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**Our Ottawa Letter.**

As the day for the departure of the second contingent draws near, the interest in its mobilization grows apace. To those who witnessed the departure of the first contingent it would have seemed scarcely possible that public enthusiasm could rise to a greater pitch than then, but after witnessing the demonstration in this city on Thursday afternoon, when thousands lined the streets for a couple of hours in one of the most intensely piercing winds that this winter has experienced, patiently and even good-humoredly waiting to witness the parade of the boys of D Battery, one is prepared to admit that at least there has been no diminution in the popular interest. Nor is it to be supposed for a moment that Ottawa is peculiar in this respect; reports from all over the country indicate the most widespread popular enthusiasm, coupled with an intelligent and critical observance of all the details of preparation. The Militia Department has been passing through an entirely new and very trying experience, which has been a severe test of its practical utility. With very little experience to aid it, the unusual situation has been courageously met, and it is gratifying to every true-hearted Canadian that the results have been in every way admirable, and that no finer body of men, either in physique or equipment, will be found in any part of the Imperial army.

**VIRTUE IS OWN REWARD.**

The splendid evidences which the Dominion has given of its sterling and practical loyalty to the Empire is bearing exceedingly tangible results. The British are first and foremost a commercial people, and while somewhat phlegmatic in temperament are very thorough in their appreciation when that sentiment is once aroused. No one will question that the evidences which Canada has given of her sympathy with the Empire in the present crisis is thoroughly genuine, and actuated by no ulterior motives, but the material benefits are there all the same, as is shown by the rapidly growing disposition on the part of the people of Great Britain to do business with us whenever it is possible and in preference to other countries. A characteristic instance of this is reported from Toronto where a leading wholesale dry goods firm wishing to repeat an order for a line of goods which had gone up in price wrote to the manufacturers in England by whom the first order was filled, and asked them to repeat at the previous figure. The answer "yes" was cabled at once, and this was followed by a letter, just received by the firm in Toronto, in the course of which it said: "We cannot refuse Canadians anything just now in view of the splendid patriotism they are showing and the sacrifice they are making for the Empire. Admiration and gratitude are universal here."

**Corporal Punishment.**

"Spare the rod and spoil the child," is an old saying, which is often quoted by some people who consider that parents and guardians of children should inflict corporal punishment for every offence, be it great or small. But a few years since it was not an unusual thing to hear of members of the teaching profession using the "birch rod" so severely that the recipient was marked; yes sometimes deformed for life. Of course this was mostly done while angry at the pupil, or without any consideration for the disposition of the child whose career in life may be thwarted and his good tendencies turned to evil ones by unjust punishment. A wise parent knows that at times he finds it prudent and for the welfare of his child to punish him. This he does, not on the spur of the moment, when vexed at his son's misconduct, but calmly and deliberately after he has shown to him the evil of his act and the consequences which naturally follow. He does all in a spirit of kindness and justice, and if rightly explained a very light chastisement will do more than a severe one without a judicious parent, a teacher should endeavor as far as possible to use such discretion in dealing with every pupil under his care. One great point gained is to know each child's disposition, then act accordingly. This takes time, but rather wait and observe than stunt the child in body or mind by hasty use of the "strap." Both parents and teachers are now more careful than ever in the matter and are aware that "strapping" for every offence will soon prevent the desired end, namely, reformation of the child and formation of good character. A few, however, judge a teacher's partiality by his apparent free dispensation of corporal punishment, but the majority know that favoritism may be shown in a hundred and one other ways. This form of punishment is sometimes found necessary in

our homes and in our schools, but let us inflict it cautiously, justly and kindly, so that the rising generation may not lay it to our charge that we in any way hindered their progress in physical, mental, moral, or spiritual advancement. Let us rule by sympathy, not coercion, and we shall secure the best discipline. Let us give our children freedom within the law, not slavery by the law.

**West York Liberals.**

The annual meeting of the West York Liberals held in the Eagle Hall, Weston on Monday, was largely attended from all parts of the riding. The president, Dr. Maclean, of Woodbridge, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. J. Anderson was in his place as secretary. After routine business was transacted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. P. D. Maclean; 1st Vice-President, A. B. Rice; 2nd Vice-President, D. L. Streight; Secretary, A. J. Anderson; Treasurer, W. A. Macdonald. An Executive including representatives from every polling sub-division was also elected. The constitution was amended so as to provide representation on the association for Dominion purposes for those parts of West York which are not included in the riding for Provincial purposes. During the afternoon resolutions were passed expressing continued confidence in the Government of the Dominion, as well as the Government of Ontario.

Good speeches were made by Mr. W. J. Hill, the local member, and Mr. J. H. McKenzie, Toronto. Both spoke hopefully of future prospects for the riding, and both referred to the necessity of thorough organization. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The banquet in the evening was most successful. After an excellent menu an interesting toast list was taken up, and the speeches which followed were thoroughly enjoyed. "The Empire" proposed by Mr. J. H. Mackenzie was responded to by Mr. A. B. Rice, 1st Vice-President. The Provincial "Government and Legislature" proposed by Mr. W. E. Roney, and responded to by Hon. J. M. Gibson and Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P. "The Dominion Parliament" proposed by Mr. A. J. Anderson and responded to by Mr. Arch Campbell, M. P., for West Kent. Other toasts were proposed and responded to in happy speeches, and one of the most enjoyable banquets in the history of the Association was brought to a close about 11 p. m. An orchestra was in attendance and good songs were sung by Mr. C. F. Hall of Toronto Junction.

**It Comes From Down East**

The reappearance in our columns, after an absence of some years, of the Kendall's Spavin Cure advertisement will be, to many of our readers, like looking upon the "face of a familiar friend." The early history of this well known remedy for lame and spavined horses is very interesting as showing the great faith in its virtues and the "down east" cuteness and foresight of a Vermont farmer. Many long years ago this shrewd agriculturist, who lived at the village of Enosburgh Falls, a charming little place, nestling among the green mountains of Vermont, had a valuable horse go lame and hearing much of a Spavin Cure, put up by Dr. Kendall, who resided in the village, decided to try it. The farmer was so struck by its marvellous effectiveness that he determined, if possible, to buy the formula. But to his utter surprise the figure demanded ran into the thousands, for the doctor was fully alive to the merits of his preparation and demanded a high price for his knowledge. The would-be purchaser was determined, however, and mortgaging his fine farm to the highest limit, against the advice of all his friends and neighbors, became the original owner with Dr. Kendall of this wonderful cure. But it was a hard, slow struggle, made none the easier to bear by his friends and neighbors constantly reminding him of what a fool he had made of himself. Still he persisted, and after a while small orders began to dribble in. Then the inevitable occurred; these small purchasers talked to their neighbors of the wonderful horse liniment they had got, and orders became more and yet more frequent, until eventually it became the most famous cure for lame and spavined horses in the country, and he reaped to the full the reward of his faith. The original company was years ago organized into a stock company, and ably officered by competent business men, who have been indispensable to its continued success. Kendall's Spavin Cure is still manufactured at the place of its birth—Enosburgh Falls, Vt.—but not the Enosburgh Falls of thirty years ago. This Spavin Cure has been the direct means of building up this pretty country village into quite an important place, with its opera house, water

works, sewers, electric lights, concrete walks, public library, and parks, with all the airs of a little city. Kendall's Spavin Cure is practically the backbone of the town.

One additional incident in the history of this growing business. During the formative period, Dr. Kendall wrote and issued a "Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," the sale and circulation of which has now reached about ten millions. This book, invaluable to horsemen, can now be obtained without charge by writing to the publishers—Dr. J. B. Kendall Co., Enosburgh Falls, Vt., U. S. A.

**Victoria Square**

Miss Ally Stoutenburgh and Mr. F. Graham spent Sunday with the former's parents. Mr. E. Gooderham is spending his vacation in York cutting ice. We have no organized choir for some Sundays but Mr. Ed. Forrester kindly hustled one up last Sunday. Revs. Messrs. Wellwood and Large are holding revival meetings at this place. The convention of the Methodist church for the township of Markham will be held at this place on the 25th and 26th of this month. There is to be a meeting at the residence of Mr. Thomas Kinck for the purpose of organizing a Beef Ring Association for the coming season. A few members of Victoria Square Rifle Club met and shot on the 200 yd. range. Scores were as follows:—

|             | Score | T1  |
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| C. P. Read  | 73    | 100 |
| G. Forester | 81    | 100 |
| W. Capell   | 71    | 100 |
| W. Scott    | 64    | 100 |

**Vinegar Hill**

Chicken Pox now holds chief sway. Our enterprising business man, Mr. Hickson, is now in the wood business. Anthony Nigh is laid up with rheumatism under the care of Dr. Thomas. Mr. Geo. McCague got his hand slightly crushed in a cutting-box. Miss Bella Beatty of Churchill has been visiting her brother, Will. Mrs. Gordon of Stayner visited her many friends and relatives last week. Mr. Gibbon and son have spent a few days at Mr. Samuel Honor's. Mrs. Wm. Beatty is spending a week at Aurora and Will finds it lonely keeping "batch." Mr. John Hickson has been elected superintendent of Victoria Square Sabbath School. Mrs. Honor spent a few days with Mr. A. Baker.

**Division Court**

His Honor Judge Morgan needed less than two hours to dispose of the cases that came before him at the court held here on Thursday, the greater number having been settled before the court opened. The following were heard:—Lloyd, P. C. vs. Evans, P. D. and Archibald, Garnishee—This case was adjourned until next court. Lloyd vs. Patton—Judgment summons, \$58.64 Defendant ordered to pay into court \$1 a month. Chapman, P. C., vs. Readman, P. D., Trusee No. 6 Vaughan, Garnishee—Amount of claim \$9.67. Judgment against Primary Debtor, and Garnishee discharged. Lloyd vs. Morton—Judgment summons \$129.43, adjourned until next court. Cook, P. C., Clark, P. D., and Lahmer, Garnishee—\$12.77. Judgment against P. D. for amount paid into court by garnishee, \$12.85. Graham, P. C., Londery, P. D., and Hart Garnishee—Claim of \$12.15 for board, &c. Adjudged from last court. Judgment for plaintiff \$15 and costs.

**High School Notes**

Prof. Mackenzie gave the pupils a short but instructive address on Phrenology Tuesday morning at recess. His remarks, illustrated by charts, diagrams and a collection of skulls of various animals, indicate that their instincts and habits were largely influenced by the development of the brain as shown by the shape of the skull. The Literary Society will prepare for another public meeting sometime early in February. Do not miss it. The students, much refreshed from the Christmas holidays, are working as a whole very faithfully. The scholars are very much warmer and more comfortable since Forms II, and I, were seated in the large classroom down stairs. The books for the library are expected shortly. Come to the Literary Society meeting at 3.30 to-morrow. You are welcome. Ripans Tabules cure torpid liver. Ripans Tabules cure liver troubles. Ripans Tabules: gentle cathartic.