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There is nothing new in the Remedial school bill matter at time of writing. The commissioners are still at Winnipeg negotiating, but it is not thought that much will come of these conferences, it being rumored that Mr. Greenway refuses to treat while the Remedial bill hangs over his head.

The Trappist monks of Oka have a grievance which should without delay be made the subject of a remedial order by the government. This body were found guilty of manufacturing illicit whisky and fined $500. They complain that a private citizen was only fined $100 for the same offense. Inasmuch as the monks are a community and the citizen only one man, it is hard for an ordinary individual to see where the justice of the complaint comes in; but perhaps if the matter were properly presented before parliament an excuse for redress might be discovered.

Rudyard Kipling, the novelist, was asked by the New York World to write 1,000 words for $1,000 on "Why America could not conquer England." Mr. Kipling replied that it was impossible, "as it would involve discussing the armed strength of the empire, a question on which no British subject has any information for sale." It is such unimpeachable honor and loyalty as this that has made the British nation what it is to day, a matter of pride to every true Briton, and a synonym for all that is honorable and noble and good throughout the vast territories which she owns and controls. This, notwithstanding all that the "Fritzes" may charge against her. England cannot be bribed, neither can her true sons be purchased for her injury. All honor to the Kiplings.

A Counter-Irritant

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR, — Medical practitioners frequently apply "counter-irritants" with beneficial results; but when these remedies are applied to the "body politic," they seldom prove otherwise than a detriment. Manitoba forms a partial exception. The student of Dominion political history will remember that the Norquay administration of Manitoba was displaced by the present incumbents of office by a disreputable dodge. As early as 1888-'89 the iniquities of the Greenway administration had alienated every honest man from their ranks, and ignominious defeat stared the Greenway-Martin-Sifton crew in the face. Dreadful emergencies require powerful remedies; and the most potent "counter-irritant" was a compound of "old-time feud" and "latter-day fanaticism," which raised such an enormous blister called the Separate School bill, that the Manitobans forgot Greenway's iniquities, dragged him out of his self-immured filth pool, and clothed the unregenerate scavenger in angelic garb.

It is an acknowledged fact that a government, as such, can do little or nothing to elevate the masses; that moral and social development of a nation depends upon the individual effort of its inhabitants; but a government depraved within itself can, by partisan pandering to the debauching influences of a corrupt electorate, mar the best influences of Christian and social philanthropy.

There is a Temperance organization at Flesherton Station, where devoted men and women are striving to reclaim the fallen and shield the innocent from the effects of the national curse, alcohol. The Ontario government, however, applies a "counter irritant" in the shape of another hotel license, merely because the *drawing* plaster nets them over one hundred dollars.

Oliver Mowat! Oliver Mowat! when will the cup of thy infamy be full?

"The mills of the gods grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding small."

S. L. M. LUKE.

Co-operative Agriculture

Comparative tests of over one thousand varieties of farm crops—Reports from Ontario farmers—Experiments in Agriculture for 1896.

A prominent feature in the work of the Experimental Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is the testing of different varieties of farm crops. Within the past ten years, upwards of 1,000 kinds have been grown on plots similar in size and shape, and situated side by side. Fully 600 of this number have been grown from four to seven years in succession. Not only have all the available varieties in Ontario been tested but similar tests have been made with varieties from twenty-one foreign countries. A few imported varieties in nearly all classes of farm crops have given better results than the best Ontario kinds in the average seven years' experiments.

After the varieties have been very carefully tested at the College for about five years, the best are selected for testing in a co-operative way throughout Ontario. These co-operative experiments are carried on chiefly through the medium of the ex-students' Experimental Union; but any farmer in Ontario may join in the work, provided he applies for the seed early, and agrees to make a careful test and to report the results according to specified instructions. Within the past five years, we have distributed to experimenters upwards of 32,000 packages of choice seeds, with very gratifying results.

LEADING VARIETIES

For a detailed account of the various tests conducted in 1895, the reader is referred to the report of the Experimental Union, which is published as an appendix to the Agricultural College report for the same year. This report is now being distributed by the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, to those who reported the results of their co-operative experiments in 1895, and to the members of the Farmers' Institutes in Ontario.

Our Agricultural College has imported into Ontario some foreign varieties of farm crops, which have made high records both at the College and throughout the province, and which are becoming quite popular for general cultivation. Those which we will mention in this brief article are as follows: Siberian Oats, Russia; Jeanette Oats, France; Poland White Oats, France; Mandscheuri Barley, Russia; Herison Bearded Spring Wheat, France; Mammoth Cuban Corn, U. S.; Wisconsin Earliest White Dent Corn, U. S; Salzer's North Dakota Corn, U. S; Jersey Navet Turnip, U. S.; Salzer's Dakota Millet, U. S.; etc.

Among the leading varieties of farm crops, the seed of which we obtained in Ontario, the following have made high records: Dawson's Golden Chaff Winter Wheat, Bavarian Oats, Red Fern Spring, Prussian Blue Peas, Canadian Beauty Peas, Egyptian Mummy Peas, Hartley's Bronze Top Swede Turnip, Improved Short White Carrot, Improved Mammoth Saw Log Mangel, Empire State Potato, etc.

There are other varieties both foreign and Canadian which have given excellent results, some of which have not been used in co-operative experiments.

Any person wishing to join in the work should select one of the experiments for 1896, and inform the Director of his choice. As applications for several thousands packages have already been received, and as the supply is limited, those who apply first will be the surest of obtaining the desired outfit. It might be well for each applicant to make a second choice for fear the first could not be granted. A sheet containing instructions for conducting the experiment selected, and the blank form on which to report the result of the work, will be sent to each experimenter, at the time the fertilizers or the seeds are forwarded. Material for No. 1 experiment will be sent by express and for each of the others by mail. Particular varieties need not be mentioned, as all the kinds to be distributed are those which have done exceptionally well on the trial plots at the College. The area of land required for the different experiments varies from 4 to 10 rods.

LIST OF EXPERIMENTS FOR 1896.

1.—Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with oats.

2.—Comparing the advantage of nitrate of soda over no fertilizer with rape.

3.—Ascertaining the relative value of four varieties of Millet.

4.—Growing three fodder crops.

5.—Growing Lucerne as a crop for green Fodder.

6.—Growing Crimson Clover as a crop for Hay.

7.—Testing six leading varieties of Fodder Corn.

8.—Testing five leading varieties of Turnips.

9.—Testing five leading varieties of Mangles.

10.—Testing five leading varieties of Carrots.

11.—Testing five leading varieties of Spring Wheat.

12.—Testing five leading varieties of Barley.

13.—Testing five leading varieties of Oats.

14.—Testing four leading varieties of Peas.

All material will be furnished entirely free of charge to each applicant, and the produce of the plots will be the property of the person who conducts the experiment. In return, we ask that each experimenter be very careful and accurate in his work and that he forward to the Director a complete report of the results obtained from the test, as soon as possible after the plots are harvested.

C. A. ZAVITZ,
Director.

Ontario Agricultural Collage,
Guelph, March 27th, 1896.

County and District

The member for East Grey, Dr. Sproule, is at least supported in his stand on the Remedial Bill by the constituents of Thornbury, Grit and Tory alike. Last Monday a circular which endorsed in the most flattering terms, our member's stand on this important political issue, was prepared and signed by nearly everyone who read it, and mailed to Dr. Sproule. We belive the opinion of the Thornbury constituents on this question is heartily shared by a very large majority of the electors of East Grey.—Standard.

Complaint was laid last week before Justice of the Peace, And. Shore, charging Roger Brown, a young married man of the 6th line, Collingwood township, with attempting rape on the person of the 15 year old daughter of Geo. Brown, a neighbor, but not a relative of the man charged with the crime. No attempt was made to arrest Brown, he was simply summoned to appear before Mr. Shore at Ravenna. Instead of obeying the summons the accused man took the afternoon train at Thornbury on Thursday and made himself scarce. As yet, nothing has been done towards effecting Brown's capture, but it is said the authorities intend to use every means to bring the culprit to task. The father of the girl has been a resident of the township for only a short time, coming from Collingwood. He at one time kept hotel at Feversham.—Thornbury Standard.

Last week the Standard made the following correction to the above item: In the first place the complaint was made to Alexander Malcolm, J. P. and not Andrew Shore, as stated. The information was faulty, and the case dropped through. Subsequently, however, a proper information has been made, and county constable Rusk of Ravana furnished with a warrant for Brown's arrest. In justice to the accused man we also state that the charge is not for committing rape, but for the less grave offence of attempting to committe rape. The young man also says that he did not skip the country, as announced, but simply went to Collingwood on private business and returned to his home in a couple of days. Laywer Bruce of Collingwood has the case for the complainant.

D. Cummings, of Riverview, dropped dead last week while crossing his own threshold.

A. Fawcett, Wm. Read and Jas. Keating, Dundalk, were fined for fighting their bulldogs.

BULL FOR SERVICE.

The undersigned has a fine Durham Bull for service on lot 135, W. T. S. R. Terms 75 cent

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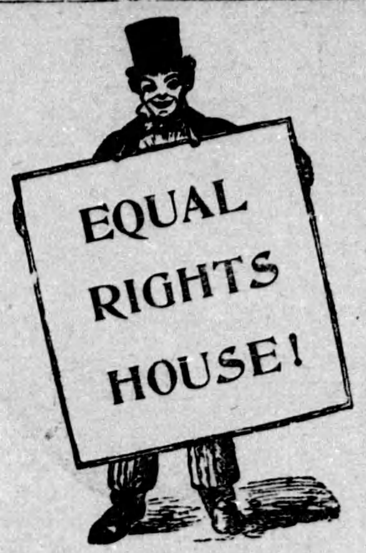

SPRING GOODS arriving daily at the Store on the Hill. Rafts of Prints to choose from. Some of the best patterns in the market, ranging in price from 5c per yard up. There is no need for customers travelling miles out of their way to go to other towns for bargains. This store is beginning the season in earnest and will not be undersold by any living white man We have come to work for YOUR interests as well as our own, and are well aware of the fact that the farmers are the main stay of the country and we are depending on them and when they put their shoulder to the wheel everything must go and we feel it our duty to stand by them in hard as well as in good times. In dealing in this store you will find all our goods marked in plain figures and at the lowest prices.

You can send your smallest child and they will be dealt with the same as when you come yourselves.

Bring along your Butter and Eggs.

B. McDONALD

House and Lot For Sale

For sale cheap, on easy terms that comfortable residence on Mary St. Flesherton, containing 8 rooms and wood shed, with hard and soft water pumps, both under cover, beautiful garden and orchard also well finished stable and drive house 28 x 24 ft. Apply to J. E. MOORE, Furniture dealer.

Seed Wheat For Sale

A few cars of seed wheat, red fife, or old glasgow. For sale at the Priceville roller mills for cash or will exchange for other wheat.

R. McGOWAN.

FARMERS, ATTENTION

IMPROVE YOUR STOCK.

I have had grand success with my bull, Lord Balco, as a stock getter. On account of hard times I have decided to run him at $1 00 per cow for 1896 payable Jan. 1st 1897. If not paied on or before that date 25 cts. extra will be charged.

FOR SALE.— I have also for sale a young thoroughbred bull, which took first prize at Flesherton and Markdale fairs sired by Lord Balco, dam Lady Clonmore, one of the best milking cows that ever came into this country

ARTHUR JOHNSTON, Vandeleur P. O

FARMERS, READ THIS!

"King Pin"
18905

By Knickerbocker 200, the sire of ten in the 2.30 list, and the sire of the dam of Alar 2.11, Chronos 2 12½ and eleven others. This shows that his stock is breeding on and in the very front ranks.

Knickerbocker is by the king of sires, Hambletonian 10

King Pin's dam is Topsey by Kentucky Prince 2450, sire of Guy, 2.09¾, Eloise, 2.15, and over thirty others in the list, second dam by Forest King 1754, the sire of Lady Basset, 3.20¼, and others, and Forest King is by that great sire, Mambrino Patchen 58, sire of 25 in the list, and sire of the dams of 112 fast performers, including Ralph Wilke, 2.06¾ King Pin's dam, Topsy, is in the great brood mare list, being the dam of Zerlane, 2.25. King Pin is 5 years old, a beautiful dark bay 16½ hands high, and weighs 1300. He is a horse of great style, quality, and a grand actor, and can now, without training, show a 2.40 gait. He has great substance, strong build, the make up of a sire, the speed to transmit and the breeding and blood lines to make him prepotent, and not only a sire of race horses but a sire of **elegant carriage and saddle horses** with grand knee and hock action, and large enough for all kinds of farm work.

This young stallion was imported by me last winter, did a large business last season, and is a sure foal getter. His service fee will be within reach of every farmer. See small bills later.

The principal stands for season of '96 will be: Priceville, at or near Hopeville, Proton Station, South-east Artemesia, Wareham, McIntyre, Maxwell, Eugenia Falls, Flesherton and home stable, Markdale.

J. E. MARSH,
15My Markdale, Ont

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