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THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 1889.

The Progress of the Cause.
From all quarters come reports of the successful working of the Equal Rights association, and of the formation of new branches. Those who predicted the early demise of the movement have been grievously disappointed, and the friends of the movement have had nothing but encouragement from the success so far. It was naturally expected at the start that political prejudices, and the divisions which such are apt to cause, would hamper the successful working of the local associations; but it is a noticeable fact that only one instance has been as yet pointed out, and that an unimportant one, of trouble of this kind having arisen. This is a remarkable fact, in face of the untiring efforts of the extreme party press and other opponents of the movement, to throw obstacles in the way. The remarkable progress made so far is the best evidence that the vast majority of our people are independent enough, and intelligent enough, and sufficiently honest to rise superior to party when the claims of their country demand it. It would be strange indeed if the platform of the association should not meet with such favor. Surely "equal rights to all, special privileges to none," is a platform which should commend itself to an intelligent people in an intelligent age. It would be equally strange if such a people should not grow tired of the everlasting replies of the political hacks, when the principles laid down come to be applied to the existing condition of affairs both Dominion and Provincial. What are these replies? "Oh, you want to bounce John A.," on the one hand; and "You only want to hurt Mowat," on the other. Only this, and nothing more. The political hero worship, which unfortunately made such appeals all-powerful in the past, has given place to the higher devotion, loyalty to country and right. Recent events in the history of Canada have awakened the electorate to a sense of the folly of chasing after a few political heroes, instead of intelligently weighing public issues. No man who has an atom of patriotism about his constitution can regret the signs of a healthier political tone, which the progress of the Equal Rights movement indicate. The arguments that are being used to hinder the success of the association have been heard at every step that has ever been made in the interests of moral, social, or political reform. But the principle of right will prevail all the same. To the friends of the movement in Victoria County, the success of the associations in Ontario county and in other neighboring districts, must afford such encouragement as to make the Victoria branch of the Equal Rights association a vigorous and formidable one from the outset.

The Fishery Commissioners who were sent some months ago to Europe by the Dominion Government to enquire into the state of the herring fisheries have concluded their labours, and will return to Canada by the steamship Sardinian, leaving Liverpool on the 3rd October. They visited England, Scotland and Holland during their tour of investigation.

Town Politics.
We have now entered upon the last quarter of the year, and the time has about arrived when, if history repeats itself, those of our city fathers who may seek re-election will begin to trim their sails, and when outside aspirants also will begin to feel the electoral pulse. "The early bird catches the worm," it is said, and it will be wise for the electors themselves to act the role of the early bird, so as to escape the fate of the other party. There is no reason in the world why a number of our citizens who have most at stake in the town, should not set to work at this early date even to induce several good citizens who are not on the present council, to offer themselves for election, and to arrange for the re-election of several at present in office who have proven themselves good councillors. We believe that most will admit that the present year has been an improvement upon the last or the one before, and that the upheaval of last fall has been productive of good results. There has been decidedly more economy exercised, and a greater desire shewn to guard the public interests. Very few who have any regard for the town's welfare, we imagine, would care to go back to the age of the \$500 waterworks job, or that of the lowering of the William Street sewer, the \$7000 by-law, or the age of road machine purchases. A better order of things has been introduced, and it would be well for the ratepayers to see to it that things keep improving, and that no backward move if attempted be successful. There are urgent reasons for this, as the town is face to face with important sewerage contracts, and the question of a new waterworks system is not far distant. The next three or four years will be important ones for Lindsay. Everything will depend upon the material of which our council will be composed. There are evidences already that unless the ratepayers are on the alert and that right early, the results may not prove so satisfactory as desired. We shall not enter upon particulars at present, but simply urge vigilance on the part of the public in regard to town politics.

Editorial Notes.
It will not be very many days hence when the majority of our business places will be lighted with electric light. On the light question, Lindsay has been behind places of much less consequence. Our citizens, however, will have the advantage of the experience of other places to guide them in the matter, and the electric light will be none the less welcome that it has not come earlier. The occasion ought to prove a bright one for Victoria ward. If the Victorian representatives do not do their duty at this juncture, they ought municipally to be put out in darkness. If coal oil lamps are found on the streets an hour after the advent of the electric light, we predict a terrible slaughter of the innocent and the eloquent at the next elections. However, we do not believe the representatives of the noble ward will be, to quote the language of the poet, "like frogs on a log trying to catch flies," when the electric light question comes up. By all means let some recompense be given the noble ward at once for its long-sufferance and forbearance on the light question.

Two of our town hotel-keepers have lately been fined for violations of the Crooks Act. Those who have given any attention to the working of the act in town since May 1st will have noticed evidences of a gradual increase of intemperance of late, due largely to the trade of several of our hotels, the proprietors of which are ever ready to violate the law unless constantly watched. There are several of our hotel-keepers on the other hand who we believe observe the law faithfully, not so much from a fear of punishment for a violation of it, but from a desire to do what is right and to preserve the respectability of their houses. It is impossible for the authorities to detect every violation of the law, unless they are assisted by the public. It is to be hoped every assistance possible will be given to have the law rigorously enforced. There are two classes whose cases should be specially noted, habitual drunkards and minors. No language

is strong enough to sufficiently characterize the meanness of the man who would sell liquor to either an habitual drunkard or a minor. The sale of liquor to persons in a state of intoxication is another offence which should be promptly visited with punishment. A good deal depends upon the co-operation with the authorities of temperance workers and all interested in suppressing intemperance, to assist in protecting the class we refer to against themselves and against those who are unprincipled enough to take advantage of their weaknesses. A united and determined action on the lines we have indicated would do much to lessen the evils of the liquor traffic. A refusal on the part of the commissioners to grant licenses to offending hotel-keepers would also be an effective remedy.

Press Comments.
New York Herald: One of the sweetest voices in English poetry has perished in the death of Eliza Cook. She sang pure hymns of the hearthstone and the heart. As long as filial love and homely virtue find a lodgement in the Anglo-Saxon race so long will the "Old Arm Chair" be read and remembered. May the turf lightly lie on Eliza Cook's grave. She did not live in vain.

Belleville Intelligencer: We have just received the report for 1889 of the Inspector of Legal offices. From it is gleaned that the largest salary paid to any official is to the sheriff of Toronto, who receives the handsome competence of \$8,232.50. The office is held by Mr. Fred Mowat, son of the Provincial Premier. It is a good thing for Fred that his father was born before him.

The Mail: Dr. Ferguson, the member for Welland is travelling across the continent, leaving in his wake ugly allusions to Mr. Dalton McCarthy, who appears to have suddenly become the doctor's bete noir. At Winnipeg the interviewer says, Dr. Ferguson "spoke in uncomplimentary terms of Mr. McCarthy." We are not told what the exact language was. At Vancouver the report of the doctor's inevitable interview goes into greater detail. It says:—"Dalton McCarthy he (Dr. Ferguson) regards as moved by personal pique, and he believes that his assumption of the practical leadership of the movement was not based upon that fine sense of religious feeling which he would have the people believe." Why does Dr. Ferguson go so far away to make his opinions of Mr. McCarthy known.

Our Ottawa correspondent states that the Dominion Department of Public Works vigorously condemns the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest on the victims of the Quebec landslide as based on false premises. The officials state that the Quebec City Engineer in his report of 1880 made an alternative recommendation to build a revetment wall, which plan was faithfully carried out, and that by his omission to refer to this alternative plan he misled the jury.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
TAKE NOTICE THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION Of the Town of Lindsay intend to undertake the construction of a Pipe Sewer on Lindsay-St from the River Scugog to Durham Street.

as a local improvement work, and to pass a by-law in pursuance of the Municipal Act for levying a special assessment upon the property benefitted thereby to pay for the construction of the same. That the estimated cost of said work is \$6,925.00. The estimated amount to be charged as a special assessment on the property so benefitted is \$5,952.04, and the estimated amount to be assessed against the town at large is \$972.96. That the property reported by the town engineer as benefitted by the said proposed work and proposed to be specially assessed according to his report, dated 13th day of September, 1889, now on file in my office, consist of the following lots on west side of Lindsay street, viz:—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, north of Durham street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, north of Melbourne street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, south of Glenelg street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, north of Russell street; lots 3, 4 and 5, north of Kent street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 south of Kent street; lot 1, south of Peel street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 west of Lindsay street in Park E; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, east of Main street in Park E; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, West Main Street in Park E; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, East James Street in Park E; lots 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, West of James street in Parks D and M; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in subdivision of lot 1 in Park V; Park lots N, W, F¹ and G¹.

The following lots on the East side of Lindsay street, viz:—Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Park H¹; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Park X; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Park O; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Park F; lots 1 to 23 inclusive, East Lindsay street south; lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, West of Mill Street; lots 3 and 4, West St Lawrence Street; lots 3 and 4, East St. Lawrence Street; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, North Russell Street; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 South of Russell Street; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, North of Glenelg Street; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, South of Glenelg Street; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, North of Melbourne Street; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, South of Melbourne Street; also, Britton's acre and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, North of Ridout Street; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, South of Ridout Street; Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, North of Kent Street; Lots A, B and C, East of Lindsay Street.

And further that unless a petition against the said proposed work and the proposed special assessment therefor, signed by a majority in number of the property owners representing at least one half in value of the lands, exclusive of the proposed improvements thereon proposed to be assessed, be presented to the said council within one month from the last publication of this notice, which will be on the 27th day of September, 1889, the said proposed work will be undertaken and special assessment therefor will be made; and the said by-law passed by the council.

Town Clerk's Office, Sept. 18, 1889.
35 J. B. KNOWLSON,
Town Clerk.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.
PURSUANT TO THE REVISED Statutes of Ontario, 1887, Cap. 110, the creditors of John Currie, late of the Township of Bexley, in the County of Victoria, yeoman, deceased, who died on or about the 27th day of April, A. D. 1884, are having regard only to the claims of which such Executor has then notice, and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim such Executor has not notice at the time of distribution of part thereof as the case may be.

Dated at Lindsay this 11th day of September, 1889.
BARRON & McLAUGHLIN,
Solicitors for the Executor.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.
PURSUANT TO THE REVISED Statutes of Ontario, 1887, Cap. 110, the creditors of Elizabeth Currie, late of the Village of Cobocok, in the County of Victoria, wife of Finley Currie, deceased, who died on or about the 7th day of August A. D. 1889, are on or before the 15th day of October, A. D. 1889, to send by post prepaid, to Messrs. Barron & McLaughlin, of the Town of Lindsay, in the County of Victoria, Solicitors for Edmund Euben LeRoy and John G. Morris, Executors under the last will of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them. The said Executors shall after the said 15th day of October, 1889, be at liberty to distribute the assets of the said deceased, or any part thereof, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which such Executors have then notice, and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim such executors have not notice at the time of the distribution or part thereof as the case may be.

Dated at Lindsay this 11th day of September, 1889.
BARRON & McLAUGHLIN,
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