

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Pasture to let—G. W. Cummer.

The Liberal.

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THE MARKHAM "SUN" AND G. W. BADGEROW.

In its issue of May 28th, the Markham Sun treats Mr. Badgerow to nearly a column of senseless abuse. The language used to prove that that gentleman is exactly what a decent person is not, however short it may fall of its intention, affords incontestable evidence of the animus which pervades the illustrious journal which, as its proprietor has exultingly, if not truthfully, asserted, is read and copied in all parts of Canada and the United Kingdom. We shall not insult Mr. Badgerow by offering him sympathy in this storm of brick-bats. His fate is the fate of all who dare to raise a protesting voice against the Franchise Bill. His fate is the fate of all who think that the welfare of this country is of more importance than the continuance in power of the present Ottawa Cabinet, who refuse to tamely permit their undoubted rights to be wrested from them. To him is happening what has fallen to the lot of those who can see only the grossest moral obliquity of faction in a bill which would give the ignorant, helpless Indians the right of voting, while it disfranchises thousands of the most intelligent and industrious in the land. 'Dare to do right' is a maxim which requires just now no little courage. To smile and be a villain is much easier, and unfortunately much more lucrative.

Indeed, Mr. Badgerow ought to be highly elated at the Sun's urbane and graceful attack. Does he not know that that sheet is in the habit of singing the praises of the renowned Boulton? Would the member for East York desire aught but abuse from a paper which finds subject of admiration in Boulton? Would he wish to be put in the same category as—Faugh! we have penned the name twice, and we are thankful that disgust intervenes to prevent total asphyxiation.

We have now to ask the Sun why Conservative papers have not yet produced in their columns the Bill which they loudly declare to be good and just and true. Will it tell us how it comes that all the Independent papers, e. g., *The Week, World, News, of Toronto,* and the *Witness of Montreal,* have from its first appearance unsparingly condemned this measure? Will it tell us why Sir John Macdonald modified, amidst the jeers and cheers of the country, the infamous clauses the effect of which was to confer the franchise on Beardy, Poundmaker, Big Bear, Strike-him-on-the-back, and other worthies of equally high order? Will it tell us why the chieftain sought to allay popular fear and indignation by a cunning, worthless promise that the Revising Barristers should be, as far as possible, judges of the County Courts? Does the Sun wish us to believe that any government, possessed of one grain of astuteness would wittingly interfere with such a delicate and difficult matter as the Franchise, unless its consideration were actually forced on it?

We anticipate our contemporary's answers to the above queries, for they have already been settled at Ottawa. We know that the Bill will pass. We shall not be surprised if it effects in a great degree its object, which is to hopelessly cripple the Liberal party at the next election. Our consolation is that the people of Ontario will not be found less spirited than the wretched, misguided Metis, who with less provocation dared to take up arms in defence of their rights and liberties.

WATER VS. SWAGGER.

When a rough in Toronto, or other large place, indulges in any of his coarse pranks, he is promptly arrested, fined or imprisoned, and to his name, character and antecedents is given the greatest publicity by the city dailies. Now, while we can do little towards the attainment of the first part of the above procedure, we can tolerably fill the latter part of it. And we think that our duty to the public, especially to the public of this village, imperatively demands that we should perform as much of the programme as lies in our power. Fights which take place at Fairs and other large gatherings, are in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred ridiculous, disgraceful exhibitions of

profanity and cowardice. Look at the swaggering idiot, as he comes howling, stamping and plunging. He does not want to fight, funk is written in every line of his distorted features. He screams for blood, although a little water would make him as limp and quiet as a rag. He can thrash—well, every person except those who are near him or who he knows not only can but will fight. He dashes his clothes on the ground with most reckless disregard of his private property, he shouts out incoherent oaths and threats, and then he wilts as soon as approaches a man to whom he feels that his grotesque hectoring might prove offensive.

Now what is to be done with these cowardly brutes? We have no lock-up, and therefore we make the following suggestion: If our Council will make arrangements whereby these noisy bullies may be speedily seized, and subjected to the cleansing action of our fire engine, we undertake to give a minute and detailed account of the whole process of buck-washing. And our circulation is such that these disreputable lunatics will be sure to be recognized within a radius of ten miles in any direction from Richmond Hill. If the skulking hyenas ever did fight, it would be another matter. But as it is, we are convinced that a few gallons of water will be more than sufficient to obliterate the ugly havoc made by two or three glasses of beer.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRIES.

We have received a summary of the Report of the Bureau of Industries for May, based on information furnished by over six hundred correspondents. The agricultural prospects of 1885 are on the whole hopeful. The steadiness of last winter deprived, it to a great extent, of its power for harm, and we were prepared to learn that with favorable weather, the season promises to be of average goodness. Fall wheat has emerged in healthy condition. The reports on Winter rye, and on clover are equally assuring. Fruit trees are generally sound and vigorous, the only exception being the peach which suffered considerably from the frost.

In regard to stock, the want of fodder, due to the great length of winter, caused some damage. Distemper prevailed among horses in the western and south-western Counties. There has also been a large mortality among young pigs and lambs, caused by the severity of the weather at the time they were dropped.

The supply of farm labor this year is quite equal to the demand. Wages tend to be lower than they were last year. One reason of this is the enormous sale of self-binders, each of which is calculated to dispense with the service of four men in the very busiest season. Three thousand of these machines are said to have been sold last year, and this year the manufacturers expect to turn out eight thousand.

BETTING.

We were pleased to notice that very little money changed hands at the Lacrosse match played here last Saturday, in comparison with that of August 15th, of last year. It is to be hoped our citizens will discountenance as much as possible at all times, the evil practice of betting at our Lacrosse matches. If this amusement, harmless in itself, should be characterized by such scenes as frequently occur at horse-races where betting and pool selling are always in order, there would be a great tendency to lessen the popularity of our national game among us. There are always members of the betting fraternity who attend such places for the purpose of victimizing those who yield to their importunities and audacity, which in some cases, exceed all limits of decency. We would say, give to all such a wide berth, and it not encouraged, those cormorants and their occupation will soon be gone.

Incorrect.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: DEAR SIR,—In last week's issue of your paper, it was stated that I officiated at the marriage ceremony of Mr. Joshua Kaiser and Miss Hannah Boddy. Permit me to say the notice was incorrect, as such ceremony was not performed by me.

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