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THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

MR. FRASER'S LETTERS.

The Toronto Globe, organ of the Ross Government, does not look with favor upon Mr. Fraser's plan to submit a series of pointed and straightforward letters to the electors of West Kent. It accuses him of poor politics and points out that he won't be able to shoulder the responsibilities for his utterances upon "erroneous reports" by the newspapers.

The Globe says editorially:—
Mr. John S. Fraser, Conservative candidate for the Legislature for West Kent, will address a series of letters to the electors through the Chatham Planet. The plan has its disadvantages. If Mr. Fraser blunders, he will not be able to put the responsibility upon the newspapers. Besides, he can hardly write such a series of letters without saying something definite, and that, we fancy, would be very displeasing to Mr. Whitney.

Plain and definite speaking may be poor politics, but it's straight dealing—and that's what Mr. Fraser intends to give and what the people like to get.
And there will be no difference in such a course between Mr. Fraser and his leader. Just at the present time, following Mr. Whitney's vigorous and definite stand on the prohibition issue and Mr. Ross' shifty, dodging, promise-breaking policy (which obtained the automatic support of his Toronto organ), we fancy the Globe's political jibe will fall somewhat flat.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Fraser's aim to take the people into his hearty confidence on all matters of public interest and discuss them together, does not meet with the approval of the Globe. But we don't think any the less of Mr. Fraser or his effort on that account.

If it is not as effectual, it is a more honorable way of conducting campaigns than the machine system of ballot-stuffing and destroying, which the Globe doubtless deems a "plan that has not its disadvantages."

GOOD SUGGESTION.

Kasper Schwemler is a man of hobbies and ideas. We most of us are, but they are not always as practical as Kasper's.

He has been thinking over the coming big Old Boys' Reunion and boosting it. All good citizens are doing that.

But as a result he has submitted a practical suggestion, worthy of consideration.

"As this is an old boys' affair," he says, "why not arrange a few specialties for their benefit, hand out a short course of old-timers for the memories of long-ayne. I'd like to polish up my old uniform and get out for a last roll-call with the old hand. Of course the music would be a back number, but we're all to be back numbers for a time when the old boys drop in on us. And I'd like to see the old hand turn out once more in parade."

"We wouldn't be there in full strength. Some of the old boys won't be back for the Reunion. They've taken the last leave of the old home and we'll be the arrivals for their reunion by-and-by. But many of the band boys of the long ago can still be got. They may be a little rusty on their scores but they can brush up—and they will, too."

"Let's see. Who could we get? There's Latham, Tom Guttridge, Joe Guttridge, Sam Trotter, Dick Smith, Wm. Quinn, Harry Taylor and several others."

Capital suggestion, Kasper! The committee in charge should take it up and they doubtless will.
Come to think of it, isn't it about time citizens were all getting in their suggestions? If this Old Boys' Reunion is going to go through the way it ought to everybody must get together and lend a hand.

DISCOVERED AT LAST.

Belleville Intelligencer.
That March lion and lamb story turned out to have been a kid.

PENSEE'S CONFESSION.

Kingston Whig.
The hen-pecked husband sometimes tries to bolster up his courage with cocktails.

MAN AND NATURE.

South Georgia Home.
It seems to be the rule where nature does the most for man, man does less for himself.

THE COMING OF PEACE.

Montreal Star.
If the Boer leaders do not hurry up with their conference, there will be nothing left to confer about. While they are conferring, Kitchener's boys are getting in some effective fighting. In Monday's engagement Delarey came out second best, the British capturing 135 prisoners, three 15-pounders, two pom-poms, 145 mule carts and wagons and a thousand cattle. Delarey will probably miss those cattle more than the guns the next time he tries to rush a blockhouse line.

ACTON'S POOR-BAH.

Canadian Gazette, London.
The village of Acton, Ontario, prides itself on a most versatile official. For the magnificent salary of \$90 per annum, he performs the duties of assessor, collector, sanitary inspector, caretaker of the town hall, public school, cemetery and public park; makes monthly collections of electric light accounts, cuts weeds, repairs buildings and sidewalks, besides acting as village constable, poundkeeper, truant officer, and any other duties that may be required of him.

HUFFMAN'S CORNERS.

Robert Smyth and family, who are moving to Assiniboia, were agreeably surprised on Friday night, when through rain and mud many of their friends gathered and presented them with good-bye gifts. Mr. Smyth with a very valuable gold watch and chain and Mrs. Smyth with a set of the best silver knives, forks and spoons. An address expressing our sorrow at losing our friends but wishing for their continued prosperity was read by Harry Smyth, one of the committee. The address was signed on behalf of the friends by Geo. McGarvin, R. M. Smyth, Geo. Smyth and H. R. Smyth. Mr. Smyth, on behalf of himself and wife, thanked the friends for their kindness. The evening was spent in friendly games and amusements, together with a program in which speeches were made by Rev. H. Kellington, M. J. Wilson, A. R. Everitt and Theo. Smyth, others taking part in the musical part of the program. Mr. Smyth leaves in a few days for his new home.

CHARING CROSS.

The present rains are making everything green, especially the wheat, which promises to be an excellent crop this year if the Hessian fly does not get in its work.

Wm. Walker, of the Walker House, in Battle Creek, Mich., with friends, A. Ritchey left for Dutton on Saturday to spend Easter.

A Jacobs has left the employ of the M. C. R. section and has engaged with Mr. Wm. Hummel for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright have the congratulations of the vicinity over the arrival of a little daughter, that has come to stay.

We are glad to report that Miss Fern Pardo is speedily recovering of her recent illness, which at one time was very serious.

Wm. Meloche has gone to St. Thomas again to begin work on the M. C. R. E. telegraph lines.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hunter have taken up their residence on the farm of Mr. Hunter on the Town Line.

C. Jacobs has purchased a horse from R. James at a handsome figure.

J. A. Stringer has been appointed pathmaster on the Town Line between Charing Cross and 8th concession, and we are in hopes he will try and make the road bed a little better than it has been for years, as it is in a very bad shape at present.

The I. O. F. are going to hold a concert in their hall for the benefit of their hall on the evening of April 22nd, and their main drawing card will be a farse of "Handy Andy," in which a number of the young people of Irwin Corners will take an active part in.

Alarmed for Their Safety.

A brown stone building in upper New York was in flames the other day, when a woman, manifestly laboring under intense excitement and distress, rushed up to the lines and cried out:

"Save them! Oh, please, mister, save them! They will be burnt up sure if you don't bring them out!"

She began to weep and lament in heart-breaking fashion.

"Where are your children, madam?" said one of the firemen. "What floor are they on and in what room?"

"They're in the dentist's office on the second floor," sobbed the woman, "and they'll surely be burned—boo-hoo-boo—and I was to have 'em for to-morrow—boo-hoo-boo—to wear 'em to church and to a dinner at a friend's."

The firemen stood amazed and for a moment forgot that there was a fire.

"Wear 'em to church and to dinner?" gasped one. "Your children?" "Who said children?" demanded the weeping Niobe. "They ain't children—they're teeth; they're the set of false teeth the dentist promised to have repaired for me by to-morrow, and I must have them. Oh, please save them before they're burned up."

What the firemen said would not look well in print.

NEW YORK CLUBS.

Years of Waiting Required to Get Into Some of Them.

The Reform club has one of the swiftest resident memberships of the clubs in New York city and one of the largest nonresident lists in the world. It passes resolutions by the carload and has the best bar in New York city. The largest waiting list used to be that of the Union club, when members proposed their sons the day they were born in the hope that their names might be reached by the time they were of age.

In the University list, which has a waiting list of several thousand, to get in fourteen years after graduation from college is slow; ten years is the average; seven years is lightning express. The humble hut of the University in upper Fifth avenue is the establishment of European club members.

The Metropolitan, called the Millionaires' club, has more poor men in it than rich. The Manhattan club in its palmy days had the best wine cellar in New York. The Harvard club wants more room. The Calumet wants more money. The New York club brags about its cuisine.

The Army and Navy needs a personnel bill to brace it up. The Players' club sleeps soundly through the noisiest racket. The Lambs' club stays up all night. The club that has the most fun for the least money is the Strollers'. The Military club died on the field of honor when its members went to the Spanish war.

Fifteen Varieties of Postage Stamps.

"The Brooklyn woman who objected to her divorced husband paying her alimony in postage stamps and had recourse to the courts, saying that she did not mind receiving it in two cent stamps, but objected to those of large denominations, as she could not sell them," said an employee of the Washington city postoffice, reminding me of a man who came in one day and asked for a stamp of the ten dollar denomination. None is issued. The only denominations now issued are the one, two, three, four, five, six, eight, ten and the ten cent special delivery, fifteen, thirty and fifty cent and the one, two and five dollar stamps. There is slight call from all over the country for stamps over the fifteen cent issue."

Dead Sea Water.

A new analysis of the water of this famous lake, supposed to cover the sites of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, has recently been made by Mr. C. Almsworth Mitchell in England. He finds that the amount of saline matter in solution in the water instead of being more than 40 per cent, as estimated by Lavollier, is only between 24 and 25 per cent. The percentage of common salt is 8.52 as against 2.8 in ordinary sea water. While in ocean water there is seven times as much common salt as magnesium chloride, in Dead Sea water they are about equal in quantity. A gallon of distilled water weighs ten pounds, a gallon of ocean water ten and a quarter pounds and a gallon of Dead Sea water twelve pounds.

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