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Editor of THE SIGNAL,
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A VOICE FROM THE WEST.
The following is an extract of a letter to the editor of THE SIGNAL from G. H. Saults, formerly of Goderich, and in recent years connected with the press of Manitoba. When in Ontario Mr Saults was a staunch Conservative, but the rule of the Boodle and Monopoly Party out West has led him to speak his mind freely upon the present situation in the unfortunate Province of Manitoba:

"In connection with my change from Winnipeg to St. Paul I may say that it was necessary for the reason that Winnipeg is a dead duck, say what they may, and will soon become putrified if the Government and C. P. R. do not let Manitoba alone. Imagine, if you can, the ridiculous figure which Manitoba is cutting today before the world by being hampered in the construction of a little railway sixty miles in length. And this in a country which is in the Government and C. P. R. pamphlets represented as the most desirable place on earth for the settler. The whole business is so absurd that it creates disgust, and, of course, discontent. If Manitoba is to prosper, she must be allowed to build railways wherever the people need them. This is being done in the States opposite, and Manitoba must do the same or suffer. On my way down I noticed railways being extended and constructed in every direction, throughout Dakota and Minnesota. I have firmly come to the conclusion that Canada is being ruined by politics. It's politics first, and all the time.

The Hamilton Spectator has taken the coal question to heart, and if the Government doesn't come to its relief by reimposing the duty and thereby lessening the cost (7) the Spec. will have to haul in its sign next winter and use it in the woodstove.

The Northwestern Fair, which will be held in Goderich on the 4th, 5th and 6th of Oct., will be beyond question the greatest agricultural display ever made in Huron county. Already nearly half the available space in the main building is taken up.

The efforts of some of the country Tory papers to boom the fizzle in connection with the meeting of the Young Lib-Con. antiquities in Toronto, last week, is very amusing. The Toronto World, published on the spot, threw up at the sponge the first day, but the provincial Tory sheets still endeavor to prove that the fiasco was a success.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE, in a card published in a number of the West Bruce papers, has relinquished the seat for that constituency and retains the riding of West Durham. The date for the holding of the convention to nominate a successor has not been set, but presumably will be announced shortly. Like every "hive" there is a full crop of candidates, but THE SIGNAL is of opinion that the riding should be at the disposal of the leaders of the party.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A Strange Story from the River's Bank—"Out of the Depths"—The "Do-nothing" Policy—The Question of Newspaper Subscriptions.

—A wierd story has come to me, and if it turns out to be true, I'll have to be careful in my strictures on the "Anarchist Club" and their meetings hereafter, not only for my own personal safety, but for the safety of old and esteemed friends of mine who may be made to suffer, as was the case with councillor John Butler the other day. You didn't hear about it, so you didn't; well I'll give you the bill of particulars in short metre. You see, a couple of weeks back I drew attention to the fact that a society had been formed in opposition to our back-stoop conclaves, and as it didn't rejoice in an official title my friend Butler bestowed upon it the appellation of the "Anarchist's Meeting." This name drew attention to the gathering, and at once attracted the eyes of the public, and as a result the "Anarchists" had to move from place to place, presumably to avoid surveillance. And now the worst feature in connection looms up. I am told that a special meeting of the "Anarchist Club" was held recently, and there and then a diabolical resolution was endorsed, having for its object the "taking off" of John Butler. The members of the "Club" met in a dark ravine, where the waters of the river dashed madly on their way to the great Lake, and there, beneath the shelter of an overhanging rock, with black masks that admitted only of the whites of their eyes being visible, they drew lots from a black bag to see who would be the one to do the terrible act. The lot fell upon one of the club who was known only by a "number" to his compatriots, and the doom of the redoubtable originator of the Big Boom was looked upon as sealed. The tactics that were pursued with regard to the unfortunate Moran, (who is alleged to have exposed Freemasonry), were tried upon the Father of the Waterworks Scheme, but I rejoice to be able to state that they did not avail, and my friend still does business at the old stand, and is as chipper as ever. Yes, siree, I'm told he was enticed into a boat and taken out upon the bosom of the roaring Maitland, and when near Black's boathouse a diabolical attempt was made to wreck the craft, and there-by remove the fighting alderman of St. George's ward. But he still lives, and the efforts of the "Anarchist Club" have thus far been foiled. That's the story as 'twas told to me, and it is sufficiently hair-raising to astonish even a bald-headed man. Hereafter carefulness shall be a leading feature in all my communications dealing with the meetings of the "Anarchists." Yes, I'll either be careful or buy a dog.

—But coming down from the regions of heavy tragedy to real, solid, hardpan everyday occurrences, don't you think the town council still takes first place for "masterly inactivity" in connection with the public improvements scheme? I'm told that Walker, the Port Huron engineer, has written stating that owing to previous engagements he will not be able to come to Goderich and make the necessary examination into the contemplated scheme. It isn't of any particular interest to me whether Engineer Walker comes or goes, but I'd like to see a public meeting called to discuss the question and to determine upon the line to be adopted. It seems the council can't devise any ways or means to let themselves out of the difficulty, and it's high time the sensible folk of the town took the matter in hand. There is a way to unravel the skein which they have so badly tangled up, and the only way to get the matter straightened is to have the public discuss the question in all its bearings. The "Do-nothings" have been playing football with the scheme long enough, and now they ought to let men who have no axes to grind take a turn at the business. Maybe my judgment is a little warped, but it seems to me the council has got to the end of its tether, so far as practical work in connection with the scheme is concerned, and the sooner new men take hold the better it will be for the town.

—I guess I'll rest a little now, and like Wilkins Mearns wait to see if "Something will turn up," in this connection.

A SILVER SERVICE.

H. I. Strang, Principal of the High School, is "Served."

Pupils and ex-pupils of Goderich High School unite in Doing Honor to Their Old Head Master—How the Thing Was Done.

Friday evening last an open meeting of the High School literary society was held in the upper room of the High School building, and the place was crowded to the doors. After some routine business the chair was assumed by Rev. Dr. Ure, and an interesting program was proceeded with. After a spirited chorus by the members, Mr. Wilson read, "How to Save a Thousand Pounds," and after that the chairman called upon Miss Halse for a reading. A buzz went through the audience, and then an ominous silence fell upon those assembled, as Miss Halse appeared, followed by Rev. Donald McGillivray, bearing a handsome tray containing a magnificent and costly silver service. In a firm, clear voice, and with perfect elocution, Miss Halse then gave the following reading:

To H. I. Strang, B. A., Principal Goderich High School.
DEAR MR STRANG,—As members of the Goderich High School Literary Society, including former members, your old pupils, we have conceived the idea of giving you an expression of our feelings towards you. (Your unselfish devotion to your school, and your kind and sympathetic interest in your pupils, even after they have gone out from the school, leave us no room to doubt your regard for us.) The Literary Society, so pleasant and profitable to us all, owes the success which has attended it, in great part to your wise counsels and kindly assistance. From the first you have made yourself one with us, often we believe, at considerable personal inconvenience. Nothing more clearly shows your kindly interest in us than your cheerful devoted attention, term after term, to our Society, the meetings of which, to one of your superior culture, and sincerely other attraction or render any benefit. Owing, as we do, so much to your influence, we think it very fitting that we should express our deep sense of gratitude for all that you have done for us not only as a society but as individuals. Further, we beg your acceptance of this silver service, not as a measure of recompense, but as a token of the high esteem in which we hold you. It is purely the offering of love. Let it remain your own, and let it be used for those whose lives you have made so marked an impress, and in whose best affections you will ever have a place.

Chief of the members of the Literary Society since its organization in 1878.
KATE AIKENHEAD, President.
JENNIE C. DICKSON, Secty.
JOHN ELLIOTT,
DONALD MCGILLIVRAY,
MARGARET J. HALSE,
Goderich Sept. 15th 1887.

Mr. Strang, who was completely surprised, was under deep feeling when he came forward to reply to the address. He thought there was something on foot when he saw the name of Rev. Donald McGillivray on the program, but he never imagined that the affair would take the shape it had taken. Knowing that Mr. Taylor was about to leave for a course of study at the university in Kingston, he thought the large turnout at this meeting was attributable to that fact, and the presence of Rev. Donald McGillivray, but it had never occurred to him that a demonstration was to be made in his own favor, or that he was to be the recipient of so valuable a testimonial from those whom he had assisted in teaching in years past. The present was far ahead of his deserts; the other teachers who had been associated with him had been equally faithful in the discharge of their duties. Mr. Halse, as well as the dated back to the inception of the high school literary society, and that gentleman was fully as deserving as he was. Under existing circumstances he felt it impossible to find words to express himself, but he thought his services had been over-rated. He had tried to do his duty by those entrusted to his charge, and in the sphere in which he had been cast. He loved the profession in which he was engaged, and would not change although he had been told by many of his old pupils that he could have made more money had he devoted himself to other pursuits. (Hear, hear.) There were two professions where great possibilities for good are within the power of the members—the ministry, the medical profession, and the teachers' vocation. The first and second of these had close dealings with those who came under their ministrations, but the duties of the teacher brought him more in contact with the young, and gave him an opportunity of making an impress upon their life and character. He had not always looked upon the teaching profession as the goal of his ambition—the first took to it as a stepping-stone to another position—but as time passed on, and he accustomed himself to the duties, he gradually relinquished other aims, and of late years had learned to love the work for the work's sake. (Applause.) Sometimes he had felt discouraged and bowed down with what he considered to be poor results for time and thought expended, but a letter would come full of encourage-

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Words to the Wise and Otherwise on Public Questions.

"Is it proper, or not, for a married lady to use the Christian name of her husband in placing her signature?"
ANSWER.—
It is not proper for a married lady to use her husband's Christian name in writing her signature. For instance, her signature should be "Mary Jones," not "Mrs. John Jones." In writing to a stranger on business, with the expectation of receiving a reply, it would be proper to say, address, "Mrs. John Jones."

The Montreal Superior Court Monday decided that a guarantee company was not liable for loss when the alleged defaulter had been acquitted of the charge by a court of law.
Rev. James Gray, of Stirling, a delegate to the meeting of the Kingston Presbytery, left the window of his room open on Monday night and some one entered and stole his gold watch and chain, his overcoat and money.
Five book agents, collectors for "Pictou County Canada," were set upon in Buckingham village, Ottawa county, Saturday, and made to surrender some notes which certain of the farmers had signed, it is alleged, without knowing the nature of the documents. The agents skipped out after their rough experience.

The Hamilton Presbytery which met Tuesday, passed a resolution regretting the desecration of the Sabbath by Capt. Boynton, of Barnum's show, who gave a public exhibition of swimming in Hamilton bay, on Sunday last, in the presence of some 2500 spectators. The Presbytery also censured the local papers for having announced the event on Saturday.
M. Casagrande has assured M. Rouvier that notwithstanding the Count of Paris' manifesto, the Right will continue to support the Cabinet, but on the condition that no change be made in the policy of conciliation which the Cabinet has hitherto pursued. Several deputies have decided to petition M. Rouvier to convolve the Chamber at the earliest possible date.

Trustee Williams didn't know until he was coming to the meeting the object that was in view, and he was pleased that the affair had been so quietly and neatly managed. The address was well worded, and the gift was a suitable one. Mr. Strang need not be afraid of doing injury to his conscience by accepting it, for if any man ever deserved a testimonial it was he. The presentation must be a source of pleasure to those who made it almost equally with that of the recipient. (Hear, hear.) The speaker closed by showing the benefits accruing from a literary society.

Trustee Jordan approved of the action of the pupils and ex-pupils on this occasion, for he believed no man more richly deserved such a tangible recognition of his services than Mr. Strang. That gentleman need have no qualms of conscience about accepting it, for it was but an acknowledgment from the students of work that they considered had been well done. As a trustee of the high school he was glad to see the good feeling that existed between teachers and pupils and hoped ere long to see the present local seat of learning branch out into a collegiate institute. He was sorry the trustees were not always able to do as much for the school as they would wish, but he was pleased that the literary society had been able to step in between and supply what was lacking.

Judge Doyle, another trustee, expressed himself in accord with the object of the meeting. The educational advantages possessed by the students of today were far superior to those of twenty and thirty years ago, and the students should prove by application that they fully appreciated their more favored circumstances in this respect. The literary society in connection with the school was a grand auxiliary, and should be freely taken advantage of by every pupil. After contrasting the educational facilities of the past with those of today, he closed by paying a strong tribute to the excellent work done by Mr. Strang and his assistants in connection with Goderich high school.

After a few remarks in a similar strain, from D. McGillivray, and an explanation by Mr. Strang, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Robert Ure, D.D.

The election for the Quebec Legislature held in Ottawa county last week has shown that in English speaking localities the old bugaboo about "French Domination" and the cry "Race and Revenge" have lost their power. The vote given demonstrates the fact that large Liberal gains were made in the English-speaking townships of Templeton, Lora, Lochaber, Mullgrave and Derry, while the Liberal vote in Papineauville, Montebello, St. Andre Avelin and other French villages remained practically the same as at previous elections. Sir John, when he appointed Oulmet speaker, and took so many of the Rielites to his bosom last session, proved the hollowness of the "Race and Revenge" cry, and the English-speaking electors all over have had their eyes opened on that point at any rate. The Liberal majority is not yet officially known, but is supposed to be in the neighborhood of 1,500, a decided change from a Tory majority of 370 at the last election.

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