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THE ELECTIONS.

As announced last week the Ontario elections will take place on the 29th of December, and the nominations on the 22nd of the same month. There is little time to be lost, and it behoves candidates to buckle on their arms at once, sharpen their swords, and get down to solid work. The Liberal Conservative candidates for this county are Capt Rorke, East or Centre Grey; John Blythe, M. P. P. South Grey, and D. Creighton, M. P. P. North Grey. All good men and true, who will do their best for their constituents if elected. The candidate for East Grey, Capt. Rorke, is one of those honorable, straightforward gentlemen, who should command the respect of Conservative and Reformer alike. The same may safely be said of the other candidates.

IS THE ADVANCE INDEPENDENT?

It is about time the problem at the head of this article was solved. The *Mail* advertising agency rated this journal as an independent newspaper. Last week the Thornbury *News* quoted us as independent. In the spring of the present year a hot headed, and thoughtless Conservative, writing over a *nom de plume* in a neighboring journal, accused us of having turned a "political somersault;" a little while afterwards he was not quite so sure as to the correctness of his "deductions" and "logical conclusions," and was very glad indeed that he had preserved his real name under the cloak of an assumed one. At least, like the ostrich sticking its head in the sand and imagining that it was then secure from observation—so with this gentlemen. He thought he was well concealed, but bless you! the cloak was too small and too thin by half to deceive us as to the identity of the gentleman hiding behind it. The other day we were called a "Grit at heart." Not five minutes afterwards we were called "a hot-headed, dyed-in-the-wool bred-in-the-bone Tory!"

Let us pause a minute and take breath. We're a Grit, we're a Tory. we're an Independent, we're all at once! Query: what are we anyhow? Seriously, before the bar of public opinion, our answer to each and all of the charges preferred against us is simply this: We do our duty fully and faithfully according to our honest convictions; we are Liberal Conservative in politics, and while we shall ever uphold the good deeds of the party, we shall just as certainly not seek to gloss over or whitewash that party's defects. This has been our course from the first. We know that, because ours has not been a slavish support of the great and progressive Liberal Conservative party, we have been condemmed by fanatical bigots; but the ravings of this latter class has only excited our pity, and has no weight whatever with the intelligent and unprejudiced.

BUTTER MAKING.

Mrs. Geo. Buskin, of Artemesia, is one of the best butter makers in the Province. Her butter is eagerly bought up by wealthy private families in Toronto at 18 and 20 cents per pound, when inferior butter can scarcely be disposed of at 14 and 15 cents per pound, in our best markets. Butter making is a science that few even of our most shrewd and practical housewives properly understand. Good articles always command good prices; but how few can produce or manufacture good articles, all things considered. Cheese factories have been largely introduced of late years; is it not about time creameries got a chance, and an opportunity thus presented for diffusing useful knowledge amongst housewives concerning the science of making good butter? Our agricultural papers, as a rule, have not half enough to say on this and kindred subjects. Let them begin now.

FLESHERTON GOSSIP.

Dashes Here and There by the Agricultural Editor.

The conversation was about some handsome young gentleman, who had "mashed" several Owen Sonnd girls pretty badly the day of the big political demonstration, when one young lady very quietly observed—"I don't think it will be safe to let Mr. so and so go out often or he will surely be kidnapped!"

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We promised not to *speak* a word about this—and we won't. We'll *write* it! The other evening a young gentleman started forth to escort a couple of young ladies home. He didn't bring a lantern and the night was pitch dark. It was raining also. All three came to grief on a slippery enbankment. They sat down in the mud. In fact the mud was slippery and they couldn't very gracefully decline the *invitation* to be seated. Next dark, rainy night there'll be a lantern—mark our words for it.

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Last week's ADVANCE quoted barley as selling on the Flesherton market at from 40 to 55 cents per bushel. A story is going the rounds, that a well known farmer in this locality sold a load of barley at the Statiou for 36 cents per bushel, and next day teamed a load of the very same barley to Markdale and got 47 cents, or 11 cents per bushel more for it then he could get at the first named place. Now there is no capital to be made out of this. It is simply a question as to grading the barley—as all know this grain is divided into several grades, color, &c. being considered. It may be that the station buyer put the barley offered in a grade lower than it should have been; and it is just as possible the Markdale buyer graded it too high.

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Another seller said he got 5 cents per bushel more in Markdale than at the station for his barley. Instances are not wanting where farmers near Durham and the other side of Markdale have teamed their grain here and got more per bushel for it than they could at either of the places named. This the Agricultural Editor does know for a dead certainty, that Flesherton grain-buyers are in a position to pay as high prices for produce as those of any other town or village in the county.

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On dit: that our esteemed young friends, messrs, Will Vokes' Will C. Henrick and Benj. Petch, are about to leave town for Toronto, Chicago and Chinguacousy township, respectively. If we do not soon hear of Vokes as a leading baseballer in the Queen City, we will deserve to be kicked into oblivion along with Wiggins, Moses Oates, and other prophets. The A. E. does not anticipate any such fate, however. He has more confidence in Vokes' sturdy Irish mettle.

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The Sons of Temperance did a good act when they put up a lamp on the street in front of the alley-way leading to their spacious and comfortable hall in Christoe's block. The neatly lettered window—illuminated on lodge nights—in the Royal Templars hall, Sproule's block, is also a decided improvement.

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And now the dear ladies of Flesherton are after the Agricultural Editor with cordwood sticks, because he said they were expecting, and led others to expect, that Sir Richard Cartwright was going to give utterance to Temperance sentiments the day of the political demonstration here. Well, didn't they say he would? And did he toe the mark? Let us remark right here, ladies, that the average politician will talk on any subject, if thereby the chances of his party getting the reins of power are increased. If Sir Richard had known there was such a strong Temperance element in this community, he would no doubt have accomodated the ladies—in a non-committal way.

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Sir Richard told us Fleshertonians all about the public debt of Canada, and how enormously it had increased under Sir John's administration of affairs. But Sir Richard forgot to tell the other side of this story so interesting to the Canadian taxpayers. He forgot to tell us that while the national debt increased $40,000,000 during Mr. Mackenize's short reign of *five* years, it only increased $50,000,000 during the *thirteen* years Sir John Macdonald has been in power since Confederation! He also forgot to tell us about our increased postal facilities, our transcontinental railway, and other great public works successfully and satisfactorily completed by the present government. We could give many other instances of Sir Richard's "sins of omission" in that same speech, but forbear for the present.

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Mr. John Sample is back in Artemesia again. He shook off the dust of Washington Territory several weeks ago, and dropped into our office quite unexpectedly last Monday afternoon. He said he did not find things as represented in Washington Ter. Three-fifths or more of the entire state is altogether too mountainous for agriculture; it may do for grazing.

"What about Mr. Thos. R. Moore—is he getting rich fast out there?" we asked.

"Not much he aint," said Mr. Sample emphatically. "Where he banked $1,000 clean prophets every year in Artemesia, he is now that much *clean out of pocket every year!*"

"Is he discouraged with the prospect?"

"Cant say; I think, however, he expects to make up for his losses out of his land," said Mr. Sample.

"And Mr. W. G. Duncan—what of him?" we asked.

"Well," said Mr. Sample, thoughtfully, "if he is holding his own its as much as he's doing."

Mount Forest women are after Jim Lambert's scalp, because, unfortunately for Jim, in speaking of Sir Richard Cartwright's visit, he chanced to make use of this statement: That the ladies were "interested in what they are intellectually unable to comprehend." We forgot to say that Jim Lambert is the editpr of the Mount forest *Representative*, a very ably conducted journal, and a very influential one also.

ALPHABETICAL JENKINS.

This notorious character, who is said to have been the author of that refined article, entitled, "Reminisences of a skunk," regrets that we did not charge 10 cents a line for articles concerning aggrieved politicians sooner than we announced we would. Now, seeing that our remaks applied to what "aggrieved politicians" might wish to say about themselves through our columns, and not to what we might think proper to say ourself, it will be observed by the most casual reader that Alphabetical Jenkins has misrepresented and misquoted us. If we adopt methods to prevent our columns being flooded with long-winded political letters, that is our own business, not Jenkins'. We are publishing the ADVANCE in order to make an honest living for ourself and family—not for the mere fun of the thing. We have conducted our business on business principles from first to last, and have never yet went around the county like a pauper soliciting alms in the shape of $10 subscriptions—from Grit and Tory alike! We never solicited or accepted money as a "gift" to help on our enterprise. Mr Jenkins did all this and more: he turned, with basest ingratitude, and cruelly struck the kind and generous men who lifted him into an honorable position. Men, who refused to subscribe for the *Chronicle*, he threatened with future punishment—"Jenkins can help you if you stand by him; but he is a devilish bad fellow if you go against him." What gentleman has he ever solicited to become a subscriber to his unreliable sheet, that has not heard Jenkins use language almost identical with that quoted? We have yet to hear of one. Still this is the man who has the audacity to preach political purity! This is the man who has rudely entered home circles in Durham and out of Durham, and vilely bespattered them with *Chronicle* office mud! This is Alphabetical otherwise A. H. N. Jenkins.

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Hides	6 00	7 00
Wool	16	16
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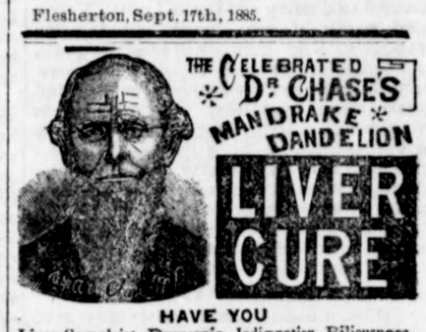
Flesherton, Sept. 17th, 1885.



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