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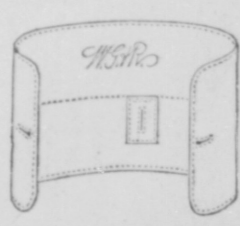
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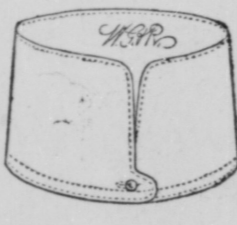
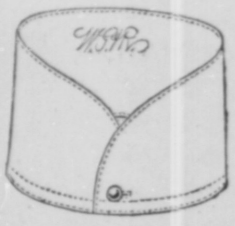
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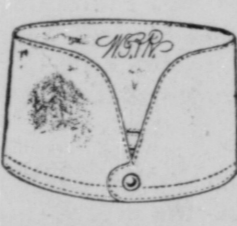
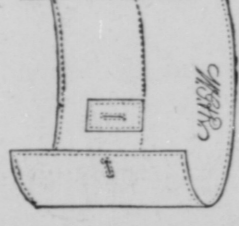
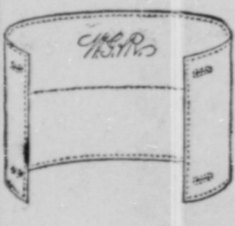
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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Brockville and West Huron Elections.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S BILL RE JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

Government's Immigration Policy Condemned—Sir Wilfrid's Explanation.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, July 8.—In obedience to the orders of the House the Clerk of the Crown Mr. Chapleau, appeared yesterday with the records of the Brockville and West Huron bye-elections.

Mr. Borden moved that the papers be sent to the committee on privileges.

On the order of the day, Col. Prior, of British Columbia, brought up the subject of the disallowance of the British Columbia bill against Japanese immigration.

Col. Prior also condemned the policy of the Government in respect to Galician and Doukhobor immigration.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that the Government was obliged by its imperial obligations to disallow the anti-Japanese bill. British policy required the maintenance of good relations with Japan, and Sir Wilfrid called upon the Canadian people to make some sacrifice in order that British interests should be upheld in the east.

Mr. Sifton defended the Galicians and Doukhobors, claiming that they were a good class of people.

The house went again into committee on the gerrymander bill. The bill passed the committee with some amendments except that relating to Toronto and a few small ones as to Quebec boundaries.

These were proposed by Laurier. The Opposition adhered to its demand to propose no amendments and to ask for no changes.

GOOD TEMPLARS MEET.

Unanimous Against the Government's License Act

The sixteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Murray River on the 5th and 6th inst. The officers present were:

Grand Chief—Martin McKinnon.
Grand Counsellor—A. D. McLeod.
Grand Vice Counsellor—Miss Irene McLeod.
Grand Secretary—A. D. Fraser.
Grand Assistant Secretary—William McMillan.
Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Work—Miss A. E. Horton.
Grand Electoral Superintendent—W. H. Bears.
Grand Guard—R. Squarebriggs.

There were also present a number of representatives from the subordinate and district lodges, past officers and visitors.

The reports of the officers show a small falling off in the membership, while the state of the finances are better than last year.

The Grand Lodge decided not to hold a winter session, and the officers elected for the ensuing year were directed to attend the several meetings of the district lodges.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, was read notifying the P. E. Island Good Templars that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick would meet at Shediac on the 18th inst, that an extension would be made on the 19th by the steamer Northumberland to Summerside, and that the officers of the Grand Lodge wished to co-operate with the P. E. Island Grand Lodge for the purpose of holding a public demonstration and meeting in Summerside on the evening of the 19th.

The matter of the New Brunswick letter was concurred in, and a committee consisting of Rev. John Goldsmith, Alberton, L. U. Fowler, Bedouque, and Alexander Lockhart, St. Eleanore, was appointed to make the arrangements for the Summerside meeting.

The committee on recommendations submitted the following resolutions some of which were warmly debated, but all carried unanimously:—

1. That this Grand Lodge recommend to the Legislative Committee of the Domi-

nion Alliance, that if amendments to the Scott Act are being asked for that the act be amended by making the fines and penalties greater, as suggested by the Electoral Superintendent.

2. We do not approve of the proposed change suggested by whom we believe to be enemies of law enforcement, to have two prosecutors for each county, as we believe the work can be better done by one good man such as we have in Queen's and King's County than would be done by two such men as we imagine would be appointed.

3. As to what action we should take in future elections for members of parliament we urge good Templar electors not to vote unless men are in the field who deserve the support of temperance men.

4. Every person who has been educated to believe that the Government of Canada is a Government of the by, the, and for the people must be dissatisfied with the decision of the Federal Government in declining to enact any measure of prohibition, when such a large number of voters asked for the same at the plebiscite election in September last, and if this deceptive way of treating electors is to be continued people will be slow to trust any man or party.

5. The action of the authorities in granting to the Scott Act violator, John G. Scrimgeour, a bonded warehouse in his own cellar, deserves the censure of every law-abiding citizen.

6. That this Grand Lodge in annual session assembled reaffirm without the slightest qualification, the principles declared in 1852 as contained in the second plank of the Good Templar platform, to wit: "No license in any form, under any circumstances, for the sale of liquors to be used as a beverage," and we consider the action of the Local Government in placing upon the statute books (by a small fraction over one third of the legislators) a license law for the city of Charlottetown, to be the greatest blow that could be given to the temperance reform at this particular time, and every member who voted for that measure deserves to be treated as an enemy of prohibition.

Seventh.—We commend The Guardian newspaper for its masterly defence of our principles, and standing by what we believe to be the best interests of the temperance reform.

Eighth.—We urge upon our friends in Charlottetown to re-enact the Canada Temperance Act at the earliest possible date, so that this blighting traffic in intoxicating liquor will again be an outlaw in the whole of our fair province.

Ninth.—That the members of the Grand Lodge be asked to do some organizing work, or contribute to the organizing fund.

Tenth.—That a committee of four be appointed to bring to the notice of the members The Good Templars Council of Study.

The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year.

G. C. T.—S. M. Martin, Heatherdale.
G. Com.—Albert Gay, Pownal.

G. Vice—Miss B. Matheson, Dundas.

G. Sec.—A. D. Fraser, Vernon River.

G. Treas.—W. McMillan, Montague.

G. Supt.—Miss A. E. Horton, Murray Harbor.

G. E. Supt.—L. U. Fowler, Bedouque.

G. Chap.—Rev. H. Carter, Murray River.

G. M.—R. Squarebriggs, Souris.

G. G.—M. Connors, Surgoon.

G. S.—Neil S. Ross, Bridgetown.

G. D. M.—Miss Carver, Pownal.

G. A. Sec.—A. D. McDonald, Murray Harbor.

G. Mass.—W. A. A. Irving, Pownal.

D. R. W. G. T.—G. W. Irving, Vernon River Bridge.

P. G. C. T.—Martin McKinnon, Brooklyn.

W. H. Bears, was elected a delegate to the Dominion Alliance.

The next annual meeting will be held at held at Pownal on the first week in July 1900. Public meetings were held at Murray River Wednesday evening and Murray Harbor South, Thursday evening.

Addresses were delivered by the different officers of the Grand Lodge. Evangelists, Miss Richards, Rev. Eweo Gillis, Fred B. McRae, Rev. A. D. McLeod, H. A. Bears, D. A. Horton, Albert P. Prowsd, D. A. Dingwell and G. A. Clay.

THE FLOODS IN TEXAS.

The Situation Very Grave—Several Lives Lost.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

DUKE, Texas, July 8.—The flood situation is graver today. The river rose two feet yesterday, and is still rising.

The Galveston life savers brought in sixty-eight refugees last night from the high embankment at the Santale Bridge over the Brazos.

Four deaths by drowning are reported near here in the last 24 hours.

Governor Sayers has received a message from Seely over the long distance telephone saying that 1,000 persons who had taken refuge on a mound three miles below there are slowly perishing for the want of food.

To add to the horror the unfortunate are surrounded by poisonous reptiles.

THE SENATORS IN CAUCUS

Amendments to Grand Trunk Bill.

GRAND TRUNK CO. BOUND FOR NINETY-NINE YEARS

Intercolonial's Powers as to Revocation of Traffic Arrangements.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, July 8.—A majority of senators in Ottawa met in caucus yesterday morning and received the report of the committee appointed by the previous night's caucus to draft an amendment to the Grand Trunk bill.

At a meeting of the Senate yesterday Sir McKenzie Bowell gave notice of the proposed amendment which binds the Grand Trunk Company for ninety-nine years as to traffic routes but leaves the Intercolonial free to revoke any traffic arrangements on six months notice.

Sir McKenzie briefly explained this amendment.

The debate was continued by Hon. Mr. Power and Senator McDonald, of Cape Breton.

Senator McCallum moved the adjournment of the debate.

The measure will be taken up again on Tuesday and pressed to an issue.

Cervera and Others Acquitted

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MADRID, July 8.—Admiral Cervera and the other commanders of the Spanish fleet destroyed in the battle of Santiago, whose conduct has been the subject of inquiry by special court martial, were yesterday acquitted and formally liberated.

DRUNKENNESS AND THE SCOTT ACT.

Sir.—The Guardian of the 6th inst., had a leader headed, "A Delusion," wherein he comments on the amount of drunkenness on our streets during the past few days. It is true enough that there is too much drunkenness on our streets these days; but, it was not the fireman or license law that was the cause of it. There was a great many strange people about, the big steamer was in, and there were some youths home from Dorchester Penitentiary that were sent there the time of the Scott Act. There were also three or four that got out of jail on Monday evening, after being confined for house-breaking and robbery and acquitted by the jury. No doubt when these fellows met, (and being at liberty once more) they must have a "time," and thinking perhaps that the Scott Act was here yet they thought they could carry on as they used to, and hit every one they met. But there were mistakes. The police live in the city now, and there are two new men on the force that have not their clothes with the yellow buttons on yet. They are fast runners too, so it is no use to try to escape, now. But when we had the Scott Act, I saw them stretched out, dead drunk, on the street on Sunday and there would be no sign of a policeman. They, I suppose, would be at Cape Traverse, Covehead, Canoe Cove, Little Hell or some other far away place serving summonses or subpoenas for Scott Act. I see that Westmorland County, N. B., is going to try and do away with the Scott Act. I should think it is full time they would do something. They are, I suppose, now twenty years, tinkering at the Scott Act, and are worse to-day than when they commenced the Act. It is not long since a man went out on the road a short distance from Moncton and went into a barn with a Scott Act bottle and burned himself, barn, bottle and all; it is only a short time since the body of a dead man was found by men who were taking away night soil in that premier Scott Act Town, the metropolis of New Brunswick. I never saw what the verdict of the Coroner's Jury was. Of course Scott Act folks as usual kept it as close as possible, so as to keep the public in the dark. However I am glad that the public are getting their eyes open and are voting the thing out of existence. They are getting the X-rays on it.

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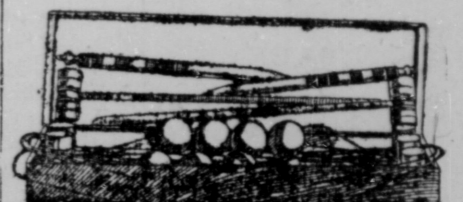
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