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THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

A GOVERNOR GENERAL WHO PRAYS TOO MUCH.

Another Dig at the Town Hall.—Candlemas Day and "Go to Blazes"—McGill College, Should be Protected from Foreigners.



The house of commons has a committee of internal economy, to look after repairs, etc. The town council of Woodstock, in the past, has evidently had a committee of "infernal economy." I am really tired talking of that broken plaster in the council chamber, and the broken window, with the sheet iron stuffed in to keep away the rain and snow. It gives me a pain in my big toe. Let the committee of internal economy make some small repairs, and give the old town hall a coat of paint.

I wish some Solomon would tell us how to please and satisfy the super-sensitive public conscience. The dear public have always complained because I have not prayed enough, and now the governor general and lady have gotten into trouble for praying too much, or to be exact—for praying as the pharisaical public assert, in the wrong place. I don't know what we are to do with our governors general. Lord Dufferin, the same discerning public said, was too lavish in expenditure, and now we have Lord Aberdeen guilty of extravagance in praying. I don't know that we are in any particular danger of coming to poverty by the same kind of extravagance, but I think it well to caution the people. If praying for the dead—or to be exact—in the presence of the dead, is something to be condemned, should not chaplains of legislatures, be discharged? for they are praying in the presence of the dead, or for those dead in trespasses and sins. I hope that the governor general will not be recalled; he might be cautioned and let go, but he seems to be a nice kind of a man but for this one fault of his, of not knowing where and when to pray, but we are not all perfect, oh, dear public—spelt with a small p.

Watch Saturday! "If Candlemas is bright and clear there will be two winters in that year." Candlemas takes its name from the fact that on Lady day, or feast of the purification of the Virgin Mary, 2nd Feb., it is the custom to bring candles to the church which are blessed with the prayers of the church. On Candleman day it is said that if a bear comes out of his den and sees his shadow he goes back again, for the reason that if the sun is shining there will be two winters. Sunday is the anniversary of St. Blaise's death, a good Armenian who lost his head for Christianity, A. D. 316. The unspokeable Turk cannot be accused in this instance. The Saint is credited with many miracles, among others of curing a boy who was afflicted with an obstruction in his throat. It is still customary in some churches to have children's throats blessed through the merits and intercession of St. Blaise. The good Armenian is immortalised as being a contributor to the English language. The English guilds of spinners and weavers elected him to be their patron, and on days of parade on the 3rd of Feb. many of the celebrants got more or less under the influence of the ardent. Hence it became a saying greatly in vogue in yore olden time—drunk as Blazes. In the *astral vortexes* to come let us hope it will not run as drunk as—Scott Act.

I would like to know what good protection is if it doesn't protect. I have been much scandalized lately to find Sir Donald Smith hunting through the "effete civilization" of Europe for a president for McGill, when there are plenty of men in Canada out of work who would gladly take the job, for half the pay that some of these foreign gentlemen would expect. Montreal is at present filled with a mob howling for work, and Canada is at the same moment likely to hand one of the best jobs in the country over to a foreigner. The qualifications of the man sink into insignificance when compared with the desirability of having a Canadian for the position.

Pride always goes before a fall. Everyone I met lately talked about what a lovely winter we are having, no cold, no snow, and everything like California. I hope they have got a little over their disgusting optimism. A drive in the country, on the back roads

will reveal to them the fact that winter has not yet gone by default.

Since the Banks of Newfoundland have been destroyed in the recent panic, I wonder where our annual supply of codfish is to come from hereafter.

When will the people learn the eternal fitness of things? What a shame to have the opening exercises in connection with the new bridge before the finishing touch was put on in the shape of the artistic placard declaring a fine on anybody driving over the structure faster than a walk! THE IMP.

Public Installation.
On Friday last, according to arrangement, LeBaron Coleman, High Chief Ranger of New Brunswick, with Wm. Kinghorn, High Vice-Chief, J. A. Lindsay and J. Tattersall went to Bloomfield Corner to install the officers of Court Bloomfield, No. 1498, Independent Order of Foresters.

G. H. Stokoe, one of those most interested, let it be known that the high officers would install the officers and it was my good fortune to be present.

Shortly after the arrival of Chief Coleman and party, the people began to gather and in a very short time the hall was filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. After the installation the High Chief Ranger, in a short and pointed speech, gave an account of the rise and progress of the order, which had a membership of 3,000 and a reserve of \$28,000 in 1885, and Jan. 1895, the membership had reached 70,000 and the reserve \$1,150,000. Bro. Kinghorn spoke of the general benefits of the order. Bro. J. A. Lindsay spoke of the social benefits. The speeches were well received and frequently applauded. Miss Alterton presided at the organ and was ably assisted by the choir. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem, all going away pleased with the result.

The following officers were installed for the year 1895:

Ed London, C R;
Ephram Stokoe, V C R;
Adalbert Alterton, R S;
G H Stokoe, F S;
O H Cheney, Treas;
H A Stokoe, Chap;
Elmer Stokoe, S W;
R H Wilson, J W;
W A Jewett, S B;
C A Black, J B;
F W Mann, P C R;
W A Flemming, D H C R;
Dr. Mann, Court Physician;
Elmer Stokoe, Rep to High Court.

Sunday School Convention.

The Wakefield Parish Sunday School Convention met on Tuesday afternoon of last week in the Free Baptist church at Upper Waterville. Rev. A. Lucas, field secretary, was present, beside Rev. J. B. Morgan, Jacksonville; Rev. A. G. Downey, Victoria Corner; Rev. H. S. Young, Hartland; Rev. A. H. Trafton, Woodstock, and other clergymen, superintendents, teachers and delegates.

The convention was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. A. Lucas, and prayers by several of the gentlemen present. The reports read by the delegates were generally favorable, and indicated a steady progress in the work. A normal Bible lesson was taught with good effect by Rev. A. Lucas. An address was delivered by Superintendent Richard Alexander, of Jacksontown, on "How can we interest our ministers more in Sunday school conventions?"

Wm. Connolly, of Jacksontown, was elected president for the ensuing quarter, Mr. Davis, vice-president, and Mrs. J. T. Fletcher, secretary-treasurer. The retiring president, Mr. McLeod, delivered a farewell address to the convention.

The evening service was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. G. Downey. Rev. J. B. Morgan offered prayer. The newly elected president, Wm. Connolly, addressed the convention, after which Rev. A. Lucas gave a second normal lesson. Rev. John B. Morgan spoke on the subject, "Wherein every Sunday school succeeds." Rev. H. S. Young's address, "The Spiritual power of the Sunday school," was followed by some remarks by J. T. G. Carr, of Hartland. Rev. A. Lucas addressed the convention on "Organized Sunday school work." Revs. J. B. Morgan and A. Lucas were appointed to answer the questions presented for solution.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Baptist church at Jacksontown.

Parnellites Will Try to Oust Rosebery.

London, Jan. 28.—John Redmond, M.P., leader of the Parnellites, said in a speech in Waterford this evening that he and his colleagues will go back to Parliament with a determination to do their utmost to oust the Government. They will insist that no British business be transacted until home rule shall have been granted to Ireland.

OUR WISE MEN IN COUNCIL.

MAYOR SAUNDERS DELIVERS HIS INAUGURAL.

Recommends Economy with Due Regard to Public Needs.—Committees for the Coming Year.—A Vacancy in Wellington ward by Miles Moore's Resignation.

The new town council opened the game on Friday evening with a full house, pat. His worship, Mayor Saunders, was in the chair, and every councillor was present with the exception of C. Miles Moore, from whom a note was read saying that he could not take the oath of office.

After the clerk had read the returns from the various returning officers, the mayor declared the council to be organized for business. He then addressed the council as follows:

It is a source of great satisfaction to me to have associated at this time with me, in the administration of the affairs of the town, men of the business capacity, ability and experience of the present council. And it is scarcely necessary for me to remind you of the great responsibilities that are now resting upon you. No doubt you gave this matter every consideration before you offered your services as representatives of the people at this board, and I sincerely hope that nothing of a sectional or personal feeling will creep in to mar the peace and harmony which should exist, in order that each and every department may receive its proper care and attention. Of course you are all aware that I have never sat at this board before, and consequently will not be as well posted in all the details as I would have been had I had the opportunity. I now intend to give my very best care and attention to the situation, and master, if possible, all the different phases of the work, as your chairman or presiding officer and I shall not try to assume to myself that duty that belongs to you. It does seem to me that it is not in the jurisdiction of the mayor to attach to himself the right or prerogative to run the whole machine, but simply preside over your meetings, give a general oversight to all the departments, assist, advise and help when necessary in every way to further your plans and considerations. I am pleased you have given me the honor and shown your confidence in me in allowing me to name and select the different committees who shall have charge of the different departments of work during this year. I have tried to conscientiously recommend men upon whom a majority would agree and associate together in such committees, those who would work harmoniously together. As you have given my nominations your hearty support and ratification it makes me feel you have appreciated my judgment. I notice for the year 1894 that the amount assessed was \$18,888.75. It will now be for you to carefully consider as you look into the several estimates made for the departments whether you can make any improvements in these, and if it is necessary to increase or diminish them, and I have full confidence in you that if you do purpose an increase in any it will only be where you find it an absolute necessity and that the demand cannot otherwise be provided for. I know you will strive in every way possible to keep down the taxes without impairing the usefulness or crippling any of the different interests. This matter of improving the streets is now receiving considerable attention. I know you are practical men and that you will be guided by fair play and the justice of the demand and some scheme will be devised that will work in the interests of the whole town. I feel that our Fire department should have some more consideration at our hands, and that a room should be given them where they can spend an evening together without being compelled to sit in a room crowded with ladders, carts and all the paraphernalia incident to a fire brigade. Their remuneration is small, not enough to pay sometimes for the clothing that they destroy at one fire. Let us deal fairly by them, and in some small way recompense them for their great care and watchfulness. Now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I would respectfully urge upon you the necessity of making a careful inspection of the different departments with which you are connected, take a full inventory of all the stock on hand, the probable wants, and leave no stone unturned to make this the year noted as the best regulated, most carefully conducted, in the history of our town affairs, and when we come to hand back to the ratepayers the trust that they have reposed in us, it will be with that honest conviction that we have all done the best we could.

The mayor then named the following committees:

Finance—Messrs. Vanwart, Carr and Bailey.
Water—Messrs. Sutton, Bailey and Payson.
Fire—Messrs. Leighton, Sutton and Nicholson.
Poor, Scales, etc.—Messrs. Jones and Sutton.
Electric Light—Messrs. Gallagher, Payson and Jones.
Street—Messrs. Carr, Gallagher and Payson.
Town Hall and Lock Up—Messrs. Payson and Nicholson.
Police—Messrs. Nicholson, Jones and Gallagher.
Sewer—Messrs. Bailey, Sutton and Payson.
Printing—Messrs. Vanwart, Nicholson and Carr.

Woodstock Markets.

While Wall street, New York, has, in the past week, been somewhat excited over the rise and fall of the commodities dealt in there, Wall street, Woodstock, has pursued a very even course. One might change the date of last week's report and use it for this week. Eggs have utterly refused to excite the commercial intellect by changing their price. Oats refuse to be eaten, by even the best horse flesh in the country, at any price but that quoted last week, viz. 30-32c.

The Strike Virtually Ended.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 28.—The city of churches had a comparatively quiet day Sunday. The troops were ready for any gatherings of rioters that might be reported, but were not ordered out in any numbers. In various outlying places, as well as on many built-up streets, wire cutting and stone throwing were indulged in. A number of arrests were made, mostly of boys. Many cars lost panes of glass.

Will There be an Election?

The St. John Globe thinks an election is on the tapis. It says:—No dissolution of Parliament is yet announced, but the indications still are that there will be dissolution. Ministers are preparing for a western tour, Mr. Foster is coming to New Brunswick at an early day, and the fact that Parliament is not yet called is a strong indication that it will not be called at all.

Died from Appendicitis.

Mr. Harry Morris, a well-known stone mason of Fredericton, died at his home on Brunswick street, after a week's illness of appendicitis. The deceased was operated on by three physicians. He stood the operation well and it was thought he would pull through, but mortification soon afterwards set in and resulted in his death. Mr. Morris was 37 years old. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Gen. Sir H. F. Ponsouby, the Queen's private secretary, who was recently stricken with paralysis, is steadily progressing toward recovery.

Audit—Messrs. Bailey, Leighton and Jones.

License—Messrs. Leighton and Jones.

On motion by Coun. Sutton, seconded by Coun. Payson, and unanimously carried, it was noted that the committees named by the mayor be accepted by the council.

The following appointments were then made for the ensuing year.

Clerk—J. C. Hartley.
Treasurer—Williamson Fisher.
Chief of Police and Commissioner of poor—J. C. Gibson.

Night-Watch—Thomas McCarron.
Superintendent of Water Works and Fire and Sewer Departments—Donald Munro.

Engineer Water Works Station—George Hendry.

Special Police—Neil McKinnon, Jas. Woolverton, Amos Brawn, William Bolger and J. W. Grant and John Gray.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Chas. McLean and W. S. Skillen.

Principal Assessor and assessor for Queens ward—John McCormac.

Assessor for Kings—Albert Hayden.
Assessor for Wellington—W. P. Craig.

On request the water works committee were allowed to purchase 30 cords of dry tamarac wood, without tender, at \$2.00 per cord.

The treasurer's account was received and handed to the audit committee.

H. A. Connell, whose term as school trustee had expired, was on motion of Mr. Leighton reappointed.

Orders on the treasurer were voted to pay the returning officers in the late election.

The town clerk was instructed to give notice of an election of a councillor for Wellington ward, on Monday February eleventh.

Mock Parliament.

At the mock parliament on Friday evening last, a notice was given of a motion censuring the deputy speaker for his continued absence, by Mr. Waddleton. This will come up on Friday. A notice of motion was also given by the leader of the opposition, of a resolution favoring the admission of Newfoundland into the confederation.

The house then went into committee on Mr. Drysdale's bill to amend the postal act. An amendment introduced by Mr. J. A. Lindsay that "no letters be carried free." was negatived. Another amendment moved by Mr. C. L. S. Raymond, that the clause reducing the postage on letters from three to two cents, be struck out, was also voted down, and the bill was finally passed in committee and reported.

On this coming Friday, after the censure on the deputy speaker is disposed of, the bill of the minister of justice relating to railways will be taken up on its second reading.

The Newfoundland debate which promises to be interesting, will be introduced on Friday evening week.

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MUST HAVE A BRIDGE.

HARTLAND PEOPLE HAVE THE SITE LOCATED.

How Matters are Prospering in the Northern Hub.—A Real Estate Transfer.—Brick Building.—Cornet Band.—Water Works System Under Way.

Hartland is bound to have a bridge. The enterprising men of the village are determined on this, and, of course, they are backed by the people of the thickly settled country around. The first step has been taken towards the erection of the bridge, in a survey made last Thursday by a competent surveyor.

The survey was made in a straight line, or almost straight, from the road that turns to the back country at the corner where Thistle's drug goods store is. The estimated length of the bridge is in all 1422 feet. Commencing at the Hartland side, 182 feet was allowed for wharfing; 140 feet is allowed for wharfing on the western side, leaving 1100 feet for the bridge proper. The depth of water is as follows: 1000 feet from the western shore, 5½ feet; 900 feet from the shore, 10 feet; 700 feet from the shore two feet. Some of the good people of Hartland think a better site for the bridge would be about 600 feet below, and there may be something in this opinion. The present site has the advantage of taking in the bar of Matheson's Island.

Perhaps the island would afford a protection which the bridge at a lower point would not have. One or two think even a lower site would be the best, where the ferry runs, but an objection raised is that the structure at that point would have to be built diagonally.

Anyway the people of Hartland are wiser in their generation than the people of Woodstock. They do not mean to fight over the location of the bridge. They are all for Hartland, and that is the reason Hartland, in all seriousness, is becoming a menace to Woodstock's commercial supremacy in the county.

To show how this place is prospering I have only to state that a piece of land owned by W. R. Gillen, measuring 78x78, was sold the other day to C. Humphrey Taylor for \$600. Mr. Taylor intends erecting a three story brick building next spring on his new site, which is opposite his present place of business.

Hartland pays heavy insurance rates. The general rate is 4 per cent. Mr. Taylor says he can get a 1½ per cent. rate in a brick building. That is the difference between wood and brick. There has been a "hitch" in the village over the water works by which Hartland is to be supplied with a splendid service, but this will be all suitably arranged in time. The wood is now being got out for the pipes, and by this time next year Hartland will have a good water supply, with hydrants. Insurance companies will then come off the perch.

That Hartland population increases is attested to by the fact that the new voters' revision shows that the increase of voters in that district is greater than in any other place in the county.

Craig & Sawyer's mill will do a big business. It is said this firm expects to saw 6,000,000 feet of lumber the coming season, that a couple of million of lumber are already in the Guimic.

Leaving business matters for a while, I may say that Hartland is not all unmindful of culture. There is to be a new cornet band. Mr. Carr has contributed a good starter in the way of a subscription towards buying instruments, and has offered the band a hall free for their practice. Negotiations are now going on with the Carleton (St. John) cornet band for their musical outfit.

While I was in the village the funeral of Rev. S. W. Shaw was held. Mr. Shaw was an old resident, a much respected old gentleman, and the village and its surrounding country did honor to his memory. No less than seventeen ministers took part in the obsequies. Rev. Gideon Swim of Pembroke preached the funeral sermon. There is something pathetic about the ending of Mr. Shaw's life. He had lived upright, with clean hands and a pure heart, but, alas! he neglected the whole aim of life—to make money. He was poor, and his wife now lying on a sick bed is not expected to leave it until she is carried to the burying ground, to repose beside her husband.

Among the names of those who perished in the terrible explosion in Butte, is the name of Wm. Magee. A son of Mr. Jos. Magee of that name went out west several years ago and they were much in fear lest it was he who perished, and whose name appeared in the list of those killed. I hope it may not prove so.