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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Jan. 19, '93

The Toronto World of Monday took the Montreal Star to task for offering the opinion that Tariff Reform is desired by the Canadian people. The World says that "the masses of the people in Canada believe not in 'tariff reform' but in the N. P." "If they really wanted it they could have got it at the last election." We do not agree with our Toronto contemporary. Many voters were deceived at the last election. The late Sir John Macdonald dissolved the House long before the proper time on the plea that they were offered better trade relations with the United States, and he wanted a Parliament fresh from the electors. The Conservatives claimed that they were greater tariff Reformers than were the Liberals. We fail to see that the result of the late general election was a victory for the N. P. Many of the electors believed that the Conservatives were sincere when they said they were going to Washington to endeavor to effect a commercial treaty. Besides this, many people supported the Government because they were the victims of a delusion that an attack on The Old Flag was contemplated by the Liberal party.

At the village nomination a few weeks ago, the Reeve, Councillor Atkinson, Dr. Wilson and others, spoke of the advisability of establishing a market in this place. It was said that neighboring towns and villages which had shown enterprise in this line were generally successful, and the speakers thought that a market in this village would be beneficial to both buyer and seller. The columns of THE LIBERAL are open for discussion, and we would be pleased to have the opinions of any of the rate-payers bearing on the subject.

By request of the Toronto and Richmond Hill Electric Railway Company the railway committee appointed by the County Council was called together on Saturday. The above named company requested the committee to draft an agreement giving the former the franchise for a right of way along Yonge Street to this village. No action was taken, as it was found that the agreement asked for was to be subject to an agreement between the aforesaid company and the Metropolitan, which latter agreement has never been executed.

If you want more light on the subject just call at Dilworth's drug store, 170 King Street, east, and get five gallons Rock Spring Oil and in all probability you will be able to read without specks.

Rising Star Lodge.

The following papers have been contributed and read by members of Rising Star Lodge, Victoria Square, during the past few meetings, and have been forwarded to THE LIBERAL for publication. Other interesting articles will be continued in succeeding issues:

Mr. Editor.—I again embrace the opportunity of writing to your paper on the following subject:—"Has the Lodge been a Benefit to its Members?"

Now, sir, I will take since the Lodge was re-organized up to the present date, as my acquaintance with it before that time was very brief.

The Lodge was re-organized in the year 1878, with a membership of seventeen, and since that time up to the present there has been enrolled upon the constitution of our order 140 names or thereabouts, and to-day we have a membership of ninety-five in good standing.

There are some young men who have resigned and who have gone to different parts of this country, and have been where the evils of drink surrounded them, where it could be seen in its deepest dye, and where it has been placed in its most enticing glare and color, where its sting was covered up, but only to those who shined its poisonous grasp.

I have been told by some of these young men who have returned from this

order, and have been in the midst of the evils of the drinking system, that they have stood firm to their pledge, the pledge they made in Rising Star Lodge, and had it not been for that and that only it was their belief they would have fallen by the way.

It is a pleasure to relate these facts, and I say "Keep courage, Rising Star." In the words of John B. Gough, "I do say, young men, keep your record clean."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Mr. Editor.—Through the medium of your paper I will endeavor to continue the article of last issue, viz., "Has the Lodge been a Benefit to its Members?" I will enlarge on it and include the community.

As I stated in my last the young men who have left this locality have probably shut the door of the Lodge behind them for the last time. The result has been good. It was a recommendation to say that they belonged to the I. O. of G. T., especially when practising its principles. I do not intend to say that every one that has taken the pledge has kept it. No! No! As it is very hard to straighten a tree after it has grown for a number of years in a leaning condition, so it is hard to stop a man when he has been imbibing for a number of years. But Sir, we, as Good Templars have the assurance to believe that the order has been the means of redeeming men again to the truth of temperance. I believe that prevention is better than cure. The history of temperance teaches that the young who have joined temperance societies and trained in that way, seldom or never fall away. If you stop and consider for a moment your experience will teach you that such is the case. I believe with the ritual that we should in all honorable ways advance the cause of temperance. It is an encouraging fact to see so many young ladies of the land belonging to the side of Good Templary. I believe that they have as much right to belong to the order as any one else. Some have said that it is so very seldom women turn out to be drunkards. I would modify that statement and say seldom do we see a woman intoxicated in the country. I am sorry to say that the number of females who have been brought before the police magistrates in the City of Toronto for being drunk is a number at which we might stand aghast. However it is seldom that people join to flee from the bitter gall of intemperance but for the sake of society and the training up in business ways, and to be on the side of right. I say the lodge has been a benefit to the community. The young men in this neighborhood who do not belong are, generally speaking, temperance men. No doubt it is greatly brought about by the temperance influence thrown about them by the Lodge in this place. And in conclusion I do say do not fold your arms and say the work is done. The winter is coming on and that is the time for the Lodge to gather its harvest. And may the time soon come when we can stand on the heights of victory and shout "Redemption over the land from the dread curse of intemperance."

Langstaff

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Bates has sufficiently recovered from her long illness as to be removed from her father's (Mr. R. Drury) to her home in Toronto. She was taken sick with a gripe last February, and apparently recovered, but "grip" had done its work well, and as a result left heart failure, which, in April, brought its sufferer near the doors of death. But by great care and attention she slowly gained strength, until near the last of June, when she was brought to her father's, hoping thereby to recover more rapidly. From that time to the present her recovery has been one of patience and long suffering, and even today she is not able to bear excitement, nor to walk more than a few yards. Her friends of Langstaff express their sympathy by wishing that she may soon be restored to her former health and strength.

The Debating Society of this place held its second meeting of '93 in the school house on Monday evening, when a good attendance was present. The subject chosen for debate was "Resolved that the press has been more beneficial to mankind than the steam engine." After an interesting discussion of the subject by both sides had taken place, the president, who acted as chairman, gave his decision in favor of the negative. When the debate was over it was decided to have one on Monday next upon the subject, "Resolved that women have done more than men towards moralizing our country." The captains chosen were Mrs. Darling for the affirmative, and Mr. Clubine for the negative. A lively time is expected. All are welcome. By the way, the officers chosen for the next three months are:—President, Mr. J. Drury; Vice President, Mr. W. Richardson; Secretary, Mr. R. Bates; Treasurer, Mrs. Darling.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a number of our young people met at Mr. Wilcock's for the purpose of organizing a junior branch of the W. A. in connection with Trinity Church. After considering the subject of Foreign and Domestic Missions the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Wilcock; the President's Assistants, Misses L. Langstaff and N. Bingham; Secretary, Miss E. Bolton; Treasurer, Miss M. Horne. May this young band of earnest missionary workers succeed beyond the expectations of its members in the good work thus commenced.

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