

## The Office Window

In keeping with this centennial issue, which features historical articles from several parts of the township and news items from Bradford newspapers of the past, this column is quoting pithy comments, culled from newspapers of past years. . . .

South Simcoe Times, 1863: "A writer in Frazer's Magazine says: 'We have heard one who had a large experience in the temperance cause, declare that he never yet had known a reformed female drunkard, though he could point out multitudes of men who had been rescued.'" . . . "A turtle was found a few days ago on the farm of Wm. Allen, in Westport, Mass., with the initials on Weston Allen, Humphrey Allen and David Allen cut on its shell. There was one date 171—the last figure undecipherable, and one of 1787. The same turtle was found on the same farm about twelve years ago." . . .

"A man named Bentley died about two weeks ago in Sharon, Mass., of hydrophobia. It seems that at the time the wound was inflicted, a neighbor was examining the collar of a dog; Mr. Bentley bent over for the same purpose, when the cur sprang upon him and bit him upon the lip." . . .

"Selfishness.—He who always receives and never gives, acquires, as a matter of course, a narrow, contracted, selfish character. His soul has no expansion, no benevolent impulses, no elevation of aim. He learns to feel, and think, and care only for himself." . . .

"Disagreement.—Three things that never agree—two cats over one mouse, two wives in one house, or two lovers after one maiden." . . .

"Old Lady—But, going in four-wheel cabs. I am so afraid of smallpox!" Cabby.—'You've no call to be afraid o' my cab, mum, for I've 'ad the hind wheels vaccinated, and it took beautiful!" . . .

"A man carrying a cradle was accosted by an old woman with, 'So, sir, you have got some of the fruits of matrimony.' 'Softly, old lady,' said he, 'this is merely the fruit-basket.'" . . .

"Temperance puts wood on the fire, flour in the barrel, meat in the larder, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and happiness in the whole family." . . .

"A Devout Son.—A clergyman being recently absent from home, his son, of four years, was asked to pronounce the blessing. 'No,' he replied, 'I don't like the looks of them taters.'" . . .

"A sour old bachelor says that he always looks under the marriage head for news of the weak." . . .

"A head properly constituted can accommodate itself to whatever pillow the vicissitudes of fortune may place under it." . . .

1890—"The Difference—When a citizen buys a pair of boots, a hat, a carpet for his house, or a paper of tacks in Toronto, that is treachery to the town in which he lives and rank disloyalty to the local merchant. But when the local merchant orders his printing outside of the town in which he does business, that is a straight up-and-up business transaction, and the local printer has no cause to complain." Owen Sound Sun. . . .

1899—Advertising—"For a business man to say to the advertising solicitor: 'Oh, goodness, no, it's too dull to advertise now. Wait until times pick up a little,' is equivalent to a very sick person saying to a physician: 'Oh! no, doctor, I can't take any of your medicine now. I'm too sick. Wait until I get better and then I'll take it.'" When the patient gets well—if he ever does—he will not be in need of medicine. The best time to advertise is when the need of stimulant is the greatest, and that is when business is dull." . . .

1899: "An Irishman was requested by a lady notorious for her parsimonious and niggardly habits, to do for her some handiwork. The job was performed to her satisfaction. 'Pat,' said the old miser, 'I must treat you.' 'God bless your honor, ma'am,' said Pat. 'Which would you prefer, a glass of porter, or a tumbler of punch?' 'I don't wish to be troublesome, ma'am,' said the Hibernian, turning round and winking at the thin-ribbed butler, 'but I'll take the one while you're making the other.'"