

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

The Liberal.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

We are glad to learn that all over the country the Farmers are taking the first and necessary steps to organize and husband their strength for any and every political struggle that may arise. Too long have they been divided and kept asunder by those whose only aim is success at the polls. Fiercely and bitterly the Farmers have fought for almost meaningless names, and so intent have they been in waging a war not their own that they seemed to forget that they had interests personal and paramount. Numerically the Farmers exceed all other guilds conjoined; mentally and morally, they are inferior to none. It, then, they persist in striving for what will prove of advantage to themselves, it is axiomatic that the country will be the gainer, for the Farmers, they are the country.

The trend of opinion, as expressed in all the Farmers' Institutes which have held meetings, is in favor of complete and unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States. This, in brief, means Commercial Union, indeed, but a Commercial Union that precludes any intermixture of political systems. The Custom-houses are regarded by them as was Saul's armor by David, a dead weight that hampers without giving security.

As we have already said in these columns, Commercial Union is a change too vast and too momentous to be lightly or thoughtlessly accepted as *the thing* for Canada. If we eliminate from the discussion that prime consideration, the possible danger to our laws and constitutions, there still remain many important points to be clearly settled. We know that during the twelve years in which we had the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, our trade with that country made tremendous advances. In 1854, it amounted to \$33,000,000; in 1886, it reached the colossal figure of \$84,000,000. Yet that treaty was limited solely to the natural productions of the two countries. And further, since that time, the population of Canada has nearly doubled, while that of the United States has increased fully twenty-five per cent.

But yet how would the revenue of Canada be affected by the abolishing of duties on American importations? As both their tariff and our own are well nigh prohibitive, our loss on that score would be but trifling. Moreover our revenue is now absurdly high on account of lavish and uncalled for expenditure. And we are quite satisfied that due retrenchment in the one direction would more than compensate for any loss in the other.

HON. WILFRID LAURIER.

The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has definitely accepted the leadership of the Liberal Party, made vacant by Hon. Edward Blake's retirement. In more than one respect, Mr. Laurier is worthy of his predecessor. He is possessed of the same sterling qualities of heart which render dishonor worse than a blow. Although he has been many years in public life, his name to-day is untarnished by even the shadow of a wrong. His fiercest political foes are here the judges.

Nor are his endowments of intellect less than those of heart. He is confessedly to-day, the foremost orator in Canada, Mr. Blake alone excepted. He does not, it is true, exhibit in his speeches that intimate acquaintance with his subjects that distinguished Mr. Blake. But he more than atones for what after all is a fault of circumstances, by an eloquence at once glowing, graceful and sincere.

That Mr. Laurier will achieve what Mr. Blake failed to accomplish is too much to hope. That he will still fight his country's battles honestly and honorably is beyond a doubt.

Weston.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On the evening of June 24th, in this village, an old gentleman named Ira Shibley, aged 71 years, put an end to his existence by swallowing a quantity of Paris Green. His wife, on becoming aware of his act, sent a messenger to Dr. Savage, whose residence was only a short distance from where they lived. The Dr. was promptly in attendance, and did all that was possible to save his life. The deadly drug, however, had too firm a hold, death resulting about two hours after his state became known. No cause can be assigned for the rash act, the family being of the highest respectability and in affluent circumstances.

On Friday last, a cripple named Thos. Newman, came to the residence of Mr. J. Madill, 5th Con. York, as the family were setting down to tea. Mr. Madill invited Newman to join them, which he cheerfully did, remarking that he was very hungry, and commenced to eat voraciously. He, however, had only taken a few mouthfuls, when he choked on a piece of meat. Mr. Madill immediately sent for a doctor, but long before he arrived Newman was beyond human skill. Mrs. Madill, who is in a delicate state of health, received a terrible shock to her nervous system, the death being so sudden and unexpected.

Humber Lodge A. F. & A. M., commemorated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist by attending divine service as Masons. A large number of visiting brethren were present from Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, Mimico Lodge, York Lodge, and representatives from many of the city lodges, including St. Andrews, Alpha and Orient. The service was held in the Presbyterian church, and was conducted by the Rev. Bro. Walter Reid, Pastor, assisted by the Rev. Bro. J. R. Brick, Incumbent of St. Phillip's church. The large church was filled to overflowing by a very appreciative audience, who listened with great pleasure to a very eloquent and able discourse. The collection, in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, was worthy of the contributors, and affirms the liberality of all true craftsmen in so worthy an object.

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Egely.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On June 15th our Football team went to Elia and played a match with Weston team, which resulted in a draw, each side securing two goals. On the same day our juniors defeated the Elia juniors by six straight goals.

On Saturday last the Sabbath School held their annual Strawberry Festival, which proved a grand success, tea being served continuously from 4 to 8 p. m. Swings, croquet and other amusements were freely indulged in. There was also a football match between Egely juniors and the juniors of Downsview, which resulted in a victory for Downsview by one goal to nothing. It was one of the hardest contested games ever played here, each club doing some brilliant playing. After the game was over some of the spectators disgraced themselves by insulting the visitors. It is to be hoped such conduct will not occur again, for a few more such acts would be the death-blow for football in this village.

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