

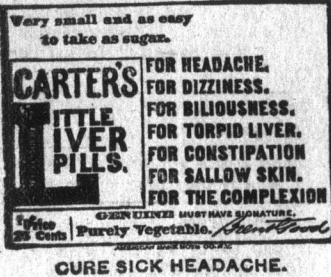
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THE HEART OF TORONTO

"THE WARD," WHERE MUCH MISERY HAS MANY HOMES.

Scenes of Woe and Starvation Which Are an Everyday Part of Life in Ontario's Greatest City—Relief Officer Walsh Backs Up an Able Correspondent in Making District's Position Public.

There is a small section in the heart of this city (Toronto) that contains as much or more poverty, filth and people than is found in any other city of its size on the American continent, writes J. A. Macdonald in Toronto Sunday World. Surrounded by the halls of Government, and skirted by the best business and residential streets in Toronto exists a condition of affairs that is well calculated to make this community surrender the title of the cleanest and best managed municipality in the Dominion. This section is that part known in the olden times as St. John's parish, and now familiarly called "The Ward." It lies between College street on the north, Queen street on the south, University street to the west, and Yonge street to the east. Some of the saddest stories that have been told of dire distress and woe have come from this spot. The stories told of families living in one room and in cellars, which in the spring are filled with water and in winter with snow drifts, are not by any means conditions of the past, but can be repeated again, and are ever increasing in number.

Where Charity's Mantle Spreads.

Charity is here supplied in the greatest measure. In the last two years over 3,000 persons were looked after by the charitable institutions. The causes that bring these poor to this particular locality are varied. But it is said that but few ever return to the cleaner or more habitable parts of the city, after having once settled here. Widows, aged and poor; fallen women, to hide their shame and name from those whom they need to know; families whose heads have driven them into destitution through drink; and the loss of means and work through sickness, are among the main reasons that drive these unfortunates together. There is also one more prominent reason why "the ward" is the most congested part of the city—scarcity of houses and the raising of rents.

Sink Lower and Lower.

From the statistics kept by those whose duties have brought them among this portion of the community it will be seen that instead of rising from their environments the majority invariably sink lower and lower till their moral status becomes so weakened that they seem to no longer care what befalls them. Living in this neglected and tumble down district there seems no incentive for them to rise above their conditions but on the contrary they drift more readily into habits that bring them to the almshouse and make of them in their old age dependants on the city.

There are some, however, that do not want to sink to this condition, but by unfortunate circumstances they, too, are compelled to depend on charity for their existence in the latter period of their life. But with all neglect and poverty that is depicted here there is a certain part of the residents who are as thrifty and have as comfortable homes as any in the city. These latter mostly own property and only live there to watch their interests.

Disease Lurks Here.

That disease and pestilence has not spread itself over the ward and out among the rest of the citizens is something that has puzzled those in touch. The unsanitary conditions in many instances are something indescribable. Five and six families can be found living under one roof, where there is not a single connection with sewer nor water pipes. Refuse of all kinds is thrown carelessly in the yards and alleys.

Lame Back for Four Months.

Was Unable to Turn in Bed Without Help.

Plasters and Liniments No Good.

This was the experience of Mr. Benjamin Stewart, Zionsville, N.B.

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though there were not the slightest obligation on anyone to maintain a degree of cleanliness. Here among filth and dirt is the only playground for the children. They tumble about all day long and many have never been known to have had a bath. These cases may be among the most careless families, but they nevertheless prevail.

Make a Personal Inspection.

As examples of just what actually existed in this district, I in company with a city relief officer, visited a number of dwellings where the worst of the conditions already related were seen. Those who live their lives in the pleasant surroundings of the better parts of the city can hardly realize what can be seen here. There are few indeed who could picture anything quite so miserable and dejected. Not a thing that goes to make life happy or even bearable can be seen about these places. Nor do their inhabitants get the opportunity but rarely to go beyond the confines of broken down houses and cheerless lanes. Little do the majority of Toronto's good citizens think that while eating their wholesome and abundant dinners there are people numbered by the thousands who are poorer than satisfied if they can get sufficient to keep life within their weakened and neglected frames.

It was to see some of these unfortunates and witness their pitiable plight that I accompanied Relief Officer Walsh on his rounds of inspection. And in one hour enough was seen to clearly demonstrate that in Toronto are conditions that are not unlike the slums of the largest metropolises in this or any other country.

Where Poverty Is Supreme.

The first visit was to the rear of 10 Chestnut street. The only entrance was a muddy lane filled with refuse of many days standing. Close behind the dwellings that face on the

street a two-story building about thirty-five feet long and very narrow, which contains six families. No family has over two rooms. Each family is composed of more than two persons. The majority are over three. Three live in the top story and three in the bottom. But owing to the collapse of the stairway a few days ago there are only two families now living in the upper top.

Here Mr. Macdonald gives two columns describing in detail many places much worse than that described in the above paragraph. He then proceeds:

What Relief Officer Walsh Says.

This is the slum district of Toronto. Relief Officer Walsh, in commenting upon the situation, thought that through all his travels through the large cities of the United States he has never seen anything more wretched than some of the cases that have come to his notice in the Ward. He attributes the miserable condition in the first place to the scarcity of houses of the variety that would meet the pockets of these people, and, in the second place, to the fact that little or no attention has been paid to the matter by any particular body. The charitable organizations have been the only ones who have ever made any attempt to assist these unfortunates. And the worst feature of it is, as he views it, the fact that "the Ward" is daily growing denser. What is to be done is not prepared to say, but that something should be done and at once, for the safety of the city's health and the good of these people he is thoroughly convinced.

THE FIRST OF SPRING.

Now the Reporter Felt When It Got Into His Veins.

The sun of yesterday got into the soft ground, having made to fade away the last of the snow in the low places of the cleared fields all about the city. The brooks and surface water streams still ran with great force and a muddy hue. The fall wheat gave its first yawn prior to awakening. Rain and sun may make it green tomorrow. The roads turned gray white, then dry, where the drainage was free and the rays of the sun undisturbed. The maples that had been tapped a week ago with dry spiles gave their first sap-offering yesterday. Sparks from railway engines kindled hundreds of fires amid the dry grass along the line. One day snow, the next day ice, the next day water, and the next day dry ground, and the day after fire in the grass, spreading it in all directions. Let it burn, if it run not to buildings. Once scorched over it is safe; unscorched it is a menace.

More new arrivals in the bird brigade could be noticed in the fields and in the trees. The crow is most familiar of all the year at the breaking of spring. He perches near, on house or barn, and keeps his perch or his ground in the field when you approach. He takes great delight in having the farmer's colts chase him—the dog on the ground, the crow in the air, conveniently near enough at first to play him and at last to exasperate by the black art of his kind. The crow is, of a truth, the black art professor of the tribe of birds. Field mice seem scarce, and the deep snow that went away failed to reveal their tunnels beneath it and under the dead grass. Probably they succumbed in myriads to the inclement weather. Consequently fewer saplings and young trees girdled by them are noticed this spring. The muskrat in rivers like the Don delights these days in his first attempts to swim against the swollen current; in the same rivers where the floods submerged last Friday and again on Monday cels a foot in length were left wriggling in the holes where the water had overflowed and then fallen back to the original bed. The man or boy who proposes to fish for suckers has prepared his great pole and cross-hend pieces to carry his squarish nets. Wet feet and legs are not to be dreaded by him if he can but fill his bag, or, better still, his wagon.

But it is not the details of the first thing of spring that affects us; it is rather the feeling of it alto-



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The Legend of St. Michel

In the year 1469 the great King Louis XI. lay sick. At the zenith of his power the first of France's great reconstructive monarchs was dying.

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Bordeaux, with word of some of the cures it had performed. His Majesty tasted the wine—liked it—partook of it regu-

larly for a few days and began to mend. This wonderful wine and a careful diet brought the king back from the verge of the grave, and restored him to health. Even before this the wine had been known among the peasants of Bordeaux as "The Miracle Wine." The King created the Order of St. Michel in gratitude for his recovery, so runs the legend of St. Michel, and all through the centuries since that time this wine has been called "Vin St. Michel."

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gether that makes the tingle in our pent-up veins. It was so easy to feel the spring yesterday afternoon, and evening, if you once got away from the city and its jumbling noise.—Toronto World, Monday, April 11.

Eggs, Butter and Cheese.

During the fiscal year 1903 we imported from the United States for consumption in Canada 505,113 lbs. of butter, 179,479 lbs. of cheese and 534,485 dozen eggs, while we exported to the United States only 50,745 lbs. of butter, 56,676 lbs. of cheese and 46,773 dozen eggs. Thus we bought from the United States about ten times as much butter, about three times as much cheese and about eleven times as many eggs as we sold to that country. Our imports of butter, cheese and eggs from the United States only were valued at \$289,817, while Canadian exports of the same products to that country were valued at \$24,440. Per head of population Canadians spent about 157 times as much on butter, cheese and eggs produced in the United States as the people of the United States spent on Canadian butter, cheese and eggs, assuming that the present population of the United States is in round numbers 80,000,000 and that of Canada 6,000,000.—Canadian Manufacturer.

STORY OF GRAND OLD MUSICIAN

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Kidney Disease Years of Standing.

Samuel J. Crow, Well-Known as the Leader of the North Pelham and Rosedale String Band, is Again Enjoying Perfect Vigor.

Rosedale, Ont., May 5.—(Special)—There are few better known musicians in this part of Canada than Samuel J. Crow, for many years leader of the old Pelham and Rosedale String Band, and only his retiring nature has kept him from gaining a national reputation. Consequently his complete recovery from an aggravated case of Kidney Trouble has aroused much comment here. Interviewed regarding his case Mr. Crow said: "To-day I enjoy as good health as I did in boyhood and I give the entire credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills. I suffered for years from Kidney Trouble which became aggravated upon every attack of cold and caused me much agony. In the winter of 1898, it developed into gravel, when I was totally unfit for anything. I tried different medicines without the desired results."

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