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Richmond Hill and Vicinity

BY WM. HARRISON.

In view of the coming plebiscite when it will be expected that every man who is qualified to vote will cast a ballot for or against the legal continnance of the Liquor Traffic in this "Canada of Ours." Those who are opposed to the adoption by the Country of a prohibitory law are about to bring all their forces to the front in support of their opinions, which they have a perfect right to do. The privilege of free discussion is accorded to all. The temperance party have no objection to the contest. No good ause ever lost by controversy. The prohibitionists are like the proverbial Trishman, they are only at peace when they are fighting.

Charles Tupper." In this day of light and knowledge, important questions are not settled by pugilistic encounters, but by argument, reason and sound sense, adds but another nail to its coffin.

one individual.

cough he has continued to live, and to that go to make up history in our little community and the liquor traffic has come in for its share.

The incidents of the past are easily forgotten. Recent events give place to their successors so rapidly that the mind fails to enumerate them as they fly—the ten thousand vicissitudes of life seem to bury them in the grave \$20,000,000 of an increase. of the long forgotten. There are times, however, when some incident of the present causes memory to sweep away the accumulated rubbish of years and resiruect from the longburied past events and characters which present their features and forms so vividly to the mental eye that the events of by-gone days seem but the occurrences of yesterday and individuals long forgotten seem to troop up and stare us in the face.

In this simple sketch of the sad renesday, and Tuesday and Saturday ours of the liquor traffic in this village there is no intention of wounding the feelings of anyone. This evil has been so wide spread that there are but few among us who have not been touched by it somewhere. There is plenty of room for mutual sympathy. The incidents of long ago only, will be noticed leaving to the memory of others those | self. The powers that will be sought | ing that all went home satisfied with of later years. For obvious reasons, names will not be given, none need shoulder responsibility. Dates for similar reasons will not appear. to Carson and from the boundary at and out as they chose, and we think The writer's pen will allowed to roam at the dictates of memory and to follow recollections as they loom up from the dim vista of the past. There will be no array of figures or attempt at statistical inmathematicians than myself but there will be a strict regard to facts as far LAWRENCE & ORMISTON, Will be a strict regard to facts as far as the knowledge of the writer ex-

When the writer first knew the vil-J. H. PRENTICE | lage of Richmond Hill there was in it six hotels and six stores. All of these places sold whiskey. No place of entertainment was furnished, no stock is now known as Innes' Mills. At that time, before the advent of the Northern Railway, Yonge Street was a greatly travelled thoroughfare. Loaded teams came from both sides of Simcoe sometimes twenty in procession. Their stopping place over night previous to their reaching the Toronto Market was our village. Travellers from the Upper Lakes and from the officials and tourists halted here on mature deaths.

(TO BE CONTINUED.) Our Ottawa Letter.

endeavor to close a contract with the time immemorial. The proclamation embrass or repair the success of any- may by the favor of God be ordained owners is responsible for the failure of | pies a column and a half to demonthemselves. This point probably es-caped the notice of the "Mail and his editorial and take less space." Empire" when they headed the item

with the line "Patriotism of Sir

STILL BOOMING. over 25%, the figures being, for 1897 parent of corruption in States" &c. \$40,397,002 as against \$51,098,123, for this yesr. This of course is proof that the products of Canada are increasingly in demand with outside costumers. The total of home produce sent abroad in 1897 was \$119,685,410, in the vear just closed it was \$139,402,279-

THE KETTLE RIVER BAILWAY. Judging from the notice in last week's "Canadian Gazette," the promoters of the Kettle River Railway, who were beaten in their endeavors to secure a charter during the last Session, after one of the most persistent and elaborately organized lobbies of recent years have not by any means throw up the sponge, for they adver-Falls and Northern Railway Com. ceeds for the evening were \$40.63.

pany. SO SORRY THEY SPOKE.

What would not some of the Conservatives give to recall all the pleasant things that they have said about Administrator Ogilvie. Who could have believed that the one man in whom the country could have confidence, who was absolutely above suspicion, who was in fact so near the angels in character and disposition A COINCIDENCE.

There is something singularly approtheir way to the Capital. Richmond printe in the coincidence of the arrival Hill was the Eldorado or the Klondyke of Sir Wiffrid Laurier's Cobden medal places made money by the handful, that tariff comes into full operation. Among these Merchants and Land- Had Richard Cobden and John Bright lords were men of the best business lived to see this first substantial ability, some of them noble hearted triumph in Canada of the undying fellows. They have all passed away, principles which they devoted their Not one of them died rich, most of lives to promulgate, they would inhad not been in vain.

SLIGHTLY HYSTERICAL.

Our friends in the other camp are dor's Solicitors. getting slightly hysterical as they see the chances of capturing the Provin-This is a curious principle enuncia- cial government by a legal technicality ted by Sir Charles Tupper in reference growing beautifully worse. They are to the fast Atlantic steamship line. now objecting because the proclama-Having taken solid comfort out of tiom calling the Legislature together what he claims to be a complete is drafted in the formal phraseology verification of his predictions of fail- that has always been in use in Canada

ure, he is reported to have expressed a | and was in fact copied from British hope that the Government would now | custon, having been in use there from Allan's of Montreal, adding, "the declares that the Legislature will be members of that firm can do much to | called upon to do those things " which body who would attempt to take it | - and the Mail and Empire editorial up." The unavoidable inference is writer who has apparently never that Sir Charles believes that this heard of this familiar formula handed noted firm of Canadian steam-ship down from the quaint old days, occuthe Peterson-Tate Company and con- strate what a set of designing blassequently for all the injury which it is | phemous hypocrites the Hardy Govclaimed such failure has done to the ernment must be. We would advise Canadian commerce, and in the same | him to write to the Home Office about beeath he advocates that they be it and get the formula amended—that rewarded by receiving the contract would have about as much effect as

. AS OTHERS SEE US.

The London (Eng.) Daily Chronicle recently had a lengthly article upon Canada in which some very selfevident truths were dwelt upon. The extraordinary increase in the Having referred to Lord Herschell and trade in Canada which was shown by | Sir Wilfrid Laurier as representing, and the temperance element know by the returns for the fiscal year which "a singularly powerful equipment of experience that every public agitation | closed with June and of which extend- | statesmanship," the gread daily speaks on the policy of the continuing of the ed notice has already been given in of "the astonishing activity and legal existence of the liquor traffic these letters will apparently be eclips- brilliancy of Canada's new developed by the next annual announcement, ment," and continues :- "Canada Taking our village as an illustration | that is if the first month can be taken | after years of stagation has in the of a thousand other villages where for as an indication of what is to follow. hands of a progressive and most enyears the liquor traffic has held its The custom returns for July as far as lightened statesmenship, sprung forsupremacy it may not be out of place received show the receipts to be \$2,- ward in the path of progress. She just at this juncture to look back and 445,491 as against \$1,386,167 for July has opened up new industries, new see what that traffic has done for 1897 and this does not include returns ways and methods of bringing their Richmond Hill within the memory of from distant outports; it is expected fruits to the gates of Europe. Her that when the full returns are in, they | trade is going up by leaps and bounds, The writer was born at a very early | will fully realize \$2,600,000, or an in- | and her statesmanship has kept pace period of his existence. The incident crease of nearly one and one quarter with her commercial genius. The occurred many years ago. Since that, millions on the corresponding month first lines of Imperial federation have to him if not to others an important of last year. One of the most gratify- been laid down for us by Sir Wilfrid event having run the gauntlet of the ing features of this magnificent show. Laurier, and bis colleagues. The tone measles, the croup and the whooping ing is the large increase in import of Canadian public life has greatly ations of free goods to be used in risen with the beating down of at least keep an eye of observation on matters | manufactures, these have increased | the worst fallacies of protection-that

Jefferson

A lawn social under the auspices of St. John'a church, Oak Ridges, was held in "Fair Lawn" at the home of Mr. Harry Legge, on July 30th. The grounds were artistically illuminated with Chinese Lanterns, which in the darkness of the evening presented a very picturesque scene. In the centre of the Lawn was constructed a booth where all the cool beverages and fruits of the season could be obtained. Here and there could be seen groups of two and four sitting around the tables enjoying the ice cream and cake which had been so abundantly prepared by tise their intention to make fresh the ladies of the church, and great application for a charter when parlia- | credit is due those young ladies who so ment re-assembles. This would ap- efficiently served up these delicacies. pear to negative the statement which | One would think while watching those received much credence after the de- in charge of the booth that the season feat of the bill that Mr. Corbin had of hard times had passed away. The sold out his interest to the C. P. R. Richmond Hill Brass Band was in at-The impression prevailing at the Capi- tendance and discoursed sweet music tal just now is that the Great North- at intervals during the evening. ern Railway Company are interested, There was a large crowd assembled to though it is quite probable that Mr. enjoy the evening notwithstanding Corbin has retained full interest him- the busy season and we feel safe in sayin the new bill will be to build a line the evening's outing. Mr. and Mrs. from the boundary at Cascade City B. | Legge hospitably threw open there C. along the valley of the Kettle River | house and all were welcome to pass in Midaway for twenty miles along the the thanks of the people are due them valley of the Boundary Creek; with for the use of their beautiful home on power to operate with the Spokane such an occassion. The gross pro-

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(To late for last week.)

FARM PROPERTY

There will be sold by public auction that one would fear for the possibility on Tuesday, the 16th day of August of his long continued sojourn upon A. D., 1898, at Ellston's Hotel, Richearth, could possibly be a relative of mond Hill, at 2 o'clock in the afterthe Minister of Interior? But such is noon by J. T. Saigeon, Auctioneer, the irony of fate, and now the Opposi- | the farm of the late Francis Helmkay. tion press are in a dilemma, of either | being (1) the West half of lot number having to go back on all they have 18 in the 2nd concession of the Townsaid in Mr. Ogilvie's favor or admit- ship of Markham, 100 acres more or ting that some good can come out less. (2) The South West quarter of of Nazareth. If only this little inci- lot number 19 in the second concession dent would teach them to be a little of Markham, 50 acres more or less. more decent in future when attacking | Upon the first parcel there is a large their opponents, the lesson would be brick dwelling, two bank barns, 35x60 worth all that it may be costing them. and 30x65. Commodious stabling for horses and cattle; shed; root cellar; pig pen; driving and implement sheds. There is a good well and a spring of living water. The property will be

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