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Editor and Proprietor

A Patron Speaks.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—In a recent issue of your paper you gave us your opinion upon the Patrons of Industry and their platform, and as you are not a Patron, and I am, I hope you will give room in your columns to inform your readers a little on that subject. The intention, or at least the tendency of your article is to injure the Patrons' cause. I cannot see your object in trying to prevent the farmers and laborers from uniting, one of their objects being to protect themselves from overcharges in merchandise. This we are doing by getting acquainted with cost of manufacturing, and in some cases the manufacturer. We want to introduce a more direct trade with each other, and do away with at least a majority of the agents and middlemen, who, in fact, are a great deal worse than useless in their present employment. We have plenty of useful work in the country for them, and profitable too. There is plenty of good farming land in Ontario—can be had cheap, some of it for the settling on, that wants only clearing or stoning, maybe draining—that will give an independent comfortable living to any man that will work, and this work adds to the wealth of our country, while buying from one man cheap, and selling to another man dear does not, and is often done with a great deal of misrepresentation.

Another thing we are doing is introducing a cash system as much as possible. While crediting has in some cases been convenient and necessary, it has done more to keep people poor, and force them to mortgage their farms, and in many cases lose them, than any other cause I know of.

And now Mr. Editor, your objections to us taking a political platform. I can tell you Mr. Editor it is forced on us by the combines and monopolies that keep up prices of some goods for over what it costs to manufacture or produce them. Our platform is such that farmers, and laborers of all classes can support it. The most objections come from old political hacks who are expecting something from the party for past services, and fear that Patron success will ruin their political dreams. Your prediction that our politics or platform sounds our own death knell is not likely to be verified, as we are only two years in enlisting 100,000 in Ontario. Now at that rate of increase we will be able to contend with Mowat for the treasury benches by next provincial election.

We are obliged for your advice as to dividing politics from finances. It may be well meant, but it is not practical. We object to do all the work and have lawyers and some others do all our legislation and boodling. We wish to take a hand in it. We may not improve on it. I think we cannot do any worse than has been done at any rate.

There is another class who object to Patrons. That is the men who buy goods at say wholesale prices and want to make maybe fifty per cent. He says it is a bad institution. We are willing to allow a fair profit; you say ten per cent. I know cases where we have allowed twenty per cent., and that is more than we get on farm investments.

Now in conclusion, your objection on account of something like it being in the States is too narrow for anything. You should object to the telephone to be consistent.
A. PATRON.

Our Priceville Budget.

From our own Correspondent.

The rumble of Mr. Jno. McGowan's mill can be heard early and late, as a result of the usual increase of trade immediately preceding spring. Farmers are rushing in their grists at present as there is every indication of an early spring.

Sugar-making will, no doubt, soon be in full swing. Our teeth are fair-

ly watering in anticipation of an invitation in the near future to a "taffy-pull."

Dr. Hutton purchased a fine blood colt last week. This is an evidence of the widening practice of our popular doctor.

Messrs. Mitchell and Becker, of Durham, were in town last Thursday evening.

A sleigh load of church goers was suddenly upset Sunday evening, on the big hill east of the village. Fortunately no one was hurt.

In the evening discourse last Sunday, the Rev. D. McLeod spoke in forcible accent against the practice of attending theatres, shows, etc.

At the time of writing Mrs. Malcolm McLean is very ill with inflammation of the lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLean, of Detroit, who were attending the funeral of the former's father, are staying in the village at present.

Mr. Dan. McLean moved his household to Flesherton Station last Monday.

The first of the season.—A cow took a cool impromptu bath last Monday morning in the Saugeen. The unlucky bovine had to be fished out by means of a rope.

We are sorry to learn of the continued illness of Mr. Cobourn. We trust however that he will soon take a change for the better.

Last week we unintentionally omitted mentioning that Mr. Dougal McCormack has come to Priceville to stay. We heartily welcome our esteemed friend, who is one of the most successful and popular auctioneers of South Grey.

The attendance at the concert given under the auspices of the R. C. church, in Watson's Hall, last Thursday evening, was very small, considering the attractive feature of the program. As was advertised, Miss K. C. Strong, Canada's favorite Mezzo-Soprano vocalist, took part in the entertainment. She sang with great effect: "Annie Laurie," "Home Sweet Home," etc. The distinctive prominence of Miss Strong's artistic triumphs is so well known that no eulogy of her merits from our pen is necessary. The rendering of "The three leaves of the Shamrock," "The song that reaches my heart," and other popular songs by the Rev. Father Healy, were loudly applauded. The humorous, side-splitting, comic songs of W. J. Benson, fairly brought down the house. His rendition of "Medicine Jack," and "Gil-hooly's supper," in costume, brought tears to many eyes—not tears of sorrow. The Bush family furnished instrumental music of a high character for the occasion. The unique playing of "Home Sweet Home," deserves special mention. Dr. Hutton occupied the chair. Proceeds about \$30.

A friendly curling match was played in Durham, on Wednesday of last week, between a rink made up of four Irishmen from Priceville, backed up by four sons of Erin from Durham, and four Scotchmen from each place, respectively, resulting in a victory for the canny Scots, by 3 points. The Priceville curlers expressed themselves as highly delighted with their trip, and the good usage they received from the hand of their Durham brethren.

Kimberley.

From our own Correspondent.

OFF FOR OHIO—Messrs. R. D., B. G. and Alex. Carruthers, started for Fairpoint, Ohio, on Monday. R. D. intends to return in 3 or 4 months; the others will stay. A party was held on their behalf, at Mr. R. A. McConnell's, on Thursday evening last, when the choir of the Methodist church, who got up the affair, presented Alex. with a beautiful bible and an address.

Mr. D. Wallace has got the grip, also Mrs. James Myles.

Mr. John Alexander, brother of Fever-sham's miller, has been confined to the house for nine weeks with a swollen knee. Rheumatism, or some other ism seems to be the trouble.

B. J. McKenzie has been ill with bronchitis.

80 of an attendance was the secretary's report for the U. S. S. on Sabbath last; truly a good attendance for a country place.

A few more days of sunshine will see the dust fly on the streets of Kimberley.

Mr. Graham is preparing to start his saw and single mill. He has the largest stock in this season he has had since he came here.

Your correspondent is sorry to learn that Miss R. G. Thurston is seriously ill with la grippe, but hope to report an improvement next week.

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where you can get your repairs done on short
notice and on reasonable terms.

**Carriage Trimming,
Painting,
Repairing.**

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Give me a call. Satisfaction guaranteed

Shop over McFavish's Blacksmith Shop.

E. T. Hamilton.

Flesherton, Jan. 21, 1901.

Change of Business.

THE undersigned begs leave to acquaint the inhabitants of Flesherton and surrounding country that he has purchased the Flour, Feed and Grocery Store, from Richard Pedlar, where he will continue to keep on hand a good supply of Choice Flour, Feed and Groceries, at Lowest Prices. Courtesy and Square Dealing will be the order of the day at **Henderson's Store.** We hope that the Old Customers will continue to patronize us and a sprinkling of new ones.

Eggs Taken in Trade.

Plews' and Fords' Flour Always on Hand.

Wm. Henderson.

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PLANING
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All kinds of Custom Planing done promptly, and in first-class Manner.

As our factory is now thoroughly equipped, and in good working order, we feel confident in saying we are now in a position to give good satisfaction.

A large quantity of dry hard and soft wood flooring on hand, which we sell at reasonable prices.

Those contemplating building will do well to consult us before placing their orders.

Moore & Wilson.

The estate of the late Rev. Dr. Stafford, who died in Hamilton, is valued at \$17,921.

SOMETHING

NEW.

READ

IT

The undersigned begs to announce to the public that he has opened up a full stock of

MEN'S and LADIES' BOOTS & SHOES.

Consisting of both fine and coarse, suitable for wear indoors and out. Our goods will be

SOLD at a LOW FIGURE

And we are determined to satisfy our customers. A splendid assortment to choose from just to hand from best manufacturers. Hoping to receive a fair share of the public patronage.

JOS. SMITH, - - Flesherton.

Do You Lie Comfortably WHEN YOU RETIRE?

What is there more pleasant, more restful, than when you return home after a day's hard work and fatiguing business, feeling very tired, weary and out of humor, you retire feeling that you have a comfortable bed to sleep on—cre that you cannot fall through during the night.

And Again, do you Believe

In Having a Comfortably Furnished Home?

Can anything be found more pleasing to a husband and father than to see his wife and children enjoying the benefit of all modern conveniences in the shape of household furniture? And the same husband and father occasionally likes to drop into a beautifully upholstered, chair, or recline on a comfortable sofa as well, and take a few minutes rest from daily toil. Both are pleasant you say.

WELL Since you are not enjoying any of the above mentioned blessings, and would like to very much, you cannot do better in any sense of the term than to drop into H. E. McNEA'S Furniture Ware-rooms on Durham Street, and after examining the goods purchase the proper requisites for such enjoyment. Those who are still experiencing single blessedness can find things there they are in need of as well as those united by "the holy bonds of matrimony."

The rooms are so well filled with all kinds of goods that it will probably aid you in choosing if we name over a few of the articles kept instock.

For the BEDROOM There are Bedsteads, Spring Mattresses, other kinds of Mattresses, Washstands, Bureau, and everything else belonging to a sleeping apartment. We would also very modestly mention that we have a number of cradles just waiting to be filled.

For the PARLOR We have Centre Tables, Doherty Organs, beautiful Parlor Suites, and pictures set in nice frames.

The Dining Room & Kitchen are also represented in our large stock, but we will let you judge the furniture for those departments yourselves this week, but will describe them more fully in the next change of advertisement.

H. E. McNEA, - - FLESHERTON.

New Carriage & Blacksmith Shop.

The undersigned beg leave to acquaint the public with the fact that they have opened up a new carriage and blacksmith shop in Flesherton, where everything in our line will be attended to in a prompt manner and good workmanship guaranteed. We make a specialty of

HORSESHOEING.

And profess to have a mechanic who gives entire satisfaction every time. Special attention to tender or contracted feet. Interfering positively prevented.

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Stops falling of hair.
Keeps the Scalp clean,
Makes hair soft and Pliable
Promotes Growth.

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