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## SUGGESTIONS FOR WINTER.

The unprecedented scarcity of money and labor at the present moment, throughout the Province, naturally enough suggests to the reflective mind the necessity of making some preparation for the coming winter, which threatens to be, in addition to its usual storms and nipping frosts, one of the severest, in a financial point of view, that Canada, and perhaps the whole American continent, has yet experienced. The anticipations of our business men, of better times after harvest, like the farmers' expectations of a ready and profitable market for his golden crops; been deferred till a more convenient season; but when that good time is to appear the most far-sighted of our country's financiers has not as yet taken upon himself to prognosticate. In the absence, then, of any reasonably immediate prospect of times growing better, would it not be well for those benevolently inclined in our midst to make some provision for those whose poverty is or may hereafter be such as to necessitate their becoming supplicants upon the bounty of those who are able to bestow? That the charitable will be called upon most frequently during the coming winter to exercise those benevolent offices which beautify and adorn the Christian character, a few can doubt; therefore would it be a pity that the want of preconceived action should render the exertions of the humane and philanthropic less effectual than they would be under other circumstances. Other towns and cities are alive to this important matter, and already suggestions have appeared in the columns of many of our exchanges calculated to alleviate the anticipated sufferings of the superfluous winter; and we also deem it our duty to call attention to the necessity existing amongst us for a more in the same direction. While doing so, however, we desire not to create unnecessary alarm on the part of the poor, and those who are out of employment; for the wages of a prolific country see full and overflowing; our wants are quite moderate—thus the Great Shepherd has tempered the wind to the sheeps' lamb.

Crime is generally the hand-maiden of destitution and misery, when a proper reliance is not placed in Providence for relief from such difficulties. To avert either of these calamitous consequences of the times should be the desire of every Christian being.

Now is the time to take hold of the subject, before the poor rush on us like an avalanche. Let some influential person bring it before the society of the Church to which he belongs, and in that way a movement may be started which will result in great good. The Church of God should be per-se a charitable institution, but it has lost a vast amount of influence which properly belongs to it by its neglect of charitable duties. We have heard it said, in answer to this plan of church relief, that the churches had no poor, that they are aggregations of the well-to-do, carried on at such expense that the poor can have no part in them except the part of paupers. How true is it! Let the churches answer, for they know what it costs to hear the preached word. One thing is true. When our clergymen talk from their pulpits in tones of admonition to their hearers that this commercial revolution is a judgment upon extravagance and covetousness of life, let them be careful that the poorest of the poor, then so much stronger in the claim of the poor upon them; for we do not believe that personal extravagance is the cause of our present troubles, to any great extent.

We come back to the more simple and direct argument—that the poor have always with you, are the injunctions of the Head of the Church, who found his chiefest ministry and his strongest claim upon the human heart in offices of kindness to the poor. The churches should have a fair proportion of the necessitous among them; if they have not, then go out in the by-ways and hedges and seek them.

**HOW TO IMPROVE BAD BUTTER.**  
—Bad butter may be improved greatly by dissolving it thoroughly in hot water; let it cool, then skim it off, and churn again, adding a little salt and sugar. A smoky taint can be tried and approved before doing a larger quantity. The water should be merely hot enough to melt the butter—or it will be spoiled.

**Tiresome People.**  
No one goes through the world clear of cobwebs woven about his feet by tiresome people. They beset him on all sides—for very few men and women are to be found who are not tiresome in one direction, if satisfactory in another—and many are tiresome all through. Still life is penetrated from end to end by these tiresome people—people who never do the right thing at the right time, and who are always doing wrong things and foolish ones—people who are not to be relied on for practicality, tact, discrimination, complaisance—people who come too early or go away too late, or who do not come at all when they have been specially asked for grave reasons touching the success of the whole arrangement, and whose refusal or failure makes wreck of everything—people who bring forward serious subjects, rattle the family skeletons, spend the evening in unfurling red flags, shuffling from place to place and point to point, expressly for the pleasure of reading on the neighbors' corn—people who confound together two men who hate each other, mistake a warning beauty for a confessed fright, or a woman of distinction carrying her head high for a woman of no account a dozen degrees below her in the social scale—people who never see signs nor take hints, and who blunder into family messes and social mortgages with the most annoying obtuseness. All these are not bad people—not wicked, corrupt, heartless, abominable. They may, on the contrary, be very good, honest folk, true-hearted and straightforward; but they are tiresome, and as much objects of dread as they are causes of dismay.

**Important to Municipal Clerks.**  
The nominations for the various Municipal offices will not be held as formerly. Under the Municipal Law of 1873 all such nominations have been held on the last Monday in December, but this year the last Monday is Christmas Day, and consequently, under the section making provision for such a contingency, the nominations are to be held on the preceding Friday. The section referred to will be found in the "Amendments to the Law," 39th Vic., cap. 7, sec. 20, and reads as follows: "When the last Monday in December happens to be on Christmas Day, the nomination of candidates for the office of Mayor and Aldermen in cities, and the Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councilors in other municipalities, shall take place on the preceding Friday, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law." Municipal Clerks will do well to carefully note this alteration.

A man named Delaney, died near Prescott, last Thursday, from drinking three pints of whiskey. It was after supper, and he was groggy when he began. When intoxicated the landlord, as might be expected, put him out, and he took refuge in a stable, where he died uncared for and unpitied.

**TO CURE RANCID BUTTER.**  
—A writer in the "Journal of Industrial Progress" recommends that butter should be kneaded with fresh milk, and then in pure water. He states that by this treatment the butter is rendered as fresh and pure in flavor as when recently made. He ascribes this result to the fact that butyric acid, to which the rancid taste and odor are owing, is readily soluble in fresh milk, and thus removed.

**THE OLD MAN WITH HIS TEARS.**  
—He could not speak, but the pressure he gave the extended hand evinced his belief in Baker, junior's sincerity.

"And Abel," continued the newcomer, "it gives me great pleasure—more pleasure than I can tell you—to hear you back your ninety pounds. Both my father and myself resolved never to touch a penny