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The Weekly Post.

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WHAT LINDSAY LACKS.

The World Furnishing Co., of Orillia, is about to open, in the manufacture of furniture for the wholesale trade. An experienced man has been engaged as superintendent of the factory, the Sanderson-Rose Pickling Co., the name of another concern lately abandoned by local capital.

Would that a few of Lindsay's moneyed men were imbued with the same spirit of enterprise, and would permit any feeling of loyalty to the town in which they have made their wealth to find expression in their willingness to extend so no measure of financial assistance to promoting manufacturing enterprises already in existence or under consideration.

We regret to say that so far the majority of our leading citizens have displayed a cold and distrustful spirit when asked to aid in promoting any industrial venture suited to the town. It is a fact well known to many that some years ago when one of our large employers of labor wished to extend his then small but promising manufacturing business he applied to a few of our wealthy men for temporary assistance, but their demands were so extortionate that he felt he might as well hand over everything he owned at once.

If any further proof were needed in support of our contention that our moneyed men are not doing all they might to build up the town, we could instance the rejection of Mr. Kyle's suggestion at the Board of Trade some months ago relative to the establishment of a carriage factory. There is an unlimited market for the goods, and the growth of the Tadiopole business in Orillia is a proof that nearness to the raw material is a great advantage.

The matter was discussed for a time with some show of business spirit, but eventually the project was given the cold shoulder. Recently some of our citizens discovered the apparent fact that Lindsay would be an excellent location for a furniture factory—again because the raw material is almost at our doors. Did half-a-dozen citizens volunteer to invest \$10,000 each if others would do their duty? Not a man raised his voice. To-day the Secretary of our Board of Trade is watching the columns of the daily papers in the hope that he may discover the name of some furniture firm who could be induced to locate here by an offer to rent them everything that the law will permit us to give.

To be serious, our wealthier citizens are beyond doubt retarding the progress of the town by their refusal to risk a little in local enterprise. If it is to be the lead others would invest smaller amounts in the full confidence that everything would be done to ensure the success of the scheme. A change must be brought about—we must learn to be self-dependent.

Curling Notes.

The semi-annual meeting of the Lindsay Curling Club will be held at the Rink on Friday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. As this is the closing meeting for the season, and as matters of considerable importance will come up for discussion, a very large attendance of members is expected. The meeting will close with an oyster supper at the Royal hotel, at which the cups and prizes won this season will be presented. The Shepherd-Needler Cup, won for the first time this year from the Orillia Club, will be one of the trophies presented that night.

THE FRENCH-CANADIANS ARE LOYAL.

It is a question if any political event has occurred in Ontario since the general elections of more interest and moment than the Young Liberal banquet in Toronto on Easter Monday night. This importance was derived principally from the splendid impression created upon an Ontario audience of representative men—mainly Protestant, and entirely English-speaking—by Senator Dandurand, a representative French Catholic from Quebec, who was most appropriately called upon to respond to the toast of "Canada," and did so in terms which delighted his auditors, and stamped him as worthy to interpret the best sentiments of the best men who are making the name beloved in the Empire and respected in the world.

Le Courrier du Canada, the Quebec newspaper which has just suspended publication, was founded in 1857, as a conservative and Catholic organ, Sir Hector Langevin and Bishop Racine being two of its original promoters. It was edited for many years by Hon. Thomas Chapais, a son-in-law of Sir Hector. Nicholas Flood Davin, in his letter to the News, gives away a fact which has been often denied by Tory newspapers, that Sir John A. Macdonald as late as 1876 was not a protectionist. He adopted protection to get back to office, and not because he believed in it, and the Tory masses followed him like a flock of sheep.

Rev. Jacob Schlegel, New York, who has married 3,000 couples, declares emphatically that "marriage is a failure," and matrimony a state "to be borne if one must," but to be evaded if one can. Pressed for an explanation he said: "The girls here, the young ladies, I do not like so much. They insist upon having too much. If their husbands make \$10 a week they will have a red girl." Last season over 25,000,000 tons of freight passed through the Sault canal, an increase of 2 per cent. over the year 1899. The United States canal did 98 per cent. of the business, although both are alike free and easy of access.

It is to be regretted that the investigation into the charge of irregularities at the Little Britain Post Office was not conducted with proper and becoming decorum. We are informed that those favorable to the Postmaster were there in force, and that their conduct was anything other than in proper in a Court room, as this really was. Our information is that these men, by their exclamations and derisive cheers, annoyed and intimidated many of the witnesses. This should not have been permitted. Investigations such as this should be conducted with the decorum of a Court of Justice. Disorderly onlookers ought to be excluded from the room.

It is pleasing to note that the officers and directors of the South Victoria Agricultural Society and West Victoria Farmers Institute are interesting themselves in a sugar beet culture, which is now attracting so much attention in various parts of the Dominion. A meeting has been called for to-morrow (Saturday) at 1.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, which will be addressed by Prof. Shuttleworth, B.Sc., P.R.D., of Guelph Experimental Farm, and others, and much valuable information will no doubt be imparted. It is the intention to ask the Department of Agriculture for seed for distribution at once, in order that an early and satisfactory test may be made. If the soil of the country proves of the right quality, and the yield is large and rich in saccharine matter, then a sugar refinery may in due time be added to our list of industries, and another productive source of income be opened up to our farmers. We hope the meeting will be well attended.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

May a Methodist minister smoke tobacco? is the question with which the Court of Appeal of the church is struggling at Toronto now. It comes up on appeal from British Columbia.

The United States trade with Cuba has fallen off about \$12,000,000 this year, while Cuban trade with Great Britain and Germany has largely increased. Native hostility to the U.S. is said to account for the change. Cubans think it is time their U.S. "protectors" got out of the island.

The investigation held by the Police Commissioners Wednesday morning resulted in the complete exoneration of Chief of Police Neilson from any neglect of duty in connection with the arrest of "Friday" Madison by County Constable Minthorne, of Oakville, a couple of weeks ago. The lying reports were evidently started by friends of ex-Chief Bell, who have not yet abandoned the hope of restoring that person to the position he so grossly abused. They might as well give up such attempts.

In the nine months ended March 31st, Canada's imports were reduced by \$683,762, while the exports were increased by \$15,902,152, as compared with the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1899-1900. The reduction of the customs duties amounted to \$434,425. Those who are wedded to the old mercantile system of political economy, with its balance of trade theory, ought to be delighted. Their creed is that our aim should be to export as much as possible and to import as little as possible, and for the present Canada seems to be moving in that direction. The great increase in exports was in products of the mine, which advanced from \$9,652,437 to \$28,542,386, while forest and agricultural exports showed a slight decrease. The total exports for the nine months were \$135,471,189; the total imports \$129,012,121.

Immense Growth of the Industry. The advocates of beet root sugar in this province will feel encouraged, and justify the action of the government in voting bounties, by the returns recently made by the U. S. Treasury department, a copy of which has been forwarded to this office. The development of the beet sugar industry has been of a character not generally known, and its magnitude is surprising. In the year 1840 not five per cent. of the world's supply of sugar was made from beet roots. To-day 67.1 per cent. represents the manufacture, and the world is becoming every year more and more independent of the cane growing regions, a fact which ought to prompt the West Indians to abandon their sugar traditions and turn their marvellously productive soil to the cultivation of something else. When the trade with the Indies, East and West, was first inaugurated, sugar was a costly luxury, enjoyed only by the favored few. In 1840 the total production from all sources had reached 1,150,000 tons, only 50,000 of which was made from beets. In thirty years the supply was 2,416,000 tons, of which 831,000, or 34.4 per cent. was from beets, but in thirty years more the total had risen to 8,800,000 tons, and of this 3,980,000 was beet sugar. To-day the beet sugar product of Germany and France is greater than the cane sugar product of the world, and the U. S. Treasury report referred to contains facts and figures which show that this country has as yet unexplored fields of enterprise open to it, and a great source of wealth unexploited. Cane sugar at present is produced in the largest quantities by the following countries: Java, 670,000 tons; Cuba, 600,000 tons; Louisiana, 340,000 tons, and Hawaii 230,000 tons. Here are 1,740,000 tons out of the world's total of 2,830,000. But the production of beet sugar by four European countries far exceeds this. The figures are: Germany, 1,950,000 tons; France, 1,125,000; Austria-Hungary, 1,075,000; Russia, 800,000, or 5,040,000 for the four, out of the world's total of 5,960,000. What Austria and Russia can do Canada can do, and should lose no time in doing.

ABOUT BEET ROOT SUGAR. The constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone; The constant gnaw of Towser Masi loses the toughest bone. The constant cooling lover Carries off the blushing maid; And the constant advertiser Is the one who gets the trade.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending April 7th shows an increase of \$14,308, the figures being as follows—1901, \$529,187; 1900, \$513,879.

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Jute Mattings in fancy stripes and with borders, 18, 22 1/2, 27 and 36 inches wide, for stairs, halls and public places, at, 30c

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English and Canadian Oil Cloths in floral or block patterns, for halls, dining rooms, bath rooms and kitchens, 6 and 7 1/2 feet wide, per square yard, 30c, 35c, 37c, 40c and, 45c

English and Canadian Oil Cloths, 12 feet wide, in blocks and florals, suitable for stores, halls, offices and house rooms, per square yard, 50c

Scotch Linoleums, "Nairns" make only, it is guaranteed to give excellent service new patterns for halls, offices, stores, dining rooms and public buildings, 6 and 12 feet wide, per square yard, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and, 1.00

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Plain Cork carpets, with borders to match, 6 feet wide, suitable for stores, offices and public buildings, per square yard 75c, 85c and, 1.00

CURTAINS.

Brussels Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long with with scroll patterns and heavy lace borders, white only, at, \$10

Swiss Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, single and double borders, wide and narrow widths, plain and fancy lace centres, at, 8.50

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long, taped edges, in white only, good net and patterns, at 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c and, 85c

20 Pairs of Nottingham white lace curtains, 3 and 3 1/2 yards long, extra wide widths, taped and cross stitched edges, at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2 and, 2.25

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 and 4 yards long, plain and fancy centres, taped and cross stitched edges. These curtains came in white only and are choice patterns, at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 \$4.50 and, 5.00

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Best quality of English tapestry squares yards wide and 3 1/2 and 4 yards New patterns for bed-rooms and dining-rooms at \$8.50 and, 10.00

English Brussels square in deep colors, red, green and brown grounds, for drawing-rooms, dining-rooms, bed-rooms, 3 and 3 1/2 yards wide and 4 and 4 1/2 yards long at \$16, \$18.00 and, 20.00

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Opaque Window Shades, 6 feet long, 6 feet wide, plain colors of green, blue and white, good rollers, complete with all fixtures, at 25c, 35c and, 45c

Opaque window shades 6 feet long, 3 feet wide, colors, light and dark cream and ivory, trimmed with lace or fringe, each, 1.00

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Chinelle Curtains for doors and arches double dados and heavy fringed ends and 3 1/2 yards long. Colors olive, cardinal, blue and terra cotta pair, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4.00 \$5.00 and, 6.00

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