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THE MIRROR AND ASSESSMENT

The Meaford Mirror of last week howls out "an open challenge" to this paper to prove that the report of a certain committee to which we referred was adopted by the County Council and offers to contribute $25 to any institution we may name if we can find one member of said committee who will prove that the report was adopted. We do not know what the editor of that paper expects to gain by his pugnacity, but he evidently finds that his ammunition has not been as effective as he would desire, and therefore keeps firing off his popgun with the expectation of bringing down game sometime. We say the Council did adopt the report. If it did not, the report could not have become law, and if it had not become law, Meaford could not have appealed. Added to this we have the testimony of a reeve and two deputy reeves who say the report was adopted. We will not ask the Mirror to donate that $25. It requires all its wealth. As for backing down, as the Mirror accuses us of having done, that is absolutely false. We have taken back nothing, and surrendered nothing. We simply knew when we had said enough, and that is more than the Mirror appears to know. Its readers must be highly amused at its antics. The first sentence in its article last week stated that we had "completely backed down." The very following sentence quotes our remark that we had "found no reason to modify or correct any of the viewes expressed." What consistency the Mirror has, to be sure! If the Mirror wishes to prove that we have stated what was incorrect, let him go ahead, and when this paper receives proof that it has made any false or misleading statements it will be only too happy to correct them; but it declines to accept the frenzied assertions of the editor of the Mirror that it has stated anything false.

The Globe's Manitoba correspondent states that very little interest is taken there on the question of Soo canal tolls, as the toll is considered too small to have much effect. Had the President exercised his full power and imposed $2 toll, there would have been a furore there, but at present the half cent a bushel on Manitoba wheat is not considered worthy of discussion.

Two or three vessels have arrived at New York with cases of cholera on board and are held in quarantine. Immigration has been entirely stopped, and the Canadian and American governments are doing all in their power to prevent the dread disease getting a foothold on this continent. We hope their efforts will not be futile.

A gentleman lately over from New York state informs us that at the Presidential election this fall Mr. Cleveland will get snowed under very deep. But then this gentleman is a Republican and Cleveland is the Democratic candidate.

Priceville.

From our own Correspondent

Accept our sincere thanks Mr. Ed., for your interesting description of Eugenia together with the handsomely tinted photo engraving of the falls.

We feel it our duty to take back a certain insinuation we made last week anent R. T. G's ability to preserve equilibrium on that two-wheeled pedomotive machine lately introduced into town, for brave can he start and fairly ride, we warrant him a "cycler" tried.

A very instructive and deeply interesting address was given in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., by Mrs. Jamieson, on missionary work in the island of Formosa. Mrs. Jamieson resided on the island for 7 or 8 years, hence is thoroughly conversant with the trials and difficulties of mission work among the Chinese. We gather from Mrs. Jamieson's remarks that missionaries do not have the easy time imagined by many, but instead, a life of downright hard mental and physical toil.

Last Monday evening Mr. Eschoo, a native of Persia, favored us with an address on missionary work in Persia, and the manners and customs of the people. That the lecture was intensely interesting was evidenced by the very close attention paid by the large audience throughout the whole address. Mr. Eschoo has come to Canada for the purpose of attending Knox College, in order to fit himself for a minister among his own people. A substantial collection was taken up for his benefit.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good." During the damp weather of last week our storekeepers and blacksmiths did a rushing business.

An unfriendly scrap occurred between two of our citizens last Monday evening. No damage was done of any account as far as we can learn.

Harvest hands were in great demand last week. Every juvenile that could handle a fork or drive a team was given a job.

Our head sawyer received an impromptu bath in the mill pond one day last week while "driving" logs to the gangway.

Mrs. Geo. Ferguson, of Detroit, is visiting with her father-in-law, Squire Ferguson.

Mrs. Moorehead returned from Cleveland last week, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Grether.

Mr. Lander Munroe is spending a few days holidays with his parents in Durham.

The Rev. Mr. Ottewell, of Walton, is renewing old acquaintances throughout this circuit.

Miss Minnie Brander, who has been attending the Toronto Woman's Medical College, returned home last week.

Miss Gertie McLeod returned to Owen Sound last Saturday to resume her studies at the Coll. Inst.

Miss Aggie Bull, of Durham, paid a flying visit to Miss Tillie Best last week.

Mrs. Husband and Miss Gussie Husband are visiting friends near Hamilton.

Mrs. D. K. McArthur and Mrs. Burnett, of Hopeville, are the guests of Mrs. Jno. McArthur.

Mr. Bert Ross returned to his duties as teacher in a Kingston Business College last Saturday.

Maxwell.

From our own Correspondent.

Everyone busy harvesting, news scarce, some thinking of threshing soon.

Mrs. Harrison, of Singhampton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Coutts the week before last.

Mrs. Robt. Heron has been unwell for some time, but is recovering.

On Saturday the 27th, the body of Mr. James Sterling was placed in its last resting place in the cemetery here. He had been in business for a long time here and was found to be honest and straight forward in all his doings. On Sunday morning following the Rev. Woodger preached the funeral sermon.

The "Osprey Stars" seem to think Maxwell cannot see at night. Maxwell could see that time all right, and if the "Stars" wish to play again, come along and the "Maxwell Bummers" can do you up again as before.

On account of the Rev. J. W. Jones meeting with an accident, there was no service in St. Mary's church the Sunday before last.

Merchant Field has started in his new store.

Mrs. Beharial and family returned to their home in Toronto last week.

Miss Blakely, of Flesherton, spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. J. Little.

We were pleased as well as surprised to see the pleasant face of Mr. Andrew Sharp on last Monday. He has many warm friends in Maxwell, who would like to hear of his success.

Rob Roy.

From our own Correspondent.

We heartily thank you, Mr. Editor, for the short visit you paid to our little town, and hope you will shortly come around again, as it seems to have aroused the minds of people in regard to the appearance of their surroundings.

Miss McDermit, who has been conducting a class of instrumental music around here, is almost through with the quarter, and has been very successful with her pupils.

The farmers around here are very busy harvesting. The heavy rain last week has kept the work back conderably, but some of them are almost through. Some have threshed, and the yield is very good.

Miss Munroe, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity, has left for Chicago, where she intends spending the remainder of the season with her many friends there. We wish her a happy time.

The sports of this place intend to organize a football team shortly.

There is some appearance at present in this part of a blight coming upon the potatoes.

Our school opened up at the time appointed and is properly conducted by our young friend, Mr. C. Cameron.

Feversham.

From our own Correspondent.

Heigh, ho! when the cat is away the mice will play. Here I have been taking an outing, and the business men have been taking an inning. Now gentlemen, what is the use of quarreling when each one is doing the best and largest share of business. Why not be satisfied and let each other alone?

Many and long are the faces to be seen in our town on account of the past rains.

Our genial miller and blacksmith took a jaunt down home. Jack was telling the people that he likes Feversham when viewed from under an apple tree.

Rev. Mr. Hudson, of Dundalk, filled the pulpit on Sunday last, We understand he has been engaged for some time.

That Milk and Water Pest.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—The immortal Shakespeare has left it on record that some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them. S. A. Thompson is neither of these; and as he possesses an incurable itch for notoriety, he is determined to invest himself with a reputation for moral integrity which self consciousness of inferiority teaches him the public have hitherto failed to recognize, hence his insane rush into print. In his case he illustrated the proverb that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." It is repugnant to my feelings to lay bare to public gaze the inward deformity of this man, but public notice demands that I should now make a public avowal of that which would otherwise would have passed into the silence of oblivion, had it not been that "greatness was thrust upon me" by Mr. Thompson's wanton attack upon me through your columns. Mr. Thompson's supply of milk had been tampered with on several occasions before this time. I then gave him private notice of the defect, but, had I been maliciously inclined, I would have brought the inspector to test his case in a criminal tribunal, but, as I did not do so he feels secure from prosecution and repays my lenience with foul abuse. At first he did not deny that the milk had been tampered with, and suggested several modes by which it might have been done, one of the supposed villains being the worthy gentleman who carried the milk. His worthy mother, good lady that she is, came to me, and, with tears in her eyes vowed that the fraud was unknown to her; that she had no knowledge of the perpetration not denying the fact, however, but that God would reveal it all to her some day. I trust the revelations will soon arrive (for the good lady's sake) and enlighten the obtuse intellect of her wayward son. He makes reference to a case similar to his own which occurred long prior to my incumbency at the factory, and was one which Mr. Thompson's reference to it would illustrate that "a fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind."

To sum up: I omitted my duty in not making an official inquiry, and by that omission gave Mr. T. an opportunity to make a demand now, which he dreaded at the time, viz., publicity. Both himself and his mother acknowledged that the milk had been tampered with, but that it was unknown to them. This was case No. 1.

On June the 8th of this year his milk stood 10 per cent., on the 9th 9 per cent, on the 10th 9 per cent., and on the 11th 8 per cent. I then went to his residence and informed him that the per cent. of cream was too low. He assumed surprise and suggested the cause might be from his cows pasturing on the marshy land. He asked me if I was going to take a sample of the milk, which I would have done, had there not been strangers in the yard, but that I would call again. After this his milk raised to 11½ per cent. on the 15th, and on the 16th 12 per cent. I did not again apply the test until the 20th, when one can tested 14 per cent. and the other 7 per cent. On the same evening I again visited him and explained the strange contrast just referred to—how the same herd of cows could test 7 per cent. one day, and on the following day 14 per cent. He endeavors to mislead by saying that he dipped a pail full out of the can which tested only 7 per cent., after having stood over night. The truth is, any dipping which was done was at the stand, after being trundled on a wheelbarrow a distance of some two hundred yards, which would thoroughly remove the cream and milk before being dipped from one can to the other. His reference to a neighbor's milk on the same dates is a subterfuge unworthy an honest man with an honest cause.

On the 11th June Mr. Thompson's milk stood 8 per cent., this being the first time I notified him. On the following Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th, it raised to 12½ and 12 per cent. respectively. I ask the public in all fairness, could I have acted otherwise than I have done, unless I had taken the arbitrary way of calling in the inspector—a course I was unwilling to pursue if the case could be remedied by more civil means. To prevent Mr. T. to send his milk at from 3 to 5 per cent. below that which is considered honest milk, would have been an unjustifiable disregard of the interests of every other patron of the factory. I put myself to unnecessary trouble as well as two summers ago in the same cause, with the same patron.

Last Saturday the inspector called upon me, and referred to the present dispute. The tests were shown him as above given, when he emphatically declared the milk had been shamefully tampered with, and were sufficient proof to convict without other evidence. I regret the cause which has led to this lengthy statement. Had it been one entirely my own I would have treated Mr. T. and his perversions of fact with silent contempt, but as it is one in which the better portion of the community whose servant I am, is interested, I lay the candid facts before them for their approval or disapproval. Those who have occupied positions of trust will recognize the unutterable feeling experienced when official duty compels you to reprimand an offender with whom your trust brings you into contact.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this space, I have been unwillingly compelled to occupy in your valuable columns, I am respectfully yours,

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Peas	57	to	58
Butter	15	to	15
Eggs, fresh	10	to	10
Potatoes bag	30	to	30
Pork	6 00	to	6 05
Hay per ton	00	to	10 00
Hides	3 00	to	3 00
Sheepskins	50	to	1 00
Geese	6	to	6
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