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What your County Town will be Half a Century From Now—old things changed and new things on Deck—Looking into the Bright Future

Look out for THE SIGNAL next week and get a glance into the Bright Future in store for Huron's County Town. The forecast which has just come to hand arrived too late for this week's issue. Special copies of our next issue should be ordered at once to ensure delivery.

Up to the time of writing Sir John's alleged conversion has not affected his inipathy to temperance legislation.

SINCE Sir John Macdonald admitted the inability of the present railway service of Manitoba to ship the wheat from that Province, the organs have sung dumb on the Northwest blockade.

THE Toronto World's Ottawa correspondent recently stated that Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is universally esteemed by the Tories in the House. Possibly they ran the odorous Alfred Boulton against him in York last election as "a slight token of their esteem."

The fact that there is a surplus of about half-a-million of dollars in the Dominion treasury is the cause of rejoicing amongst Ministerial organs. If they will stop jabbering long enough to tell us where the money came from, they may cease to cease their wild hilarity.

THE interview with "Edinboro' Jock," which is published in this issue, throws some light upon the tramp question, which is now looming up in a big shape over the American continent. Even those who will not agree with the conclusions drawn by the intelligent casual tramp, cannot but relish the manner in which he puts his points.

THE amount of unadulterated swash that is written about Sir John's piety by some of the most notoriously irreligious newspaper men in Canada, is sickening in the extreme. Such papers as the *Lindsay Warrier*, and others of its kind, endeavoring to prove that Sir John was always piously inclined, shows that they calculate heavily upon the gullibility of their readers. If the Old Man is really and truly converted we will all rejoice at it, but this absurd attempt to place angel's wings upon him when the pin-fathers of piety haven't yet begun to sprout, is absurd in the extreme.

ONCE upon a time the Fory party told us that a Canadian Commissioner in England was an absolute necessity, and a \$40,000 house, and trappings, and carriages, and everything that was required to make a fit and proper abode for an ambassador from Ottawa to the court of St. James was done, and no expense was spared. Well, the world has not come to an end, the necessity for a treaty with Spain is just as urgent as it ever was, a Canadian representative at the British Court is a felt want to as great an extent as ever before, but what has become of the High Commissioner? Has he strayed away or been stolen?

Rev Mr. Jones, of Brussels, the oldest grasher in Huron County, preached in the village of Bluevale last Sunday. The old gentleman was suffering from a severe cold and the weather being a little stormy a number of vacant pews had to be preached at, still the Rev. gentleman waxed eloquent and a very fervent, earnest address was listened to by those who were present.

## "EDINBORO' JOCK."

The Tramp Nuisance Discussed by an Expert.

The Natural Tramp, Which Born Tired, Contrasted With the Casual—Religious Worship in Jail—The Good Samaritan—Franklin Absolutely Necessary.

On Monday last the following communication appeared in the Toronto *Globe*:

"Sir:—'Gaelic' in his letter in the *Globe* of 13th inst. after lamenting the fate that is in store for society, the lone women and lone men, if the tramp nuisance is not immediately put down, gives his 30 years' experience in dealing with tramps and the causes that make them adopt (for the time being) such a mode of life. He then goes on to say that temperance is not the cause of so many men being on the tramp, and then in the next line he admits that temperance has a good deal to do with the nuisance. Now, sir, I have been in this country twelve years, and in the course of that time I have been now and again compelled (through my own foolishness) to go on the tramp after navigation closes (I am a sailor), and while I have been in such a condition of life I must have met hundreds of other unfortunates in the same state. I made it my business to inquire how they came to be in such a condition, and the universal answer, with two exceptions, was temperance, and they had no purpose to serve by telling me an untruth. Now, as to the other assertions of 'Gaelic' about the Central Prison, magistrates, etc., I would advise those who have read his letter to take them cum grano salis. I would inform 'Gaelic' that there are not 30 tramps in the country—i.e., tramps as the word is understood in the United States—men who never work summer or winter. Tramps of that sort have a holy horror of Canada and its laws. In the summer, 'Gaelic' will find very little of the men whom he would imprison for two years in the back door and go through the kitchen fringes. These are the regular tramps directly imported from the old country, who won't work at any period of the year, and consequently must steal. Neil, who was recently hanged in Toronto, was a fair specimen of this class, and it was proved in his case that looking up for long terms was of no avail. As I said in the letter which appeared in the *Globe*, there is

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failure. And for this reason: There are two kinds of tramps—the one who, as 'Gaelic' puts it, is 'born tired' and won't work; and the one who, like myself, works during the summer months (sailing on the lake or some other avocation), squanders his substance foolishly before the winter season is through, and is compelled to tramp from place to place to avoid starvation in winter time. If the law making 'tramping' a crime punishable with one or two years' imprisonment, becomes an enactment of the State,

THE CANAL TRAMPS who number fully nine-tenths of the men on the road, would be incarcerated with the fellows who won't work, and when the working season of the year came around, would not be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to labor, and would be forced to tramp again. The result would be that after their discharge, which would occur in the winter season, they would have no provision against the inclemency of the weather, and would be forced to tramp again.

There is not more than ten per cent. of the men on tramp in winter time who are regular do-nothings. In nationality amongst those whom I have met in Canada, the large majority are Cockney English, then some Irish, there are not many Scotch, hardly any Germans, very few native Canadians, and I never met a Welsh tramp. The United States furnish a full quota, but the Yankee tramps, claim Canadian nationality almost invariably, in the hope that lighter sentence will be imposed.

THE EMIGRATION POLICY of Canada is largely responsible for the number of foreign tramps, and the loss of good for the country, and it's no good for idle emigrants, as they never become useful citizens. The Cockneys run the 'mush-faking' business, mounding umbrellas, and that line, and if they get a good chance to crib anything they don't let the opportunity slide. The 'men on the tramp' are the chaps who work the 'bum and chuck' racket, and they generally slip into hallways and steal umbrellas and coats, and get in by the back door and go through the kitchen fringes. These are the regular tramps directly imported from the old country, who won't work at any period of the year, and consequently must steal. Neil, who was recently hanged in Toronto, was a fair specimen of this class, and it was proved in his case that looking up for long terms was of no avail. As I said in the letter which appeared in the *Globe*, there is

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receive no food, I certainly shall get warm. I passed into one of the leading churches of the city, and shortly became interested in the sermon. The parable of

THE GOOD SAMARITAN was the subject of discourse, and as I listened to the eloquent preacher, I felt that his exposition exactly fitted my case, for shortly before that, figuratively speaking, I 'had gone down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fallen among thieves.' Man's duty to his fellow man was set forth in an impassioned manner, and eloquently, though I had become, I almost felt like thanking God for directing my footsteps to His house, so that I would be privileged to hear His servant declare that he was my brother, and that all these well-dressed people were brethren and kind of missions in the 'Amen and Amen' to every sentiment that dropped from the preacher's lips in this regard, and when the service was concluded, I determined to let him see my longest brother, although I wasn't quite sure I could exhibit

THE STRAWBERRY MARK. I went to the manse, which adjoined the church property, and stated my doubtful case to the reverend gentleman, but although he takes a high place among the clergy of the city as a popular preacher, he was both too busy and too believing the pangs of hunger with which I was afflicted. He is an eloquent man and was very successful in showing me the bad plight I was in (although I had no need of that); he told me that I ought to be ashamed of myself for having to beg on the Sabbath Day—as if the stomach was under divine ordinance not to crave food on that particular day of the week, and forgetful of the fact that the Great Exemplar of Christianity defended the lowly disciples for picking and eating on the Sabbath Day, although the picking was contrary to the then existing law. After he had belied every utterance which he had addressed to the congregation in his eloquent sermon, he pointed to the door, and bade his 'erring brother' begone. This 'thrust, particular star' amongst the Toronto clergy is one of those who delight in preaching moral suasion as against restrictive measures for the promotion of temperance, he denounces prohibition from his pulpit, and I was read his opinion in the Toronto papers, where he has put himself on record as an advocate of 'true temperance'—that is, that no restrictions should be placed upon the sale of ardent spirits, but that every man should be allowed to drink as much as seemed him right—so that he keeps within the limit of his capacity, and does not get drunk. He took me for a habitual drinker, and so long as I was not a drunkard, he, to be consistent, should have stood by me in my distress, if he had been occupied by the same adherence on my part to the 'true temperance' principles which he so ably espouses in his King-street kirk. But all

'BLUE LIGHTS' (preachers) are not built that way, and I have come across a few who are of a very different 'salt of the earth.' This was particularly the case with the Rev. Mr. Green, who is now a preacher in Minnesota, and who at one time had an English church appointment in Ontario. He would take the coat off his back to help a belated fellow out, and the worst tramp in the country, who knew him, holds him in tender remembrance, for he has often reached with a kindly act a calloused heart, when the most eloquent sermon of some of his alleged brethren had only succeeded in bringing a contemptuous sneer to the lip. He was a simple of some of the real good-hearted men who have met, and if there be heaven, he will meet, be one of the elect. This is the more noticeable because, so far as my personal experience is concerned, the clergy of that particular church are not addicted to sentimental feelings of that kind, but are brought up a Presbyterian, and am so registered on the jail book, but I don't travel much on my piety now, and for the reasons that I explained to you some time ago. Yes; I have availed myself of the privileges of calling upon Roman Catholic priests—

WE CALL THEM 'GALWAYS'—in my career of tramp, and I have never been asked what my creed was, and I never went away empty handed, and I don't know how it has happened, and at first I could hardly believe it possible, for I was brought up with real aversion to the 'Galways', but from an extended personal experience as a tramp, I know of none who exercise the Christian virtue of charity to a greater extent than this class of clergy and the sisters of charity in connection with the Roman Catholic body. It's all very well for well-dressed men on the 12th of July, and young men entering protestant pulpits and green at the business, to abuse the Papists and their want of light, but on Christ's teachings concerning charity the 'Galways' and the sisters can give him all points, and double discount them. At least that's my opinion, and I don't consider I bow down and worship them or their beliefs when I say so. No; I don't take any stock in Henry George, or

THE UNPROCKED PRIEST, and their theories for the abolition of poverty. If every man on earth were put on an equal basis tomorrow, the social world would only be one of equality for a very short time. The tramps would 'blow in' their easily acquired wealth in short order, and would be on the road again, before the projectors of the anti-poverty scheme could get up statistics to prove their case. I go with them to hinder monopolies, and 'trusts,' and 'combinations' against the masses, but further than that I will not. The tramps, as a rule, however, are socialists, but that is because they would be the beneficiaries if the plan of campaign which their leaders have laid down were adopted.

THE AMERICAN TRAMP is a bird of passage, and generally comes from the East to the West via Toronto. The initiated seldom come by Montreal, for there are so many French in that city that a tramp hasn't much of a show. But Toronto is better, and the opportunities for the regular tramp to steal in passing through are more frequent.

MOST OF THE DEPRECIATIONS which are committed in Toronto, and which the police cannot locate the cause of, are effected by the regular tramps

on their migrations. Outside of Toronto there is not much 'sand-bagging' perpetrated, but 'petty larcenies' and sometimes big thefts are often indulged in. There is one piece of advice I would give you on this line, and that is never place the temptation to steal in the way of a tramp, for by so doing you commit a crime of the meanest kind. The law of Nature is stronger than the law of man, and nine times out of ten a hungry man will steal food rather than suffer the pangs of hunger, and a partially naked man will avail himself of a good chance to replenish his wardrobe whenever and wherever the opportunity offers. The tramp, if caught in the act, is 'sent down' for a term, but the person who placed temptation in his way, instead of having the sympathy of his neighbors, should occupy an adjoining cell to the unfortunate culprit. Few of the regular ordained tramps come this way, as Goderich is

ON THE 'BLIND LINE',—that is, off the regular route between the East and the West. Yes; I was committed here about six or seven weeks ago, and got out a fortnight since. I then went to Owen Sound it the hope of getting a berth on some of the boats fitting out for early navigation, but was untiring out for early navigation, but was unsuccessful, and returned to Goderich, where, during my stay in jail, my treatment had been good, and my work at the woodpile made me feel that although scheduled as a 'vag,' I was not altogether without the bread of idleness. I have been committed for a month, and after my term expires, I will run down to Sarnia, and be on hand for lake service at the spring opening. I could give you some other information in regard to jail discipline upon tramps, and could go in to minutiae in regard to other matters, but if you give one-half of what I have told you, I am satisfied the readers of THE SIGNAL will have their eyes opened on

## COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissings from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, Collected and Condensed—Fifth and Final—The Pick of the Grist from our Exchanges.

A son of Mr. Hugh Moore, Clinton, got pretty badly hurt while sleigh riding down Gibbing's hill one night last week.

On Wednesday last Mr. Edward A. Bell, Gorrie, started for the Northwest, where we understand he intends to make his home in the future.

Mr. Geo. E. Crawford, late of Clinton, has gone into the real estate and loan business at Denver, where he reports property as booming.

A few days since Mr. John Brownlee, the leader of Mr. P. Cule's farm Goderich township, met with an unfortunate loss by the death of a horse valued at \$100.

We are sorry to have to record another loss to the McLeod Bros., of Huron road, Goderich township, in the shape of a valuable brood mare, it having died from inflammation on the morning of the 22nd ult.

Mr. Chas. Howlett, Morris, has recently sold four cattle, two of which were coming three years old and the other two coming two, for which he realized the handsome sum of \$100.

On Friday last a four-year-old son of J. R. Williams, Gorrie, fell into a pail of boiling water and got pretty badly scalded. Medical aid was at once procured, and the little fellow is getting along as well as can be expected.

Wm. Blashill, sr., of Cranbrook, has purchased the house and lot belonging to the McKay family, south of Brussels, paying \$450 for the same. Mrs. McKay and sons are thinking of removing to Kansas or Colorado in the spring.

Messrs. Livingstone Bros., who own and operate a number of flax mills throughout the country, one of which is situated in Brussels, suffered a heavy loss by the burning of their mills at Baden, last Friday evening. Cause unknown.

Mr. John Mude and family, lately of Brussels, were among the sufferers at the fire in Winchester on Sabbath morning. Their household effects were all burned, and they themselves were forced to escape by an upstairs window in order to save their lives.

Mr. J. Sturdy, of the 7th con., Goderich township, met with a heavy loss on Wednesday evening of last week. While returning from home on Sabbath morning, he was driving a valuable beast he had only purchased last fall, dropped dead on the road.

The friends of Rev. A. Y. Hartley, Bluevale, will be pleased to learn that he has reached Huntsville, Alabama, safely, and reports his health somewhat improved. Huntsville is noted, Mr. H. says, for its excellent health-giving qualities and bracing atmosphere.

Master Thos. Sproat, Tuckersmith, met with an accident last week which may prove serious. He was sliding down a hill on a plank, when a splinter some four or five inches long, ran into his thigh. He had to be put under the influence of chloroform before it could be extracted.

The Baptist church and congregation, of Kincardine, who have been without a pastor for several months, have extended a hearty and unanimous call to the Rev. John Gray, of Clinton. Mr. Gray has signified his acceptance, and is expected to commence work some time early next month.

The proprietors of the woollen mill, Messrs. Forsyth & Son, Blyth, have about closed a contract for the manufacture of 35,000 lbs. of wool for a Lasteral firm. Should the contract be sealed, the mill will require to run to its fullest capacity until the 1st of May, in order to fill the order.

A sad accident occurred at Blyth to a five months' old child of Mr. Hammond, station agent, Blyth, on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hammond had gone upstairs, leaving the little one tied to a chair, and during her absence it fell out or upset against the stove, burning its face and head in a terrible manner.

Robert Hooper, Turnberry, drove a valuable mare into Wroter the other evening and had scarcely tied her in Cushman's shed when she fell to the ground and soon after died, although she had previously exhibited no symptoms of disease. The cause of her death could not be ascertained.

It is understood that Rev. A. E. Smith, Methodist minister, of Wroter, has received the offer of a charge at Lucknow, where he would have but one station to supply, instead of three as at present. Since Mr. Smith's arrival there, less than a year ago, he has proven himself an active and able minister of the gospel, and has made himself many friends of all denominations. The generally expressed wish of all is that he may see his way to remain. Mr. Smith formerly occupied Varna and Auburn stations in connection with the Methodist church, and is one of the clever young men of that body.

Mr. John Hannah and Mr. Robt. Jamieson of Seaford, returned from the old country on Monday night last, but looking well. They came home in the same vessel and had a very pleasant trip. Their meeting, however, was entirely accidental, as neither had seen the other from the time they left here until they were getting on the vessel for the return trip. This was Mr. Hannah's first visit to the old land, and while he saw many things to admire, he much prefers the Canadian way of doing things. He succeeded in disposing of his butter at fair prices, and in a business point of view is well satisfied with the results of his visit. He says, however, that trade in every department is very dull in the old country just now. The butter market is greatly injured by the immense amount of imitation butter that is shipped in from Belgium. In appearance it can scarcely be distinguished from the genuine article, and is frequently sold for good butter. Mr. Hannah has, however, succeeded in making such arrangements as will prove advantageous to himself and his patrons hereafter.

We understand that Malcolm Black has tendered his resignation as teacher at Anderson's school, Morris, after a very successful term of about 5 or 6 years. It is said Mr. Black will take up his abode in the States, and will be replaced by a man with the hope of improving his health. It is a pity to allow such a successful teacher to drop out of the ranks.