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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Oct. 30, '84

"THOSE NOTICES."

Our article of the 16th inst. has called forth a leader from the *Herald*, and a letter from Mr. Brown. We shall reply to the letter first.

We may remark at the outset that the matter in question could easily have been settled by Mr. Brown, if he had seen fit to publish the amounts for the village printing, received respectively by the *LIBERAL* and the *Herald*. He has not done so for the best of reasons, because such a statement would have justified every line which we have written. The point raised was not how much printing has been done for the village, but that the great bulk of it was given to our contemporary, and that then we were charged with making wry faces because a seventy five cent job was withheld from us. It is to the last assertion, taken in connection with the facts of the case, that we objected. Of course, Mr. Brown has attempted no defence of his prompt and energetic method of stopping Lacrosse playing on the streets in summer by forbidding it in the fall. He wisely let that matter drop, as also all reference to his magnanimous excuse that "it was the merchants that did the harm."

Mr Brown is certainly very unfortunate in his choice of example to prove that the *LIBERAL* has not uniformly given an intelligent support to everything that would benefit the village. He says that we opposed the building of a "Town Hall and Lock-up". We admit that we did, and so successfully, that at the public meeting called to discuss the matter, there was only one man who voted for such an edifice. If success be the measure of intelligence, even Mr. Brown must grant us a fair share of the latter commodity in the case which he has cited. It is but just, however, to ourselves and to those who thought with us, to observe that it was not the desirability of a Town Hall to which we demurred, but to the time in which it was proposed to erect it. We submit, moreover, that after the famous "Lacrosse Notices", our worthy reeve can scarcely expect to be considered a good judge of "times and seasons."

In regard to the petition for the Public Park, we adhere to all that we have said. Surely no one requires to be told that the proprietor of a paper is entitled to get help in his work, quite as much as a man in any other business. Mr. Brown, for instance, is known as a shrewd and prosperous merchant, but it would be the height of folly to deny him the credit, which is properly due to him, on the ground that he himself did not tie up every parcel which left his store. As to the person who furnished both Mr. B. and the *Herald* with a garbled and misleading account of the origin of the petition, we think we know him, and, if our surmise is correct, we have to tell that individual that he has, so far as we are concerned, all the contempt which is merited by loud-mouthed and silly officiousness.

Now for the Voters' List. For this job, tenders were invited. Both *LIBERAL* and *Herald* responded, and it so happened, they asked for exactly the same sum. Well, what should the Council have done? Every one will at once say, that it should have requested fresh tenders. It is absurd to contend that there was not time for this. It would not have taken half an hour. Was this done? Not at all, but one of the Councilmen blandly inquired whose tender was accepted on the last occasion. Of course it was known before the question was put, and accordingly it was at once decided that the true course was not to ask for new tenders, in order to secure the lowest, but to hand the job over to the *Herald*. But even granting that the principle of rotation is the correct one in distributing the village patronage, how comes it that that principle was not acted on in the division of all the rest of the Council work?

We come to the leader. It is

not altogether astonishing that an editor whose pen is a pair of scissors, and ink-bottle a paste pot, should be amazed at an original article of some length in the *LIBERAL*. Did we not already know it from the regular appearance of the *Herald*, the single screech in the last number would make it abundantly evident that the writing of either long or short articles is not that gentleman's forte. He does not deem it necessary to defend the character of the Reeve, and the Reeve is heartily to be congratulated that such is the case, for while even a weak man could comfortably stand the *Herald's* most awful censure, and thrive under it, the very strongest would certainly go to the wall, should he be so unlucky as to be bespattered with its praise. We never attacked the character of Mr. Brown. We have not charged him with being "untruthful, coarse and impertinent," any more than he did us, when, in his last letter, he used the word "untruthful". He spoke of one particular statement, so did we. He had a perfect right to deny what we had asserted, if he thought we were incorrect, and we exercised no other right. We have as high an opinion of Mr. Brown's honor and integrity as has the *Herald*, and no fair-minded man will say that, because we cracked a joke at his expense, or differed with him on a moot-point, we have thereby put, or sought to put, even the suspicion of a stain on his name.

But says the *Herald*, others besides the *LIBERAL* have contributed towards the prosperity of our schools &c. We never asserted that they had not. What we did say was, that the *LIBERAL* has done all that lay in its power, while our active, enterprising, keen and agile contemporary has not lifted its little finger.

In conclusion, we indignantly repel the aspersion that we are anxious to introduce politics into our municipal affairs. We never hinted at such a thing, and we positively detest the very idea. Does not the *Herald* know that two of the five members of the present Council are Reformers? Does it not see that if what we have said gives offence, then offence has been given to all? We have pitched on no party, let alone any man. The political history of our country has taught us that ability, and shrewdness and probity are not the monopoly of any party. In looking after our own interests, we do not of necessity prejudice the interests of others. The *Herald*, however, thinks that everything has gone along harmoniously. True enough, if by *harmoniously* is meant the giving of, all the village printing to the *Herald*. But "it is just possible" that what may be music to the *Herald*, is the worst of discords to the *LIBERAL*.

FRENCH CONSERVATIVE VIEW OF THE DOMINION OPPOSITION.

La Liberté, a leading Conservative journal of the Province of Quebec, contained, on the 21st inst., the following significant article:—

"Mr. Blake was expected to-day (21st) at Three Rivers. He has not, however, deemed fit to go, or else prior engagements have prevented him. We are very sorry, for the electors, without distinction of party, would have been glad to make his acquaintance.

Mr. Blake, the honorable leader of the Opposition, is a powerful parliamentary orator, the most powerful, in fact, whom Canada now possesses. But he has neither the consummate address nor wonderful suppleness of Sir John A. Macdonald. He is a formidable reasoner, exceedingly strong in argument, but before the masses, he is cold and ineffective.

Of his lieutenants, Sir Richard Cartwright is a man of fine education, deeply versed in politics, but very disagreeable, very aggressive, and altogether wanting in tact.

Mr. Charlton is a hard worker, not very eloquent, but of great use to a party.

Mr. Davis, at one time prime minister of Prince Edward Island, is a fluent speaker, full of resources, but somewhat tedious.

Of M. Laurier, M. Langelier, &c., we say nothing, because they are, of course, well known to our readers.

Naturally, Mr. Blake hopes to gain the next election. Sir John has lost ground in Ontario, and the *LIBERAL* leader counts on the divisions in the Conservative party of Quebec.

As to the Maritime Provinces, it is useless to indulge in calculations, for they will go with the strongest."

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