

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Oct. 16, '84

"THOSE NOTICES."

On principle, we are averse to all controversies in which we do not feel that we have a foundation of indisputable facts. A dispute, of which the beginning is words, and the end nothing more, is to most people very distasteful, and to all completely useless. In the *York Herald*, of the 9th inst., however, appeared a letter written by Mr. J. Brown, Reeve of this Village, which calls for an answer. Happily, the matter of which it treats can be at once removed from the domain of argument, so plain and notorious are the facts. The motive assigned for writing this letter is a local paragraph in *THE LIBERAL* of the 2nd inst., in which the absurdity of warning, by public notice, persons against playing Lacrosse on our streets only when Lacrosse has practically ceased to be played, was good naturedly pointed out. But in the 1st sentence of Mr. Brown's letter, he inadvertently betrays a consciousness of a far different reason for replying to our jocular remarks. He states, in fact, that "the shoe pinched" us only because the Lacrosse notices were not printed at the *LIBERAL* office. We must tell Mr. Brown that the statement is untrue in fact, coarse in expression, and utterly uncalled for. What we said on the matter, was prompted solely by the feelings which animate every live editor who wishes to keep his readers informed, as far as possible, of all that takes place.

We beg to assure Mr. Brown, that the time has long since passed when we would complain of the village Council for withholding from us all share in their patronage. There was a day when we naturally trusted that a keen interest in the affairs of Richmond Hill, and a free and fearless exposition of that interest would be rewarded by some tangible evidence of appreciation. Nor, so far as our villagers are concerned, have we been disappointed. But a month or two in business sufficed to show us that we had little or nothing to expect from the Council. We have no desire to institute invidious comparisons between *THE LIBERAL* and our contemporary across the way, but Mr. Brown's gratuitous insult compels us to speak.

We ask, what object conducive to the welfare of our village, has not received our steady, and permit us to say, intelligent support? Was a park required? We advocated it in our columns, drew up a petition, carried it from house to house for signatures, and then had the questionable satisfaction of learning how our efforts were appreciated by seeing the necessary printing done in the office of the *Herald*. Our Schools, our favorite game, our Fire Brigade, the Mechanics' Institute, all have received from us, the greatest and best help we could give. Nay, when we deemed that the cause of law, order, and temperance was trampled on, we did not hesitate to boldly denounce the violation, although we knew, and have already had experience, that our action would be followed by pecuniary loss.

And now we ask, what has our contemporary done to deserve the almost entire patronage of the village Council? What article has it given, what endeavors has it made, what has it advocated, which should entitle it not merely to the lion's share, but we might almost say to the whole of the village printing? Nothing, absolutely nothing. With the exception of one job for which our tender was the lower, and one other small one given us the other day, we have not received one line from the Council of which Mr. Brown is the head. In one case, where the tenders were exactly the same, ours was rejected, it seemed, as a matter of course. And yet he has the impudence to speak of "the shoe pinching" us because we were not allowed to print those bills, in which he gravely informs us in October, that it is a breach of the law to have played lacrosse during the preceding five months. The Reeve most certainly feels that we have been ungenerously, if not unfairly, dealt with, and he seeks to excuse himself by a joke as clumsy and indelicate as his "Lacrosse Notices" were ill-timed and ill-conceived. His thrust at us

is quite on a par with his thrust at our merchants. He blames them for his remissness in what was, according to himself, a plain and crying duty. How, he asks, could he censure boys for doing what the very merchants were doing? Assuming that merchants did play lacrosse on the street, though we confess that this is the first intimation we have received of it, did it never occur to Mr. Brown that his true course was to censure all alike?

In conclusion, we have to tell Mr. Brown that, while we have received, from men of all creeds, and of all politics, a most generous support, for which we here beg to tender them our heartiest thanks, we are under no obligation to the village Council. That body has given us little, and we have asked it for less, firmly convinced that the time will come when we shall have as our overseers, a class of men who will not make it a point to studiously ignore honest endeavors for the good and prosperity of our village.

QUEBEC LIBERALISH.

We translate from *La Patrie*, of Montreal, the following article, in order to give our readers an idea of how intensely the Liberals of Quebec sympathize with the Reformers of Ontario. *La Patrie* is one of the ablest of the French Canadian papers, and is a very strong and very popular supporter of Provincial rights. Speaking of the demonstration at Chateauguy, on the 4th inst., it says:—

"In spite of the very unfavorable weather, the Liberal demonstration of the County of Chateauguy was crowned with brilliant success. The day does the greatest honor to the County in general, and especially to M. Julien Hebert, who was, so to speak, its soul.

It seldom happens that the people show themselves so thankful to their public men, and defend so enthusiastically and so splendidly, the honor of their insulted defenders. It is a touching example of patriotism which gives an idea of the intelligence of this sturdy population, and loudly testifies to the noble feelings, which animate it.

This proceeding, so generous and so spontaneous on the part of such an important electoral division, is a sign of the times; it announces, and opens the way to, a solemn awakening of public opinion.

Another sign of the times was the presence on our hustings, in one of our rural ridings, of the two principal Liberal leaders of the neighboring Province.

This indicates a desire of closer relations, and of a more cordial understanding. It is a proof that the public men of the two great Provinces of the Confederation feel the need of knowing each other better, that they are beginning to esteem each other more than formerly, that they wish to unite more closely in order to work, with greater harmony, for the general prosperity and for the safety of common rights.

But above all it demonstrates that the Liberal party of Ontario entertains the most fraternal sentiments towards the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec, and that it is in its (Ontario's) ranks and among its chiefs that we may hope to find sympathy in the time of our necessity.

In the name of the Liberal party of our Province, we tender our warmest thanks to the generous citizens of Chateauguy for their devotion to the public cause, and also to the Hon. Messrs. Blake and Mowat for the cheerful alacrity with which they were pleased to respond to their invitations.

The memory of the visit of these eminent gentlemen, will form an epoch which will not soon pass from our hearts and minds."

NORTH ETOBICOKE.

From our own Correspondent.

Farmers are now busy with their fall ploughing, which seems likely to be completed earlier this year than last.

We are sorry to state that Mr. A. Campbell, our teacher, has been compelled to close school and go to his home on account of ill-health. S. S. No. 7 people will be glad to hear of his speedy return, restored to his usual health and strength.

Mr. Andrew Kaake has rented his farm to Mr. David Jamieson, of York Township. Though sorry to lose Mr. Kaake, we all join in extending to Mr. Jamieson a hearty welcome to our neighborhood.

We hear that Mrs. —, whom I have mentioned before, has been troubling our neighborhood again with her unsavory presence. If she comes again, Jim, shake the cow bell at her.

We would suggest to Mr. S. H., that he scatter a little "Rough on Rats" on the 8th Con., near the town line.

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