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**The Liberal.**

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**MR. BLAKE'S RETIREMENT.**

There can be no doubt that the Hon. Edward Blake has resigned the leadership of the Liberal Party to resume it no more. The reason given for his withdrawal is an illness of grave and threatening nature. The reason is good and sufficient. Yet we cannot but think that the bodily ailment is but the outward sign of a deeply wounded mind.

Mr. Blake is a proud and sensitive man. It is as natural for him to embrace honor as it is for the footpad to assail honesty. When he entered, more than fifteen years ago, public life, he was armed as perfect knight. A high, chivalrous heart, an ever vigilant conscience, a mind broad and deep, and a tongue fluent and wonderfully eloquent—such were the endowments of him who freely and generously offered his services to the country.

Not one act, not one word has ever belied the high promise. Faithfully, unreservedly, through good report as through evil, he continued to labor for Canada. It is true his enemies sought by calumny and disparagement to nullify the vast influence that he was sure to exert. But already the slanderers have retracted, and the envious have ceased to hiss. For it was long ago discovered that there was a much more effective weapon against a man of Mr. Blake's nature. That weapon was money. And money has been so lavishly, so successfully employed that crime and shame and ignominy have ceased to terrify the electorate. The Ottawa cabinet is but a figure-head under which sharpers and monopolists ply their tools. The public conscience is debauched; the representatives of the people do nothing but register the will of one-man power. Small wonder that Grip pictures the Ottawa majority as a trained pig, whose sole claim to recognition is the grunting zeal that it displays in executing the dirty tricks of its master.

Mr. Blake fell on evil times. He fought long and well. Compared with him, his opponents have been mere hair-brain tricksters. Mr. Blake sought power by appealing to all that is best in his countrymen; Sir John Macdonald sought and gained power and held it by appealing to all that is most sordid. The latter has proved the victor. But woe to the victor, and woe to those who aided him to gain the victory.

The loss to the Liberals is, for the time at least, irremediable. It is idle to speak of a successor to him who had not even one second. Whether the Opposition be lead by provinces, or as a unit with, for instance, the Hon. Mr. Laurier at the head, is now practically beside the question. He who is shameless and extravagant and unscrupulous, and by means of gold can transmute shamelessness and extravagance and unscrupulousness into a bolus palatable to the public maw, he will hold the reins of power. So be it. But we need not American Emerson's assurance that things refuse forever to be mismanaged.

Much as Liberals deplore the retirement of Mr. Blake, Conservatives still more deeply mourn his loss; not, indeed, those who for selfish purposes call themselves Conservatives and are the vile instruments in the hands of a flash leader for cheating fair-play. But Conservatives generally who are as true to country as are Liberals. In our own ranks there swarms a pestiferous brood, willing and anxious to rise as their enemies have risen. We shall only fully estimate the greatness of our misfortune should these fellows succeed in grasping the lines which he in whom is nothing base has dropped. Better for the Liberals to remain forever in opposition than gain power by the tactics of a Mercier or of an Edgar. Canada ought to find herself surfeited of such gentry by the time she gets through with a Macdonald and a Tupper.

Now is not the time for computing the scope and greatness of Mr. Blake's work. A lofty soul has been stung to the quick by having forced on it the certainty that its pearls have been given to swine. His high witness to the truth has been more than offset by foul gibes and vulgar sneers. He must be content to wait the issue, knowing full well that his works will live after him.

**A DECIDED CHANGE.**

The recent votes taken in the Dominion Parliament in reference to temperance legislation show that rapid strides have been made in educating the public mind on this important question. Two years ago when an amendment was proposed favoring the allowance of wine and beer in Scott Act Counties, it was only defeated by the narrow majority of eight votes. Temperance advocates will be pleased to learn that the sentiment in the House has changed to the extent that a similar amendment was lost last Monday by a majority of ninety. If this really shows the true feeling of the House and the country on the subject, the men and women who have worked at the helm for years may well feel encouraged to continue in their agitation. An amendment to repeal the Scott Act was also defeated by one hundred and eight. The members evidently intend to give the Act a fair trial.

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**Springhill.**

From our own Correspondent.

The Ironsides of Springhill played a football match with the Maple Leafs of Maple, on Saturday the 11th inst. For the first half time the play was very spirited. The Ironsides won the first and only game. During the last half time neither side scored a game. The return match is to be played at Springhill on Saturday the 18th inst. Encourage the boys.

The Eversley Cheese factory has been purchased by a joint stock company, composed of the farmers in the neighborhood. The making and selling of the cheese is entrusted to John Ness, Esq. John is giving universal satisfaction. The quantity of milk brought daily to the factory is much in excess of that of last year.

Our energetic shoe maker, A. Irvine, has opened a branch office in Maple at Richardson's hotel, where he takes orders and repairing. Andy, although a politician during election times attends strictly to business as soon as the fever subsides. It is our boast that for sewed work his equal is not to be found between the two lakes.

The work of turn piking and gravelling the roads around Springhill is entrusted to Wm. Ross Esq., Path-Master.

Mr. Jas. Bolton, has moved his family into the house lately occupied by Mr. A. Magill and family.

A new picket fence is being erected in front of the new parsonage. Would it not be well to make a move in this line around the school house?

What is the senior football team of Springhill doing this year?

If you want to see the greatest football tournament of the season, attend the monstrous picnic to be held at Eversley Dominion Day. If you have any conceit in pitching quoits put in an appearance at the same place. If you are fleet of limb, come and carry away some of the prize money. If you wish to treat your neighbor's daughter to I-scream or any of the delicacies of the season bring her to Eversley, as all these necessary adjuncts to a picnic will be provided by Mr. John Black.

The Vellore celebration having ceased, the Eversleyites may expect a grand rally. A magnificent platform is in the course of erection. A live committee.

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**Thornhill**

From our own Correspondent.

The crops in this vicinity are very promising; the farmers look well pleased with the situation.

Business is satisfactory to the merchants and mechanics in the village.

The Rev. Mr. Keefer gave two lectures in the Methodist Church last week on Temperance, to good audiences. The singing by Little Fairy was much appreciated.

Mr. Parker, from Toronto, who has taken up his residence in our village, is making substantial improvements to his property.

Bishop Sweetman held a Confirmation Service last Sunday, when six candidates were confirmed. The service of song was greatly assisted by the choir of the Methodist Church, and was much appreciated by the large congregation.

Rev. Mr. Hicks, from Colorado, formerly of this village, conducted the services in the Methodist Church last Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Gallanough met with an accident last week, having his hand hurt, being thrown from a conveyance on his way from the city.

Now is the time for pic-nics; the different churches are making preparations for their annual gatherings.

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