

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

Notice—John Boyd.  
Public Notice—J. M. Lawrence.  
Notice to readers—G. W. Badgerow & Co.  
Dyeing and Cleaning Works—Mr. Fontaine.  
Change—B. Grennan.

**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Mar. 11, '86.

**VILLAGE CARETAKER.**

We congratulate the Council on the choice which they made of a man to act as general caretaker of the village. Mr. Brownlee has all the requisite qualities to discharge to the full all that such an officer is expected to do. This is the second week in which he has acted, and from all quarters, from villagers, school teachers, &c., we hear nothing but words of praise and satisfaction. We wish Mr. Brownlee everything good in his new career.

**EAST YORK.**

The expected vacancy in East York is beginning to attract attention. It is said that Mr. James, Reeve of Markham, is spoken of as a candidate. Mr. Bruce's name has also been mentioned. In fact the locally ambitious are egot. So far as others are concerned, by far the most prominent is Mr. G. B. Smith, of Toronto, of whom the *Globe* last week said:

"Messrs. G. B. Smith & Partners, wholesale dry goods merchants, 39 Front Street West, have proved to be one of the distinguished financial successes of Canada. They claim to cut rather under current prices, and make up the loss on profits by buying for cash and selling only to sound merchants, and although they give the average terms of credit, they seldom lose by bad debts. The principal partner in the firm, Mr. G. B. Smith, commenced business with very little capital in St. Mary's, South Perth, in the fall of 1862. He then built up one of the largest retail businesses in that part of the county, and amassed a handsome fortune, which has evidently increased rapidly since his removal to Toronto in 1875. Through his active business life, Mr. Smith has always taken a lively interest in public affairs, as shown by his work on the Volunteer Reception Committee last summer, and the previous summer by his active exertions as Chairman of the Mowat Reception Committee. His zeal in the city's interests could not be better attested than by the strong effort made by the St. Thomas' Ward people to induce him to remain in the City Council when he announced his intention of retiring."

**THE LICENSE QUESTION.**

The proposal of our Provincial Government to raise the licenses of those who would engage in the liquor traffic, has occasioned some little hub-bub. It is admitted on all hands that in as much as the Provincial revenue is stationary, while the expenditure necessarily increases with time, some means must be taken to make up the deficiency. But the proposed increase in license-fees is objected to on the ground that the municipalities will thereby be the losers. We might radically reject this objection on the broad ground that in Canada to-day the vast majority of the people hold that to permit or encourage a dangerous business merely for the sake of deriving a revenue is unwise, uncharitable, and unchristian. But the proposed action of the Ontario Government need not interfere at all with municipal finances. The profits in the liquor trade are enormous. If very few of those who carry on the business fail to make a competency, the failure is due solely to the terrible temptations which surround them, and to which they so very often succumb.

Let municipalities, therefore, abate no jot of the fee which they now impose on the keepers of public houses. If this has the effect of closing some hotels, not only teetotalers, but even many of those who drink, will rejoice. If it raises whiskey to ten cents a glass, they will rejoice still more. For we may rest assured that if resort to direct taxation is one of the things to be, the people of Ontario will insist on the last farthing being levied on alcohol and tobacco before they will suffer the necessities of life to be burdened.

**THE GOVERNMENT AND RIEL.**

The struggle at Ottawa promises to be of the most interesting kind. On the one side is a Government strong in numbers, but weak in ability, and altogether destitute of character. On the other side is an opposition numerically weak, but abounding in intellectual and moral force. The power of the Govern-

ment is not to be measured by what meets the eye. Beneath the surface, yet at times cropping forth, is a gigantic mesh-work of corruption in conspiracy. This it is, which, conjoined with the prostration of Canadians in all that pertains to the political interests of Canada, makes us despair of a near break in the prevailing darkness. And we confess that the assurance that the people are sound at heart gives us little comfort.

Just now interest in the affairs of the Dominion is narrowed down to the coming debate on Riel. Already Sir John Macdonald has shown a crooked hand. He has engaged one of his stiffest supporters, Mr. Ph. Landry, of Montmagny, to move what purports to be a vote of censure on the Government for the execution of Riel, but which is only a pretext to enable it, not to clear its skirts, but to make possible the return of the bolting Bleus into the Conservative camp. But here Sir John will be foiled, for an abler than he has determined otherwise. The Hon. Edward Blake is resolved that the Liberals in Parliament will give no expression of opinion until a most exhaustive investigation shall afford them the necessary light.

Every paper and document which bear on the subject have been asked for, and will be asked for until they are produced or flatly refused. To refuse would be an ugly business, but already Sir John has begun to make promises fraught with many conditions. Here it must be kept in mind that Sir John still has at his back a sufficient number of those who in return for substantial favors will recoil at nothing which he may propose. But if the Hon. Edward Blake succeeds in accomplishing nothing else, he will at least have the satisfaction of holding up to the gaze of Canada the true inwardness of the North-West Rebellion.

Meanwhile Sir John delays, for he has much to prepare before entering on a conflict in House. His organs in Ontario are preaching a crusade against French domination, notwithstanding that a very short time ago they were wont to soundly rate Liberals for hinting at such a thing. His organs in Quebec are all intent on exhibiting the hatred which, they assert, English-speaking Liberals entertain towards the French. When sufficient Protestant bigotry has been engendered in Ontario, and when sufficient Catholic bigotry has been engendered in Quebec, then Sir John will give the command to fire. A cunning course this, a characteristic course this of him who is a laughing stock when he enters the arena of legitimate statesmanship, but who towers high above all in the judicious distribution of the public money for the retention of power.

**TEMPERANCEVILLE.**

From an occasional Correspondent.  
MR. EDITOR:—Allow me a little space in your paper for a few words from Temperanceville.

Well, I must say there have been many changes since the days when our school was successfully taught by such gentlemen as Dr. Rutherford, of Aurora, and later on by Dr. Culter, of the same place, Dr. Willmot, now in Charlotte, Mich., Dr. W. Tracey, now practicing in Westfield, Mass., and yourself. Since that time many of the scholars have grown to be men and women, and are scattered around in different parts of the world; some have passed away, but those who are left look back on our school days when the boys used to frolic, and say, what a jolly time we had.

We cannot forget the days passed in the old school house, even to the powder explosion. In those days a lady teacher could not have held the fort. Now we have a comfortable school house, a good attendance of pupils, who are instructed by an accomplished and painstaking female—Miss Wallace—whose services are much appreciated.

Our store and post office changed hands last fall. Mr. W. Butler is the present proprietor, who is doing a good business, and has the good wishes of the community. He is very accommodating with his many patrons.

We regret to say that Mr. Jno. Beynon, sr., met with an accident a couple of weeks ago. While engaged in butchering pigs his knife slipped, and cut his hand severely.

Mrs. Norman Doan has been visiting her old friends around here.

Drawing gravel and wood is the principal work around here just now.

Mr. Richard Thomas pulled down his old stable last summer and built a new one, and moved his barn, making them much more convenient than they were before. He intends building a new house before long, as he says it is almost impossible to keep his wife and family comfortable such winters as these.

Rev. Mr. Savage has been holding meetings in the church on the town line, and has now commenced in the brick church, where the members are expecting a most successful series of meetings.

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