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## WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

Few people have any idea of the amount of good done through the medium of the one or two coffee houses of the Toronto Association, and yet, quietly and unostentatiously, there is a good work done, of which, perhaps, we cannot see the effect, yet which must be beneficial in more ways than one. It may surprise some of TRUTH's readers to learn that 1,300 people are daily fed at these coffee rooms, at an average cost of 12½ cents a head; yet TRUTH is assured by the secretary that such is the case. This statement, however, will show how entirely worthy of support such establishments are, and TRUTH only hopes that they will meet with even greater success. They are powerful rivals to the whiskey saloons, and can be made still more so.

Like every good and worthy institution, these coffee houses are frequently victimized by deadbeats, who, by altering their meal tickets, pay less than they should for what they have eaten. It is surprising, too, the people who endeavor to play this mean trick. Respectable men and women, nice little shop girls who go in for a lunch—these are the deadbeats who, for the sake of a few paltry cents, are willing to run the risk of imprisonment and disgrace. Hitherto, when discovered, they have been permitted to go; but an example has during the present week been made of a genuine specimen of the genus tramp, who, having devoured 25 cents

worth of victuals, changed his ticket so as to pay but 5 cents. Had he only gone to the Secretary he would have been welcome to a free meal; but as it was he got himself into the clutches of the law.

Mr. John Davy the Librarian of the Mechanics Institute of this city, was on Saturday last presented by the Board with an address and a cheque for \$100. Everyone who knows Mr. Davy, will say that this is a well deserved compliment. While untried men have been sounding their own praises, as well as getting others to do the same, Mr. Davy has been content to go quietly on his way, doing the various duties assigned to him in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all concerned.

There are some landlords simply unconscionable in the rents they charge for the tumble down rookeries which working men are forced to take in the absence of any thing better. Fancy anybody charging \$2.50 for a room ten feet square in one of the very worst and most broken down tenements in the city. It would pay, and pay well, for any one to build a block of workmen's houses on the Peabody plan. That enterprise pays handsomely, and yet the tenants do not pay nearly so much as they did for the wretched kennels in which they formerly lived. The managers have their choice of the very best tenants, and no slovenly, dirty drunken person is tolerated on the premises. Try it on Lombard street for instance?

It is still contended that provisions in Toronto are dearer than they ought to be. This may be the case, but they are a good deal lower than they have been, which is a mercy. When round steak can be had for 12½ cents per pound, things are not so bad; with cheese at 12 or 14, and butter 20. It used to be the case that butter could be had for ten cents a pound, and eggs at the same price per dozen; but these days, it is to be feared, are over. And when every thing is understood to be dear under the present system, there is no reason why food should be an exception.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued on Saturday last at two o'clock p.m. A good deal of really valuable work has been got through, and the Premier was in great health and spirits, as if he were at least ten years younger than he really is.

Is there no way to keep the rowdy element in order? Apparently wherever liquor is sold, there blackguardism comes to the front. At Lorne Park last Saturday this was particularly conspicuous; and the same thing it is to be feared, will be found to be the case at the Exhibition. The Exhibition grounds are in exactly the same position as the Island, and why drinking should be stopped, and very properly so, at the one place, while it is allowed to run riot at the other, is not very evident.

A thief recently stole a boat, repainted it, and then in perfect ignorance came to the place of the very party who had lost it twice.

The "boy preacher" the other day, among

other things said that Jonathan Edwards said there were children in hell "a span long." TRUTH would like to see Mr. Harrison verify that statement by giving chapter and verse in Jonathan Edwards' words to that effect. Till this is done, it may be as well to receive the statement with a considerable amount of reservation. TRUTH would not like to say that it is not true, still it is in the last degree unlikely, and seems merely a bit of sensational, and not very reliable quoting. Mr. Harrison please give the reference.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was lately held in Winnipeg for the purpose of promoting tree planting in Manitoba. It was one of the best and most representative meetings ever held in that city. An Association to promote tree planting was formed, and every thing showed that the audience was fully alive to the importance of the project. It is to be hoped that very soon there will be no more favorite project all over Canada than this of planting trees. There is scarcely any more important, if indeed to much so, and if it be rightly managed, there is not one which will more surely add at once to the beauty and wealth of the country. It is strange that owners of land need in any case to be ordered into doing what is to evidently for their advantage. Why should all concessions and side lines, not have one continuous line of trees? And why should there not be rows of maples all along both sides of lanes on all farms? Perhaps ignorance or sloth may be responsible. Nobody can plead the first, and all ought to be ashamed to come but at the second.

Some who profess to know, say that they are convinced the Queen will outlive the Prince of Wales. No one, it is affirmed, who has ever passed successfully through the crisis of typhoid fever of such a malignant type as that by which the Prince was assailed, is ever physically himself again. It is added that the Prince is fully aware of this himself, and, as a consequence, is exceedingly careful of himself, both as to eating, drinking and all the etceteras. It is quite probable that there may be some truth in this, but it is to be hoped the coloring is darker than the facts will justify.

The complication at Rat Portage and over the disputed territory is gradually settling down. Nobody in his senses proposes to get up a fight. The whole thing will have to come before the courts, but in the meantime, Ontario, for better or worse, will hold on by its position and policy. Nothing is more certain than this. It could not by any possibility do anything else.

A correspondent writes in great indignation at the treatment which passengers receive from the Sarnia and Lake Superior boats. It is alleged, that at whatever time of the night, these boats arrive in Sarnia,—the terminus of their voyage—the passengers are obliged to get up and leave the boats. At two, three, four o'clock in the morning it is all the same. At the most untimely hour they and their luggage are tumbled ashore to make the best of it. If this is the case, and TRUTH rather bo-

lieves that it is so, the conduct is simply scandalous. First a charge is made for a berth, and then at midnight or two in the morning, the contract is broken and the unfortunate are drummed up to seek as they best may shelter in a straggle place without any guarantee that a single hotel is open. There is something worse than loose in such work. And it has only itself for a parallel.

TRUTH is not surprised that the editorial writing in its columns attracts a good deal of attention, and that some wonder who may be responsible for it all. TRUTH is responsible, but it will be a long time before the sneaks of literature discover who the actual writers are. Those who make the most confident assertions on the subject know that they know nothing about it, and that when they affirm the opposite they are according to their habits and tendency saying the thing, etc., etc. There are four or five who have a hand in the pie. Dear ridiculous stupid, would you like to know who they are? Yes, that is your department in the republic of letters. In the meantime, don't be too absurd, but avoid whiskey, boastful vanity, and other bad habits, and perhaps TRUTH may give you a couple of delivery routes by and bye. It is too bad that abounding merit should not be appreciated.

The House of Lords has thrown out the bill for the abolition of pigeon shooting as a sport. This is greatly to be regretted, for a more disgusting, discreditable and cruel sport than the one referred to could not be named. It is simply a thing fit for barbarians and brutes, and the lords in seeking to perpetuate the infamy have done anything rather than covered themselves with glory.

The August reports on Canadian crops are not very encouraging. The only crops really good universally is that of oats. Fruit is practically a failure.

It is not easy to imagine a Canadian judge playing the role of the honest gentleman who rejoices in that title at St. Thomas. Judge Hughes may be a very worthy man, but he is a crank all the same, otherwise he would not have dismissed a case against a brute of a husband on the plea that the man had a right to give his wife "reasonable chastisement" and had himself to be judge of what was reasonable. At this time of day a person who would talk in that fashion is fit only for a smart waistcoat with all the usual etceteras of blistering and blood-letting. Come, Judge, don't make an ass of yourself.

The Missionary Shaw in Madagascar has been tried and acquitted. This, it is hoped, will remove all soreness between France and England. It may, but TRUTH is convinced that it won't. The fact is, France has never given a colorable excuse for meddling with Madagascar at all.

England ought to buy out all the French claims in Newfoundland. In a very short time if this is not done, the complications which may arise will be quite formidable.