

LONG EVENINGS.

In our last issue we took the liberty of throwing out a few hints on the propriety of every family being provided with a good newspaper, and it is very gratifying to observe that our remarks have been appreciated, if we may judge by the number of new subscribers which have been added to our list, since that date. No less than nineteen have sent in their names, with a dollar to pay for a year's subscription to the "Herald" during the past week; and every new addition gives us fresh courage, and begets a desire to make the paper, if possible, more worthy of the support of the public. The money is beginning to stir a little again. The long, long, summer days of toil and labor are over and are succeeded by the season which the Creator has designed for the re-creation of our mother earth, and for the mental improvement of His creatures. Winter is fairly upon us; and the long evenings suggest and afford proper opportunity for rest, recreation, and instruction, and it will be a sad loss indeed if any allow the time to pass without improvement. These purposes must be in a great measure subserved by the newspaper and the public lectures. The former keeps the reader in practical relation with the progress of the world and the doings of his fellow men around him; while the latter will introduce him to the more intricate problems of art and science, and the more familiar details of philosophy in relation to the varied purposes of life. And here we cannot help remarking that popular lectures have for many years been growing unpopular, and that people generally do not manifest nearly so much interest in the great subject of universal education as they should. This, probably, as much the fault of the lecturers themselves, as attributable to a want of correct taste or non-appreciation on the part of the public. It has been made too much of a trade and the country is flooded with ignorant mountebanks, whom it is worse than loss of time to hear. This has brought the system of public lectures almost into contempt in some places; instead of which, a winter's course of talented popular lectures, should be regarded as a fixed and essentially necessary institution in all our towns and villages.

But we are digressing from our subject.—There are hundreds of families in this country who do not take any newspaper, and they must have a dreary time of it during these long winter evenings. We shall be happy to increase our edition, and send them the "Herald" every Thursday morning, for a whole year, for the small sum of one dollar.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

It may not be amiss to remind our readers that the time is now drawing near when the people of this Province will once more be called upon to perform one of the most responsible and important tasks which falls to their lot as citizens. We refer to the election of local legislators for the coming year. We have often spoken of the vital importance of Municipal institutions, and urged that they are in reality the basis and foundation of popular government, as they give the people an insight into the practical workings of the governmental machine. People are thus enabled to see the results of every step which their local government may take, as those results are confined to the sphere of their own immediate observation. They are thus taught to judge of measures by the effects which they are likely to produce, and not be misled by prejudice.

If the electors, upon whom much depends, cultivate the advantages which these valuable institutions hold out to them, and elect only intelligent, thinking men, to the office of Councillors, we may expect that they will become a blessing to our country, and the safeguard of free and constitutional government. But upon the character of the men the people make choice of, will depend the character of the institution. If ignorant, inefficient and interested Councillors are elected, as is too often the case, the Council will be brought into contempt, and their By-laws and deliberations will become a byword and a laughing-stock amongst the people.—The vast power possessed by the municipalities, when properly directed, is one of the greatest blessings ever conferred by a liberal government; but if placed in the hands of ignorant, unprincipled, or imprudent men, is more likely to prove a curse than a blessing. Taking this view of the matter, we consider it a duty, which ought never to be neglected, for every one to attend at the polls—to lay aside party and political differences entirely—and to select persons worthy to fill the office, and qualified to perform the duties and to exercise the powers entrusted to them.

The election of Mayor, in the several towns and incorporated villages, directly by the people, instead of by the Town Council, as heretofore, is likely to add much to the usual bustle and excitement in those places at the commencement of the year. Whether the change is likely to be for the better, remains to be seen. It is another step towards the democratic institutions of the model republic. We also perceive by the new Municipal bill that hotel-keepers will be eligible no longer for the office of Township Councillor. It is alleged that the opportunities which they possess of influencing the electors are not likely to lead to purity of principle or morality of action, in the choice of more important public offices. Many worthy individuals, whose services might be valuable, will thus be excluded, but very many others will be left at home, whose attendance can well be spared.

THE RAMSAY GAME LAW.

Two weeks ago, we gave it as our opinion that the By-law which it was said the Ram-

say Council were threatening to pass on the second Tuesday of December, for the purpose of preventing the hunting of deer with hounds, would not be borne out by law; and we feel proud to say that our opinion has been sustained by some of the most eminent lawyers in the Province. We have taken the trouble of writing to several legal gentlemen on the subject, and their reply is that the game law is regulated by Provincial Statute—that it is not within the jurisdiction of a By-law which could not be sustained in a court of law. Our Municipal institutions are made with a view of carrying out the provisions of the Provincial Statutes, and when we see Reeves and Councillors priding themselves upon their office, and attempting to overstep the bounds of their jurisdiction, we cannot help thinking of the fable of the frog, which, in her efforts to expand herself to the enormous size of an ox, actually collapsed.

We understand that some of the ill-instructed bipeds who got up the petition against the hounds, procured signatures to the same, by means of the grossest misrepresentations. It was told that certain farmers had sustained damage to their crops by the running of hounds and men through their grain; but nothing could be farther from the truth than this statement. Not a single trespass has been committed by the Carleton Club during the whole season, that has not been paid.—The hunters never travel through the crops. In one or two instances, the deer and the dog may have crossed the clearing, but in every known case of the kind, payment has been made.

If there be a single farmer, in any of the Townships, who feels himself damaged, by the Club, to the amount of one penny, or upwards, let him send in his claim to this office, and if a just one, it will be promptly paid. The members of the Club are wealthy and have ample funds at command to meet every little liability of the kind that may occur.

While upon this subject we would respectfully suggest, to the Councils of both Beckwith and Ramsay, the propriety of imposing a tax on dogs. They have power to do this; and a tax of one dollar a head would very much lessen the number of useless, snarling, half starved curs that are to be seen perambulating our streets at all hours of the day and night, and too frequently entering sheep-folds and unceremoniously treating themselves to the best of the mutton. These depredations are scarcely ever committed by hounds, which are generally chained up, except when on the chase, and very seldom by any dog, that is fed and taken care of. Such crimes are, for the most part, traceable to the class of curs which we have above described, and we are sure that the tax proposed would diminish their numbers very materially, while it would add considerably to the revenue of the Townships.

GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE.

We have lately seen the notice of a new book which has been published, in which the idea is mooted of converting the Arabian desert into an Ocean! The author whose name is not mentioned, advocates the propriety of undertaking this little job, with no small degree of plausibility. He says that the great valley extending from the southern depression of the Lebanon range to the head of the Gulf of Akaba, the eastern branch of the head of the Red Sea, has been once an ocean. It is in many places 1,300 feet below the level of the Mediterranean, and in it are situated the Dead Sea and the sea of Tiberias. He believes that this ocean, being cut off from the Red sea by the rise of the land at the southern extremity, and being only fed by small streamlets, became dried by solar evaporation. He therefore proposes to cut a canal of adequate size, from the head of the Gulf of Akaba to the Dead Sea, and another from the Mediterranean, near Mt. Carmel, across the Plain of Esdron, and to the fissure in the range of Lebanon. By this means the Mediterranean will rush in with a fall of 1,300 feet, fill up the valley, and substitute an ocean 2,000 square miles in extent, for a barren, useless desert.

To the Editor of the C. P. Herald.

Sir,—I trust you will not exclude from your columns a few remarks I wish to make in reply to your correspondent "Sylvander," who, in his recent communication to your journal, displayed a good deal of mistaken zeal, bad grammar, and ignorance of history, which is not rendered any the more acceptable by the patronizing air and mock condescension with which it was propounded. It is somewhat gratifying to know that although the cold he recently suffered in Meeting was sufficient to prevent the divine word from attracting his sensibilities, yet it has been the means (in his opinion,) of inflicting a chastisement upon "a romantic nymph," whose thoughtless sayings he would else have passed by "as heedless as the idle wind which but respect not." Mistaken man! had he but asked his Grandmother, or if that venerable personage is no longer accessible,—had he enquired among the elderly ladies of his acquaintance he would have heard that hoops were worn long before the Empress Eugenie had existence, and that the present custom in regard to them, is but the revival of a time honored institution, which was in use among the good people of a former age. The older British poets have frequent allusions to them, as he would have found had he consulted their writings. But "great men are not always wise," even though they set themselves,

up for "gentlemen expositors," and in further illustration of this, it is well to remind "Sylvander" that he is in error in reference to Nemo Sahib, who is not the Nabob of Delhi. After such an exhibition of ignorance, and comcomby as this, "Sylvander" and his admirers may as well make up their minds to leave off their big words and thundering phrases and leave the ladies to judge for themselves in reference to the elegancies and proprieties of their costume. Did it not occur to "Sylvander" that among his own sex, there is an amazing amount of time and money spent in frivolity, and idle amusements, and that if they would abandon tobacco and eschew snuff and a host of other sources of extravagance, the "church repairers" so dolorously referred to, need not long be lacking. The argument of Sylvander will apply equally well against lace and muslin, and all the finer kinds of manufacture, which, however give employment to thousands of sturdy hands, which might otherwise beg or starve. Why do "gentlemen expositors" wear such gaudy silk hats, manufactured in Paris, and of the latest fashion, when everything Parisian is placed under the ban of their censure? Why do not women appear in public dressed in home made flannel, and men in calf-skin vests, (appropriate enough for some of them,) continuations? And where would the world be, socially, and religiously if there were no "innovations"? There never was a good thing introduced to the notice of the world, but it met with the sneers of just such men as your correspondent. I fear, Mr. Editor, that I have been drawn into a length of discussion here, which you will relish as little as myself, but I could not resist the inclination to take a little of the starch out of so very straitlaced, but erring a gentlemen; to whom I here make my final adieu.

I remain, with best respects,

LUCY.

ARRIVAL OF THE "CITY OF BALTIMORE."

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She still continues to carry on her extensive business at Smith's Falls, at her old stand, Main Street.

N. B.—The latest Fashions received Monthly.

NINETY-SIX good axes for sale at the Post Office, at 5s 7/4 for CASH. TENNANT & STRUTHERS.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TIMESAVING LABOR-SAVING SOAP-SAVING WASH-BOARDS For Sale by TENNANT & STRUTHERS. Carleton-Place, Nov. 25th, 1858. 11-cg.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION WILL meet in PERTH, in the GRAHAM MAR SCHOOL-HOUSE on FRIDAY, the 10th day of December, next, at the hour of ten o'clock, a.m., for examining Teachers, and granting Certificates of qualification.

The LANARK Section of the BOARD will meet, for the same purpose, in the SCHOOL-HOUSE, in the VILLAGE of LANARK, on SATURDAY, the 18th of December, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon.

Teachers in the vicinity of Perth are requested to present themselves before the Perth Board for examination. Candidates are requested to bring with them certificates of GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

J. A. MURDOCH, Secretary. Nov. 25, 1858. 11-g

CASH paid for good clean pease (Wanted immediately.) JOHN DEWAR, Carleton-Place.

CAUTION TO TRESPASSERS. ALL PERSONS are hereby forbid TRESPASSING upon Lots No. 13 and 14, in the 4th Concession of RAMSAY. As any person found so doing will be PROSECUTED according to Law.

WILLIAM GILES. Ramsay, Nov. 22, 1858. 11-g

TEACHER WANTED. FOR School Section No. 3, RAMSAY, a SECOND CLASS TEACHER. Apply to the undersigned Trustees, JOHN ROBERTSON, JR., DAVID WYLIE, W. R. SUTHERLAND. Address—No. 11, Carleton-Place. Nov. 25, 1858. 11-f

GENUINE GROCERIES, TEAS, and UNADULTERATED LIQUORS and SUGARS, can be had at BELLAMY'S MILL. My assortment of GOODS is altogether reliable, and I invite moderate purchases to ESTHER GEDES. Claxton, Nov. 11, 1858.

NOTICE. The Subscriber having disposed of his Business in Ashton to Mr. John Desmond, hereby calls on all persons who owe him up to the last day of January last to make payment by the first day of December next, all unpaid after that date will be due.

He also begs to say that wishing to have this year's business closed as soon as possible, requests that payment be made to him for the same by the 1st day of February next. JOHN SUMNER. Ashton, Nov. 2nd, 1858.

HUDSON'S BAY. A fine lot of Hudson's Bay Buffalo Robes for sale very low by A. McARTHUR. Carleton Place, 3rd November, 1858.

Tannery to Let. THE SUBSCRIBER wishes to Lease or Rent his Tannery in Carleton Place, for a term of years, as may be agreed upon. A good supply of BARK on hand; and possession will be given immediately. WILLIAM MORPHY. Carleton Place, Oct. 13, 1858. 6

FOR SALE. TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF EXCELLENT LAND, being Lot No. 8, on the 7th Concession, Beckwith. The above property is situated within HALF-A-MILE of the B. & O. Railway, and will be sold on reasonable terms. A sufficient title can be given. For particulars, apply to the Subscriber, ARCHIBALD DEWAR. Beckwith, 15th Nov., 1858. 11-g

NEW FALL GOODS ARRIVAL. THE SUBSCRIBER is now receiving his usual good Assortment of FALL GOODS, to which he would direct the attention of his Customers, and the Public generally. THE STOCK NOW ARRIVING will be very complete in all its departments. THE MARKET PRICE paid for GOOD BUTTER, on Accounts or for Goods. JAMES H. WYLIE. Ramsay, 12th October, 1858. 6f

GEORGE WILSON, IN COMMENCING BUSINESS IN RAMSAY, at Leckie's Old Stand, begs respectfully to intimate to his numerous friends that he opens with a New, Varied, and well selected Stock of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, MEDICINES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, BOOTS & SHOES, FANCY ARTICLES, &c. &c. &c. TERMS—CASH. Calling the attention of the Public to the above Notification, I would respectfully solicit an examination of my stock which having been laid in at the lowest market rates, I am enabled to sell at unusually reasonable prices for Cash or ready pay. So, Ladies and Gentlemen will afford me much pleasure to exhibit the articles I have for sale, and I hope for low prices and good merchandise to merit a continuance of the liberal patronage which a discerning public has hitherto bestowed at the old stand. Ramsay, Oct. 28, 1858. 7-f

NEW MILLINERY SHOP. Mrs. N. B. BROWN, having just opened her new Millinery Establishment, one door South of Metcalf's Hotel, is prepared to furnish the ladies of Carleton-Place, and surrounding vicinity with every article in her line of business, usually to be found in large establishments, at the lowest possible figures, for Cash.

She still continues to carry on her extensive business at Smith's Falls, at her old stand, Main Street.

N. B.—The latest Fashions received Monthly.

NINETY-SIX good axes for sale at the Post Office, at 5s 7/4 for CASH. TENNANT & STRUTHERS.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TIMESAVING LABOR-SAVING SOAP-SAVING WASH-BOARDS For Sale by TENNANT & STRUTHERS. Carleton-Place, Nov. 25th, 1858. 11-cg.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION WILL meet in PERTH, in the GRAHAM MAR SCHOOL-HOUSE on FRIDAY, the 10th day of December, next, at the hour of ten o'clock, a.m., for examining Teachers, and granting Certificates of qualification.

The LANARK Section of the BOARD will meet, for the same purpose, in the SCHOOL-HOUSE, in the VILLAGE of LANARK, on SATURDAY, the 18th of December, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon.

Teachers in the vicinity of Perth are requested to present themselves before the Perth Board for examination. Candidates are requested to bring with them certificates of GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

J. A. MURDOCH, Secretary. Nov. 25, 1858. 11-g