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Our Ottawa Letter.

SATANIC LANGUAGE.

In the course of a sermon in a lead-
ing Methodist Church in Toronto last
Sunday according to the Evening
News of that city, she preacher is re-
ported to have condemned in the most
emphatic terms, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
Mr. Tarte and the rest of those French
demigods who have tried since the
hostilities began, to stir up racial
strife between the French and Eng-
lish." The best reply that could be
made to such absurdities is the follow-
ing stinging rebuke by the Montreal
Witness, the recognized exponent of
the views of the English and Protest-
ant minority of the Province of Quebec
in which if any where this racial
strife would be felt:—"More satanic
language than the above from the To-
ronto evening News" says the Witness
"we have never seen in print. We do
not hold the preacher mentioned for
the astounding calumny with which
he is credited, as a paper which would
so traduce the man who has done more
than any statesman Canada ever had
on behalf of British connection, and
who is true to his country, in spite of
such little-minded malice and hideous
ingratitude, would misrepresent any
one to gain its base political ends. As
for the stirring up of racial strife, the
whole of the anti-Laurier press has
never ceased to fume with it. While
the French organ of Sir Charles Tupper
has been supplying its readers with
anti-British sensations the English
ones are doing everything that lan-
guage can do towards making our fel-
low countrymen bitter toward us. No
More effective method to this end
could possibly be adopted than the
pouring of such unscrupulous venom
upon those of them that have been
utterly true and splendidly loyal."

INEXCUSABLE DISCRIMINATION.

The railway commission proposal
has received further attention this
week, and no better evidence of the
necessity of effective action and that
with no undue delay, could be produc-
ed, than the figures quoted by Mr.
Campbell of Kent. He said that last
year the rate for flour for export from
Toronto to Montreal, 334 miles, was
1½ cents per hundred pounds while
from Chicago, 500 miles further west,
to the same sea port the rate was only
15 cents per hundred pounds. At the
same time from Guelph, Galt, Strat-
ford and other outside milling centres,
the charge to Montreal was 1½ cents,
per hundred pounds more than the
rate from Chicago. Last year too, the
Americans could send flour from De-
troit to Montreal for export, for 1½
cts., or three cents less than the Toron-
to millers had to pay. It is not neces-
sary to point out how injurious such dis-
crimination is to the Canadian export
trade, or how greatly its abolition
would stimulate the business of the
Dominion. There can be no question
that it is time to provide a remedy for
this condition of affairs.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Last week I referred to an inquiry
made in the House respecting the
alleged abuse of franking privileges by
members of the Government, and on
Thursday afternoon the Opposition
had the assurance to reintroduce the
matter and nearly the whole sitting
was wasted in a by no means profitable
discussion. There is no doubt in the
world that franking privileges of
members and Ministers have, to put it
mildly, been construed by both parties
in the most liberal manner, but as Mr.
Fraser of Guynborough pointed out,
when there is a doubt as to the mean-
ing of a law the recognized procedure
of the courts is to endeavor to ascer-
tain what was the intention of those
who framed it; and he showed, much
to the amusement of the House, the
extremely generous way in which the
late Government construed their own
Order-in-Council for the benefit of
themselves and their friends. Consid-
erable ingenuity was displayed by the
Opposition in their endeavor to wriggle
from the charge, that for the eight-
een years of their administration, and
for every month of each of those years,
they had knowingly and grossly,
abused their privileges in this respect.
There was no pretence on the part of
the Government that the wrong doing
of one party should excuse similar
actions in their opponents, but that
such similar action had occurred since
the present Administration took
office, was denied, and abundant proof
produced in support of that denial. It
would however be more edifying to
the country and in better keeping
with the dignity of Parliament, if all
hands were to adopt Mr. Fraser's sug-
gestion, and mutually agree on a more
strict interpretation of the law in
future.

Maple

The concert given by the Literary
Society on Wednesday evening was
very successful. The proceeds amount-
ed \$28, and as announced this will be
used in aid of the National Patriotic
Fund. The hall was tastefully deco-
rated with Union Jacks, evergreens
and pictures for the occasion, and in

spite of the stormy evening was well
filled. The programme was a lengthy
and varied one, and most of the selec-
tions were of a patriotic character.
Dr. Sisley made an excellent chairman,
and performed his duties acceptably.
The choruses, "Victoria Our Queen,"
"Sons of the Sea" and "Up With the
Flag," were sung by the chorus club of
the society and were much enjoyed.
The soloists were Mrs. (Dr.) Sisley,
Mrs. E. Elliott, Miss Edith Keffer, Miss
Gertie Stewart, Mr. W. L. Keffer and
Mr. J. Blough, who all sang in a very
pleasing manner and were heartily en-
coored. Mr. W. L. Keffer and Mr. J.
Blough fairly brought down the house
in a duet, personating Paul Kruger
and General Buller. Recitations were
given by Miss Emma Byam, Miss
Nellie Campbell and Mr. W. Robinson,
all of whom held the close attention of
the audience by the excellent render-
ing of their selections. Two amusing
numbers of the programme were a
dialogue entitled, "Bridget's Invest-
ment" by five members of the society
and a dialogue, "Why We Never
Married" by seven maids and bachelors.
The programme closed with a fancy
flag drill by sixteen young ladies
dressed in white, who went
through the different movements very
gracefully. Rev. C. A. Campbell, Rev.
J. W. Stewart and Rev. E. Dymond
were present and each gave a short ad-
dress. The society is to be congratulated
on the success of the entertainment,
as the object for which it was held is
such a worthy one.

A quiet wedding took place at the
residence of Mr. John Kinnee on Wed-
nesday 21st inst., when Sadie, his
adopted daughter, was married to Mr.
Marshall Hunt, of Carlisle, Ont. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. J.
W. Stewart, in the presence of a few
intimate friends of the bride and
groom.

Rev. J. W. Stewart exchanged pul-
pits with Rev. Mr. Strachan, of Tem-
peranceville circuit on Sunday last.

Miss Florence Valantyne, of Sunder-
land, visited at the parsonage over
Sunday.

Pte. C. E. Jackson, of Norway, who
was killed while fighting at Modder
River, was a second cousin of T.
Cousins of this place.

Mr. Arnold, of Nashville, and Mr.
W. T. Robinson, of this place, have
been auditing the books of the Town-
ship at the clerk's office the past few
days.

Carrville

There have been revival meetings
going on here for the past six weeks
and much good has been the result.

A few of our young people assem-
bled at the home of Mr. E. Chapman
on Friday evening and spent a very
enjoyable time. The time passed all
too quickly in games and other amuse-
ments, and when the time came for
going home all returned well pleased
with the way they had been received
and entertained by the host and host-
ess.

Miss Maggie Snider spent a couple
of days last week in Toronto calling on
old acquaintances and reported a good
time when she returned.

Miss Hannah Readman of Stouffville
is spending several weeks with her
sister, Mrs. George Drury.

Miss Mary Snider, formerly of Carr-
ville, who now resides in Rainy River
District, near Pine Wood, was united
in the bonds of matrimony to Mr.
James Telson, a well-known young
man of that place, on the twenty-first
of February. The wedding took place
at her brother's residence where a
large number of friends gathered to
witness the ceremony, which was per-
formed by the Rev. G. W. Fisher of
Rat Portage. The bride was attired
in blue silk finished with cream silk
and pearl trimmings. Miss Teresa
acted as bridesmaid while Mr. A. A.
Snider, brother of the bride, acted as
groomsman. Her presents were both
useful and numerous.

Mr. Granger returned home after
three week's visit at Finches' Corners.
Mrs. James Vanderburgh paid a fly-
ing visit to parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Prentice.

Thornhill.

Rev. F. C. Keam preached in Rich-
mond Hill Sunday evening.

Two rinks from Newmarket came
down Friday and defeated our curlers
in a friendly match. The combined
scores were Newmarket 40, Thornhill
22. Dr. Dame and F. J. Gallanough
skipped for the home rinks and T. H.
Brunton and F. Stewart for the visit-
ors.

The prize-winners at Friday's car-
nival were:—best lady's costume, Miss
Irwin; best girl's costume, Miss W.
Houghton; best gent's costume, Mr.
R. Wilson; best comic character,
Master Peter Nelles.

A championship race between Fred
J. Robson, amateur champion of To-
ronto, and J. Graham, Markham's
champion skater will take place in the
rink here on Saturday evening of this
week. Thornhill Band will be in at-
tendance.

Victoria Square

On Wednesday, 21st inst., the W.
M. S. held their parlor social. During
the afternoon they welcomed the rep-
resentatives from the W. M. S. of the
Melville Presbyterian Church, after
which a sumptuous tea was served
from 5 to 8 p. m.

A good programme followed, Rev.
Mr. Wellwood occupying the chair.
Mrs. W. Scott read a paper, "Why a
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Should Exist"; Mrs. J. Hickson gave
a reading entitled "Why our Society
did not Disband"; Mr. Ed. Forester
fluently delivered a recitation; Miss
Lehman and Mrs. Jackson sang a
duet. There was also a duet by Misses
M. Klink and O. Jennings, and some
instrumentals by Miss A. Fierheller
and Mr. E. McKenzie. The proceeds
amounted to \$10.40.

King Township Council

King Municipal Council met at
Schomberg Feb. 24th, 1900.

The following bills were paid:—
F. Brown, repairs to bridge...\$ 2.00
A. Wells, grant 3rd con... 51.30
Can. Sewer Pipe Co., pipes... 216.19
H. Hamilton, tax refund... .75
C. Patterson, reg. births, etc... 41.80
E. Quinlan, unloading sewer pipe 2.50
T. H. Legge, stone for Yonge st 63.00
J. Billings, salary... 29.00
E. Braund, hardware... 1.68
W. Ough, hardware... 1.04
G. T. R., freight... 20.25
Hart & Riddle, bank forms... 16.20
S. Hilborn, rent of hall... 3.00
W. J. Wells, postage... 2.00
T. J. Norman, serv's as M.H.O. 2.50
R. Caldwell, lumber... 6.02
T. J. Robertson, legal fee... 3.00
Fleury Sons, rep's to rd. mach. 8.90
W. H. Proctor, bal. lumber acc. 1.95
A. S. Armstrong, legal expenses
re McArthur & Pottage... 38.00
A. R. Fawcett, bal. print'g acc. 60.00
Duncan Megill, tax refund... 1.00
W. J. Wells, bal. salary as col'r 20.00
J. Edwards, " " 30.00
Gallauger—Legge—that \$15.00 be
granted to W. H. Tew, to expend in
the purchase of necessities for Julia
Cutting, and the same amount be
granted to A. Hambleton to purchase
like necessities for Mrs. Shropshire.
—Carried.

Gallauger—Rogers—that T. H.
Legge be authorized to notify the Met-
ropolitan Ry. to cease placing snow on
the travelled part of Yonge St. and to
remove what they have already placed
there at once and if they fail, to place
the matter before the County R. R.
Committee.—Carried.

Rogers—Burns—that the bonds of the
treasurer for \$36,000.00, with Jacob
Walton, David Lloyd, T. H. Lloyd and
J. H. Walton as bondsmen be accepted
as satisfactory.—Carried.

Gallauger—Legge—that \$50.00 be
granted for graveling 12th con. oppo-
site lots 21 and 22, J. Watson and Jas.
Coulter to be commissioners to expend
the same.—Carried.

Legge—Rogers—that Messrs. Burns
and Gallauger to be a committee to
ask for and accept tenders for the
building of a suitable bridge over the
Humber River on 11th con. line of
King, they to use their discretion as
to design, and to have the work done
as soon as possible.—Carried.

Legge—Burns—that this council do
now adjourn to meet at Hogan's Hotel
King City, on Saturday March 3rd.
next.—Carried.

SIMEON LEMON,
CHAS. PATTERSON, Reeve.
Clerk.

Jefferson.

On the evening of the 14th of Febru-
ary a number of the members and
friends of St. John's church, assembled
at the home of Mr. Thos. Legge, Oak
Ridges, and presented the organist,
Miss Libbie Legge, with a purse, ac-
companied by an address. The recip-
ient expressed her appreciation of the
remembrance in a ladylike and un-
assuming manner, and a pleasant eve-
ning was spent together. The follow-
ing is the address:—

To Miss Libbie Legge:

DEAR FRIEND,—We, the members
of St. John's church, Oak Ridges, take
this opportunity of showing our ap-
preciation of your services as organist
for the past ten years, of presenting
you with this purse, and small as the
amount may be that is contained
therein we desire to express our grate-
tude to you for the kind and cheerful
way in which you have labored and
helped us in connection with our
church. We ask you to accept this as
a slight token of our esteem towards
you, and we all trust that God will
ever be with you, and also wishing you
a happy and prosperous life. We re-
main your friends and well wishers.

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