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## THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

### THE IDEA OF EXPECTING IDEAS EVERY WEEK.

Still on the Matrimonial Hunt.—A Friend Lends Him a Paper With Lots of "Wanted's"—Bad State of Morals in High Quarters.



The life of an Imp isn't worth living. The foreman shrieks for copy and the editor instead of sitting down and writing an editorial, comes down cellar and stirs up the coals around me and insists on my furnishing. When I say I have no ideas in stock he tells me that ideas have entirely gone out with crinoline and the grecian bend; that he never thinks of putting an idea in an editorial, and the religious editor backs him up with the remark that he knew a preacher who was sent to the penitentiary for having an idea in a sermon. I know its a fact, ideas are scarce. I haven't seen one in a political speech since I can remember. I am tired of being considered "queer," so I intend to give up thinking altogether. Its not a popular form of amusement.

I am disposed to think something may come out of this matrimonial scheme of mine. A friend, abroad has sent me a paper with several advertisements, which I have intrusted my typewriter to answer. It is published in Atlanta, Ga., and contains a number of matrimonial ads. I give some of them just as they appear in the paper sent to me:—"A Widower, 39, beautiful home, worth \$250,000, would wed true, unmercenary lady." "Orphan Maiden, 20, having inherited large wholesale business, would marry business man." "Maiden, 30, would unite heart, hand and purse with honorable marriageable gentleman." "A Successful business man, 38, sufficient wealth for life's pleasures, seeks wife to share his home and fortune." "A Refined Catholic widow, 44, worth \$5,000, splendid housekeeper, would marry." "Wealthy young bank president, bachelor, too busy for society, would wed true lady of good family." "A Handsome Widow, 32, impulsive, affectionate nature, has means, would wed gentleman above seeking a wife for her money." Now, I have some idea of writing to that "Maiden, 30, who is desirous of uniting heart, hand and purse with an honorable gentleman. She could supply the purse and I can furnish the heart all right. If she does not bite, I am after the "handsome widow, 32, impulsive, affectionate nature."

The world is waiting anxiously two coming events, the putting in of Woodstock sewage system, and the approaching general elections in England. The sewer committee are like the mills of the gods which grind slowly but exceedingly fine. My old friend Salisbury is likely to be at the old stand again. I always liked his well bred manners, but I have somewhat against him. Fancy him running all over England last Sunday, talking government and election. And I notice the Queen even forgot the sanctity of the Sabbath and had a confab with Lord Rosebery on Sunday on matters of state. Where is John Charlton?

THE IMP.

### An Incident.

When John L. Sullivan alighted from the coach at the Wilbur House, on Saturday, the crowd that had followed him from the train crowded the hall for a look at the erstwhile champion. One old individual, whose countenance was filled with whiskers and his voice with much rye, but who had not been able to catch a glimpse of his hero, managed to get into the hall. Someone at once captured him and led him into a sample room where a popular "social tourist" for a Montreal house, familiarly known to his friends as Billy, was packing his trunks. Billy was in his shirt sleeves and looked as though he might possibly have been a pugilist. He was introduced to the gentleman of the whiskers as John L. Sullivan. Billy made a tug at his trowsers, shrugged his shoulders, gave the old man's hand an iron grip and said "I'm glad to see you! see!" in true Bowery fashion. Thereat he squirted a stream of saliva over the fellow's shoulder that might have destroyed his optic had it struck it. Whiskers was delighted with his hero. He held out his hand, wept tears of joy, and fairly howled with delight when Billy vouched the information that though he had many a hard knock he was a

good one yet. After a short conversation on the vicissitudes that beset a puglist, the old fellow prepared to make himself at home, but Billy couldn't see the point. He consequently ejaculated to whiskers, "I've got to take a nap before de show, so you'd better chase yourself out of this, old santa claus. You go right up to de ticket office and tell de manager to give you tree or four reserved seats on my account, see!" The old fellow departed with a "now I can die happy" look on his face. His whiskers glowed with joy. Then Billy suggested to the boys that, they have a little smash "just to, ahem, relieve that tightness across the chest."

### Tea Meeting at Greenfield.

The pie editor took his best appetite with him and started for the Greenfield tea meeting last week. The country was looking well. In spite of the drouth the fields and hills were green, and otar of roses would be commonplace compared with the delicate aroma of clover blossoms that pervaded the air. The meeting was held in Frank Kilpatrick's grove of sugar maples, one of the most delightful spots one could find in a long day's travel. The tables were more than loaded. Appetites were princely, and swept over the tables like a conflagration. The three editors from Woodstock who were present "ate and ate and ate," until, as Sam Weller would have said, "they swelled visibly before my wherry heyes." The Centreville band furnished some choice music, and everyone looked happy up to the limit. The ladies who had charge of the tables made it their business to see that no one went away hungry or thirsty and their labors were blessed. The net receipts amounted to \$125.00.

### Wicklow Band Picnic.

The weather did the decent thing by the Wicklow Brass Band last Thursday and gave them a pleasant evening. Matthew Hutchinson's grounds were looking their best and his large and lovely house was lighted from top to bottom, from front to rear. The guests commenced to assemble about seven o'clock and by eight the yard was filled with carriages and the house and garden with young and old, men and women intent on putting in a good time. Mr. Hutchinson and his wife and Miss Hutchinson devoted themselves assiduously to their guests. After the band had played in the open air the centre of attraction shifted to the house, where Miss Hutchinson, who, by the way, has been studying music at Acadia College for two years, played the piano, accompanied by Prof. Walker with a cornet. Then ice cream and lemonade became the order of the evening until the auction of the baskets took place. The bidding was spirited, and great was the fun around the auctioneer's stand. The proceeds of the picnic amounted to about \$25.00 after all bills were paid.

### Celebrate The First.

Monday next will be the first of July, one of the big public holidays of the year. It is a great pity that there are not a variety of entertainments, in Woodstock, promised. We either must be an awfully hard-up, lot of people, or lacking dismally in anything like patriotism. Among young Canadians at any rate, Confederation is an accomplished fact of which they are proud, and the day which is put apart for the celebration should be duly observed. Mr. J. R. Murphy will have a good attraction at the park. The races will probably be the best ever seen in Woodstock.

There will be three races, 3 min., 2.40 and 2.37. The entrees will be closed tomorrow night. Entrees are already made for horses from Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou, Fort Fairfield and Fredericton. All persons interested in horse racing may look to a good day's enjoyment. A bicycle race which was spoken of has, it is feared, fallen through.

It is sincerely to be hoped that there will be a few flags flying on the first, if only to let the visitors know that we have a country. It would be too much to ask that the clerks in the stores should be allowed half a holiday. Patriotism is all very well, but it is not to be compared with dollars.

### Commander and Viceroiy.

The Duke of Cambridge has resigned his office as commander-in-chief of the British army. It is likely that the Duke of Connaught (Prince Arthur) will be his successor. It is also reported that Prince Henry of Battenburg will be appointed viceroy of India.

### Death of Senator Burns.

BATHURST, JUNE 23.—Senator Burns died somewhat suddenly this afternoon at five o'clock. He returned from a trip to England a few weeks ago, feeling unwell, but his illness was not considered serious. Last spring Senator Burns had an attack of influenza. Four weeks ago he was taken with inflammation of the lining of the heart.

## FREE PUBLIC PARK.

### WOODSTOCK IN A FAIR WAY TO HAVING ONE.

Town Council Still Musing on the Sewage Question.—Many Engineers Apply for a Job.—The Committee Will Soon Come to a Decision.

The sewer committee for this year are Couns. John Arnold (chairman), Payson and Bailey, and to them with his worship the mayor and Mr. D. Munro, superintendent of water works, is committed the trust of engaging a competent engineer to make a survey of the town and give plans and specifications. This authority was given them at Friday's special meeting of the town council. All the members were present excepting Coun. Vanwart, who is still laid up in his house.

The following engineers have offered their services for the putting in of the sewage system:—C W Collins, Brooklyn, N Y; W P Rice, Cleveland, O; Wm B Landreth, Cortland, N Y; A K Harvey, Birmingham, N Y; Hendenberg & Kinsey, New York; F T Fuller, Boston; H N Balkam, Milltown; C E F Stetson, Houlton; Noyer & Hazer, Boston; Chas H. Swan, Boston; C F K Dibblee, Woodstock; A W Forbes, Hillsboro, N S; W Chipman, Toronto; H D Hallett, Aurora; E A W Hammell, Boston.

Mr. Chipman of Toronto, put the water-works and sewage system in Moncton. The committee was favorably disposed to his offer, but not more so than to two or three others made by different parties. W. B. Landreth, of Cortland, N. Y., offered to come to Woodstock and make a survey for \$100, and his charge for plans and specifications would not make the total exceed \$250 or \$300. Several of these parties will be heard from soon, when the committee will arrive at a decision.

Another matter of much importance came before the meeting. Many years ago John W. Connell died and left a tract of land, fronting on Elm street, to the town, the proceeds to be devoted towards the establishment of free schools for the poor. This was before the passage of the free school laws. An act was passed by the legislature making the proceeds payable towards the establishment of a technical school or a public free park. Mr. L. P. Fisher is trustee of the estate. He conferred with a committee of the town council on the matter, and told them that beside the land there was \$4,132 in the bank belonging to the estate. He suggested that a lot of land belonging to the Brown estate, situated between Mr. Colpitts' and Mr. Sheppard's be purchased with part of the money. The council at Friday's meeting, requested him to purchase this land. So there is a prospect of a public park for Woodstock.

The Mayor said he had been informed by the town treasurer that the taxes paid to date amounted to \$10,448. At the same time last year the amount collected was \$10,112. His announcement that there was a balance to the town's credit at the bank, aroused quite a ripple of approbation.

On motion of Coun. Carr it was resolved that the marshal be instructed to collect the taxes, so that they be paid immediately, without any reservation.

P. S. McNutt & Co sent a cheque of \$25,000, and asked in return a receipt for taxes in full to this year. As the taxes that these gentlemen owe is now put at \$102,22, it was resolved to return the cheque, and proceed to collect the amount due.

Hugh Hay, who has been absent from town for two years, asked that he be allowed a rebate on his poll tax. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

### Masons Attend Service.

The Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, of Woodstock, argued by a contingent from Houlton, attended service on Sunday morning at the Free Christian Baptist church. There were almost one hundred of the brethren in line.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, a specially attractive feature being a design of the order in flowers on a ground of moss, which was in the front of the pulpit.

The choir was well practised for the occasion, and as a result the music was of a high order. Miss Anne Fisher presided at the organ. The anthem, "Behold what manner of love," was most efficiently rendered.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of the church, preached from 1 Cor., xiii, 13, "The greatest of these is charity." He spoke of the triumphs won by faith and hope, but charity the greatest of the three transcended the other two graces. He spoke of love in its lowest sense. The love of money, of power of influence, and then proceeded to show what

Christian love had done for the world. In the orient there were no homes, no hospitals for the sick. It was where the cross, not the crescent prevailed that true brotherhood obtained. He spoke of the work of love done by societies and guilds, and especially of its effect as exemplified in the Masonic order.

The church was crowded to the doors. After the service the Masons re-formed and marched to their hall.

### Experimental Farms.

The annual report, for 1894, of the experimental farms has come to THE DISPATCH.

Prof. Wm. Saunders, the director, in his introduction says:—The census for 1890 shows that the number of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits in the Dominion of Canada—farmers and farmers' sons—was in that year 649,506. These with the families depending on them will, it is estimated, make up 45 per cent of the entire population of the country. Where so large a proportion of the community depend for their livelihood on the cultivation of the soil, it is of the utmost importance for the welfare and prosperity of the entire country that their efforts should be directed into the most profitable channel. The experiments which have been conducted at the Central and branch Experimental Farms have demonstrated that wheat, as well as other grain, may be made a greater source of profit if fed to steers and swine and thus converted into beef and pork, than by selling these crops in their crude state, at present prices.

The feeding of these grains mixed with suitable succulent food, such as ensilage, to cows and converting their milk into cheese and butter, has also been shown to be more profitable than the sale of such grain. Hence the dairying industry has grown very rapidly in Canada of late years, and the demand for first class dairy products seems to be almost unlimited. This branch of farm work has also this great advantage, that the elements of fertility which have been taken from the land by the grain during the process of its growth, is, to a large extent, restored to the soil in the barnyard manure. It has also the further advantage when butter-making is carried on during the winter months, of giving additional employment to the farm hands during that season. The more general feeding of a proportion of wheat to swine and cattle will also consume some part of the large stock which has grown in excess of the requirements of mankind, and which has, no doubt, had the effect of bringing down the price to the present unusually low and unremunerative figure.

### Carleton Saw Mill Burned.

The only saw mill in Carleton, St. John, that owned by Mr. W. C. Purves, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour last Friday morning. It is supposed to have caught fire accidentally. The mill was built in 1871, twenty-four years ago, by Messrs. Burpee & Adams, and was operated by them for some time. It then became the property of Messrs. Hayford & Stetson, who controlled it for a few years. It lay idle for a number of years and at last Mr. Purves, about six years ago, became its owner and has managed it ever since. The mill has been doing good work this year, and the lumber has been sold as quickly as manufactured, which accounts for the small amount on hand. Mr. Purves was just completing arrangements to operate his mill at night in order to try and supply the demand for lumber. He has now about 12,000,000 feet of timber besides the 90,000 of manufactured lumber on hand. The mill was insured for \$8,000, \$4,000 of which is in the Commercial Union, \$2,500 in the Royal, and \$1,500 in the Manchester. About a year ago Mr. Purves dropped \$4,000 of his insurance.

### Senator Baird.

One of the vacancies for New Brunswick in the Senate is filled by the appointment of George T. Baird, Esq., of Andover. The new Senator, who was born at Andover, and now keeps a general store at Perth, is in his fifty-eight year. He was originally a school teacher, but went into business in Victoria county about twenty years ago. He was defeated in an election for the Local House in 1882, but was elected in 1884 and sat until 1890, when he was again defeated. He was appointed in 1891 to the legislative Council and was a member of that body until it ceased to exist. At the last general election he again was a candidate for Victoria for the House of Assembly and was elected. His appointment to the Senate vacates his seat in the Assembly. Mr. Baird is a man careful and moderate in expression, but a strong Conservative. He is said to succeed to the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Odell. Mr. Baird will take his seat at once.—Globe.

## GLADIATOR JOHN L.

### TALKS OF PRIZE FIGHTS, MORALS AND OTHER THINGS.

His Arrival in Woodstock.—Church Members in the Triumphal Procession.—Non Committal on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight.

Though great differences of opinion exist as to the religious and moral value of the life work of John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan, yet, the generous sprinkling of good church members and deacons that followed these gentlemen from the depot to the hotel on their arrival, and from the opera house to the depot again on their departure, seemed to warrant the religious editor of this journal in publishing the substance of an interview with them. I was ushered into their presence at room 15 in the Wilbur House by the irreproachable Chicken, and formally introduced. I was a little timid about shaking with Mr. Sullivan at first, for his hand was larger than mine and looked stronger, and I was afraid he would squeeze me. Finally I mustered up courage to grasp his extended hand and he gave me a warm friendly shake that reassured me at once.

Mr. Ryan, who informed me that his official name was Paddy, was very pleasant about the whole thing, and offered me a chair and a cigar. I took both. I sat down on the chair and laid the cigar on the table. I didn't want to smoke, but I didn't know just what sort of complications might arise from refusing anything.

When we got to talking, Mr. Sullivan said his dramatic company had only been on the road for a week and consequently weren't in as good condition as he wanted them to be. It was his intention to do the provinces, and the cities in Maine this summer so that they would be in good shape to go on the road next season. The houses up to their appearance in Woodstock had been good, and Woodstock packed the opera house as it had never been packed before. When the prize ring came under discussion Mr. Ryan said he had held the championship up till 1882 when Mr. Sullivan defeated him at Mississippi City. Neither of the men cared to express an opinion as to the probable outcome of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight this fall, as they were all good friends. Sullivan thought that Corbett would train down about 10 lbs. heavier than the other man, but he did not know that that would be any advantage to him. He thought the betting would start in 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 in favour of Corbett. Both Sullivan and Ryan will be at the fight. Mr. Sullivan left for St. John on Monday for New York where a benefit will be given him tomorrow evening in Madison square garden. The last feature of the entertainment will be a sparring match between himself and Corbett. Fitzsimmons will also be present as well as all the fellows who have been prominent in the pugilist line. This will probably be the greatest benefit ever given in New York. Mr. Sullivan is now 37 years old and Mr. Ryan 43, though Mr. Ryan is a younger looking man. One fine feature of the Sullivan show was the Californian quintet. They brought down the house everytime they sang. At the close of the performance John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan sparred three rounds to the intense satisfaction of the audience.

### Rosebery's Reverse.

The imperial government led by Lord Rosebery met with a defeat on Saturday. It was on a question regarding the supply of small arms for the army. Mr. Broderick (conservative) moved that the salary of the secretary of state for war be reduced to £100 to cover what he alleged was a deficit in the arms stores. His motion was carried by 132 to 125.

Lord Rosebery tendered his resignation to the Queen, who summoned Lord Salisbury with the purpose of getting him to form a ministry. The leading conservatives declare that the Marquis of Salisbury will not formally take office until parliament is dissolved. He will insist that the government, before yielding the seals, shall pass a vote for an amount necessary for the expenditures for two months to enable a general election to be held. The conservatives will thus be in a position of attack instead of defence.

### Woodstock vs. Andover.

Mr. A. E. Mellish, secretary of the Woodstock cricket club had a letter from T. J. Carter, of Andover, inviting the Woodstock team to go there and play a match on the first of July. Mr. Mellish has replied to the effect that Woodstock will play at Andover on the date mentioned.