

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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COMMERCIAL UNION.

It has been complained by several of our readers that all the articles which they have read on Commercial Union have been couched in terms too vague and too general. They ask what is definitely meant by Commercial Union, and what would in all likelihood be its direct effects on Canada. We gladly take the opportunity of doing anything that may serve to throw light on this question. We have steadily continued to declare ever since the present agitation was begun that the adoption of so great a change in our commercial relations must be preceded by a full and impartial investigation. In view of the fact that Commercial Union is no party cry, fulness and impartiality in its discussion are rendered doubly easy.

Every one is aware that the United States have adopted a high protective tariff, and that Canada in the N. P. is protected by a tariff nearly as high. The result is that there exists between the two countries a barrier that tends to render trade between them almost impossible. The United States comprise an area so large that to a great extent they are independent of foreign markets, finding within their own borders ready sale for the greater part of their manufactures. Canada is not so fortunately situated. It has, it is true, an area equally as large as its powerful neighbor, but its population is only as one to eleven. Its climate, moreover, is much less varied, and consequently its natural productions are much more limited. Hence Canada is forced to seek her markets in lands several thousand miles distant, and to forego the market just across her border. Nor is this all. The Dominion of Canada is at present composed of some five or six provinces, three of which are separated from Ontario and Manitoba by a very long stretch of territory. Yet these three provinces are forced by the exigencies of hostile tariffs to deal with people very remote and pass by their neighbors within easy reach. The result is, of course, ruinous, for it is contrary to nature, contrary to the laws of trade, contrary to the principle that a people should be allowed to buy and sell in the most profitable market.

Now Commercial Union with the United States would remove all lets and hindrances to trade intercourse on the continent of North America. The wall of custom houses, which turns trade from its natural course, would be broken down. Our native minerals, our native timber, our grain, in fine, all our natural productions which are sufficient for hundreds of millions would no longer be limited in their output to the supply of five millions, but would have for customers sixty millions of people. Again, articles which now must be carried thousands of miles to reach us, would be found at our very doors. Instead of paying two prices for something produced at a great cost here, we should have the privilege of buying it lower in cost and superior in make. In other words, Canadians, instead of being restricted to their own borders, would have an open market in all this continent.

It has been objected, however that we should still be under a high protective tariff, and that this tariff would discriminate against the mother country in favor of the United States. To this we reply that the discrimination against Great Britain would be no greater than it is at present. There would be a discrimination, it is true, but it would be

altogether in favor of Canada. Our geographical position most plainly points to the United States as our natural neighbors in commerce, and Commercial Union would sweep away every impediment to that commerce. We should benefit ourselves by the change without doing Great Britain either a wrong or an injustice.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

A determined effort is being made by the friends of the Mechanics' Institute in this village to render it far more useful and wide-spreading in its influence for good than it has hitherto been. Their effort will be futile unless they receive the hearty co-operation of the villagers. And surely help could not be asked in a better cause. All the associations of the Institute are good; all its teachings are good; all its pleasures are good. It offers an antidote to weariness of body, to trouble of mind. It is a bulwark to virtue, and a barrier to vice. It softens the asperity of labor; it lends zest and profit to amusement. It compels forgetfulness of one's own cares by imparting an interest in the cares of others.

The Directors are about to make a splendid addition to the library by the purchase of the leading periodicals of Great Britain and of the United States. They are going to establish a debating society, a prominent feature of which will be a mock parliament. In this mimic house, all the live questions of the day will be treated. There will be a government and an opposition. There will be votes of non-confidence, which are sure to be followed by amusing oratorical struggles.

We trust that all will join in the endeavor to make the Institute all that it is capable of being made. The result will be amusement to many, and profit to all.

Newton Brook

From our own Correspondent

Rev. Chas. Fish and wife have returned from their trip to Regina. They speak in glowing terms of the harvest just gathered in; they also brought home several samples of grain and grasses, one specimen of native grass measuring over nine feet in length.

Dr. G. W. Fish leaves this week for his new field of labor near Bowmanville, where he intends practising.

Miss Annie Jackson is at present visiting friends at Buffalo.

Mr. Eph. Boake returned to the York Colony, N. W. T., this week, taking with him a number of sheep and cattle.

A few cases of hen roost visiting are reported in this vicinity.

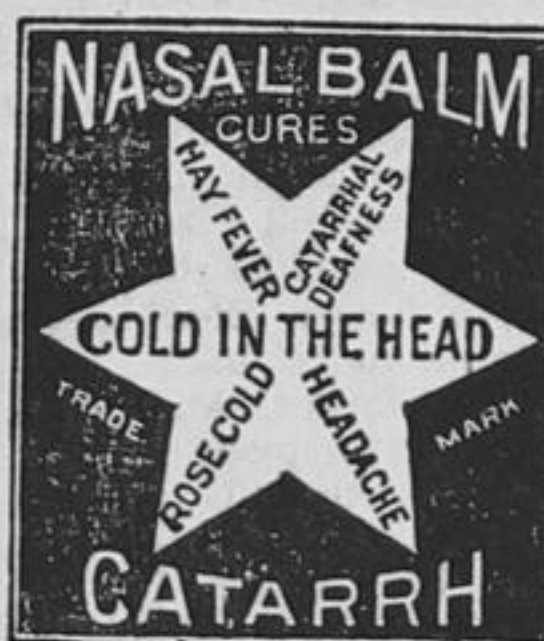
Thornhill

From our own Correspondent.

The sanctity of the Sabbath has been broken for some time past by a party of depraved youths who drive from Toronto and after refreshing themselves at a popular hostelry, engage in the game of base ball, to the annoyance of those who wish to pass the day in quiet.

The ladies of the Methodist Church gave a very successful social at the residence of W. T. Brown, Esq., on Tuesday of last week. The proceeds, in aid of the Parsonage Fund, amounted to about \$30.

Our Public School seems to be a "thorn in our flesh." We have had our fights over trustee elections, squabbles about caste, and now some bad small boys have persisted in playing truant until the teacher's patience exploded in wrath. The question now is, suspension or expulsion.



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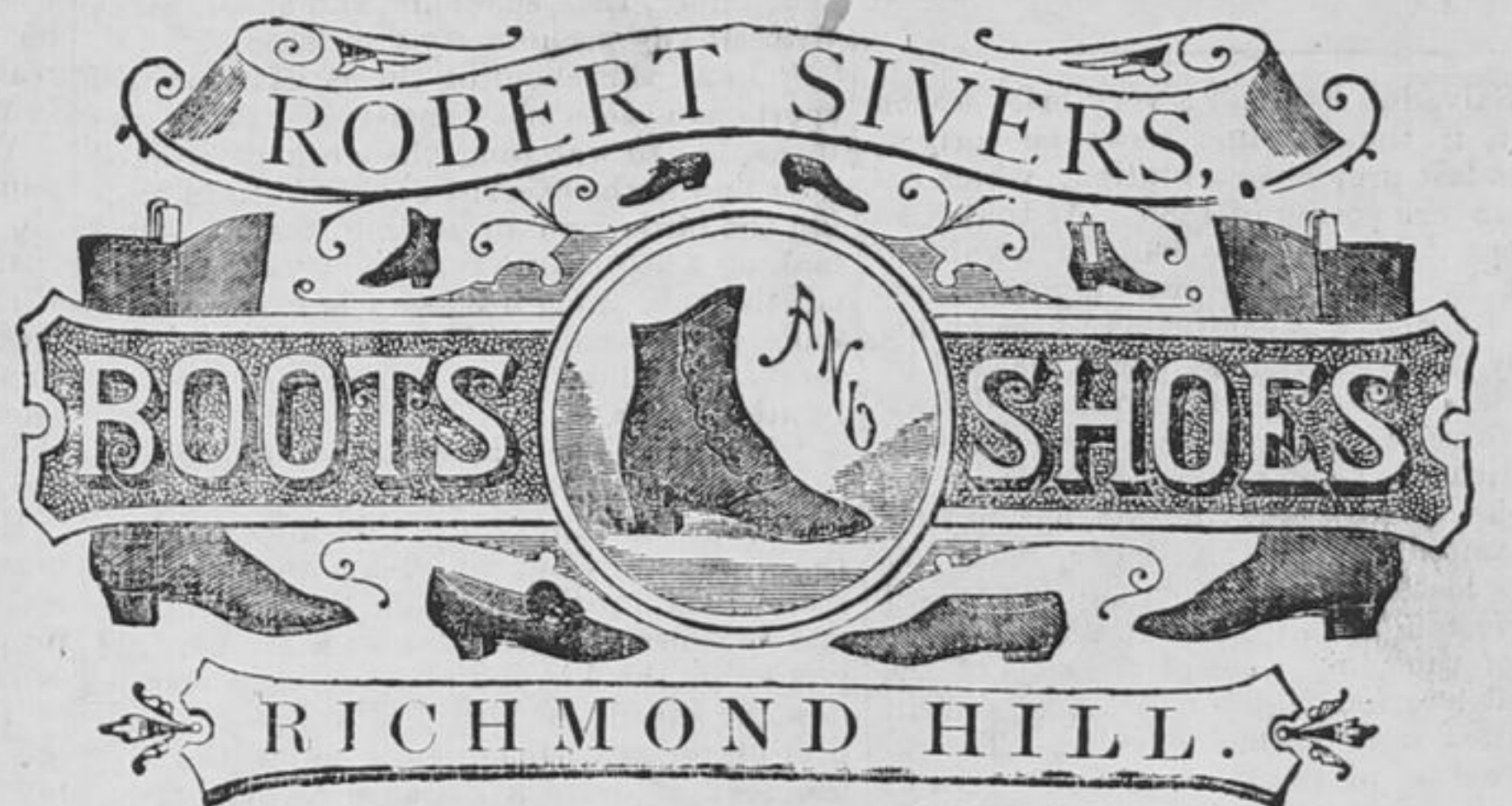
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