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TO OUR READERS.

A few months ago, when we commenced the publication of the REPORTER, we announced that we would continue the paper as a weekly if the patronage extended was such as to save us from loss. We have now been before the public for about four months and we think that we have become sufficiently well known to our readers to speak plainly. While we have no cause to find fault with the patronage extended thus far we feel that it is not what it should be or what it will have to be to save us from loss. We, therefore, appeal to all our friends to come to our assistance and increase our subscription list by sending us in at least one new subscriber each. We are contemplating important improvements in our paper and can only do so by having our subscription list brought up to a paying basis. It is absolutely necessary that all who have not paid the subscription should do so at once. Quite a number have received the REPORTER since it was first issued and to such we would say, pay up friends, for although the amount from each is small the aggregate is quite large.

We have endeavored in every possible way to make the paper worthy of your continued support, and so valuable to our readers that every one will feel that he cannot possibly do without it, and no doubt every reader will find something in at least one or more single copies during the year worth many times the subscription price. We, therefore, urge upon all who want the paper continued to send in their own subscription and procure at least one new subscriber for us within the next two weeks, for upon the result of this appeal will depend whether the paper will be continued or not.

The REPORTER will be sent from this date until January 1st, 1885, for 20c. Send on your lists.

A Suggestion.

Now that the fairs in this county are about over would it not be a good time to consider the advisability of amalgamating a number of the smaller fairs into one grand "Central Canada's Fair?" The buildings and grounds at Unionville are the best and largest in eastern Ontario, and could no doubt be secured for that purpose. Our columns are open for the discussion of this question.

OUR MORNING STROLL.

No. 11—What Things of Interest We Saw This Week.

"Young man go west," was Horace Greeley's invariable advice to the youth in quest of fame and fortune. So we went in that direction this week for the purpose of gaining a little more information regarding the workshops of our village. Casually entering the shop owned by Mr. W. Layng we found ourselves in the presence of that kind-hearted and jovial disciple of Vulcan. Mr. Layng, we were informed, carries on a general blacksmithing and carriage business. He came to the village about eleven years ago, and worked for Mr. D. Fisher as a carriage ironer for five years, at the end of which time he began business on his own account. At first his trade was somewhat limited, but it has steadily increased from the first and Mr. Layng now takes rank among the prosperous business men of the place. Mr. Layng finds work for two expert workmen in addition to the labor done by himself and his opinion at present is, that the services of a third will in a short time be required. Until about a month ago he managed a paint shop in connection with his carriage works, but at that time he sold out to Messrs. Hutchins & Vandressen, two young men from the state of New York. We believe the gentlemen in question to be well skilled in the use of the paint brush and bespeak for them a fair share of patronage from a kind and liberal public.

Mr. Layng excels in sharpening mill picks. He informed us that more than a dozen grist mills get their picks sharpened by him. Mr. Layng has made and sold fifteen carriages during this season. In addition to this work he has done a large repairing business. His prospects for winter work are good as he has in already eight orders for cutters and sleighs. The yearly business foots up to about \$3000.

As a mechanist we understand Mr. Layng has no superiors and few equals in this district. Indeed, several of his inventions in machinery have been patented by him, and he is now at work upon a curious and complicated piece of mechanism which he designs to be used in beer barrels, etc. After the passage of the Scott act he purposes to call it the "Frothing Fawcet," the principle of its action being that the liquor is driven with such force through it that it is entirely converted into froth, so that a little liquor goes a long way and the thirsty tippler is sent away perfectly sober.

Practical Home Physician.

The Practical Home Physician is meeting with a great success, a large number of subscribers having already ordered it. Mr. Holmes has secured a number of agents also for the work and some choice territory still open for those who like to work for good pay.

A Shocking Affair.

We regret to learn that Mr. C. Richards, a well known merchant of Irish Creek, and formerly of Frankville, was dangerously shot on Sunday evening last. It appears that an attempt had been made to burglarize several places in Irish Creek and vicinity, and a party was organized to hunt up the desperadoes. A band of eight boarded a hand car and started towards Brockville, where the gang was supposed to be heading for. When near Jelly's Crossing they came up to three men and on interrogating them as to their destination they replied, "To town, look out!" At the same moment one of the party drew a revolver and fired at Mr. Richards, the ball striking him in the cheek, passing through his mouth, carrying away several of his teeth and cutting his tongue about two-thirds off. The other members of the gang also presented pistols at the party (who were without weapons of any kind), and slowly backed in the bushes and escaped. The hand car with Mr. Richards on board was run down the track as far as a Mr. Pritchard's, who hitched up and drove out to the macadamized road, where the services of Mr. F. H. McCrea were called into requisition, who at once drove Mr. Richards into Brockville where his wounds were attended to. The doctors report the wound an ugly one but not dangerous. The police of the town and country were at once notified and every effort made to capture the villains. A party supposed to answer the description of the men wanted were found lurking near Lyn, but on being brought into Brockville and confronted by Mr. McCrum, that gentleman declared they were not the men wanted. At latest accounts Mr. Richards was doing as well as could be expected.

Lord Lansdowne and the Farmers.

Lord Lansdowne in the course of his reply to the address presented him by the Provincial Fair association at Ottawa on Tuesday said:

"To my mind not the least remarkable point of what I saw at Montreal and Toronto was the gathering of the people of the surrounding country at these great shows. I must own that my impression in this respect was a most favorable one. Let me give you an illustration. One day at Toronto I was told there were 50,000 people on the grounds. I did not see a single person whose appearance was otherwise than creditable and respectable."

Very many of these people whom Lord Lansdowne deservedly compliments were farmers, yet a similar great gathering of the farmers of this province was treated to sneers and insult by a Tory organ. Many of these very persons were denounced as unwashed Grits, as a mob of semi-civilized partisans, etc. Lord Lansdowne is correct in his estimate of the farmers of Ontario. It cannot be said of any section of them, be they Conservatives or Reformers, that they are unwashed, uncombed, or in any respect unworthy the esteem and confidence of their fellows. Nothing but malice or ignorance could say the contrary.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE

Interesting Items of the Prohibition Movement.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Scott act association will be held in French's hall, Brockville, on Friday, October 3rd, at 1 p.m. A full attendance is requested as business of importance is to be brought up for consideration. A cordial invitation is extended to the vice-presidents of the different municipalities in the counties as well as any others interested in the movement.

The petitions for the submission of the Scott act in these united counties will be deposited in the sheriff's office on Saturday, October 4th. The general secretary is now engaged checking them over before depositing, and while we have not the exact figures to hand as we go to press, still we find that enough signatures have been received from a little more than half the municipalities to foot up the required number. There will probably be nearly 5,000 signatures appended to the petitions.

The appetite for strong drink in man has spoiled the life of more women, ruined more homes for them, brought to them more sorrow, scattered more fortunes for them, cursed them with more brutality, shame and hardship than any other evil that lives. The country numbers tens nay hundreds of thousands of women who are widows to-day, who sit in hopeless weeds, because their husbands have been slain by strong drink. They are thousands of homes scattered over the land in which wives live lives of torture, going through all the changes of suffering that lie between the extremes of fear and despair, because those whom they love love the intoxicating bowl better than the woman they have sworn to love. There are women by thousands who dread to hear at the door the step that once thrilled them with pleasure, because that step has learned to reel under the influence of the seductive poison. There are women groaning with pain, while we write these words, caused by bruises and brutalities inflicted by husbands made mad by drink. There can be no exaggeration in the statement in regard to this matter, because no human imagination can create anything worse than the truth and no pen is capable of portraying the truth—the sorrows and horrors of a wife with a drunken husband, or a mother with a drunken son, are as near the realization of hell as can be reached in the world. The shame and indignation, the sorrow and the sense of disgrace for herself and children, the poverty and frequently beggary, the fear and the fact of violence, the lingering lifelong struggles and despair of countless women with drunken husbands are enough to make all women curse the traffic and the trafficker and engage unitedly to support the Scott act and endeavor to exterminate from the nation the worst enemy of their sex.