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The Globe of Tuesday stated editorially that "Many hotel proprietors are appealing for privileged treatment or assessment, alleging that they have been losing money since the abolition of the bars." From a temperance standpoint we believe The Globe is unwise in discouraging privileged treatment where such seems necessary. The Globe made a good fight in abolishing the bars. Now that they are closed we ought to take an interest in seeing that legitimate hotelkeeping can be made to pay. Some day we shall vote to see if bars and strong drink are to be restored as they were before the war. If we can point to good hotels and good accommodation it will go a long way in persuading many a man to cast his vote against beer and whisky bars.

**More Accommodation for Consumptives**  
The new Forty Bed Pavilion at the Muskoka Free Hospital, constructed last fall but which, owing to shortage of coal and the difficulty of securing help, the Trustees were obliged to let stand idle during the winter, will be opened shortly.

Although one hundred additional beds were added last year, this great Hospital again finds difficulty in providing accommodation for its three hundred patients and the addition of forty more beds is anxiously awaited by those in charge.

#### Day of Prayer

The monthly day of prayer on behalf of our soldiers and sailors was held in the Methodist Church Thursday afternoon and evening. Addresses in the afternoon were given by Mr. Hume, Rev. J. K. Aikenhead and Mr. Lehman; and by Mrs. McMahon in the evening.

#### Obituary

Ellen McCague, wife of Joseph Comisky of Headford, whose death notice appeared in The Liberal last week, was born on the old homestead near Victoria Square 75 years ago. She had been in delicate health for a number of years, and only the best of care kept her with dear ones so long. The funeral on Friday, March 16, was largely attended, when the service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Aikenhead, assisted by Rev. F. Hickson and Rev. F. Elliott. Besides the husband, those left to mourn the loss of a loving mother are Mrs. A. Helmkey, Mrs. H. Smith and Walter of Headford; Alexander in the West, Charles in Aurora, and Mrs. K. Henrick in Oregon.

#### THORNHILL

The visit of the Horticultural Society to "Casa Loma" which was postponed will take place on Saturday March the thirty-first, when Sir Henry Pellett invites the members and their friends to see the conservatories and greenhouses. A special car will leave Thornhill switch following the regular at 1.45 and returning from Toronto about 5.30. A large number should avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to see the beautiful and interesting plants at "Casa Loma".

The children showed great interest in the lecture given by Mr. C. W. Nash on "Birds and Bird Houses". It was beautifully illustrated and Mr. Nash is thoroughly acquainted with his bird friends; he plainly showed the advantages to be gained by conserving bird life. Let us all help as much as we can in this good work.

### Spring Term Opens

on Tuesday, April 10, and merges into Summer Session from July 3rd. No forced vacations. No waste time. Come. Free Catalogue. Write Shaw's Schools, Toronto, 3937 Yonge Street.

Yesterday was the first day of Spring, and it felt like it.

#### Shoe Repairing

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#### Improvement Association

The March meeting of the York Junior Farmers' Improvement Association was held in Victoria Hall, Thornhill, Friday, March 16th. The morning session took the form of a Debate between the Woodbridge and Unionville Branches. This was for the championship of the county. Woodbridge won their first debate from North York and Unionville won from Richmond Hill.

The subject was—Resolve that Specialized Farming is More Profitable than Mixed Farming. The Affirmative was taken by Messrs. Crosby and Miles of the Unionville Branch, the Negative by Messrs. Peterman and Hutchinson of Woodbridge. The judges, who were Mr. Laughland, B. S. A., Department of Agriculture, Collingwood, Mr. E. Winch, Belhaven and Mr. J. C. Steckley, Newmarket, gave their decision in favor of the Affirmative.

In the afternoon the Annual Stock Judging Contest was held on the farm of Mr. O. D. Bales, York Mills, about forty boys competing. Five prizes were offered, the winners being as follows:—

1. Chas. Miles, Milliken.
2. Erwin Winch, Belhaven.
3. Robert Watson, Woodbridge.
4. Clark Young, Hagerman.
5. Frank O'Sullivan.

The contestants were required to place and give their reasons of the following classes of stock:—Heavy Horses, Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle. Mr. J. Laughland, Collingwood and J. C. Steckley, Newmarket, acted as judges.

#### Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Mar. 25th, the minister will preach at both services in the morning on "Positive Religion"; in the evening on "The Troublesome Man." Young People's Society Thursday at 7.30 p.m. A paper on "The Life of Samuel" by Miss Heise.

#### Lecture Sunday Evening

Col. T. H. Race the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association, will give a lecture in the Masonic Hall, on Sunday evening, March 25th, after church services, on the subject of Tuberculosis, its nature, treatment and prevention, illustrated with instructive lantern views. Col. Race is an old journalist, a traveller of world wide experience, and a speaker of unusual ability. It is worth while hearing him on this Scourge, known as the "Great White Plague," besides his side lights on the present War situation. Only a collection taken for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

#### Removal of Signs from the Highways

At the last meeting of the Toronto & York Highway Commission, instructions were issued that all signs, bills, etc. of an advertising nature that are tacked to the trees, guard rails and fences upon the highways under the control of the Toronto & York Highway Commission must be removed. The Commission are now notifying all firms or persons interested, giving them an opportunity of removing same. In case they do not remove same, they will leave themselves liable to a fine of \$5.00 for each sign so unlawfully placed.

It is expected that this move on the part of the Commission will do much in beautifying the highway, and in addition will save from harm many of the shade trees that in the past have been ruined with nails. It will also protect people from being annoyed when they are walking along the sidewalks.

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