## A Chapter on Spring Poets.

*By The Fighting Editor of the Flesherton Advance.*

I'm the Fighting Editor of the greatest local journal in this country I am. Have been in the business six years to day. Fact. What local journal do I mean? Why the FLESHERTON ADVANCE of course. You must be a greeny, you must, not to know *that*. Well, well! it doesn't seem like six years after all. And yet it is, for up above the great and only "Tit-Bits" column the "boss" has planted "*Vol. VII*" as plain as the nose on your face, that is if you've got a nose. I don't say you all have noses, for I once saw a man whose proboscis had been bitten off by a brute, who probably had been a boy once but degeneration "sot" in and developed brutal instincts. Its often the case.

But I've been drifting away from the subject—knocked out on the first round, no, paragraph I mean. But it doesn't signify if you follow Marquis of Queensbury rules—the ordinary rules of letter writing is what I really do mean; anyway, as the immortal Toots put it, "its of no consequence."

I see I can't evade it any longer. Its *Spring Poets* the editor-in-chief has instructed me to write about, although I,d a blamed sight rather club the whole tribe, than stick 'em in print. I hate 'em—most of 'em, I mean to say. Takes me all my time

WATCHING FOR SPRING POETS.

They crop up when least expected. Sometimes I've caught 'em hanging 'round the office in June and even in July. They expect to find me "napping," but bless you I'd get unto them with both feet if they came fooling around with their Spring Poetry nonsense in December! In fact I'm always on hand, like a corn or bunion, only they are generally always on the feet.

Six years unceasing warfare has developed my muscle considerably: besides my accoutrements are more numerous now than they were the first year. How well I remember that first Spring songster who awoke me in my lair six years ago this blessed day! I was a "leetle" green then. He fooled me real bad. His hair was as short as my own, and he hadn't a big roll under his arm. He walked in quietly.

"Is the Editor in? said he.

"Just gone to the Post-Office," said I indifferently.

"Ah! then I'll see him there," said he.

Then he was gone.

Less than five minutes afterwards the "boss" came in looking awfully mad. He held a small roll of manuscript in his hand.

"You fool!" he roared, "why didn't you *mash* that poet when he called a few minutes ago!"

"What" shouted I, "was that a poet?"

"He was," said the "boss" scornfully, "and confound his impudence I've agreed to publish his rubbish in next week's ADVANCE."

I felt like kicking myself at first, but at length concluded it wiser to husband my strength.

The following day a suspicious looking stranger called with a roll of paper in his hand and a bland smile hovering over his countenance. I sized him up and quietly reached under the counter for my club.

"Are you the Editor?" he asked.

"I am," said I savagely.

"O, yes, I see; well I've got a little—"

I raised my club and let drive at him. He dodged the blow and shot out of the office as though hurled from a catapult.

When the boss came in I discovered to my horror that the man I attempted to club was a respectable lawyer who wanted to insert a legal advertisement in the ADVANCE. Next week the "ad" adorned the columns of a neighboring contemporary.

Next spring I was not much more successful, and did not make things as hot for all Spring Poets who favored The ADVANCE office with a call as I might have. I well remember one old gentleman. He called and commenced talking about the crops, weather and everything but poetry. By and by he suddenly placed a bundle of papers in my hands. He had gray hairs, so I did not club him on the spot.

"What's this piece of poetry about," said I placing my index finger on a piece of well worn and faded yellow paper.

"Oh," said he, clasping his hands, "that's a beautiful piece!"

"I suppose its original like all the rest—in other words, you wrote it all yourself and didn't steal it from some hymn book or tract?" I mildly enquired,

He raised his hands in pious horror and seemed bereft of the powers of speech for a time.

"Me and me sisther writ that betwixt us when we wor childher in the ould counthry," said he in a slightly reproachful tone.

That settled it. I was at once interested and took the faded paper tenderly in my own hands. The title of the poetry was, "Father, dear Father, Come Home with me Now." When the boss came in I handed it to him, saying as it was strictly original it would create a sensation if published in THE ADVANCE before envious and jealous rivals got wind of it. To my amazement the boss lit his pipe with it!

I'm more experienced now and can spot a poet half a mile off. Within the last four years I've clubbed about three hundred and forty-six—sometimes, of course, I've made mistakes and mashed lightning rod agents, tea peddlers, book peddlers and such like; but of course it was of "no consequence." At the present time my accoutrements or accessories—whichever you like to call them—consist of one Enfield-Snider Rifle, one Colt Revolver, one ferocious Dog and one large healthy Club. I am thinking of adding an 80-ton Cannon and a Shot-gun!

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*Gentlemen*,—On reading the Kimberley correspondence in the Markdale Standard of last week, I find some statements made with a vengeance against myself, for voting against a resolution seconded by D. R. Ellis at a meeting of the Provincial Farmers Institute held in the city of Toronto on the 28th of April last, and for this great sin I am to suffer at the hands of the correspondent. Now, I do not purpose losing any time contradicting the above statements, but shall give you the motion as it reads, and my reasons for opposing it. It was moved in an amendment to a motion which appears in the Mail of the 28th of April, by Mr. Hunter, seconded by D. R. Ellis, That in the opinion of this Institute a removal of all restriction on trade between the Dominion of Canada and the United States, is desirable either by reciprocity or otherwise as may be agreed upon by the Governments of the respective countries and that the officers of the executive committee of this Institute are hereby authorized to take such action on the premises as shall best promote the object of this resolution. My first objection to this resolution was that it never had been discussed in any of our Institute meetings therefore I was not prepared to state what you desired regarding the above resolution. Second, I was of the opinion and still entertain the opinion, that the action taken regarding reciprocity and the publicity given to such action throughout the Dominion and United States will have a tendency to thwart a speedy and satisfactory settlement of this very important matter as the Americans will take advantage of the strong desire expressed in the above resolution as representing the feeling entertained by the agriculturalists of this country, therefore this hasty action is only playing into the hands of the Americans and will no doubt cause them to ask for better terms, while it is weakening the hands of the government of Canada to accomplish what they desire to do.

Now suppose the object of Mr. Hunter's resolution was attained, it means free trade between Canada and United States to all intents and purposes. Then how is the revenue to be raised to meet the liabilities of the Dominion, while there are only three ways by which it could be raised. First, by buying on the rateable property of the Dominion; we think this would be objectionable to the farmers, especially in Ontario under the present assessment law, as amended during the last session of our local Legislature. Secondly, by levying an inland revenue tax on all or whatever part of the articles consumed, the Government thought proper to levy. Will you agree to this? We think not. Thirdly, by placing a high tariff on all foreign goods almost to the exclusion of all commercial intercourse with Great Britain. Do you think, gentlemen, this country is prepared to do such a thing as true Britons? You will most assuredly say "no we cannot afford to do anything that will cause the old flag of England to desert our shores."

But by the by, I wish to remind you further, Mr. Cochran's amendment provides that in case the government of the Dominion fail to accomplish the end in view, as cited in the amendment, then as a last resort they are to ask the government of Great Britain to enter into a commercial union with her colonies in regard to food supplies and to impose a protective tariff against all foreign countries. Now I hold this is as much as to say that the Government of the Dominion shall make a treaty with the United States almost to the exclusion of British trade from our shores, failing to do this they are to call upon Great Britain to do as above set forth. This, I consider would be slighting Great Britain and thus humilating to the Dominion Government, under these circumstances I hope to be excused for allowing my British blood to get warm.

Now gentlemen I wish it to be perfectly understood that I am in favor of fair and honorable reciprocity, between Canada and United States such as would not sever our commercial interests with other nations but there has been too much haste in this matter and too much American dictation, with all due respect to our American friends for I have no prejudice but sincerely hope that the government of the Dominion will be able to make an honorable and satisfactory settlement with them, but I believe there is a better way of doing so than that proposed.

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Pres. Centre Grey Farmer's Institute.

[The above was crowded out of last week's issue]

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