



Agricultural.

TRUE HAPPINESS.

O' there's a prize that many seek, Yet must have sought in vain. A prize exceeding India's wealth, Or California's mine. What is that prize? 'Tis happiness, Which man hath sought to gain. Some seek it in the temple hue - Which power and wealth unfold, And vainly dream that joy may be Like chaff to chaff and sold. And they, poor wretches, soon will find 'Tis vain to trust in gold. In health - obedience to the laws Of nature it is found - Where'er the air, and sunlight free, Of fertile soils abound. Thus evermore is rural life With joy and pleasure crown'd. 'Tis not in wealth - 'tis not in fame - Nor in the city's glare, That we shall find this ever sought Eluding shade so fair - But in a quiet farmer's life - Yes - happiness is there.

THE WEATHER, during the past week, until Sunday and Monday, was extremely mild. The water during this day was scarcely at any time frozen. The sun sank into the west with mildness and beauty. On Friday morning it snowed some but the weather moderated again and turned into a regular thaw. On Saturday evening a snow storm set in from the east, the wind suddenly shifted to the north west, and it snowed during the night with some wind about a foot deep, the snow having drifted a good deal. Sleighing in the northern parts of this county is good. The winter is fast departing and we have really had but a few weeks of real winter as yet. Our markets are supplied with a good deal of wheat which sells readily at about 4s. 6d. per bushel. Oats and Hay remain high. Wood we think must come down in this market from the circumstance that the Northern Railroad can bring it from the back country into Toronto for about \$3 per cord. It is said hogs are very scarce in Canada. The prospects of the farmers for 1853 are good, and we look for an early spring.

QUICK CHURNING.—We witnessed a specimen of quick churning on Saturday. The churn used was S. P. FRANCISCO'S Celebrated Atmospheric Butter Churn. We saw him take a fire quart tin full of cream, and putting it in the churn brought the butter and gathered it into a ball, in just two minutes and fifteen seconds. Mr. F. says that he can churn thirty gallons of cream and produce the butter in from five to ten minutes. The peculiar build and very simple construction of this churn, makes it a very cheap and durable machine. We should suppose it would come into very general use among the farmers, obviating, as it must, a great deal of the hard labor of the old process besides its great saving in time. Mr. J. G. HARBOTTLE, under the Baptist church, is the Agent for this county. L. M. S.—Jefferson Re-Crmer.

A CURIOUS SCENE.—Mr. Huc, in his "Travels in Thibet and China," gives an account of a strange scene which he witnessed while traversing a mountain region in the Tsaidam Mongol country. It was no other than the sight of a herd of oxen frozen in the stream. "While yet in our encampment," he says, "we had observed some dark, shapeless objects ranged in a file across the great river. No change either in form or distinctness was apparent as we advanced, nor was it till we were quite close to them that we recognized a troop of wild oxen. There were more than fifty of them encrusted in the ice. No doubt they had tried to swim across at the moment of congelation, and had been unable to disengage themselves. Their beautiful heads surmounted by huge horns, were still above the surface; but their bodies were held fast in the ice, which was so transparent that the position of the imprudent beasts was easily distinguishable; they looked as if swimming, but the eagles and ravens had picked out their eyes."

In London there are 12,314 houses assessed to the inhabited House-duty; in Westminster, 19,615; and in Middlesex, 101,367. The total duty paid was £273,446. The duty paid under the window tax amounted to £548,205 annually.

NEW MANUFACTURE.—The editor of the Picton Gazette was shown a few days ago a sample of oil manufactured in the county of Prince Edward, from the oil of white fish caught on Weller's beach. The oil burns with a pure flame, and is totally devoid of all offensive smell. The Gazette computes, that this new manufacture will add nearly 20 per cent to the value of the fisheries.

INDUSTRIAL INNOVATIONS.—The Quebec Chronicle informs us each year in 50 an exhibition in that city in the month of April, the home of also given, and the best articles are to be awarded ordinate, Grand. Early in April is the time announced by our country rather a foolish time we should think. We hope by the will of a hoax. impartiality.ingham house has received an order to coin seven able in months of copper into coinage of the new French Em-Massachusetts thousand tons are required in all, and the work will rears to complete.

For the Canadian Son of Temperance. FAVOURABLE MOVEMENT ON TEMPERANCE. BY THE LONDON PRESBYTERY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Stratford Division Sons of Temperance presented a Memorial to the Presbytery, (which met at London on the 12th January) of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, suggesting to that body that it would be the means of furthering the cause of Temperance, if they would issue an address to their several congregations on the subject, and the following is the result, in a communication to the R. S. of the Division, at which all favorable to the advancement of Temperance should rejoice, and think also of this as an example to be copied in other parts of Canada. Much credit is indeed and truly due to the Members of the Presbytery for their prompt action:—

"To John J. E. Linton, Esq., R. S. of T., Stratford: London, January 19th, 1853. Dear sir, I am instructed to acknowledge the reception of a Memorial, addressed by the Sons of Temperance at Stratford to the Presbytery of London, and to transmit to that body, through you, the following minute on the subject: 'At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the 12th day of January, 1853 years, the which day the Presbytery of London met, and was constituted inter alia, a memorial was read from the Division of the Sons of Temperance at Stratford, praying the Presbytery to take into consideration the propriety of publishing a Presbyterial address, setting forth the evils of intemperance, and urging the practice of total abstinence as an expedient for removing these evils; the Presbytery having considered the Memorial, unanimously and cordially agreed to take steps for fulfilling the prayer of it, and appointed the Revs. Thomas McPherson, Daniel Allan, and John Ross, a committee to prepare an address of the above description, and get 3,000 copies of it printed for distribution.'

(Signed) JOHN SCOTT, Presbytery Clerk."

STRATFORD, 26th January, 1853. ORANGEVILLE DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

SIR AND BROTHER—Will you favor us with a place in your excellent paper. Although we live so far North, and no doubt in the estimation of many of our front Brethren, are to a certain extent buried in the woods; yet we assure you we do not like to be forgotten. We wish you to know, that even in the back-woods of Canada, there has been deposited the germ of those principles which must and will prevail. It is true that we have been and are still struggling for our existence. Our enemies are numerous and we are surrounded on every side by determined foes to the good cause. But we cannot give up: There is a band, small indeed, who in spite of false friends and opposition, are pledged to fight until they conquer or die. No surrender! is the motto that is engraven on their hearts—they fight on the side of truth and sooner or later must prevail. We intend to have a Public Tea party on Wednesday the 23rd of February, and should any of our friends find it convenient to favor us with their company on that occasion, they will find that even in these frozen regions, there are hearts that beat warm in the good Temperance cause, our Division meets on Monday evening. A Son of Temperance will be always welcome. Yours, in L. P. & F., F. L.

MR. EDITOR.—Please to insert the names of the officers of the Richmond Hill Division, No. 13, S. of T., which are as follows: G. Graham, W. P.; J. Horner, W. A.; Wm. Harrison, R. S.; Wm. Lavin, A. R. S.; H. Hall, F. S.; A. Law, T.; T. Brown, C.; C. Smith, A. C.; H. Sanderson, I. S.; J. Hall, O. S.

Permit me to remark that the good cause of Temperance is making slow but sure progress in this place, though there are some who have broken the tie which bound them to their best interests, there are others who are determined to battle King Alcohol to the last. While our hearts are cheered by the glad tidings which your invaluable paper brings of the onward march and triumphant career of our principles. Yours Fraternally, WM. HARRISON, R. S.

RICHMOND HILL, Jan. 31 1853. DEAR BROTHER,—I will give you a list of our officers for this quarter: Gustavus Bingham, W. P.; Dr. A. I. Park, W. A.; U. Bagnel, R. S.; F. Vanvalkenburgh, A. R. S.; J. A. Tidy, sen., T.; W. Waldon, F. S.; W. Addison, C.; I. F. Beker, A. C.; H. Vanvalkenburgh, P. W. P. In L. P. and F., JOHN FITZGERALD.

NORWICHVILLE, Jan. 20 1853. DIVISIONS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.—Grand Division of the State, T. J. Nevins, G. S.; Pacific Star Division, No 1, Sacramento City; California Division, No. 2, San Francisco; Eureka Division, No. 4, Santa Cruz; Eden Division No. 5, San Francisco; Excelsior Division, No. 6, San Francisco; Olive Branch Division, No. 7, Sacramento City; Snowy Mountain Division, No. 8, Centreville; Stockton Division, No. 9, Stockton; Sonoma Division, No. 10, Marysville Division, No. 11, Marysville; Golden Gate Division, No. 12, San Francisco; Napa Division, No. 13, Napa City; Santa Clara Division, No. 14, Santa Clara; Benicia Division, No. 15, Benicia; Sonora Division, No. 16, Sonora; Sierra Nevada Division, No. 17, Nevada City; Columbia, No. 18, Columbia; Pioneer, No. 19, Marysville; Oriental, No. 20, San Francisco; Yreka Division, No. 21, Yreka City.

MACKENZIE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE.—We omitted to notice this periodical in our last issue. The second number has made its appearance. We never had but one opinion of Mr Mackenzie as an Editor, and our knowledge of his writings extends over a period of twenty-seven years in Canada, and that is, that he is honest in the advocacy of popular Government, and an able and industrious caterer for the Press. His Weekly Message is a large well filled and exceedingly interesting paper, price \$2 per annum in advance. He is a strong advocate too of the Maine law, and will vote for it in Parliament. The North America has made a mean and abusive attack upon him. It is a pity the lay politicians who edit that paper could not show one hundredth part of the proof that Mr Mackenzie can of his being truly progressive in his political course. Mr Mackenzie to our knowledge in 1832, as did we too, advocated all the great popular measures, which the present Canadian Cabinet promised to get enacted, but as yet have failed in doing.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS.

The Stouffville Dinner came off on the 1st instant, and was very well attended we hear. J. P. Wheeler, Esq., Reeve, of Scarborough' after led, and presided as chairman. Full particulars have not been sent to us.

THE NEW MARKET TEMPERANCE PARTY was also well attended. It was given chiefly for the benefit of Mr. Wilson, who keeps a good Temperance House in the village of Newmarket.

AT RICHMOND HILL, on the 10th instant, there is to be a union meeting of various divisions, and a lecture. It is expected the members of the Rising Star, New Market, Thornhill, New Moon and Cumberland Divisions will attend.

TORONTO SECTION OF CADETS SOIREE.—A grand Soiree by this Section is to come off on the 16th instant in the St. Lawrence Hall. Great preparations are being made to render it very interesting. There will be the best of music, and good speakers are expected to attend. No PAT SWENNY trash will be permitted, but the proceedings will be rational and decorous.

QUEBEC SONS.—The temperance men of this city gave a grand Musical Soiree on the 27th January. The Rev. Mr. Marsh, and the Honorable Malcolm Cameron addressed the audience on temperance. It seems intemperance is greatly on the increase in Quebec. During last year there were 1500 convictions in Quebec arising chiefly from intemperance. The Quebec Gazette of the 28th January gives a full and creditable account of this Soiree.

THE OAKVILLE DIVISION Sons of Temperance intend celebrating their anniversary on the 15th inst., with a Soiree.

THE MAPLE LEAF UNION Daughters of Temperance, of Hamilton, are about to invite the Rev. Wm. Ormiston to lecture at a Soiree to be given by them.

A State Convention was to take place in New Hampshire on the 3rd inst.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE at some length in its last issue justifies the practice of adulterating liquors in the columns of newspapers. Every man of course has a right to his opinion, but we must confess that this is a startling one from an Editor who denounces the liquor traffic. We cannot in this number enlarge but may in our next, and in doing so shall discuss the question fairly and dispassionately.

IN ILLINOIS a Grand Mass Convention is to be held immediately, prior to entering upon an agitation for the enactment of the Maine Law.

THE NEW ORDER OF SOCIAL CIRCLES is making rapid strides in some parts of the States. The families of Temperance men meet together in social circles.

ON this day a great State Convention of temperance men meets at Augusta in Maine.

THE DEDICATION OF YORKVILLE TEMPERANCE HALL came off on the 1st inst. About two hundred ladies and gentlemen attended, and the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner by all. Prior to the dedication a repast was partaken of by all. The dedication ceremony being too long, it was performed by prayer by the Rev. Mr Parsons of Orangeville. Br. Jackson, W. P. of the Division filled the chair with ability and made some appropriate remarks. A Bible was presented to the Division by the Primrose Union of Daughters of Yorkville, with a suitable address read by Miss Bradshaw. To this Br. Jackson responded. Br. Dobson presented to the Division a beautiful framed copy of the Maine Law with a portrait of Neal Dow. Some appropriate remarks were afterwards made by several speakers. A good band was in attendance. The Yorkville Division show much enterprise in their acts.

THE WELLINGTON SQUARE DIVISION intend dedicating a large and beautiful Hall on the 24th inst. It will no doubt be a very interesting occasion. The Rev. Mr Goldsmith of Hamilton, and Judge Marshall of Toronto are expected to attend. We will insert the letter sent in our next.

THE DENNAS DIVISION are to have a large and pleasant party on the 14th inst. Preparations are being made (in the best style) to give all who attend an unusually pleasant reception. This Division is celebrated for doing up things in the best way.

OSHAWA DIVISION.—Judge Marshall lectured to a large audience in this village lately.

A NEW DIVISION has lately been organized at Acton in Essex.

The members of the PERSEVERANCE TENT OF RECHABITES in Montreal, are to hold a Soiree on the 1st instant. It has usually been conducted with a dance we hear, but this year dancing was omitted.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

It is said the Clergy Reserve question which is causing so much excitement in Upper Canada, will be ruined by the refusal of the House of Lords to sanction any Bill vesting the power of Legislation over this measure in the Canadian Legislature. Even if this should not prove to be the case, we much doubt if the present Parliament would secularize these Reserves. The enemies to the measure would be the Conservatives and extreme Roman Catholics of Lower Canada. A new and splendid Bell has been hung in the new Cathedral of St. James in Toronto.....Dr. Rolph it is said has given £12 10s. to the Quebec English Church Society. He never attended that church in Toronto.....The Globe of last week contains an able article on the subject of the Great Trunk Railway. Mr. Brown's course in Parliament has made him very popular. He is not, however, a truly progressive politician. He is opposed to the elective principle, and is in favor of leaving the present immense patronage of the Executive where it is. Now this is the curse of Canada and through it public men and the Press are every where bought up. The people of Canada not only require civil and religious liberty but they require control over all of their local officers.....Parliament will meet on the 14th instant. Many of the members have left for the seat of Government. It is greatly to be hoped that the policy they may now adopt will be more in accordance with the public voice of Upper Canada. The Parliament will inflict a great curse on Canada if they make our schools sectarian or if they yield to the demand of Lower Canada to have the representation in each section of country equal, irrespective of population. If the French Canadians are not willing to let representation be based on population the Union should be broken up.....There is nothing of note to refer to in our Province. Meetings are being held in various parts in favour of Railroad schemes.....We have noticed several very distressing accounts of deaths in the papers from intemperance. These are the fruits of increased taverns. How can it be right then in any man to encourage the existence of taverns in which spiritous liquors are sold.....The Toronto Post Office is this day moved into the new splendid edifice on Toronto street.....The engine of the locomotive on the Northern railway, broke last week by running through a snow bank.....Many new appointments are being made by the Government in many parts of Canada.