



The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, FRIDAY, Jan. 18, '84

The "Mail's" Idea of Morality.

The *Mail* and its satellites are working themselves into some terrible contortions because of the utter corruption and rottenness of the Reform party as manifested in the revelations made in the trial of Weeks, the West Middlesex corruptionist when one, Rowland, by a cunningly devised tale, got into the confidence of James Weeks, a vice-president of a Tory Association, and drew some bribery secrets out of him. Although we cannot sanction untruthfulness or misrepresentation under any circumstances, yet the course Rowland pursued was only such as any detective would have used to discover the perpetrator of such a crime. Rowland represented himself as a Tory, which was a very wicked thing for him to do, and he said the Reform Committee Rooms were the Conservative Rooms, another very wrong thing, and concerning these things the *Mail* lashes itself into a perfect foam of fury, but concerning Weeks and the parties concerning whom he let out the damaging facts that envelopes containing bribery funds lay scattered round the committee room, \$100 of which he got and then had in his possession, and for which he gave Rowland a receipt and told him the names of a number of parties whom he intended to bribe, it has no word of commendation. Rowland, who acted the part of a successful detective is braided by the *Mail* as a villain and a scoundrel, but for the original and his accomplices, who were distributing the Tory corruption funds with a lavish hand in order to secure the defeat of the present Minister of Education it has no word of censure, they are perfect gentlemen in the eyes of "the gentleman's organ." The object of the Tory organ is, of course, to draw aside public attention from the disclosure of the vile methods used to accomplish their ends. It will be noticed, however, that the organs do not attempt to deny that the money was used for corrupt purposes or enter into any defence of Weeks and his friends. This would be too utterly glaring. Mr. Meredith, who defouted Weeks, has shocked the honesty of his best friends not only in his defence of Weeks but also by stating that the Muskoka Brigade were all honorable men, the opinion of *Bystander* being that they were "such as no honorable man would employ."

"B. & P. Pleasure Party"

Beedles & Prindle Pleasure Party gave their entertainment in the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening last, and was fairly patronized. From what had been known of their previous record, a much better programme was anticipated; and, although many of the characters introduced were sketched with great exactness and could scarcely fail to bring forth shouts of laughter, yet the greater part of the entertainment gave evidences of very little refinement, being rather of a low tone, which cannot but tell against them should they ever think of returning to this place. In the afternoon, previous to the entertainment, the band marched through the village dressed in a very tasty uniform and rendered several selections of music in a manner which was calculated to impress our villagers with the idea that a treat was in store for them in the evening. Among those parts of the entertainment worthy of notice we might mention the orchestra, which opened the performance with an instrumental selection, which was well executed and well received. The Bendens, Fred and Helene, on their violins, horns, harps, glasses, etc., as well as the elog dancing by Messrs. Perry and Heron, brought forth considerable applause, while Johnnie Prindle, as a comedian, though not as good as in years gone by, has still few equals in mimicry, contortion, etc. Notwithstanding the fact that the characters throughout were well represented, yet the whole tone of the entertainment was of a demoralizing nature. In the public interest we cannot help expressing the feeling of utter disgust participated in by a large number of those present,

at such parts of the performance as the low jesting, spitting in each others faces, the scanty and ridiculous attire in which some of the performers appeared, and other parts to which exception was taken. It is not surprising to those who were present on Saturday that ladies and the more respectable portions of the community generally avoid those entertainments, until they really know what they are going to hear. We deal thus plainly with the matter as some went on our word of commendation last week, which was given in all good faith.

The Reader Question.

Mr. Ross, the new Minister of Education, acted wisely in taking hold of the much agitated and much abused question of School Readers. We have no doubt, however, that Mr. Ross will find it a most difficult and complicated matter to deal with. A terrible mistake was made in the outset in authorizing more than one set even the publishers themselves admitting this fact. But since such has been done, and those publishers have been at a very heavy outlay preparing their respective series, the great difficulty arises in righting the mistake in the interests of the public without doing an injustice to the publishers. It is true, the principal part of the expense was incurred before their books were authorized, and therefore they did the work on speculation, and ran their chances of authorization. It is also true that the methods adopted by the rival publishers since the authorization of their works does not entitle them to much consideration at either the hands of the Government or the public. But if they are entitled to any consideration, let them be compensated and the Government take the whole matter into its own hands and prepare a series worthy of the age and throw their publication open to all publishers, fixing a maximum price beyond which they cannot go. Let there be no toadying to publisher's interests at the expense of the public. We want no composite series, unless they are taken entirely out of the hands of the publishers, and even then it would only create confusion as here could by no possible regard paid to the gradation of the series—a most important point. What the people want and what the public will have ere it is satisfied, is a good series of readers the copyright of which is in the hands of the Government and its publication open to all; and we hope Mr. Ross will be able to see the matter in this light and not allow individual interests of publishers interfere with public interest in this matter.

Really, it strikes us somewhat forcibly that the *Aurora Banner* got somewhat off its equilibrium last week when it rises to remark: "The Richmond Hill LIBERAL has changed hands, Mr. Thomas McMahon, late Principal of the Richmond Hill Public School, having become Editor and Proprietor, etc." Perhaps we are mistaken, but we were laboring under the impression, and surrounding circumstances go to confirm us in the idea, that we were still at the head of the concern, as we have been for between four and five years. We are sure this will be as truly news for the people of Richmond Hill as it is for Mr. McMahon or ourselves. But in these days of telegraphy, telephony and electric inventions it seem events may be published before they transpire, at least if we judge by the *Banner's* despatches. It was somewhat too previous, but its previousness might be turned to account if it would not dis. its local for a short time; it might yet come useful for a future insertion, and thus correct its error of last week.

A number of people seem to demur at the modern idea of holding a regular missionary meeting on Sunday evening, as was the case here last Sunday. Perhaps some of their objections are not without foundation. It is true, the primary object of a missionary meeting is to obtain money, but it has another object which is perhaps only a secondary one, viz., the enlightenment of the minds of the people and to draw them out in sympathy with the work. Even we grant that its primary or even sole object was to raise money, when we consider its object and the noble purpose to which it is put, and the fact that the missionary earns his small pittance on Sunday as well as Monday this objection vanishes away. And no man can contribute to such a cause, if he contribute in a right spirit, without being a better man. Therefore if Sunday missionary meetings are properly conducted they may be as much a means of grace and as appropriate and profitable for Sunday evening as an eloquent sermon.

Grip, last week, steps aside from its ordinary line of caricature and devotes its leading cartoon to the sad Humber disaster, which it entitles, "Weep with those that Weep." In the foreground is an elderly matron standing weeping with a younger maiden, "Sympathy," embracing her, and a child kneeling by her, all robed in the habiliments of mourning. Beside them lies a scroll on which may be read, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the Widow and Fatherless in their affliction." In the background is a large monument containing the names of the victims. Yet farther back is the glorious sunrise of 1884, while to the left are the Bolt Works and the terrible wreck in which so many human lives were sacrificed. It is well arranged and strikingly sad.

The National Policy was to make everybody rich, at least full of employment. Yet we hear doleful accounts of the increase of pauperism and vagrancy. A western county has closed the doors of its house of refuge against outside paupers, having more than enough of its own. Toronto has become so flooded with paupers that the papers are discussing a means of reducing the evil. Eight young Englishmen asked the police magistrate to send them to jail as they could not get work. These things ought not to be. If the Tory Government members at Ottawa are not "mere flies on the wheel" they will devise some means of bringing the N. P. around to its work.

The "oulchawed" editor of the *Mail* is in a terrible state of mind just now. He has discovered that the Hon. G. W. Ross, the Minister of Education for Ontario, at one time had charge of a country school and held a third class certificate. There was a time, we presume, when the editor couldn't spell dude—when he wore frocks instead of pants—when he stole apples—and when his mother laid him across her knee and spanked him soundly—but all that don't prove that he is now an "unsanctified ass"—although he may be, all the same.—*Dundas True Banner.*

The inquest on the Humber disaster was concluded on Tuesday night and the voluminous verdict brought in by the jury, inculcates, not only Conductor Barber and Engineer Jeffrey, but the whole management of the Grand Trunk, and especially all the officials whose names appeared in connection with the investigation. Conductor Barber and Engineer Jeffrey were committed for trial for manslaughter. It is more than probable that they will be acquitted, as we judge the Company to be largely at fault in their arrangements.

Judgment was given by Judge Galt Saturday in the Bothwell election petition. His lordship decided that Hon. David Mills was elected by nine majority and unseated J. J. Hawkins, the present occupant, with costs. As to the returning-offices, Jas. Stephens, the judge held that he was justified in rejecting the unsigned returns of the deputy returning officer for No. 3 division, and accordingly dismissed the petition against him with costs.

Rat Portage evidently does not believe in the old adage, "it is too late to lock the stable when the horse is stolen." Almost the entire town was burned down a short time since, and now it has purchased a \$2,500 fire engine.

NOTICE!

CENTRAL BANK OF CANADA.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of Subscribers to the capital stock of the Central Bank of Canada will be held on

Monday, February 11th, next, at the hour of Two O'clock p. m., at the offices of the Bank, 51 Yonge Street, Toronto, for the election of Directors and for other purposes connected with the organization of said Bank. By order of the Provisional Board.—

D. BLAIN, Chairman.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The Creditors and all others having claims against the Estate of John White late of the Township of Vaughan in the County of York and Province of Ontario, Farmer, who died on or about the 15th day of August A. D. 1883 are hereby notified to send by post pre-paid or deliver to Alexander Malloy of Purdville Post Office in the County of York and Province of Ontario, one of the Administrators of the Estate of the said John White, on or before the

30th Day of January,

A. D. 1884, their christian names and surnames with their addresses and description and full particulars of their claims with a statement of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; and in default thereof and immediately after the said 30th Day of January, A. D. 1884, the assets of the said John White will be distributed among the parties entitled thereto regard being paid only to claims of which notice shall have been given as above required and the Administrators will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or claims notice shall not have been received by them as above directed at the time of such distribution.

ALEXANDER MALLOY, } Administrators
JACOB SMITH }
Dated this 14th Day of December, A. D. 1883.

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