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VOLUME V.

Four years have passed away since the first issue of the FLESHERTON ADVANCE was given to the public, and with this issue we commence Volume V. It is needless to say, that THE ADVANCE has had its "ups and downs" during that period—very much the same as other newspapers the wide world over. But it is a pleasant thought, that during those four years we have endeavored to the best of our ability to foster home interests and thereby promote the growth of our thriving and picturesque little village; to deal intelligently and impartially with all public questions; to ventilate grievances and expose falsehood and error; to give from week to week a complete epitome of reliable local and district news—in which latter we have been nobly assisted by a splendid staff of correspondents; to deal with political questions from the standpoint of a *Liberal* Conservative rather than from that of the Tory of the old school; to allow a free and full discussion of all questions of public interest, whether in harmony with our own views or not; and in all things to be guided by the mottos—"*Truth before favor*"—"*Principles, not men.*"

We may, and probably have, made mistakes, but they have not been made wilfully. No man can claim immunity from blunders, for "to err is human." But, however humbly, we have always endeavored to reflect the opinions of our constituents, as well as our own—truthfully and clearly. With the poet Burns we may all say:—

O wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see oursels as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.

THE ADVANCE has been considerably improved in get up and general appearance since the first number was issued. First it came out as a seven-column, four page paper; then in December, 1882, it appeared as an eight column, four page paper; and finally, in December, 1883, it was issued for the first time in its present convenient form. But, not only have there been changes effected in the *form* of THE ADVANCE, but the proprietor has striven year after year to make it an intensely—if we may use the expression—local and family newspaper! in other words we believe in dealing more with live home topics than with those which relate to the King of Italy, the Emperor of China, or some other mighty potentate or power. Occasionally it is well to refer briefly to foreign events, but that which concerns our own immediate neighborhood or district should hold a most decided pre-eminence with the live, go-ahead country paper. As in religious mission work, so in that of the work of the country journalist, we believe in attending to the wants—spiritual or temporal—of our own people first, and then outsiders. But, as is too often the case in religious mission work, the first is last and the last first with many local papers.

We have given a hearty support to the Macdonald Government from the outset, believing the policy of that Government has had—and has now—a tendency to develop home industries and make us a progressive nation. And we will continue to support the present Administration just so long as its policy continues to be identified with the best interests of the people. Ours is not a blind party support, but one in which "principles, not men," is the predominating feature.

We have, we think, followed the course marked in our prospectus—over four years ago—faithfully. Of course there are some who will not agree with us, but it is not our purpose to argue the point: therefore, we'll "agree to disagree."

About politics: it is the opinion of some esteemed friends, that politics should be altogether avoided by a local paper, or else discussed from an independent standpoint. The first is an impossibility where the editor is not an idiot; while the second, in the true acceptation of the term, is equally impossible. It therefore follows that the local paper allies itself to one or other of the great political parties, from principle or self-interest. In any case, it is not necessary to discuss political questions by resorting to all the phrases in Billingsgate in order to find language sufficiently strong wherewith to denounce opponents. Such tactics are only adopted by narrow-minded bigots.

Mercenary motives are often attributed to those who, having the courage to express their convictions, openly cast their lot with party; but if—as has often been asserted—"it pays far better to run an independent paper, for the editor thereby secures the approval of both parties," how can an editor, who takes sides with *one* party, be accused of doing so from motives of self-interest? In fact he can't be accused of anything of the sort; he has opinions about things in general, much the same as other people, and must, if he be candid, express those opinions—be they political or otherwise—freely and fearlessly. *Neutrality* and *Independence* simply mean "Knownothingism" and "Straddle-the-fence-ism," respectively. Liberal Conservative though we be, we have infinitely greater respect for the Reformer who, conscientiously, tells you the "country's going to the dogs under Sir John's administration," than for the benighted being who has no opinion whatever relative to the subject, or the hypocritical individual who lustily shouts "hurrah for both sides," and "death to partyism."

We enter our fifth volume, with broader views, we trust, and a stronger determination to make THE ADVANCE more and more worthy of its large and ever increasing circle of readers, than ever before.

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Some people seem to have made up their minds that the Editor of this paper doesn't require any money for running his business. This is a mistake; we have to pay our debts pretty much the same as other people—in fact if we didn't "fork over" a little more promptly than some of the men who get bills printed and advertising done at this office, our credit would be in a mighty shaky condition. If we could get along without paying our debts, we'd never dun!

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A Terrible Affair!

Four Men Injured at a Barn Raising near Kimberley.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A serious accident—which sent a shock throughout the entire neighborhood—occurred on Saturday, the 30th inst., at a barn raising on the farm of Mr. Alex. Fawcett, who lives a short distance from the village.

It seems the first bent, not being properly supported, fell as the men were about raising the second. A general rush for life took place, but two—John Ferris and W. J. Larry—were too late. Ferris was instantly knocked senseless, the main beam striking him on the back of the head and shoulder. Larry was pinioned around the back between two timbers, and how he was saved from being instantly crushed to pieces, seems almost like a miracle. Mr. D. Wallace, in jumping from a girt, on which he was standing, had his ankle thrown out of joint. Mr. Gus. Burritt also, in jumping from the building, had his leg badly broken just above the ankle. His weight coming on the broken limb drove the bone clean through the flesh causing a frightful wound. Drs. Christoe, Carter, and McBride, were immediately sent for, but owing to the distance, it was some two hours and a half before they arrived. Drs. Carter and McBride set the broken limb, the operation lasting about two hours, during which time Mr. Burritt's sufferings were most intense.

Mr. Wallace acted like an old veteran: getting a couple of men to fasten a strap around his foot, he had them pull with might and main in one direction, while he pulled in the other till the joint was replaced.

It was the middle of the night before the injured men could be moved, and then only on litters. Messrs. Ferris and Larry, though at first tho't to be fatally injured, appear to be recovering. Some others were slightly injured, Mr. J. Magee having his elbow badly twisted. A great number had very narrow escapes, and the wonder seems to be, that there were not more injured.

MYRTLE NAVY.—The success which the Myrtle Navy tobacco has with the public is because it is composed of the very finest Virginia leaf grown, and is manufactured with the most scrupulous care at every stage of the process.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

The South Grey Teachers' Association met in convention in the Town Hall, Flesherton, last Thursday and Friday. The attendance of Teachers was larger than usual, and the session was a very interesting one.

The first day was occupied in general business, and in the reading and discussion of the following papers:—A Plea for Book-keeping, by Mr. R. J. Oxenham; The Teacher's Position, by Mr. W. Gorsline; Agriculture in Schools, by Mr. Robt. Bell; Monthly Reports, by Mr. Frank Porter; Geography, by Mr. Tilley; History, by Mr. John A. Scott; The Teacher and His Work, by Miss Sarah Hopkins; Drawing, by Mr. J. Binnie; Illustrative Teaching of a Class, by Mr. Jas. Winterbourne. Miss. Hopkins' was a most carefully prepared, most practical, and most logical paper, and the talented author was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks. Mr. Porter's paper was very interesting and instructive, as was also that of Mr. John A. Scott. Mr. Stephens, of Collingwood Collegiate Institute gave a number of capitally illustrated object lessons. The evening session is referred to at length in another column.

Friday, the following papers were read:—Phonography, Mr. C. A. Chant; Fractions, Mr. Tilley; Does a Classical Education Train the Mental Faculties, Rev. Alex. Shirran, M. A; Teachers Difficulties and Discouragements, Rev. A. Wilson; Relation of Teacher to his Work, Mr. Tilley. Rev. Alex. Shirran's paper provoked much mirth, and was the "liveliest" event of the day.

Officers were elected and other business transacted of a minor character.

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BIG BEAR.

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