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Sunday Newspapers.

To the Editor of the LIBERAL:

SIR, - In reference to the discussion
now going on between members of the
press as to the advisability of issuing
Sunday papers, we think there is much
truth in the remark made by some one
that the step just taken by an office in
Toronto is but the thin end of a wedge,
or, in other words, that Sunday papers
have come here to stay. We think that
we can safely go farther and say that it
is the insertion of the thin edge of a
lever, which will upheave and destroy
morality by lessening the respect and
veneration that we, as a people, entertain
for the Sabbath, place in the hands of
large corporations and monied institu-
tions the power to rob the working man
of his day of rest, and supply an attrac-
tion to thousands who will make it the
excuse for non-attendance at church.

The first attempt to publish a Sunday
paper on the other side of the line was in
1841, but that and many successors died
a natural death - the public sentiment
was against them - but in the war of the
Rebellion the very plea now put forward,
namely, the popular demand for the lat-
est war news, was urged as an excuse,
a fresh impetus was given to the cir-
culation, and notwithstanding their adop-
tion as a transitory expediency, the Sunday
newspaper became a permanent institu-
tion. There are now published in New
York 58 Sunday editions, Pennsylvania
46, Illinois 31, Ohio 29, California 23,
Indiana and Georgia 19 each, and lesser
numbers in other States of the Union, or,
according to Rowell's Newspaper Di-
rectory, 456 Sunday papers. In seven
States the average circulation of the Sun-
day editions is over 60 per cent. of the
daily editions, or an average of a Sunday
paper to every other house.

A few papers like the New York Tri-
bune protested against their advent, but
compelled by circumstances and the ad-
vantage they gave to rivals, they yielded
to the general pressure, so that now a
paper not issued every day of the year is
an exception, and not the rule.

That those newspaper men who are
deliberate violators of the earliest law on
the Divine Statute Book are not the best
guardians of public morality is evident on
the face of so-called Sunday papers. As
a rule they commence with a sufficient
modicum of religious reading to act like
Sam Slick, the Yankee clock peddlars
"Soft Sawder," to get them into our
homes, and like the same Sam they trust
to "human nature" that they stay there.
The Sunday reading becomes less and
less, and war news becoming scarce, their
places are supplied with sensational arti-
cles, the loudest kind of advertising, ex-
citing paragraphs, degenerating into
column after column of debasing literature
and records of immorality and crime,
which sometimes would shame a *Police
Gazette*. Divine authority tells us that
six days shaft thou labor and do all thy
work, leaving none for the Sabbath, but
one would think that the motto of the
majority of those who control Sunday
papers to be
Six days shaft thou work and do all thou art able,
On the seventh clean out our Augean stable.

Whatever may be the plea for starting
a Sunday paper, money making is the
motive power. That those who are in-
terested in the gallant defenders of our
North-West should receive our unquali-
fied sympathy and that the latest war
news should be as rapidly as possible
transmitted to such we admit, but the
milk of human kindness soon dries up
even among editors, and sympathy soon
frizzes out of its public expression, don't
pay financially, so with an eye to busi-
ness Sunday papers are good advertising
mediums, and are made to cater to the
requirements of business men and stock
brokers, with a fair share of wishy-washy
sentimentalities for the rest of their fami-
lies. The Sunday issues are generally
larger on this account. The Boston *Her-
ald* dailies are from four to six pages, on
the Sunday it is sixteen pages, seven-
teenths of which are filled with adver-
tisements. The New York *Herald* some-
times issues twenty-eight pages on a Sun-
day, twenty of which are advertisements
and the remainder filled with sensational
literature.

Toronto has been referred to by tour-
ists as one of the most law abiding cities
on this Continent, and when it gets rid of
its liquor drinking facilities, it will take
first rank, but if the thin edge of Sabbath
desecration is permitted to enter, it will
soon lose its character in this respect, and
as a centre of influence it will set a bad
example which will be too readily imi-
tated by smaller cities and towns.

We look to the press as our guardians
to secure to us the peaceful enjoyment of
all our rights and privileges, but if the
press itself desecrates our greatest bless-
ing, and prostitutes our Sabbath for
money making purposes, we cannot ex-
pect it to denounce other intrusions,
and if the press has a right to enhance its
financial interests on the Lord's day then
all others have an equal right. In To-
ronto not long ago a tonsorial artist was
found for clipping a gentleman's superflu-

ous locks on a Sunday morning. We
could hardly expect the printer to re-
prove the barber for his Sabbath break-
ing propensities. If it is right for the
printer and the barber, it ought to be
right for the merchant and the mechanic.
Elastic consciences will soon avail them-
selves of the opportunity, and the ulti-
matum will be a general disrespect for
the Sabbath and a generation of its desec-
ration.

A Sunday paper creates its own de-
mand and becomes popular with the mass
as a vehicle of gossip. To aid its cir-
culation all kinds of facilities will be uti-
lized and many incurred. One establishment
alone in New York issues 4,000,000 pages
every Sunday, which, considering editor-
ial and press work, carriage and distribu-
tion, involves a vast amount of labor for
some person, and consequently a sad
amount of Sabbath breaking. Should the
Sunday paper become a popular and a
permanent institution in this young and
growing Dominion it will necessitate Sun-
day trains. Sunday trains will soon be
adopted for Sunday excursions, so that
instead of the Sabbath being a day of
rest, one half of our people will be toiling
for the profit and amusement of the other
half. We think that the best cure for
the bite of a serpent is to kill the serpent
before it bites.

WM. HARRISON.

Richmond Hill, April 15th, 1885.

Australia Letter.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Australia is a great newspaper support-
ing country; some of the dailies here
have a large circulation. We Canadians
feel proud of the circulation of the *Globe*,
Mail or *Star*, but the *Age* of Melbourne
runs up to 55,000 daily and is sold for a
penny. The best paper I have yet seen
in the Colonies is the *Argus* of Mel-
bourne; it sells for twopence. The news
is almost all Australian, very few cable-
grams appearing in the columns on ac-
count of the great distance from England.
The editorial columns appear to me heavy
and labored; for a long time a person is
in doubt as to what the writer is driving
at; a person reads them not because he
likes them, but because he ought to.
There is nothing spicy, racy and fresh in
them, hence the leading articles by the
editor are read but very few.

One great feature of the Australians is
the crowding together into the cities in-
stead of tilling the soil. Melbourne con-
tains one-third of the whole population
of Victoria. The land system here has a
detrimental effect on the settlement of
the county districts. Some men own
land to the extent of 2,000 square miles.
These large farms are not farms here, but
Stations, and the owner is not a farmer,
but (I do not know the origin of the
term) a squatter. Nearly all the land is
devoted to sheep and cattle raising. One
station often feeds 200,000 or 300,000
sheep owned by one man.

I am firmly convinced that there is
no more money in Australia than in
Canada, but it is not nearly so evenly
distributed. While thousands are rolling
in wealth and luxury, there are thousands
again in abject poverty.

The city of Sandhurst, about 100 miles
north of Melbourne, is essentially a gold
mining town. A person standing on a
slight elevation can count scores of mines.
In fact it is the greatest gold mining dis-
trict in Australia. Some of the mines
are yielding immensely now, while others
are doing nothing. Some of the shafts
are more than 2,000 feet below surface.
I took a trip down a mine one day and
the courteous manager took pains to ex-
plain the formation of the different strata
there seen, and told me that although
then yielding nothing scarcely, he ex-
pected in about two weeks to "strike
oil," or something better than oil. A
yield of 1,000 oz. a week is given by some
mines. There have been many mines
started and sunk to the depth of 20 or 30
feet, then abandoned and left for a per-
son to tumble in on a dark night.

Sandhurst, originally called Bendigo,
although containing about 35,000 popula-
tion, has, I feel satisfied, twice as many
hotels as Toronto, with over 100,000
people. The temperance people here are
not nearly so strong as in Canada, and it
will be a long time before Temperance
Acts will be passed here as they are being
in Canada. Drink and gambling are both
indulged in to a very great extent, and
the evil effects are already noticeable.

The names of many places here are mus-
ical as our Indian names; for instance on
taking up a daily one sees despatches
from Woolloomooloo, Wallahallo, Temora,
Tooradin, &c., &c.

Like Americans, the Australians can
scarcely utter a sentence without using
slang expressions, some of which are very
inelegant, and others very suggestive, all
being different to the terms used by
American slangers.

Should I continue my remarks, I fear
this letter will not catch the boat, so for
the present adieu. I may give you more
news in a month or so.

G. M. P.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS

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it enslave. They who have drained it
find, alas! Too often early graves. It
sparkles to allure with its rich ruby
light. There is no antidote or cure,
only its course to fight. It
changes men to brutes; Makes
women bow their heads;
Fills homes with anguish,
wants, disputes, and
takes from children
bread. Then dash
the glass away and
flee; drink
pure cold
water
day
by
day,
and walk
God's footstool free.

ARTHUR MITCHELL.

Namaka, on C. P. R.

We send our boys to fight the rebels in
the North-West; with loving hands and
hearts we make them ready for the
journey; we provide for their comfort
as far as we can; and then sanction and
license a more cruel foe than the Half-
breeds to attack those that are left be-
hind. The rum curse is a thousand-fold
worse than the war curse. How many a
weeping parent has seen a loved and lov-
ing child, a bright and manly boy trans-
formed to a bloated carcass and gron down
withered and blaspheming to a drunkard's
grave, and there is no weeping mother
in Canada to-day, who would not a thou-
sand times rather bare her bosom to the
thunder-bolt flashed along the wires, tell-
ing her that her dear one had fallen by the
rebel's rifle on the North-West plains.
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JEFFERSON.

Since I last wrote, I cannot say our
burgh has improved much, but our busi-
ness has been a little more lively. There is
great excitement over the Rebellion. The
majority of our young men belong to the
Military, and would be glad to take part
in the defence of their country.

Mr. Flavell and family have left for
their new home in the West, and Mr.
Ryan, of King has moved into the Barz;
we wish them both success in their new
homes.

A deputation of some of the musical
talent of Oak Ridges and Jefferson as-
sisted by a number of Temperanceville's
fairest met at the residence of Mr. Jas.
Bark and executed some charming mu-
sic, both vocal and instrumental. A very
enjoyable evening was spent and the
deputation withdrew shortly before mid-
night.

Mr. Jas. Phillips of Saginaw city Mich-
igan, is on a visit with his relatives at
Bonds' Lake.

Mr. John Glancy of Elgin Mills has
left for Toronto where he intends re-
maining for the summer.

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us from Quebec, but it is nearly gone and
we do not want to be without it, as
my wife is troubled with a pain in the
shoulder, and nothing else gives relief.
Can you send us some?"