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A HOME FOR THE AGED POOR

The House of Refuge scheme is one that appeals powerfully to sentiment. Exalted sentiment surely—humanity, mercy, the care of the friendless—but sentiment nevertheless. It is, perhaps, an indication of the practical sagacity of the people that they have not been hastily carried away with that aspect of the question. It is necessary to be wise as well as good. There is no desire among the most ardent advocates of the Refuge to force it on the people or stamped them into its adoption. No council will proceed with its erection without a popular mandate. Neither will those who support the scheme harshly assail those who oppose it. It has been in some minds that since the statute forbids putting indigents in the jail, another statute should compel the erection of county refuges for the indigent poor. We believe not even that will be done; it will not be necessary. Sound logic and wholesome sentiment are forces to which the public will at last respond, and by these will the efforts in behalf of the House of Refuge stand or fall.

It has been reported that if the county builds a Refuge it will have no power to assist those who by sickness or accident require temporary aid. We have consulted authority and find that the report is utterly without foundation. The erection of a Refuge in no way affects the distribution of other charities by council.

Because they are scattered over a wide area and do not daily come before our eyes it is not easy to realize that the number of indigent people is so large as to make a Refuge necessary. With that point in mind we wrote to the clerks of the various municipalities, asking how many people who should be in such a place were receiving aid. Answers from all but three were received. They were published in our issue of July 26th. They show that there are 33 people who ought to be in the Refuge. The three municipalities from which no reply came would be sure to increase the number, and probably it is within the mark to say that 40 people are waiting to occupy the House of Refuge at this moment. They are a sad group. Likely they have waited in vain often before and had enough blasted hopes in the past; but we commit it to the people of this county to see that for a place of comfort in their last dark days they shall neither hope in vain nor wait much longer.

NINETEENTH CENTURY, FAREWELL.

The nineteenth century draws to its close. Its vast expanse of years has run to the final days. Slowly, with giant tread, its hoary form recedes along the corridors of time. We have stood beside a dying year, and felt the awe of its closing hours; but what emotions stir at the death-bed of a century? Who is unmoved at the obsequies of a hundred years?

It is very intellectual to say that there is nothing of interest in a century's close; that time is not divided into years or periods; but it also fails to take into account the leading elements of human nature. It overlooks the fact that men know nothing of time in the abstract. They know it as seconds, minutes, hours, decades, centuries. Without these it is unthinkable. By the calendar men get their bearings on time's ocean; without it they are like floating corks on a shoreless sea. On the highway the mileposts interest the traveller more than the roadway. They show him his location and when a man does not

know his location he is lost. Most lives have their red-letter days and time is only interesting as we can stud it with dates and cut it up into sections. Anniversaries will always be popular, the dying years will always have their watchers, and men will always stand awe-struck at the death-knell of a century.

Shortlived men may well grow serious as they mark the flight of time. In that mood they will long to hide in the past the shortcomings that have marred their lives, and to make heroic resolves of amendment for the future. Heirs of the rich inheritance of ages gone and architects of earth's fortunes in her brightest days, it may be that as they cross into the new century men will feel the thrill of impulses that shall mould their lives in strength and beauty in the years to come. As the twentieth century shall surpass the nineteenth, so may we gird ourselves for character and deeds that shall be greater and more noble than those of the men who went before us, and in keeping with the age in which we live.

A MUNICIPAL PLANT.

IT MUST NOT be supposed that in advocating a municipal lighting plant we have any hostility to the Light, Heat and Power Company. On the other hand we hold it in the same high esteem as we do all other local enterprises. But no good wishes for the company could, or ought to, deter us from advocating the municipal plant.

It is simply a matter of good business. The difference between the price the company asks for light and the price at which the town can produce it is too great. It is \$700 a year, in 20 years \$14,000 and a lighting plant of our own, enough to build a first-class system of streets throughout the town, and too great a sum to lay upon the altar of our devotion to private enterprise. Nor can any fault be found with the company's price. It is likely as low as they can make it. They have a very expensive plant. According to their own solicitor its cost was largely increased by unsuccessful experiments and expensive mistakes. It is not running at quite half its capacity. Considering these two things it cannot be expected that the company can make a profit on their outlay and sell light anything like as cheaply as it can be produced by a town plant put in under contract and of no greater extent than is required.

As a matter of fact no company does it. Mr. Carew put in a lighting plant at his mill. It cost \$1100. The light he used last summer was worth, at company rates, nearly \$500. In three years, at the outside, Mr. Carew will have saved enough to pay for the plant. Markham village has both street and domestic lighting of its own, at a fraction of what any company offers. Barrie, Orillia and any other towns with municipal plants are lot for from a third to a half of what it costs towns with company lighting.

Whether we realize these things or not, other places do. In one day's paper, under date of the 22nd of this month, these two items appeared:

"Woodstock has just purchased the electric light plant from a company and will run it in future as a municipal undertaking."

"Kingston has given the required legal notice to the Kingston Light, Heat and Power Company of its intention to proceed under the law to arbitrate to acquire the whole plant."

The people of Lindsay are face to face with one of the chief problems of modern municipal affairs. They can be trusted to solve it on modern lines.

EDITORIAL NOTES

WISHING YOU a happy New Year.

THE PEOPLE of Mariposa are going to vote on the question of commuting statute labor at 65 cents per day. This is a modern and sensible proposition that should carry easily in the banner township.

THE VERDICT.

The sultan's creditors will learn with pleasure that he has installed a telephone in his palace.—Pittsburg News.

It would seem that our bank examinations are becoming every bit as reliable as our weather reports.—Washington Post.

The Boers continue to furnish evidence of the fact that official notice of their pacification has not yet reached them.—Atlanta Journal.

Professor Stubbs of Louisiana calls Hawaii "the world's sugar bowl." By the same token China and Japan must be its tea caddies.—Boston Transcript.

A Missouri editor thinks it quite sad to see a young husband supporting a seal-skin wife on a muskrat salary. For pointed piquetness of expression the Missouri rural editor takes the corn pone.—Denver Post.

Connecticut is not satisfied with having a monitor named after her. She wants a battleship. If honors of this kind are proportioned according to size, Rhode Island is entitled to not less than a tugboat.

NEW PROPRIETOR

At the Livery and Boarding Stables, just north of the Academy of Music.

JAMES WORKMAN

Having taken over the above Livery Barn has made vast improvements and has now one of the most complete and up-to-date livery in town solicits a share of public patronage. Comfortable Rigs, Good Horses, Polite Attention will be the motto of the new proprietor.

JAMES WORKMAN

P.S.—Drop in and see the improvements.

The Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation

G. H. HOPKINS, Agt. at Lindsay

Money to loan at very lowest rates, at any time, and terms to suit borrower. The Corporation being an amalgamation of four companies and having Capital and Assets of over twenty millions, is prepared to do business on most advantageous terms. Private funds if preferred.

G. H. HOPKINS, Barrister, Lindsay

REAL ESTATE, LOAN AND GENERAL INSURANCE

The undersigned has opened offices at Woodville and Lindsay, and is prepared to transact business in Real Estate, Loan and General Insurance.

I will visit my Lindsay office EVERY SATURDAY, DAY. It is situated in the rear of the Dominion Bank, entrance from William-st.

Parties wanting to buy, sell or rent Farm, Village or Town property, should call and see me. Being acquainted with nearly every man and farm in the County, customers can rely on receiving prompt attention. Charges moderate.

I sell Grain Farms, Timber Lots, Grazing Farms, Private and Business Houses and Lots.

J. G. EYRES

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

New Year's Rates

GENERAL PUBLIC

Single First Class Fare, going Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1909; Jan. 1, 1909; returning until Jan. 3, 1909.
Single First Class Fare and One-Third, going Dec. 28, 29, 30, and 31, 1909, and Jan. 1, 1909; returning until Jan. 3, 1909.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

On surrender of Certificate signed by Principal
Single First Class Fare and One-Third, going Dec. 30 to 31, 1909; returning until Jan. 2, 1909.

Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and East; to and from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Detroit, Mich.; and to, but NOT FROM, Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and Buffalo, N. Y.

A. H. NOTMAN, Assistant General Passenger Agent, King Street East, Toronto.

T. C. Matchett, Agent

C.P.R. OFFICE - - - KENT STREET

At Cost!

From now till Dec. 30th I will offer the balance of my stock of TOYS and FANCY GOODS at cost. This is a chance seldom offered to secure goods at your own prices.

J. RIGGS

Describing It.

"Isn't Jimson going to build a new factory on the high bank overlooking the lake?"
"No. That's a bluff."

Special Saturday Morning, Dec. 29th

Final Clearing Up!

The last Saturday of 1900, and we want it to be a record breaker. During the past four weeks of unusual selling many good selling lines have been reduced to small quantities. These we are going to give you SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29th, at these surprisingly LOW PRICES.

SALE COMMENCES AT 8.30 A.M.

Men's and Boys' Shirts

LOMOND TOP SHIRTS, fancy check patterns, well made, all sizes, regular price 38c each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, 29c

BOYS' GREY FLANNEL SHIRTS, assorted sizes, well made, fancy silk lace fronts, strong and serviceable, regular price 70c each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, ea. only 39c

Men's Caps One big lot, assorted shapes and makes, all sizes, regular prices 35c, 40c and 50c each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, 25c each only

Boys' Suits BOYS' HEAVY TWEED BLOUSE SUITS, English made, strong and serviceable, regular prices \$2.00 and \$2.50 each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each 1.49 only

Men's Tweed Pants Good strong tweed, assorted colors and sizes, regular prices \$1.00, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, per pair only 50c

Ladies' Vests Heavy weight for winter wear, fancy stitch and silk ribbon trimmings, regular price 25c each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each only 17c

Toilet Covers Another lot Toilet Covers, 42 inches long, fancy stitched edge, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each only 10c

Stamped Cosy Covers 50 good quality cloth (limit 2 to a customer) regular price 10c each SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each only 5c

Toilet Soap 50 boxes only (1 box only to a customer) highly perfumed toilet Soap, 3 cakes in a box, regular price 10c box, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, per box only 5c

Seasonable Fur Bargains Ladies' Black and Natural Opposum Ties or Long Ruffs, 54 inches long, good full size and trimmed with 10 tails, regular prices \$7.50 and \$8.00, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each only 5.49

BLACK THIBBETT and GREEN LAND SEAL RUFFS, 2 only, fashionably made, regular price \$3.50, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, 2.19

CHILDREN'S WHITE LAMB MUFFS, 7 only, good size, regular prices 85c and \$1.00 each, SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING, each only 50c

MANTLE EVENT.

Mantle buying from us is banking money for you. We have reduced all our Mantles and Costumes 15 to 25 per cent. in prices, therefore you may buy a real good Mantle now for what you would pay for an ordinary, low grade one. Seems reasonable that we should ask you to visit our Mantle Department and see these values.

WE wish one and all our many friends and customers a happy and most prosperous New Year.

CASH, ONE PRICE.

J. Sutcliffe & Sons, Lindsay, Ontario.

R. B. ALLAN & CO.

Opposite Post Office, Lindsay.

SPECIALTIES FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE

DRESS GOODS!

Please remember that we hold in stock a very large and most complete stock of Black Dress Goods. To this department we have given special attention, and always keep on hand the very best Black Dress Goods to be had. We are selling agents for Priestly's celebrated Black Goods, the best makers of black goods in the world. Some special things in Dress Goods in Black and Colored, one Dress to a pattern, suitable for Christmas presents.

Ladies' Furs for the Neck

We keep an elegant stock of all classes of Ladies' Furs, suitable for Neckwear, COLLARETTES, etc., in every style at right prices. Ladies' Fur Gaitlets in Astrachan, Opposum, Persian Lamb and Imitation Seal.

Ladies' Mantles, Suits and Skirts

Our stock in this Department is still large, having replenished it with New and Fashionable Goods. Our Jackets and Skirts have the reputation of being the most stylish and best values in Lindsay.

Clothing Department

Men's Suits ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$12.00. Tweed Suits, Black Worsted Suits, Men's Heavy Working Suits, a large stock at the lowest prices.

Staple Department

Flannelettes, Grey Flannels, White Flannels, Grey and White Cotton Blankets, Sheetings. All lines of Staple Dry Goods. Large stock for the Christmas Trade.

Milinery Department

This Department is full of New and Stylish Goods suitable for the season.

Special Purchase for the Holiday Trade.

We have just received an assortment of CHINA, beautiful Designs, in VASES, BREAD PLATES, FRUIT DISHES, ETC.

R. B. ALLAN & CO.

Nearly Opp. Post Office, Lindsay Ont.

TAKING THE REINS.

Of the 14 2-year-old standard trotters of 1900, 7 are by Prodigal.

Amber, 2:18 1/4, the one time Ohio tinger, is now owned in England.

During the season of 1900 19 2-year-olds took records of 2:14 1/4 to 2:30.

During the past two years Ollie Graves, the Kentucky driver, has won 43 races. The last heat paced below 2:10 for 1900 was that of Henry G. in 2:06 on Oct. 27.

The queen and the Prince of Wales have prohibited the docking of their horses.

It is reported that the present owner of David Harum, trial 2:14 1/4, paid \$4,000 for the horse.

A New York horse dealer has received an order from Alexandria, Egypt, for several high class carriage horses.

Gypsy Queen, the champion saddle mare recently purchased by T. W. Lawson, is now called Kentucky Susan.

Just 654 trotters and pacers entered the 2:30 list during the racing season of 1900, according to the count of a Kentuckian.

Delta, 2:20 1/4, at Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 10, is another new performer for December, 2:11 1/2, and is out of Cynthia, by Stranger.

Marion Eddy, 2:18 1/4, the only 1900 performer for Jerome Eddy, 2:18 1/2, was the most consistent money winner at the Lake Erie circuit.

Up to Nov. 3, 1900, the number of horses starting in English races this past season reached 13,044 in 1,542 races, an average of over eight to a race.

Gus Macey, the Kentucky trainer, has a 4-year-old green one named Country Jay that he considers a world beater. He is by Jay Hawker, dam by Parville.

Bird Eye, 2:14 1/4, one of the best money winners in the Lake Erie circuit, where he won five first and three second moneys and a total of \$1,250, is now owned by W. E. Baggs, Baltimore.—Horseman.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Tansy is a good remedy for lice. Throwing soft feed on the ground is poor economy.

Fowls should not be killed when they have full crops.

Make the nests so that the hen can walk in on them.

White pin feathers are easier to remove than colored ones, but they do not show so much when left in.

When the fowls are confined, give soft feed in the morning, green food at noon and whole grain at night.

Do not keep the hens so fat that they will not exercise or forage. They will not lay so well, nor be so healthy.

Young chickens of fancy breeding should not be permitted to roost on perches until they are 3 months old, as it often causes crooked breastbones.

A quick maturing fowl is desirable for market and also for home consumption, especially early in the spring. This should be remembered in selecting breeds.

TRULY AUTOMOBILE.

Tons of Ice Transported Over a Hill by Its Own Weight.

At the houses of a Maine ice company at West Brooksville, Me., the blocks of ice are taken from Walker's pond, pulled up a steep hill and carried a half a mile to the head of Eggemoggin reach, a branch of Penobscot bay, and the whole work is performed without using any power except gravitation.

The large town of Brooksville just escaped being an island. Walker's pond lies in the southwest corner of the town, nothing but a horseback a half a mile wide putting it from salt water. Bagaduce river flows from the east end of the pond, going east, then north and finally sweeping to the west and southwest, when it empties into Penobscot bay between Castine and Brooksville, having gone more than 30 miles to end within less than a mile of its source. Walker's pond, from which the company gets its ice, is about 300 feet higher than the waters of the bay just over the hill. The icehouses are on a wharf facing the ocean. The company has an endless chain elevator running from the pond over a slight hill down to the icehouses, and when the ice is ready to house the heavy weight by loading its ocean end with stoned until the wheels turn with the added weight, when the chain moves on, bringing up its load of ice.

As the tops of the houses are some 250 feet lower than the pond and the ocean side of the run is twice as long as the pond side so soon as the endless belt is fully loaded with ice on both sides the down hill side has power enough to pull all the ice out of the pond without stopping, and thousands of tons of latent energy is left over.

This surplus force is controlled by two men who stand on top of the hill and apply powerful brakes until the proper speed is secured, after which the machinery runs itself.

If some one with a malicious turn of mind should bore through the base of the hill with an artesian drill and strike the bottom of the pond, the water pressure would soon force a large hole through the gravel, and Walker's pond, which is three miles long by a half mile wide, would be wiped from the map of Maine.

The historically famous Bagaduce river, the outlet of the pond and the dividing line between Brooksville, on the Castine, and Sedgwick, Penobscot and Castine, on the outside, would also cease to exist.

So long as Walker's pond yields excellent perch, pickerel and alewives, in addition to ice that can be shipped the year round, and so long as the Bagaduce furnishes tons of smelts and thousands of muskrat pelts every year this interesting but melancholy experiment will not be tried.

THE PEDAGOGUE.

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas State university is to have a year's vacation on account of failing health.

It is said in Chicago that the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus of that city will be chosen president of Northwestern university.

Girton is the oldest woman's college in England. It was started in 1869 by five students who determined to try the Cambridge university examinations. At Girton the girls have two rooms each. The fee for the college year, including tuition, board and rent, is about \$500.

Professor Frederick Starr, the well known anthropologist at the University of Chicago, has received a silver medal from Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. This award of honor has been given as an acknowledgment of a fine collection of busts and pictures secured by Professor Starr as the result of his studies among the Mexican Indians and sent by him to the National Scientific and Artistic Collection of Holland.

THE CYNIC.

An old man is content with a "living;" a young man wants a fortune.

It is becoming the custom to sue somebody or something when a man dies in order to show proper grief.