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King Council.

King Council held an adjourned meeting at Harris Hotel, Schomberg on Saturday, May 12th, 1906.

Members all present. Reeve Legge in the Chair. A petition was presented to council by Wm. Breddon and some 33 other ratepayers praying the council to repair a certain road opposite lot 19, con. 10, making said road passable at all seasons of the year.

Norman—Burns—That the Reeve and councillors Deacon and McMurphy be a committee to examine the road at lot 19, con. 10, and order such repairs as they may deem best.

Norman—McMurphy—That the school board of section No. 18, Tp. of King, be and is hereby empowered to borrow from the municipality the sum of \$60.00 at 6%. To be paid on or before the 15th December, 1906.

By-Law No. 176—To determine the several road divisions within the Township, and by-law No. 177, to divide the Township into Road Grading Divisions and define the duties of Grading Machine Operators, and By-Law No. 178, defining the duties of overseers of highways, received their several readings and passed.

Council adjourned to meet at Temperance Hall, Kettleby, Saturday, May 26th, as a Court of Revision and other business.

News Notes.

The accountant of the High Court of Justice has paid over to Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright \$2,000, made up of \$500 cash and of a check on the Traders' Bank for \$1,500, being the amount of money deposited in the court by Mr. R. R. Gamey, M.P.P., at the time of the investigation three years ago into charges made by Mr. Gamey. The money, the member for Manitoulin claimed, was paid to him as a bribe. An order in Council has been passed by the Government under an act passed last session, ordering the payment to the Hospital for Sick Children of the \$2,000 estreated by the commission who heard the Gamey charges.

A LURID DOOM

(BY A BANKER)

Caused doubtless by an irruption of the ocean through a cleft into the incandescent inner crust of the earth, thereby generating an overwhelming and irresistible volume of steam, that safety valve of Europe, Vesuvius, has once more been the scene of a terrible display of Nature's forces, in presence of which proud man is as helpless and as impotent as a crushed worm.

Ominous rumblings and smothered detonations warn those whose homes were scattered around the very jaws of the fiery earth-vent that an outburst of unusual severity must be expected. And in a moment it is upon them. With a strident roar as of ten thousand thunders, huge masses of red-hot rock, volleyed high in air, crush to death all upon whom they fall; clouds of sand and mud and ashes obscure the sun, and instead of the wondrous azure of the Italian sky, a lurid murky gloom darkens the air, making more vivid the tongues of devouring flame which belch forth from rents in the mountain sides, or are wildly vomited from the reeking crater; and causing the great balls of livid fire, which from time to time are hurled from it as from the mouth of a huge piece of ordnance, to appear even more terrible and awe-inspiring.

And now with a hissing blast which rends the air with its deafening stridor, fiery rivers of liquid rock burst forth in all directions, surging and eddying down the steep sides of the mountain, now plunging headlong down over a lofty beetling precipice, a cataract of flame and molten stone; now, still almost red-hot, surroundings and overwhelming a village, deluging the lower apartment with the smoking vicious fluid, and, gripping in its fell clasp those wretched creatures too infirm to flee, sepulchres them uncoffined and unknelt; and now igniting, one after another, church, or cottage, or homestead, until the place is transformed as it were into a lurid horror, an antechamber of hell.

And so it goes on, a very inferno, a dire cataclysm of lethal ruin and death; red-hot rocks raining upon them from above; the terrible torrents of lava engulfing them in fiery desolation and destruction; and the booming, sepulchral thunder and flashes of flame from the ever burning interior fires of the earth, causing even the most intrepid to quail, terror-struck and aghast.

But what will it be when this earth of ours will be burnt up and the powers of the universe shall be shaken. Then will those who have forgotten their God quail indeed with mortal terror and alarm; while those who have served Him, and whose misdeeds have been atoned for by the sufferings of the Messiah endured on their behalf as the punishment due to them, will look up in ecstatic joy. For they know that their redemption is at hand.

WHAT CIGARETTES CAN DO

The evil effect of cigarette smoking upon youth was again illustrated in the case of a Malden, Mass., schoolboy, who although fourteen year and eight months old, is going backward in his mental development and who can hardly write his own name.

The boy's case was called to the attention of the school board by his application for a certificate to enable him to go to work. He stayed away from school two weeks. To-day the boy was back in the third grade of the Emerson Primary School, where the average age of the other pupils is between eight and nine years.

The boy is declared by the Superintendent of Malden schools to be a ruined youth, a mental and physical wreck. He has a tobacco heart. His ambition is gone. He has smoked cigarettes since he was about eight years of age. He has not advanced beyond the lower grades since his entrance to school, nearly ten years ago.

"How many cigarettes do you smoke a day?" he was asked.

"O sometimes a dozen," he replied, "sometimes about forty, I guess."

"Why do you smoke?" "Can't help it; tried to stop it and can't." "Do you know it hurts you?" "Sure. Get a pain in my side when I run, and have to sit down and rest. Get out of breath."

"Where do you buy them?" "I can buy them lots of places."

"What is your teacher's name?" Daniel thought a minute, then announced that he knew, but couldn't remember.

The boy's pulse to-day was 100. According to his teachers he has not the slightest ambition to learn. He was given the numbers 4, 3, 1 and 5 to add. He made the total 76.

The principal of the Emerson school said that she had taken an interest in the boy and had tried to help him, but her efforts seemed to meet with no success.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE BANQUET.

On Saturday evening a gay festivity was held in Willowdale School Hall. It was the Anniversary Banquet of the Division of the Sons of Temperance which was organized there about two years ago, and which since then has continued to advance till today they hold the Silver trophy indicating the largest advance of any Division in the Province, besides having for two years been honored with one of their number on the Executive of the Grand Division, Rev. A. P. Brace at present being Grand Worthy Associate.

The arrangement for the evening would, many declared, have done credit to a very much larger place. There was nothing left undone to make it one of the most pleasant evenings in the Division's history. Each member was supposed to invite one who was not a member of the Society, and it is firmly believed that this will result in a great accession to the membership. The Grand Division was well represented in the presence of P. G. W. P., J. O. McCarthy and wife; G. W. P., F. C. Ward and wife; P. G. W. P., S. Holland; and G. S., J. M. Walton, also Chas. Ward and Miss McCarthy of Toronto. After having done ample justice to the good things provided a very interesting list of toasts were ably proposed and responded to by the oratory and skill of those present. Interspersed were some very fine selections of Music and Recitation. Mr. J. O. McCarthy acted as Toastmaster and filled the chair with much credit to himself and with great pleasure to all. The 120 who were present were loud in their praises of the evening and look forward to another year with pleasurable anticipations. Much credit is due to those young men and women who so loyally worked to bring it to so successful an issue. The Division under Alfred Breaker, Worthy Pat, riarch and his officers spared no time or expense to do all that was possible to bring about their desired end. Everyone predicts that there will be a great accession to the membership.

As a fitting climax to this most interesting event on Sunday evening the Division gathered in a body in Willowdale Methodist church which was crowded to the doors. The service was of a most interesting character, and gave inspiration to all. The music was excellent. P. G. W. P., Mr. S. Holland took part in the service, and P. G. W. P., J. O. McCarthy gave a remarkable fine address to all present which will long be remembered. No preacher could have so well held an audience as he did while he poured inspiration and pathos into ready hearts, and there is no doubt that the words will bear fruit in the uplift of humanity. The young people of Willowdale and Newton Brook are to be congratulated on the wonderful interest they have shown in this very important cause.

In the company of Newton Brook League there were all told 53 who went down to the District League

Rally which was held in the Yonge St. Methodist church. They were rewarded for their zeal during the year by having one of their number, Miss Rie-brough elected to the position of 4th vice president of the District. This League is very much alive which is shown by the report of the year just closed.

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