

Our Water Supply.

Since the late fire in our village the conviction has been strong upon the minds of the people of Richmond Hill that while we have a good fire engine, and an efficient brigade, yet the fire protection of our village is very deficient from the fact that there is a very insufficient supply of water. A good many schemes have been spoken of but it is difficult to find one which would answer every purpose. One only seems to us as plausible and which would, in its way, be the most perfect. The following would be our suggestion, and we claim that there is much that can be said in its favor. There is an abundance of water near Elgin Mills. The level of a point from which it could be conducted would strike from 8 to 10 feet higher than the highest point of Yonge Street in the village. This then could be conducted by pipes through every tank in Richmond Hill, which would keep the tanks constantly filled. This, at first sight, may appear to mean heavy outlay, but a moment's calculation will show that the cost would not be much. Four hundred rods of pipe would reach every tank in the village. Pipe suitable for the purpose can be purchased for seven cents per foot, which would make the entire piping cost between four and five hundred dollars. Of course there would be the expense of putting it in, which would be a trifle more. Then we would have an inexhaustible water supply, and our system of fire protection would be pretty complete. If any can suggest anything better we should waive our suggestion, but we can think of nothing better that would cost so little. We would like to see some action taken by our Council to render fire protection more efficient in our village.

Hard on Meredith.

Coming from a staunch conservative like Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, the following remarks, taken from the first number of the Regina, N. W. T., *Leader*, appears to us, while being very near the truth, to be rather hard:—

"The thing is over now; but the very fact that desiring Sir John Macdonald's aid proved that Mr. Meredith, even in his own estimation, is no leader of men; and the cumulative fact that Sir John Macdonald, with decentralization for his watchword, and the N. P. for his talisman, and all the mystery of his *finesse*, and the boundless magic of his name, could not carry Mr. Meredith, though aided by Abraham Lauder, makes the incompetence of the local opposition still more glaring. One would think the shame of displaying hideous incompetence would cause even a Lauder to retire; or suppose Mr. Meredith were to go next summer with his lieutenant on a whaling expedition, and say to him: 'Now Lauder we have been playing the political game together, let us play at Jonah and you'll be Jonah.'"—*World*.

Our Victory.

The *Montreal Gazette*, in speaking of the late contest in Ontario says, "Our victory in almost defeating Mr. Mowat." This is how the Quebec *Bleus* look upon the matter. They well knew that the defeat of Mr. Mowat would mean their victory—that Ontario would be despoiled, and her wings clipped. A number of Quebec M. P.s stumped the eastern part of the province in support of Mr. Meredith, and the notorious Tom White, one of the Quebec blood hounds, even had the audacity to enter West York and enter a plea for Mr. Meredith. But the *Montreal Gazette*, of which Tom White is one of the proprietors, the Quebec M. P.s, and the editor of the *Mail*, who is a down easter, are all personally and politically opposed to Ontario, lest she should become the greatest province in the confederation. These are the men who are in sympathy with Mr. Meredith, and in fact form the back bone of Mr. Meredith's party. It is they who have shaped his traitorous policy on provincial rights and the Boundary Question.

Sir John and the License Question.

Sir John Macdonald has been somewhat suddenly and unceremoniously taken back in his proposed legislation at Ottawa on the Liquor License Question. Last week, during the argument of a Quebec liquor case before the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Sir William Ritchie and Justice Strong expressed the opinion in the most decided terms that "the regulation of the liquor traffic rested entirely with the Local Legislature." Chief Justice Ritchie stated that "any other contention is simply absurd." Such an opinion from a bench of judges of such high reputation, and from a court that has never manifested any special favoritism towards the powers of Provincial Legislatures, and the highest court in the land, is one which even Sir John Macdonald is bound to seriously regard. In view of this Sir John has relegated the consideration of his proposed legislation on this matter to a special committee of the House.

Woman's Suffrage Convention.

At a meeting of the Woman's Suffrage Society, held in Toronto on Friday, the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the parliamentary franchise should be extended to women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote."
"That all favorable to this just extension of the franchise be invited to leave their names and addresses with the secretary of this meeting in order that a society may be formed to forward such legislation as may be required to expunge from the statute books any distinction of sex as a barrier to qualification to the franchise, and that said secretary be and is hereby empowered to call together within fourteen days those who thus signify such desire, so that a society may be organized."

Not only a number of the leading ladies of Toronto delivered addresses, but Mayor Boswell, Aldermen Hallam and Baxter, Messrs. J. W. Bengough, Thomas Bengough, J. L. Foulds, Wm. Burgess, and others also supported the granting of the Franchise to Women.

The *Guelph Mercury* says:—"Before the elections some of the Conservatives grew terribly indignant because a suspicion was expressed that they would employ corrupt means to defeat the Reform candidate. Now that the election is over this suspicion has settled into a conviction, notwithstanding the resentment it received from some of our opponents whose veracity may be generally accepted as something not to be impugned. We have in our possession information of no less than five cases of bribery or attempted bribery on the part of Mr. Murphy's friends in West Wellington. If the knowledge of this number reached one newspaper the question is now many would all the newspapers in the county be supposed to hear about? We warrant it is not limited to five. The existence of these iniquitous practices in one riding gives ample room to suspicion that they were not confined to one constituency, and that a free expression of opinion has been more generally thwarted by these nefarious means."

The present time finds the Queen of Great Britain Sovereign over a continent, one hundred peninsulas, five hundred promontories, one thousand lakes, one thousand islands, and two thousand rivers. There are at her command if required, an army of five hundred thousand, and at her orders one thousand ships of war, manned by a hundred thousand sailors, plough the waves of every sea. Two hundred and forty millions of people own her sovereignty, and no nation was ever equal in any respect to the empire which owns her mistress.

The position of parties in the new Legislature will be almost identical with what it was after the elections of 1875. Then the figures were 48 Ministerial, 36 Opposition, and 4 Independent. Now the figures are 48 Ministerial, 36 Opposition, and 2 Independent and two elections to be held. The certain majority of the Government is at least ten, and will likely at the assembling of the Legislature be found to be from twelve to fourteen. That is a good working majority, as the experience from 1875 to 1879 showed conclusively.

Speaking of the Provincial Elections the *Winnipeg Sun* says:—"Never before in Canadian history was there so open an attempt made on the part of the Federal Cabinet to influence a Provincial election. The organized endeavors to bring Ontario into subjection to the powers that be at Ottawa is a barefaced interference with the freedom and independence of the local parliaments that deserve reprobation, whether those guilty of it are Conservatives or Liberals."

A few days previous to nomination day Sir John Macdonald telegraphed to the Tory party managers in Toronto that they should endeavor to secure a seat for Mr. John Turner, as he would be the fittest man for Treasurer in Mr. Meredith's cabinet. The Toronto managers evidently foresaw what Sir John had overlooked, viz., that Mr. Meredith would not be troubled to find a Finance Minister for another four years at least.

Sir John Macdonald has, as in the case of the extension of the franchise question, appointed a special committee of the House to consider his proposed legislation on the Liquor License question. It is said that the late decision of Chief Justice Sir Wm. Ritchie and Justice Strong constrained him to take this course.

The *Mail* acknowledges now in its rage at not accomplishing its object that "it was established ten years ago for the express purpose of demolishing the Grit party." This is the gentleman's paper, established not as the respectable organ of a respectable party but as a political cut throat and assassin.

Toronto *Truth* says:—"What in the world is poor Mowat to do? He has only 12 of a majority, and the *Mail* says if he had a spark of self-respect he would resign. Suppose he did, how would his successor get along with the majority turned into a corresponding minority? The thing is troublesome to figure out."

It is reported that Sir John Macdonald did not care to shoulder the responsibility of moving in the direction of extending the franchise, and has therefore referred the question to a special committee of the House of Commons, thus relieving himself and Government of responsibility in the matter.

Gortschakoff, the Russian Prince, is dead, and in him passes away the greatest diplomat that Russia has ever had. His career was a brilliant one, and as Chancellor of Russia he did much for his country. He was to Russia what Bismark is to Germany and Gladstone is to England.

The weather keeps unusually severe for March, though the storms which are frequent are not nearly so severe thus far as we usually have in this month, thus proving that Vennor, Wiggins, and all the rest of the weather cocks are consummate frauds.

It is said that a plot to assassinate the Princess Louise has been discovered in Hamilton, Bermuda. Two men from New York were arrested on suspicion. Great vigilance is being exercised over all her movements.

About 30 of the members returned at the late election never sat in the Legislature before. It may prove beneficial to have some new blood infused into the House, but some of the old members deserved a better fate.

Ontario College of Pharmacy re-opened on Tuesday with one lady student, Miss McCallum, niece of Dr. Barrett, of Toronto. This is the first female student any College of Pharmacy in Canada has had.

It was rumored that Mr. James Beatty, Q. C., was to be appointed to a Judgeship in the County of York. This rumor was unfounded, and is emphatically denied.

Vennor is not willing to be out done by Wiggins, and so predicts a great snow storm and blockade for next week.

Emery Gossip.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Business in town is prospering. The Merchant Prince has secured the services of a young clerk whose smiling countenance and graceful manner will no doubt attract the young ladies and in this way increase his sales from day to day.

Great excitement prevailed in the Post Office the morning after the election. Conservatives and Reformers crowded the place so that ladies wishing to purchase goods were forced to remain at the door. The Conservatives being ready to pick up his opponent before they fell.

At the Emery Literary Society on Wednesday evening there was considerable excitement over an Oyster Supper. Many speeches were delivered by a number of the members present. It was finally decided to have the supper on Friday evening March 9th. The determination of the Committee is to have an enjoyable evening.

Before closing we felt it our duty to congratulate the trustees of this section for the sound judgement they displayed in selecting Mr. Rowan, as teacher. He is a young man of bright intellect, mild and courteous manner and a star among the ladies, being tempted to quit his studies in the evenings so as to conform with their wishes. Young ladies let him pass his examination and then set your snares.

York Mills.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The following is the standing of the classes in the Senior Department of the Public School for the month of February:

FIFTH CLASS—1st, Gertie McBride; 2nd, Annie Margach; 3rd, Edna Margach; 4th, Emily Turner; 5th, Elias Wood.

FOURTH CLASS—1st, Jane Whitten; 2nd, Martha Duff; 3rd, Fred McBride; 4th, Alfred Mercer; 5th, Mary Bathgate.

SENIOR THIRD—1st, Jos. Duff; 2nd, Alfred Eden; 3rd, Frank Brennan; 4th, James Bathgate; 5th, William Carson;

The managers of the Baptist Church in this place have recently been making some alterations and improvements in the interior of the church. To assist in defraying the expenses thus incurred they held a social in the church on the 20th, ult. which was a decided success. After tea had been served, and ample justice done to the good things provided, the pastor, Mr. Heighton, took the chair and called on Rev. S. A. Dyke, who spoke chiefly upon the benefit derived from small churches; and showed that many of the great men in the Baptist Church at any rate, had come from small churches. Rev. James Johnston, from Jamaica, next gave an interesting account of his labor among the blacks of that island. He also interspersed his remarks with negro songs which added greatly to the interest of the occasion. The Chairman then called upon Rev. Dr. Thomas, Toronto, who seemed to be in one of his happy moods, and who delighted the audience for half an hour with exhibitions of wit and humor, not omitting much sound sense and good advice. We must not forget to say that the proceedings were enlivened by selections of music from the West family from Toronto.

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