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THE MARKDALE STANDARD

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UNSAFE SIDEWALKS.

The newspapers are full of reports of damages obtained against corporations for accidents caused by defective sidewalks; the warnings thus given are, in many instances, given in vain. Quite a few are given, however, in the opinion that unless the sidewalk is in shocking bad state of repair, damages will not be given and that all that is needed is to have things half decent and all will be well. If a man gets his leg broken by stepping into a hole in the sidewalk, he will be told it was his own fault; why didn't he keep out of it? A judgment lately handed out by Mr. Justice Clute at Port Hope ought to put that idea out of people's minds. One Robert Hall, visiting in Port Hope, while hurrying to catch the train, fell on the sidewalk and broke one of his legs. According to the evidence the sidewalk in general was in a fairly good condition, but a plank in the place that he fell was in a springy shape, and his weight lowered it sufficient to allow his toe to catch the next one, thus causing him to fall. The case was tried before Justice Clute without a jury and the town pays \$950 and costs. This would have laid a good many feet of granolithic walk.

THE DUTY OF NEWSPAPERS.

We observe that at a recent conference of the Methodist Church some of the speakers took occasion to condemn the newspapers for giving prominence to sports and sporting events. We do not think that the newspapers are so much to blame in this matter, though doubtless they are more or less sinners. But the newspaper occupies a unique position in modern life. It is first and foremost a chronicler of current events though it is a medium for the formation of thought. It cannot force public opinion against the influence of the public intelligence. And, in devoting considerable space to sports the newspapers simply give their readers what their readers ask for and demand, because the newspaper must exist. It is a commercial enterprise and not a philanthropic institution or state-aided public moralist. But the clergy should remember that while the newspapers devote much space to sports there are sharper critics of crooked and brutal sports than the newspapers. The press is always on the side of clean sports and amateur sportsmen. We think that the newspapers do just as much good in this respect as the clergy do in their pulpits. It is true that the Canadian winner of the Marathon race got more public applause and reward than did the Canadian winner of the Rhodes scholarship, but it is likely that many centuries ago the Greek who won the same sporting event got more public appreciation than did the Grecian sculptor. Yet who knows the name of the man who won the Marathon race now, while the Grecian sculptor is immortal.

The newspapers must give what the people desire; and it may be said that in a lesser degree, the churches have to conform to public demands. The church music, for example, of to-day is more ornate than that of forty years ago and the church doctrines of to-day are not altogether the same. It is a good sign to see the church taking a wholesome activity in keeping up the standard of sport. Muscular christianity is a most potent force in the world in these strenuous days.

NOTES.

In the Chicago meat-packing exposures, Canada's opportunity for securing an enormous trade in meats, Great Britain is disgusted by the revolting story and Canada should be quick to get the big British market which the United States will surely lose. Let Canada brand its food exports with an indelible brand. Let the hog meats be branded and let the cheese and butter be stamped likewise.

Here is a minister who appreciates the editor. At a recent editorial convention he offered the following toast: "To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay for it promptly. To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair, send him every item of news of which you can get hold. To save him from profanity, write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early as possible. To save him from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes.

The outlaws of Sheffield, England are taking vigorous action against certain Canadian firms which are making out-landish claims in order to gain the benefit of the good name of the real Sheffield. The Englishman is right. He should get after the counterfeiters and make them suffer to the full extent of the law. The offenders are no credit to Canada. One of the meanest specimens of commercial deception is the use of another man's trademark. It is worse than picking his pocket or tapping his bill because it is defrauding him of his good name. "Who steals my purse, steals trash;— But he that filches from me my good name, Robs me of that which not enriches him, And makes me poor indeed."

There are many people who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with splendid results, but who are unknown because they have hesitated about giving a testimonial of their experience for publication. These people, however, they have done much for this remedy, a household word by now, and their recommendations to friends and neighbors. It is a good medicine to have in the home and is widely known for its cures of diarrhoea and all forms of bowel trouble. For sale by E. L. Stephens.

House of Refuge Notes.

(By an Inmate.) The recent frost played havoc with a large portion of beans planted in this place and which were looking second to none in this locality. One large patch was completely out off and had to be replanted. A large number of cabbage plants are set out and are looking thrifty.

During the last few days John Penelton, the agricultural member of the staff, has made a decidedly improved appearance around the barn by removing a couple of large boulders which were an eyesore as well as an obstruction to the passage of wagons or other farm implements having to pass that way. The many large boulders and ugly stone piles between the road and the barn have been removed by the industrious hands of John who is a hustler, and the cheerful, active manner in which he always goes about his work cannot fail to attract the close attention and appreciative comments of the onlooker. Improvements are steadily going on under the manipulation of the energetic manager and his faithful man, John.

Miss Merriam, of the staff, severely sprained her ankle on Thursday last, the limb became badly swollen and exceedingly painful, necessitating her removal to her home in the village the next day. We hope she will soon recover and be enabled to resume her duties.

Your scribe is greatly indebted to Dr. Sproule, M.P., and I. B. Lucas, Esq., M.P.P., for the recovery of his parchment certificate of discharge from the Imperial Army, which had been lost or misplaced at the Crown Lands Dept., Toronto. To an old soldier a clean, exemplary discharge is a life-long cherished prize.

Wm. Romans, an old inmate of 75 years of age, was at his own urgent request, discharged last week from the Home. The old fellow never could reconcile himself to the Home, and though only able to move about very slowly is under the impression that he is still able to earn his own living; and though the disadvantages against him were pointed out by the Manager, and he advised to reconsider the matter, the old fellow was obstinate, and go he would, and did. Last year he was under the same impression and made the experiment, which, however, proved a miserable failure, and he was before the close of the year, returned to the institution under most sad circumstances, which we think should have been a life-long lesson for a man of his age and intelligence.

Your scribe has been informed that THE MARKDALE STANDARD goes regularly to Moosejaw, and he infers that at such a destination it is natural to suppose that the "Cud" is being masticated, totally swallowed and thoroughly digested.

Wm. McCormack, Owen Sound, aged 81 years, was admitted to the Home as a chargeable inmate on Saturday last. He appears to be a respectable old gentleman and one who has lived better days. One would be inclined to think that the several municipalities were well rich indeed, if their poor, old, homeless and friendless residents, by the number that have been admitted to the institution, but they are still coming, 27 men and 13 women are the total number at present domiciled.

We have one old fellow here who is a most wonderful what? Exaggerator. No person within a radius of thirty miles can be mentioned but "who he knows." Had he been assessor for seventeen townships for twenty-seven consecutive years he could not have acquired a greater range of acquaintanceship. The other day your cor. was reading the Daily News, and coming across the account of Detective Murray's death I turned to this very broadly acquainted individual with, "Did you know Detective Murray?" "Ah! that I did, I was well acquainted with him and the hull fellow of Murray's, this many a year." I thought this was a capper, made no further inquiries, but resumed my reading under the occasional glance of this most wonderful of all exaggerators.

Owing to sickness your cor. has been unable to attend Divine service the last three or four Sundays, consequently could not report the meetings but believes they have been largely attended by outside friends. These temporary attacks of sickness are becoming more frequent than in many former years, and though outward appearances they are but slightly noticeable, yet I find the constitution rapidly declining.

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Walker's Corners. Mr. and Mrs. E. McAllister returned to their home in Midland Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson spent the past week with friends at Grier'sville.

Mrs. Robert Larkin returned to her home in Detroit after spending the past three months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds.

A number of the young people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Welsh Tuesday evening and had a delightful time.

One of our fair young maidens has taken a quick flight from amongst us, glad she is not gone far.

Miss Addie Deane returned with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Guest, to Holland Centre for a short time.

Mr. Ernest Walker and Master Walter Tobutt spent Sunday with friends in Harkaway.

Miss Lou Reynolds returned to the city on Saturday last after an enjoyable visit with her parents the past months.

Mr. J. C. Reynolds and son, Edgar, leave this Wednesday with a car load of stock and furniture for their future home in the West. All regret their departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Campbell spent their last farewell Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds.

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Give up Cosmetics and Seek the Cause of Your Bad Color.

When it's so easy to bring back the bloom of youth, to remove the blotches and fill the hollows, isn't it foolish to plaster on cosmetics?

Advertisement for Paterson's 'Wire Edge' Ready Roofing, featuring an illustration of a man and a house.

Advertisement for Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy, 'Here 'Tis', and Brantford Asphalt and Rubber Roofing and Siding.

Advertisement for Northern Business College, offering a practical education at the Owen Sound, Ont.

Advertisement for W. J. Stephens Moving Sale, featuring an illustration of a woman and text about boots, shoes, and rubbers.

Advertisement for Laxative Bromo Quinine, 'Always Remember the Full Name', 'Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in Two.'

Advertisement for Dillon Hinge-Stay Fence, 'The law for the protection of wild birds is to be vigorously enforced in New York State.'

Advertisement for Ryan Bros. Dress Muslins, 'Send us for samples will get the benefit of all our big reductions, but we mention a few lines which we are also offering.'

Advertisement for Haskett's, 'If It's Hard', 'Screen', 'Soy', 'Creda', 'made right at Thwara'.

Advertisement for Knight, 'For extended', 'MONDAY', 'TUESDAY', 'WEDNESDAY', 'THURSDAY', 'FRIDAY', 'SATURDAY'.

Advertisement for Brantford Asphalt and Rubber Roofing and Siding, 'Perfectly air tight, waterproof & fireproof. Guaranteed for 5 years.'

Advertisement for Sir Sydney, 'Another young horse, Sir Sydney, 1275, by Baron Stewart, bred in the U.S.A.'

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