

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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EAST YORK.

It is pretty generally understood that the office left vacant by the death of Mr. Fenton will be filled at the close of the present session of the legislature by Mr. Badgerow, the member for East York. Mr. Badgerow will make a first class county attorney, and at his hands the duties of the office will be faithfully discharged. In the meantime, however, he will continue to represent his constituents. The names of several aspirants for the representation of the riding have been freely mentioned, among others that of Mr. G. B. Smith, wholesale merchant, of Toronto. Mr. Smith has done considerable work for the Reform party, and when he was in the City Council he made a capital alderman. That he would prove an acceptable successor to Mr. Badgerow is certain. There is always the argument that constituencies should select local men, as in this way the true sense and sentiment of the country are brought out. But it is generally the case that constituencies contiguous to great centres are disposed to come into the city for a representative man of the party. This may prove to be the way the East York Reformers will take.

In reference to the above editorial from the Toronto Telegram, we have only to state that it voices the opinion of the other city papers, of the Markham Economist, and also of the Richmond Hill Liberal. If we are to have a local candidate, it will be made known. If not, we want no heeler, for the services rendered by such an individual are sure to have been disreputable and consequently injurious to the party. Now a heeler is exactly what Mr. G. B. Smith is not. He is a sound Reformer, but his partizanship is of the kind found in the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, and the Hon. Edward Blake. It may lapse into mistakes, but never into dishonesty.

OUR NEW OFFICER.

The proposal to have one man to take care of our school-buildings and also of the village generally is good, and we warmly endorse the action which the Board of Education has taken in the matter.

It will now be quite within the limits of economy to secure the services of a really good man, and on the selection of a proper person depends the success of the scheme. He should be capable in the widest meaning of that word. He must be made to distinctly understand that his position is no sinecure, and that a full and adequate return must be given for his salary. Part of his work can be clearly defined, but part of it also must depend on his intelligence and honesty of purpose. Our Council cannot be expected to inform him of the hundred and one little jobs which in every village require prompt attention. Not the less should they be done well and quickly.

There is one point to which we desire to make special reference. The general overseer of the village is to be a constable with power to arrest on the spot. In this way many nuisances could be swept away. Among others, we might mention the nightly congregation of troops of boys who are a shame and disgrace to this community. They assemble before shops, they indulge in profane and obscene talk, they indulge in rascally tricks, and at a time when they ought to be in bed, they engage in making night hideous.

This is but one of many evil practices which it can be put in the power of the new official to stop. We sincerely trust that our Council will lay special stress on this most important consideration.

AN INCIDENT.

Under the above heading the Montreal La Patrie, Mayor Beaugrand's paper, has the following:—

"The Lafontaine Club of Ottawa, that receptacle of all that is servile in the capital, whose sole cause of existence is the periodical need of certain ministers of having a cheap ovation, furnished a little triumph for Hon. Mr. Chapleau. The Ottawa Citizen is so glowing that it talks of an unparalleled success, of an indescribable enthusiasm. But unfortunately, the Ottawa Free Press mentions a small incident which is indeed significant.

At about a quarter past nine, says the Free Press, in the midst of one of the grandest oratorical flights of the Secretary of State, when the applause of the clique was about to break forth, a cry of fire was heard. At once, a crowd rushed out to see

where was the fire, and at the corner of George and Dalhousie streets saw this. Suspended to a telegraph pole, and swaying in all directions, was an effigy carefully prepared and strangely like the speaker of the evening. The effigy was six feet high, had on a blue vest, white trousers adorned with lilies, and a Lafontaine tuque on its head.

On its breast was a placard with the words, 'Chapleau the Hangman.' It was burning fiercely. This little incident threw a damper over the proceedings, for it was evident, says the Free Press, that the Bleu ministers are not so popular in lower town (the French part of Ottawa) as they formerly were."

DEMOCRACY.

The democratic wave continues to run higher and higher. So far as its impetus is due to a wish for the sterling amelioration of workmen, its tendency is good. Unfortunately, however, the present agitation has in it not a little of the socialistic element, which is a euphemistic way of saying that it has a large admixture of rank blackguardism. Herein will be found the substantial reason for the general lack of co-operation of the respectable class in the labor movement.

When labor is discontented, it is pretty sure to vent its spleen on capital, that is, on those who are possessed of wealth, be it money or land. It never pauses to think that not more than one capitalist out of ten are really successful in business. When success, moreover, has been achieved, labor is apt to attribute it to any cause but the right one. If labor would only consider that in the case of the vast majority of fortunes, a whole lifetime, often several lifetimes, has been devoted to their accumulation, its frantic outcry against the rich would cease. It would further consider that thrift, industry, morality and intelligence are essential to all prosperity, it would doubtless find other grounds for its misery than the oppression of the rich.

It is indisputable that in England, for instance, a great part of the suffering of the working classes is due, if not to actual intemperance, at least to the right which the poor man claims to have his glass of beer. Now this is not a case of right at all, but one of simple arithmetic. How can a man who earns only five shillings a day, afford to spend one on what at best is a luxury? Leaving out of the question the moral consideration, it must be conceded by all that if the vast sums of money which are annually expended for liquor were spent on men's houses, the decrease of misery among the poor would be enormous.

It cannot be denied, however, that the greed of capital has been guilty of terrible wrong. The statutes of England, and of our own country, contain a sad commentary on the baseness of lucre. Here, too, the working classes have practically the remedy in their own hands. In the election of Joseph Arch to the British House of Commons, they would appear to be conscious of the true mode of obtaining redress. Unfortunately the masses, especially when ignorant, are gullible in the extreme, and all rascaldom is ever in conspiracy to cheat them out of what should be theirs. It is a discouraging fact that popular wrongs are always coterminous with credulity, for credulity, which is but another name for supine ignorance, abounds everywhere.

The political significance of the present democratic movement is of doubtful omen. If it aims at making men thoughtful, steady and industrious, if it thus aims at rendering them fit to take an intellectual part in government affairs, its object must prove beneficial. If, however, its motive is only to take away from those who have in order to give to those who have not, all intelligence and respectability should firmly withstand it. Dirt is always dirt, and it is too much to ask a rational being to grow enthusiastic over the special kind with which he is to be bespattered.

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