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Bank of Toronto	245	237
Bank of Montreal	229½	212½
Imperial Bank of Canada	179	173
Standard Bank of Canada	163	158
Molson's Bank	165	157½
Merchants' Bank of Canada	150	149½
Bank of Hamilton	156	152½
Canadian Bank of Commerce	139	134
Ontario Bank	111	—
Union Bank of Canada	105	—

THE REPORTER

ATHENS, NOV. 7, 1893.

MANITOBA LETTER.

An Interesting, Practical Account of the Climate and Farming Operations.

Boissevane, Oct. 5, 1893.

Editor Reporter.—

SIR,—Having been requested by a friend to send a letter to be published in your paper, I hope you will allow me the space in the columns of your paper for a few words about Manitoba. I suppose a letter from Manitoba would be very interesting to the people of Athens and its surrounding country. I will endeavor to give a short history of the crops for this year, and of the winters we have in the West. I suppose many people wonder what the winters in Manitoba are like. As a rule, one year with another, the snow comes on about the middle of November, and it is a steady keen freeze until March. The thermometer goes from 30 to 60 degrees in the cold weather. It depends a great deal on the wind: if the wind is blowing and the sky clear, then it will go very low; if it is calm, it won't go as low, still it will be just as keen a freeze. The snow is very dry and light. If a fall of snow comes and no wind, when it clears off we are sure of a good blizzard. When the month of March comes, the days begin to get warm, the snow begins to melt, and in a few days the prairie is bare and then in a short time the soil dries on top and the farmers start to seed. The seeding generally starts here about the first of April, although last spring was about the latest that ever was known. There was no wheat sown last spring till the first of May, and the wheat is the first grain that is put in. Last spring was a very beautiful one, no wind nor dust, and every farmer made good use of the time, when the good weather came. The soil is black clay loam. The months of June and July were warm and showery. The hay crop was good—every farmer has all the hay he wants for his stock. The grain crop was a very fair crop, not as good as last year, but a better sample. Last year there was some frosted wheat, and this year there was no frost to hurt the grain. The frost darkens the wheat and that lowers the price. At present wheat is worth from 47 to 50 cents per bushel, on the Boissevane market. The threshing is nearly all done and the farmers are busy plowing, and some are preparing for the cold weather in the near future.

Manitoba and the North-West are well adapted for ranching purposes. There are herds here that contain from two to five hundred head of cattle and horses, and there is one, and sometimes two, men on horse back riding around the cattle.

Manitoba is a very good place for game, such as wild geese, ducks, prairie chickens, and other feathered game, too numerous to mention.

W. PLUNKETT.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

A report of the Leeds County W. C. T. U. convention, held at Gananoque on the 18th ult., was kindly sent to us last Thursday by the corresponding secretary. As a similar report was furnished to the Brockville papers some time ago, the report in detail has ceased to be of absorbing interest, and so we take the liberty of condensing it as follows:—

The meeting opened on Oct. 18th with Miss Stone, of Athens, presiding, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Cowan. After singing by the convention and prayer by Mrs. Blanchard, an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. S. Davis, which was responded to by Mrs. Elliott, of Athens. Mrs. H. D. Haig, of Lansdowne, and Mrs. A. H. Brown, of Brockville, sang a duet, followed by Mrs. Wm. Mott, of Athens, who spoke on the subject of narcotics. Miss Jennie Davis gave a recitation, "Let us Alone," and Miss Edith Giles, of Brockville, an essay on "Causes of indifference of children of temperate and religious parents." Rev. Mr. Gracey concluded the programme of the session with an address on the present aspect of the prohibition question.

Thursday morning was devoted to appointing committees and receiving report of the corresponding secretary. In the afternoon reports were read from the local unions and superintendents of departments, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:—

President, Miss M. E. Stone, Athens; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Cowan, Gananoque; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque; cor. sec., Mrs. J. Lane, Brockville; rec. sec., Mrs. H. O. Haig, Lansdowne; treas., Mrs. O. L. Gardiner, Lyn; auditor, Mrs. C. H. Elliott, Athens.

At the evening meeting, held in the opera house, the convention was serenaded by the Gananoque band. Rev. Mr. Gracey presided. Miss Day gave an instrumental solo, after which Rev. C. O. Johnson delivered his lecture on "Influence."

On Friday a meeting of the new executive was held and a number of resolutions constituting a plan of work for the year were adopted. These embrace a declaration of readiness to work with the Leeds Alliance; an intention to form committees of young ladies for special work in sections where no "Y" exists; the holding of a "school of methods" at Lyn in August; the appointment of a committee composed of a member from each union to try to prevent the sale of narcotics to minors; the appointment of two members of each union to secure addresses for the children on Temperance Sunday; a determination to secure all votes possible for the plebiscite; an endorsation of the resolutions of the provincial convention; a determination to labor unceasingly for the moral elevation of humanity.

Convention closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

MISSION WORK IN CHINA.

Seoul, Korea, Sept. 18, '93.

Editor Athens Reporter.

DEAR SIR,—We have just had our annual meeting and each one is appointed to his work for another year. What experiences the past year has brought! Trials persecutions, dangers, without, — perfect peace within. What a wonderful Saviour is ours! During April and May, soldiers guarded our houses night and day. We knew not what would befall us, but the dear Master protected us so nothing has harmed us. God's mercies have been new every morning and fresh every evening.

During the past year three of my beloved brethren with whom I labored in New York, reaching down after lost ones in the slums, have gone from the mission field to their reward. Bros. Pixley and Coot have fallen in the dark continent, Africa, and Dr. Goldsburg, in China. They gladly yielded their lives to God, and when the call came to go home, they were ready. They now rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Eight years ago our church commenced work here. Up to last year, little had been done outside the treaty ports. Occasional visits had been made into the interior, but no one has been especially appointed to that work. Last year, at our annual meeting, I was the first protestant missionary appointed to exclusive work in the interior of Korea. I praise God for the privilege. Again, this year, I am appointed to the same work. How vastly different it is from our work in the ports, where we have our fairly comfortable homes with dear ones there, and surrounded by our fellow laborers. It is not the dangers, hardships or privations of a missionary life which are hard to bear; it is separation from friends, far away from those whose hearts beat in unison with ours, as we are obliged to travel alone in the interior. No one to sympathize—our own hearts overflowing with love to those who look upon us with suspicion and give no love in return. What feelings of utter loneliness comes over the soul, and we understand, to some little extent, our Master's words when He said, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but ye would not." And then the Holy Spirit comes into our souls and fills them to overflowing. He comes nearest when we need Him most. Oh blessed work for Jesus! I would not exchange it for any on earth. He makes the desert to bloom as the rose. As we penetrate this dark kingdom, carrying with us the message of salvation, I am sure we shall have the prayers of thousands of warm Christian hearts in the home land.

I told you of our little room 8 ft. square in Pyong Yang, with its mud walls and floor, in which I ate, slept, and treated my patients. On my return to Seoul, at the children's meeting, I told about our work and how much we needed a better house in which to do this work for Jesus. The children said, "Well, Dr. Hall, we will ask God to give you a house." I shall never forget those prayers, they went straight to the throne of God and soon the answer came. After the meeting closed, Bertie Ohlinger came to my room with a bright silver dollar and said, "Dr. Hall, here is a dollar to help buy a house in Pyong Yang. I wish I could give more, but it is all I have." At Xmas he had received two dollars, with one he bought a present for his mother, the other he gave to God. Next came Willa, his sister, a dear little girl of nine years, with ten cents. Following her came Agnata Scranton with fifty cents, saying, "I was saving it to buy a piano, but I would rather help with God's work."

It was only one dollar and sixty cents and the prayers of God's little ones, but He who fed the five thousand with five loaves of bread and two fishes has multiplied the children's gifts until they have grown in eight months to one thousand four hundred seventy-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents. To-day, we have our building for hospital and dispensary well situated in Pyong Yang. God has since taken Bertie and Willa home to Heaven but still their work goes on.

We wish to express our gratitude to the many dear friends in America and E[illegible] for the deep interest they are ma[illegible] in our work for the Master. [illegible] are looking to God for great blessin[illegible] this conference year.

W. J. HALL, M.D.

Leeds County Cheese Lands.

Factorymen in this section scored high at the World's Fair. The record is given as follows:—

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Luther Stevens, Delta	99
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James Lappin, Lansdowne	96½
J. R. Dargavel, Elgin	99
J. H. Singleton, Newboro	99
A. W. Mallory, Mallorytown	97½
Nelson Webster, Lansdowne	97
E. N. Halladay, Elgin	96½
Sidney Halladay, Elgin	97
Dargavel & Murphy, Elgin	99
John Rapheel, Mallorytown	96
John L. Phillips, Brockville	97
Jas. Bissel, Brockville	98
P. W. Strong, Brockville	99
Thos. Myers, Forfar	98
T. H. Singleton, Singleton	99
C. J. Gilroy, Glen Buell	98
B. B. Bellamy, Jellyby	95
Geo. Kerr, Singleton's Corners	99

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS,

Read by Miss Carrie Grenfell at Athens High School Commencement.

Four months ago, studies ended, examinations finished, we separated, with fear and trembling, wishing one another success. To-night we meet again to congratulate one another on the Rubicon crossed, our end attained, and now for the capturing of the fortress, one by one, until the whole kingdom is fully won.

Loyalty, religion and education are necessary to make good citizens. Loyalty we have by inheritance. Religion we have by conformity to, and obedience of, the Word of God. For education, we are dependent on such provision as is made by the state. Therefore, to have a loyal and progressive people, every country must provide for their education by establishing a national system of education.

In all ages education has been a mighty power. The nations that have shaken the world in times past have been an educated people. The country that has won a position among the nations by educational proficiency will never lose that position so long as the progress in education is upward, but as soon as the tendency is downward, then it must necessarily lose its power and influence; for it is an acknowledged fact that nations rise as the education of its people increases and retrograde as this is neglected.

Greece, once the first nation in the world, and her capital, Athens—the cultured and aesthetic Athens—the greatest seat of learning, attained her envied position by her special attention to culture and education. But when Greece was conquered by the Romans, her men of culture removed, and her educational institutions crushed, then Ichabod was written, her glory had departed.

Egypt was once the great High School of the world. Her culture, her scientific researches, her astronomical observations, reached far beyond the attainments of other nations of that age. But her enthusiasm has waned; she has neglected or ignored these elements of her strength, and is now fallen from her pedestal of power.

The secret of Germany's victory over France lay not so much in the superiority of her forces, but was the result of her advanced national system of education. Germany has attained her position as a great nation by the untiring efforts of her two late emperors, Frederick Wm. IV. and William I., who raised it from a few weak dukedoms to its present state of unity, wealth and power, and this by a marked advance in her military and educational standard.

Japan, but lately emerging from heathenism and adopting christian civilization, is now attracting notice for the perfection of her school system. She has taken the Ontario system as the model and adding the necessary improvements, stands second to none. An intelligent observer predicts that, in a quarter of a century, Japan will take her place among the leading educated christian nations of the world.

The Nihilism of Russia, now threatening the overturning and destruction of her powers, the Anarchism of France imperilling every constituted authority in the nation, the Fenianism of Ireland and the Socialism of other countries, are the result of inefficient training, and little education among the masses. These examples demonstrate the fact that it is for the safeguard and well being of a nation that she have a firmly laid and well developed system of education. Without doubt, the nation that has the best educational system, thoroughly applied, with religious guardianship, is the nation that shall lead the world in the future.

The human mind must have knowledge, culture, and development. We have nothing to start with but our latent powers and our five senses. These are the mediums through which we get knowledge, and in order that the minds of the people may be utilized for the advancement of the state, the nation must of necessity establish a system which shall alike instruct and develop from the primary to the ultimatum. The better the system, the better the education; the higher the education, the mightier the nation. Indeed, we may congratulate ourselves on having our homes in the favored Province of Ontario, which, not only leads among the Provinces of the Dominion, but also, in her system of education, stands first among the great nations of the world. All honor to the noble men who so skilfully and firmly have laid the foundation and built thereon the magnificent structure of our present educational system. By the genius of Dr. Ryerson, who, for over thirty years, was Superintendent of Education, this, one of the finest school systems in the world, has been inaugurated. He took the salient points of the German system, the popular power of the Americans, and the discipline of the English High schools, and combining, harmonizing, and blending these, has formed a perfected system of public and high school education, so that the son of the lowest man in the land may receive an education that fits him to enter any university. We cannot but pay a tribute of honor to Dr. Ryerson, to whom, perhaps, we owe more than to any other man, and to the Hon. G. W. Ross, present Minister of Education, who is carrying on to perfection the work left in his hands.

Ontario's system is universally pointed as the best. By her exhibit at the World's Fair, she has only deepened this conviction among foreigners. Sir Richard Webster, an Englishman, said that the Ontario exhibit is the only educational exhibit worthy of the name. An eminent Scotch professor said that Ontario beats the world in this, and strongly eulogized our country. To all the nations there represented, Ontario has shown the proof of her superiority in this. If Ontario has gained such renown by this exhibit, how much greater would it have been and of how much more benefit to Canada, if the system had been the system of the whole Dominion.

Canada certainly would be much benefitted by having a national system of education, and abandoning these diversified Provincial systems. In a country with the population of Canada, and with all her parts united under one central government, there should surely be one recognized system, and that should be the best in the world; for in our own Ontario she has now in operation the most noted system the world over. Unity and efficiency on this point will vastly increase the power and influence of our country among other nations. If this Ontario system, then, were made the National system, instead of a Provincial one, there would be one common standard of public and high school education. Then, having uniformity in National Public and High Schools, let us also have uniformity of standard in all the universities of the Dominion. The Ontario Legislature has made provision for the federation of all universities in the Province with Toronto University. If this plan were followed in a National system of education, the Federal Government establishing a Dominion University in the most convenient place, say at Ottawa, and all provincial universities were to become connected with this central one, then, at this chosen central point, a post graduate course could be maintained worthy of the country and fully equal to Harvard, Heidelburg or Cambridge. Then a student could reach the highest point of excellence in his profession without leaving our own land. Having by this means attained uniformity, the results will be efficiency and equality. Every province has its university. Under a central educational government, universities would be placed in each Province, and thus the educational efficiency of that Province be insured. Then degrees from all universities would be equal, all having reached a fixed standard. Then the student on the coast of the Atlantic would be just as capable as the student on the Pacific, and the teacher in the north as the teacher in the south. Then the darker places of the Dominion would be just as well lighted with educational advantages as the more favored parts, and among the people generally throughout the Dominion there would be educational equality. With such a system as this, Canada would feel herself to be strong and impregnable, and would command increased respect and admiration among the nations.

One characteristic of this system is the completeness of its gradations. The work of each class is so clearly defined, the boundaries so accurately set, that the whole course, from the entrance to the public school to the graduation from a college or university, resolves itself into one grand staircase, long and difficult of ascent. Milton says: "The path of a virtuous education is laborious indeed at first ascent, but those so smooth and green and full of goodly prospects and melodious sounds on every side that the harp of Orpheus is not more charming." Diligence and perseverance are the requisites by which we may ascend with pleasure.

A marked feature of the education of to-day is the admission of ladies to the universities on an equality with gentlemen. We are glad we live in this age, when both sexes are alike privileged and stand on the same basis. But this is only carrying out the idea of Castiglione, a teacher in the time of the Renaissance, who laid down as one of his principles, "The education of girls is as necessary and important as the education of boys." Rising to this standard, our Government places us side by side, not only in our colleges, but also in the highest seat of learning, for our universities have thrown their doors widely open. We may predict that all the leading positions of national and public life will yet be open to women. And we may be allowed here to say that she will not be behind in her education and qualifications for these positions. Then will we see the positions purified of their corruption, ennobled and dignified by her presence. If she fails in this, her mission is unaccomplished and the world is lost, for judging from the past and the present, the men will never do it.

In olden time, when men only were educated, education was counted a rare possession, and was attained only by the rich. Now, the government has made a provision for rich and poor alike, and with such distribution as to be within the reach of all.

Truly, lines have fallen in pleasant places to us in the Athens High School. All through life's pathway we shall remember with pleasure and gratitude our High School life, and the faithful and efficient Principal and assistants. Onward and upward to life's meridian, and then down its declivities, shall we carry with us the instruction received, and the intellectual quickening and development begun in our beloved Athens. We must remember, however, that our education does not end with the close of school life. Our education has in reality only begun. We have been informed, we are yet to be educated. The world is our great educator; years are its books, days, the pages, and the lessons are taught us by the incidents as they occur in our lives. Dr. Ryerson, in forming our school system, took from each nation its good points and by uniting them made the perfect whole. So let us take from these events in our lives only those lessons which go to make up a true and noble character, such as will be a power in the world for good.

In leaving this High School, we go out into life with high hopes and intense aspirations for the future. Most of us have already mapped out our life-work and are working towards our ideal of life, steadily and cheerily. Will we ever reach it? What will the future bring to us, joy and satisfaction or bitter disappointment? We do not know. Apelles, the celebrated painter, once said that he painted for eternity, so carefully, so patiently, and so perfectly did he do his work. So let our work be done, our end attained, our mission accomplished and our life be perfected.

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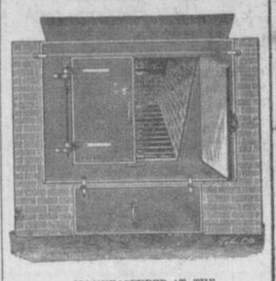

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Because we have the confidence of the buying public and are determined to maintain our reputation for supplying the best goods at the lowest possible price.

We respectfully solicit patronage from those who have not heretofore done with us as well as from old friends who have for years given us their trade and confidence. We do not consider it any trouble to show you our goods. Come in and look through, if only for comparison. We aim to make our customers' interests our own.

Fall Stock now complete in every line.

H. H. ARNOLD, Gen'l Merchant

Sept. 12, 1893. Central Block, Athens, Ont.

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The leading Grocery Store The place to buy and the place to sell. Observe the following prices and satisfy yourselves that we lead in the Grocery business. We quote as follows:—

6 lbs. Raisins for 25c.
4 lbs. Currants for 25c.
4 lbs. Starch for 25c.
Muscovado Sugar, all grades, 20 lbs. for $1.
Boneless Fish, 6c.
Our 25, 35 and 40c. Tea have no equal. Ask for a sample of our Black Tea.
We will give you the very best value in Flour, ground Feed, Meal, Liverpool Salt, coarse and fine.
Call and see our Crockery and Stoneware. A few Dinner, Tea and Bedroom Sets to be sold at a great reduction.
Our space will not permit to quote prices on other lines, but call and inspect our stock and get prices.

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Butter, 22c. per lb.
Eggs, 13c.
Lard, 15c.
Chickens per pair, 30c.
Oats, cash 35c., trade 40c.
Corn in ear, 25c. per bushel.
Buckwheat, 45c.
Onions, $1.00.

The Athens Grocery - Mott & Robeson

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It will pay you to call and inspect C. W. LeClair's stock of Ready-made Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Hats and Caps.

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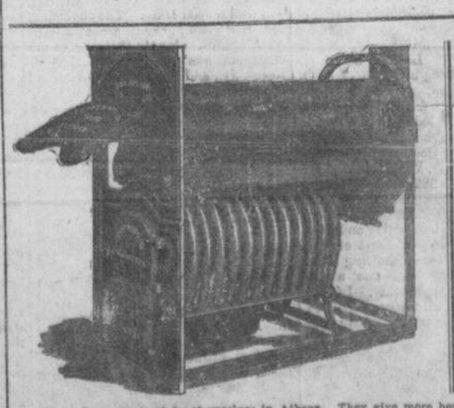
J. H. McLAUGHLIN

The Great Bargain House - Athens, Ontario



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These Furnaces speak for themselves in Athens. They give more heat for the same amount of fuel than any furnace yet made. Each one is guaranteed in writing to give satisfaction. I have also in stock Copp's Warrior Heater, the best of its kind ever made. You should see them before buying. I will sell on terms to suit the hard times.

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