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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Sept. 11, '84

As it is the custom, to give the printers a week's vacation each year and as our typos wish to visit the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, there will consequently be no issue of THE LIBERAL next week. We trust our patrons will pardon the omission.

AMENITIES OF JOURNALISM.

It is not our intention to expatiate on the general merits and demerits of the Canadian press. The former consist mainly in a laudable enterprise and a vigorous, if somewhat coarse treatment of subjects; the latter are one-sidedness, prejudice, extravagant zeal or its affectation, and a most unscrupulous choice of language in assaults on private or public character. But both merits and demerits are exactly commensurate with those of the majority of its readers. If subscribers insisted on having articles at once fair and impartial, if they signified a preference for truth at all risks, if they desired that what is commendable in opponents should be neither belittled nor ignored, if they utterly refused to palliate or condone weakness and crimes whensoever found, our Press would cease to be the pander to the false, the scurrilous and the corrupt. Herein especially is manifest the significance of that profound saying of Emerson—What we do we have.

Occasionally, however, some one paper attains to a most unenviable notoriety by reason of its frenzied and ruffianly vituperation. If such sheet be local and comparatively obscure, the good sense and good taste of its patrons are usually quite sufficient to force it back into the bounds of decency. But for more than a year, we have been treated to a far different state of affairs.

The chief organ of one of the great political parties in this country has day after day furnished a series of diatribes which, for frantic invective, crude vulgarity and rabid vindictiveness, are unsurpassed, if, indeed, they have ever been equalled, in the annals of Canadian journalism. And yet, it is difficult at first sight to determine whether the organ, the *Mail*, should be a subject for derision or for stern and scathing censure. One number, for instance, contains an article in which Reformers are called 'bull-pups,' 'sluggers,' 'an unwashed mob whose sole ambition is to get free whiskey and tobacco,' &c.; the next number gravely remonstrates with a contemporary for nick-naming a prominent Conservative 'Ta Phairson,' and solemnly reminds it that such language will surely bring a just retribution on the heads of those who use it. In fact, the chief editor of the *Mail* seems doomed to agonize in a limbo; for him, there is no rest, no middle path. He is either raving superciliously about culture and the amenities of life, or else he is screaming out abuse, couched in words at which blackguardism grows pale. For example, on Saturday, 6th inst., he thus characterizes the young men who propose to take part in the Mowat demonstration:—

"They may be found at street corners after nightfall. They are fond of the shelter of friendly fences, against which they can lean, to pull at the cigar ends that accident places at their command. They are redolent of whiskey and slang, and tobacco and profanity; and will shout you for Hardy with hearty good will; or cheer you for Parlee with a wink and a leer, at the slightest provocation."

Now what ought to be said, when we consider that the writer of this extract was, only a few weeks ago, everly reprimanding Hon. Edward Blake because he possessed neither culture, 'not style.' For the present, we are content to stretch charity, and bring in a verdict, *non committis*.

But we are not prepared to expatiate so easily the Conservative party. Not only have its leaders and the whole rank and file abstained from one single protest against such ribaldry, not only have they their silence endorsed every syllable of it, but they have openly and repeatedly encouraged it, and tarred the cur in his wretched work. Who does not remember the delight expressed by his friends when Charles Tupper made a ferocious attack upon Mr. Gordon Brown for the treatment he had received at the hands in the columns of the *Liberal*? Yet its language was ideal

courtesy compared with the above excerpt. But these very men are worse than dumb when their own organ dubs Edward Blake a liar, Oliver Mowat a snivelling hypocrite, and the young men of the Reform party a set of drunken loafers. The end, however, is not yet.

A Village Nuisance.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Sir,—In a former issue of this paper, attention was called by a citizen, who signs himself "Senex," to the existence of a nuisance on the premises of Mr. McNair, the tenant being Mr. Frederick Whitlock. In this article the attention of the Local Board of Health for the village was directed to this matter, and hopes were entertained of the speedy abatement of the nuisance. But, Mr. Editor, they act not. And why this inaction? Can there be any doubt with regard to the place being a nuisance?

In reference to what constitutes a nuisance, I may quote Article 35 of the L. B. H. Act. It reads as follows:—"In case any person, after the passing of this Act, establishes, without the consent of the Municipal Council of the locality, any offensive trade; that is to say the trade of: Blood boiling or bone boiling, or refining of coal oil, or extracting oil from fish, or storing of hides, or soap boiling, or tallow melting, or tripe boiling, or slaughtering of animals, or the manufacturing of gas, or any other noxious or offensive trade, business or manufacture, or such as may become offensive, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$250 in the respect of the establishment thereof, &c."

No man in the proper possession of his olfactory organs or whose orbits of vision are not impaired, can for a moment hesitate to answer the above question in language condemnatory to the character of the place.

But the question may be asked, 'has the Board of Health full power to act in this matter?' Yes, undoubtedly. To support my statement I may be permitted to refer once more to the L. B. H. Act, Article 12 reads as follows:—"All the powers and authorities conferred upon or vested in the members of any Municipal Council or Councils by any statute of the Legislature of this Province, as Health Officers of the said Municipality or Municipalities, shall hereafter be vested in the Local or District Board of Health which shall be formed in such Municipality or Municipalities as hereafter provided."

I might quote Articles 25, 34 and others of the same Act, but I think, Mr. Editor, there can be no doubt on this point.

What is the use of men assuming the dignity and the titles of members of L. B. H. if they do not intend to perform the functions pertaining to such an office? I believe that the citizens of the village would heartily co-operate in the work and the B. H. would deservedly win the gratitude of the people. I would like to have the opinion of other citizens, for I believe it is the duty of all to support a movement which has for its object the preservation of the health and comfort of the people.

Yours, &c,
CITIZEN.

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