

P R O S P E C T U S  
OF THE  
YORK RIDINGS GAZETTE,  
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A Weekly Journal Devoted to Politics, Agriculture, Commerce, Literature, &c.

THE Publishers of the above-named Journal conceive that a good Family Newspaper, which will combine literary and useful knowledge, with an independent and manly, but at the same time temperate discussion of public questions, will command the support of the intelligent yeomanry and mechanics of the fine Ridings whose name it bears; and that it will do good by doing right, and be useful by telling truth. When three papers were first published in Toronto, its population but little exceeded that of Richmond Hill at the present time; whilst the entire revenue of Upper Canada did not exceed the present revenue derived from the United Ridings of York alone. The Township of Markham, with its some eight thousand inhabitants, has perhaps more pleasure carriages at this moment than were in the whole Province of Upper Canada but twenty-five years ago; and what with the increased facilities for getting newspapers, and the greatly improved circumstances of the people, it is extremely probable that there are more newspaper readers in the three Ridings of York alone, than all Western Canada could boast of at a time within the recollection of even young men of the present day. Under these circumstances, the Publishers of the "*York Ridings' Gazette*" feel that they but march with the times, and keep pace with the requirements of their country, when they propose disseminating useful information, by means of a respectable and well conducted Journal. It is but marking progress with mind. Hanging a new paper upon each mile-stone of Canadian advancement, is but unfurling the flag of civilization over the achieve-

ments of manhood and fortitude. Feeling and writing in this spirit, the Publishers of the *York Ridings Gazette* ask their fellow yeomen and citizens to give it that welcome and support which a pioneer effort in a good cause merits. The people should regard a new Journal in a new country somewhat as the Queen of Navarre did the poor Troubadour, when she said, "*Show me the Oracle that can tell nations I am great.*"

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Upon local questions, the *York Ridings Gazette* at once nails its colors to the mast in favor of *Representation by Population*; of the preservation of our *Common School System*; of the prevention of lavish and enormous expenditures of public money upon single Railways, which but enrich jobbers, and render the country incapable of undertaking really useful works; of detecting railway jobbers, and driving them out of the Legislature; of thoroughly investigating all cases of public demoralization and wrong by Railway Boards, Contractors, or Members of Parliament; and of preventing all partial and unjust gratuities to religious educational establishments, or to any other establishments, which are sectional and sectarian in their character, and not for the benefit

of the whole people.

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