

Communication.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

CONTRA EVIDENCE.

To Mr. Henry Moyle.

SIR,—I beg to reply to yours of the 6th inst. You were pleased to say I descended to hard names, low abuse and incorrect statements. That my letters are personal, I admit. But Mr. Moyle your false accusations against, permit me to say, a majority of the people of Canada, are of such a character, that had I searched the vocabulary for mild language in which to answer you, would have been labour thrown away. You will know my letters are neither incorrect or abusive as applied to your case. That you have not replied, is not disappointing to me. As indeed you are unable to do so unless you plead guilty to the offences imputed to you, a course I did not expect you take as you appear not to possess the moral courage and manliness to acknowledge yourself the basest of base slanderers. Be truthful and not abusive, Mr. Moyle, and you will escape criticism, such a course may be uncongenial to your mind but it will pay you best in the end. You call in your character to do duty in your behalf, I fear your choice of a witness is a most unhappy one and a great mistake on your part. Henry Moyle, libeller and slanderer, calling in Henry Moyle's character to shield his guilt, is a device, too thin, too transparent to serve your sinister design. You cannot conceal the cloven foot. The mass of figures you have compiled, most likely in great part from the immense store of your fertile imaginings to show the Scott Act is not a failure and that the consumption of spirituous and malt liquors is much less than it has been in former years may please yourself but is not in accord with general facts. I take the following statement from last Saturday's "Empire" from Dominion receipts and expenditures for the first half of the financial years 1887 and 1888, ending 31st of December last, Excise, \$2,975,324 as compared with \$2,738,075 for first half of financial year 1886 and 1887, being in excess of 1886 and 1887, the sum of \$234,649. This large amount is chiefly derived from ales, beer and whiskey and means a large increase of outputs of intoxicants, the increased manufactures of these liquors implies an increased consumption of these intoxicants in the country, as little or none is exported to foreign countries. These facts go far to prove that the Scott Act is a failure. Mr. Moyle's figures to the contrary notwithstanding. That Mr. Mowat's government has been honest in assisting to put down intemperance is a question on which people may differ, Mr. Mowat's colleagues and followers before the last Provincial elections, were all things to all men that they might get support. Denning and McCrea were sent out as informers, a precious pair of hypocrites and scamps, it is reported of them they are ex-convicts. The Myrtle tragedy is the crowning results of their labours. Several years ago, Mr. Mowat's government sent a pair of rascals as informers to the western part of the Province. One Sabbath they went into a couple of hotels in the absence of the proprietors, and pretended they had barely escaped drowning in Lake Huron, were almost perished, begged and persisted in getting liquor from the servant girl, they at length succeeded and the next day the proprietors were summoned and in due course were fined. So great was the indignation of the people because of this scoundrelism that Mr. Mowat's government thought it expedient to, and withdrew these scoundrels from the scene of their nefarious labours. Soon thereafter the services of the notorious George Albert Mason were called in requisition. You know, for his perjury he is doing penal servitude. Whether Mr. Mowat's government in these matters is praiseworthy is in my mind more than questionable. The most workable law we have had is the stringent License Act and the sooner the Scott Act counties return to the License system the better will it be for all concerned, as for the Scott Act, the benefits, if any, are small and the bad feelings engendered, the crimes that are directly and indirectly the outcome of this worse than useless law, are large. The sooner it be consigned to the dead past, the sooner will the country be at peace.

Yours &c.,
SIDNEY MCKENZIE.
Beaverton, Jan. 14th 1888.

A SLANDER NAILED.

To The Editor Of THE EXPRESS.

SIR,—Will you be kind enough to allow me through the medium of your paper to contradict a foul and malicious report circulated by some evil disposed person to injure my humble, but I hope straightforward character and has circulated a report that I made a present of some cedar, while in Council, to a friend. Now the facts are, I was appointed by the Thorah council to sell some cedar on the townline between Brock and Thorah, I will give a correct copy of my instructions from the council.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Moved by Mr. Donnell, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that Mr. Francis McRae, be instructed to sell the cedar on the townline between Brock and Thorah from lot 17 to the lake from the northern limit to the centre of the said road allowance unless he can make arrangements with the council of Brock to sell the whole jointly and divide the proceeds between the two townships.—Carried. Certified a correct copy of the resolution of the Council of Thorah passed on the 4th day of October 1884. Given under my hand this the 7th day of January 1888.

GEORGE SMITH, Sr.,
Township Clerk.

I had bills posted up in seven different places so as to legally advertise the work and did all that could be done according to law and how anyone bearing the name of man could circulate such a gross and vindictive lie, I am at a loss to know. As I enclose my instructions from the council, and I wrote Brock council but got no reply, so I acted on the advice of the council and sold, as such things are usually sold, to the highest bidder. I now enclose affidavits of respectable men, who were present, that I acted as if it was my own private property. The gentleman who circulated the story that I acted wrong must feel in conscience, if he has any, what we read in the holy writ that "a lying tongue is an abomination to the Lord." I say to him, God mend his ways before he approaches the throne of mercy. This cedar was sold as a means of opening up the said townline and when the cedar was sold it cost 40 cents per rod to clear and grub the road 2 rods wide. I received for the township \$10 for our half of the cedar and Brock received \$7, making a total of \$17, this was for about 100 rods of cedar. My friend who circulated these false reports received power to sell and open up the side road adjoining the townline, which was all cedar, but he forgot to tell you that he was giving 57 cents and the cedar to grub and clear the side road 2 rods wide. I now leave the ratepayers to judge who made a present or sacrificed your property, whether it was myself or my slanderer. I will also give my charges for selling the cedar, they were \$3, as I had to advertise it twice, the first day being wet and no person came, so you can see it was 75 cents a trip. My friend offered to work for nothing, you can take him at that valuation and I think I have shown you that he was dear at that.

I Remain Yours,
FRANCIS McRAE.
AFFIDAVITS.
Thorah, January 4th 1888.

I, Wesley Shier, of the Township of Brock, in the county of Ontario, do make oath and that I was present when the said commissioner, Francis McRae, sold the cedar on the townline and the said cedar was legally sold to the highest bidder.

WESLEY SHIER.
Sworn before me the fourth of January, A. D. 1888.
FRANCIS McRAE, J. P.

Thorah, January 4th 1888.
I, William Osborn, of the township of Thorah, in the county of Ontario, do make oath and that I was present, when the said commissioner, Francis McRae sold the said cedar on the townline and the said cedar was legally sold to the highest bidder.

WILLIAM OSBORNE.
Brock, Jan 7th 1888.

FRANCIS McRAE,
Dear Sir,—We live in the township of Brock, opposite lots 20 and 21, where you sold the cedar and we consider that you sold the cedar for all it was worth and in fact more.

ROBERT MORRISON,
HARRY WILLIS.

Letter of Thanks.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,
Kindly permit me through the columns of the Express to tender my heartiest thanks to the friends who have shown their practical sympathy by the presentation of nearly thirty dollars to help me pay expenses lately incurred, also to the medical attendants and others for their gratuitous yet unwearied ministrations to the wants of my dear wife during her last illness.

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Peas.....	60	60
Butter.....	17	18
Eggs.....	17	18
Apples.....	40	53
Potatoes, per bushel.....	45	50
Wool.....	19	20
Peas, (Blackeye).....	60	65
Pork.....	6	40 60
Beef.....	4	50 50

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Fall Wheat.....	\$0.74	76
Spring Wheat.....	70	75
Araucaria Wheat.....	60	70
Barley.....	36	38
Oats.....	65	65
Peas, Blackeye.....	57	58
Butter.....	16	18
Eggs.....	18	18
Potatoes.....	48	52
Hay.....	0.00	10 00
Pork.....	6	00 60
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