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PROSPECTUS.

"THE TRUMPET," a small sheet, devoted to the cause of British Templarism, is this day offered to the public—whose patronage the Committee of Management respectfully solicit, hoping that as an advocate in so glorious a cause, it will meet a favorable reception.

The great object the committee has in view is to subvert the fatal vice of drunkenness, and as far as their efforts can reach, to expose the illegal traffic in vending intoxicating liquors, and the desecration of the holy Sabbath, by licensed or unlicensed retailers or tavern-keepers; who, secretly, under the mask of "Entertainment for Travellers," afford an assylum to the unfortunate drunkard and the inexperienced youth—who too readily follow the example of the veterans alluded to.

The committee are aware, that as a Literary sheet, the *Trumpet* cannot presume to attract much attention, but they promise their patrons that chaste and instructive selections from popular periodicals will at all times be found in its columns, and they hope it will be welcomed by every respectable, well-conducted family as the harbinger of "Good will towards man."

The committee have the promise of aid towards the literary portion of the *Trumpet* from several competent writers, and they expect the native talent of this portion of Cape Breton will no longer lie dormant, while the advocacy of so humane a cause may lead to honor and respectability.

The committee solicit contributions from well-wishers to the temperance cause, who will at all times find the columns of the *Trumpet* open to sound reasoning and common sense, at the same time, should a contributor not exactly approve of the order of British Templars, and fairly state his reasons, insertion will be given to them, and replies, if any, receive the same attention.

A synopsis of the latest foreign and domestic news will appear on every publication, and the state of the country market truthfully reported.

The humble efforts of the committee may appear small in the eyes of large and old establishments; but they trust, with the friendly aid of the Brotherhood, they will shortly be able to enlarge the *Trumpet*, and keep pace with the progressive movements of the times. Small streams produce large rivers.

The *Trumpet* will be issued on Mondays, semi-monthly from this date. Terms, 50 cents per annum paid in advance. Advertising inserted at a low rate.

All communications or letters on business must be addressed to "The President of the Executive Committee, British Templars, Sydney Post Office," which will receive immediate attention.

Thus, have the committee sounded the first "Trumpet" in Sydney on behalf of the Order of British Templars.—May its echo resound throughout the Island and elsewhere.

APPEAL:

To the several Lodges of British Templars on this Island, the Committee of Management for the *Trumpet* appeal for liberal support in obtaining subscriptions to the paper; not only from the members who comprise that body, but from every well-wisher of the cause of

temperance. Applications should strenuously be made by the Worthy Chiefs and Officers of Lodges to all such, for it is to be presumed that members who hold rank in Lodges ought to possess a greater share of influence than ordinary members; of course there are members in Lodges, who are not officers, equally competent and more energetic than even the Worthy Chief—a ill, rank will carry weight in all organized bodies.

The Committee of Management consider they have a claim on all Lodges for support in the arduous task they have undertaken; not only in a pecuniary point, but also in obtaining contributions of a lively character (that may convey information), on matters connected with Templarism and such local news as will make the *Trumpet* an interesting and welcome visitor to the reading community.

EARLY CLOSING:

The youth of this town who attend shops as clerks, are prevented from attending social meetings in consequence of late hours at their places of business, some are detained as late as the hour of 9 o'clock P. M. surely the merchants or shop keepers are not so thronged with business as to keep their dependants until such a late hour.

Youth ought to have recreation of some sort, either reading or out door exercise, by such long confinement, health is seriously injured, the limbs of the body lose their natural elasticity and manly growth is retarded.

The respectable firms of Armstrong & Peters, also H. E. Meloney & Co., both close at sharp 6 o'clock, and get through a fair share of business, why not others also do the like?

There are only two societies in this town where instruction and amusement are to be met with during the week, namely: "Star in the East" Division, S. of T., and "Lavinia" Lodge, British Templars—at the latter place much instruction is offered, recitations, dialogues, speeches and lectures being occasionally introduced. Many of the young clerks, who are members of one or the other, cannot enjoy the treat, for the reason assigned.

This evil ought to be considered, and immediately remedied; for certainly there is a remedy, and an easy one.

LAVINIA LODGE:

The members of this Lodge will meet at their lodge room this evening at 7.30 o'clock for the transaction of the usual business, and also for the election of officers for the next quarter. It is hoped that a full attendance will afford members an opportunity to make a suitable selection of such Officers as will cheerfully perform their various duties and who will, from their knowledge of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order, enforce discipline and command respect.

The name of the above Lodge was conferred on it by a respected member, in consequence of Miss Lavinia Howie being the first female whose name was enrolled after the Lodge was organized. This young lady's personal attractions and cultivated mind commands a large share of respect from the members. It is hoped the sister will excuse the liberty taken with her name.

Lavinia Lodge is progressing fast, and at present numbers about 140 members.

AGRICULTURE:

A report from the Board of Agriculture will receive a hearty welcome from the *Trumpet*. Farmers should now prepare for winter, and complete their fall plowing on stiff sod land. No other should be worked until required in spring; as experience has told, that stubble and potatoe grounds lose much of their nutritive qualities by fall ploughing, and exposure to frost. Care should be taken on wet, low lands to open surface drains with the plow. If the land has much descent the drains should be run diagonally, allowing only a slight fall, barely sufficient to carry off the super-abundant water. If the water drains have too much descent, the rapidity of the water after heavy rains, is likely to carry off large portions of the richest surface soil. It is not too late to sow winter wheat in a sheltered soil where the snow is likely to remain until late in spring. It thrives well in Canada, why not here?

MACKENZIE HOUSE.

This new building is certainly an ornament to the town of Sydney, and from the well known character of the proprietor and his lady, will ensure comfortable and cheerful recreation to the weary traveller who may visit it, either on business or pleasure. The house exhibits a handsome appearance, and displays great taste in its erection.

CHEERING NEWS:

Every prospect of the International Rail Road is now before us. The road from the International Coal Mine, leading to Sydney will commence immediately, some of the staff having already arrived. Good times yet for Sydney.—Hurrah!

VOLUNTEERS:

A meeting was held in the court house on Friday evening, 22d inst., for the purpose of raising a company of Volunteers. John L. Hill, Esq., in the chair. Capt. Murray Dood explained the nature and object of the meeting. After some delay a number enrolled their names, and we were pleased to see that the first five that took the Oath of Allegiance were British Templars. May success attend the undertaking; for men ought to be proud to enroll themselves under the Banner of Old England, and fight, if needs be, for the best and greatest Queen that mighty Albion ever had.

CAPE BRETON COUNTY LODGE:

The Cape Breton County Lodge met at Sydney on Tuesday the 21st Sept. The officers elect are as follows: George S. Brown, Worthy Chief; Miss Amelia Nesbit, Vice; Robert Martin, Secretary; Alex. Grant, Treasurer; N. H. Martin, Lecturer; O. J. Spencer, Councillor; J. B. Howie, Chaplain; John Forbes, Financier; Miss Alexis McKinnon, Recorder; Robert Knights, Marshal; Leah Spencer, Deputy Marshal; William Armstrong, Inner Guard; Hugh Morrison, Outer Guard; H. E. Meloney, Past W. Chief.

The next meeting of said County Lodge will take place at Gabarouse on the 22nd December next at 10 o'clock A. M.

SCHOOL MEETING:

On the 18th inst., a meeting of the Rate Payers for District No. 1, was held in the court house. The High Sheriff in the chair, Robert Martin, Esq., Secretary. Report of last year, together with accounts and estimate for ensuing year, read. The sum of \$600 was voted for the incoming year; after which a vote of thanks was tendered to the Chairman and Secretary.

The meeting was very small, and we regret that parents and others interested do not take a livelier interest in the cause of education.

ROSS & CO.'S MINE:

The Rail Road from the above coal mine to the South Bar is nearly complete. The coal is said to be of a superior quality, and has already made its mark in the home and foreign markets.

Success to Ross, he deserves credit for his honorable perseverance.

ST. PETER'S CANAL:

We are happy to learn by the following extract from a letter received from a gentleman residing at St. Peters, that vessels are passing through the canal.

"You would not believe the number of vessels going through the canal. Every day they pass, loaded with limestone, marble, and wood."

THANKSGIVING DAY:

Thursday the 11th of November has been proclaimed a day of General Thanksgiving throughout the province.

The Supreme Court will open in Sydney on Thursday, 4th November. His Honor Mr. Justice Dodd presides.

TO CORRESPONDENTS:

x. x. x.—Your communication too personal. Our columns are not open for the purpose of hurting the feelings of private individuals. Read the trustees report yourself.

PICKAX—Under consideration.

MARS—You will find an answer to your question in Brentons British History of the War. To insert your letter would be loss of time.

TEMPLAR.—Refer the matter to your Provincial Deputy. See Grand Lodge Report of 1866.

SYDNEY MARKET PRICES.

Flour, No. 1, \$7.50; Corn Meal \$5.50; Oatmeal, 5c per lb.; Potatoes, 40c per bushel; Oats, 40c per bushel; Eggs, 12 1-2c per dozen; Mutton, 5c to 6 per lb; Lamb, 5c to 6 per lb; Hay, \$8 to 10 per tone; Turnips, 25c per bushel.

LATEST NEWS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.

Toronto despatches report much excitement in anticipation of Fenian invasion. All the regular troops and volunteers were ordered in readiness for immediate service, and several gunboats were getting ready. An armed Fenian privateer is reported in Canadian waters. The Cuban steamer Hornet was formerly surrendered to an officer of the United States Navy yesterday. She will probably be dismantled.

TORONTO, Oct. 20.—Gunboat "Prince Alfred" is still taking in coal. Orders were issued to-day for all to be on board at nine o'clock to night, at which time she will proceed to Sarnia, under the command of Captain Stewart. Goodrich and Toronto batteries on board