any fairness in hunting out those men and making them pay license, when they already pay taxes in the place they live. We want to bring men here to live, not to keep them away.

John Lindsay—I think it is manifestly unfair to our resident laborers who have property here and pay taxes to maintain the different services of the town corporation, to allow outside laborers to come here and work without paying a sum equal to the poll tax, and as they cannot be placed on the assessment the only way to reach them is to collect a license. The laborers who have votes should keep their eye on the councillors who voted against the license on outside laborers.

Wm. Dibblee—I am opposed to any kind of license, but if any set of people are to be protected I consider it should be the laboring class before all others. It is only part of a system which I think bad, but if enforced for one class it should be for another, and especially for the least wealthy class in the community.

Geo. Balmain—I am opposed to the whole principle of license, but think the laborer should not be left out when all others are in it.

J. T. Garden—I think skilled labor coming into the town should not be taxed. When the ordinary laborer comes into town he should pay taxes, if the laborer represents can be procured in town. I am opposed to the commercial travellers' and all such kinds of license.

Wendall Jones—The question is one which requires much thought and consideration. The question of the laborers' license has brought up the whole matter for discussion, and I am not surprised that some people are found to have objections to the entire system.

Wm. Saunders—I am in favor of the tax. I think the men who work on the bridge should pay their share of the town expenses. As a matter of fact, there are plenty of men in this town who could do the work which these men were brought here to do.

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Waiting for Court News.

Lord Rosebery, premier of England, made a public speech the other night, but contrary to some expectations, did not utilize the occasion to justify his ownership of race horses. There is, in truth, grave reason to fear that the prime minister is a stiff-necked sinner, and that he will even be found at Ascot next week in company with the Prince and Princess of Wales and notorious offenders against the nonconformist conscience.

He has not even attempted to ease his conscience by devoting his Derby winnings to charitable purposes, like Baron Hirsch, although the glimmering of remorse may perhaps be detected by the exceptionally optimistic Puritans in the announcement that his lordship has intimated that it is his intention to give the inmates of the Epsom poorhouse a substantial dinner in celebration of the victory of Ladass.

Protests of various religious bodies against the sin of gambling and horse racing continue to swell the prime minister's mail.

All England is awaiting with loyal eagerness the momentous announcement, which is hourly expected from White Lodge, Richmond, of the birth of a future king of England.

Popular rejoicing is sure to be extravagant. The health of Princess May has been almost perfect since her marriage, and the daily bulletins, which are now officially issued, are favorable.

No stranger is allowed to approach within half a mile of White Lodge, and the duchess spends much time daily in the delightful gardens and parks in the vicinity.

Intercolonial Conference.

A change has had to be made in the arrangements for the Colonial Conference, which was to have begun on Thursday next. On account of the floods in British Columbia, which have demoralized railway traffic, the delegates will not arrive here in time for Thursday next. Another cause of delay is the illness of Mr. Nicholas Fitzgerald delegate from New South Wales, who is in Vancouver. In consequence of these delays, the conference will begin on Thursday, 28th instant, which it has been remarked is a most appropriate day, as being the anniversary of the coronation of her Majesty. The Earl of Jersey, who is to be Great Britain's representative at the conference, will be the guest of the governor-general while he is in Ottawa. The opening proceedings of the conference will be held in the senate chamber on the evening of Thursday, 28th. On the opening day there will be a banquet at the Russell house, for which more than two hundred invitations have been sent out, and at which Lord Aberdeen will preside.

THE F. C. Baptist second district meeting convened with the church at Knoxford on the 23rd instant. There are 24 churches in this district with a membership of over 1800. The number added to the church by baptism during the year was 139, by letter 54 a net gain of 193. The amount of money raised in the district for all purposes was over \$10,000.

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