

Danesbury House.

"What?" asked Mrs. Philip Danesbury. "You are not speaking in the house the next morning and last night it was the same again?"

"Yes, Sunday Mrs. Philip broke out. Danesbury has much to answer for. Some day I shall be telling her so."

"What a mamma was watching for them, I must tell," returned Isabel. "It was when they came in, and she looked out of her room in her dressing-gown and saw them both. William could not get up to bed without assistance. They were both had in mamma's room this morning before a papa left it. I don't know what happened. Mamma did not appear at all, the only name down when Lord Danesbury was leaving. Since then, she has been quarrelling with every one. She quarrelled with papa; she abused William shamelessly; she tried to quarrel with me. At last, it was so uncomfortable that I came here to you."

"Mrs. Danesbury is out of her mind," said Mr. Philip. "When she gives way to these fits of temper, she is almost like a child. This unhappy conduct of the boys—especially of Lionel—augments her irritation and renders it unbearable. You may depend upon it that she is blaming herself in her heart of hearts. She was foolishly indulgent to Robert and Lionel, and when they were grown into young men, supplied them with a ruinous quantity of pocket-money; yet was always quarrelling in trifles, through her own capricious temper, and making their home miserable. Anything like self-control or self-reliance she never taught them. I repeat that she will have much to answer for. And where are the boys now?"

"William went to the works before mamma's stern was over; and Lionel departed towards Brookhurst with his gun, and said he should not be home for a day or two. Of course all this is heard for papa to hear. My heart aches for him. Do you not think him very much altered, aunt?"

"Yes," shortly replied Mrs. Philip. "But we will go to other topics, my dear, for talking of this kind will not mend it. Is your wedding-day fixed?"

"Yes, answered Isabel, with a rosy blush. "It is to be very soon, indeed. "On the eighteenth."

"Why, that will be in a fortnight!" said Mrs. Philip. "I said very soon. I hope, my child, you will enter upon a happier home than you have had with Mrs. Danesbury. The more I see of Lord Temple the more I like him."

"Is he as kind as he looks, an isolated man, and has had to look abroad for ties of sweet. I do hope the future will be happy for both of us. His mother died when he was at Eton, so no one has supplied her place to him. He says he shall tell me all his wild fancies when we are married," she added, smiling; "and that, when I hear them, I shall be glad to be as good as he is. Louisa Serle is coming down to the wedding."

"Is Lord Temple's maid, I suppose. Who proposed that?"

and economy; and Mrs. Philip was as eager as they were. William Danesbury came in to tea, and they went from talking to mirth. Laughter abounded—that sort of laughter which is contagious, irresistible, though nobody can tell what caused it. William related to them some ludicrous story current in the neighborhood, and that set them on. Then they had music and singing; and William's flute, on which he played well, happened to be there. At half past nine they thought it must be half past eight, so they had the time passed. Soon after, Isabel put her things on.

"Now, William, mind your evenings are spent here as often as you like," said Mrs. Philip. "Isabel will be gone, and Danesbury House may be dull. And bring Lionel with you, so long as he is at home."

"All right, aunt, I'll come. But I can't answer for Lionel. They said good-night, and walked fast over the road. Isabel's heart was beating. She wanted to say something, yet did not know how.

"William, I am so sorry I am going," said Mrs. Philip. "You ought to be glad. Why are you sorry?"

"To leave you. I think I could make—I should try if I remained—to make things pleasant for you at home."

"My time will be mostly taken up in the work, Isabel."

"I mean your evenings. I wish," she added, in a lower voice, "I could leave you as securely as I can Arthur."

"Dear Mrs. Philip," she whispered, "let me say a word of advice. If you were really to take to—to that dreadful habit, I think I should almost die of grief and shame. I should almost die of grief and shame. I should almost die of grief and shame. I should almost die of grief and shame."

"Then how was it—last night?" she stopped in distress. "Al! one can not get out of fast habits and into slow ones all in a minute," was his reply. "But I shall come."

Her tears were dropping fast. "Will you make me a promise, William; here, as we stand alone in the still night, with these glowing stars above us—that you will overcome this miserable failing?"

"I will, if you will promise me the same," said Mrs. Philip. "Whatever may be my faults, I hold a promise very sacred, and my father taught me that in my childhood, and I can not forget it. I never undertake a promise lightly. Do not distress yourself, so."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Woodstock Grocers Petition Against Shop Licenses.

But the Council Refuse to Pass the Bylaw Without Further Consideration.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 29.—At last night's meeting of the Town Council a petition was presented against the granting of permission to sell liquor in grocery stores. The petition says:

"Whereas your petitioners believe that the enactment and enforcement of such a bylaw would prevent unfair competition in business, and would also promote the welfare of this community:

"Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable body will be pleased to pass such a bylaw and submit the same to the electors of the municipality of Woodstock for ratification in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of Ontario."

The petition is signed by seventeen grocers as follows: Henry Canfield, John Butler, R. R. Fulton & Co., David Dodge, W. H. Wilson, J. Morrison, R. B. Thornton & Son, W. C. Wilson, John Kelley, E. Pott, Milliman & Nelis, J. B. Doyle, W. R. Watson, J. W. Whyte, Wm. Walton, Slaughter & Gordon and Furry & Thompson.

Mr. B. B. Thornton acted as spokesman for the petitioners. He said he appeared with confidence to the council, as he represented 17 out of 23 grocers of the town and because he believed they had a strong claim. The Ontario Government recognized that grocers who did not have a shop license had a grievance; in the words of the statute and the petition it was an "unfair competition." In 1888 a law was passed by the Legislature that no further licenses be granted to retail liquor in a shop where other commodities were offered for sale.

The present grocers holding a shop license were not interfered with except as they were affected by the local option clause mentioned in the petition. He did not ask the council to endorse the principle, but merely to grant the prayer of the petition and allow the people to vote on the question. If the vote was taken as proposed at the municipal election, the extra expense would not be heavy. The petition was signed by 17 out of 20 who had a right to sign it; therefore he felt sanguine the council would recognize their claim.

It was contended by a number of the aldermen that the proceedings were irregular, and that it was strange the council should be asked to pass a bylaw without first having an opportunity of considering it.

Mayor Douglas said there was no doubt the proceeding was irregular, but to overcome this objection he was prepared to call a special meeting at any time.

Mr. Knight agreed and the council adjourned until Wednesday night.

The Postmaster-General of Norway has ordered that after Jan. 1, the bicycle shall be used by all country postmen for the delivery of mails where the roads will permit. Good roads and free postal delivery will be one of the cries of a political party in the United States.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division. Collected Nov. 18, 1892.

Table with columns for MAIN LINE—Going East and MAIN LINE—Going West. Includes times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for Kankia Branch, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for London, Huron and Bruce, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for London and Port Stanley, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for St. Marys and Stratford Branch, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for Toronto Branch, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for Hamilton—Depart, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for Hamilton—Arrive, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Table for ERIE & HURON RAILWAY, showing times for Limited Express, Mixed, and Freight trains.

Advertisement for Surprise Soap. Text: "Don't Forget YOUR CAKE OF Surprise Soap FOR THE NEXT WASH, NOR TO READ the directions on the wrapper." Includes image of a hand holding a bar of soap.

Advertisement for ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE. Text: "LARGER GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT THAN ANY OTHER CANADIAN COMPANY." Includes contact information for C. E. GERMAN, General Agent.

Advertisement for MARSHALL BROS. Wholesale Importers of TEAS and COFFEES. Address: 67 Dundas Street, London, Ont.

Advertisement for WM. MALLOCH & CO., MACHINISTS. Text: "ELEVATORS, PULLEYS, SHAFTING, HANGERS and SPECIAL MACHINERY repairing a Specialty." Address: 154 Fullerton Street, London.

Advertisement for 3 APPLICATIONS THOROUGHLY REMOVES DANDRUFF. Text: "ANTI-DANDRUFF GUARANTEED." Includes image of a person's head.

Advertisement for WANTED 1,000 Names and Addresses. Text: "THE BEST PREMIUM LIST EVER OFFERED BY A CANADIAN PUBLISHER." Includes image of a person's head.

Advertisement for THE BEST PREMIUM LIST EVER OFFERED BY A CANADIAN PUBLISHER. Text: "Handsome and Useful Presents: ALMOST GIVEN AWAY: APPLY EARLY." Includes image of a person's head.

Advertisement for CONSERVATORY GLASS. Text: "IN PLAIN AND ROLL PLATE, ALL SIZES." Includes image of a conservatory.

Advertisement for HOBBS MANUFACTURING CO., LONDON. Text: "School House Windows, Church Windows, Mirrors and Store Front IN PLATE GLASS."

Advertisement for FITZGERALD, SCANDRETT & CO. Text: "FRESH IMPORTATION OF New Roquefort Cheese AND ENGLISH BISCUITS." Address: 169 DUNDAS STREET.

Advertisement for OAK HALL. Text: "The popular Double-Breasted Sack the graceful Single-Breasted Sack, and the dressy form-fitting cutaway styles." Address: 150 DUNDAS ST., LONDON.

Advertisement for B CURES Scrofula. Text: "Scrofula is a tainted and impure condition of the blood, causing skin eruptions, ulcers, tumors, rashes, eruptions and skin diseases. To remove it, the blood must be thoroughly cleansed and the system regulated and strengthened." Includes image of a person's head.