

## The TILLSONBURG REUNION

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THE RE-UNION of Tillsonburg's Old Boys which has now been so successfully launched, is the offspring of a sentiment which cannot be too frequently dwelt upon and encouraged. It is the sentiment which inspires in the truly patriotic mind that love of country, for the affection for the spot of ones birth where have been spent the never-to-be-forgotten days of youth or where the roof tree has been reared which most intimately entwines the lives of those most dear to us. However rough or rugged may be the surroundings of the spot thus cherished, if it is the old home, it draws the loving eye, while it's scenes and incidents form a vivid picture in memory's treasure-house, no matter how far the wanderer may have strayed from the places of his youth. Whatever fortune follows the footsteps of those who have left the native "ingle" sometime or somewhere comes to each one the longing to re-visit the old camping ground, to meet once more the old familiar faces, to walk "the same grey flats again" with those they knew in younger days, to note the changes and the contrasts the years have wrought, and to live over again the good old times now gone forever.

Such a feeling finds fitting expression in the re-unions which are taking place with growing frequency in many of our towns and cities. And Tillsonburg should certainly take no second place in the fostering of such a sentiment. It has always had a warm and lasting place in the affection of those who have been reared, or have sojourned within its borders. It may not be that "brighter suns dispense serener light, or milder moons emparadise the night" in "this darling town of ours" still there has been that spirit among its people, that homeliness and restfulness in its surroundings, which have ever made it a magnet, a point of attraction to its sons and daughters. Nature may have done something for her, but steady and never ceasing efforts to keep the old town to the front have done a great deal more. While her business men have naturally sought to extend the scope of their operations, they ever have had an eye to the benefits of the community, and from the earliest days have stood staunchly by one another when the town was struggling for a place on the map or for a place on the railway system.