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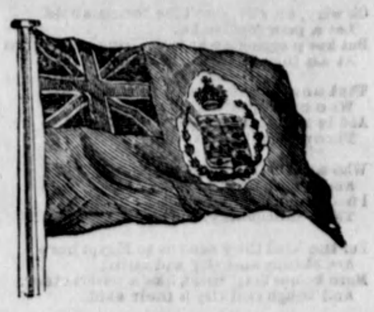

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"HARD TIMES."

We have about come to the conclusion that the times are not as hard as scores of us imagine them to be!!! Interrogating a number of our farmers recently, we were surprised at the diversity of opinion on the subject. We had thought the general opinion would accord with that expressed by a number of our business men, to the effect, that there has not been such a tightness in the money market since 1878. Among the prominent farmers of Artemesia who have expressed themselves on the subject, we might mention Mr. Chas. Irwin, who lives near this village. Mr. Irwin dropped into our office one day last week to renew his subscription for 1885, and as he handed us the dollar, remarked: "I don't know but that money would be just as well in my pocket as in yours, for," said he, with a comical dolefulness, "the *times are so hard you know.*" When the laughter, caused by this stereotyped phrase—which Mr. Irwin had used with such a pleasant raillery—had subsided, that gentleman continued: "Speaking seriously, now, I do not find the times any harder this year than last; and I did not find the times any harder last year than the year before." And so it is: once the cry of "hard times" is heard, it is taken up and re-echoed throughout the whole country, until people really imagine that the nation is going to ruin.

But the business men; do they find the times harder than they were last year? They do. Why? Because the same cry was raised last year—but with better reason, owing to the damage done by the frost to grain—and in consequence accounts, aggregating thousands of dollars, in small villages, even, were "carried over" and added to this year's. Then the same cry is raised this year, and the likelihood is that accounts of two years standing will have to be carried over again. Result; Division Court suits, seizures by bailiffs, mortgages, mortgage sales, &c. And all because of a pernicious credit system which has ruined hundreds of promising busines men, farmers, &c., and which might, by a little pinching, be wiped out of existence and numbered with the relics of the past. Are not these remarks true?

Hard times? Yes, but what makes them hard? Is it the low prices offering for grain, roots, &c. *alone* that is to blame? Have not the crops been above the average in quantity and quality, and is there not less frosty grain this year than last? The answer to both these questions is an emphatic yes! Another noteworthy fact is; A person can get more groceries in our stores to-day for one dollar than they could two or three years ago for twice that amount. Ask any of our merchants and they will tell you it is so. Hard times? Yes, yes; every newspaper you pick up has something to say on the subject—attributing the depression to the N. P., or Blake's speeches in Lennox and elsewhere,—just as their political inclinations lead them. Every reason but the right ones—for, of course, there are more than one. For instance, just imagine the amount of hard cash taken out of this Province alone and invested in our North-West territories. Men who could not make ends meet here, are now doing well in Manitoba, British Columbia, and elsewhere in the North-West; and they are not complaining of hard times this year either, although they only get—at the present time—38 and 50 cents per bushel for their wheat. There, as a rule, *they pay as they go*; here they got credit year after year, interest added to interest, until at length, in many instances, ruin stared them in the face, and they "pulled up stakes," sold out, paid their debts—when they could—and left for the North-West to begin life anew in a country where the credit system is very limited. And so, as long as the credit system obtains to such an extent as it does in Ontario, for instance, just so long will we hear the everlasting, not to say tantalizing, cry of "hard times"—even when crops are abundant and prices good. Of course illegal and "wild" speculation in bank stocks, &c. is another great source of evil. We have referred more particularly, however, to the causes which have come under our own personal observation, and are sure that no candid individual can see any exaggeration in the statements made. Our space being limited, we will not dwell on the subject any longer at the present time. In some future issue we may discuss the various causes at greater length.

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