

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Oct. 22, '85

A GLEAM OF SUNSHINE.

Never, in the annals of the Canadian press, was the spirit of discussion so rife, so spirited and so impatient of restraint as at the present day. There are not wanting signs which indicate that many organs, long the slaves of a hide-bound partizanship, will speedily throw off the irksome yoke, and thenceforth speak, not what will please party, but what the public interests demand. We by no means attribute this flush of independence wholly to the awakening of proprietors and editors from the hideous nightmare which has so long oppressed them, although, without doubt, this is a potent factor in the grand product. But we are convinced that men are sick of trades of abuse of political opponents, and they are weary of drivelling adulation of political friends. It is beginning to be felt that truth is in inverse ratio to extravagance of language. We are all, it is true, weltering in a sea of mud, but if dry land is ever to be reached, our efforts must not be directed solely to pulling those who differ from us deeper down than we are ourselves. As matters have been, he whose patriotism prompted him to build a raft whereon even a few interests might be protected was pretty sure to be brained with the timbers of his well-intended contrivance, dashed to pieces by those whose cry is ever, 'kill, kill,' but never, 'save, save.'

Setting aside all that has been written and said from motives of gain or from others equally dishonorable, men and newspapers have habitually made the tremendous mistake of supposing that belief in principles entails of necessity acquiescence, and much more, in every act of the conspicuous champions of these principles. This is an error, happily for the well-being of the community, almost entirely limited to the domain of politics. There is no society, religious or secular, which does not purge itself of members who have become notorious violators of its laws. In the political compact alone, it is taken for granted that every misdeed of a friend must be ignored or condoned, and that every wise or virtuous act of a foe must be flouted and misrepresented. The result of this is not astonishing. Tell the average Conservative that some head of his party has been guilty of a flagrant wrong, produce the most irrefragable evidence of that wrong, he is incredulous, and is content with no better answer than that the Grits are indulging in their favorite pastime of lying and slandering. Tell the average Liberal that his party has been prostituting its power to some foul political exigency, he laughs scornfully, and dismisses the charge with hot words on Tory scoundrelism. And so it has come about that we are a nation of liars and calumniators.

The pertinent question here is, for whose good is this truth-killing state of affairs? Who derive a benefit from this total and humiliating abnegation of reason and honor? The small, but still too large, army of placemen, contractors and political pikes. For these, and for these alone, are the emoluments which flow from the people's ignorant enthusiasm and party prejudice.

That it is high time for a change of all this few can deny. And we repeat that there are more than one indication of this change. That our wish is not father to this thought, witness the outspoken discontent of the Orange body. Unflinching supporters of Sir John A. Macdonald through all his chequered career, at last this association seems to be on the point of demanding the why and wherefore of their unflinching allegiance. The Riel business is the little leaven which, if Orangemen are freemen and not slaves, will leaven the whole mass.

Or again, consider the hold which *The Week* of Toronto is rapidly gaining on the thinking public. Wrongly or rightly, this journal continues to discuss questions, not in their relations to the political chances or standing of any man or set of men, but in their relations to the interests of the country. Wrongly or rightly, this journal continues to mete out, with certainly no perceptible bias, to our public men praise or censure, which, in not a few cases, is now ad-

mitted to be even-handed justice. Of course, one consequence of this line of conduct has been that a deluge of frantic abuse occasionally falls on *The Week*. But within the circle of our own cognizance, we are glad to say that *The Week* is steadily growing in favor,—in other words, that partizan howling and ranting are giving place to dispassionate argument and calm consideration.

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It is demonstrated by history that the Ancients in many of the arts, notably architecture, far excelled the present age, but it is reserved for the present decade to produce the eighth wonder of the world, i.e., West's World's Wonder or Family Liniment, which is infallible for Rheumatism, Sprains, Cuts, Bruises, Sores and all diseases requiring external application. Price 25 cents and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by Sanderson Bros., Druggists, Richmond Hill.

MAPLE.

From our own Correspondent.

Last Friday afternoon our village put on holiday attire and turned out to witness a lacrosse match between the 2nd twelve of the Young Canadians, of Richmond Hill, and our home team—the Maple Leafs. Arrangements had been made with the Young Dominions, of Aurora, but they disappointed the boys at the last moment. However the match proved very exciting to all, every game being well contested, especially the 1st and 2nd. Our boys played a plucky game, but they lack that splendid team play which characterizes the Young Canadians, and which has so often brought victory to Richmond Hill. The games were all in favor of the visitors. Time 12, 24 and 4 minutes respectively. The best of feeling prevailed throughout the match, and the thanks of the Maple Leafs is due the Young Canadians for their kindness in coming out on such short notice.

In the evening a concert was given in the Masonic Hall by the lacrosse club, which was a success both financially and otherwise. Space will not permit us giving a full account of the performance, but suffice to say all passed off very satisfactorily. We cannot pass, however, without noticing the excellent singing of Messrs. Stewart and the Hardy Bros., of Woodbridge, which brought down the house and kept it in roars of laughter. The Teston String Band also deserve a fair share of praise for their excellent playing.

Politics in our village appears to be running pretty high. An official of her majesty, not living forty miles from here, became so excited one morning last week that he boarded the train, leaving behind him a tin box containing many valuable articles. However the general station agent kept it safe till the return train brought its owner.

The Missionary services in connection with the Methodist Church were held on Monday evening last. Speeches were delivered by Revs. Rankin and Briggs, of the Methodist Book Room. Both dwelt very forcibly on the necessity of liberally contributing to the missionary cause. Rev. M. Fawcett read the annual report, which was very encouraging. The chair was ably filled by J. C. McQuarrie, Esq.

J. C. McQuarrie goes to Toronto next week to attend grand jury.

Mr. A. Lahmer, who was so badly injured by being thrown out of his wagon on the Esplanade, Toronto, while his horses were running away, is recovering very rapidly, and will soon be around again.

Mr. J. E. Clubine, Head Master of our schools, has been re-engaged for next year.

Cholera and all summer complaints are so quick in their action that the cold hand of death is upon the victims before they are aware that danger is near. If attacked do not delay in getting the proper medicine. Try a dose of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, and you will get immediate relief. It acts with wonderful rapidity, and never fails to effect a cure.

THORNHILL

From our own Correspondent.

The Salvation Army are managing very nicely under their lady officers. There is less beating of the drum on Sundays, and the sale of the *War Cry* is not pushed with such vigor on that day. If both practices were stopped altogether on Sundays, it would be a still greater improvement. Also we might suggest the closing of the doors at certain times of the services, so that better order, attention and interest could be maintained, and those present be greatly benefited.

With the rise in the price of barley last week, three of the farmers, whose farms join each other, appeared to be very anxious to have the grain threshed, so three steamers were engaged, and all working the same day made quite a demand for hands.

Would like to know when the overseer for Vaughan side of our village is going to repair the sidewalks.

Mr. T. C. Perchard, public school teacher, Norland, writes: "During the fall of 1881 I was troubled with biliousness and dyspepsia, and part of the time was unable to attend to the duties of my profession. Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure was recommended to me, and I have much pleasure in stating that I was entirely cured by using one bottle. I have not had an attack of my old complaint since, and I have gained fifteen pounds in weight."

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