

## Aylmer Express

### AMERICAN VS. CANADIAN NEWS PAPERS.

"Public Opinion," a paper published at Watertown, Dakota, objects to our statement of a few weeks ago, when we said—"Of all nations on the face of God's earth who make any pretensions of being educated, the United States is the most ignorant in all subjects pertaining to other countries than their own." We must acknowledge that it was a pretty broad assertion, but we do not think it a very hard one to substantiate. Knowledge of foreign countries can only be obtained by travel, conversation with those who have travelled, or reading. The number of those who travel to any extent through foreign countries is so small, comparatively speaking, that it is not worth while taking it into consideration in the present case. The knowledge obtained from reading is divided into two classes, books and newspapers. Books give a general idea of past events and conditions at the time of writing, generally on one subject in particular. Newspapers and other periodicals are the great educators of the masses without a doubt, or at least they should be, for all the events of the present day throughout the world. It is from them, and through them that the masses, the people in general, get their information regarding what is transpiring in the world at large. With a few notable exceptions, the press of the U. S. devotes very little attention to foreign matters, and these papers do not reach the masses. The larger cities of the Union have one, some of them two dailies, who give regular telegraphic foreign news of decent extent. The evening daily of the smaller cities as a rule give none of any account, and the average weekly none at all. Take the copy of "Public Opinion" which we have before us. There is not one word in it from first to last to show that there is any other country on earth but the United States. There is not a line of news about either the war in South Africa or the Philippines, and no one would ever dream from reading this "great educator" on foreign matters that such wars were going on at the present time. How can its readers help being "ignorant" on these important questions, no matter how well informed they are on home matters. Watertown is as large or larger than Aylmer, and it is fair to compare the reading matter in THE EXPRESS of the same date to that in "Public Opinion." THE EXPRESS gave four columns of late telegraphic news re the war in South Africa, and half column re Philippine war. In addition to this there was six and one-half columns of reading matter relating to events in foreign countries—past and present, two columns of which relate to U. S. matters. This, in addition to all the local and Canadian news. This is no exception to the general rule of news in THE EXPRESS, nor to those copies of "Public Opinion" which we have seen. The man is a great big chunk who would for a moment attempt to dispute the fact that the readers of THE EXPRESS are better posted on foreign matters of daily and present occurrence than the readers of "Public Opinion." We believe the same difference will be found in other Canadian and American papers of equal size, and we will be glad if our readers who live in the United States will send us copies of their local weekly to either prove or disprove our position.

### WOMEN AS JUDGES.

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Lots of snow.  
Mr. J. C. Laur was called to the bedside of Mr. B. Cook yesterday.  
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The Home Circle intend holding a concert in the hall on Feb. 14th. Mr. M. Matheson, Irish Comedian, is to be the entertainer; there will also be music by the band. Dr. Hobbs, of London, is expected to be chairman. Come one. Come all.

"If The Cap Fits, Wear It."  
If you are suffering from the consequences of impure blood,—have boils, pimples or scrofula sores; if your food does not digest or you suffer from catarrh or rheumatism, you are the one who should take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will fit your case exactly, make your blood pure and cure salt rheum, scrofula, rheumatism, dyspepsia, catarrh, and give you perfect health.

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They Struck It Rich.  
It was a grand thing for this community that such an enterprising firm as J. E. Richards secured the agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the wonderful remedy that has startled the world by its marvellous cures. The furor of enthusiasm over it has boomed their business, as the demand for it is immense. They give free trial bottles to sufferers, and positively guarantee a cure in coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. A trial proves its merit. Price 50c and \$1.00.

Bayham Council.  
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The members elected by D. Stratton, Reeve, and Councillors C. C. Medler, W. Grant, B. Brien and C. Turnbull having taken and subscribed the several oaths of office before the clerk, the council was called to order by the Reeve, who, after reading and approving of the minutes of the last meeting, the following business was transacted:

J. H. Soper and Samuel Murphy were reappointed to collect the uncollected rates of 1899, and the treasurer was instructed to notify the several sureties of said reappointment. C. McConkey and John McCrimmon were appointed assessors respectively of the north and south divisions of Bayham for 1900.

George Laing and Wm Walker were appointed auditors to audit the treasurer's accounts for 1899. C. S. Crossett and J. A. Scott were appointed commissioners to expend the sum of \$85 in travelling the Forge road on condition that the residents in the locality subscribe an equal amount for the same object.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our snow plows were very slow in getting around on Sunday last, and had it not been for some private plows, very few could have got out all day. Mr. Jas. Trim received many a blessing for his good work, especially in the east end, and along Talbot St., where he made good paths early in the morning.

The thirty-second annual report of the North and South Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Co., is one which will not only give entire satisfaction to the officers, but will also inspire confidence in the policy holders, as we doubt if a better showing can be made by any similar company in Canada. On the 31st of Dec. last, there were 1490 policies in force, an increase of 97 over 1898, representing insurance to the extent of \$2,245,450, an increase of \$162,822. The premium notes amount to \$67,363.50, an increase of \$1,884.66. The residue is \$59,323.17, an increase of \$4,016.91. The receipts for 1899, including balance on hand were \$10,887.88, and disbursements were \$1,567.54, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$9,320.34. The losses by fire were only \$991.16 last year, and the total assets of the company are \$68,965.28.

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Only One Paper Speaks.  
London, Feb. 6.—The Westminster Gazette yesterday afternoon alone commented on the Nicaragua agreement.

It welcomed the announcement, but says it is surprised Great Britain does not get compensation for relinquishing her undoubted rights. The paper realizes that Lord Salisbury may have good reasons for assenting to this, but hopes Great Britain's friendly action will "count in the settlement of the Alaskan dispute."

Russia Getting Her Grapplers On.  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The campaign in favor of taking advantage of the present complications in South Africa to secure Russian ports on the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean, is being pushed with vigor. The newspapers openly advocate profiting by Great Britain's difficulties to realize the schemes upon which depends the ultimate prosperity of Russia, and which Great Britain has always frustrated.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.  
In the matter of the property of James McDermid, late of the Township of Malahide, in the County of Elgin, Yeoman Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 129, Revised Statutes of Ontario, that all creditors and other persons having any claim whatsoever upon or against the estate or property of James McDermid, late of the Township of Malahide, in the County of Elgin, Yeoman, who died on or about the 27th day of December, 1899, as on or before the 1st day of March, 1900, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor of the last will of the said James McDermid, deceased, at his office in the Brown House, Street, Aylmer, Ontario, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and full particulars of claims with vouchers, and the nature and value of all securities, if any, held by them.

And notice is hereby further given that after the said last mentioned date, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been received as above required, and the said Executor will not be liable or responsible to any person of whose claim notice shall not have been received as aforesaid at the time of such distribution, for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof so distributed.

Dated at Aylmer 29th day of January, 1900.

A. E. HAINES,  
Solicitor for Executor,  
BYDNEY SMITH McDERMID.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Eichenberg & Yokom, machine agents, has this day been dissolved. All accounts are payable to Mr. J. A. Eichenberg, who will also settle all outstanding accounts of the firm.

J. A. EICHENBERG,  
W. R. YOKOM.

Dated at Vienna this 10th day of Jan., 1900.

Residence for Sale.

In the Village of Vienna, (one block from High and Paul Streets) eight rooms, etc., recently rebuilt and new; 1 acre, good barn, well, cistern, fruit, only \$550; just the place for retired farmer. Also good horse and rig for sale cheap. Write or see J. VOADEN, Vienna, Ont.

By-law No. 540, appointing assessors and auditors was passed.

Checks to the amount of \$936 were passed, when the council adjourned to meet on Monday, the fifth day of February, 1900, at 10 o'clock.

J. G. PAULING,  
Municipal Clerk.

A Deep Mystery.

It is a mystery why women endure backache, headache, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, fainting and dizzy spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phoebe Cherley of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes constipation, improves appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at J. E. Richards' drug store.

LAKEVIEW.

Mr. Geo. Chalk delivered a span of horses at Avon on Monday, which he sold last week.

Jas. McConnell remains about the same.

Mr. Jas. McIntyre will have a new barn erected in the spring, to replace those burnt last fall. Mr. H. Chalk, of Calton, has the contract.

Mr. H. Chute, of St. Thomas, spent a few days this week with his father in this place.

A large number of farmers are now filling their ice houses from Mr. E. B. Cohoon's spring water pond.

Mr. L. McConnell has sold his fifty acre lot of wood land on the 2nd concession to Mr. E. B. Cohoon, of this place.

Mr. Sydney McDermid has purchased from Mrs. Geo. Harrison, of New Jersey, her interest in a fifty acre lot, situated in the 2nd concession of Bayham.

The prospects for business for the Cheese Co., of this place for the coming season are splendid.

World's Champion Healer.

"I tried many remedies to cure piles," writes W. R. Smith, of Latham, Ill., "but found no relief till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I have not been troubled with the piles since." Greatest pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. 25c per box, guaranteed by J. E. Richards, druggist.

Miller's Compound Iron Pills, 50 doses 25c.

## One of the First Essentials

Of a comfortable bath is the quality of Soap that is used, which make half the pleasure in the bath. Following are a few lines of our medicinal and Toilet Soaps to suit the most particular.

### TOILET SOAPS.

English Honey, 10c. Tablet.  
Violets, 5 and 10c. Tablet.  
White Hyacinths, 10c., 3 for 25c.  
Egg White, 10c., 3 for 25c.  
Pears' Soap 15c. Tablet.  
Castile (pure white) 3c. and 5c.  
Castile Mottled, 12c. lb.  
Infants Delight.  
Baby's Own.

### MEDICINAL SOAPS.

Cuticura, 30c. Tablet.  
Benzo Derma. 25 cents.  
Dandruff Shampoo, 25 cents.  
For cleansing the hair and scalp.  
Tar Soap, 5c. and 10c.  
Fackens' Tar Soap, 25 cents.  
Clab Cologne Glycerine Soap, 15 cents.

N. B.—A few Medicines you should have on hand at this season of the year:

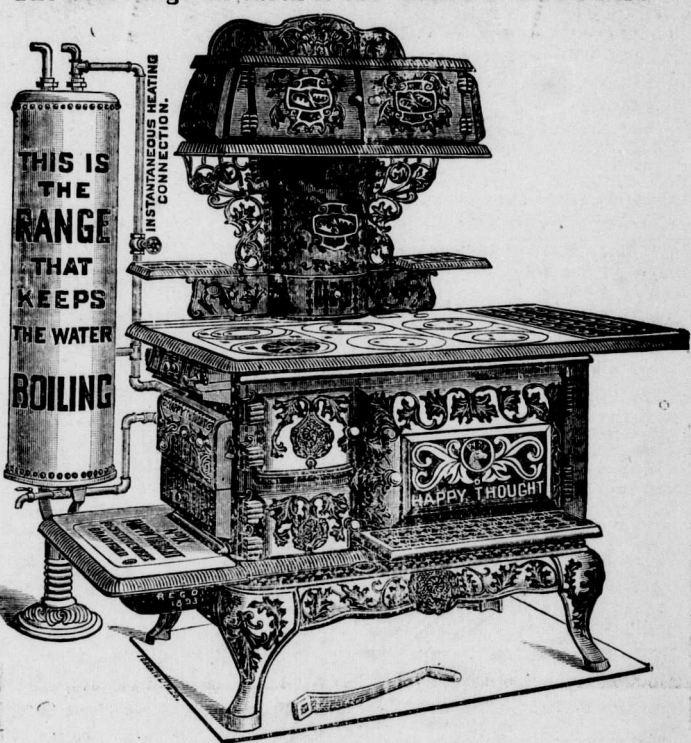
Syrup of Tar and Wild Cherry (for coughs and colds) 25c. bottle.  
Cream of Menthol and Witch Hazel, for rough and chapped hands, lips and face, 25c. bottle.  
Our Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, 35c. per bottle (for persistent coughs and building up the system).

## J. E. RICHARDS

The People's Druggist.

M. C. R. Ticket Agent.

The best range on earth is the "HAPPY THOUGHT."



Sold in Aylmer by WRIGHT & ALLEN only.

## Great Closing Sale

While the stock is rapidly diminishing, the assortment is still good. Opportunities to buy clean new Goods at considerably less than wholesale prices are rare indeed.

## Of Special Interest This Week

Our offerings in Blankets, Dress Goods, Mantles, Prints, Hosiery, Lined Gloves and Mitts, Cloth and Fur Caps, Fur Collarettes, Muffs, Gauntlets, Capes, Men's Fur Coats, 1 Coon Coat, \$36 50 for \$26 50; 1 Coon Coat \$40 for \$30; Wombat Coats for \$14 and \$15, worth \$18.00 and \$20.00; Men's Boys' and Youths Suits and Ulsters. Only a few Beaver Overcoats left. Secure one! And Underwear, no place like this for Underwear.

## Auction Sale

Same place and same auctioneer as last Saturday. Clothing and General Dry Goods will be offered.

We urge late Millinery buyers to come and complete their Millinery outfit this week and next, as Miss Stinson leaves us on February 5th.

Come to this great money-saving closing sale.

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