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THE ADVANCE.

A. R. Fawcett, — Editor.

FLESHERTON:
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1884.

OUR SCHOOL HOUSE.

Our esteemed correspondent, "Valentine Muggins," has a letter in this issue of THE ADVANCE, sharply condemning our public school building. Whether the facts warrant the vigorous Anglo-Saxon made use of by our correspondent or not, we are unprepared to say; but certain it is, others have condemned the building, as being a disgrace to the village, in our hearing. We don't know that it is any worse than other school-houses in the locality, except from hear-say. Of course we have passed by it scores of times, and although we did not notice anything unusually wrong about the building—except that it was an awkward, clumsy looking affair, and bearing some slight resemblance to other school-houses in the district—we certainly did observe that the *fence* surrounding it was rapidly becoming very delapidated—in short, that its "usefulness" was gone.

Now, if our school-house is correctly described by "Valentine Muggins," and the accommodation is as he states it is, insufficient, measures should be speedily taken to see that such a state of things is not allowed to continue. Where school-rooms are crowded, and the ventilation imperfect, it can be readily seen that the health of the pupils is seriously endangered. It will therefore, be seen, that the matter is of sufficient importance to demand immediate and serious attention.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Governor-General acting on instructions from the powers that be in the "ould counthry," it is to be presumed—has issued a proclamation, in which Canadians are asked to observe the 28th of June, instead of the 24th of May, as the Queen's birthday holiday! The recent death of Her Majesty's son, Prince Leopold, is assigned as the cause for issuing this "astounding" proclamation. We wonder of the Grand Duke Louis' morganatic marriage has had anything to do with it? It would seem from Her Majesty's action in connection with that disgraceful affair, that the sad death of Prince Leopold has not impressed her with that sense of the "eternal fitness of things," that might have been expected. Nevertheless the 24th of May will be observed in Canada pretty much the same as usual.

HEALTH BY-LAW.

A careful perusal of the health By-Law, as published in connection with the Auditors' Report for 1883, Township of Artemesia, might be the means of saving some of our villagers a deal of trouble and annoyance. True, we have no Police Trustees to look after these things this year; but we have what is much better—an efficient Board of Health. Therefore, we confidently look forward to the time when a better order of things will obtain than at the present time

THE SCOTT ACT.

A meeting is to be held in the Town Hall, Flesherton, to-morrow, Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing and considering the advisability of submitting the Scott Act in the County of Grey.

It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance, and that the question of submitting it in Grey, will be fully discussed. Let the Act itself be thoroughly discussed from every possible standpoint; for it may be safely presumed that the Anti-Scott Act people, with the (figuratively speaking) pugnacious E. King Dodds at their head, will use every endeavor to make the Act look as *crooked* as possible in the eyes of the public. Therefore it behooves the Temperance people to *master all the details.* The stale old yarn about "doctor's prescriptions," will no doubt be repeated over and over again, and hawked throughout the County by E. King Dodds, T. C. Bell & Co., to show that the Scott Act has been a failure in the County of Halton!

If the temperance people of Grey are true to their principles, and fight shoulder to shoulder in the good cause, the result will prove a fitting rebuke to the promoters of a traffic that is a curse and disgrace to the country.

WINNIPEG HEARD FROM.

—Wiggins has been succeeded in business by Mr. John Sterling, of Maxwell, Country Grey, who in a letter to the Flesherton *Advance*, predicts that Ontario will be overrun by Fenians during the first week in June next. He founds his predictions on something said concerning Armageddon in the book of Joel. It would have been much safer for him to have predicted that the Northwest will be overrun about that time by a fresh hord of office-holders from the East.—*Winnipeg Sun.*

It is astonishing how quickly some people "jump into" notoriety, "as it were—so to speak." Two months ago Mr. John Sterling was scarcely known outside the townships of Osprey and Artemesia: now, his fame as a prophet has spread abroad throughout the land—yea, in far off Manitoba he is held in higher estimation than Vennor, Moses Oates, or even the immortal Dr. E. Stone Wiggins.

Thousands Say So.

Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kan., writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known and will postively cure Kidney and Liver complaints Purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can efford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle at W. Richardson's.

—Arthur Henry hopes the *Mirror* will not "descend to the level" of such papers as the *Post, et al,* and in the same issue the said Arthur Henry calls Ketchum, late of the *Post*, a "skunk!" In a former issue he called the same gentleman "a consummate ass." Arthur Henry's moralizing reminds us very forcibly of a certain wicked old gentleman reproving sin.

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THE "RELIABLE" MAIL ADVERTISING AGENCY.

We are in receipt of the Mail Advertising Agency's *Canadian Newspaper Director* 1884. It is very nicely printed, on good heavy paper. Typographically, in fact, the Directory is all that could have been desired being a credit alike to printer and pressman. But when we speak of the classification, &c., of the various newspapers, our remarks are not likely to be very flattering. For instance, THE ADVANCE is classed as an *Independent* paper, which will rather astonish both our Reform and Conservative friends, we fancy. The ADVANCE is not a right-or-wrong, red-hot, dyed-in-the-wool Tory sheet; it is simply a *Liberal*-Conservative newspaper—a credit to whom credit is due news-paper. But it is not *Independent* and so we emphatically reject the Canadian Newspaper Directory's classification. There are numerous similar blunders in the Directory, to which we may refer again.

Flesherton School House.

To the Editor of the Advance.

DEAR SIR,—I have always been much interested in Flesherton. My reasons are so obvious to those who reside in the charming little village, that it becomes unnecessary for me to enumerate them. It is perhaps the most beautifully situated village in the county of Grey. Built on a hilly section of country, and surrounded on every side by romantic and picturesque scenery—hill and dale, woodland and cleared land, bright green grassy slopes and meadow-land, sparkling streams, &c.—there is surely much here to admire.

But, with all this beautiful scenery, there is something wanting in the village itself to make the whole thing harmonize. The "something wanting" is not to be found in the handsome churches which are a credit to the place. It is not to be found in the Town Hall which answers all the purposes for which it was erected, and which is not really such a bad building after all, although it might easily have been much better.

Not to make this letter too lengthy, however, I will come to to the point by stating that the "something wanting" is to be found in that dilapidated old rookery known as the Flesherton Public School-house. This old ruins was patched up a year or so ago, but fine feathers do not make fine birds in this case. Two or three years ago the building presented the appearance of a fourth rate frame barn. It then gloried in the beauty of a coat of red paint which had become worn off in patches. The unsightly appearance was rather suggestive of ruin and decay, and so it shortly became the recipient of a bran new rough-cast dress, which had the effect of completely hiding the defects, and enabling the rookery to present a bolder front—to the uninitiated. Instead of erecting a building in keeping with the requirements of the place, the rookery was patched up at considerable expense and made to do duty until, —well, say until it fell to pieces, or rotted away. In order to make the half-dirty red paint, which had become worn present decent *outward* appearance, a considerable sum of money was just as good as *thrown away.*

You speak of "false economy" in speaking about the Township roads in last weeks ADVANCE, Mr. Editor; but here is a case of foolish as well as false economy right in the village! How is it you have neglected drawing public attention to a matter of such vital importance, when you have not omitted to say a great deal about less important things? Here we have a so-called school-house, which at certain seasons of the year is crowded—to suffocation almost—with pupils. What a healthy atmosphere to breath in; what pleasure the pupils have in studying their lessons, while constantly inhaling the poisonous atmosphere! Delightful!

Yours in deep disgust,
VALENTINE MUGGINS.

A WIDE RANGE OF USEFULNESS.—The great household remedy so popular with the people—Hagyard's Yellow Oil—is alike valuable for external and internal use, curing rheumatism, colds, sore throat croupe, frost bites, burns, bruises, and all lameness and soreness of the flesh.

The Durham Bull, Clarendon.

Mr. W. H. Campaigne recently purchased a thorough-bred Durham Bull, whose pedigree leads into the British American, American, and British Herd Books. The Pedigree is a first-class one, and farmers desiring to improve their stock will do well to see Campaigne's "Clarendon." For particulars see colored posters just issued.

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Griersville.

From our Correspondent.

[The following should have appeared in our last week's issue—ED.]

Scarlet fever is very prevalent in Euphrasia and St. Vincent.

Miss Thornton, of Grierseville, got four of her fingers nearly blown off by the explosion of a revolver cartridge, which had been placed on a stone by the schoolboys. Dr. Parsons, the popular and clever Meaford surgeon, is in attendance.

Mr. Henry Mitchell showed a buggy against one got up by Ramsy, of Orillia, at Meaford Spring Show, and took first prize. We knew you could do it, Mitchell!

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