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The Watchman.

THURSDAY, NOV. 25th, 1897.

Everybody Pay Their Debts.

WHILE times have been close and money scarce with the farmers for some time past, others have felt the stringency as well. The greatest double-act pleasure known to mortal man should be that which arises from paying one's debts, for both creditor and debtor share the delight. Instead of feeling rich now that more money is coming your way from the season's transactions and incurring new debts and spending more on luxuries, first make it a point to pay up all outstanding accounts. Do you owe the merchant, shoemaker, blacksmith, publisher, or other business man who trusted you? Show your gratitude for past favours by paying the bill at the very earliest opportunity, and commencing the new year with a clean slate. Do not sleep after you get the money before the debt is paid. Then your conscience will be at ease, and your slumbers will be as sweet and refreshing as a child's.

Improved County Roads.

THE QUESTION of improving certain main county roads in accordance with some general plan was again brought up at the November session of our "county parliament" and received considerable discussion. The scheme in its present shape is quite practicable and it is not at all unlikely that it will command public approval and be adopted in due time. Of course, at present nothing but general features have been presented. The general question of improved roads upon a county plan, and worked out by the county, was ably advocated by Mr. Litgower of Verulam, Mr. Jas. Graham, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Anstain, and in fact by nearly every member of the county council. The following paragraph from the report of the road committee shows the present stage of the movement:
"Your committee have considered the resolution of council instructing them to report on the advisability of the council assuming and maintaining certain leading

roads in the county. The mover and seconder of the resolution have supported it before your committee, on the principle of county control of leading highways, with much force and clearness. It is apparent that under the present system of local municipal control there is great inequality in the condition of the roads; that most of the work of construction is temporary in its character; that there is no community of interest between the municipalities, and that the system is extravagant and inefficient, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. It is urged that when leading roads are spoken of it does not necessarily mean roads leading to a great county town only as a centre. Experience in one other county at least has shown that a county system is immeasurably superior to the fragmentary local system. In further support of the adoption of a county system it is pointed out that while the county rate might be increased as a consequence of the local rate for roads would be lessened; that money can be borrowed at a very low rate of interest on debentures that may run for thirty or forty years, thus reducing the levy for sinking fund to a small percentage annually, and it is contended that the future generation of ratepayers, who would possess all the advantages of present expenditure, because the roads constructed would be permanent, should be allowed to contribute towards its repayment. Your committee are of the opinion that the question is one of great importance, and in order that an opportunity may be had for discussion among the ratepayers, a resolution that no conclusion be now stated; that the council seek fuller information on the question and in relation to details, and that the subject be held for further consideration at the next session of the council. Your committee recommend that this clause be printed and sent to the reeves and clerk's of municipalities with a view to an expression of opinion being obtained.

There is hardly a question that can have a deeper interest for the farmers of this county. To them it would be an enormous benefit to have the main roads—the great centres of travel in this county—put in a first-class condition, as easy for travel at all times as the improved section of Kent-st. in Lindsay. No doubt this can be done in the course of a few years, and without too large an expenditure of money, if it is gone about in the right way. It will not be necessary to consider any scheme that will involve the expenditure of a large sum, for that will not be approved of by the county council. But, if the principle of adopting certain leading county roads is approved—and it is an excellent idea—then the council can go on and mature a plan of road improvement and construction that will in a few years make a great change for the better. All will admit that the plan can be carried out most advantageously by the county council—in financing, in construction and in maintenance. The co-operation of the township councils would be necessary in selecting the roads to be decided upon as leading county roads, and we have no doubt that will be cheerfully accorded.

The plan seems to be to undertake what could be judiciously and thoroughly done in a season—say an expenditure of about \$10,000 a year, and the construction or improvement of a twenty or twenty-five mile section. Suppose, for instance, the sections of the leading roads from Boboyaggon to Fenelon Falls, or from Kirkfield to Woodville and Oakwood, or from Boboyaggon to Lindsay were improved or reconstructed in accordance generally with the best ideas of Road Inspector Campbell—would there not be practical evidences of the benefits of good roads furnished every day to all who had to use them?
To meet the expenditures, debentures for \$10,000 or \$15,000 could be issued each year as required, and it is believed these could be disposed of at a 3 1/2 per cent. rate, or perhaps even lower. By making forty-year debentures at this rate the total expenditure for the scheme when completed in a few years would result in an addition to the county rate small in comparison with the advantages that would follow first-class roads throughout the county.

Referring to the financial part of the scheme, the ratepayers of this county have experience mainly with the railway bonuses. It may be well to remind them that in connection with the \$85,000 bonus to the Whitty railway the amount that actually had to be raised was less than \$50,000. Owing to the careful way in which the sinking fund was managed there was enough accumulated therefrom in interest to pay the balance. No doubt, in time similar gratifying results could be accomplished from the county road financing.

Then there is another point to be kept in mind. Those who paid the special rate for the railway bonus always had to pay extra when they required to use the cars, but the improved county roads can be used by all without an additional "toll" or "fare."

We think the time has passed when it is necessary to enter into an argument in advocacy of good roads. All we fancy, admit their importance, their necessity and their advantages. It is a question of ways and means and the best way to go about the work.
These questions are up for discussion, and any one who can give practical suggestions on the subject is invited to step forward and have his say. The county council invites discussion and co-operation. There could not be a better time than the present for the county to undertake the work.

COMMUNICATIONS.

An Explanation.

To the Editor of The Watchman.

SIR.—"Fairplay," whose letter appeared in THE WATCHMAN of last week, complains that the organization meeting of the young liberals of the town was convened at the "boys' room" of the Y.M.C.A. suite. I think, however, had he endeavored to ascertain the facts before writing, his good sense would have prevailed and the letter would not have been written. The Y.M.C.A. has a suite of rooms, one called the boys' room, but a separate entrance from the others. The association have been in the habit of following lawful meetings to be held there, collecting a small rental therefor and thus defying a small revenue in this way. If the young liberal conservatives of the town desire to organize in the same way, I have no doubt they can have the same room on paying what the young liberals paid for it. In a few days now the farmers of the township of Ops interested in the lowering of the water of the Scungu are all to meet in this same room, and I see no reason why they can not do so. One of the rooms which is less frequently used by the association than the others, I offer this explanation to "Fairplay," and trust he will accept it.—Yours sincerely, D. R. ANDERSON, Lindsay, November 20th, 1897.

Reply to "Disgusted Citizen."

To the Editor of The Watchman.

SIR.—The communication which appeared in last week's issue of your paper, dealing with municipal matters generally and the present council particularly, signed by "Disgusted Citizen," ("Disgratified Citizen" would have been a more appropriate name), calls for immediate notice, and let me intimate that such a letter appearing at this particular season of the year is perhaps one of the potent reasons which deter able and successful business men from entering the arena of municipal politics.

The writer evidently forgets that the bonded debt of the town, which he deplores, was not created by the council but by the property owners who, by their votes, authorized the issue of debentures for well understood purposes; if the golden results anticipated have not been realized to the extent desired why lead the objection on the devoted heads of the members of the council? Incidentally the bonded debt of Lindsay is not so enormous as the writer insinuates, considerably less than \$180,000, and under the arrangement by which consolidation was effected some years ago it is being each year substantially reduced.

In so far as reckless expenditure of the public funds are insinuated in the letter referred to, I take direct issue with the writer, that is so far as the municipal business of this year and last is involved, save in the one department of the board of works.

If the writer, instead of recklessly charging wholesale corruption and incompetence, will refer specifically to some particular action or item involving the interests of the whole council which prejudicially affects the funds or credit of the town and sustain his contention, he may justify his letter, but until he is prepared to do so he should avoid the line of action he has adopted as letters of this character are much more injurious to the interests of the town than the individual acts of a councillor.

In his gross criticism of the personnel of the council no one escapes, from his wispish "the mayor" down, all are put in the same category as being unworthy, incompetent and extravagant. It is not in the least the eyes of this censor of municipal work we must each individually suffer not only for our own sins but be made a scape-goat for the shortcomings or fables of all.

I resent this and challenge the writer to be specific. As a matter of fact the expenditure of the council during 1896 and 1897 has been within reason and will bear fair and impartial criticism and I know that a majority of the council have been capable and honest in the administration of their trust, but if there is a wrangling and unseemly personalities thereby, and business and inciting the ire of "Disgusted Citizen," it is no reason that the council as a body should be tarred with the same stick, and I decidedly object to be classed in the same category by an anonymous writer and resent his cowardly, unmanly and indiscriminate abuse.

FEEDING THE COLT.

Scientifically Planned Rations That Include All the Necessary Elements.

Mr. Robert Bonner said that he always could do anything with the size of colts by the feed that he gave them. Plenty of feed and of the proper kind, given so that the baby would never stop growing, and the breeder will have a horse of perfect development, with iron bones and muscles of steel.

The sensible plan in feeding any animal is to find out just what old Dame Nature has given it to sustain life, and by following that article as nearly as possible secure the proper growth. In mare's milk we find 9.95 per cent of food (dry matter), and of this the food respiration and fat production (butter and milk sugar) amount to 6.02 per cent. This leaves the casein or muscle forming element 3.40 per cent, or more than one-third of the entire quantity.

The colt thus receives in his mother's milk a little more than one of nitrogenous to two of carbonaceous elements, or a proportion of one of muscle forming to two of fat forming elements. This says emphatically that the colt requires food rich in muscle forming elements, and that it is a great mistake to use foods rich in starch, such as corn or even barley, for the young colt. Corn is not a proper food for colts, as it is not only too starchy, but it is deficient in lime and phosphoric acid. It is a well known fact that bone is made up of phosphate of lime. Horses may look all right when they are raised on an exclusive diet of corn, but any one who uses such animals will tell that they are subject to all the diseases of the joints, as spavins, ringbones, splints, etc.

Bran should be fed liberally to colts as soon as they can digest it. A mixture of corn, oats and bran will supply lime and phosphoric acid with the nitrogen required for making muscle as well as the starch and fat for vital heat. Two pounds of linseed meal given through the week will serve to regulate the bowels and aid the skin to throw off the waste matter of the system. Strange as it is, few breeders realize that the skin, with its thousands of small openings, or pores as they are called, through the perspiration gets rid of more waste matter than the bowels.

In the conditioning of horses this is a most important matter and too often overlooked by the trainer. If the skin is not in good condition, the kidneys have double work to do, and if this is continued for any length of time the breeder will find that he has a permanently injured animal. Too much importance cannot be attached to this most material part of the economy of animal life. Oily food has a direct action on the pores of the skin and keeps them open so that the perspiration can escape without any trouble or in any way conflicting with the work of the rest of the organs. On the other hand, if the bowels are not carefully looked after, it will be found that the skin is shouldering the most of the work, and trouble is bound to come.

Linseed oil for a medicine when it is absolutely necessary and the meal or food cannot be praised too highly. I do not believe much in medicine that is given by grooms or by the ordinary man who owns a horse. If it becomes necessary to give medicine, call in a veterinarian and do as he directs. The schools are now sending out men who know their business. See that all get what they will eat with relish, and above all things see that there is plenty of the best water for the youngsters. This is an item that is all too often overlooked, but is, I was almost tempted to say, the most important consideration in all stock raising. Certainly without its success of even a moderate kind with the best of blood and individuality is out of the question. Have the earth around the edge of the well packed so that no surface water can by any possible means get in and then with a drain from the trough so that there will be no sloppy hole under the outside is in good condition.—E. J. Riddick in Country Gentleman.

Jaw of a Sheep.

There is a peculiarity in the mechanism of a sheep's jaw and grinders that helps one to understand the reason why sheep are able to get so much nutriment from their food. In noticing a sheep chewing its cud it cannot be observed that the jaw has a peculiar motion from side to side. The branches of the lower jaw are closer together than the molars are in the upper. Then in the molars their edges have different slopes. In the upper row the face of the molar slopes very decidedly from the higher inner edge to the lower outer, while in molars of the lower jaw the face slopes from the outer edge to the higher inner. These things, together with the rough surfaces of the molars, gives a sheep the power to thoroughly grind its food.—Professor J. A. Craig.

Live Stock Points.

After you have taken hogs from pasture use them gradually to the solid food on which they are to be fattened. Don't cram too much into them at once. Keep your hogs warm and comfortable throughout the cold weather, the stock hogs as well as those you fatten. The hog is easily chilled. Before going into the business of hot-house lamb raising for the Christmas market the sheep breeder who is new to his work should try the ordinary way of having lambs come in the spring and raise these for the fall market. Plenty of hay or millet or shredded corn fodder, with one feed of grain a day, will keep breeding ewes in good order. One of the great western meat packing companies had recently an order for 40 carloads of dressed beef for shipment to Siberia. It was to feed the men who are building the railroad through Asia to Russia. A shrewd traveler from this side of the Atlantic who had been touring Russia remarked lately that a vast amount of beef was being shipped to Russia.

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The Varsity Glee Club Concert.

On Friday, Dec. 17th, the University of Toronto Glee Club, and barjo, mandolin and guitar clubs will give one of their high-class concerts in the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Public Library. Herr Ruth, the conductor of the Glee Club, will appear for the first time in Lindsay, both as conductor and as solo artist. Don't miss this concert.

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Church Notes.

—Service will be held at 11 a.m. in the Baptist church on Thanksgiving day.

—Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., for some time rector of St. Paul's church, Halifax, the oldest church of England in Canada, will be the preacher at the anniversary services at St. Paul's church on Sunday next.

—To-day (Thursday) being Thanksgiving day, special services will be held at St. Andrew's at 11 a.m., when a sermon appropriate to the occasion will be preached by the pastor. The ringing of the chime will also be of a special character. The collection will be in aid of the poor.

—The Thanksgiving tea held on Monday night last in the Queen-st. Methodist church was a success. It was well patronized. The tables were artistically dressed, the eatables appetizing, waiters courteous, everything moving in perfect harmony. The musical performers during their part admirably.

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MANTLE SPECIALS.

Black jackets in half a dozen styles and cloths, some plain, some fancy at \$5. Dundas & Flavell Bros.

JANETVILLE.

CHEESE MEETING.—A meeting of the patrons and shareholders of the Janetville cheese factory will be held in the Orange hall on Saturday, Dec. 18th. A full attendance is requested. ROBT. IRWIN, president.

SONYA.

PERSONALS.—Mr. Arch. Thorburn of Fenelon Falls paid this locality a flying visit, renewing old acquaintances.... Mrs. John McDougall, who has been under the doctor's care for some time, is now fully recovered, and has gone to join her husband at Sault Ste. Marie.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. John A. McTaggart had the misfortune to receive a bad fracture of the ribs by being crushed against the wall of his stable by one of his live stock.

MEETING.—According to announcement a meeting of the congregations of St. Andrew's and Crosswell was held here on Monday afternoon last for the purpose of extending a call to one of the clergymen who has been occupying the pulpit here for some time past. Rev. D. D. McDougall, moderator, occupied the chair. A splendid representation of the interest in the proceedings was evinced by all. After some discussion, a unanimous call was extended to Mr. G. Weir, of E. Ontario, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, to become pastor of the united congregations.

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E. E. W. M. GAFFEY, B.B.

Y.M.C.A. Notes. —On Thursday morning a paper chase will be indulged in by the junior members of the association. They leave the rooms at 8.30 o'clock sharp.

—Friday evening Mr. D. R. Anderson will give an address in the rooms on "The Jury and Jury Trial." This is the second of the course of free talks, and we cordially invite all to hear Mr. Anderson next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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