

AN OLD TROUBLE.

Our annual Fair is a thing of the past, but its effects are not so transient. Of the good which it has this year done, it is not our intention to speak. There is one point, however, in connection with it, to which we must refer. We mean the dissatisfaction, felt and expressed, with the decisions of the various judges. Of all the rare birds in this world, the rarest is the competitor who is content with a verdict adverse to himself. And yet in Agricultural Fairs, where the objects exhibited are usually so equal in merit, it is astonishing that there can be a human being so unreasonable as to be unable to account for a defeat on other grounds than partiality and injustice. No wonder that men are unwilling to accept so thankless a task as that of judge. Let him be ever so honest, ever so anxious to bestow prizes on the most deserving, his motives and knowledge and judgment are sure to be impugned. The exasperating part of this habit of fault-finding is that it seldom or never takes the tangible form of a specific charge backed up with evidence and proofs. Not the less does it tend to stunt and cripple the Fair. The officers of the Agricultural Society are, of course, powerless to act when nothing but hoie-in-the-corner talk and vague insinuations are offered for their consideration. Exhibitors would do well either to swallow their chagrin and disappointment in silence, or else proclaim their wrongs in the proper quarter, and be ready to substantiate the grievance of which they complain. Unless this is done, no attention ought to be paid to what, in the absence of all evidence, must be regarded as the outcome of that vanity to which man is so prone to fall victim.

A VILLAGE LOCK-UP.

Never was the necessity of a lock-up rendered more distressingly evident than on the 25th. On a moderate calculation, there were some twenty or thirty individuals in the village on Monday to whom a few hours incarceration would have been in the highest degree beneficial. But they were allowed to go unwhipped of justice just because the needful institution did not exist. However anxious those in authority may have been to preserve order, however determined to repress ruffianism, they realized that they were practically helpless. Of what use to arrest a noisy, pot-valiant lunatic, when there was no place in which to confine him? And yet arrest and confinement would have a magical effect on very many of those who were guilty of disturbing the peace, for the delinquents were by no means in every case lost to all feelings of shame and respectability. We are satisfied that the mere presence of a lock-up would have more effect in preventing idiotic fighting, or rather pretence of fighting, than twenty constables. We have a good opinion of our present Council's zeal and judgment for the public weal. We are well aware that, having due regard to economy, it has its hands full. We cannot, nevertheless, refrain from expressing the hope that before the return of many Queen's Birthdays, our village may be provided with that dismal but necessary building—a village lock-up.

WHEN?

When will Canada possess a reliable newspaper? We mean when will it have a journal the first principle of which shall be to give its readers, as far as possible, an accurate statement of all events which are of public importance? We fear that the present generation is not fated to see such a paper. As matters now are, if you tell us the name of a sheet, we know before a single line has appeared in its columns on any given subject what its line of argument (?) will be. Consider the case of the two great dailies of Toronto. Certainly they cannot be charged with lack of enterprise. Nor is ability wanting. But who that is possessed of even a small modicum of sense and discrimination would accept the version of either of them on any political question? What is good in an opponent is either minimized, or totally ignored. Yet if they would only give a rigid statement of what men do and say,

we should be in a position to test the justness of their editorials, and if we erred in our estimate of men and things, ours alone would be the fault. Partisanship, we hold, is as inseparable from man as is his shadow. But the partisanship which leads to systematic suppression of truth is rabid vindictiveness, equally destructive to all.

MAPLE.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. D. Johnston has moved into his new house on Maple Avenue, and is now a full-fledged citizen.

Mr. Jacob Line intends moving into the house which Mr. Johnston has just vacated.

Several of our enterprising townsmen are agitating for a new sidewalk on the northern part of Maine St. There is no doubt but it is needed, and we hope they will not only agitate, but succeed in carrying it out.

Messrs J. C. McQuarrie and H. Dick-out attended the District Meeting in Toronto last Thursday, in connection with the Methodist church of this place.

The Circuit has instructed the Rev. M. Fawcett to use his influence with the Conference in securing the services of a young man as his colleague for the next year.

Dr. W. Teasdale left here last week to take charge of a doctor's practice for three months, near Stratford.

Do not fail to see the Lacrosse Match, on the Fair Grounds, on Saturday afternoon. Brampton vs. Richmond Hill.

O. E. Cemstock, Caledonia, Minn., writes: I was suffering the most excruciating pains from inflammatory rheumatism. One application of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil afforded almost instant relief, and two bottles effected a permanent cure.

AURORA.

From our own Correspondent.

The 24th passed away very quietly in our village. Most of the pleasure-seekers went to Richmond Hill to see the Show.

The saw mill is being rapidly repaired since the boiler explosion. This is the third time Mr. Davis has met with the misfortune of losing the mill in a few years. It was twice burnt, and the cost of repairing the recent accident will be \$700 or \$800. The machinery had ceased working a few moments while undergoing some fixing when the explosion took place. Had every man remained at his post most of them would have been killed, as it was no one was seriously hurt.

The ladies have obtained a nice sum of money as well as other necessities for our boys in the North-West. The remaining part of the Company have orders to be ready at a moment's warning. They are drilling every evening.

Mr. Jos. Hall, architect of Unionville, has bought the residence of Mr. C. Thom, and will take possession this week. Mr. Hall is building several houses this summer in Aurora. Judging from the way he pushes business he will make himself the leading builder in this locality.

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