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A MODEST GRANT.

The grant of \$200 which the city council will make to the Local Improvement Association, is less than one half the amount asked by the public spirited gentlemen who are devoting so much of their time towards beautifying Fredericton, and the smallness of the sum will necessitate the association reducing the programme planned for this summer.

This is, to be regretted, and whether the small vote is to be attributed to the parsimony of the council, necessary economy, or failure to fully appreciate the work the association is doing, the result is the same. The gentlemen who want to do something towards making Fredericton more attractive to visitors and a source of greater pride to its citizens, are seriously cramped for want of funds, unless the public come to their assistance by subscriptions to a worthy object.

The entire civic grant and much more could be expended in brushing up Queen's Square, and making it a pleasant resort for the public, and a greater sum would be required to carry out the association's desires with respect to the avenue fronting on Waterloo Row.

There should be a specified sum in the civic estimates each year for the purposes of the association, and the amount should not be less than \$500. No kick would come from ratepayers if the council adopted a settled policy in the matter, and assessed the city for the amount, without necessitating the members of the association appearing before the council as supplicants for the favor of a grant.

Perhaps when we get a council composed of men with aesthetic tastes, the grant to the association will be ample and fitted in as a part of the regular assessment each year.

VERY SENSITIVE.

Mr. Osler of Toronto, is one of the high toned Tory members of parliament, a gentleman who apparently thinks it a distinguished honor for the country to secure his services in a public capacity, and he and his friends whine pitifully when he is attacked in the House. Mr. Osler bears a distinguished name and perhaps that is one reason why he expects immunity from attack no matter how severe he may be on the government.

If the gentleman has had an idea that he could say what he pleased without anybody having the courage to reply in kind, he was undeceived during the present week.

Ever since the Grand Trunk Pacific railway proposition has been before parliament. Mr. Osler has given it most violent and unreasonable opposition. Perhaps the fact that he is a director of the C. P. R. has nothing to do with his attitude towards the rival line, but most people will naturally include that he is not altogether unprejudiced in the matter.

Recently however Mr. Osler has been compelled to cease his virulent attacks on the government and to defend his own connection with another railway which he financed in the northwest, and from which it is alleged he made good money without the company which built the road giving a decent railway ser-

vice to the country. Three members from the breezy west, Messrs. Scott, Oliver and Davis have been after Mr. Osler with a sharp stick, and he has visibly winced under the castigation applied to him. Perhaps these gentlemen were not always within the strict rules governing debates in parliament, but they said some very straight and compromising things to the member for Toronto, who lost his temper and compared one of his attackers to a skunk, not very dignified for a high toned gentleman like Mr. Osler. The western members replied in kind and gave the C. P. R. director a very hot and uncomfortable hour.

It may have been a pretty vigorous attack to which Mr. Osler was submitted, but it will teach him a much needed lesson.

His friends blame the premier and other members of the government for setting the western members on the hunt for Mr. Osler's scalp, to direct attention from his attacks on the Grand Trunk Pacific bargain, but they should not so perceptibly whine because the high toned Tory leader was roasted in the same gravy in which he has been attempting to fry the government.

A text which is announced to be discussed in one of the city churches recalls a story. A minister gave notice to his congregation that he would preach from the text: "And the devil goeth about like a roaring lion seeking, whom he may devour." To further interest his hearers he explained that in his discourse he would, endeavor to answer three questions, viz.: (1) who the devil he is; (2) where the devil he was going, and (3) what the devil he was roaring about.

Some days ago the Herald made the remark that the vacant seat in the senate would likely go to Hon. John Costigan, and later information from Ottawa confirms that opinion. The appointment will not likely be made for some time yet, but unless all signs fail the veteran member for Victoria and Madawaska will be the lucky man to draw the life prize for which there are said to be many applicants.

The success of Japanese arms over the Russians, recalls the summary way in which the Yankees did up the Spaniards in the war of 1898. There is no reason to suppose however that the end of the war is nearly in sight. It is the policy of the Russians to decoy the Japs as far north as possible, get every possible man into the field and then attempt to crush the Mikado's troops by sheer force of numbers.

Who always sits with his hat on before the Queen? Her coachman.



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The Sun, driven into a corner on the Canada Eastern Railway purchase question, denies that it is hostile to the proposition. Perhaps Mr. Hazen has given the Tory organ a hint to withdraw from its attitude of hostility, and possibly the fact that Hon. Geo. E. Foster promised to secure the transfer of the road to the government also influences the Sun to declare itself not unfriendly to the purchase. The Sun is to be congratulated on the rational view it now takes on the the question, but it should not have waited until the politicians who control its utterances pulled the string.

Mr. Powell's Orchestral Concert.

The final full rehearsal for this concert was held at the Church hall last evening and the general opinion of the few who were present as an audience by invitation was that the playing of the orchestra was splendid and the music to be performed was grand, pleasing and inspiring. The expenses of this concert notwithstanding that all the vocal artists have most generously given their services, are considerable, and though about half the reserved seats are already sold there remains a considerable sum wanting for which the impresario is responsible, and it is evidently hoped such a rich musical treat will receive the reward of a full house. There are 200 seats at 25c. Tickets can be had at door, about 50 reserved seats remain to be sold and can be secured at McMurray's store. In addition to the music already announced Mrs. John Black will sing "The Messengers" by Wm. Gericke and "Rock me to Sleep" by E. Greene, with violin obbligato played by Mr. Powell.—d.

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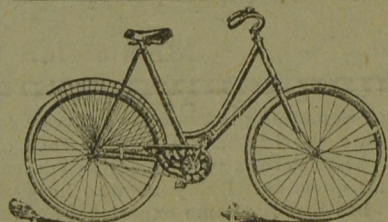
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