



Markdale Standard.

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LOYALTY.

When an individual is heard boasting of his honesty, look sharp after your pocket strings, and when it becomes necessary for parliament to pass a resolution to loyalty to the British Crown, it cannot but excite suspicion in the minds of the English Government that all is not right, or that the annexation sentiment in Canada actually exists. The resolution of Mr. Mulock, which was unanimously adopted at Ottawa recently does appear an unnecessary and shortsighted exhibition of gush.

MILD WINTER.

Owing to the unprecedented mild weather, causing stagnation bordering on disaster to all lines of business, together with the "inevitable" which has been meandering from house to house over the land leaving drooping spirits and withered forms wherever its despotism was experienced, humanity now longs for spring, which it is hoped will bring better times as well as brighter days. If there is, however, any consolation in the fact that all communities are served alike, that satisfaction is ours to enjoy. We are rather inclined however to look on the bright side. Matters and circumstances might be much worse, and now that la grippe is on the wane and the days materially lengthening let us cheer each other by kind words and happy greetings.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

—Yorke County Council has decided to abolish toll gates.

—Six thousand people attended the reception of Rev. Dr. Talmage, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday night last.

—It is reported on good authority that the C. P. R. have made an offer for the Hamilton and North Western railway.

—The Orange Incorporation Bill was given the second reading on Monday in Parliament by a majority of sixteen.

—On Friday last Winnipeg experienced the greatest snow storm for years. The storm reached from Brandon to Fort William.

—On the 17th September, 1890, the Ontario Legislature will be 100 years old. It is suggested by a correspondent of a Toronto paper that the centenary be celebrated by the erection of a monument at Niagara, where the first Legislature Assembled.

—The Canadian Nation suggests that our Public schools ought to confine themselves to the imparting of a practical education in the fundamental subjects, backed up with an industrial training, which would give the pupil a fair start in the battle of life, and that Universities and other institutions of higher learning should be supported exclusively by those who benefit by them. This is sound talk. The average pupil does not get beyond the Public school, and it is a sad fact that the training he receives there is of very little use as a preparation for business life.

—Rev. Dr. Wild, the Toronto prophet, has settled it all, and the Mail and its annexationist friends may as well understand it. The Dr. says the destiny of all nations is fixed by God, and it is folly to suppose Great Britain and the United States have been overlooked. The United States is the tribe of Manasseh, and it was clearly foretold years ago that Manasseh should leave Ephraim and become a great and independent nation. But the United States is the only colony of Great Britain that has ever

will lose. Annexationists might as well try to blow the moon out of the sky as take another colony from Great Britain. One tribe had to be separated from the others and one only. That has been done in the case of the United States, but it will never happen again.

—The example of Canada on the question of divorce is certainly a healthy one as regards the purity of family life. It is much more difficult to procure a divorce in this country than in England or the United States. In the latter country the disgraceful divorce laws of some of the States are calling forth the indignant denunciation of all friends of social purity and reform. The question of bringing about some changes in our laws, with the view of establishing a divorce court, does not seem to receive any encouragement. The difficulty of obtaining a divorce here are a shining contrast to the disgraceful laxity across the line.

—Senator Macdonald's Bill intended to prevent the practice of polygamy in Canada by the Mormons should certainly become law. Certain prominent members of the Mormon church in Canada have declared that Mormons would be within the law as well as within their religious rights in practising the polygamous rites and ceremonies of their church. It is not clear that they can be prosecuted effectually under our law against bigamy. The law in the United States prior to the passage of the Poland and Edmund Acts was similar to ours and was found altogether ineffectual. It was not until the Edmunds Act was passed and it was prosecuted vigorously that the evil which had become firmly rooted could be even scotched. Senator Macdonald's act is said to be fashioned after the Edmunds Act, from the operation of which the Mormons who have come to Canada have fled. This law prevents them from escaping actions for polygamy under any plea as to the conditions under which it is sanctioned or practised and makes the rites and ceremonies themselves offences, and it takes from polygamists all civil rights—a very necessary provision, as the Mormons are expert politicians, and have used their rights as citizens to conceal and defend lawless and immoral practices. Living, as they insist upon doing, in close unmixed communities, they can, if not deprived of civil rights, virtually govern themselves according to their own ideas.

Travesties.

Standard Correspondence.

We are glad to learn that Malcolm Wilson is rapidly recovering from his severe illness. Will Baker thinks 'twould be a good idea if our pastors would unite in prayer. Snow being the object in view.

Pleased to note that Mr. Will, McNally is able to be around again. Mac says that beach-limb company is not to be courted.

Jack Murphy says this is a queer winter. It seems Jack has just got his colt trained to drive in the cutter, and away goes the snow. Never mind, the one hand training will keep Jack. John McNally is placed on the shelf for a few days with the "Inevitable." His spine cannot see where the joke comes in.

A prize is offered to whoever can exaggerate the truth the most between now and the first of May. It will be useless for any one to compete as the Chronicle cor. will be sure to win.

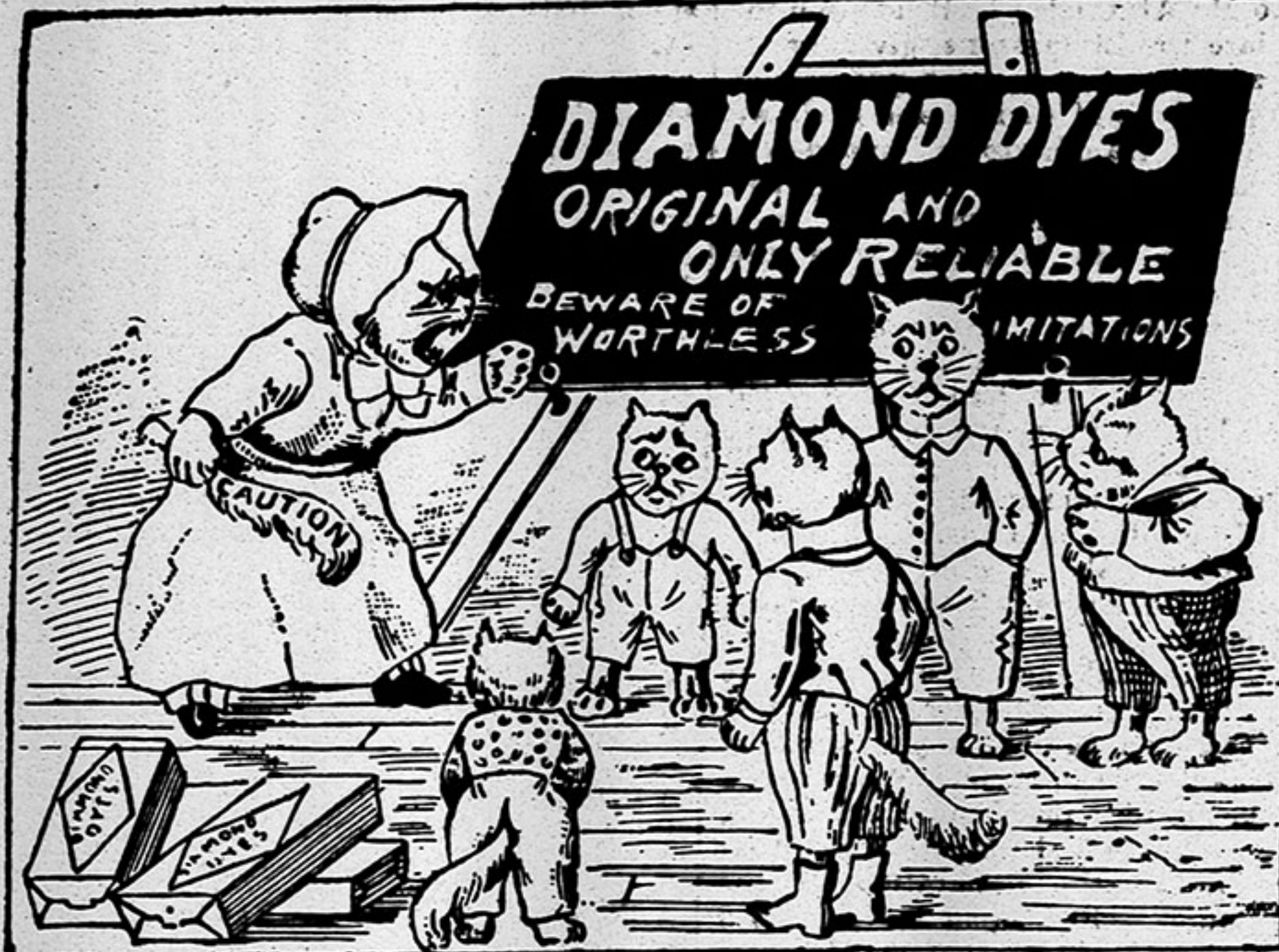
One of our first pioneers, Mr. Thos. Quinlin, has been seriously ill for some time. Very little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Joe McGrade requests to know what would be an appropriate valentine to send to the fair one of his heart. We are at a loss, so turn to Walter's Falls cor. for an answer.

This has been a rough winter on old barns, no less than four being unroofed. The last to take flight was that of Martin Sweeney's. Martin thinks a keg of beer will induce the boys to replace his.

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