

Markdale Standard

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A Word to Voters.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

In a time of excitement over the politics of the country, which seems to be "The Old Flag" and "Fair Play for All." While at this period men are doing their utmost to hold their own policies; One pulling the other down, principally in reference to Reciprocity, Annexation, and the Old Flag forever. And to hear intelligent men speak it would appear as though these were the only troubles Canada had to deal with. We are also told of the national debt, which is so much, and how much faster it is growing, decrease if foreign trade were cut off between U. S. A. and Canada. But fellow countrymen is not the liquor traffic a greater evil than all these put together? If people stop to consider the enormous waste resulting from the manufacture and consumption of injurious liquors in our country. The process of manufacture appears like an industry and thus deludes people into the belief that there must be some advantage in it both as an employment and in the purchase of raw material. The process of distribution also maintains the appearance of exchange, and of business, and in this way leads the casual observer into the belief that it possesses the healthy and stimulating virtues of legitimate trade. The ultimate effects of drunk both in degradation and destruction of those who use it and in the resultant cost of pauperism and crime to the community are far larger and eight of the multitudinous detail in which they are distributed are overlooked, yet it is true that in its secret dens the traffic is utterly devoid of any favorable point and is from first to last wasteful, destructive and injurious. We can scarcely gainsay the awful significance of figures. The immense quantities of grain that have been more than wasted would have fed millions of people. The cost of liquors for one year exceeds the whole revenue of the Dominion of Canada. The cost per head has been fully twice as much as the total cost per head of all our customs and dues. Would not the money spent in liquor alone defray all our cost of government, building our railways, and leave us without a shadow of national debt. And then let us think of the incalculable cost of citizens slain, labor destroyed, pauperism born; crime watched, restrained and punished. Is it not a wonder that with such terrible waste and country enjoy any prosperity. If this waste could be put to use, Canada, in a few years, I believe, would scarcely know herself so prosperous—and wealthy would she have grown. Surely it is the part of all good citizens to see to it that such a frightful source of waste and destruction is checked. Is not Prohibition the only cure, and not the voting men of Canada the responsible persons. Should we not therefore give these matters our due and reasonable consideration and vote into public offices who will vote for Prohibition.

X. Y. Z.

Snow Lake, Feb. 9, 1911.

Editor Standard:

While at McKellar a few days ago we received a copy of your paper in which it was intimated that we long the people might expect to hear of startling adventures and hair-breath escapes before us. Although we have travelled over some very wild and rough country since arriving here we find that even bears are not so plentiful as they appear to be around Markdale. Wreaked early Fall on the evening of Jan. 28th, and found it quite a thriving lumbering village. Its first appearance however was better by night than day. Next morning we started for our next camp eighteen miles distant. We road lay for seven miles along the Magnetawan River but as the river was frozen we drove in the ice. This drive was perfectly superb as the scenery was grand. We arrived safely in the afternoon at the camp. Our canoe came down there with a good shape. We found them very well arranged. Since that time we have been moving steadily through this district living, travelling, about two hundred miles with our team. On Friday last we drove from Diamond to McLeavy's a distance of 90 miles passing over what is known as the Pickerel Hills supposed to be the roughest country in this district. We made this journey in the afternoon although the snow was very deep (over 3 feet) only one team having passed that way before us. On Saturday we drove over a chain of lakes on the ice. The drive was fine and the weather was almost spring-like, bright, clear and warm. This country must, we consider, be specially adapted for farming as there are few stones to hinder operations as frequently to hinder operations in the vicinity of St. Marie. The waters of Lake Superior fall at the Sault about 80 feet to the level of Lake Huron, and the velocity has been recorded by General Powell of the United States service, as little more than 50,000 cubic feet a second. Colonel Hope, who has just returned from spending several weeks on the spot, made careful and accurate measurements and calculations and finds the actual velocity and volume of water to be 120,000 feet per second, equivalent to 288,000 horse power. His company intend to build a trail five miles long on the Canadian side of the canal six miles long on the American side. These canals will be each 1,000 feet wide, the widest in the world. They will construct large dry docks on both sides to be filled and emptied by gravitation. They will be the only dry docks in the world, so far as Colonel Hope knows, filled and emptied by this method.

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McFadden—Sullivan—That the Treasurer gave the sum of \$6 interest on borrowed money.

The year and noys having been called for, were as follows:
Years—Bennie, McFadden, Sullivan
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May—Staples, Boston—2.
The motion carried.

The council adjourned to June 8th, at 10 a.m.

Centennial Number of Methodist Magazine.

On March 2nd the Methodists throughout the world will celebrate the centennial of the death of John Wesley, and those in Canada will also celebrate the centennial of the introduction of Methodism into the country. The Methodist Magazine devotes its entire to this celebration by a special Centennial Number, enlarged to 112 pages, now ready, February 15. Among its articles are: "Footprints of Wesley," with many engravings; "Last Days of Wesley," by Luke Tyerman, with portrait; "Mother of the Wesley," by Dr. Potts, with portrait; "Wesley and Methodism," by Dr. J. O. Clark; "Wesley seen by his Contemporaries"; "Wesley and Literature," by Dr. Punnett; "Methodism in the Eighteenth Century," by the Editor; "Symposium of Methodist," by leaders of modern thought. Other illustrated articles are: "In the Track of St. Paul," by George Bond, and "Through Hunger and Boda-pest," Price single number, 20 cents.

January, February and March numbers, including also centennial articles by Dr. Douglas, Dr. Stanford, William Arthur, the editor and other writers, enclosed post free for 50 cents, with 324 pages and nearly 100 fine engravings. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher.

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Sweet, Mrs. Wm. C.—
Cold, cough, consumption, the first and second period of life, the first and second "Pectoral Balsam," the never failing family medicine for all diseases of the throat and chest. A marvel of healing in pulmonary complaints.

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Trotter, Mrs. J. W.—
The three important outlets of the skin, bowels and kidneys. See that you have a good supply of propolis and bee pollen. Bee pollen is the most perfect food for the body.

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