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The Victoria Warder

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gism to the shrine of genius had dreamed, and as those well-known accents fell, we need not say that one friend in the gallery undergoes no disappointment, for each succeeding sentence is but a more brilliant flash from the divinity within.

Nothing is more nobly stimulating than contact with a great mind. The pilgrim to the shrine of genius leaves the gallery, with an echo of the last note of the orator, rolling like music through all his being. If he was beforehand with the fame of his idol, still more is he bewildered now, for he is face to face with a strange personality. Not a single man he meets believes in his new found divinity. He wanders in quest of explanation into the *Globe* office, and his enthusiasm is laughed at. But he feels that he is not wholly dismantled, though his bewilderment is increased, when he reads in the *Globe* the next day, that a distinguished visitor, a pilgrim to the shrine of genius, has visited Toronto for the purpose of hearing the wisdom, not of Solomon, but of a far wiser man, the Hon O. Mowat, that the pilgrim was staying first at the Queen's Hotel, but soon exchanged it for the Rossin, in order to have the pleasing consciousness, as he lapsed into a slumber to be lit up with greatness, that he was sleeping within the shortest distance possible with convenience from the object of his late born but eternal devotion, and that finally the enthusiasm of the pilgrim was as commendable as his judgment was sound. Fortified by a copy-proof of the article in the *Globe*, he starts forth to do battle for the knight of his heart.

What disappointment meets him at every step. When he talks about the wit of our Canadian Westminster he puts every one on the broad grin. His humor considered at first perfectly natural, and interests the laughter to tell him some of the jokes which his comrades had called up on their minds. How he longs when they tell him that the only joke the little "man" ever made was to tell his aunt that he hoped all the conservatives would go amongst them when the convention of good reformers, and that this had been made so often and with such silly accompaniments that the Hon Mr Fraser had prepared a full speech on the unpopularity of the half-breed, who is himself to introduce it, and who is expected to throw a wet purport after it has been thrown at his friends in the House. When the pilgrim talks about the legal intellect of Mowat and of his astonishing powers, he is again greeted with laughter, and when he speaks of pious talk him that as a politician his chief was great and that a publication he has been accustomed to hear of another, which had no doubt affected Mr Fraser and Mr Mowat neither for good evening, has appeared on him on every side. He is told that the Hon Mr Fraser is a very young man, that his position in his own constituency is a strong enough for his ambition, and that he never even heard of Mowat and prefer to err on the side of magnifying the various merits. But really we know Mr Mowat can be a man of the

[illegible] suppose that [illegible] has given the Minister of the Crown" materials [illegible] with the object of [illegible] during the [illegible] of Mowat. What does he [illegible] Canadian statesman [illegible] to use his own language, "significant results," able, brilliant, splendid. The Earl of Mowat, like a beauty taking a shower bath of diamonds, pours out whilst a down pour of outrage on a bewildered reader whose curiosity is aroused to the lowest depths. He calls for his servants and on his blackguard to be packed up. Life is not worth having unless he has seen the prodigy. He must hear that effervescent fount of [illegible] in the gallery. The great legal intellect must be studied, as a respectful distance, but somewhere [illegible] front between the Atlantic. At last [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] Mowat, or what the pil-

to work and passed a general measure by which the lodges could be incorporated. When he says, therefore, that it is impolitic and inexpedient to pass a special Act for the incorporation of Orange lodges because such a proceeding would give offence to a large class of the community, he talks clap trap, because he has himself put an Act on the statute book by which such "offence" can be given. It is unfortunate that Mr Mowat should have allowed himself to be made a cats-paw of in this matter by Mr. Fraser, much in the same way as he allowed himself to be placed in a humiliating position by the same gentleman at Dunnville in the matter of church exemptions. But he finds it necessary to make an effort to catch stray Catholic votes so that he may have something to fall back upon when he will be called upon to go to the country for re-election. Mr. Mowat, however may find that in throwing the bait so bad out of the window in order to lighten his fall he has alienated the support of a good many people who think, as Mr Brouse thinks, that there are others besides the Catholics of Ontario who deserve consideration. We do not, for our part, think the Catholics desire that they should be given any special privileges in the matter of legislation that are not extended to any other class of the community, and in refusing incorporation to the Orange lodges Mr. Mowat has created a feeling of antagonism to himself that will not fail to find expression at the proper time. When Mr. Mowat voted for the Orange bill when he first became Premier and then secured its disallowance he was guilty of duplicity, when he said the incorporation of Orange lodges would perpetuate old prejudices and create dissensions among the people and then passed an Act by which he says the Orange lodges can be incorporated cheaply and easily he was guilty of hypocrisy, and when he voted against the incorporation of the Orange lodges last week rather than offend the Catholic representative in the Cabinet he was guilty of a subserviency which has made him look mean and contemptible in the eyes of everybody who is not a bigoted Grit.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The *Post* of last week characterizing our article on Mr Wood and the Central Prison as a "furious tirade."

Well, perhaps we don't know the meaning of the term, but if it is synonymous with *a statement of facts which cannot be disputed*, then our contemporary is quite welcome to the use of the expression.

The Grit organ in Peterborough is disgusted with Mr. Fraser, and intimates that if his leaders in return there are not duly rewarded without end able to take leg bail, and who would fulfill its duties without allowing their political tendencies to run away with their ministerial judgment. Further on it seems to be generally imagined with his actions in the Cabinet. If our contemporary is warning for Mr. Fraser to resign it will have a very long wait, for the cuddle Commissioner of Public Works will never let go his hold on his portfolio until the country hands him his dismissal and shows him the door. The organ should read Mr. Mowat a few words of advice for allowing Mr. Fraser to lead him by the nose.

By the amendment to the Liquor Law the fact of liquor being found in a house is *prima facie* evidence that it is being kept for illegal purposes. Any sot-awing can enter a citizens house on pretence that he believes it to be a place where liquor is illegally kept, and the law gives him power to pass in and out of every room, bed chamber and closet in the house for the purpose of making a search. Mr Cameron may be justified in trying to put a stop to the liquor traffic, but he is certainly not justified in going to such a length as this for the purpose of saying out illicit whiskey dealers. An old aphorism says that "bad laws are best broken" and there seems to be a good reason in this case why they should be.

"Civilization" is being vigorously prosecuted in South Waterloo and in Frontenac, where vacancies were caused in the representation in the Local Legislature by death. The *Globe* made an attack on the independent candidate in the former constituency the other day, and accused him of having voted and worked in the Conservative interest at the last election. As the election was by ballot of course the *Globe* had no means of knowing how he voted; but he telegraphed Mr Brouse that he neither worked nor voted for the Conservative candidate. The *Globe*, of course, never makes the *amende honorable*, so it said if he didn't work and vote he did something just as bad in standing by while others worked and voted, and therefore deserved to be defeated. This is one way of squirming out of a falsehood. Since writing the above Mr Carvey (Conservative) has been returned by a sweeping majority.

During the debate in the House on the 7th inst. Mr Bernier, (Reform) made a most eloquent and forcible speech supporting the bills for the incorporation of the Orange Lodges, declaring that the Premier's plea was not only a weak but a vicious one. He said that it was no wonder when the law had recognized the Roman Catholic bodies that the Orange bodies should demand the same recognition of the law. He was not an Orangeman although he was a Protestant, but descended as he was from a Roman Catholic family, it was possible that if he could favor the latter body he would. He declared that he would protest even if he stood alone in that respect, against the injustice of certain privileges being awarded to one community and denied to an other." He did not intend to offend Roman Catholics, but respected sentiment there as a body of Christians, but when they attempted to infringe on the rights of the civil powers, it was time that the people should rise up and say, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further."

On the division on the "Orange Incorporation Bill" last week, our member, Mr. Wood, had to be drummed up at the last moment, when he assisted in voting down Mr. Meagher's motion. Casey is strengthening his position in the County, "over the left."

Mr. Cleary's grist mill at Midland was burned to the ground on Monday night and a quantity of flour stolen.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

[Special Correspondence of The Warder.]

Toronto, Feb. 9.

The business done on the 5th was mainly of a routine character. The bills passed were of no general interest. The advocates of the Credit Valley railway have a bill before the House, which provoked some discussion in committee. They ask to be empowered to compel the City Council of Toronto to submit a by-law to the people granting them a bonus, whether the Council approve of it or not, a proposition which the Council do not seem to look upon with favor. The same principles to be applied in other municipalities, only in cities 300 names shall be appended to the petition to the Council, and in townships and villages, but 50 names. If this power is granted to the Credit Valley road, other roads in search of relief will be equally entitled to it. Mr Bethune made an explanation in the House respecting an article which appeared in the *Globe* about the bill to allow the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto to examine witnesses under oath. He explained that the Church of England was willing to concede to other religious bodies similar privileges to those asked by itself. He said that the *Globe* was laboring under a mistake when it said he must have allowed the use of his name on the bill without knowing its contents. During the discussion of this question it was discovered that the House lacked a quorum, when an adjournment took place. Mr Lauder complained, on the 6th, that the Public Accounts Committee had adjourned in the morning for want of a quorum, by taking advantage of his absence while he had gone to hang up his coat. Mr. Fraser said Mr. Lauder had no business to refer to anything that had transpired in the committee until the committee had reported, and in obedience to his duty to the party this momentous matter was ruled out of order by the Speaker. Mr. Scott's bill respecting the Huron and Quebec railway, was read a third time and passed. Several Government bills were read a second time. On Mr. Crook's educational bill coming up a debate ensued. Some of the members suggested amendments while approving of the bill generally. Mr. Deroche thought graduates of University should be eligible as Inspectors. Mr Clarke contended that the standard for third class certificates ought to be raised. Mr. Meredith said that when it was now to be a member of the Opposition had a motion to pay a portion of the expenses of students attending the Normal Schools the Government had voted the proposition down, and now they were embodying it in their own measure. He further said that the Government had broken faith with the western part of the province in regard to a Normal school, as many members had supported the proposal to erect a Normal School at Ottawa, on the understanding that another would be built in the west. Mr Robinson of Kingston, wanted it in the East, and said he thought the country ought to know if Toronto lawyers are to rule the House. Robinson is a Reformer. Mr Dyon thought the young pupils had to study too many subjects. Mr. Barr thought the courses should be placed by ballot, and if high schools were made affiliated Normal Schools would not be required. Mr Sinclair said the last man in the procession had been driven out of it by vexatious legislation. Mr. Fraley was opposed to making township boards consolidated, and also considered that too much power was placed in the hands of School Inspectors. Mr. Hodgins thought the Educational Department should control all our school system. The bill was read a second time. On the 7th, Mr Hargraft and Mr. Fraser made explanation in reference to statements in the *Globe*, and Mr Ward explained that he had made a mistake when he said that an inquest had been held on the body of McKelvie, who died in the Central Prison, as no inquest had been held. The Orange bill discussion was precipitated by a motion of Mr. Merrick's to refer the bill back to the committee with instructions to declare the preamble proven. He explained that the general Act would not allow incorporation of the Orange body properly, and if it did it would cost $18,000 or $20,000. The Attorney General had voted for the Act formerly, and ought for consistency's sake, vote for it again, especially as his organ had come out in favor of it. He further pointed out that, under the special Act which was asked, incorporation would only cost $100. Mr Robinson spoke in favor of the bill, and although a supporter of the Government, intended to vote for it. Mr Mowat endeavored to make it appear that incorporation could be had more cheaply and more expeditiously under the general Act than it could be under the special Act asked for. He said he had repeatedly voted for the bill in times past, and approved of the incorporation of the Orange bodies now; but as there was a general Act of incorporation he did not propose to pass a special Act for the Orangemen. Mr Bethune, Reform, spoke for incorporation, and contended that the House in passing the bill would be merely recognising a right which had been conceded to the Roman Catholics. The opposition to the bill, he said, came from the Roman Catholic clergy, and if the House allowed itself to be dictated to in this matter it would be establishing a precedent fraught with danger to the civil liberties of the people. After a lengthy debate, in which the majority of the members had something to say, the motion was lost by a vote of 44 to 33. On the 8th Mr. Pardee moved a resolution respecting timber drives, and Mr. Crooks brought forward a resolution looking to the establishment of a school of practical science in Toronto. An attempt was made to reduce the indemnity to members, but the sense of the House was against any such arrangement as that. One or two spoke in favor of reduction, and others in favor of abolishing the indemnity altogether, but it was determined to leave the amount where it stood. On the 9th Mr. Crooks said he had not yet made up his mind whether it was better to abolish the Educational Depository or continue it, but he could have sufficient data on which to form an opinion by next session; in the meantime he asked that the items be continued. Some of the members spoke very strongly against continuation of the Depository, and said it was a needless expenditure and contrary to the pledges that the Government would not increase the expenditure. If private individuals could do the work. The House in committee passed several items in supply, and made amendments to the Licence bill, and after doing routine work, rose for the week. The only matter of general importance on which it is expected there will be a strong vote polled on each side is the farmers franchise bill.

WHAT OUR EXCHANGES SAY.

The Victoria "Warder", published at Lindsay, Ont., well deserves the name of Victoria, as it has been victorious nearly 21 years. Subscription only one $1 per year.—"Comic Gleaner."

We notice that the Victoria "Warder" has changed hands, the quondam proprietor, Mr. Cooper, being compelled by ill-health to sell out. Mr. Edward Flood is the present proprietor, and, although we are not on the same side of the fence, we wish him every success and prosperity in his new undertaking.—"Guide."

The Victoria "Warder." We see with regret that Mr. Joseph Cooper has been compelled by ill health to relinquish the proprietorship of the Victoria "Warder" after controlling it for over twenty years, and doing good service to the Conservative party in Lindsay and its neighborhood. Mr. Edward Flood announces his intention of continuing in the same course, and we welcome him to our ranks.—"Peterboro Review."

The Victoria "Warder" has changed hands, the former editor and proprietor, Mr. Cooper, having been succeeded, in that capacity, by Mr. Flood, who is not a stranger to Port Perry, having been in the employ of the Ontario Bank here for some time. We welcome Mr Flood to the ranks of the "partners in exile," wishing him well as a publisher, though, as one Irish lad said to the other, we hope he may "strike light, till he gets his hands in."—"Standard."

Lindsay. The "Warder" has changed hands, Mr Cooper retires after eleven years editorial life in Lindsay, and about as many more in Omemee, &c., all in connection with the "Warder." Whig-erring his party, he was sometimes unduly censorious to his opponents, but on the whole, fairly courteous. A Mr E. Flood has assumed control of the destinies of the "Warder," and in hoists the strong Conservative colors of this progressive, and promises fair to extend the work entrusted to him.—Examiner.

Mr. Joseph Cooper, who has published the "Victoria Warder" over eleven years in Lindsay, this week published his valedictory. During his long connection with the "Warder" he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the county and has done much in promoting good and leading sound political principles. Many a hard fight he has had with the pen and also the axe, as Mr. Cooper is a lumberman, and has been a prominent actor in the "shanty" days of the county. Unfortunately during the early part of the year he has been quite unwell, and has been unable to attend to the duties of his office, which has caused him a great deal of anxiety. Mr. Cooper has the best wishes of the fraternity for his future welfare, and we hope that he will soon regain his health and strength.—Port Hope Times."

A steam-engine was used for the first time recently in dragging manures through the crowded streets of Sheffield. The tramways there are about to dispense with the whole of their horses, and to adopt steam as the motive power. The steam engine makes no noise, consumes its own smoke, and gives but little steam.

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WANTED [illegible] Lodge [illegible] Feb. 9th, 1877.

K[illegible] [illegible] Master of the W.M.

CAUTION [illegible] All persons are [illegible] engaging [illegible] Lodge [illegible] Richard Darby. [illegible] March 1876.

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[illegible] Lindsay [illegible] week's [illegible] Mr Cooper, [illegible] and non-reliable [illegible] is as well as [illegible] a complete [illegible] to her [illegible] Grange. [illegible] Mr. Cooper [illegible] Orangeman, [illegible] Mr Edward Flood, [illegible] Mr Cooper [illegible] Mr. Cooper [illegible] Mr. Flood [illegible] Mr. Cooper [illegible] Mr. Flood [illegible] Mr. Cooper [illegible] Mr. Flood