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SOCIALISM

That the Socialist meetings on Saturday night and Sunday were not larger was a surprise. The Labor and Socialist cause has seemed to gain in popularity and numbers of late. The alleged achievements of the Allied Organizations at the recent municipal elections had led to the belief that these organizations had become so effective as to be a strong factor in the affairs of this town. It would be too much to say that the recent slim meetings disproved that theory, but they at least added no support to it. If there are many adherents of the organizations here, they either do not go out to hear their own speakers, or have very few outside supporters. It seemed that Socialism had struck more deeply into this town than appears to be the case.

The platform advocates of Socialism who have visited this town have not greatly helped the cause. They have failed to effectively reach their hearers because they spoke in the technical, inflated phraseology of Socialist agitators, and discussed the subject from a standpoint in which the people of Lindsay and of Canada at large have little interest. It is a strange fact that no other subject is ever discussed here on a public platform in such big words as is Socialism. Why a crusade in behalf of the masses should be conducted in 5-syllable Latin and Greek derivatives is a puzzle, unless it is aimed to over-awe the unlettered auditor by sound. Why in the Socialist's mind do "reforms of magnitude eventually become consummated" and "the popular prerogatives suffer annihilation by capitalistic machinations"? The average man has not room in his mind for both big words and ideas. Socialism will not make much headway on the platform until it talks the language of the people whose battles it professes to fight. Anglo-Saxon is the tongue of reform.

The Socialist speaker also makes the mistake of talking his subject in the spirit and terms of American Socialism. There are never lacking the attacks on capital, the fierce contempt for the present order of things and the broad-gauge assault upon the whole existing social system. Now Canadians do not warm to that sort of thing. They are Socialists, but not after that fashion. Canadians do not want any upheaval in their social system. In so far as Socialism aims to get more pay and shorter hours for the workman, to advocate municipal ownership of public utilities, and to resist the sacrifice of public property to corporations—in so far as Socialism aims to do these things, Canadians are all and vitally interested in it. But these are practical matters. They call not for wild-eyed harangue, but for careful statement by well-informed men who can treat those matters as the sober business propositions that they are.

THE LIGHTING QUESTION

Tuesday night's conference between the council and Gas Company has relieved a very unpleasant situation, which was fast becoming intolerable. It is not often that negotiations over such an apparently difficult question are so amicably conducted and so satisfactorily concluded. Credit for these results is due both parties to the conference. If the Gas Company cannot supply a first-class street light, they can at least supply gentlemen to explain their failure. Drayton and Dunstan are good company for Burgess; and they are gentlemen all. The mayor, aldermen, and solicitor did themselves credit, and certainly managed to be generous, and yet protect, to the fullest extent, the interests of the town.

The proposal to settle the company's arrears claim of \$1200 for \$750, is likely reasonable. The company's admission that they had not supplied a 150-candle-power flame, left them liable to the same reduction per lamp ever since the service began, as was allowed for the time since payment was stopped. If that point had been pressed, they would likely have been in the town's debt. But such a demand, while possible, would have saved too much of the Shylock. If we do not get the light we want, we at least want to pay a fair price for the light we do get.

It will be a great satisfaction to our citizens to get rid of the 15-year contract for the whole town, and the shorter period for even the residential streets will be looked on with favor. Whether the proposed contract for 100 lamps should be ratified by council or not, is a question to be considered; and there is, doubtless, much to be said in favor of its acceptance.

THE MYSTERY OF PAIN

In his thought-compelling sermon before the Cueing Club, on Immortality, Rev. G. W. Henderson expressed radical and courageous opinions about the administration of human affairs in this world. "The innocent said he 'suffer; the base go unpunished; disaster and wretchedness come upon people who have neither cause nor deserved them. If this life is all, the administration of Providence is a rank injustice."

Likely the preacher's facts and conclusion are both unassailable. They ate but what is in the mind of every observant man. The old idea, that the good are protected and that in the government of the world there is regard for sentient creation, cannot longer survive the logic of fact. The administration of the world is dominated by neither reason nor mercy. Everywhere and always, have the miseries of brute and human life risen, in despairing protest, to heaven. Insensate nature cares not that flesh and blood can suffer. Fire, famine, flood, and all her other multitudinous agents of anguish are relentlessly let loose against childhood, woman and old age. The face of the world is drawn and tremulous with suffering. War, pestilence, accident, lingering disease, and sudden death grimly, resolutely challenge faith and hope. The "dispensations of Providence" have become the devastations of Providence. Surely the preacher truly said: "If this life is all, the administration of Providence is a rank injustice."

Mr. Henderson forcefully reasoned, that these facts support the doctrine of a future life; they at least prove that there ought to be done. That, however, the presence of pain and injustice in this world, is prophetic of their absence, another is not quite so clear.

EDITORIAL NOTES

SPEAKING OF CANADA. The New York correspondent of the London Financial News says: "She is inhibited by people who dream dreams of the Empire, but act as village politicians who spend a year locating a common pump."

WILL SOMEBODY kindly tell council how to say that they want a walk built with base concrete of either 5 parts gravel, 2 parts sand, and 1 part cement, or of 5 parts broken stone, 3 of sand and one of cement.

MR. HARDY NEED NOT feel hurt. We can fully appreciate the Library Board without assuming that it cannot be improved upon.

SAID IN FEW WORDS

Supt. F. K. Begbie: "One to seven mixture will not make durable granolithic walks." Mr. P. G. Pilkie: "The lake gravel owned by the town will make a sort of concrete, but it will be very weak." Mr. Fred Reeves: "The sample you have of the town's lake gravel, contains too much dirt to be used for concrete."

Piano Tuner Maitland (Toronto): "There are as many good piano players in Lindsay, and as good, as in any town in Canada."

Mr. Fremont Crandell: "There is already a big demand for cottages to rent at Sturgeon Point. Next season will make a record there."

Mr. Geo. Thornbury (Glenarm): "The woodchucks and other burrowing animals are out in the woods, and I think we shall have an early spring."

Mr. Geo. Johnston (Mariposa): "Mr. Foster's defeat shows, I think, that farmers are opposed to higher tariffs. We think manufacturers have enough protection."

Mr. Fred Burke: "Twenty percent. of the shows that set out on the road this season have had to close up already. The past season has not been a good one in the States."

Mr. Thos. McConnell: "I was at Jackson's Island last week putting in a little ice for use next summer. The ice is about two feet thick down there, and all clear with the exception of a little snowy stuff on the surface."

Mr. Ed. Neil: "The failure of the British Columbia mines has caused a good deal of financial depression on the coast. Not a mine in 400 miles from north to south has paid. If it was not for lumber and fish the country would be dead. However, the coal mines over on Vancouver Island pay well."

Mr. Arnott (Peterbark): "I make cheese boxes, and very often find at the end of the season that I can't get my money for them because they were bought by irresponsible makers; and the factories, although shipping their cheese in my boxes, won't pay for those boxes. I am going to sell no more boxes after this unless the factories guarantee the pay."

Capt. Crandell: "You may have noticed that little stonepile lencod around in Darke's field, near the river. That is where Col.

Hughes and his hired man were buried. Col. Hughes was a British army officer, who got 375 acres of land down there. He and his man were taking a raft of lumber down from Purdy's mill to build a house. That was in 1834. As they were poing the raft down, the man fell into the river. Col. Hughes tried to save him, and both were drowned. Their bodies were found 13 days after, and were so badly decomposed that they were thrown into a pit where I have told you."

Dr. Herriman: "Mr. Pilkie is mistaken when he says that in the citations about sewer ventilation I made from Prof. Parkes, the professor was not talking about such a system of sewers as we have here. He was. In his book and in the parts of it I quoted he refers to the vent pipes going through the roof—the pipes Mr. Pilkie refers to—and says that the manhole covers should be kept open also, for additional ventilation. That is my position; it is modern and up-to-date; and that it is correct is best shown by the fact that when the snow and ice had been removed the sewer gas nuisance ceased."

A LITTLE CLASH OCCURRED BETWEEN JUDGE AND MAYOR

Judge Harding Told Mayor Sootheran That he is Surprised at His Action

The Library Board met in regular session on Monday night. The last meeting before had been the special meeting at which the board or part of it had appointed a solicitor to look after its interests in the site squabble. Mayor Sootheran had not been present at the special meeting. It had been called at an hour when he had to be at a waterworks meeting. When the minutes of the special meeting came to be adopted on Monday night, the mayor protested against the board's recognizing the proceedings of that session, and moved that they be not adopted. He had not received sufficiently long notice, and it had been held at the hour when he was regularly engaged elsewhere.

"I shall rule your motion out of order; and I am surprised that the mayor of the town should make such a motion" retorted the chairman Judge Harding, and declared carried a resolution to confirm the minutes.

"My motion is a protest against the way the meeting was called," said the mayor. "I am the only member of council on the board. How am I to report on the proceedings to council, if I am not given sufficient notice of the meetings or if they are called specially at a time when I cannot attend?"

The report of the librarians showed that of 1428 books taken out during February, 87 were of history, 59 of biography, 60 voyages and travels, poetry 52, science 61, religion 11, fiction 820. Mr. Hardy said that the librarians report that most of the books reported missing by Mr. A. S. Parkin when he made an audit of them recently, had been found.

"That shows the audit was no good" said Mr. R. M. Beal. "It shows that it was made by an incompetent person" added Mr. F. D. Moore.

Mr. Hardy—You should reserve judgment till you have heard the other side.

Mr. Beal—There are only two sides and we have heard both. The auditor says the books are missing; the librarians say they are there.

Mr. Moore—it is worse than having no audit for it makes a false impression.

Solicitor McLaughlin's opinion regarding the library site said likely an amendment to the Library Act could be got instead of a special act authorizing the transfer of the market park to the board; that council could likely take the money, and build the library, but that they might be stopped, and at any rate the location should be agreed upon before any other action was taken.

CHURCH NOTES

—Rev. Mr. Williams, the supply at St. Andrew's is preaching very acceptably. His text last Sunday morning was: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

—On Sunday evening Miss Clara Bellegueh of Peterbark sang "God's Acre" at the Campfire-at Methodist church. In last issue should have mentioned the solo by Miss Wilson of Toronto at the same church. Miss Wilson sang "Face to Face" and proved herself one of the finest vocalists ever heard here.

—Rev. Dr. Galbraith of Toronto will preach at the Queen-st Methodist church, morning and evening, on Sunday March 22nd. The doctor is among the best preachers of the Methodist church. His able address here during the referendum campaign was a sample of his style. A special thank offering toward the church debt will be taken.

tree branches by the very hair in which he gloried. He placed power where he should have placed God, and fell. So fell ancient empires. So totter China and Spain to-day. Paul's ideal and pursuit were the cross, "God forbid that I should glory," said he, "save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." That is he made all secondary to righteousness and at the close of life he was able to say "I am now ready to be offered up; I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown." The choir work was exceptionally good. Miss Silver sang a solo in capital voice. After the sermon, four persons were baptized by the pastor.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

MANILLA

Have you seen the array of talent that will contribute the concert given at the town hall, on Tuesday evening, the 17th March next. The large poster at Mr. Carter's store gives a partial list. For full particulars come to the concert and enjoy a most pleasant evening's entertainment. Doors open at 7.30. Concert at 8 p.m.

MOUNT HORRE

The basket social on the 4th inst. at the residence of Mr. Wm. Jackson, was a great success. The house was crowded and everyone went home well pleased. "Tom" Skuce handled the hammer with great skill and tact and made every basket bring the highest price. He has applied for a license. The proceeds amounted to \$36.

BALSAM LAKE

An error occurred in last week's correspondence in the item re presentation to the Mssrs. Staples. They received a beautiful oak secretary in addition to the articles mentioned.

Mrs. Myles Haygarth, who was two weeks ago called away to see her daughter, Mrs. Mark Houtan of Cavan, who is seriously sick, has not yet returned home. Mrs. Houtan not being much improved in health up to Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sanders, who had a fall and hurt her side and was confined to her bed for some days, is much better and is able to be up and around as usual.

Miss Hattie Best of Hartley recently spent a couple of days with her friend, Miss Annie Cunningham, at the Grange. Miss Annie returned on Saturday last with Miss Best at her home.

Mr. A. McArthur has moved into Mr. Farrington's home, and Mr. T. A. Greaves, wife and family, with his father and mother as well, are once more settled in the old home.

Mr. John Forman is moving his goods and chattels to the home vacated by Mr. Staples.

Among those who have sold horses for a good price here are Mr. Leonard Parrington, Isaac Sanders and J. Cunningham. The latter two sold and bought again.

OAKWOOD AND VICINITY

Dr. Chambers and wife and child, were in Toronto Friday.

Mr. Wellington Tait has returned to his trade in Lindsay.

Mr. Jones Taylor was in Peterboro one day last week, attending a meeting of the shareholders of the Peterbor Twine and Cordage Co.

By reason of the high grade of the entertainment, and the number of people intending to take it in, we judge that the hall will be not half big enough to contain the crowd at M.A.S. concert next Tuesday evening.

The junior department of our school was closed for a few days last week, owing to the indisposition of the teacher, Miss F. Weldon.

Municipal government was in session here on Monday. Path-masters were appointed.

Miss Nellie McLean returned on Saturday from visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Soanes, Lindsay.

Miss Vera Tait was confined to the house last week with a slight attack of pleurisy, and Mr. Lewis was unable to attend duties owing to a severe cold.

Speculation is rife as to who will be the next to enter the promised land of conjugal felicity. They have been saying that it is Morgan's turn next.

Mr. Angus Campbell, who recently had a sale of farm stock and implements, on the farm he worked on the 12th concession, has become a resident of our town. He occupies Mr. Mason's dwelling in the eastern part of the village.

The funeral of Matthew Martindale who will be remembered by the older residents of the vicinity, took place to the East Oakwood cemetery, Wednesday of last week. The remains were brought from Alton, Ont., where the deceased had been residing. The deceased was an uncle of Mr. George Martindale of this place and was in his 66th year.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Word was received here Monday that Emanuel Bowes of Kansas City had succumbed to his illness.

Mrs. D. Trumble was quite ill for a few days last week, but is better now.

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Black Eoliennes, another canvas effect, but made of better yarns. These come in fine and coarse threads, all wool, 44 to 46 inches in width. Per yard 1.00

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Just a few of the many lines that are piled sky high on our tables to day. The true way of seeing fashions is to visit this department.

All Wool French Woven Homespuns, suitable for children's wear, an all wool material, 42 inches wide in all colors—Browns, Navys, Cardinals, Greens, etc. Per yard 40c

All Wool Blenheim Cloths, made in England, finished like a satin, that will not spot with water, 44 inches wide in all the leading shades. Per yard 75c

Fancy Knicker Tweeds of English make, for suits and skirts in mixed colors of Fawn, Blue, Brown, Grey, 46 inches wide, the leading style for this season. Per yard 1.00

Dress Waists

A cheaper lot of Black Waists never entered this town, made for spring with all the cordings, tusks and hemstitched trimmings of a bright finished Roman Satin.

Ladies' Black Mercerised Satteen Blouses with 30 rows of cording and stitching, made with bishop's sleeves, tight cuffs of fast black material. Sizes 34 to 40. Each 90c

Ladies' Black Roman Satin Blouses with 36 rows of fine cording and 4 inches wide satin tucks, made with large bishop's sleeves, with rows and rows of fancy stitching. Sizes 34 to 40 1.00

Dress Skirts

A large purchase of all wool dress skirts has placed us in a position to fill your wants at much less than usual price. No skirts were ever sold in Lindsay at the prices we make below:

Ladies' Homespun Dress Skirts, with five gores, tucked, trimmed with stitching faced with self and full flare. Colors are Black, Navy and Oxford. Sizes 39, 40, 41, 42. Each 2.50

Ladies' Homespun Walking Skirts in Black, Navy and Oxford, with flared flounce, stitched and faced. Another style, same quality material, deep band of stitching at bottom, faced with self, extra value these. All sizes. Each 3.50

A nice line of Misses' Homespun Skirts in Oxford Grey only—five gore trimmed, with stitching laped seams. Sizes 30 to 36. 2.00

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PURE BLOOD

Is as necessary to good health in stock as in man, and just now is the time to give your cat an 2n: hogs Sublimed Sulphur to get them in condition for spring. When you buy Sublimed Sulphur here you get just that an not a dedered trimstone, which is often sold for Sulphur. We sell 7 lbs for 25c. We also want to furnish your Glauber Salts for stock, and can guarantee the quality.

A. HIGBOTHAM DRUGGIST

Next to Pya's Hotel - Lindsay

Little Local Lines

—Mr. Geo. Freeburn, an employ of a North Verulam farmer, cut foot while chopping in the saw mill last week. —Dr. G. S. Ryerson, of Toronto, will be at the Benson House, Lindsay on Saturday, March 21st, for consultation in eye, ear and throat diseases.—11-2. —Robert Kelsey, a C. P. R. brakeman fell off a box car as it was being over a bridge east of Peterbark last week, and dropped 25 feet. He was seriously injured. —Mr. J. F. Gillespie, inspector of the Sun Life Assurance Company was in town last week looking after the transfer of his boot and business to Mr. P. J. Hurley. —Mr. M. McFadyen, the New Dairy man, has had his wagon accidentally painted. Mr. H. Quibber of the IXL Dairy has done these things and is now a credit to the street and their owners. —Robert, the 10-year-old son of Mr. Thos. Glassford, of Vancouver, died at the hospital early yesterday morning after an operation for a trouble akin to appendicitis. A funeral will be held at Valentia, B.C. —The famous slander case in which some leading citizens were interested and which was to have been tried at Justice Street at the close of next week has resulted in a complete collapse. The plaintiff has withdrawn his case. —Mr. P. J. Hurley has purchased the Gillespie stock of boots, shoes, and will conduct the business at the same stand. Mr. Hurley is well and favorably known by the people of this district, and will, doubt, get his share of the foot trade. —Mr. Claude Preston left for Edmonton on Saturday morning. He might before he was presented with a gold locket by some of his friends in town. The presentation was made in Mr. Benjamin's room at the Benson House, and about 25 of the boys spent a pleasant time. —The Winnipeg Free Press says that Judge Myers has given judgment in favor of Mr. Harry Harvey \$180, the amount of Mr. Harvey's claim against the C.P.R. for a large lost in transit between Calgary and Winnipeg. Harvey was represented by his brother Fred. —Mr. J. A. Lamont is visiting sister Mrs. Jas. Harvey, corner Cambridge and McElwaine-sts. Harvey was agent at Kingsgate station when the Westland rail wreck occurred, and was on the "ated" train. He was severely injured and has recently come out of hospital. —Mr. W. A. Weese left on Saturday for Montreal with a car of calves, consisting of draughts, dress horses and chunks. Some of his draught horses weighed 1700 lbs. He also shipped 14 extra fine cows in the week, eight of them averaging 1700 pounds. —After a recent meeting of the Collegiate Institute Literary Society, the students presented Mrs. Passmore, the retiring janitor with an address, and Morris and Mrs. Passmore and her late husband had been associated with the Institute for 14 years, and won a high degree the esteem and gratitude of the students. —At the live stock and poultry show held at Ottawa recently, a 10-week-old chicken, aged 19, killed 66 chickens in 102 minutes. His time for each was as follows: minutes, 23, 2, 14, 24, and 30. He killed the birds by stretching their necks, and his own record makes a record. His own record of 66 last year was 4 birds in 102 minutes. —On Thursday night a fairly large crowd witnessed the events of the day. Walter Jackson defeated Mr. Dusty for the Milland championship. The feat of Walter was a record. The feat of Walter was a record. The feat of Walter was a record.