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THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME.

My early home was not where spires and turrets rise,
And noisome vapours steam and blacken all the skies,

That humble cot on memory's page indelibly is drawn,
And fancy scents the garden herbs and views the waving corn,

Oh! take your city homes for me with all their pride and gloze,
No softer carpet can ye tread than cotten's bank of moss;

Are poor exchange for blackbird's trill, and gentle dove's coo, coo,
Oh! how I long again to dip my can in that old well,

Here there is no green hill to scale, no huntsman's horn is heard,
No old mill stream to paddle in, no thrush, no cuckoo bird,

THE WEATHER, MARKETS, AND CROPS.—Tuesday was a fine, sunny day—the morning previous frosty—wind west. Wednesday was a remarkably fine day—wind south west, in the evening it was very mild—a chorus of music! was raised by the toads and frogs.

A gentleman of Ruicorn, having seen a recipe for destroying cockroaches, &c, sliced cucumber, made a trial of the remedy by slicing two cucumbers, and throwing them into a place which was literally swarming with them.

Green Peas are \$20 a bushel in Boston. They are raised under glass, and now in market.

THE WEEVIL IN WHEAT.—A correspondent of the Syncy Morning Herald states the following means of destroying weevils:—"I have in more than one instance tried the simple remedy of one quart of sifted lime mixed with one pint of fine salt to a hundred bushels of wheat, where, I may say, millions of that insect were to be perceived; and in the short space of twenty-four hours they have completely disappeared.

SNAIL TRADE.—Snails have become a fashionable article of food among the Parisians, and a special part of the fish markets is appropriated for their sale. The art of breeding and fattening them is carried to great perfection in Lorraine and Burgundy, whence the city markets are mainly supplied.

There is to be a World's Fair at Paris in 1855.

DOINGS OF THE LEAGUE MEN.—The Spirit contains nothing else just now but letters under fictitious names (signed by LEAGUERS, as they call themselves) against us, filled with lies and personal abuse. What have we done to warrant this infamous conduct? Is this what the League is established for? Is it established to run down, to entrap Sons into its support, and abuse its best friends?

OXFORD.—OTTERVILLE DIVISION.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I am ordered by the Otterville Division, No 257 S. of T, to forward to you the following resolutions, passed in the Division room on the 16th instant, and request you to publish them.

Moved by Brother Barnes, seconded by Brother Durker, and Resolved—That this Division considers it inconsistent, and a violation of the spirit of our constitution, for a temperance Editor to advertise LIQUORS in any paper he may publish.

Moved by Brother Johnson, seconded by Brother Titus, and Resolved—That this Division approves of the course pursued by the Editor of the Gem, in his controversy with the Editor of the Spirit of the Age, who pulls down with one hand what he builds up with the other.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order. JOHN MARSHALL, R. S.

OTTERVILLE, 18th April, 1853.

ANONYMOUS SCRIBBLERS.—The Spirit some two months ago was opposed to the introduction of letters from contributors into his columns; yet we find when he wishes to injure us he finds no difficulty in inserting them. There is no pledge or principle that he will not violate, for we are informed that he has within a year past BLEND INTERPERATE. Now this is the man that HAMILTON SONS delight to honor.

THE SPIRIT—JUDGE MARSHALL.—This print, in a late number, wrote as if the benevolent gentleman whose name heads this article, was of opinion that a Son of Temperance or Teetotaler could consistently ADVERTISE LIQUORS. Believing a man who had travelled over England and Scotland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Canada to advance the temperance cause, and lecture without fee or reward, could not possibly have such an opinion of the consistency of a temperance man, we on Saturday last conversed with him on the subject for half-an-hour, and find that he is EMPHATICALLY OF THE SAME OPINION THAT WE ARE on this subject, and also on the League.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE AND DIVISIONS! be not deceived, or led to form new associations, to the injury of older and better ones. WEIGH WELL WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT. We are surrounded by unprincipled men—office seekers. Rest on your oars and look about.

THE CHALLENGE, that has appeared in this paper, to the Divisions of Hamilton, to discuss the question of the consistency of a Son's advertising liquors, has not been accepted. The cowardly slanderers of this paper and its friends, dare not argue it. Let Divisions be cautious, and instruct their delegates to vote right in the Grand Division on all questions affecting the good of the Order.

THE WATCHMAN.—The wanton falsehood, started by this paper, and which, although required by us, remains as yet unretreated, has been reiterated by the Spirit of the Age and his secret writers—that is to say, that every mail brings to us bundles of returned papers. This is a wanton, gross, and malicious falsehood, without a shadow of truth. No paper in Canada has less returned papers than we have, and no paper is more popular with its readers.

ONTARIO.—This noble name—that of the pioneer Division of this city—is prostituted this week in the Watchman paper by its well known enemy J. M. Ross. Does he remember the fable of the Ass in the Lion Skin? The skin of the noble animal could not hide the long ears, for the braying discovered the fool!! So the name "Ontario" will not disguise a snake in the grass. HIS EAR MARKS ARE SEEN. We challenge the production of the real name, and moreover assert that the letter from beginning to end is false.

THE CONDUCT OF THE HAMILTON ORGAN.—This most inconsistent and raving paper asserts on the 22nd April, that the article that appeared in the Leader of the 20th is a sensible one, approves of it, although it attempts to prove the nullity of ALL PROHIBITORY LAWS. It then flies off on a tangent and commences abusing us—far more important than to do away with the arguments of an opponent. We begin to believe the "SPIRIT" is what its name indicates, the principal enemy of the temperance movement. We feel positive that it is a deadly enemy of the order of the Sons. Then in the leading article, it asserts that we are the only person that is calling for the immediate enactment of a Maine Law in Canada.

The Canadian Friendly Visitor is the name of a religious paper, published semi-monthly at Bowmanville, by the Rev. John Garnett, contains sixteen pages; and seems to be issued to carry out the design of the Hamilton Evangelist—price \$1 in advance.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Late English papers bring us the intelligence that another Prince has been born to the British nation. The Queen and her son are doing well... The Pope, rumour says, has positively refused to crown Louis Napoleon... Piedmont and Switzerland are about to get into difficulty with Austria and Russia... Indications of secret organizations for revolution have been discovered all over Germany. Australian emigration from England increases—yet the accounts from this eastern land of gold are very discouraging... The Massachusetts Legislature has voted \$50,000 to indemnify the owners of the Ursuline Convent against their loss, it having been destroyed by a mob in 1834... Spring, the vile Philadelphia murderer, has been again convicted, he having obtained a new trial on account of some informality in his first conviction. He is one of the most hardened wretches on record, having murdered two women at the same time in the most brutal manner... Vice President King died on the 18th of April, in Alabama... The British House of Commons commenced its session again on the 24th of April. The correspondence in relation to the Island of Cuba, that had passed between England, France, and the United States was asked for, and had caused some discussion. A debate had occurred in relation to the address from the merchants of London to the French Emperor... 13,000 cases of wine have been destroyed by fire at Boulogne, in France... It seems the Cape of Good Hope, or Kaffir war is at last ended—peace was proclaimed there on the 16th of Feb. 1853.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

The election for a new city representative commenced yesterday. Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Gowen are both very sanguine of success. Those desiring the welfare of the city should prefer Mr. Sherwood. A meeting was held on the 21st in this city for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Temperance League... The Rev. Mr. Ward, colored minister, is to go to England to lecture on behalf of the Anti-Slavery Society. He is a man well qualified to explain to the British public the wrongs and evils of American Slavery... The death of Judge Sullivan, caused by inflammation of the lungs, has created a vacancy for the Government to fill up. The death of Judge Baquet in Lower Canada has created a similar vacancy there. In Upper Canada Mr. Richards will perhaps be the person chosen to replace Judge Sullivan. We think a better and more appropriate choice might be made from some of the County Court Judges. The system of Cabinet Ministers voting themselves into office is a very bad one... A short time since the body of a male infant was found near Manning's circular saw mill in this city, supposed to have been murdered by its parents... A man named Griffith, about ten days since, committed suicide by jumping off Tanning's wharf. Was he intemperate? ... 30 new vessels are on the stocks in process of being built at Quebec... The Parliament buildings and the block of land on which they stand, it is said, have been sold to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for £25,000, a sum entirely too low... Burns, the man so severely beaten at the Peacock Inn in a drunken fight, has since died... A son of Mr. Hawke, emigrant agent, aged 14, was instantly killed about a week since by a fall from a horse in this city... Recent easterly winds have caused a considerable breach in the eastern end of the Island that guards our harbor from the Lake... A railroad is to be made from Hastings to Prince Edward—the Bay of Quinte was open on the 19th April... The people of Hamilton had a great time of it on the 15th inst., upon the occasion of the opening of the new Mechanics' Institute there. 1000 ladies and gentlemen were present, and speeches were made by Sheriff Thomas, the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Mr. Spence, S. B. Freeman, and others—dancing also took place during the evening... David Stillwell, an Innkeeper of Fredericksburgh, Norfolk, lately emptied his rum into the street, opened a Temperance House, and joined the Sons—LET HIM BE SUPPORTED... The last WESTERN PROGRESS PAPER contains a long good article against Sectarian Schools. This is right editors, show your independence. Where is the platform eloquence and editorials of THAT PATRIOT the North American? Gone to the tombs of the capules—writing learnedly on Government Cabbage!! Yankee Dooodle of the Niagara Mail continues to amuse with his caricatures of the manners and politicians of Canada. The writer of these burlesques is one of the most original and able in Canada. They are true to the life of manners and politicians... The Sectarian School question is causing great excitement in Upper Canada. It seems a petition from the catholic inhabitants of Montreal, amounting in number to over 2000, was presented by Mr. Badgely to the House of Assembly, lately. Here is a grand effort of Popery to establish its rule over its own people in Canada, feating to allow them to come in contact with PROTESTANT HERETICS AND INFIDELS. If the time-serving Ministry, as it is called, of Upper Canada, yield this question to Popish priests, they will be remembered at the Polls!!

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.—The Government papers are uttering warnings to the public of a coming dissolution of the House of Assembly during the year. Should such an event take place, the people of Canada will find it difficult to tell how to act in choosing representatives, in reference to political questions. A feeling of dissatisfaction exists against the general conduct of the present Canadian Ministry. Why? Because they have acted differently from what they led the people to think they would in most things. The University Bill has been read a third time. It was opposed strongly by Mr. Brown. Mr. Gamble's Drunkard's Bill, to provide means to secure the estates of drunkards from improvident waste, has been read a third time. The Lower Canada Seigneurial Alteration Bill has been read a third time. It is said the bill increasing the jurisdiction of the Division Court has been lost. Several Bills of a local character have also passed a third reading.

IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND on Good Friday, a large meeting was held in the Sons Temperance Hall, by those favorable to the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law. A petition containing 3000 signatures of the inhabitants of the island, was said to have been presented recently to the Legislature, and disposed of in a very summary way, on the ground that the people were not prepared for the law. Active measures have been taken to secure lecturers to arouse the public mind.

TORONTO MARKET PRICES, APRIL 25th, 1853.

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Table with 4 columns: Commodity, Unit, Price, and another unit. Includes items like Flour—Millers' Superior, Eggs per dozen, Pork per 100 lbs, etc.