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Editor and Proprietor.

A PLAIN TALK.

In ancient times groups of human habitations were surrounded by a wall of stone and from that wall arose a tower, from which watchmen warned the people of any danger. In modern times our towns and cities are surrounded by the wall of christian civilization, and in one of the towers of that wall every conscientious editor is in duty bound to act as watchman and fearlessly lift up his voice against whatever he believes to be adverse to the best interests of his fellow citizens. Editors lay no claim to infallibility, either in judgment or conduct, but they are fully conscious that their position gives them power, and the ability entrusted to them implies a responsibility laid upon them. Of course some of their duties are unpleasant. It would often be easy to let things pass in silence for the sake of peace, rather than raise a storm by a needed protest. Every evil has its advocates and every abuse some sympathizers; hence clear speaking often means much offending; to strike right out from the shoulder is to wound somebody's darling idol. But let serpents hiss and hornets sting "we dare be men for a' that." Now, it is painfully evident to most that this district is too frequently invaded by the armies of tooth extractors, oil companies, quack doctors, book agents, shoddy pedlars, stump orators, ex-ministers, jesuits and anti-jesuits, astrologers, soothsayers, etc., etc., in regard to all of which we say:

1st. That Flesherton and district are fairly well supplied with churches, pastors and gospel privileges, and that the people generally prefer to have their devotions led and their spiritual instructions given either by their own regularly ordained pastors, or by local preachers against whose credentials there can be no doubt, or by such ministers as come by the actual request of pastors or congregations. They have a decided objection to anything that tends to lessen the solemnity and spirituality of Divine worship, or that lowers the christian standard of the pulpit into anything that savors of paltry cheapness. And they have a still more decided objection to their pulpits being used in anyway as advertising mediums. They think that the proposed act to exclude religious instruction from secular schools should certainly be followed, or preceded by a law to exclude secular advertisements, entertainments, political lectures, etc., from the pulpit and from the house of the Lord.

2nd. That Flesherton has a printing establishment and reasonably expects that it will be used as the most natural and honorable means of advertisement. This is generally so, thanks to the commonness of common sense. But exceptions are frequent enough to bring out this fact that while such exceptions make precious little difference to the printer's profits, it does offer a decided insult to the Flesherton people, who love and support their own institutions to see the store windows adorned and disfigured with poorly got up bills which have evidently been printed somewhere where the printer's art is but little known. Caterers who seek the sup-

port of the people of this district should at least show themselves willing to support its institutions. Common fairness asks at least this much.

3rd. That Flesherton is specially favored in the way of musical talent. The brass band and Glee Club are each worthy of the highest commendation for their thorough proficiency, their hightoned selections, and for the unselfish way in which they have always been at the service of the interests of the district. Without remuneration and often at great personal inconvenience they have willingly, yea, gladly, come to the help of every good work. It is hoped that in future even more than in the past the people here will give clear proof that they do appreciate their own first class home talent much more than the third rate stuff that styles itself professional.

Let the district be true to its own best interest, support its own institutions, appreciate its known and proved workers, and no more have it said that Flesherton is a place where through appeals to temperance sentiment or christian fervor more money is taken away by irresponsible caterers than would support a Mechanic's Institute or a free boarding house for loafers, or send a missionary to the heathen.

A certain class of newspapers have for a long time been crying out that our country is becoming depopulated by her people emigrating to the United States, and attempting to make it appear that the N. P. and Conservative government are to blame therefor. Of course if the facts were known, they themselves do not believe in the truth of these statements, but it suits their purpose to make them, nevertheless. Now and again such newspapers, especially those of the smaller calibre, find themselves knocked out on their own arguments. Such an instance occurred last week when the Mt. Forest Confederate published a local stating that a certain farmer near that place had removed to Uncle Sam's dominions, and offering a little dissertation at the end about so many of our farmers being compelled to leave the country. The local item which followed the above, however, enumerated seven or eight individuals who left that part at the same time for our own Northwest. That is about the way the figures stand. For every nine persons leaving Ontario, there is about one who decides to cross the border, the remaining eight simply transplanting themselves to another portion of our broad Dominion. In the light of these facts such tactics as we refer to above become mighty "small potatoes" indeed. The ore goes into the crushing mill and comes out pure "fools gold."

There is no doubt however that during the past two years there has been an uneasy feeling of disquiet among Ontarians, but this can be quite satisfactorily explained upon scientific principles as consequent upon the settlement of the Northwest provinces which created a drainage from the older districts. Then when this new and huge territory was opened up it created a new order of things throughout the whole Dominion. It affected the markets of Ontario and Quebec to a considerable extent, this latter causing dissatisfaction and discontent among farmers. Naturally many of them decided to try their fortune elsewhere, and the great majority of these have gone to the Northwest. The opening up of so immense a country as our Northwest made it necessary that a readjustment should be made in the affairs of this country, and that rearrangement is now in course of operation. It may take several years for matters to arrive at a normal condition, but in the natural course of events they are bound to do so. The wave which is now carrying so many of us westward cannot go on forever. It must have a backward flow in the near future. These natural laws, too,

have operated identically the same in the United States as they have in Canada, but their farmers are even more poorly situated than our own with regard to prices for produce, and live stock in the state of Michigan at least scarcely pays for its grazing. The farmer of Ontario, though probably not so well off as he might be were the circumstances referred to above changed, still is quite as well off as his fellow across the border, and the majority of those who leave Canada for the States find this out to their sorrow.

Another terrible killing affair has occurred at Mimico, near Toronto, which was wholly due to drink. An elderly man, named Byron, while drunk stabbed a young man named Wade, and will, no doubt, go to jail for manslaughter. The affair is a particularly sad one, as Byron was a kind hearted, affectionate man while sober, but a demon when overpowered by drink, and has a wife and fourteen children dependent upon him for support. It is a terrible thing, this drink, and if we were a member of the government which legalizes wholesale traffic in the beverage we would at least feel that a portion of the responsibility rested upon our shoulders when such terrible tragedies were enacted under sanction of the government. What is the revenue derived from this source but blood money?

Letters to the Editor.

For the opinions of which he does not hold himself in any degree responsible.

Open Letter to Ontario Farmers.

To the Editor of The Advance.

SIR—The Americans are agitating for and will most likely raise the duty on barley going into the United States from Canada from 10 cents per bushel to 30 cents per bushel, so you had better seed your land with other grain. If you can get early on your fields sow spring wheat. Very early sown spring wheat is generally good. On fields that necessarily have to be sown later, sow peas; there always is British demand for good white peas. Be sure and salt your land for spring wheat.

DAVID PLEWES.
Brantford, March 20.

Endorses The Advance.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—I see by your last week's issue, that an Equal Rights Association has been formed in Flesherton. Equal rights is what is wanted in this, our country, but I am afraid they have taken a step in the wrong direction, by admitting that brute in human form on the board of management. I am glad to see that we have one man in our midst who comes boldly to the front and denounces anything that has the tendency to lower the standard of the morals of our country. I would just simply state that you have done your duty from the time of outrage to the present. The miscreant who is ruining loose is one of large stature but of small soul, (if any) but, Mr. Editor, in my opinion there has been hush money given and that seems to be the end of it.

To use the language of the poet:
Is there, in human form, that bears a heart,
A wretch; a villain, lost to love and truth,
That can with studied, sly, ensnaring art
Betray a lonely girl at dead of night?
Curse on his perjured arts dissembling smooth,
Are honor, virtue, conscience all exiled?
Is there no pity, no relenting ruth,
Points to the parents fondling o'er their child,
Then paints the ruined maid and their distraction wild.

VIDEX.

Who Owns the Rubbers.

To the Editor of The Advance.

SIR,—A week or so ago a couple of sleigh loads of young people met at a friend's house on the West Back Line to spend the evening. In one of the sleighs was a certain curly-headed boy from Flesherton. When the company were dispersing a young gentleman missed his overshoes, and search being made they were found upon the feet of the aforesaid curly-headed boy. They were claimed and taken by the owner. An old pair of rubbers had been left in their place, for which no one has yet laid claim, "Curley" denying that they were his. What I write to enquire is, whether you have many such slippery gentlemen in Flesherton or not and request you to keep them at home if you have.

PATSEY.

General News.

The Liverpool dock laborers are again on the strike.

Mathew S. Wilson, of Dundas, has been elected warden of Wentworth.

The Quebec Legislature has voted in favor of the Quebec bridge over the St. Lawrence.

Navigation is opened at Goderich, a couple of fishing tugs having left port yesterday to set their nets. It is the earliest opening of the fishing season ever known.

Five hundred students in St. Petersburg are in prison for riotous conduct against the University authorities.

The bill establishing English as the official language has passed its third reading in the Manitoba Legislature.

Alex. Shaw, the embezzling book-keeper of the Canada Jute Company, Montreal, has been sentenced to six months.

The insolvent estate of the Bengough Business University, Toronto, was bought on Friday by Thos. Bengough for \$1,000.

Toronto is making arrangements to hold a grand summer carnival this year, and efforts will be made to raise \$20,000 to carry it out.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Board of Trade will ask the Dominion Government to deepen the St. Lawrence canals and aid the Hudson Bay Railway.

Mr. Daniel Stevenson, father of Mrs. Borchell, arrived in New York by the steamer Germanic on Saturday. He will look after the interests of his daughter in Canada.

Rev. George Jamieson, formerly of Amherstburg, has just died, leaving \$109,000 to two nephews who have been working in the woods of northern Michigan.

Carpets! Carpets and Carpets direct importations just received at M. Richardson & Co's. Prices ranging from 12 cts. per yard to \$1.00 per yard. A very fine range for spring.

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The barns at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, narrowly escaped destruction by fire Thursday night. One of the men going the last round for the night discovered fire in the slute containing cut feed. It is supposed to have been caused by a nail striking the knives in cutting feed.

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