

## The Patterson Works.

Those works are so well known in the vicinity of Richmond Hill, and surrounding County of York, that some may think it waste of time to give any particulars respecting them, but as we had the pleasure a short time ago, of looking through the entire Establishment, we think it will not be uninteresting to the farming community, and the public generally, to make short mention of the different departments. This is one of the largest firms in Canada, employing at the present time about 120 hands. The floor space of the building amounts to nearly 2½ acres. Every department has its foreman, and the whole establishment is under the able management of Mr. J. C. McLachlan as Superintendent, who is an excellent mechanic, and thoroughly understands each branch of the business.

We were first shown through the moulding shop, where 20 hands were actively at work under the control of Mr. Congor, and where about 4 tons of iron are melted daily in the manufacture of implements and machinery of different kinds. From this place we entered the blacksmith and steel department, the former under the management of Mr. Jno. Drury, and the latter under Mr. Bailey, who is an expert in the tempering of this metal. Mr. B. not only supplies this firm but several other large firms in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other provinces throughout the Dominion. About 400 tons of steel direct from Sheffield, Eng., are used each season in the manufacture of horse rake, harrow, and cultivator teeth, as well as organ and seed-drill springs.

This season, the firm is building extensively the spring-tooth harrows and cultivators, having shipped already 5 carloads to the East. The teeth are made so as to take hold of the hardest ground, and the desired depth is regulated by means of wheels.

The machine shop, under the oversight of Mr. Findlay, contains 35 hands, and by their dexterity turn out daily 15 mowers, 12 reapers, 5 self-binders, and 20 horse-rakes.

25 men under Mr. Jno. Gray are busily engaged in the wood shop, cutting and forming in all different shapes and sizes the best quality of oak, elm, ash and pine, the most of which is brought from a long distance and at great expense.

In the wheel room, 6 men are employed, who turn out 25 sets of wheels for horse rakes daily. Mr. A. Cook, and another skilful hand, spends all their time in making alterations and perfecting patterns, many of which have been devised by the ingenuity and skill of the superintendent. As those workmen are engaged throughout the year, they are enabled to turn out their machines with all the latest improvements.

We could not help observing the great pains displayed in the paint shop, which employs 17 men, under the control of Mr. B. Haffay. Many firms are inclined to picture in good style, the parts of an implement or machine exposed to view, while the hidden portions are left untouched, but a close examination will show, that nothing is turned out unfinished from the Patterson Works.

The plow shop under Mr. Jno. Smith, has several hands, who expect to turn out during the season some 1500 plows. In the assembly room, all machines are put together and tested by the foreman Mr. Jesse Good and others, to see that their mechanism is true in every particular before being packed for shipment.

We might sum up the coming season's turn out as follows—400 reapers, 600 mowers, 500 binders, 500 horse rakes, 2000 spring-tooth harrows, 1000 spring-tooth cultivators, and 1500 plows.

The reapers, mowers, and other agricultural implements manufactured by this firm are too well known, to require special mention, but as the self-binder has been greatly improved since last season, we deem it not out of place to give a short description. The binder is about 400 pounds lighter than that of last season, and, although the whole machine is 2 feet narrower, it is only six inches narrower in cut. The tying mechanism is also considerably changed, by doing away with many pieces, thereby simplifying the machine. The binder proper can be folded up to pass through a door or gate-way 16 feet 6 inches in width. It can be shifted backwards or forwards to bind nearer the heads or butts of a sheaf of grain, by a lever easily operated close by the driver's hand. He can tilt the machine to pick up lodged grain, and give four different motions to the reel. Both ends of the machine can be raised or lowered by the driver, while in motion. In fact the driver has full control of the machine from his seat. The improvements are secured to the machine by letters patent in Canada and the United States. Its superiority over other machines can be imagined when we say that one of the best firms in Canada has purchased the right and patterns together with a sample machine to build from. This speaks volumes for the Patterson binder, and goes a long way to show it has no equal. We can not further particularize for want of space, but in conclusion would congratulate this neighborhood on having such an establishment in its midst, as well as the Patterson firm in possessing so many sober, industrious and intelligent workingmen.

## School Separation.

To the editor of THE LIBERAL:

SIR—I noticed in your last week's issue that a petition had been presented by the ratepayers of Union School Section No. 1, Vaughan and Makham, to the Township Council, praying that they be separated from said section and joined to Newton Brook section. The members of the Council will no doubt be led to wonder why a counter-petition had not before this been presented to them. To satisfy this we simply reply that their petition was presented so secretly that nothing was known about it, until the secretary, Mr. West, happened to notice a report of it in THE LIBERAL.

We may say to the members of the Council that we fail to see why the petitioners desire separation. Is it because they have large families and that it is too far for them to walk to Thornhill school? We answer no!—because only one (we think) has any who are under school age. We are therefore forced to the conclusion that it is from a selfish motive. In all cases the "Golden Rule" should not be forgotten:—"Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." We are glad to inform the council that a counter-petition is under circulation, being largely signed, and will be presented for their wise consideration on or before their next meeting.

Reasons why we think the petition should be rescinded:—I. The section is at present one of the smallest in either townships, if not in the county, there being only taxable property to the amount of 1800 acres. II. On account of the village population the section is compelled to hire two teachers, while in Newton Brook they have but one. III. The taxes at the present time are very high and if the separation should take place they will become unbearable. We are confident that after looking over the above reasons, the council will rescind the petition, or else move to give it a "six months' hoist." We might state that the above reasons are among some of those couched in the counter-petition. We have also been informed that one of the petitioners was very glad at one time to have his children educated at Thornhill school, but since they have now grown up and the taxes are becoming heavy, then the separation is called for. Thanking you for space,

I am yours,  
FAIR PLAY.

Thornhill, March 5th, '84.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The Board of Education in Richmond Hill met in the High School on Friday afternoon, Feb. 29th, at 2.30.

Members present, Messrs. Switzer, Brown, Crosby, Trench, Boyle, Skeele, McConaghy, Naughton and Savage.

In the absence of Mr. R. Marsh, Mr. Brown was called to the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—

C. Mason	.....	\$ 8 00
Geo. J. Keffer, for wood	.....	23 62
John Harris, for two blackboards	.....	8 40
W. Trench, for coal	.....	16 70
Teaming coal	.....	7 65
M. Trefy, advertising for teachers in <i>Globe and Mail</i> (Dec., '83)	.....	4 80
P. G. Savage, dressing table	.....	2 25

A communication from Mr. E. F. Langstaff was read in reference to unpaid salary for teaching. On motion of Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Trench, his salary, at the rate of \$450 per annum, was directed to be paid.

The following petition was handed in by the Head Master of the High School and signed by the members of the School Board:—

To the Senate of the University of Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,—We, the members of the Richmond Hill High School Board, on behalf of the students of this school, do request you to take into consideration the granting permission to us, to allow the male candidates from this school to take their Matriculation Exam., both honor and pass work, at the same time and place as the female candidates for the Local Exam. for women.

In addition to this permission, that boys may be allowed to take one or more groups, as at present permitted to girls. As the Local Exam. was held in our High School last year, and will again be held here in June next, this permission would not throw any additional expense on the Senate of the University, whereas it may very materially benefit our students.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

## SPRINGHILL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A number of the young people of this village and surrounding neighborhood, assembled at Mr. Rumble's to trip the Light Fantastic. Everyone spent a very enjoyable evening and went home entirely satisfied.

Mr. H. Rose fell off a beam in the barn, he was injured so as not to be able to work for some time. He is now on a fair way for recovery.

Mrs. J. Brackin and children have gone home to her mother's to spend a month with her before their departure to the North West.

Miss Butler of Barrie is spending a short time with friends here.

The C. M. of Temperanceville have commenced a series of Meetings. The Lord's Army of Aurora come down when they can and lend a helping hand. The members seem very much awakened.

The Meetings in Springhill are still being conducted by Rev. J. Rankin aided by E. J. Davis.

Ill-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use.

## OTTAWA.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

For the past eight or ten days, the Capital has presented a mixed appearance. Parliament has contributed more than usual to the hopes and fears of life, but, on the other hand, the weather has had but one tendency, and that has been to throw a deep gloom over all. Snow we have in abundance, but, alas! that snow by customary friction and a high rise in temperature has been stirred and kneaded until the streets seem to be covered with a thick layer of batter pudding whereof the chief ingredient is seemingly saw-dust. The numerous deputations, the swarms of those who have 'axes to grind' are all here as is their wont to swarm there where the plunder is. But, of course, their keenness and bustle are confined to themselves, and those out of political life have been cheerless enough. However, the settled gloom was the other day, & not dispelled, illuminated by several very vivid flashes of forked lightning, of which the thunder, caused thereby, has doubtless re-echoed in your quiet little village. Let me unfold to you the hidden causes of this mighty uproar.

Ever since Mr. Chapleau entered the cabinet, the solid French phalanx has been divided into two hostile parties, one of which acknowledged the gentleman mentioned above as leader, the other Sir Hector Langevin. Had they dared, an open rupture would long ago have ensued, but that rupture most probably would mean sitting in the cold shades of opposition. This Sir John knew perfectly well, and out of their ill-disguised enmity he drew profound repose. But suddenly a point of union appeared, and, perforce, the *Bleus* showed a firm united front, not to their natural foes, the Opposition, but to their great head, "the artful dodger."

As every one knows, the fate of the government is bound up with that of the C. P. R. Well, the debate on the now famous resolutions had been in progress for some time, when, lo, one evening only two French members were seen in the house. Thousand-tongued Rumor at once took up the cry of alarm. The French members had bolted; Mr. Costigan had resigned; Mr. Chapleau had followed suit; the government was defeated; Tupper 'must go'; Langevin was trying to form a coalition with Blake. Such, and many others, were the tales whispered everywhere. The House was truly a spectacle. The Conservative members of Ontario were scared out of their very wits, for they well knew what the defeat of the Government meant to them, should they again present themselves at the polls. Tilley looked apathetic; Sir John terribly vexed, but determined—to capitulate. For the *Bleus* had really taken him, as it were, by the throat, and demanded certain sums for their bankrupt province, or else—'no need,' exclaimed the chieftain hastily, 'no need of saying more, you shall have all you want and more.' And thereupon a calm followed, which one 'too previous' individual is not destined long to enjoy. I mean the Hon. John Costigan. This anxious gentleman really believed that it was all up with the Government, and actually sent in his resignation. In the great desire to restore order to the disorganized ranks of his followers, the chieftain did not accept it; however, he is only biding his time, for a more vindictive man never lived than Sir John A. Macdonald, and that vindictiveness never burns so fiercely and destructively as when provoked by treachery. In the meantime, I can only repeat what everyone is saying, that things are by no means settled yet. Time will show. Let me conclude this matter, by assuring you that the *Mail's* silly rant about Mr. Blake and the *Bleus* is believed by no one, but is certainly exciting and incensing the French members and their *Press* beyond measure.

Would you actually believe that some of our young bloods (lunatics on six hundred a year,) are greatly perplexed as to the reception they ought to give to the Marquis of Lansdowne. They have lived so long in the atmosphere of royalty and of a prospective duke, that, 'really you know, a flah has to be careful, or' Heavens knows what. Truly these simpletons oft give the lie to the oft stated fact—that the perfect fool can't become more foolish. The truth is, as you are well aware, that Rideau Hall under the present, as under the late, *regime*, is an enchanted palace, the mysteries of which are known to a few isolated units, and this is natural, for those who cross the sea change, indeed, their sky, but not their likes and dislikes, their bride and selection.—DOCTOR.

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Pickles, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.50 to 7.50  
Card Receivers, 2.50, 3.25, 5.00 to 9.50  
Cups, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.75  
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