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OUR NEW STORY.

THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

Sold Sense upon the Subject by Hon. E. Blake.

Hon. E. Blake, at the recent Reform Convention, spoke with great directness and force on the matter of the Boundary Award. Mr. Blake has been so persistently misrepresented by his opponents as to his attitude on this question, that our friends should make a note of his words in order to be able to pin ignorant Tories who may in the future, as they have done in the past, charge Mr. Blake with not being in accord with Mr. Mowat on this point:—

Upon the Boundary Award the people of Ontario, as has been said, are practically united, and have repeated in her legislation in two successive sessions that the Award is right, that Ontario expected the Dominion Government to take the necessary steps in order that it may be finally settled upon that basis. There was a time when we could make the boast that was made; there was a time, as a poet has said of ancient Rome,

"When none were for 't'ye part, When all were for the state."

and we found the gentlemen in the Opposition standing to record their opinions—though they acknowledged it was against their feelings—adversely to the Government at Ottawa on this matter. But after two years more determined action was decided upon by the Government at Ottawa. Up to this they had only shrilly dealt with the question, and now action was taken in the direction of refusing to ratify the Award, and the moment that that conclusion was reached those gentlemen who had been with us, now were unwilling to protest against repudiation. If they were right in those two sessions, and we think they were, when they voted in favor of the award, as a just award, as one which we ought to expect the Dominion Parliament to make final and conclusive, we cannot see why they are not wrong now. Now they have turned round and taken a diametrically opposite course. It is just the same as it was in former days when those gentlemen called for "no party," and at this time they are animated exclusively by the party spirit. (Cheers.) Suppose we hold these gentlemen to their word. They have said we ought to accept the award, and now they tell us the direct opposite, and give as a reason for the change of their opinions that they do not wish to divide the Dominion, now the Dominion Parliament has pronounced upon the question. It is obvious that this statement will not hold water. When you remember that the author of that has made a declaration that no part of the disputed territory is to be ours, that we can make no title to it, and that it will go to the Dominion or Manitoba, I will give the answer to the gentlemen how far the interests of Ontario are being met by this course to those who have those interests in their keeping.

The steamship City of Brussels has sunk off Liverpool. Of ten persons reported drowned two were passengers.

A Teaching Incident.

A pleasing feature of the reform convention was the hearty cheer accorded to young George Brown, when his name was mentioned as one of the secretaries. It was a fine tribute to the memory of the great senator. The son is a fine looking pleasant faced lad of fourteen, who "favors" his mother's appearance. He took great interest in the convention and heartily assisted in the preliminary work. It was a happy thought that placed his name on the list of secretaries. Mr. Brown and family are living in Toronto, and it may be mentioned without intruding on the privacy of a home, as an indication of the strength of Canadian national feeling, that the young people decidedly prefer Toronto to Edinburgh, and resolved to make Canada their home. Much interest will naturally be felt in young Brown's future.

J. C. Currie's Auction Sale List.

January 13th.—Great sale of Household Goods, etc., sharp at 1 o'clock, taking place at the new auction mart on Hamilton-st., opposite Colborne House.

January 13th.—Sale of the goods and chattels of Martin Fenlor, Charles Kendrick and C. J. Reeve, taking place at the mart at 1 o'clock.

January 27th.—Sale of town property at the mart, commencing at noon. For particulars see advertisement.

Goderich Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Wheat, Flour, Peas, Hay, etc.

AUCTION SALE

Town Property in Goderich.

Under a power of sale contained in a Mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, made by Malcolm McQuarrie and others dated the Fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1876, there will be sold by public auction, by John C. Currie, auctioneer, at his auction mart, opposite the Colborne Hotel, in the town of Goderich, on SATURDAY, THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1893, at twelve o'clock, noon, the following property, viz: The East half of lot running number 94, in the said town of Goderich, containing an acre of land, more or less. This property is situated on the north side of Newgate-street, and is a desirable property for building purposes. There is erected thereon a large frame building formerly used as a sawing mill by the mortgagor. TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent down, and the balance within 30 days thereafter, when the purchaser will be entitled to a conveyance and possession. The said property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or the undersigned. GARRICK & PROUDFOOT, Vendor's Solicitors. Dated at Goderich, January 2nd, 1893.

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Mr. Wm. McKay, who is at present teaching at Comberwood, was home visiting his friends during the holidays.

Mr. John McKay, son of Doctor McKay as one to spend a session in the Comberwood Collegiate Institute.

Miss Jane Disher, who succeeded in passing the requisite examinations for a third class certificate, has been appointed junior teacher in the Hensall public school, and went to take charge of her duties on Jan. 2nd, 1893.

Rev. Mr. Caswell's two sons from Toronto, and his daughter from Lucknow, are at present visiting the parental home.

School re-opened here on Jan. 3rd with an average of 60 pupils.

New Year's Day passed off very quietly. Very few persons indulged even in the time-honored custom of New Year's calling.

The Trustees of this section have furnished their school with a copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary.

On Wednesday evening 27th ult the usual Anniversary of the Presbyterian Sabbath School was held in the Orange Hall. The Hall was crowded and a good time generally was experienced apparently.

On New Year's Night the Anniversary of the Methodist Sunday School was held in the Methodist Church. Tea was served in the Orange hall, and the speeches, recitations, given in the church after tea was served.

The road from here to the Nile is reported to be in a wretched condition. No less than one hundred and fifty large pitch-holes have been counted, while the number of small ones is estimated to be countless. The stage experiences on an average, one upset a night.

The latest excitement in this village is a shooting gallery. The young men of the period gose there—shoots,—and comes away satisfied—that his cents (sense) are less than they were before.

The younger members of Mr. Caswell's family treated their young friends of the village to a very successful and entertaining party on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2nd.

At an annual School Meeting of this Section, Mr. John Brown was elected Trustee for the ensuing term in the room of Mr. J. M. Roberts, retired.

On Saturday evening last the drum of Mr. Wilson's stove exploded causing the inmates of the house a feeling of no slight alarm.

A VALUABLE FOX KILLED.—On Friday last a party of hunters, consisting of Messrs. B. Augustine, B. J. Crawford, A. Augustine and F. Davis shot a valuable silver grey fox. Messrs. B. Augustine and B. J. Crawford fired at the same moment, and both bullets hit the mark. The animal is now very uncommon, and the skin is said to be very valuable.

GREAT DAY IN DUNGOON.—Considerable amusement was occasioned in this village, one day last week, by the rather singular result of a shooting match. The parties concerned are four of our citizens: three of them having hitherto borne considerable renown as marksmen. The fourth had no brilliant record to refer to, and consequently neither of the three "professionals" would consent to take him as partner, so they were forced to shoot, "every man for himself." They proceeded to business, but who could imagine the result. At the end of the three rounds, the "Amateur" was found to be victorious, and was so generous as to allow each of the others two shots extra in order that they might have an opportunity of regaining their laurels. They accepted the offer, but to no avail, and were compelled to admit to an ignominious defeat. The moral in this is obvious.—Nimrod.

Port Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Delong have just returned from a visit to friends in Clinton.

Mr. Thos. Hawkins has been re-elected school trustee. He has creditably filled the position for a number of years.

Miss Theresa Perry, of Ailsa Craig, and Miss Stella Preston, of Denver, Col., are spending the holidays with their cousins, Mrs. G. Erwin.

Mr. R. Delong narrowly escaped losing his well-known running mare, Minnie, recently. The animal became entangled in its head gear while in its stall, and had not assistance been speedily rendered, Dick, would have been mourning the loss of his favorite equine. The animal is none the worse for her adventure.

A rather humorous incident occurred in Mr. H. Otway's store the other day. A lady entered and asked the storekeeper if he had "any common men's braces?" Scarcely were the words uttered, when another lady stepped up to the counter and wished to know "if he had any black women's stockings?" There was soon a burst of laughter all around. It is needless to say that the ladies did not belong to Port Albert.

At a proof of the favor in which THE SIGNAL is held here, I might mention that as your correspondent was entering the post office a couple of weeks ago, he met a very angry and disappointed looking party of men coming out, and upon enquiring what the trouble was, was informed that "THE SIGNAL hadn't come." Nuff said.

sense and intelligence be of any benefit to him he should succeed. At the early age of fifteen, and with but very little previous study, this young gentleman succeeded in capturing a third class certificate, coming out very high on the list, while other much older candidates who had spent all their lives in training were most ignominiously plucked. Success attend him.

I have been requested by a friend, to enquire of Joe Mayweed, of Leeburn, if the geese and ducks have commenced laying in that locality yet. My friend informs me that Joe used to chronicle all such important incidents during the past few years, and he would like to hear from him next week. Answer him, Joe.

Kingsbridge.

Mr. Ford, of Dakota, is visiting his friends here. He intends to return in the Spring, but, we believe, not alone.

RE-ENGAGED.—Mr. H. McPhee has been engaged for another year to teach our school, at a salary of \$425 per annum, an excellent teacher and the trustees have done well in retaining him. Miss Keefe has been engaged for the junior department.

No less than three very interesting accounts of the recent concert of the literary association have reached us, and we have chosen the first to hand. In the future our Kingsbridge friends may look for pretty regular correspondence in THE SIGNAL from this point. Get your friends to subscribe for it.

CONVERSATIONS.—Some town people fancy that all good things are enjoyed by them during the festive season; but such is not the case, as country people have their good things also. The Kingsbridge Literary Society held a CONVERSATION in the school house at Kingsbridge on the last Friday evening of the year just closed, which was a complete success. A thing of this kind must possess two essential points before it can be pronounced a success. It must be satisfactory to the audience and to the financial committee; and truth forces me to declare that it was highly so to both parties. The weather being favorable the house was soon filled to its utmost capacity, so that standing room near the door was considered a boon. The prelude, which was of an animated character, assured the assembled crowd that there was a good time coming. All necessary arrangements being made, D. Buchanan, Esq., was elected to preside and most efficiently did that gentleman discharge the duties devolving upon him. The first dropping of the curtain exposed to view a large array of talented singers, who were as eminent for their good looks as their skill in music. The selection was a beautiful hymn which was well received; but I must forbear entering too minutely into particulars, otherwise I'll impose on your time and space. After some very fine singing and acting the audience was taken by complete surprise by the appearance of the Port Albert Jubilee Club, whose dusky faces and peculiar garb were as amusing as their singing and their histrionic powers were entertaining. Their leader, who is said to be a Zulu of royal blood, is a conspicuous figure in the club, and well did he sustain the reputation of his countrymen for their skill in music and actions to accord with it. This noble gentleman sang several solos during the evening which were well rendered and received with bursts of applause. The other members of this young club are highly deserving of a meed of praise for rare musical talent and deportment. Long life and speed to the Jubilee Club, say I, and may your shadows never grow darker. The singing was highly meritorious throughout and reflects great credit on the amateurs of this beautiful art who sang on the occasion. "The Imps of the Trunk Room" in which two little girls bore the chief part, was remarkably well executed and afforded the audience special delight; little girls are more natural than large ones; and the absence of affectation in their performances render them very agreeable to us. Still there may be a difference of opinion on the subject. At least it is true that these two little girls acted their part admirably, as did the other little girls who sang and acted on the occasion. "Mike" was an original character in his way and sustained his part well in "Too Greedy by Half." His imitation of the dialect of the south of the Emerald Isle was complete producing roars of laughter. "How she made him propose" was very quaintly gone through and evoked much merriment. Several good readings supplied a pleasing variety and were received with applause. The national anthem brought to a close the best entertainment enjoyed in this part, and all departed to their respective homes well pleased with what they saw and heard on the last Friday evening of '92.

Goderich Township.

TRAMMEETING.—The annual meeting of the union Presbyterian church will be held on Friday evening next, the 19th inst. An excellent programme of speaking and music has been prepared, and the committee are endeavoring to make it "the best yet."

Dunlop.

Mr. Neibergall has secured the severed services of Mr. G. McKea as overseer in the handling of saw logs, stave bolts, etc.

The bridge at Salford has been put in good order by your council getting a quantity of snow put on it, so as to permit teams to draw heavy loads across it. Our "heavy draughts" can no longer have no fear of being struck in mid stream when they go to the County Council.

Benmiller.

The oyster supper and dance under the auspices of the Benmiller Court 86, Order of Foresters, held here on Wednesday evening, was largely attended. The weather was most propitious.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The following is the result of the election of officers for the ensuing quarter of Benmiller Division No. 308, A. Heddlie, W. P.; Sarah Heddlie, W. A.; T. Heddlie, R. S.; Ida Walters, A. R. S.; S. Heddlie, F. S.; C. Walters, T. W. R. bertson, Chas.; Geo. Stewart, C.; M. B. Gledhill, A. C.; Sarah Heddlie, jr., I. S.; Wm. Moore, O. S.; Jos. Moore, P. W. P.