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A GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Many Persons Believe That the Governor Should Have an Official Residence—Why They Think so.

An agitation has arisen in certain quarters for the re-establishing of Government House. The St. John Globe and some other papers do not look with favor upon the movement and argue that the keeping up of such a residence is a useless and unnecessary expense. It may be said that many persons are of the same opinion as these journals, but as a matter of fact their argument will not stand much criticism.

If it is to be laid down as a principle that all unnecessary and public expenditures should be done away with, there might be something said in support of their contention, but it is ridiculous to allege that such a doctrine could be maintained under our present form of government. If it is maintained that the providing of the governor with a residence is unnecessary, the same argument may be advanced in regard to other matters of government expenditure. It may be said that the paying to the chief Executive a good fat salary is wrong. His office judged from the standpoint of its practical usefulness is very limited. Under the constitution he may be said generally speaking to be a mere figurehead. The same can be said of other positions held under our form of government and yet there is not a true Canadian living who would support the doing away with these so called useless offices. To do away with them would be taking away the very foundation upon which our national construction is based.

Those who support the theory that a government house is not needed, look at the question from a very small standpoint and not from a broad, national and patriotic one. There is no better form of government to be found anywhere in the world, than that which exists in Canada today. It is not perfection, but it is as near perfection as has yet been reached. It has been well planned and each plank in its construction is required. The selection of governors for each of our Provinces is necessary, not on the ground of governor's practical utility, but on the ground that their positions are needful in the making up of the one great fabric.

A Governor's qualification for the high office, outside of being able to write his name is the qualification of being capable of upholding the dignity of his office, to entertain to be present at all great functions and in general to be a worthy representative of the Sovereign. These are the qualifications for which he is paid his handsome salary and it is his chief business to see that he carries out the duties appertaining to the position. This being the case the province should see to it that the chief executive is supplied with all the necessary adjuncts with which to fill his office with dignity and reflect credit on the people. One of these most necessary adjuncts, many think, is the maintenance of a government house. If a governor-general or a son of the King should visit us, it should not be the case that we should have to go about seeking for private residences or hotels in which to house them, or require that a governor if he should happen to live at a place like Riverside should move his residence to St John or Fredericton.

Looked at in this light it cannot be said that the keeping up of a government house is a useless unnecessary expenditure. If it is then, the upholding of the dignity of the governor is useless and unnecessary, and if so then the sooner there is no governor the better, and if you are going to take away the governors then you do away with one of the bulwarks of our constitution and taking away one the whole house falls and no man wants this.

A GREAT GATHERING.

The Knight Templars Have a Most Successful Convention.

The Knight Templars had a most successful gathering in this city this week. It was one of the best conventions ever held by that order and St John did itself credit in the manner that it entertained its visitors. A large number of ladies accompanied the

Knights to the city and all had a most enjoyable time. The first of the order to reach here came from Eastern Nova Scotia Tuesday morning and these were followed later in the day by large delegations from the West. These latter came in on the C. P. C. and were met at the depot by the two St John encampments under Dr. Walker and F. A. Jones. The welcome extended was a grand one. As the train rolled into the station cheer after cheer filled the large building and everyone joined in the heartiest greetings to the distinguished visitors. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. V. Ellis gave a very pleasant at home to the wives of the Templars and in the evening the Knights were formally received at Masonic Temple. Here Senator Ellis, Dr. Walker, Mr. F. A. Jones, Mayor Daniel and others delivered appropriate addresses in welcoming the visitors. All spoke of the great pleasure it was to St. John to have such distinguished guests and hoped that all would depart with the most favorable impression of their visit. Deputy Grand master Carley who replied spoke in a happy manner and cordially thanked the city for its hospitality. Mr. Carley said many good words about St. John and its people and his speech was well received.

The business sessions of the order were exceptionally well attended and the reports received were of the most encouraging nature. The knights left the city on Thursday and they could not express themselves strongly enough in praise of the hospitality extended to them on all sides. That every one thoroughly enjoyed himself and business combined and St John and its masonic orders are to be congratulated on the successful manner in which all proceedings passed off.

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE.

A St. John Paper and Its Accusation Against a Public Official.

An article in the St. John Telegraph this week occasioned some little sensation. This article in some very strong language accused Police Magistrate Ritchie of contributing matter to the Freeman, a Catholic weekly paper, and charges that the matter is hostile to the Provincial and Dominion Governments. The accusation might or might not be serious, but it is a little difficult to see just where the Telegraph shines to any great extent.

The public does not know how much there is any foundation for the charge. The Telegraph says it has proof positive. Perhaps it has. If it hasn't it would not be a very hard matter for that journal to apologise. It would not be the first time that it has had to do such a thing. If it has the proof, as it says, it might be interesting to know how it obtained its knowledge. No one will envy the Telegraph or any other journal, the friendship of the person that will supply such information.

A COMPANION COURT.

The Foresters Initiate a Number of Ladies Into the Order.

It is the first court of its kind found by this order here and pertains to be a successful one. The interesting proceedings in connection with its formation took place on Thursday evening at Foresters Hall, Charlotte street when Mr. Chapman, the High chief ranger of the order assisted by other officers initiated some thirty four ladies into the secrets of Forestry.

The following officers were duly elected and installed by the H. C. R., assisted by the H. Mar: C. D., Mrs. E. R. Chapman; C. Physician, Dr. McLean; C. R., Dr. Clara Olding; P. C. R., Maggie Dunham; V. C. R., Miss McAllister; R. S. Miss Annetta Floyd; F. S., Mrs. D. Hudson; Treas., Miss M. McQuarrie; O. S. J. C., Mrs. M. L. Reid; Organist, Miss Ella Granville; S. W., Miss Clara Belyea; J. W., Miss Maggie White; Orator, Mrs. A. Hastings; S. B., Miss Edna Granville; J. B. Miss Alfreda Marshall; trustees, Mrs. Oram, Miss Hastings, Mrs. M. Powers.

The Court will probably adopt the name of Wygodie.

Trot out Your Horses.

The following programme for Col. Dent's visit to this province in connection with the purchasing of horses for the Imperial Army has been arranged:

Fredericton, Tuesday and Wednesday 20 and 21 August, J. A. Edwards, Esq., Queen Hotel, agent.

Woodstock, Thursday and Friday, 22 and 23 August, W. F. Glidden, Esq., Livery Stable Keeper, agent.

St. John, Saturday and Monday, August, 24th and 26th J. B. Hamm, Livery Stable Keeper, agent.

Sussex, Tuesday and Wednesday, 27 and 28 August, Geo. H. Barnes, Esq., agent.

Moncton, Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August, Ferdinand Thibodeau, Riverside Hotel, agents.

Chatham, Saturday 31st August and Monday 2nd September, Chas. Sargeant, of Newcastle, agent.

And anyone having horses for sale answering the description which has already been published in Col. Dent's letter of 13th July, will please bring them to the agent's place at the nearest point, and on the dates set forth.

If enough horses are offered during this, the first, visit of Col. Dent to New Brunswick, it will no doubt lead to the establishment of a permanent purchasing station in this province, thus creating an increased demand for horses, which would be of great benefit to breeders generally. It is to be hoped that persons having horses for sale will make an effort to bring them to one of the points as above outlined.

As regards prices, the Col. says he is unable to fix positively, but probably between \$80 and \$100 for cobs and from \$100 to \$120 for cavalry and artillery.

L. P. Farris,

Commissioner for Agriculture.

Fredericton, August 12th, 1901.

What About It?

People are still wondering what has become of the Manson case. It appears strange that in a civilized country like Canada a young man should be kept in jail for such a length of time without an examination. If it is the intention to drop further proceedings, let it be done at once. As it is now it looks as if justice were being made to take part in a first class comedy.

Market Boxes.

The City Market has been adorned with a number of boxes for the use of the lover of the weed. So far they seem to be an addition to the humorous side of life and some person or persons have undertaken to write invitations on the sides of some of them. The idea of placing such boxes in the market may be a good one but St. John people so far do not seem to relish a good idea.

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THE CENSUS RETURNS.

St. John has Seventy-six Fewer People Than Halifax—What The Returns Show.

The Census returns have been published and their statement is not altogether satisfactory one. It cannot be said, however, that the returns are a great surprise. People as a rule did not expect very much, but still they lived in hopes that their conjectures might turn out wrongly. The falling off of the population in the maritime provinces is to be much regretted.

It is no use of crying over spilt milk, but still one cannot help felling keenly the circumstances brought to light by the census returns. There is no finer country in the world than the country here by the sea. There is no land inhabited by a better class of people than those found in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and yet if the census returns are to be believed, than is the evidence that something is radically wrong somewhere.

Halifax has seventy six more people than St. John and so this city has now to fall beneath the Nova Scotia capital. While Halifax and St. John both show an increase, the increase is not what it should be by any means. The country districts do not show anything like their natural gain but their falling off has not been to the advantage of the cities. There is little encouragement to be received from the whole statement.

The Maritime Provinces will have to lose a certain number of representatives in the Dominion House. This is lamentable as it is felt that we have now not any too many men on the floors of parliament. The population is going west and to the young men the signs of the times still point to the Western country.

There is no doubt that the gold boom of the Klondike has sorely drained the East of some of the best blood, but it is sad to note that even the increase in the western parts of Canada has not been anything exceptional. The cities of Upper Canada, have done well and Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and other places have shown ten years of prosperity. Ontario, rich as it is in Agricultural resources does not present a very beautiful picture.

The returns were published by the government yesterday morning and they are all of an interesting nature. The population of the whole country is 5,388,864.

This is an increase of 505,604 over the census of 1891.

The population of the provinces is as follows:

Provinces.	1891.	1901.
British Columbia....	98,173	190,000
Manitoba	152,506	246,464
New Brunswick....	321,263	331,093
Nova Scotia.....	450,396	459,116
Ontario.....	2,114,321	2,167,978
P. E. Island.....	109,078	103,258
Quebec.....	1,488,535	1,620,974
Territories.....	66,799	145,000
Unorganized territories.....		32,168 75,000

The population of the principal cities of Canada by municipal boundaries is as follows:

	1891.	1901.
Montreal.....	220,181	266,826
Toronto.....	181,220	207,971
Quebec.....	68,090	68,834
Ottawa.....	44,154	59,902
Hamilton.....	48,980	52,550
Winnipeg.....	25,639	42,336
Halifax.....	38,495	40,787
St John.....	39,179	40,711
London.....	31,977	37,983
Victoria.....	16,841	20,821
Kingston.....	19,263	18,043
Vancouver.....	13,709	26,196
Brantford.....	12,758	16,631
Hull.....	11,264	13,988
Charlottetown.....	11,873	12,080
Valleyfield.....	5,517	11,055
Sherbrooke.....	10,097	11,765
Sydney.....	2,427	9,908
Moncton.....	5,165	9,026
Calgary.....	3,876	12,142
Brandon.....	3,778	5,738

Population.

	1891.	1901.
Albert.....	10,971	10,925
Carleton.....	22,529	21,621
Charlotte.....	23,752	22,416
Gloucester.....	24,897	27,935
Kent.....	23,845	23,954
Kings.....	23,087	21,655
Northumberland.....	25,713	28,543
Restigouche.....	8,308	10,586
St. John city and County.....	49,574	51,756
Sunbury and Queens.....	17,914	16,906
Victoria.....	18,217	21,136
Westmoreland.....	41,477	42,059
York.....	30,979	31,601

In a number of instances such as in the Yukon and the unorganized districts the department has made an estimate as the returns have not yet been received.

The result is disappointing, and the only explanation is that the returns for 1891 were padded.

Manitoba ought to increase its representation by three members and the Northwest, including the Yukon and British Columbia, ought to bring the representation up to about what it is now in not more, namely, 213 members in all.

The population of the city of Halifax is 40,787 and of St. John 40,711.

Charlottetown is 12,080.

There is a decrease in every constituency in Prince Edward Island, and in every constituency of Nova Scotia outside of Cape Breton. The maritime provinces will lose four members, one in Prince Edward Island, one in New Brunswick and two in Nova Scotia. Ontario will likely lose five.

GIVEN A WATCH.

Mayor Daniel Presents Sergt. McLeod With a Handsome Gift.

A very pleasing presentation took place at Carleton on Thursday evening, when Mayor Daniel presented Sergt. Geo. F. McLeod with a handsome watch. Sergt. McLeod served in South Africa and was with Gat Howard's scouts. The presentation was made during the concert given by the Carleton Cornet band.

The watch is inscribed 'Sergt. Geo. F. McLeod, E Battery and Canadian Scouts, South Africa, 1901-02,' and was accompanied by a neat gold chain, both being the gift of the citizens of Carleton, who have treated the west side members of all the contingents in a practically similar manner. Sergt. McLeod was present during the memorable night at Faber's Putts when the artillery position was surprised and almost rushed by a Boer force. He was also with the scouts when Major Gat Howard was killed.

Sergt. McLeod acknowledged the gift in a few modest words, after which Ald. Armstrong and Baxter made brief addresses and the band continued its excellent programme. The band volunteered their service for the occasion and assisted very greatly in making it a success.

Has Done Well.

This year St. John has been called on quite a number of times to entertain visitors. That it has done its part well is evident from the very nice remarks one hears on all sides.

Band Concerts.

The band concerts are very popular and the public appreciates the excellent music furnished. The bands are all playing exceptionally well this summer and the concerts given of a first class quality. St. John can feel proud of its fine bands.

Has Resigned.

A G Veits of the C P R, passenger department has resigned and will shortly enter upon his new duties as a government official at Ottawa. Thursday evening Mr. Veits was presented by the clerks of the C P R office with a handsome gold locket suitably engraved.

Will Not Hold Moonlight.

It was decided at a meeting of Alexandra Temple of Honor held Thursday night not to hold the moonlight excursion decided upon a few days ago.