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Scott Act with a Vengeance.

To the Editor of The Advance.

SIR,—The Scott Act agitation is beginning to make a certain class of hotel-keepers squirm and kick "like all natur'." So long as things seemed to be moving along nicely in their favor—

"Not a wave of trouble rolled
Across their peaceful breasts."

But the crushing defeat administered to the liquor interests in Halton a short time ago—in face of the immense wealth and influence of the Licensed Victuallers—brought their true natures to the surface, and now commences that reprehensible system of bull-dozing so characteristic of these tyros. We need not go outside of Flesherton for examples, as I will shortly show by an instance which came under my own personal observation, and of which many of your village subscribers may be cognizant. The facts, as near as I could glean, are as follows :—

Mr. T. H. Firth, a well known citizen of Flesherton, has been occupying a house as tenant—belonging to the proprietor of the Flesherton Hotel, Mr. A. Munshaw—for some months past. Up to a recent date, landlord and tenant had managed to get along very nicely. A short time ago, however, a change came over the spirit of Mr. Munshaw's dreams resulting in a decided coolness, on his part, towards his tenant. It seems Firth had been paying five dollars a month to Munshaw for the place, and all of a sudden the latter decided to make the former pay him *seven dollars* a month or remove elsewhere. A short time before Mr. Munshaw jumped at this conclusion, —Mr. Firth joined and took an active part in the organization of a lodge of Royal Templars of Temperance. This was evidently going beyond the bounds to suit the taste of such a fastidious landlord as Mr. Munshaw. And so he took prompt measures to eject a tenant who was fool(!!!) enough to join a Temperance lodge without consulting his lordship as to the propiety of such a step! Talk about Irish landlordism! Great Jupiter! haven't we a good specimen inside the village limits! But to return.

Of course Mr. Firth would not pay any such rent; indeed, he asserted he was paying too much for it as it was. Accordingly last Saturday he moved, having, very fortunately, succeeded in obtaining another house. Unfortunately, however, he was slightly in arrearage, and the worthy landlord speedily called the services of the bailiff into requisition, when, I am told, one load of things was left standing out in the rain about two hours, until Mr. Firth settled the affair.

Now Sir, I have been informed, that Mr. Munshaw has time and again expressed his indifference as to whether the Scott Act carried in this County or not, but I never believed any such rot, and the circumstance to which I have referred amply bears testimony to the fact that that individual entirely agrees with me in the belief I have just given expression to. The idea of raising the rent *two* dollars when the tenant was actually paying an outside figure for it, just shows the kind of men Temperance people have to deal with, but it more particularly shows the kind of man your much boasted Flesherton hotel-keeper can be where dollars and cents are concerned. He may bluster, and jeer, and swear as much as he likes when he reads this letter, but the villagers and general public know the grasping nature of the man too well to pay very much attention to his profane vaporings.

Yours for the right,
VALENTINE MUGGINS.

Markdale.

To the Editor of the Advance.

DEAR SIR.—Allow me a short space in your paper to correct a few errors from the pen of your Markdale correspondent. They may have been unintentional, but are, nevertheless errors. In speaking of those who attended the concert at Hannah's School House, he says they "stopped at Berkeley on the way." This is to put it mildly—untrue, as I am truthfully informed only one buggy stopped. The stopping would be of little importance were it not for the insinuation it contains. Again, he makes a personal attack on one of the young men of the village, who would scorn the idea of taking a glass of liquor, much less ask any person else to take it. Let "Old Prowler" devote his pen to the good of the people, not to defamation of character. I would also advise him to adhere more closely to what he gleans from his *prowling*, and less to what he draws from his vivid imagination.

Yours truly,
PLUNKY.

Markdale Items.

(From our own Correspondent.)

One evening last week a gipsy, (whose name we have not the *pleasure* of knowing) his wife, and two children, drove into Markdale, and immediately on stopping at one of our hotels, got wrangling with one John Sanders, living a short distance from here, about drawing horses. After considerable discussion on the subject the debate was concluded by a little "knocking" done by Sanders. Suit was immediately entered against Sanders and the next day a nember of young men of the town were summoned to appear bebefore Wm. Brown, Esq., J. P., at 7 o'clock p. m. precisely. The trial, however, did not come off, as the plaintiff and defendant got their heads together and very wisely settled it among themselves. Markdale should be incorporated and an immensely large lock-up erected to furnish such *respectable* men as those referred to a night's lodgings.

The Show, in aid of the A. O. U. W., will be held in Mr. Rae's new Hall, Markdale, on Saturday evening next. We believe, from what we hear, that the play has given general satisfaction wherever shown. Young men, take an old man's advice, and engage your sweetheart for the occasion. "Old Prowler" is well up in years now, or he would be thinking seriously about asking some fair lass to accompany him.

On Thurdsay last the prospects for a good fall show but slightly entertained it having rained all day; but the following morning (Friday) better hopes began to dawn upon us. The forenoon presented a rather cloudy and foggy appearance, but gradually wore away, when about 10 o'clock the sun began to shine out brightly, and our town became more thickly populated. In the afternoon a goodly number was on the grounds. The hall was well filled with grain, fruit, vegetables, Ladies work, etc., etc., which, on the whole, presented a very fine appearance. The Ladies Aid, of the Presbyterian Church, held their annual dinner and bazar on the show grounds, and judging from the crowd that stood around their well-filled buildings, we feel safe in saying that they must have done remarkably well. In the evening the Ladies' Aid of the same church held their annual concert in Mr. Rae's Hall, and was very largely attended, being filled to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, Presbyterian minister, acted as chairman and performed his duties very *efficiently* indeed. Mr. Currie, egg merchant, took a very active part in the evenings proceedings, having given several fine pieces on a violin, also a recitation and a song. Mr. Porter gave a recitat'n which was well rendered. Readings were given by Messrs. Brown and McFarland. Choice songs were contributed by Misses. Wilson, Damude, Mrs. Trimble and Master Moffatt. The "Farmer's Daughter" by Miss McDuff touched the right chord and was rapturously applauded. Accompanists, Mrs. T. Hill and Miss Wilson.

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