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THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.
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SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

The House of Refuge at Markdale is getting a lot of free advertising. The presentation of the Grand Jury recently was a revelation to many who imagined our Home for the aged poor was a lap of luxury, in which all would be anxious to spend the evening of their lives in comparative ease and comfort. Things may not be so bad as pictured, but there must certainly be some foundation or the Grand Jury would scarcely have come out so pointedly in condemnation of the way the institution is managed.

GET THE FACTORY GOING.

The Cream Separator Business seems to hang fire to the detriment of the town. When the Company suspended operations some time ago, it was thought that work of some kind would begin again shortly, but we seem to be as far as ever from starting out in any line. Offers have been made to the council, which for some reason were turned down, and the factory stands not only as an unproductive concern, but a burden to the town. It seems unwise to say the least of it to have the business idle while good citizens have left town and others are about to follow just because there is no work for them. We are informed that some who have left will return on the factory going into operation, and others who fear they are going to be forced out of town would be glad to stay if they had only a suitable opening.

The separators made here during the past couple of years have given excellent satisfaction, we understand, and there is a large market for the output of the factory if set in motion again. Many of our own boys and men have done service in the work of manufacturing while the plant was in operation, and would be glad to return to their old positions. If separators are not the most desirable output why not allow the building and machinery to be utilized for something else. Better to have it a going concern furnishing work for the unemployed than to have it lying idle.

As to the agreement the town council may make with any new company or a re-organization of the old one, they should not be too exacting. If an outsider came in and proposed a new scheme the town council would give the matter very careful consideration and no doubt grant them liberal terms. Why not be similarly liberal with our own citizens whom we know and who have agreed to invest liberally of their own money to put in a going concern that would benefit themselves, and in benefiting themselves would be a benefit to the town as well.

The factory as it stands to-day is a hindrance rather than a help to the town, and as we said before, it would be far better for everybody to get it going even if the town gave the use of it for much less than its value. We want living industries if we ever expect the town to be any better than it is. There isn't a citizen but has felt the loss of the Separator Factory, and all will delight in seeing it again on the move, either in the manufacture of cream separators or in some other line where employment will be furnished. We believe it would be well to have a public meeting in which there might be a free and easy expression of opinion. This, we think, would guide the council and give them a better understanding of the situation.

Corner Concerns.

Married in Port Arthur on October 10th, Miss Dorothy Lawrence to Elmo W. Bishop. The happy couple left the same day for their new home in Duluth, Minn. Best wishes.

Deputy Reeve Ferguson came over the road Saturday to see what damages had been done by threshing engines, and found a couple of broken culverts, which will be replaced by more substantial ones. There is no further use of spending money on flimsy ones.

Mr. Andrew Picken has re-leased Mr. Jas. Wilson's farm for a term of years. Mr. Dan Coleridge was up this way last week lamb buying. He is a new man on the road.

Most of the farmers have their roots all housed and find them only a middling crop. Some are leaving the turnips for a week yet to see if they will improve a little.

Mr. Wm. Lawrence moved to Durham last Monday. He was always a good neighbor, a bright spirit and usually holding a municipal office. We wish him and good wife every happiness in their retired life.

Inspector Campbell visited our school last Monday and, we presume, found everything satisfactory.

A very pleasant event occurred on Wednesday, the 10th, at the home of Mr. McRobb, near Fairbairn, the marriage of his daughter Mabel to Mr. Jas. Brown, son of Cattle King Brown. The Rev. Little tied the nuptial knot. We are unable to give a detailed account of the affair for want of information, but extend a hearty welcome to them as citizens of this place and wish them every happiness and success.

The new church will be opened for service by Bishop Williams on Sunday Nov. 17th. Further particulars later.

The threshing was finished by Robt. Smith's machine with self feeder, and was pronounced by all as the very best machine that has ever been in this part. The self feeder was always considered until seen to be an invention to save one man to the machine owner and raise the price of threshing to the farmer, but after a trial there are so many advantages to farmers that the extra price is entirely forgotten. Some fellows from south of Orchardville induced him to go away down there as there is considerable work to be done there yet.

Mr. Palmer Patterson resumed his duties again on the dredge after nursing a burned hand for a fortnight, the result of trying to use gasoline in the place of coal oil in a lantern.

The S. S. people were fortunate in getting a good night on the 25th for their entertainment, consequently it was a great success, a crowded house and the program complete. Interspersed in it were a couple of very pleasant features, a good lunch of tea and cake and a presentation and address to Miss Irwin, school teacher of No. 12, by the Bible Class, which she came here and taught at some inconvenience to herself, and in return they wished to show some mark of appreciation and presented her with a handsome jewel case and an address, which is given below. She was so much overcome with surprise and feelings of deep emotion by the kindness of her class that it was a few moments before she could recover speech to thank them and make the very suitable reply to the address which she did. The majority of the large crowd have just arrived at the age when people would rather appear witty than wise, but Chairman Rev. Bice soon got them so completely under control that towards the close they were getting praise for their good behaviour. Rev. Kendall's address was fully up to expectations, notwithstanding the very great reports of his ability that preceded him.

The Varney people experienced a thrill of pleasure when their young minister acquitted himself so well on the platform. He is noted for speaking in the pulpit, and to have added platform speaking to his acquirements filled their glass with pride. Mr. Wm. Allan has had the greatest experience in S. S. work of any man in this part, and imparted a little of his experience and knowledge for a few minutes. Dr. Brown is a favorite in song where ever he goes, and being a good church worker as well as a good singer makes him doubly dear to the people of this part. He had to respond to encores. Mr. Wm. Ramage, leader of Dromore church choir, also delighted the audience both in solo and in company with the Misses Sirrs and Mead. Miss Middleboro', of Holstein, presided at the organ. Miss Brown, New Survey, and Mr. Clark, Dromore, gave recitations, which were much enjoyed. Our school teacher, Miss Aljoe, with her well-trained school children, gave some excellent entertainment, especially in a whistling song did she picture very clearly the happiness of farm life, but in other ways equally conclusive showed a preference for that of bankers. To shorten our report we omit special mention of the home choir with Miss E. Allan as organist, and other singers and reciters, and trust we can rely on their forbearance. Supt. W. Sirrs gave a report of the school and a vote of thanks to all who contributed towards the success of the entertainment. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Proceeds \$28.40.

THE ADDRESS.

DEAR MISS IRWIN.—When we opened our S. S. last spring many were the doubts which filled our minds respecting a competent teacher for the Bible Class. However, although we are the humble instruments used in arranging for the study of God's work, yet there is a Divine power which directs our every act and in that instance of selecting you for that high and honorable position. We, the members of the Bible Class, therefore feel, considering the able and interesting way and the earnest and zealous manner in which you, under Almighty God, were permitted to unfold the truths of God's word, it a privilege to present to you this jewel case as a slight token of our sincere gratitude to you for the help and knowledge and inspiration imparted to us. We feel that your earnest efforts were not in vain, and earnestly hope that you will be permitted again next year to carry on the good work now begun. Signed on behalf of the Bible Class:

MINNIE JOHNSTON.
SARAH TUCKER.

I. O. F. ENTERTAINMENT.

A free entertainment was given in the town hall on Tuesday evening when a very earnest and impressive address was delivered by Mr. George A. Mitchell, of Toronto, Supreme Organizer of the Independent Order of Foresters. He pointed out very clearly the great and rapid growth of the Order as a beneficiary society throughout the world and as a local institution in Durham where the membership is now two hundred. He spoke with pardonable pride of the great benefits distributed to the widows and orphans of deceased members, referred to the large surplus of nearly twelve million dollars, paid a loving tribute of respect to the late Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatikka, and impressed on all young men the duty and necessity of identifying themselves with some fraternal organization for the benefit of those dependent upon them in case they should be taken away.

As an entertainer few young men are so well gifted with the power of song as his assistant, Mr. George Drinnan, late from Glasgow, Scotland. His first number, "Long Live the King," established his ability, and he was loudly encored and forced to respond at least four or five times. He also gave evidence of ability as an elocutionist in his fine rendering of a number of well chosen selections. His baritone solo, of "Rock Ages," has seldom, if ever, been surpassed by an entertainer in Durham.

Dr. Hutton occupied the chair in good style. Inspector Campbell made a brief but capital address on Forestry, and Organizer Mitchell spoke right out in meeting of the pleasure given him by the musical ability of Miss Rita Irwin, who acted as accompanist. There was only a fair attendance, but those who stayed away missed a rare treat.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are warned not to trespass on the following lots with dogs, guns or otherwise, for the purpose of hunting, or prosecutions will follow:—

Abraham Crutchley, No. 62, 3rd Con. E.G.R.—No. 3, 4th Con. S.D.R.
Thos. McGirr, No. 61 and 62, 2nd Con., E.G.R.
John Bell, No. 67, 3rd Con., E.G.R.—No. 3 and 4, 1st Con., N.D.R.
Chris Firth, No. 5, 1st Con. N.D.R.
Wm. Young, No. 3, Con. 1, S.D.R.—No. 6, Con. 1, N.D.R.

THE ISSUE IN THE LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN.

(By Wm Farquharson.)

Since a petition signed by twenty-five per cent. of the electors of Durham asking that a by-law prohibiting the retail sale of liquor within the corporation is being presented to the town council, it is evident that the campaign has begun in earnest. To help the electors to decide on this matter I ask liberty in a few short articles to present to them some of the questions that the submitting of this by-law raises for consideration.

In the fore front rises the question: What is the issue now before the electors?

It is needless to say that it does not hang on the character of the hotel-keepers. Personally these men may be as worthy as their admirers sometimes assert, they may carry on their business as well as any other class of men placed in like positions would do it, but if so it only proves that the system under which their business is conducted is fundamentally unsound. Nothing else can explain the fact that a business conducted by men who have one and all had certification of their sound morals made for them should continually shock the community by its unabashed defiance of every sentiment of honor and decency. The Globe editorially declares: "We can think of no other business that—with notable exceptions here and there—has so deliberately, systematically and defiantly repudiated the obligations of the agreement under which it is conducted or that has so openly flouted public opinion." Our battle is not with the men but with the system under which they live.

Nor is the issue one as to whether we are in favor of the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages. Many supporters of the local option by-law are out and out prohibitionists, but prohibition is not a question in practical politics, since legislation prohibiting the manufacture or the export or import of liquors is beyond the powers of the Provincial Legislature. Local option takes from no man the privilege of getting drunk for his own use if he desire to have it. He may send for and keep in his own house such quantities as are allowed by law to be so kept, and no man has the right to hinder him. Local option is not prohibition.

What then is the design of the Local Option by-law? It is simply the legal abolition of the retail trade in spirituous liquors. It is the closing up of the bar room, and the stopping of the supply of drinks in any room in the house but at the distributing centre. It is the public conscience asserting itself and saying that no longer places are to be kept open for the encouraging of habits of drinking, and that the scenes so long disgustingly familiar in the back rooms of our hotels shall cease.

It is thus evident that the question is rather one of public policy than of high moral principle. It is not an issue on the success of which you can say that drunkenness will cease. Men who want drink may send for it, and may drink it to their own undoing. The question is for the man on the street rather than for the minister, for the citizen as such rather than for the church. It is the question whether the drinking dens with all their degrading accompaniments are to be continued or shut up as public nuisances.

Those who believe in prohibition will be blind if they do not give their full support to a measure which goes as far in that direction as the provincial powers will allow. Citizens who are not prohibitionists but who mourn the vile influence of the open drinking dens with their stalls and cubby holes should unite their forces to make their influence felt. Many who feel the fascination of the cup and are drawn by the social power of the bar room may confidently be expected to give a hand to put away from themselves and others a whirlpool which sucks them with a power they are unable to withstand.

Let the issue be clearly grasped and there need be no fear but that the three-fifths majority will be secured and more.

BIG CEMENT SHIPMENT.

The Cement Company shipped twenty car loads of cement to Toronto on Monday last, the total shipment being three thousand barrels. They intended to send ten cars more but were unable to get cars. They have a great many orders in but the transportation facilities are not equal to the requirements of the Company at present and they are somewhat handicapped on that account. They intend to ship another cargo in the course of a few days if possible.

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WE are showing a choice selection of the famous Harris Tweeds in suitings and mantle cloths, stripes, checks and plaids. The Newest Shades in Tobac Brown, Green, etc. They are pure wool every thread and will give unlimited satisfaction.

New Fall Trimmings

THIS year we have imported our Braids and Trimmings from an Old Country house and are offering them at almost half the prices which were charged last year. The great variety of shades designs and the low prices will commend them to every customer.

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