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In turning to tabular statement No. 2 of the Blue Book for Indian affairs the first thing that strikes us is there is no recorded increase of houses, barns or stables. We must remember however that this only gives the number up to June 1895, before the results of the Loan Scheme would be visible, the next season will show a great advance in this matter.

Then again looking to the returns of the buildings we notice that the houses are put down at 633, barns 122, stables 322. This is a proportion we would like to see rectified; these returns shows by far too few barns to the houses returned. We notice that the Missasaguas of New Credit made a better showing in this particular viz 94 houses 60 barns, 45 stables. That is to say that while only 1-fifth of the houses of the Six Nations have barns, two-thirds of the Missasaguas have. The proportion of stables however is about the same. This is an important matter, a farmer cannot farm without a barn or stable we hope the time will soon be when every farm will have its barn and stable.

The acreage of the land cultivated is returned the same as last year viz:—30133, no new land having been broken up this year among the Six Nations. The Missasaguas return 84 acres as newly broken up land.

When we read these figures we must remember it does not mean

that the acreage not included in land under cultivations is all bush. But a great proportion of it has been cleared and is used for pasture. When we come to the implements we feel that some or a great many of our Indians do not give a correct return; which is a pity. For instance how can we account for the decrease in wagons from 826 in 1894 to 333 in 1895 nearly 500 wagons missing from the Reserve. On the New Credit, on the contrary, they have increased from 100 to 150.

Carts have been on the increase but why is there no mention of buggies and democrats. However we are well to do in fanning mills which have increased from 12 to 161. Of mowers and reapers there was no return in 1894, this year, are stated at 106 and 98 respectively. Again the articles under the head of other implements have dropped from 548 in 1894, to 190 in 1895. There can be no doubt that many of the Indians do not give correct returns on these matters, which as we said before is a pity as the returns should be reliable and correct to be of interest. In the live stock department we do not see the ups and downs and strong contrasts we have been remarking among the agricultural implements. There is a slight increase in every thing but cows which is regrettable. But the value of the cow will not be fully realized till some plan whereby the milk may be readily turned into butter and cheese is devised.

Under the head of grains and roots there is a large increase in wheat and oats, a slight decrease in other cereals. There is however one

main item in this statement to which we would call attention.

The amount returned under the head of fish, furs and other industries is \$3,300.00, for 1896 it was \$5,200.00. We suppose on this Reserve it would mean baskets, mats, ax-handles and such like articles. No doubt this is an item of which it is very difficult to get an accurate return but that seems undoubtedly to be a great falling off in this matter. In 1894 the amount under this head is returned as \$9,500.00 a very great falling off in two years indeed.

Now these are winter industries and by which when no other occupation was favourable to great extent many families supported themselves. Now why this falling off in two years from 9,500 to 3,300. Is it because our people have found more profitable employment in the winter? We think that there seems every year to be a glowing difficulty to find employment in the winter time. It is because there market for these articles has lessened? We think that in some measure the manufacture of axe-handles and such like articles by machinery has no doubt so lowered the price that there is not the profit in them that there formerly was. Still we do not think that that is all the reason. It is a subject that will deserve earnest consideration, the long winter months with nothing to do except to play snow-snake when the weather is favorable is neither profitable nor desirable in any way. There are hundreds of our young men who work among the farmers from April, to November, come home and have nothing to do till next April. If employment could be found for them during the winter it would be a great benefit in every way.

The re-laying of the foundation stone of the Council House at Oshweken, an account of the proceedings will be found in another place. Every thing passed off in a most satisfactory manner. We gladly hail the remodelling of the Council House as the old building as it stood in the middle of the Reserve was certainly unworthy of the Six Nations, the inside as well as the out. The opinion was expressed by some that it would have been better if an entirely new building had been put up. But we think the Prudential spirit that guided the decision of the council was a right one, and that the Council House re-modelled will answer the purpose both in appearance and usefulness for a long time to come.

*Several items were received too late to publish. All copy must be sent in by the 10th of each month to insure publication.*

#### Reservation Items

Spring seems to be coming at an unusual pace and was never more welcome. Many were tightly pinched to bring their stock through the winter. The winter of 1895 will long be remembered.

The water in the river has sunk to its usual proportions. The river road was rendered impassable by the flood which washed away the bridge near Mr. Holding's farm.

A great many of the culverts and small bridges are unsafe from the earth being washed away by their side.

We regret the serious accident that has befallen the Rev. C. Stringfellow, the highly respected missionary on the New Credit reserve. While driving on the Hagersville road the axle of his buggy broke, frightening the horse which kicked the Rev. gentleman, fracturing his leg. We hope he may speedily recover. At a meeting of the missionary association held in April, at the Grand River parsonage, a

resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Stringfellow.

The next meeting of the missionary association is to be held at Kenyengeh parsonage, the last Tuesday in April.

The special services held in St Paul's church, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday were, considering the condition of the roads, well attended.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, April 6th. Messrs Peter Miller and J. Davis were appointed church wardens for the coming year, and Chief A. G. Smith and Mr. J. C. Martin, delegates to the synod.

#### Church Support.

The following paper was read by Mr. N. Moses at the Church Workers Meeting at Oshweken.

Rev. Chairman:

Also to my fellow church people. In bringing my paper before you, I believe, it is one of importance to our churches upon this Reserve. Since it is a great draw-back in our midst, I thought a few suggestions might be of some benefit. I am only sorry that I feel far from being able to do justice to so important a subject.

In the first place no individual or community can prosper without having some resources to draw from. All our churches must have some money for repairs and various other things.

The question is, in what way are we to raise this money. We upon this Reserve have been greatly blessed, our missionaries are sent to us free. That noble band of Christians, called the New England Company has favored us with faithful missionaries, these many years, a worthy example are they, and I think it is time we began to

help ourselves to some extent. For the good Book reads—freely have ye received, so freely give. Then again some of us say, we have hard times, there, but surely most any of us could afford to give a cent, think of the poor widow, who cast only a mite into the treasury, and our Savior called the attention of his disciples, and said, (This Poor Widow hath cast in more than all. More than the rich, because they only gave a part of their wealth.) There are some people who are so afraid of giving, that when it is near collection time, will walk out of the church, and others will let the plate pass by hardly taking any notice of it. I suppose they are so used to doing so, they have got beyond seeing the necessity of giving—others again will give only one solitary cent, that has been laying in some corner of their pocket for ever so long, and say, I guess I can give this now, when often times such a person, could give a five cent piece just as well.

Now the Diocese of Huron, in which, I am proud to say we are included. According to the last Synod Journal report, we are in debt to the extent of seventeen thousand dollars and it is puzzling our good Bishop and Clergy how to reduce this dept. The Synod has adopted a plan of taxing every church family one dollar, and adults 33 cents throughout the Diocese, to which, if we would all respond, as good church people, and do our share upon this Reserve. It would go a long way towards showing our sympathy with those who are endeavoring to guide the Gospel Ship into harbor of financial safety.

Now I believe there is no church family but could raise a dollar in

one year, if they were only willing. Now let me suggest to each family and adult, that at the next vestry meeting we will try this plan, appointing a committee at each of our churches, to look up all our church members, and to persuade them if possible to promise faithfully to give five cents every Sunday in the year. I mean five cents for each family, and whatever adults would be willing to give if it is only a cent each Sunday, but I am sure many would be willing to give more, and should we fail on some Sunday or Sundays through absence or otherwise, let us feel it is our bounden duty to fulfil our promises made to Him, through His servants labouring in His interests to provide for His church here on earth.

The advantage of this plan would be a very small sum at a time, we would not notice, whereas one dollar appears so large in our eyes, that the more we look on it the harder it is to part with it, also by these means we would form the habit of giving, and wean ourselves of any selfishness that may have taken possession of our hearts. I have adopted this plan of giving, for my family, for over a year now and I find it works well. And I think, by following this plan, from the time we make a start, say, a year after, we would be both surprised and pleased to find a sum equal to the required contribution asked of us by the Synod, besides other things being kept in order.

First—we should be cheerful givers, because the good Book reads (God loveth a cheerful giver) again (It is more blessed to give than it is to receive) or as the Roman proverb says (He who gives quickly, gives twice.)

Second—we should give, because it is one way of giving thanks to Him, (Who first loved us,) besides this; God has through all ages past; acknowledged sacrifices and offerings as a tribute of loyalty to Him.

Third—we should be glad of the opportunity of paying tribute to so Great a King; whose throne is above all thrones, and all thrones turned towards His, whose treasury the Bible says, neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, where thieves cannot break through and steal. Blessed are they, who have cast their gifts into so safe a treasury as the Lords.

Abel's sacrifice was accepted, but Cain's was not. One was sincere, the other had only the outward appearance of a sacrifice, while his heart was far from being interested. There is such a thing, as giving and yet receiving no spiritual benefit from the same. It is a most blessed condition in life to reach the exalted state of acceptance with God, in anything. So when we place our offering on the plate a sincere prayer should be lifted up from the altar of hearts, asking God to bless our gift to the promotion of His glory here on earth.

And now in conclusion I would only say, I have done my best. I know the wording is not what it ought to be. Still I hope it may kindle a flame of zeal in the hearts of my fellow church people throughout this Reserve, so that, here after in our midst, may be found many eager hearts to serve the Lord in the way of giving.

Victoria Mills.

Our readers from this section was somewhat disappointed when no news from this part of the Reserve appeared in last month's issue of the Indian Magazine, and not the

least disappointed one was the contributor himself, when he found his items were not itemized. We dont however blame any one, but as we live in a world of trial and tribulation we take things as a matter of course.

There is hardly a house in this section in which la-grip has not entered.

Farmers are using the sleighing to get their sawlogs to the mill at Beelton, to have them converted into lumber, to put into improvements during the coming summer. An unusually large quantity of ice has been taken from our pond this winter, not only for local use but to supply the wants of Hagersville, Hartford, Beelton and Boston.

Services are beihg held during the season of Lent in No 3 school house, every Thursday evening— We hope to record a very successful series of services in our next issue.

Miss Minnie Powless, who is attending the Beelton high school, and is now in the highest form, studying for her entrance examination in July, was visiting friends in Beelton for a few days last month. Miss Lena Martin, who has been visiting at Mr. E. Powless' returned home Sunday, Feb. 23rd.

Oneida.

Our general postmaster Mr. Borwn, is very ill, he is losing ground. We trust his illness may be arrested and he may recover.

Mr. Fred. Loft, of the Ontario Government office, Toronto, paid a short visit at his home last week. Fred looks well.

The annual vestry meeting in connection with the Cayuga church was held on the 9th. The accounts of the church were presented showing that quite a sum of money was spent in improvements and repairs.

W. D. Loft was elected Lay Representative to the Synod or church council, and Joseph Smith and G. W. Longboat, wardens.

The annual meeting was held at St. Luke's church, Delaware, on the 9th. The accounts show a creditable balance on the right side. Charles Jackson was elected Lay Representative to the Synod and Nelson Moses and C Jackson, wardens for the coming year.

The annual meeting was also held in the St. John's church Tuscarora, on the 8th, at which a good deal of business was done. John Anderson sr. was elected Lay Representative; G. E. Powless and Elias Thomas, wardens, and John Burnham and Richard Hill, sidesmen.

Owing to the absence of the treasurer, caused by illness, the accounts were not presented, but there seems to be quite a neat sum in the bank to the credit of the church.

There has been a great scarcity of feed for stock in the section, but as the spring seems to have now fairly set in the stock what there is may now be able to pull through, with hay at \$18 a ton, the majority of our horses will have to go without.

We heard the other day of a white woman near the stone road who had sold this winter, six hundred dollars worth of hay, and four hundred of straw. Where is the man that can beat that.

The McKenzie creek was never so high around here as it was this spring, and many of our farmers lost quantities of fencing materials in consequence.

Our school was examined last month by the superintendent. We have not heard how the pupils acquitted themselves.

We hear that our good friend Harry Loft who has been home for

2 or 3 months is soon to leave us again. Glad to have had you Harry, and glad to see you back again—and mind, you bring home a lot money with you when you return.

There are mutterings even on the Reserve, of the coming political storm which everybody expects to break out all over the Dominion shortly. Wonder why it is the Ontario government wont give the Indian the right to vote. Nearly everybody else has that right. As the law stands now very many of the Indians could qualify. The Indians are to a large extent concerned in the doings of the Ontario parliament, and why should they not be in some way represented in that body of the collective wisdom of the province?

The weather has been so favorable during the last few days that our farmers are beginning to make preparations for seeding. There was a good breadth of fall plowing done ready for the spring.

Mrs. Powless, mother of Festus Johnson, of Ohsweken, lies sick at her daughter's residence, near the postoffice, and slight hopes are entertained for her recovery, as she is now advanced in years.

A very handsome sign now graces the front of our Post Office announcing that John A. Beaver is postmaster of the Six Nations P. O., the whole surmounted with the Maple Leaves and the Beaver, our Canadian emblems.

To our Readers.—Readers of this Magazine should read the Big 22 Clothing House advertisement found on another page and take advantage of the clothing sale prices now going on. The Big 22 Clothing House advertisements can be depended on. Truth and honesty is characteristic of this house.

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## Ohsweken News.

There was an interesting Temperance meeting held in the Council House last week, the speakers were mostly of young men, who are members of the Baptist Young People's Union. The speaker's acquitted themselves very well. After the speeches Rev. W. G. White showed some beautiful pictures of great buildings at the World's Fair in Chicago. The young people's union is getting more interesting when young boys and girls are actively taking part. The congregation both morning and evening was large easter Sunday, Rev. Mr. White preached easter sermon in the morning and Chief J. S. Johnson in the evening and the congregation had the treat of listening to two good easter sermons, the singing by the choir and congregation was grand.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist churches on the Reserve held in this place a few days ago, everything went off satisfactory. In the evening a tea meeting was held in the basement for the first time, and a handsome sum of money was realized.

Chf. David Hill Seneca speaker of the council is very low, he has been sick for several weeks.

The friends of Jacob Miller will be pleased to hear that he is getting better rapidly.

George Newton Hill, who has been ill for several months, was removed to Brantford Hospital about two weeks ago, Dr. Secord of Brantford is treating him, it is said that he is also getting better.

This is good sugar weather but hard on a heat.

The only people who seems to be busy around here, are the masons

who are working at the foundation of the Council House, and the sawyers. The rest seems to have nothing to do just now on account of the muddy roads, and muddy fields.

Our friend Tommy Miller is back home again looking quite well.

Chf. Levi Jonathan has moved into our village this week.

Last Tuesday 7th. inst. during the Council, it was so crowded that they had to have a little fight to make room. It seemed to be a great pity that the council did not see the necessity of making the Council House larger while they are repairing and making it more permanent than ever before, or else stop the people from coming who have no business in council.

## Smooth Town Items.

Many are asking the question, "What has become of Smooth Town?" Some were beginning to imagine that some great calamity must have unfortunately overtaken the said town, and consequently gone out of existence. We beg to assure our readers, and those who are getting anxious as to our fate, that they need not at all be alarmed, as we have safely pulled through the slack and hard times. The fact of the matter is we were too busy attending to various duties pertaining to the well fare of our creditable town.

We have the sad duty to chronicle the demise of our respected friend Munroe Wilson, after a lengthy illness. He travelled a great deal, visiting England and other European countries. He was buried at the Methodist church here and the funeral was largely attended.

Ex-Mayor N. Peters, eldest son familiarly known as "Hank," had the misfortune, of hacking a piece of his toe off, with an axe. His

"pa" however picked up the piece, thus painfully cut off and grafted on again with a strong bandage. He is greatly delighted to see that the wounded toe is healing up nicely and the patient doing all that could be desired.

his past record both in quantity and quality.

There was almost an unplaceable loss at the stock farm of Mr. Eli John. He lost a valuable imported breeding mare.

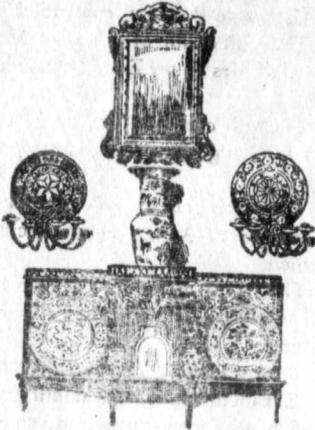
What might have been a fatal accident happened at 87 Tecumseh St. Two brothers Joe and Heine McGoy were handling and carelessly examining a loaded revolver, when the weapon accidentally went off; the ball striking Heine's hand, coming out at the back of the hand striking his side, following a rib bone, and glancing off to the floor. Here is a warning boys, do not handle a gun or revolver carelessly. Had it not been for the hand, no doubt the injuries would have been worse if not fatal, but now Heine is rapidly recovering.

Our present Mayor and respected Judge are very pushing fellows, why here a short time ago an order from the ambitious city was left to them for a car load of bows and arrows. They got the required number within two weeks.

We generally, just at this time of the year envy our city clerk, as most assuredly he will be in making maple sugar and syrup business, with every intention of breaking Oh, say, we visited Ohsweken last month, but do you know we had to keep in the middle of the road. Evidently the weather was to cold for the sidewalk, for it had taken refuge under three or four feet of snow. Keep your sidewalks clean another winter so that pedestrians may travel conveniently.

**Movable Wall Decorations.**

Too much reliance is placed upon pictures for wall spaces. Some pictures are not decorative at all—for example, small water color drawings, with broad white margins. More may be done by the use of small hanging mirrors, Venetian or



ARTICLES FOR WALL DECORATIONS.

chippendale in style, and wall cabinet or brackets carrying fine china and the use of sconces, which have the great advantage of being a means of lighting the room and rendering the enemy gas unnecessary.

Numbered with wall decorations of the kind referred to, Decorator and Furnisher gives illustrated descriptions of a chippendale mirror in mahogany, which is partly gilt, two brass sconces made of the lids of old time writhing pans, with sockets for candle illumination, and a hanging wall bracket in walnut, backed with stamped leather showing some pieces of fine porcelain. Other objects, equally effective, suggest themselves to ambitious women with artistic tastes.

**The Hot Water Bag.**

When the india rubber hot water bag is as inexpensive as it is at present, it becomes almost a duty to possess one. The water to fill them is always attainable, and the comfort of the possession will amply repay the expense. Frequently they relieve pain in a far simpler and more effectual manner than does any medicine. A bag placed on the side of the neuralgic face will cause the blood to flow to that part and bring nourishment to the starving nerve. A fit of indigestion may be overcome in a similar manner. The weak heart may be assisted by a very scantily filled bag being placed under the left arm against the side. Then, again, says a writer in Good Housekeeping, carefully concealed in its dark colored bag, what a comfortable companion for a long, cold country drive! Always soothing, never contradictory, it is actually a life saving machine.

'Tis well to work with a cheerful heart  
Wherever our fortunes call,  
With a friendly glance and an open hand  
And a gentle word for all.  
Since life is a thorny and difficult path,  
Where toil is the portion of man,  
We all should endeavor while passing along  
To make it as smooth as we can.

**New Life In the East.**

Whatever one may think of the restoration of the Jews to Palestine, one thing is certain, new life is being infused into the old land, and prosperity such as has not been seen for ages seems dawning. Jerusalem is fast outgrowing its old limits. A new quarter in the western suburb has arisen in the last few years. Every available piece of land is rapidly being bought up. Trade is increasing, and last year a public garden was opened outside the Jaffa gate. Two boats on the Dead sea are employed in gathering bitumen. It is proposed by steam launch and barges to bring produce from Moab by a shorter route to Jerusalem. The railroad from Jaffa to Jerusalem is also working wondrous changes in thought and style of doing things in this ancient land.

**Missionary Enthusiasm.**

Open doors stand invitingly on every side. Activity such as the world never before saw is pushing the borders of Christ's kingdom far into the borders of heathenism. Not to be thrilled at the stories of heroism coming up from every land is to show oneself either ignorant of the most important movements of the times or indifferent to the condition of one's brethren in distress. The regular church papers, special periodicals devoted to various fields and departments, the secular press and even the reports of United States consuls teem with information.

**Reflex Influence of Missions.**

The evangelization of a heathen people will do more to start the wheels of industry than all possible tariff legislation. One New England firm has sold more agricultural implements in South Africa since the Christianizing of the native tribes than are sufficient to pay the whole expense of the missions from the beginning.

**An Indian Summer Lay.**

Oh, how the sunshine streaming  
On my soul's gold on shore!  
(Oh shivering, or I'm dreaming,  
John, kindly close that door.)

Oh, fields of grain so yellow  
Sweet smiling to the sky!  
(I wonder if a fellow  
Will have much coal to buy.)

Oh, days when winds are sighing  
All musical and low!  
(I see that cold flag flying,  
I wonder if 'twill snow.)

Oh, dreamy Indian summer,  
When airs from Eden float!  
(That wind outside's a hummer,  
John, where's my overcoat?)

—Atlanta Constitution.

**THE PIANO ACCOMPANIST.**

Some of the Numerous and Varied Acquirements Necessary.

Few listeners have any adequate comprehension of the arduous and responsible duties devolving upon the person who is modestly placed as accompanist. The requirements of an accompanist are numerous and varied and demand a much greater amount of attention and study than is generally supposed or than the exponent of the art of accompanying is credited with giving. He must be a quick and accurate reader, able to readily grasp the intention of the composer as in progress the ideas of the composition are unfolded. To this end the phrasing must be correct, and the quality of the touch employed must be such as will produce the tone required to properly represent the sentiment expressed by the composer. While having a fairly decided conception of his own, he must be prepared to absorb the conception felt by the soloist, and so mold his own ideas that they blend with those of the soloist and form a complete and well developed background to the musical picture of which the solo is the central figure. In carrying out this design great care is necessary, so that the soloist receives just the proper amount of support.

The accompaniment should not force or override the solo; neither must it be of that dragging character which causes the singer to feel as if pulling a heavy burden up a steep incline. To preserve this "happy medium" is, says a writer in The Etude, the crucial test of a true accompanist, and the possession of such ability may well condone the lack of some other traits. For the time being soloist and accompanist should be as one.

To accomplish this desirable result the player should have as complete knowledge of the composition as the singer.

While he must be a correct timist, it is necessary to possess that flexibility of temperament that will enable him to flow along with the principal through bars of everchanging value, irrespective of what the time signature may be. Of course he must be able to transpose to meet the requirements of pianos of incorrect pitch or the effect of the weather upon the voice of the soloist.

**A Few Hints.**

The hen fanciers are making efforts to get up a hardier breed of hens to stand our cold winters better by producing a cross between the Plymouth Rock hen and the old fashioned weather cock.

**Geese as Grazers.**

It is not advisable to keep over 25 geese on an acre of land. Geese being great grazers, it would probably be better to keep even less in the space.

## COUNCIL NOTES.

Ohsweken Council House

April 7th 1896.

General Council opened in due form by Chief William Echo, one of the Fire Keepers.

Chief Wm. Echo was appointed speaker of the Fire Keepers for today.

The Council decided to appoint a committee on disputes as follows, for today—Chief Wm. Staats, George Gibson, David John, Joseph Porter, William Hill and Joab Martin clerk.

The report of the committee in *re* the controversy between the Six Nations and Missasaugas was read and interpreted by Chief J. W. M. Elliott and was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Communications from the Department of Indian affairs were read by the visiting Supt. and the minutes in *re* last council were confirmed.

The council decided to adopt the action of the department of Indian Affairs with regard to seed grain orders, which shall only be issued upon the recommendation of a Chief. The council asked that hay be also included.

The following chiefs were appointed a loan committee for today:—Chiefs, John Hill, Levi Jonathan, Moses Hill, Abram Lewis, Nicholas Porter, David General and chief J. W. M. Elliott, Secretary of Committee.

The funeral accounts for the quarter ended passed.

Relief accounts for quarter were passed by council.

The council decided to purchase 10,000 feet of plank for culverts.

The matter of sheep killed in Brantford Township and claimed to have been killed by dogs belong-

ing to members of the Reserve was laid over until next general council.

The council refused to grant Hiram Miller any relief for flour burned on the Reserve.

The council voted the sum of \$2.00 to William Carryey who is old and in want.

The council refused the application of the Victoria Brass Band for financial aid.

The council confirmed the award of the fence viewers between Jacob F. Johnson and Richard Hill.

The council passed the sundries account of chief J. S. Johnson.

The medical report for the quarter ending March 31st was read by the visiting Supt.

The council passed the accounts of Herbert Garlow, Robert Martin and others as recommended by the Inspector of works for protecting the highway over the dam across McKinzie creek.

The council decided to grant the application of Simon Hill that it pay the hospital charges for the keep of his son George Newton Hill, who is in the said hospital under treatment, the amount to be repaid out of his interest money.

The council decided that any chief may certify to seed grain orders for any member of the Six Nations who may require such orders for seed grain.

The council passed the accounts of the committee in *re* Six Nations V. S. Missasaugas controversy as follows:—

Chief J. W. M. Elliott as Secretary of committee, \$9.00; chief William Smith, \$5.00; chief William Wage, \$5.00; chief Levi Jonathan \$5.00; chief Nicodemus Porter \$5.00; chief John Jamieson, \$5.00; chief Joab Martin, \$5.00; chief Josiah Hill, \$1.00.

The council decided to pass the accounts of the Fire Inspector as follows:—John Hill \$2.00; Joseph Henry \$2.00.

The quit claim of Abram Green to Catherine Powless, confirmed.

The quit claim of Thomas McLeod of Mrs Betsy Echo, confirmed.

The quit claim of Jackson Jemison to George D. Styres, Confirmed.

The quit claim of Sampson Patterson to Adam Thomas, confirmed.

The quit claim of Elizabeth Henhawk to Elias Jamieson confirmed.

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Tenders for the cutting down of the stone ridge and filling two swamps were opened as follows:—

Peter Sky, \$400.00; Levi Jonathan, \$200.00; Wm. Fishcarries, \$167.00; Alex Bomberry, \$500.00; Nic. Porter, \$180.00; Robert Martin \$169.00; Henry Bauming, \$89.00; Wm. C. Hill, \$200.00; Moses Hill, \$120.00—Accepted.

The visiting Supt. then introduced Miss Fitzgibbons Secy. of the Toronto Historical Society to the chiefs in council.

The speaker of Fire Keepers expressed the feeling of the council in welcoming Miss Fitzgibbons Secy. of the Ladies Historical Society of Toronto in their midst &c.

She addressed the council at some length in a very able manner referring to the bravery of the warriors of the Six Nation Indians at the Battle of Beaver dam &c. when they fought side by side with the British Soldiers in which her great-grand father was a Lieutenant.

The committee on loans recom-

mends to grant loans to the following:—

Wm. H. Jamieson \$150.00; John D. Green \$100.00; Wm. House \$125.00; Joseph Russell \$150.00; Peter Jamieson \$50.00; Elijah Mt-Pleasant \$50.00; Mathew Davis \$40.00; Joseph Martin \$100.00; Abram D. Green \$150.00; Adam Williams \$200.00; Peter Smith \$140.00; Special loan to Josiah Hill \$300.00; Total \$1555.00.

The council appointed a committee on programme for the relay—the corner stone on Tuesday 14th inst:—

Elias Lewis, John Gibson, Nic. Porter, Johnson Williams and Moses Hill.

The council decided to pass the act of Chf. J. S. Johnson for conveying the Six Nation's committee to Missasauga Council House the sum of \$1.50.

Report of the committee on disputes.

With reference between Wm. Towfish and Sam Hill, on the south part of R. R. No. 67 Tus. The committee decided in favour of Sam Hill who proved to have paid all that the quit claims called for. Wm. Towfish however will have a home and board there as long as he lives. Agreement to this effect was produced, and approved by the committee.

Dispute on the line fence between Semuel Barefoot and John Davis. The committee decided to confirm the award made by fence viewers.

The above report of the committee was confirmed by the council.

Report of the committee on *re* Missasaguas approved by council and attached to the copy of minutes for the Dept. of Indian affairs.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday 14th inst. when the corner stone of the Council House

shall be relaid with the usual ceremony of the Six Nation council.

#### HALLELUJAH, RAISE THE SONG.

Hallelujah, raise the song,  
"Jesus Christ is risen."  
Let the Church the note prolong,  
"Jesus Christ is risen!"  
Her loving and triumphant Head,  
Captivity has captive led,  
And ev'ry foe has vanquished.  
Hallelujah.

Hallelujah! let the cry  
"Jesus Christ is risen."  
Wake each harp string of the sky,  
"Jesus Christ is risen!"  
The S'afed Stone is rolled away,  
Death and the grave have lost their prey  
For Jesus Christ is risen to-day.  
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! dry the tear,  
"Jesus Christ is risen."  
Thrice blessed pledge, ye mourners keep,  
Who for your lost and loved ones weep,  
Because He lives they only sleep.  
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! let the sound,  
"Jesus Christ is risen."  
Circulate the world around,  
"Jesus Christ is risen!"  
Soon may the world's great Easter be,  
When her now bondaged children free,  
Exultant, Lord shall reign with Thee.  
Hallelujah.

#### FERCE FIGHT WITH AN OWL.

##### A Massachusetts Man Has a Desperate Experience at Night.

Colwell Smith was passing through a piece of woods one night, and without hearing any sound or premonition his tall beaver hat received a terrible thump from behind, which knocked it off his head to the ground. He heard no sound, no flutter of wings—for the wing feathers of this bird are especially adapted by their downy edges to noiseless flight. He replaced his hat and proceeded, and wondered at the circumstances, which he could not explain. No limb of a tree, to which he naturally turned for an explanation, could have brushed his hat off, for it came forward. While he was deeply absorbed in thought thump two came, and off went his hat again, and in front of him as before. He again replaced his beaver, and then, with every sense on the qui vive, proceeded and awaited results. Again, as before, his head covering was unceremoniously removed, but the keenness and activity of his fully aroused senses enabled him to detect a slight flutter of wings. He was convinced now as to the source of his singular experience.

#### Dumas' Domestic Pets.

At his architectural folly of *Montes Cristo*, near St. Germain-en-Laye, which he built at a cost of upward of 700,000 francs, and sold for 86,000 francs in 1848, Dumas had uninclosed grounds and gardens, which, with the house, afforded loungings and entertainment not only to a host of Bohemian "sponges," but to all the dogs, cats and donkeys that chose to quarter themselves in the place. It was called by the neighbors "la maison de Bon Dieu." There was a menagerie in the park, peopled by three apes; Jugurtha, the vulture, whose transport from Africa, whence Dumas fetched him, cost 40,000 francs (it would be too long to tell why); a big parrot called Duval; a macaw named Papa and another christened Everard; Lucullus, the golden pheasant; Caesar, the game cock; a pea-fowl and a guinea-fowl; Mysouff II, the Angora cat; and the Scotch pointer, Pritchard. This dog was a character. He was fond of canine society, and used to sit in the road looking out for other dogs to invite them to keep him company at *Monte Cristo*. He was taken by his master to Ham to visit Louis Napoleon when a prisoner there. The latter wished to keep Pritchard, but counted without the intelligence of the animal in asking Dumas before his face to leave him behind. The pointer set up a howl so piteous that the Governor of the prison withdrew the authorization he had given his captive to retain him—Century.

#### John's Forethought.

"John," said a wife who was supposed to be on her death bed, "in case of my death, I think a man of your temperament and domestic nature, aside from the good of the children, should marry again."

"Do you think so, my dear?"

"I certainly do, after a reasonable length of time."

"Well, now, do you know, my dear, that relieves my mind of a great burden. The little widow Jenkins has acted rather demure toward me since you were taken sick. She is not the woman that you are, a strong-minded, intelligent woman of character, but she is plump and pretty, and I think would make me a desirable wife."

The next day Mrs. John was able to sit up, the following day she went down stairs, and, on the third day, she was planning for a new dress.

#### Useful Suggestion.

Tired Husband—I've had a terrible day at the office, and I'm mad clear through.

Wife—Now would be a good time for you to beat those rugs.—Truth.

**A MOTHER.**

“Doubt I but have my baby back again  
From the dim vastness of the great unknown,  
How would it ease my poor heart’s silent pain  
As I sit here in shadow and alone!

“That heaven is vast but makes me more afraid,  
Who shall its hesitating footsteps guide?  
Far cozier the nest my love had made,  
Or so my heart feels, since my baby died.

“Cold was the night it left my bosom warm—  
A night of wintry tempest harsh and wild  
Into that world of darkness and of storm  
Went forth alone my little toddling child.

“I say alone, for who hears angels’ feet  
Pause at the threshold, though we dream they come?  
“We hear not even death, the robber fleet!  
We only know a-woid is in our home.

“Mother! the very name is sorrow’s own,  
A synonym for headache and for trial;  
“Tis she must tread the wine press all alone,  
And when the tears would start must wear a smile.

“What is the faith of priest, of Christian brother,  
Of matter’d bishop, though they kiss the rod?  
Weak seems their worship when a trusting mother  
Yields up her pretty, smiling babe to God.  
—Arkansaw Traveler.

**In a Hurry to Get There.**

“I fear we will never get down town at this slow gait,” said a restless, pale faced woman as she handed her fare to a Third avenue surface conductor the other night.

For a time the conductor was silent. Then, turning, he whispered: “Do you see the glitter in her eyes?”

“Yes, very plainly.”

“In another hour she will be crazy.”

As the car rolled down the Bowery the woman looked through the window, and the light fell full in her face. Her eyes gleamed red and bright. Then the conductor leaned in at the door and said:

“It isn’t far now—only a few blocks more.”

“You fool,” she replied, “how dare you drive so slowly! Had I known this I should have come another way,” and half rising from her seat she glared through the door.

The conductor smiled sadly. “If ever there was a hopeless case,” he muttered, “hers is one.”

“Have you known her long?” was asked.

“Yes, a year or more. She often comes down on my late run. At first she was quiet enough, but now she grows worse and worse.”

“What caused her insanity?”

“Insanity?” and he turned as though in astonishment. “Why, she is not insane. She hits the pipe. Wait till we get to the Chinese district and you will see.”

His words were true. She left the car at Mott street.—New York Herald.

**Thoroughly Equipped.**

Education does not stifle zeal. God places no premium on ignorance. Intelligent piety is not less but more effective than ignorant devotion. Ignorance is never the mother of devotion. Her offspring is a brood of superstitious and bigotry, if not hypocrisy. The Holy Scriptures themselves are “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” The more one knows the better he can be and more useful.

**Bishop James N. Fitzgerald.**

Bishop James N. Fitzgerald is the president of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is eminently fitted for this position. He is progressive in thought, energetic in action, safe in counsel and has the affection and confidence not only of the young people of the church, but also of the older and more conservative elements. His official residence is New Orleans. His duties as bishop call him to all parts of the United States and even to foreign countries. Bishop Fitzgerald is about 58 years of age and is a native of Newark, N. J. He studied at Princeton and chose the law as his calling, but on his conversion abandoned the court for the pulpit.



**BISHOP FITZGERALD.**

**That Great University.**

The American university at Washington bids fair to be one of the great institutions of this great country in the next century. Its plans are broad enough to make it truly national in character. Its location is strategic in the Capital City, with its unequalled education facilities afforded by the many collections in museums, libraries and governmental departments. The grounds are superb in situation and ample in extent. A special gift provides for their gardening, to be begun next May. The endowment grows steadily, and funds are being received for buildings. The scheme is a magnificent one. Grand men are in control of the enterprise, which will not be restricted in operations to denominational lines. Bishop John F. Hurst, the resident bishop at Washington, is the chancellor.

**Turning the Tables.**

Tommy—When I’m a man, I’m going to be a soldier.  
Mother—What, and be killed by the enemy?  
Tommy—Oh, well, then, I guess I’ll be the enemy!—Yale Record.

**LANGUAGE OF BOWS.**

**As Set Forth on a Leap Year’s Card for the Benefit of the Beaux-Girls’ Give Hood!**

In the window of a shop on Grand street I noticed this plea, addressed to the passers-by of the gender feminine: “Now, girls, here’s your chance. The only leap-year card in the market that covers the ground. Only 10 cents.”

Naturally this interesting announcement appealed forcefully to my sense of curiosity and I went in, and, in spite of my sex, boldly asked a young woman for a leap-year card. She snickered slightly, and it may be that I was a trifle embarrassed, but at any rate she slipped one into a white envelope, and said: “There ain’t but one kind, sir; 10 cents, please; thanks,” and snickered again as I withdrew.

When I got outside I examined my purchase and found it quite worth its price. It is a thick white card, about five inches long by three wide, and its gilded edges are cut like the teeth of a saw, intended, perhaps, to convey the idea that it should not be monkeyed with too freely. That, however, is a mere surmise.

At the top are the words “Leap-Year Card,” and below them are stuck six little butterfly bows of as many different colored silks and under each little bow is a couplet, as follows:—

- If for me your heart is dead,  
Send me back my bow of red.
- If for me your heart is true,  
Send me back my bow of blue.
- If of me you sometimes think,  
Send me back my bow of pink.
- If you want me to elope,  
Send my bow of heliotrops.
- If with me you would unite,  
Send me back my bow of white.
- If you want to be my fellow,  
Send me back my bow of yellow.

Thus it is seen that any damsel or maid of maturer years, or, so far as that goes, any widow or even any frivolous matron, can “for the small sum of 10 cents or one dime”—as my friend at the Bowery Museum who sells perfumed whale oil puts it—procure six separate and distinct offers to lay before the object of her affections through the medium of the mail or messenger service.—New York Mail and Express.

Two tons of dynamite exploded under a sunken vessel in New York harbor to get it out of the way lifted the water for about two acres fully 200 feet.

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We must bless if we would receive a blessing. We must pour the water from the cup if we would have it filled again. Life is an exchange of bounties, a transfer from one hand to another. Earth gives her portion to the flowers, they send their fragrance unto man, and man gathers them, decks the path of friendship, and makes hearts sweeter with their rich fragrance. The sky is mellowed for the passing cloud that lowers beneath it. The cloud receives its glory from the orb of day. All things are tributary to one another. The glow-worm lights a traveler's path; the pebble turns the tide. Rills fill the river; rivers send their vapors forth and fill again the rills. If love flows from our soul unto our neighbor's, something must be dislodged within his breast. It may be envy, pride or hate—what matter it—or it may be sweetest strains of gratitude that will gladden some ear, though not our own. We are but workers; but not, like earthly laborers, waiting for our pay. It comes in God's time, and always at the needed moment. Keep the waves in motion. Roll the ball of love heavenward. It will strike many hearts, and gather accelerated speed. Bid the thirsty drink, for dust and mud will gather on the cup that stays unmoved, and the water it holds will become unfit for our own or another's use.

**A Pretty Charity Fad.**

There are fashions in soliciting for charities, and the newest of such fashion in New York has won high favor. A small silk bag is sent to a person who is likely to contribute to any particular object, with a polite request that he will place on the bag coins to the number of his age. The coins may be pennies, quarters, dollars or other pieces. The denomination is left to the generosity of the donor. If he desires to hide his real age he generally will send back so many coins—a hundred, for instance—that his age is revealed. Unless, indeed, he flies to the opposite extreme and gives so little that it cannot possibly bear reference to his years.

It is said that these silk bags never come back empty and that many a worthy object has been largely assisted through them. The bags are made by women interested in the particular charities or by poor people who have no regular employment, and who are thus enabled to earn small wages.—New York Press.

**Women and Actors.**

Capoul, the French tenor, was the recipient of volumes of letters from lady admirers both here and in Paris. On the English stage, besides Mr. Irving, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hare and Mr. Bancroft have been overwhelmed with a goodly number. But I am told by one who knows that no actor living ever received such a number of admiring epistles from the fairer sex as the late John Clayton.

Among actresses Mrs. Bancroft has perhaps been treated to the kindest attentions. Mrs. John Wood, too, on the first or last night of her play had always her dressing room converted into a perfect bower of flowers, and little gifts of jewelry literally poured in upon her. There was one bangle with the inscription "Bless your art." Whether it was Mrs. Woods' heart or art that was blessed remains a riddle to this day.—London Gentlewoman.

**The Mexican Boundary Line.**

The international boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico is marked by pyramids of stones placed at irregular distances along the line all the way from the Rio Grande to the Pacific ocean. Wherever it was found practicable to do so these pyramids were built on prominent peaks at road crossings, fords, etc. The line was not surveyed, as is the usual custom, the location of the monuments being based on astronomical calculations and observations.—St. Louis Republic.

**A Farsighted Man.**

Fogg—Munnivorth was always a farsighted man, and his ventures were almost invariably successful.

Fogg—But what good is he to society? He will give money for the heathen, thousands of miles away, but he never can see the suffering right at home.

Fogg—I said he was a farsighted man.—Boston Transcript.

**All is Grist to the Grinder.**

Flossie (little daughter of a newspaper woman)—Oh, mamma, Mabel and I have a lovely secret about our dolls. I'd like to tell you, only—

Her Mother—Only what, Flossie?

Flossie—Only I'm afraid you'd write it up.—New York Times.

Iron visiting cards are among the latest novelties in Germany. Forty placed one on the other are said to be only one-tenth of an inch in thickness. The cards, or plates are black, and the names, being printed on them in silver, show up very clearly.

An authority on weather declares that tornadoes are most frequent between noon and 6 o'clock, and that the rainiest hour of the day is 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the report of a meteorological expert, not a weather prophet.

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2 bottles Pills for 25c		
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3 sticks 25c 25c's Dead Shot Worms		
4 sticks S. S. S. for 25c		
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