The Victoria Warder

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AN AMERICAN VIEW OF COMMERCIAL UNION.

The following letter from a very prominent citizen of the United States—one who, born and brought up under the broad folds of the "star spangled banner," fought from 1861 till 1865 through all the bloody battles of the campaigns that devastated Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Maryland, to preserve the union—this letter, we venture to say, will convince every reader having any trace of doubt regarding the folly of the great "fad."

ALLEGANY CO., JAN. 20, 1888.

MY DEAR FRIEND HUGHES,—I hope you will pardon me for not writing you before. I certainly should have done so. Your excellent paper, THE WARDER, reaches me every week—and though I am not a citizen of your country, and much that appears in your columns, while it would be of interest to your home readers, it is of course foreign to me—yet notwithstanding this I prize your paper for its real sterling worth, for the firmness manifested in stating facts that are vital to the liberty of every good government. I wish we had more such editors, and less of those who only publish to please. And I am not surprised to know that THE VICTORIA WARDER is appreciated and its circulation is steadily on the increase.

I have read with interest some of the articles on Commercial Union, but I have neither the time nor ability to say much on this question. In fact it is a subject that is very seldom mentioned in our papers. The child seems to have been born in Canada, and I think if it ever is raised, Canada will have to do it, as it is a matter our people take very little interest in. Not but we would favor it. We certainly would, but we regard the people of Canada as possessing too much good sense to enter into free trade with 60,000,000 of people. It is an old and true saying that "big fish eat the little ones," and for Canada with her 5,000,000 population, to enter into competition with a country having over twelve times that, it seems to me, would simply mean to abandon your manufacturers to their fate, and to a large degree ruin the industries of your country. I read in THE WARDER each week your price list for farm produce of all kinds, and in nearly every instance they are equal to our own. You have the territory, with its vast lakes and rivers; you have the climate, and you certainly have a people in no way inferior to our own. *Then why not stand alone? If there is one thing more than another that has built up this people and made them strong—and if it did not seem like boasting I would say independent—it is, that we have relied on our own industries to a great extent, and protected our manufacturers.* And though the time has come when on many articles the duty should be reduced—as was so ably stated in President Cleveland's message—in the interests of the great majority of the consumers—yet if this was the only vital question in the political fight of '88, free trade on the one side and protection on the other, it would need not national election to decide the issue, and no one understands this better than the leader, to-day, of the Republican party, James G. Blaine.

W. A. Ir.

The writer of the letter makes no pretence to favor Canada or Britain. He is a genuine Yankee to the back bone, full of patriotism to his native land, proud of her institutions, and ready again to draw the sword for their preservation. And he cannot, therefore, understand how Canadians should be so lacking in PATRIOTISM, PRIDE and LOYALTY to their native land.

THE WARDER has, in this Commercial Union agitation, given no uncertain sound. From the very outset we condemned it as against Canada's interests, Britain's interests, and constitutional government's interests. Not that we do not respect, esteem and love our American brethren. We do, and shall hail with joy the day when the English speaking nations shall form one great federation, each retaining its individuality and control of home affairs; while delegating international concerns to a Council representing all.

But meantime, like neighbors farming side by side, we wish to trade with them and with the world, to borrow from, to lend to, to interchange visits with our Yankee friends; and to see our boys and girls court and be courted by their girls and boys; still, like sensible neighbors, we do not believe in trading only with them, to the exclusion of all others; nor to give them an undue advantage over our brethren in Britain. It certainly would work to the disadvantage of Canada.

THE OMEMEE ROBBERIES.

The trials of the young men, Faulkner and Mills, for robbing Mr. Ingram at Omemee, in December last, were held before His Honor Judge Dean here last Saturday. Faulkner was acquitted, no evidence whatever being presented connecting him with the affair. In the case of Mills, also, no direct evidence coupled him with the Ingram robbery, but he could not account for the large sum of money found in his possession. However, he was proven guilty of the robbery from Mr. Mulligan, some months ago, when several hundred dollars worth of jewelry, watches, etc., were stolen. He implicated two young men named Laidley, sons of Messrs. C. and T. Laidley, of Omemee, as having been his accomplices. Both the Laidleys are in the United States.

Considering the previous good character of Mills, His Honor, Judge Dean, sentenced him to only two years in the penitentiary.

The evidence revealed a very bad state of affairs under the Scott Act in Omemee. As one prominent citizen said:—"Under the Crooks Act the hotels were orderly, were closed in accordance with law, and few drunken men were seen. Now, however, it is free rule Saturday night and all day Sunday." Under such conditions the philanthropic spirit is scarcely strong enough to overcome the ardent spirits, and therefore the few low, evil inclined persons in the community run riot. Still it must not be imagined that every adherent or sympathizer of Omemee's chief citizens is in favour of bands of men who are found on deck day in and day out, while the great mass of the community look on in disgust. Further, it is understood that the Laidleys, especially, and Mills were temperance men. The disgraceful exhibition of carousing made public during the trial, was in reference to the Ingram robbery, but no evidence was adduced to prove that any of the robbers had been indulging in liquor. It was Ingram, the one robbed, who was "once full."

The Laidley and the Mills families are among the most respectable in Victoria county, all the parents being strictly righteous, godly men. The disgrace is, therefore, all the more keenly felt.

Let the young men, not only of Omemee, but of Ontario, just pause, and reflect over the feelings of the mothers of those young men. Let them consider, then, the profit of being a scoundrel. Let them balance up, even as a life investment, HARD WORK AND HONESTY VS. IDLENESS AND THE ACCOMPANYING CHARACTERISTICS, and surely every idler will at once be off to some honest labor, no matter how humble.

CATTLE FAIRS.

The county council has very wisely decided to establish regular markets for the sale of cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, poultry or any farm produce, at Coboconk, Kirkfield, Woodville, Oakwood or Little Britain, Lindsay, Omemee, Kinmount, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. The markets will be held on stated days in the proper seasons, due notice of which will be given. The scheme is not yet fully matured. However, Geo. Laidlaw, Esq., is the prime mover in the matter, and deserves the credit. THE WARDER, the Post, the county council, the Board of Trade and the town council, have all loyally backed up Mr. Laidlaw's plan.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In another column is an extract, "Some advice gratis," which will repay perusal.

Nominations are made in Carleton on Wednesday. Sir John Macdonald made a very able speech.

A letter from "A Voice in Methodism" has been received, but the writer's name must be sent guaranteed, before it can appear in THE WARDER.

Mr. Baird, Conservative, has been elected over Mr. King, in Queen's county, N. B., by 111 majority. And yet the poor Grits are dissatisfied.

The details for an extended postal union between Canada and the United States, have just been arranged. It will be made public in a few days.

This town is to be congratulated on the occasion of the formal opening here of the formal opening here of the Grand Trunk workshops last Tuesday. The men are nearly all here now, and are a very eligible class of citizens.

Those desirous of seeing and hearing a man venerable in the service of Christ should attend the methodist church next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Williams, chief of the methodist church in Canada, will be present. No costly gifts are expected; he tries to follow the example of the Master.

Big Bear, the celebrated Indian Chief who led our boys such a race in 1885, and who carried captive a number of white settlers and officials, including Mrs. Geo. Mann, daughter of David Browne, Esq., Collector of Customs in Lindsay, is dead. He was far from being so fine a man as the other noted chief, Poundmaker. But, both are numbered among those that were.

Some time ago Oshawa authorities shipped to Lindsay a man named Surprise, who had long been a resident of the former town, where he worked in the factories. But becoming paralyzed, he was shipped in a most cowardly manner, to Lindsay, no care being taken to ascertain whether or not he had friends here. As a fact he had none, so was sent back to Oshawa. Such conduct is becoming barbarians, but not civilized white men.

Several hotel-keepers were summoned on Friday last for violation of the Scott Act, most of them being for third offences. No convictions were secured for thirds. One was fined for first offence. And the sale of liquor continues, not alone in the decent hotels, but in side shows and gambling saloons. And strangest of all, only the decent hotel-keepers are as a rule hauled up. Repeal the Scott Act, and let an improved Crooks' Act come in. With a tithing of the present vigilance the Crooks' Act would be all any temperance man would want.

Toronto has sustained a severe loss in the sudden death, from apoplexy, of Rev. John Smith, pastor of Erskine Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Smith was for very many years a resident of Bowmanville, and has ever held a warm corner in the hearts of his old congregation. Removing to Toronto in 1875, he accepted the charge of the Old Bay Street church, since sold, and in its stead Erskine church at the head of Bay street was built. Mr. Smith leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss. His eldest daughter some years ago married Rev. Mr. McKay, then presbyterian minister at Agincourt, but now of Parkdale. She has been dead some years. Another daughter was at the time of her father's death attending the Philadelphia College of Oratory. There are three sons, all well-to-do young men. Rev. Mr. Smith was a staunch temperance man, a good citizen, as well an impressive divesgyman.

OAKWOOD.

Special to The Warder.

Two Salvation Army soldiers recently quarrelled near Oakwood, one accusing the other of the only problem having, After exhausting each other over about fifty yards of profanity, the latter was overheard by the more devout brother of the evil of drinking. Power to that man's elbow.

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BOBCAYGEON.

Special to The Warder.

MR. Edward Prescott of North Verulam was united in marriage to Miss Martha Lawson of this place.

OMEMEE.

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On February 9th prox. the Orangemen of Omemee and district, will hold a grand entertainment here, when addresses, songs, music, etc., will be given. Messrs. Hudgards M.P., Hughes, Petty, of Lindsay, will be present and assist.

INGOLDSBY.

Special to The Warder.

Mr. Levi Pringle has taken the place as postmaster in place of Mr. Hunt, who has moved to Hamilton.

The trustees have secured Miss Hubbell as teacher for school No. 2.

Miss L. Baker has been re-engaged as teacher at Bethlehemptom.

The young people seem to be enjoying the motive since the sleighing has become good. Sleigh-riding parties are all the go.

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FRANKLIN.

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A large quantity of cedar posts and telegraph poles are being drawn here ready for shipment next spring. James Noble keeps two teams going all the time. A large quantity of grain is also coming in.

There was a grand entertainment in the church here last week. Mr. Elliot and two sisters were present and rendered some fine music.

Mr. Thos. O'Brien of Brunswick, was married to Miss Polly Hancock of Bethany, on Wednesday Jan. 18th.

Wm. J. Fallis is home after spending two weeks with his brother, the Rev. J. G. Fallis, now in Park Hill.

Mr. Robt. Toconburn and wife paid our village a short visit on their way to new friends in Lifford.

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CAMERON.

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ERYSIPELAS.—Mr. Geo. Goodland is at present suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas of a very malignant type, and serious hopes are entertained for his recovery. One of his arms has turned quite black from the virulence of this acute malady.

Mrs. HERBERT PERRIN has had a serious attack of inflammation of the lungs, but under the skilful attendance of Dr. Wilson of Fenelon Falls, we hope to see her soon convalescent once more.

THE COLD WAVE of the season has struck this village. The mercury has descended to winter quarters, while the intense coldness of the past week depicts a winter almost arctic in all its vividness.

WE WERE lately visited by a colored troupe of minstrels who discoursed plantation and other popular melodies in aid of the W. M. church. This is a popular but a unique way of replenishing church coffers.

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FINGERBOARD.

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THERE was a large gathering at the public examination of the school S. S. No. 15, Mariposa, held a short time before Christmas. The examination was very satisfactory to those present, as the visitors' remarks of approval indicated. The scholars did their part well, thus reflecting much credit upon themselves and their worthy and respected teacher, Mr. R. T. Madden of Prince Albert, Ont., Co. We also notice in this article the splendid success of Miss Emma King at the entrance examination at Oakwood. We are very glad to see one of our scholars acquitting herself so creditably; and that more so, as we understand Miss King is the first scholar from this school to pass the entrance examination. There should have been one or two more through, had not the parents of those refused them the permission of going up for examination, some six weeks or so previous to it. These would have passed as they were taking a high standing in their class. We trust that many more will follow the example of Miss King. All honor to those who try. Many thanks for your space.

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THE concert given by the methodist choir on the 18th, was one of the best given in the town hall this winter, owing to the night being so cold, the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been. Professor Butcher and daughter, of Peterboro, rendered a fine selection of duets on the piccolo and organ. Much credit is due Miss Butcher for the manner in which she plays the organ. She is only twelve years of age, this being her first introduction to stage playing; not forgetting the Misses Martin of Manilla, who so kindly assisted in making up a good programme at many of our entertainments. Proceeds being $19, in aid of a new church organ.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOCIAL.—The social given by Mrs. Bank's, Friday evening, 20th Jan., was a grand success. A fine programme was rendered, among those who took part were Mr. John Chisolm and J. N. Anderson, law students, of the firm of Messrs. McIntyre and Stewart, Lindsay. Mr. Chisolm recited a portion of the Golden Legend selected from Longfellow, which he excelled in all. The programme was well carried out. The grandeur of the ladies baskets attracted the attention of all the gentlemen both old and young. Mr. Wm. Parkinson had the pleasure of presenting each gentleman with his lady and basket. The amount realized being $30, for church funds.

Don't forget the concert in the town hall, on the 3rd February. See posters and programmes.

Among the visiting friends here, are Miss Ella Demorest, of Toronto, formerly of this place, Miss Rupp, of Port Perry, is visiting Mrs. Pascoe, Mrs. Wm. Small and daughter, of Landing City, U.S., is visiting her mother Mrs. George Brooks, also Mr. and Mrs. Gillvary of Flint City, at W. T. Reader's.

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BIRTHS.

PORTEOUS.—On the 24th of January, 1888, the wife of C. E. L. Porteous, manager Bank of Montreal, Lindsay, of twin daughters.

GIVENS.—In Harcourn, on 19th January, the wife of Richard Givens, of a son.

GIVENS.—At Lindsay, on Monday, Jan. 23rd, the wife of Mr. William Gedes, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

O'BRIEN—BROWN.—At Bethany, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. R. F. Boyd, Thomas O'Brien, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Robert Hancock.

NEWMAN—FOX.—On January 25th, at the parsonage, Omemee, by the Rev. C. W. Watch, Mr. Robert J. Newman, to Miss Maria, youngest daughter of Mr. Francis Fox, all of Omemee township.

WEBER—GEORGE.—On January 24th, at the parsonage, Omemee, by the Rev. C. W. Watch, Mr. Robert Weber, of the township of Emily, to Miss Mary Ann George, of the township of Fenelon.

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Lindsay, 30th Nov., 1887.—1892.

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JOHN DOBSON.

Lindsay, January 25, 1888.

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