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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1877.

The Philosophy of Dual Times

That the poorer classes are suffering for many actual necessities, not to speak of luxuries, is too apparent to admit of dispute. Poverty, or want, is an effect; for every effect there must necessarily be a cause. What then is the cause of hard times? Is it the fault of Dominion or local government, or rather misgovernment? Is it over production, lack of industry, unwise tariffs, lack of faith? What is it? All around us—in our own pockets we see and feel the effect, but the cause is what we are after. There is a world of meaning in the very common remark—there's nothing stirring. "Take two sticks of wood; they may lie side by side for years and they always remain the same, but set them stirring, rub them together, and from the friction it will soon come to fire if the friction is sufficient." Just so with people; what they want is friction—they want rubbing together, and from moderate heat at first we shall soon have everything ablaze with life and business, and the cry of "hard times" will be but an echo of the past.

The exchange of services—of labor, embodied it may be in a commodity, is really all there is of business. One man may be very good at making iron plows and may manufacture thousands of them, but if nobody wanted them or he would not exchange them for anything else, he would probably starve to death; but if he can find people who have what he needs, who want iron plows, the extent to which his wants may be gratified is only limited by his power of producing iron plows; but he must be content to accept such a price as his customer is willing to pay. If he wants more than their value, he cannot transact business. He may be willing to exchange with a farmer for potatoes, but if the farmer values his potatoes at ten cents apiece, it is not likely there will be an exchange of products, except if it is absolutely necessary, and then only in the smallest quantities that will temporarily supply present needs. The manufacturer would do without potatoes if possible, and the farmer would dispense with an iron plow, and both would ground grumbling about "hard times." But if both would set a value on their commodities in proportion to their utility they would exchange until their wants were entirely satisfied. Both would be gainers, both be stimulated to greater renewed exertions and consequent production.

Almost everybody in every community has something to exchange, either services or commodity, and as nobody exchanges except in view of a gain it is evident the greater the exchange the greater the benefit to everybody. Now the cause of hard times is not the scarcity of money—there is as much or indeed rather more money in the country than ever before. It is the awfully sluggish way in which exchanges are effected.

Smith values his services at more than anyone else does, and will not work unless it be a matter of necessity. Jones, who is a farmer, values his produce so high that he will not sell it in the Fall at a fair price but keep it until Spring and probably sell it for a less price. So it is with everybody. We value our own services or commodities or their representatives—money—so highly and the services or commodities or money of everyone else so low that exchanges are only effected on unsatisfactory terms and only in cases of absolute necessity. Our wants remain unsatisfied. We have no inducement (we think) to produce. The wheels of commerce need greasing and the best and only lubricator is labor and exchange. Neither McKenzie nor Macdonald—the Reform nor the Conservative party—has the power to more than help a revival of our prostrated industries, and we may also add exchange.

When people learn fully as they have learned partially that things are valued not at the figures they may have cost but at what they are

worth; when they learn that it is altogether advisable to exchange a thing of little or no use for something that is of more use, even though there be no profit, or even a loss when measured by dollars and cents; when they learn not to keep mortgaged property that is not worth for actual use the interest and taxes, old horses that eat themselves up as farmers say every year, cattle, common stock, poor milkers and unriely, and so on to the end of the catalogue—dozens of things we have of no use to us, but which others might use; when people learn what they are using and selling—exchanging—then the vast amount of rubbish through which daylight is just peeping will be cleared away and the dawn of a brighter era will awaken people from their lethargy.

Start the ball a rolling. Sell what you don't want, the higher the price the better, but sell and buy what you do want. Don't keep things stowed away, don't keep land, houses, horses, anything you don't need, because you cannot get what you paid for them years ago, but sell and buy what you do need.

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Miss VonHillern, a young lady, performed the hitherto unaccomplished feat of walking fifty miles in twelve hours, at Providence, R. I., on Saturday last.

The Ottawa Free Press says it is probable that several of the most notorious criminals will be brought against the Mail newspaper by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. R.—How many cents in a dollar? Bub—Twenty-five, Mr. R.—Fah! next. Bub—Well, I bought a pair of new shoes from Christie, Henderson & Co. for 75 cents, and pa said they were worth \$1. Mr. R.—Head.

"Cash Town" is rather a peculiar name for a post office, yet an office to be known by this appellation, has just been opened in the Township of North Passage, of which Mr. R. Manger has been appointed postmaster.

A general strike is anticipated on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, in consequence of the issue of an order prohibiting employees belonging to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Pen and Scissor Selects. The Dunkin Act in the county of York has 455 majority. The gross debenture debt of Toronto is \$5,982,914.

Joseph Hickson, the G. T. R. manager, has returned to Montreal. They have a jewel of a Police Magistrate at Belleville and his name is Diamond.

The population of Wingham by the recent census is 2,022, an increase of 452 since last year.

A child of George W. Scott, of Lawrence station, died from eating the ends of matches.

The new spring bonnet looks like a wicker basket set upon a bunch of flowers stuck in the gable end.

Southey has just completed its census taking. The population is 2,973, an increase of 447 since the incorporation.

The trial of Austin Humphreys for the murder of Mr. Apple, in Windsor, is set down for the 10th of April.

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MASONIC CELEBRATION.—The magnificent new hall of the Masonic fraternity in Guelph is to be opened with appropriate ceremonies on Friday, April 20th, when the M. W. Grand Master and the officers of the Grand Lodge will be present. In the evening a banquet and a ball will take place.

HALF-FAIR TRAVELLING.—All ministers of the gospel, and humankind now travel on the Grand Trunk Railway for half fare. The application for these half fare tickets must be made to the local agent, who then apply to the General Passenger Agent at Montreal for the necessary ministerial voucher, which must be shown at ticket office when applying for regular passenger tickets at reduced rates.

SUDDEN DEATH.—J. C. Morrow, County Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Crown for the County of Simcoe, was found on the night of March 24th, for British Never in front of the Mansion House in London. He had sustained an internal injury of the brain, his collar bone was fractured, and his lungs congested. As his money and watch were missing, some suppose that he was foully dealt with; while others believe that he accidentally fell from the balcony of the hotel. He laid in a comatose state until Monday evening when he expired.

BEEF FOR BRITAIN.—Last fall Mr. Peter Rennie, of Fergus, put 28 cattle into his stables, and continued feeding them till last week when he sold them to Messrs. Davis & Co., of Toronto. The price paid was \$2,298, or \$81 per head. The cattle were destined, after being killed in Toronto, for Britain. Never in the history of beef raising in Canada, has one farmer fed in one season 28 head without buying any food, and realizing such a magnificent price for them.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The Supreme Chancellor of this Order, S. S. Davis, of Nashville, N. H., has intimated to the Grand Chancellor of Ontario his intention to visit the Lodge at Simcoe in June, and has concluded to visit Toronto on his way thither. Steps are now on foot in Toronto with a view to giving him a fitting reception. It is anticipated having the first public parade of the city lodges in full uniform on that occasion, in which the lodges from other places will be invited to take part. A banquet will also form a part of the programme.

Mr. Goldwin Smith has an article on the Political Destiny of Canada covering thirty pages of the Fortnightly Review for April. It is devoted to proving the desirability of union with the United States. He says that the Canadian nation is a lost cause, and that the only mate union with the States is morally certain. Canadian patriotism must provide a real union, not mere annexation, but an equal and honorable alliance, like that of Scotland with England. This alliance involves no other in the relations between Canada and England. The economic advantage to Canada of such a continental union would be immense. It would be no menace to England, but the reverse, and would introduce into the United States councils questions of a commercial and diplomatic character, in an element favorable to England, which influence would be of the greatest value. There is but a faint chance of building up Canada as a rival of the United States, while in the case of war with England the greatest danger would be removed, and Canada would gain both wealth and strength.

The London Telegraph does not believe in Mr. Goldwin Smith's vagaries about Canada. It says: "We are under no apprehension that either annexation to or union with the United States is near, as the people of the Dominion rank among the most loyal of our colonies, and betray not even the faintest wish for the severance of their connection with the British Crown. They warmly appreciate the prestige and security they enjoy as subjects of Great Britain, and we are convinced that they would be as loth to part with the Mother Country as she would be to lose them."

The Messrs. Samuel, of New York, have purchased for shipment to England 600 cattle, from Mr. Reevy, of Toronto.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—No paper will be discontinued unless all arrears are paid. Some people make a practice of allowing a month or so to elapse after their subscription has expired, and then send notice to the publisher to discontinue their paper, but rarely, if ever, enclose with the order payment for the over time. We wish to be understood in saying that we will not pay any attention to an order for stopping a paper, until all arrears are paid.

ACTON MARKETS. Flour Old Fall Wheat... \$3 25 to 3 60 New Fall Wheat... 1 35 to 1 40 Spring Wheat, Glasgow... 1 25 to 1 35 Red Clover... 0 90 to 0 90 Oats... 0 47 to 0 50 Peas... 0 68 to 0 72 Potatoes, per bag... 0 80 to 0 90 Dried apples per lb... 0 08 to 0 10 Butter... 0 22 to 0 25 Eggs... 0 12 to 0 10

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As an instance we may mention Crompton's Celebrated Adjustable Corset. We have just received another lot which we are selling at 87 1/2 cents. This we guarantee to be the genuine article, and exactly the same as that for which others are charging One Dollar.

Our whole stock is equally cheap. Come and inspect Our Dress Goods, Our Silks, plain and Fancy, Our Cottons, Our Prints, Our Clothing, Our Carpets, Our Millinery, etc.

And in every branch you will find our prices fully 20 per cent lower than any other house. Ask for our New York 12 1/2 cent Dress Goods; very stylish; the new colors. SPECIAL NOTICE.

Dressmaking Branch. We have the best Dressmaker in Canada, and our charges are lower than any other House. REMEMBER OUR CARPETS. We have a larger stock of Brussels Carpets, Tapestry Carpets, Wool Carpets, than all the other Stores in Guelph put together.

Hard Times are never felt by those who deal at The Lion. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO. Guelph, April 3, 1877.

The Acton Plow Co. Are manufacturing the celebrated STEPHENSON PLOWS, AND The 'Boss' Gang Plow. They keep a full stock on hand, and are prepared to do all kinds of Repairing on Plows, and also also kinds of Lath Work and Iron Plating on the shortest notice.

Please call and examine our plows before purchasing elsewhere. AGENTS FOR Sharp's Self-Dumping Hay and Stubble Rake. Acton, Feb. 13, 1876.

WAR IN THE EAST. GREAT SLAUGHTER IN LEATHER. As immense quantities of leather is being manufactured into harness for the Artillery Horses, the prices have consequently gone up. Nevertheless H. K. COOK is prepared to furnish all articles in the line of Harness, Saddles, Trunks, Etc., at as reasonable rates as ever. He is a practical workman, and ready to fill all orders as quick, as good, and as cheap as anywhere else in the Dominion.

Repairing promptly attended to. A good stock of Harness, Whips, Brushes, Combs, etc., always on hand. Acton, Feb. 20, 1877. H. K. COOK.

CASH FOR WHEAT. Any quantity of good merchantable wheat wanted at the Acton steam mills, for which the highest market price will be paid in cash. Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. B. & E. NICKLIN.

TO BREEDERS. The thoroughbred Durham Bull "Zephyr," will serve cows on the farm of the subscriber, near the Grand Trunk Station, Acton. Terms—Durham, \$1. Grades, 50¢. Pedigree—Zephyr (4200) bred by F. W. Stone, Guelph, got by Imported Sheriff (2994), dam Sassafras 10th. C. S. SMITH, Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-4

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