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WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

AN HONEST OPINION OPENLY EXPRESSED
About the Climate of Goderich—
Forecasting the Standards to
Which a Backslider

When I left Jan. 31, on my way out in the township and arranged to move my goods and chattels to Goderich, where I had decided to rest my weary bones and live a life of ease, comfort and a change off to the trials, tribulations and labors incident to toil out on the concession. I was warned to avoid Goderich on account of the cold winters, which would be sure death to one enfeebled with the weight of years and broken down with overwork. I listened to the advice, but heeded not the warning, and here I am today, after many years' experience of the weather in Goderich in winter time, forced to confess that a finer winter location than Heron's county town isn't on the map of Canada. Many a time and oft during the years which I have lived in the county town I have been confidentially informed by ladies and gentlemen who have never seen the prettiest town in Canada, that Goderich was the most awfully cold place in winter, and the shivering manner in which they alluded to the matter would almost make one believe that the Heron and Spoken of our county was located in Greenland's icy mountains, and the fault-finder lolled on India's coral strand, where the primitive part of Adam and Eve made the natives perjure during the winter months. But although they spoke thusly, the facts were invariably against them; and I have generally been able to convince the grumblers that although the mercury never ramboled up in the nineties in Goderich during the months of December, January and February, yet neither did it run away down to Fifty, Twenty or Thirty below zero during the same period. For a dead center, we are a happy medium, and this matter has been set beyond a peradventure during the past couple of weeks. I am not going to tell you, like the people of St. Paul, Minn., that we have the cold weather all right enough, but that you can't feel it, so perfect are the qualities of our ozone; but I'll tell the truth, and the whole truth, without addition, subtraction or multiplication. Our weather is cold enough for all practical purposes. During the winter months, if our young folk swing on the garden gate or sit on the stoop during the evening, they are liable to have solids in the head next morning; with our weather we rarely have even a partial failure of the ice-crop, and those who are engaged in that industry was fat in person and pocket-book as a result, I am glad to say, if you put in a quarter of beef, you can make up your mind that none of it will go to waste during a January thaw; if you buy a sealskin coat for your wife, or a Red-River overcoat for yourself, you can rest easy that the neighbors won't think you are rushing the season; if you make up your mind to go on a sleighride during the term I have named you can do so with the consciousness that you can get home again without having to walk back through mud roads; our winters are sufficient to develop a good average crop of cornwood, and to allow the timber and sawlogs to be easily harvested; and the mortality in and around Goderich during the winter months is proved by statistics to be lower than any other section of Canada. When, within the past fortnight, the mercury in Toronto was dodging from 10 to 15° below zero, when Clinton's volatile rested at 25°, and Sanborn's scurried down to 35°, and in other places the mercury tried to run out through the bottom and leave the section, in Goderich there was a placid calm about the thermometer, whose face never indicated a lower temperature than 5° below zero. I have been tempted to lift my nasal voice in protest against the standards of outsiders on this point, and to show that Goderich, although not largely interested in the culture of orange groves or the raising of bananas, is yet equal if not superior to far as climate is concerned, to any known part of Ontario.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE
A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.
The Canadian Magazine for January, 1888, is a most interesting and valuable contribution to the literature of the Dominion. It contains a number of articles of high quality, and is well illustrated. The first is

TORONTO LETTER

About Men and Things in the Queen City.

The Bank Wreckage of the Queen City—
About Legislative Prayers—
Godefrid's Visit to the City—
John Brown's Body, &c.

From our own Correspondent.
Toronto, Jan. 31, 1888.
During the past couple of weeks the excitement here in financial circles has been most intense, and it is feared that even with the closing of the Central and Federal, the pressing of monetary institutions may not subside. Under the present system of financing, the weaker banks resemble a row of upended bricks, which if one of them falls in the direction of another, is liable to bring down that other. More or less accommodation is continually going on, and the loss from the bad failure of a bank is not confined to the depositors, note-holders and shareholders. The breaking of the Central was brought about by a most determined band of wreckers, and looking at the matter now, and in the light of the latest developments of the industry, the wonder is that such an unlimited line of credit was given to an unprincipled school of land sharks. E. S. Cox's best friend will never say that his reputation was ever despoiled of a line of credit, and amongst his associates in the wrecking, there were fellows of worse record than he, if such a thing were possible. In a recent debate in one of our literary institutions some hints had been thrown out that religion had been scandalized by some of the members of the wrecking committee in connection with the Central Bank, and a decided hit appeared to be made against that phase of Christian conventionalism that enabled some of the hypocrites to get the confidence of their fellows by acting as elders, class-leaders and Sunday-school teachers. At this stage an opposition speaker arose, and pointed out that the redoubtable E. S. Cox had never plumed himself upon his church fellowship, and asked in a voice of scorn, "Did E. S. Cox ever teach a class, and if so, where did he do it?" The house was brought down when a member on the back benches cried out, "Yes; down at Mr. McDonnell's." The laugh that this ally elicited will be appreciated by those of your readers who are better acquainted with the sporting resorts of this city than your own correspondent. It is to be hoped that tomorrow's water mark has been reached in bank-shattering, but at present writing it would seem that the end is not yet.

EARLY LAMBS.—The first brace of lambs for 1888 appeared at the branch farm of S. Linfield, on Saturday, the 21st, of last month. Billy, Bob, Sam and Will, of the cluster, are thought to call this way to Easter time.
ON ACCOUNT OF THE BAD ROADS OF SUNDAY, no minister came from Goderich, and a prayer meeting was held by the elders of the church in the schoolroom of the church.
THE BIG STORM OF LAST WEEK made the natives awake with astonishment and wonder as the strong gales of wind nearly blocked up every farmer's gateway with mammoth snow banks, making traffic rather little, and giving the scholars of No. 5, some trouble in plowing the way to school. They only counted 16 to two days. The storm also prevented the open meeting of I.O.G.T., No. 213, which will be held on Friday, the 10th inst. The stage coach had its little troubles, but greater were the adventures of a Jewish peddler on Friday night, who had a time of it. A good light in a farm house guided him to shelter, and he obtained a good night's lodging from the fury of the storm at Geo. Doherty's, Sheppardton.

DEATH OF JOHN SNELL.—Many of our readers, and particularly those in the neighborhood of Londonboro, who remember him, will regret to learn of the death of John Snell, bailiff of the Wingham Division Court, which took place on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24th. Deceased has for some time been troubled with what was supposed to be an internal cancer, and knew that his death was only a matter of time. He was a better man by trade, and while living in Hillsdale, got up a good many of the dwellings that now adorn the farms. He was married to a Miss Jackson, sister of the Messrs. Jackson, of Clinton, who survives him, as also two sons and a daughter—all grown up. Mr. Snell was a man of about 57 years of age, and enjoyed the greatest confidence and respect of his fellow men. He was a member of the C.O.P., who attended the funeral. His family will receive \$1000 from the C.O.P., and \$5000 from the "Confederate Life."
STILL ANOTHER.—Another of the honored pioneers of this county, in the person of Mr. Zachariah McCallum, of McKillop, passed peacefully away on the 19th inst. He was a native of Arrylshire, Scotland, and came to this country when quite a boy and with his parents settled near St. Andrew's, in what was then known as Lower Canada. He remained there about 20 years when he married and came to Upper Canada, leaving out for himself from the wilderness a home in the township of Sheppardton, where he lived for a number of years. He then removed to the county of Huron, taking on a farm on the 19th occasion of McKillop, on which he resided until his death. He was a Reformer in politics, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a warm hearted Christian man, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He leaves his aged partner, one son and three daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

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