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THE OUTLOOK.

The most tremendous events in British history hang on the issues of this week. The war cloud with Russia—which lifted for a while—now lowers most ominously. Gladstone asked parliament yesterday for a credit of fifty-five millions, which was voted cheerfully by both Conservatives and Liberals. The Ameer of Afghanistan fears the admission of British troops into his territory will re-kindle the smouldering fires of Afghan hostility to them, and be the means of his own destruction. Turkey feels her importance and will close the Dardenelles against war ships of all nations. France exerts an influence adverse to Britain and favors Russia. A government organ in Vienna says:—"The last days of British power and prestige will be the last days of political liberty for Europe." This indicates Austrian good-will. Germany waits her opportunity to play whatever card will serve her best in the coming struggle.

Nearer home we wait with anxiety the news from our boys in the North-West. It is expected that General Middleton will strike Riel to day, and possibly at this moment our volunteers are engaged in the fray. We are not doubtful of the final issue, but the struggle may be a bloody one, and will be enormous in cost; but the man who would grudge to bear his share when his country's honor and liberty is at stake, is not worthy the name of Briton. "The man who has lived to see the destruction of his country, has lived too long, and the wretch that could enjoy life after such a catastrophe deserves not to have lived at all."

"SCHOOL MATTERS."

Another characteristic effusion from the Beaver Valley *Times* on this subject, is at hand, and for violence could scarcely be surpassed. We are a little puzzled as to the propriety of bringing the ADVANCE down to its level to notice it. We are reminded of the Scotch minister and Sandy: The latter was rather too full of gesticulation and whine during divine service. The minister, as in duty bound, reprimanded Sandy, but as soon as dismissed, an elder accosted the minister for his severity. The minister very naturally required a reason. The elder's reply was: "Dinna ye ken that Sandy is daft!" A sufficient excuse for Sandy!

Seeing our dilemma, then, and the *incompetency* of the *Times* to discuss public matters intelligently—who substitutes passion for reason—and has the simplicity or temerity to suppose that it will pass current for comment. We will not add to the weight of his own vituperative emanations to sink him lower in public estimation.

What we have said on the School Question and the necessity for competency, both on the part of Teachers and Inspectors, is unimpeachable and defies contradiction; and if the *Times* have a friend who is an Inspector—to whom may be applied the term *incompetent*—we are not to blame. Inspectors are public sarvants; their ability and their work are fair subjects for criticism, and our knowledge of those facts comes from sources so well authenticated, that it becomes a duty—a public duty—to speak out. If the *Times* did not feel sorely the force of our arguments, why get so angry? But the reason was not far to seek.

Any one reading his former replies can conceive nothing more clearly but that they were *apolegetic* in style, and painfully so. But, bearing "Daft Sandy" in mind, we may repeat with very great propriety, *incompetency* to comprehend—hereditarily possessed, no doubt, and therefore a matter to be considered *as it is*.

We have only to say, further, to the *Times*, that independent of its charges of hypocrisy and ravings, this School question is destined to be ventilated still further. The County Council's Committee is composed of men fully qualified to judge of the ability necessary, and that possessed by our Inspectors, and the propriety of a change or otherwise. Already much information has been obtained, we learn. The Minister of Education has been interviewed, and other evidences obtained to assist in arriving at an intelligent conclusion. And as the *Times* leaves us the fort unassailed—but by wrath and balderdash—we do not deem it expedient at present to continue the subject, fearing that so irritable and fatuitous composition might be precipitated to a homicidal tendency, and Clarksburg become suddenly benighted for want of its "luminarius."

We may say, additional, that our position is an independent one. Our clue is not derived from either the Thornbury *Standard* or the Durham *Chronicle*, who happen to endorse our sentiments. Those papers are well able to take care of themselves. They are correct echoes of public opinion on this subject.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Township Council of Osprey is determined to cut down expenses to the last cent this year. The determination is a wise one, so long as the policy pursued is not a "penny wise and pound foolish one." An economy detrimental to the best interests of the people is as often the rule, we regret to say, as the exception.

The fact that the "Frog Lake Massacre" has been emphatically contradicted by those who ought to know whereof they speak, reflects very discreditably upon our *enterprising* and *reliable* big dailies. The *Globe* got ahead of all the papers in the Dominion in chronicling an event which never occurred, we are told. In fact there has evidently been so much tall lying done by newspaper correspondents in the North-West, that a great many intelligent people in Ontario, are actually under the impression that there is no rebellion in the N. W. T's at all—only a *scare!*

Spring poets are not plentiful this year in Grey. This must be owing to the fact that our esteemed brother, Mr. Seneca G. Ketchum, has removed to Orangeville, Only one poet struck the ADVANCE office, and he is now in the land of the departed spirits, where they have no newspapers. He was very polite, and even asked permission to read some of his poetry to us. In an unguarded moment we consented. He read—two lines and a half, we think. However, it doesn't matter. Our mountain howitzer was loaded to the muzzle with boarding house beef steak and some of the Owen Sound *Advertiser's* articles on Sir John, the Conspirators, and the C. P. R., and we shot the poet in "cold blood." He never kicked after the discharge of our cannon—in fact there wasn't enough of him left to feed a mosquitoe, to say nothing about kicking.

THE SCOTT ACT.

The petitions were held to be good and the Scott Act will be voted on in Grey, on the 22nd of June. The CHRONICLE was right about the technicalities.—*Durham Chronicle.*

We have been informed that the petitions referred to were *not* good, but are glad to know that such is not the case. The leading anti-Scott Act paper in Grey ought to be well posted: hence we the more readily give publicity to the item quoted above, knowing the source from whence the information emanates.

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Dundalk.

(From our own Correspondent.)

I have after looked for items from this point, in your spicy paper, and as I drop into the village, occasionally, I will gather a few items for the ADVANCE readers. You know the *Herald* man was blowing last week about *his* correspondents.

Dundalk is not without its men of learning, and for aught we know there may be editorial talent lying dormant. There is the dudish looking clerk, who scribbles for the *Post*, whose talent consists in utilizing the poetical productions of various authors and passing them off as his own, thereby astonishing the natives, by his wonderful efforts, Then there is $300 a year M.A. with his unintelligible jargon—also a correspondent in embryo, and a host of others, of which space does not allow me to speak.

The arrival of a number of young ladies to conduct millinery and dressing operations has created quite an excitement among Dundalk "boys," and they may be seen in their best attire, cane, etc., endeavoring "make an impression."

The joy experienced by the old maids at the arrival of their favorite Mr. Kelly was only short-lived, as he is soon to leave again. They couldn't all have him you know.

We noticed Dr. Leitch from your vicinity in Dundalk, were informed he came to supply the place of Dr. McWilliam, who returned on Saturday evening.

Mr. J. G. Russell of your village was here last week making arrangements for a branch of his business, in the repairing line.

Several "grass widowers" can be seen sad and pensive-looking in our midst.

A new school house is to be erected this summer in the village, Mr. Large of Markdale has the contract.

Mr. Irish has his planing factory nearly complete.

We note the recovery of several persons who were ill for some time past.

Large quantities of timber still remain in the station yard.

It was reported, that Mr. Symington, our station master was going to take charge of Shelburne station, but we hope not as Joe is well liked here.

"The Beautiful in Nature."

To the Editor of The Advance.

Picturesque scenery at home—not *just* the work of nature, as in some distant and rocky country, but right here at home, even on the streets of our town the eye may feast itself upon romantic scenery until it is tired. Why, on one of the front streets, the gigantic beech log lying parallel with the sidewalk, and the large chips and beautiful brush-heap surrounding it, are attractive enough to stay the attention of any person, and cause them to wonder who in the world could have gone to so much trouble in the "decorative art"—it looks so—beautiful, shall I say—well, hardly; backwoods like sounds better. It would probably be as well if such piles of rubbish, and also some piles of wood in other parts of the village were removed and not left in quite such conspicuous places. If pathmasters attended to their duties as they should, these unsightly "piles" would not likely have remained as long as they have.

SERIATIM.

[The Horse Reporter thinks with "Seriatim," but the Agricultural Editor is of opinion that there are worse things on the streets than wood piles. Somehow he is a little touchy on the subject of wood piles.—Ed.]

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