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## THE DEBATING CLUB.

We are pleased to observe the growing interest manifested by our young men and ladies too, in the subject of public debate. To our mind no better field presents itself for the cultivation of a literary taste and storing the intellect with useful knowledge than that of the debating club. It is also a splendid medium through which young men can give expression to their thoughts on the leading questions of the day, and will therefore better fit them for public speaking. A great deal of talent has been allowed to remain buried and lost sight of for the want of a proper channel through which our young men might cultivate and develop those gifts that they undoubtedly possess. Not a few of Canada's leading statesmen have had their platform training in the school of public debate. The late Thos. Oliver, who for a number of years represented North Oxford in the Ontario Legislature, remarked, in the course of one of his campaign speeches, that what ability he possessed as a public speaker was largely due to the early discipline received at the debating club. The same might also be said of many other of our foremost men in public life to-day. Moreover, it creates and stimulates a desire in young men to read and think, and become thoroughly acquainted with national literature and other sources of practical information, and as a result of study and research they are eminently better qualified to discuss and successfully cope with the great and burning questions of the day, especially those questions that are closely related to ourselves as Canadians. The debating club is instrumental in broadening the intellect and otherwise equipping the average young man for the duties of public life, which will, sooner or later, devolve upon him. We have no hesitancy in stating that Atwood has as good debating talent as any other place of its size and population. One thing, however, should be characteristic of debaters, and that is earnestness; whether on the affirmative or negative throw your mind and energy into the subject under discussion; leave the impression that you are sincere, though defending perhaps the unpopular side of the question, and do no argue for the mere sake of argument. And avoid sarcasm and personalities, which only serve to weaken your argument as well as possibly destroy your hold on an audience. Last, but not least, keep cool, never allow your temper to gain the mastery over you, or in any way appear irritated, but strive to maintain your intellectual equilibrium despite the galling attacks of your opponents.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

York County Council has decided to abolish toll gates.

A cloud burst near Nankin, China, drowning over one hundred persons.

Port Stanley will have a summer resort to be called "New Orchard Beach."

The St. Lawrence River is very high and the streets of La Prairie Village are flooded.

Four hundred of the London Asylum patients have had the influenza. There were no fatal cases.

Tenders will be asked for a stone and iron bridge over the Thames at Bothwell to cost \$25,000.

The skull found on a farm at Ancaster is not that of the Negro Harris. It is puzzling the villagers.

The winter in the far Northwest of Canada is said not to be severe and game food is plentiful.

Six of West Zorra's old pioneers have died within the last few days. Three were more than 90 years of age.

The bill to authorize the bridging of the River Detroit is meeting plenty of opposition in the U.S. Senate Committee.

The beekeepers are asking the Legislature for legislation to prevent the ravages among bees of a disease that has developed lately and is similar to glanders in horses.

Hamilton Separate School Board are devising means of getting the Roman Catholics of the city to give notice to the City Clerk to assess them as Separate School supporters.

Beef, hog and dairy products were exported from the United States in 1889 to the value of \$117,119,123, as against \$87,061,137 in the year 1888, showing the heavy increase of \$30,057,986.

It is reported that Walter Davidson, formerly of Hamilton, but now baggage master at the C.P.R. station, Orangeville, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$18,000, bequeathed by a deceased brother at Portland, Oregon.

A deputation of the Dominion Millers' Association asked the Ontario Central Farmers' Institute to endorse their application to the Dominion Government for an increase of duty on flour, and the latter decided to ask that wheat and its products be on the free list.

Joseph P. Hnyek, the oldest inhabitant of Belleville died in his ninety-seventh year. He was a veteran of 1812-14, and was for upwards of seventy years a Freemason, being the oldest member of the craft in Canada, and the oldest but one on this continent.

The U. S. House Committee on the World's Fair have voted \$1,500,000 for a building to make Government exhibits.

Hopkins, one of the convicts who escaped from the Kingston Penitentiary on Christmas Eve, is under arrest at Albany, N. Y.

Michael Walsh, a mason's helper, living at Stratford, went skating on Victoria Lake and was drowned.

With a population of 10,000 or 11,000 St. Thomas has 3,684 voters, and the Journal rejoices in this proof that St. Thomas is a City of Men.

Mrs. Farmer, of Stratford, widow of a brakeman recently killed while coupling cars on the G. T. R. and for whose death the coronor's jury held the railway responsible, is suing the Company for \$20,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mechanics' Institute, held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to add \$100 worth of books to the already large library. The purchase will be made immediately.

A comparison of the voters lists for the County of Oxford, as recently revised, with the lists of 1888, shows that in North Oxford there is an increase of 678 voters and in South Oxford a decrease of 203. Woodstock shows an increase of 481 and Ingersoll a decrease of 47.

At the recent open court of the Ancient Order of Foresters in the city of Stratford, Supreme Secretary Williams referred to the progress of the order in this country, which was almost unknown in Canada until 1871. In 1881 it had only 1,000 members here. These had increased to 6,000 in 1884, and to 10,000 at the present time. Ten courts have been established since the last meeting of the high Court.

The Annual meeting of the North Perth Conservative Association will be held at Milverton, on Thursday 20th inst., at 1.30 o'clock p. m. In addition to the election of officers, business of considerable importance is likely to be brought up, it is therefore desirable that there should be a good attendance. The local Associations should arrange to hold meetings previous to the 20th and select delegates to attend the riding convention.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, the chattels of Francis Brooks, Hibbert, were disposed of by public auction, when good prices were obtained. Three ewes brought \$30.25; one mare, \$170; two calves, \$31.50; four yearling heifers, \$131; three grade cows \$43.50, \$50 and \$56 respectively. The proceeds reached nearly \$1,100, being considerably over the estimate. W. R. Davis was auctioneer. Mr. Brooks is retiring from farming, and intends starting a general store at Munroe, Fullarton.

At the recent sessions of the South Perth Farmers' Institute some discussion took place on the grain tester now in use by buyers on the different markets throughout Ontario. A large number expressed in very strong language the general dissatisfaction of testing grain by a "tea cup" (as the tester was termed by one speaker) was giving. All seemed satisfied that the proper method of disposing of grain was by weight. The best way, they thought, to remove the doubts and fears that prevail at present would be for the Government to determine by Act of Parliament, surrounded by proper safeguards both as to the seller and purchaser, that the measure by which the weight of grain be determined shall not be less than one half bushel, and a resolution to this effect was passed.

A delegation from Ottawa Typographical Union has had an interview with the secretary of state just lately in reference to the demands of the printers at the Government bureau for an increase of pay. The question was very thoroughly discussed, when Mr. Chapleau stated he would give them a final answer before the union met that evening. When the meeting convened the president had the reply of Mr. Chapleau before him. It stated that, in the interest of peace and harmony, he would compromise with the union by offering the compositors at the bureau \$12 per week, an increase of one dollar, and pay for three statutory holidays, to be selected by the union with the understanding that no further application for an increase of wages will be entertained by the Government. By a vote of 145 to 48 it was decided to accept this offer, conditional upon the Government granting labor day as a holiday, and that the increased wages apply to these compositors who work at night.

The estimates of expenditure for Quebec province for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1889, were brought down in the House on Tuesday of last week, and despite all the pretensions of economy so long made by Mr. Mercier the proposed appropriations for next year amount to \$4,877,828, an increase of \$110,025 over those of last year. The principal items going to make up this large outlay are: \$1,176,055 for interest on public debt; \$913,188 for special expenditure; \$540,000 for railways; \$206,223 for legislation; \$239,742 for civil government; \$515,918 for administration of justice, police, reformatory, prisons and industrial schools, inspection of public offices; \$104,860 for public instruction, literary and scientific institutions, arts and manufactures; \$256,100 for agriculture, immigration, repatriation, colonization; \$949,876 for public works and buildings; \$257,389 for charities, including lunatic asylums; \$277,350 for miscellaneous services. What looks a little as though Mr. Mercier intends to bring on the general elections ere long is the increase by \$50,000 of the sum to be spent on colonization roads, while \$10,000 is to be spent in stoning country roads and \$450,000 additional in Montreal—\$300,000 for a new jail and \$150,000 for new court house extensions. The Quebec court house contractors are evidently to lose nothing by their liberal subscriptions to the Nationalist election fund for in the estimates is an item of \$155,000 to settle the balance of their claims against the province.

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