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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, June 2, '87

**LABOR'S VAGARIES.**

There are not wanting signs that the disputes between capital and labor are rapidly approaching a crisis. In Belgium, in Great Britain, in our own Canada, the working class is loudly protesting against wrongs both real and imaginary. The more sharply the pinch of poverty is felt, the more violent are the demonstrations of the sufferers. Where the country is congested with population, peace is secured only by armed force. A frail truce is maintained, but the flames of discontent burn all the more fiercely because for a time they are repressed.

It would have been strange, had not the politician managed to utilize the elements that jar society to its centre. Unfortunately for labor, it looks for a panacea in legislation, and in flying to this resource, its weakness is painfully conspicuous. Never yet has there been widespread, human suffering without the demagogue reaping a harvest. And in its blind, unguided, inarticulate rage, the glib tongue of quack and shark finds a rich soil of gullibility. In dire distress, one eagerly catches at straws, and it is notoriously true that the misery caused by present ills is only too apt to precipitate the sufferers into ills still greater.

One fact in the chaotic struggle stands forth in striking prominence. The workingman's candidate has almost invariably been a fraud of the most hypocritical kind. Another equally plain fact is that a personal knowledge of misery by no means begets a desire to alleviate misery. Wealth is no respecter of persons in the exercise of its deadening influences. And least able of all does he appear to be to resist the glamour of wealth who manages to escape from the thrall of poverty.

Quite evident is it also that so long as men prefer the shibboleth of party to the unvarnished tale of truth, they will continue to augment their ills. It is absurd to contend that the poor man has received more from one party than from another. If Conservatives have opposed him in the guise of the aristocrat, so have the Liberals opposed him in the guise of the capitalist. In England, for example, tradespeople are to a great extent Liberals in politics. How far their political views induce them to be at least fair to their fellow-creatures may be inferred from the zeal with which they play the toady to the lord, and from the inhuman callousness with which they cut down the wages of their laborers below even starvation figures.

Of one thing we are convinced. Until men realize the value of Thrift, Toil and Temperance, and make these three T's the foundation of the conduct of life, looking to acts of parliament for alleviation of their woes will meet with disappointment after disappointment, until, in their wild desperation, they will get that opinion of those in power and of those in wealth, that led to the satanic tribunals of the French Revolution. To say that man has not to-day in him all that is required for re-enacting those unspeakable scenes is to shut our eyes to what stares us full in the face. The ballot-box may or may not be an instrument for good. In the hands of rogues and fools, it only serves to perpetuate the misery of the latter. When reformation sets in with ourselves, then, and then only, may we reasonably expect its extension abroad.

**THE SENSATIONAL PREACHER**

To-day true religion has more to fear from sensational preachers than from the followers of Voltaire, Tom Paine, Colonel Ingersoll, and all others of that stripe. The sensational preacher is a curse to the community. He is a constant menace to the best influence of the Bible. He resorts to slang, to gossip, to gross exaggeration, to crass ignorance it only it be antithetical. His desire is not to inculcate truth, but to astound and to make laugh. And unfortunately his efforts are frequently rewarded with outbursts of applause and noisy merriment. Too often the conviction holds that the pulpit is occupied by some monnebank or ward politician. Never can we forget the effect produced on us

by the story of a man who narrated to an admiring audience how on one occasion his minister told his congregation that although he was averse to fighting, 'Yet', he exclaimed, as he struck a slugger Sullivan attitude, 'If a man corners me, you bet he will find me there.'

To such a degree does the age demand stimulant. Once the sensational preacher was a rare exception. Now he begins to abound. Imitators are springing up on every side. Even Toronto can make the bad boast of possessing more than one of the worthies. As they increase, reverence and devoutness will disappear. The men of might for good, the Punshons, the Spurgeons, the Farrars, and the McLeods, will be held slow and heavy by those who have imbibed a taste for the grotesque, the exaggerated and the meretricious.

It is bad enough, in all truth, when a man of piety and ability is encumbered by idiosyncrasies of lowering tendency. Infinitely worse is it when shallow-brained thirsters for notoriety ape those idiosyncrasies while they do not possess a jot of the learning and the zeal and the godliness that alone render extravagant peculiarities or unfortunate defects tolerable. Decency is everywhere inculcated in the scriptures, and sensational preaching is antipodian to decency.

**THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

It is certainly not encouraging to the Richmond Hill and Yonge St. Agricultural Society to find their finances in their present condition. An abstract from the secretary's book reveals the fact that over \$300 above the actual receipts are required to meet the necessary expenses. The reason is not far to seek when we learn that last year's receipts at the gate were upwards of \$480, whereas this year the gate receipts netted only a trifle over \$80. Had the day been fine there was every prospect for a most successful spring exhibition. The much needed rain, however, which kept hundreds away from the village on that day, being the sole cause of the failure, should stimulate the well-wishers of the fair to put their shoulders to the wheel, and make every effort to place the society on the firm foundation which it occupied previous to the 24th of May last. We trust that the committee appointed to devise means to settle the matter with the prize-takers and other claimants, so as not to be detrimental to the honor of the directors, may be successful in their undertaking.

Under the circumstances we think that all fair-minded people, and especially those who wish the exhibition to be continued will be satisfied to accept a percentage of their claims. The village council are being put to considerable expense in repairing the Park which was greatly damaged on that day, but if they can see their way clear to abandon their claim for rent, we believe such a decision would meet with the approbation of a majority of the citizens. It is to be hoped that all honorable means will be used to keep the society from removing the Fair to other quarters.

**The Markets.**

TORONTO Thursday June 2, 1887	
Wheat, fall, per bushel	82 to 83
Wheat, spring, do	82
Barley, do	40 5
Oats, do	33 35
Peas, do	51 52
Rye, do	—
Clover Seed, do	—
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	6 75 7 00
Beef, fore quarters	4 50 5 00
Beef, hind quarters	7 50 8 20
Chickens, per pair	60 75
Ducks, do	65 80
Geese, each	60 60
Turkeys, each	1 50 2 9
Butter, pound rolls	25 25
Butter, tub dairy	00 55
Eggs, fresh, per doz	14 15
Potatoes, per bag	90 1 00
Apples, per bbl	2 50 3 25
Onions, green, per bag	1 75 2 00
Cabbage, do	40 60
Calliflower, do	— 60
Celery, do	40 60
Turnips, per bag	35 40
Carrots, do	50 50
Hay, per ton	9 00 15 00
straw, per ton	6 00 10 50

  

RICHMOND HILL Thursday June 2, 1887	
Oats, per bushel	80 30 32
Peas, do	0 50 7 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	0 00 7 00
Beef, fore quarter	0 00 5 00
Beef, hind quarter	8 00 0 00
Chickens, per pair	0 30 40
Ducks, do	0 60 75
Geese, each	0 50 60
Turkeys, per lb	0 9 10
Butter, pound rolls	0 14 0 00
Butter, large rolls	0 12 12 1/2
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	0 10 0 00
Potatoes, per bag	0 00 1 00
Apples, per bbl	2 00 2 50
Onions, green, per bush.	1 25 1 50
Cabbage, per doz	0 30 0 60
Celery, do	— 60
Turnips, per bag	0 30 0 40
Carrots, do	0 50 0 50
Beans, per peck	0 4 0 50
Flour, spring, per bbl	— 4 5
Flour, fall, per bbl	4 10 4 5
Hay, per ton	8 0 1 00
straw, per ton	— 10 50

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