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THE POLITICAL PETS.

Messrs. J. Gordon Mowat and Robert Gilray will be pleased to learn that the Thornbury Standard does not consider them a "pair of blatherskites." This will act like balm upon the severe wounds inflicted by their brother politician, the editor of the Orangeville Advertiser. The twin politicians will dance for joy and call upon the gods to bless Bro. Farewell for coming to their rescue so opportunely.

But, alas! there are other witnesses beside the editor of the Advertiser, and these corroborate the statements of the latter in every particular. They point out, besides, in emphatic terms, that the "political pets" worked the Scott Act racket for all it was worth during the Dominion elections—distinctly and unreservedly telling Temperance people that they were with them in the great question of moral reform, of which the Scott Act was a forerunner. Here in Flesherton Gilray certainly left the impression that he was an out-and-out Temperance man. We have good reason to remember this latter fact, as several good Total Abstinence Reformers came to us and gently hinted that it was our duty, as a champion of Temperance, to support Gilray's candidature in East Grey! A few month's later we find the precious pair—Gilray & Mowat—fighting the battles of the Licensed Victuallers in Dufferin! What a pretty pair of canting humbugs they are to be sure—Mr. Robt Myles and the Thornbury Standard to the contrary notwithstanding.

But the Standard's defence of Mowat & Gilray,—or Gilray & Mowat, it doesn't matter which way you read their names—is not half so gloriously ridiculous, as the statement that it was owing to the speeches made by Messrs. Gilray, Mowat and Myles that the Scott Act was repealed in Halton! In reality, says the Standard, they "did all the fighting in this County (Halton) and were opposed by the great Sam Blake and about forty ministers of the Gospel." The Globe, Mail, Empire, World, and all the other papers have been ransacking their brains for causes to which to ascribe the defeat of the Scott Act in Halton, and after all it remains for a rural newspaper to enlighten the public as to the "real" cause! Gilray, Mowat and Myles did the business, and the Thornbury Standard was the first to discover and publish the astonishing circumstance!

We were not aware, until we read it in the Standard, that Mr. Myles assisted the pet politicians in their ackrobatic performances in the interests of the Anti Scotts. But it is not at all surprising—a kindred bond unites the trio: Myles was defeated thrice in East Grey parliamentary contests, Gilray once, and Mowat—well, he may get a chance to "win" defeat some day, too!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some fellow around Dundalk, nicknamed "Eggs," threatens to lay in wait for the Editor of the Herald some night and knock his brains out, because the latter spoke in somewhat vigorous language concerning somebody who fell into the bad habit of stealing his (the Editor's) wood. The Herald wonders what "Eggs" will do when he reads what THE ADVANCE said about the same matter. Well, if he lays in wait for the Editor of this paper he will be rather apt to find it an unprofitable business. N.B.—We feed our bull-dog on "scalps" and other tokens of the "lay-in-wait" business.

It is some weeks since the pleasant countenances of the Dufferin Advertiser, Beeton World and Chesley Enterprise have illuminated THE ADVANCE sanctum. Gentlemen, we might worry along without you; but to tell the honest truth, our labors would be considerably lightened by your genial presence. Give us a call.

The Durham Chronicle issued a supplement week before last which contained an article reflecting very severely upon people of the Roman Catholic persuasion. It was full of ranting rubbish, such as no intelligent Protestant would care to publish above his own name. Of course the Chronicle published it in *supplement* form for reasons very readily understood.

Amongst other things, "Hard-to-Roll"—the defender of the Badgeros outrage in a recent issue of the Dundalk Herald—threatened to "straighten" another writer, because the latter ventured to express his righteous indignation concerning the "eviction." When it comes to threatening, we beg to assure this defender of ruffianism, that in some parts of the world people have been summarily dealt with by "Judge Lynch," who were guilty of lesser crimes than those Badgeros marauders. We merely throw out this hint to show people like "Hard-to-Roll," that they have reason to be thankful, that they live in a country where "Judge Lynch" does not "hold court."

Mr. Vanzant is *not* going to remove his marble works from Flesherton to Thornbury, as intimated by the News and endorsed by the Markdale Standard. Mr. Vanzant never dreamt of such a thing. He has been urged very strongly to start a *branch* of his business in Clarksburg; and he has been solicited at the same time, to locate the said branch in Thornbury. The News evidently knew all about it; then why did it not state the simple facts instead of publishing a palpable untruth? It seems to come natural to the News to lie occasionally—especially when it has been hard hit.

Archbishop Lynch, the venerable prelate of the Roman Catholic Church in Ontario, died early on Saturday morning last, in the 72nd year of his age. For over a quarter of a century the name of Archbishop Lynch has been almost a household word throughout the banner province. Now he is no more. "So earthly glory passes away."

"BLUE RUIN" IN KANSAS.

A Kansas Farmer Unmasks the Oily-Tongued Land Sharks.

[According to promise last week, we now give the following extracts from the "Kansas Letter" referred to, addressed to our townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. Reid.—ED. ADVANCE.]

THE WEATHER.

"In the first place, we have had a very cold winter, but not a great deal of snow from the last of November until the middle of January. Since then, a day or two nice and warm, then cold, then warm again, and so on. Yesterday it was nice and warm; to-day we are having a blizzard. These sudden changes cause a great deal of sickness—nearly everybody is laid up with a severe cold."

THE CROPS.

"Well, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, we are real glad that you have struck a country where you can raise something. In fact you raised more on your two lots (in Flesherton) than a dozen of us Kansas farmers did on all our land. For the last two years crops have been a total failure—most farmers have not even raised enough to feed the little stock they have. We had 80 acres of corn, &c., and all the money I got from the place this year was $4 for peanuts that my wife sold. Out of 60 acres of corn we did not get enough to feed a chicken a week. There was not a thousand bushels of corn raised in Ford county last year."

VEGETABLES.

"Vegetables were also a total failure. We have had no radishes, beans, peas, tomatoes, beets, cabbage carrots, nor anything in the vegetable line excepting potatoes and about a bushel of sweet potatoes. We had good prospects for melons; had out a large patch, and they were hanging full, nice and large—just commencing to ripen—when a hail-storm cut the melons and vines all to pieces! To tell the truth we are all

DISGUSTED WITH KANSAS

and if this year proves another failure, we will all pull out for some other country.....Thousands of people have left the country. Lots of empty houses." .....We have two railroads, there is also another running West on the head of the Pawnee creek, but what good are all these roads to us when we cannot raise enough to live? We are all spending our best years here and are not getting anything ahead for old age—in fact are going back. You cannot sell land at any price. I forgot to tell you that Zetzcorn failed in raising even feed enough for his cattle the last two years and where he fails you know that the country cannot be much to brag about."

FUEL, &C.

"We are glad to hear that you are where fuel is plenty and cheap and can warm up on cold days. Coal scarce here and hard to get all winter, so we had to fall back on the old cow chips, which, you know, is a very poor fuel for cold weather, especially with the thermometer at 30 degrees below zero, as it was this winter! Yes, we often talk of the pleasant times we had when you were here, and would like to be together again—but would not wish you back in this infernal country, where disappointments and failure of crops are the only recommendations."

BRIEF EXTRACTS.

"There is going to be another hard year unless seed of all kinds is furnished the farmers. There are very few who can buy seed..... There are four or five railways heading for here but they will do more harm than good to the farmers, as Dodge city and the gang vote bonds on the County, thus over-burdening the people with taxes..... Money is scarcer than it ever has been..... Lots of cows sold at auction on the streets of Dodge at from $9 to $12 per head. Where one good mule team was once worth $150, you can now get mules, harness and waggon complete for $40 or $50. I saw a team sold for $35, including an almost new set of harness and a waggon; the same man refused $300 for the team of horses alone last summer! Settlers must have something to eat and of course they will sell their all rather than starve."

LAND SHARKS.

"The land sharks send out circulars blowing how the country is prospering, and getting people to come here and spend their money to buy lots in towns, &c.; but if ever I leave Kansas alive I shall give a true history of my ten years experience."

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