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"RAILWAY MATTERS."

The *Standard* had a mild editorial under the above heading in its last week's issue—the usual wishy-washy style which has ever been its leading characteristic under the management of the present proprietor. Mr. Wm. Brown has a letter in the same issue, which, if erroneous in some respects, is far more to the point. Mr. Brown endeavors to show that the route by way of Markdale is a more practicable one than that via Flesherton and Eugenia; while the *Standard* tries to make it appear that the former route would pass through a veritable land "flowing with milk and honey," with fine timber lands, grand water privileges, magnificent scenery, &c., &c.—all painted up in the roseate hues of the rainbow, but drawn from his imagination. The route by Markdale may be practicable enough, but the country it would pass through is not to be compared at all with that through which the route suggested by us would pass—either in fertility of soil, timber, water privileges, grand scenery, or anything else. Mr. Brown is not as foolish as the *Standard* in that he does not attempt to show such superior advantages in the Markdale route. Naturally enough he supports a scheme which would benefit his own village, and, consequently, his own property. He suggests possible bonuses for the municipalities interested which will certainly not be realized until the present railway taxes are paid off. Imagine Artemesia giving a bonus of $15,000 to a railway running across one corner of the Township! or St. Vincent $25,000!! or Euphrasia $40,000!!! We are not so sanguine as to imagine any such thing—for the next ten years at least, and, as we said in a previous article on this subject, possibly not then. The day of bonusing railways is about over; but supposing that there was a possibility of the bonuses mentioned by Mr Brown being granted, it would be a hazardous experiment for any railway corporation to undertake to run a railway through a section of country already supplied with ample railway accommodation. And it is to be remembered that our great railway corporations have enough on their hands at the present time without adding to their burdens by "taking hold" of a scheme originated and fostered by a number of men living within a radius of four or five miles of a small country village. It will shortly be seen whether we are right in our conclusions or not.

KIND WORDS.

Our old friend and former "boss"—Mr. Farewell, Editor and proprietor of the *Thornbury Standard*—has the following remarks, in the last week's issue of his spicy and energetic paper, anent THE ADVANCE:

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The FLESHERTON ADVANCE came to hand last week considerably altered in make-up and general appearance. The change is quite an improvement, and is evidence of the go-aheadativeness of the proprietor. The MIRROR may at times differ with the ADVANCE, but we welcome it as an interesting and lively newspaper.—*Meaford Mirror.*

The above compliment is all the more gratifying to THE ADVANCE man coming, as it does, from one of the most enterprising and best conducted papers in this Province. We consider it in the light of a genuine compliment, and not that species of fulsome flattery so often denounced by our energetic confere of the *Durham Chronicle.*

The *Standard* man says he didn't write the letter about the markets. Of course we knew he would deny the statement—notes of interrogation do not count with him. He generally denies our statements, because its an inherent principle in his nature, we suppose, to oppose anything we may chance to favor. We are becoming accustomed to his sly tricks and therefore weren't surprised when he told us we prevaricated. Just like him!

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