

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Liberal.

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THE VILLAGE PARK.

We commend to the careful attention of our villagers the letter of 'X. Y. Z.' which will be found in another column. It will be seen that our correspondent is just as ardent a supporter of the Park business as the most enthusiastic could wish. He suggests, however, certain grave doubts as to the feasibility of going on with our present purpose. He adduces no small array of facts to substantiate those doubts. This must have full investigation, and if on enquiry and examination, the alleged state of things be proved, we shall do well to pause before expending more money on the selected location. Even if a mistake has been made, and to assume so without fresh information would be altogether rash, it is not yet, as 'X. Y. Z.' pertinently puts it, too late to mend matters.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

There is a feeling generally prevalent among our villagers that the time is at hand for taking a decided stand on the question of suitable school accommodation. Opinion is unanimous that at least the old dilapidated wooden structures in which so many of the youngest children are forced to sit, come fair come foul, have served and more than served their day, and must now give way to buildings the occupation of which will endanger neither health nor happiness. We have no desire to indulge in lamentations over what has been done in the remote past; we see nought but folly in dwelling on what might have been. But we are anxious from the duty we owe the public to leave no stone unturned to rouse its attention to the most pressing necessity of a new School House. No matter how able teachers may be, no matter how considerate parents may be, all their efforts to secure children that great indispensable, a good education, will fall far short of the mark while the inconveniences and positive dangers to children are so great in some of our present school rooms. To insure that supreme blessing, a healthy mind in a healthy body, it is plain that neither mind nor body will brook neglect.

For the present, we abstain from pointing out any definite course of action. The matter is a most weighty one; it requires deep consideration. The object to be gained being of the first importance to all, narrow prejudice and crabbed bickering, false economy and lavish extravagance must be laid aside. We therefore beg to give notice that our columns will be open to all who have any suggestions to make. But at the same time we explicitly declare that where the aim of a writer is personal and not public, the destination of his communication is the waste paper-basket.

BETTER TERMS FOR ONTARIO.

A cry of alarm and anger now resounds from every Conservative journal in the Dominion. Threats and tears are alike indulged in. And what is the cause of this passionate outburst of rage and sorrow? The Mowat Administration has expressed its firm resolve to apply to Ottawa for better terms for Ontario. And now, of all times, exclaim this pudding loving press! Here is Sir John at his wit's end for money, the floating debt of the country is \$13,000,000; the C. P. R. Syndicate is threatening wide-spread ruin and desolation unless another tremendous loan or gift is made to it; the French Bleus are not satisfied with the \$9,000,000 which, revolver in hand, they forced last term from a sore-pressed Government; New Brunswick is howling for more pap; Manitoba has just got some, and now Mowat declares that Ontario must have her turn, the first since Confederation. It certainly will be awkward especially as Ontario's patriotic Conservative representatives have over and over declared by their votes that this Province is a cow which may be milked *ad libitum*, but which requires absolutely no provender. All the other provinces have shared in these 'better terms,' some of them more than once, and not so much because they were entitled to further assistance as because their votes were required to keep the Chieftain in power. On-

tario alone has been systematically slighted. It is true that she contributes three-fifths of the Dominion revenue, but in return at the hands of her Tory sons she has not only not received anything, but again and again she has been assaulted in her dearest rights. But Sir John well understands the temper of the solid phalanx of supporters he gets from our ungrateful, unthinking voters. He has no fear of rearing or plunging from the Plug that never kicks. No whip is here necessary to repress an honest love of fair play. Submission is the duty of the servile.

In spite of these tears, Mowat will put forward our claims, and that it is he who makes them is a guarantee in itself that they are just. We ask our readers to watch with closest scrutiny the attitude which Ontario members will take when the question is laid before the Ottawa Cabinet.

MARKHAM SUN AND REEVE OF MARKHAM.

We extend our congratulations to D. James, Esq., Reeve of Markham. He was honored last week with a vicious attack in the columns of the *Markham Sun*. Now praise from that quarter would certainly be dangerous, but censure demonstrates beyond cavil the possession of superior qualities.

In form, the article in question is, to say the least, queer. One sentence, although it contains fourteen lines, lacks all conclusion except the period which ends it. Another sentence of thirteen lines contains a ludicrous bull. 'Our paper,' say the acute editor, 'revealed to the public certain facts, but it never received the paper on account of a snow-storm.' Of the atrociously bad English, of the slang, of the confusion of ideas, which stamp this precious production, we shall say nothing. Still we cannot refrain from wondering what the *Toronto Mail* which once took a fit because the *Globe* spelt Macaulay with an 'e' would say if it should learn that the *Sun* spells hypocrisy with an 'ac.' (hypocrisy).

But if the *Sun* is weak in powers of utterance, it is possessed of a happily uncommon share of those nasty commodities, impudence and vile insinuation. Nor in the exercise of these, does it show one touch of courage. To disparage Mr. James, it eulogizes Mr. Bruce, and what is very funny, to blacken Mr. James, it loudly proclaims the immaculate purity of Mr. G. J. Chauncey. The chieftain it would seem, is not the only one whose hands are clean, or the only one who alone is cognizant of his virtues.

Well we are in a position to state that Mr. Bruce does not feel at all complimented on the use to which his name is put. How could he? It does not require a man of the great sagacity of Mr. Bruce to see how absurd it is to scout one man for asking a reduction of \$10,000 in an overestimate of \$500,000, and in exalting into the skies another man for demanding a reduction of \$25,000. As for the *without-a-blot* printing job of which G. J. Chauncey was the hero, the *Sun* would stand much higher in public estimation if it permitted its praises to be chanted by a disinterested party.

We cannot, however, pass so lightly over the *Sun's* wicked assertion that because Mr. James is a member of a Christian Church, and a teacher in its Sunday School, he is therefore, an arrant hypocrite. How dare the *Sun* plunge with the hoofs of a buffalo into a precinct held sacred by all who are not of the type malignant? In this disgraceful attack, the very children are invited to participate. Common decency revolts at such small-minded, malevolent tactics. To such a combination of the venom of the serpent and the folly of the goose we trust that the public will again not soon be treated. But while we are convinced that good and not harm must ensue to Mr. James from the *Sun's* vindictive impotence, not the less is every honest man bound to repudiate a mode of warfare in which frantic rage and utter disregard of all christian propriety go hand in hand.

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