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**Letter From Mr. Keffer**

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

Dear Sir, I promised in my next let-  
ter to say something about irrigation,  
but the first thing I must say about it  
is that we had no need of irrigation  
this season as we had an abundance of  
rain during the growing season. As  
it was in Ontario, so it was here, ex-  
ceptionally wet during the  
months of May and June, the precipi-  
tation for the two months being some-  
thing over 22 inches, which would be  
about 6 inches more than the average  
yearly rainfall. The result was that  
we had good crops—hay and grain  
without irrigation. The question of  
whether this country is arid, semi-arid,  
or of average rainfall is to my mind  
an open question. That there are ex-  
ceptionally dry years cannot be dis-  
puted. That good crops can be grown  
with the average rainfall I think pos-  
sible, but that first class crops can be  
grown every year by the judicious use  
of irrigation is beyond dispute. As  
some of your readers no doubt are  
not familiar with irrigation, I will en-  
deavor to explain as briefly as possible  
what it is. Irrigation is the artificial  
application of water to growing crops.  
It acts as a fertilizing agent by the  
salts carried in suspension in the  
water, so that irrigated land does not  
readily wear out. As an evidence of  
this, the Nile valley in Egypt which  
has been cultivated for centuries, or  
nearer home in the state of Colorado,  
wheat crop after wheat crop has been  
taken off the land without material  
reduction in the yield. The extra  
yield of crops under irrigation as well  
as quality will much more than pay  
the extra expense of applying the  
water. I have been told by people  
who have farmed under both systems  
that they much preferred to farm  
when irrigation was necessary and  
practised. There are different methods  
of applying the water, but the one em-  
ployed here is known as the flooding  
system. The water is brought  
from the main canal by a later-  
al ditch to the highest point of  
the land to be irrigated. From there  
it is taken over the land by small dis-  
tributing laterals or furrows and al-  
lowed to flow over the land as far as  
it will. When one portion of the  
field is sufficiently watered the open-  
ings through which the water escap-  
es are closed by a shovelful of earth,  
and the water carried to another part  
of the field, and the process repeated.  
It is claimed that one man can attend  
to the irrigation of 80 acres. I have  
been told by a man who practised ir-  
rigation in British Columbia, that he  
could irrigate 100 acres here himself.  
The water is sold by the irrigation Co.  
by the cubic foot or fraction thereof  
passing a given point in each second  
of time. A box pipe, 1 ft. deep and  
1 ft. wide filled with water, flowing at  
the rate of 1 foot in a second of time,  
would represent "1 cubic foot per sec-  
ond," sometimes called a "second  
foot." One second foot of water is  
considered the allowance for 100 acres,  
and will cost \$150 per year. The set-  
tler on irrigated lands can secure from  
the company by agreement, one cubic  
foot per second, or any part thereof  
for each 1/2 second and the continued  
yearly payment of the water sent se-  
cures for all time to come the amount  
of water contracted for, but the failure  
to pay the rental for any two  
years in succession, annuls the con-  
tract and the company may sell the  
water, covered by the agreement to  
any other applicant. These are some  
of the features of irrigation. To  
some of your readers the annual tax  
for water may seem at first glance a  
bit income, but the people who have  
purchased land here seem to think  
more of the "possible" failure of the  
Company to supply the water, than of  
the payment of the rent for it. The  
crops as I said before were good, as  
much as a ton per acre, of native hay be-  
ing cut in some places, of first class qual-  
ity, equal to timothy for feeding pur-  
poses. It is hard to get the exact aver-  
age yield of grain per acre as most  
people are just started and simply guess  
at the number of acres, but I will give  
you my own yield of oats, sown on  
spring breaking the last few days of  
May. The land was measured and the  
grain measured as it was threshed.  
The yield was 47 bushels per  
acre, weighing 42 lbs. per bushel. My  
crop seemed to be an average for the  
district. Barley was a remarkably  
good crop, but I have not been able to  
get any reliable data in regard to the  
yield. There is no doubt that barley  
is destined to become the staple  
crop of this district, as owing to its  
valuable malting properties the bar-  
ley grown here will be much sought  
after. It is a significant fact that the  
State of Montana just to the south of  
us where the soil, altitude and climate  
conditions are similar to those of  
Southern Alberta, has a world-wide  
reputation for the production of Mal-  
ting Barley. Millions of bushels are  
raised there annually, (under irri-  
gation) and shipped to Eastern States  
and Europe. The average yield under  
irrigation is from 55 to 75 bushels per  
acre. We have here already a brev-

ery in operation and malt house in  
course of construction, and another  
company intends starting a very large  
malting plant either in Lethbridge or  
the new town of Raymond. Flax can  
be grown to perfection here, and I am  
informed that a flax mill will be erect-  
ed in one of the adjacent towns.  
There is no doubt that cereals of all  
kinds will do well here; also the dif-  
ferent grasses. Mixed farming would  
pay remarkably well here, as the  
prices for the different products would  
show. Butter, 25 to 30 cents; Cheese,  
retails at 18 cents; Eggs, 18 to 40 cents  
per dozen; Dressed Pork, \$9.00 per  
hundred; Dressed poultry is out of  
sight; Potatoes, from 1 1/2 to 2 cents per  
lb.; Vegetables and garden stuff is  
also high, while small fruits such as  
currants, gooseberries, strawberries,  
raspberries, all of which can be grown  
to perfection, will command very high  
prices. Then products will always  
find a ready market in the rapidly  
growing towns of the Kootenay min-  
ing district of which this is undoubt-  
edly the gateway. Work has been  
commenced on the new sugar factory  
in Raymond and will be prosecuted  
vigorously so that it may be ready to  
handle the beet crop of next year.  
About 15 months ago I travelled over  
the place where now stands the new  
town of Raymond and there was not  
a thing to be seen but grass. It is  
laid out in the form of the Union Jack  
which augurs well for its future loyal-  
ty to the flag. Last spring if you  
stood on the rolling hills, about mid-  
way between Lethbridge and Ray-  
mond and looking south you could see  
nothing but the rolling prairie; now  
you would find it dotted with the  
homes of the settlers, and this is but  
a tithe of what will occur next spring.  
I have been told by a gentleman who  
is in a position to know, that the rush  
next spring will be like the rush to  
the Klondike. "So be it," there is  
plenty of room. Mr. T. S. Dennis,  
who for some years Deputy Minister  
of Public Works here, has just pre-  
pared a plan for a system of irrigation  
embracing a couple of million acres  
between Calgary and Medicine Hat,  
along the main line of the C. P. R.,  
which may in the near future become  
an established fact and will mean  
much for the settlement of Alberta.

There are many other things that I  
would like to touch upon but space  
forbids. I will be pleased at any time  
to give any of your readers any in-  
formation I can in regard to this part  
of the world. Apologizing for the  
length of this letter,  
I remain yours truly  
A. E. KEFFER.

**Presbyterian Church**

On New Year's Eve a large atten-  
dance of the Presbyterian Congrega-  
tion assembled in the school room of  
the Church, to show their esteem  
for the minister and his wife. At  
eight o'clock a messenger came to the  
manse door and announced that Mr.  
and Mrs. Grant's presence was request-  
ed in the church.

Mr. Wm. Innes presided over the  
meeting, which was opened by sing-  
ing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that  
binds." The chairman in the course  
of his address said that he was de-  
lighted to be present at such a  
meeting. It was a pleasant way for  
the congregation to end the closing  
hours of the year. He concluded by  
asking Mr. and Mrs. Grant to come  
forward as the congregation had  
something to say to them. Mrs. John  
Boyle then in the name of the con-  
gregation, read the following address,  
at the same time Mrs. Brydon and Mrs.  
Boyle presented them each with a  
purse well filled with five dollar bills:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grant—As a con-  
gregation, we have met here this evening  
on the last day of the year to  
show our appreciation of our pastor  
for his long and faithful services.

We also feel deeply grateful that  
God in his goodness has seen fit to re-  
store our pastor's faithful wife to her  
wondered health and strength.

We trust that you may both be  
spared for many years of service in  
the Lord's vineyard, and we hope that  
you will accept from the congregation  
this purse as a small token of our love  
and regard for you both.

MRS. FARQUHARSON  
MRS. CLARK  
JESSIE MOODIE  
MRS. BOYLE  
MRS. J. H. BRYDON.

Mr. Grant in thanking the con-  
gregation on behalf of Mrs. Grant and  
himself said that they had been com-  
pletely taken by surprise. The way  
in which it had been done about  
showed that they had done their busi-  
ness quietly and lovingly. We value  
highly the gift of money but much  
more highly do we appreciate the sen-  
timent of love and good will expressed  
for us in the address. And our prayer  
is that this feeling may long exist be-  
tween us all. During the eight years  
of our ministry amongst you the time  
has appeared very short, because we  
have ever received from you the great-  
est kindness and respect. Not only  
from you as our congregation but

from the whole community have we  
received Christian courtesy and sym-  
pathy, and we rejoice that the lines  
have fallen to us in such pleasant  
places as Richmond Hill and Thorn-  
hill. We will endeavor in future, as  
in the past to exercise whatever  
power God may give us to do the best  
we can for the mutual help of one an-  
other. For these gifts received from  
you now, and those received from the  
sister congregation of Thornhill on  
Christmas Eve we thank you heartily  
and wish you all a happy New Year.

After the presentation a musical  
programme consisting of vocal and in-  
strumental selections was beautifully  
rendered. Before the meeting closed a  
social time was spent over tea and  
cake abundantly provided by the  
ladies. The singing of Auld Lang Syne  
brought the very pleasant meeting to  
a close.

**Vaughan Election**

The following returns have been  
handed in by Mr. J. B. McLean, Clerk  
and Returning Officer for the town-  
ship of Vaughan:

**FOR REEVE:**

Sub-Division.	Boyle	Watson
No. 1, Thornhill	77	6
2, Patterson	93	9
3, Edgely	46	48
4, Maple	65	83
5, Pine Grove	9	100
6, Purpleville	20	52
7, Elder's Mills	36	53
8, Kleinburg	45	31
	391	385

Majority for Boyle, 6.

**FOR COUNCILLORS.**

Sub-Division	Dalziel	Devins	Longhouse	Malloy	McNair	Thomas
No. 1	40	11	23	30	62	24
2	12	12	47	31	93	19
3	68	22	67	54	35	66
4	27	25	63	111	51	127
5	30	46	91	87	11	23
6	15	33	33	64	10	48
7	49	53	90	41	11	14
8	29	82	59	41	12	34
	270	294	483	462	288	352

The council for 1903 will be com-  
posed of the following: Reeve, John N.  
Boyle; Councillors, D. C. Longhouse,  
D. M. Malloy, Wm. Thomas and Isaac  
Devins.

**AT HALF MAST.**

Sometimes we are greeted in the  
morning by flags at half-mast for some  
prominent official who yesterday  
was apparently in perfect health.  
When we inquire the ailment by  
which he was stricken it is not un-  
common to be told "acute indiges-  
tion" or "stomach trouble."

It is time people learned that in-  
digestion or any form of  
"stomach trouble" is not a  
thing to trifle with. The  
result may not be fatal,  
but there can be no  
condition of diseased  
stomach which does  
not carry with it phys-  
ical loss and weakness.  
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cures indigestion and  
other forms of disease  
affecting the stomach  
and its allied organs of  
digestion and nutrition.  
It enables the perfect dig-  
estion and assimilation of  
food.

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Medical Discovery," writes Mr.  
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has done me any good. I tried every-  
thing I could think of to cure indiges-  
tion, and found I was only throwing  
away money. Then I heard of Doctor  
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and tried a  
bottle of it, and to my joy found it was doing  
me good. I used six bottles of it, and am now  
cured. It is the best medicine on earth."

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a thorough manner; it gives the  
health that is all health; the strength  
that is solid, substantial and lasting;  
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genuine, complete, renewed vitality and  
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ical Discovery." There is nothing "just  
as good" for diseases of the stomach,  
blood and lungs.

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stipation and its consequences.

**Vaughan Council.**

The next meeting of the Council of the Muni-  
cipality of Vaughan will be held in  
the Town Hall, Ye Olde, on

**MONDAY, JAN. 12, 1903,**  
at 11 a. m.  
JAS. B. McLEAN, Clerk