

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, June 13, '89

**MAKING BAD WORSE.**

After the Village Council had met as a Court of Revision, we gave a true report of their proceedings, as copied from the minute book of the Village Clerk. That the account was correct in every particular can be testified to by the large number of people, of both sides of politics, who attended the court. Why The Herald did not even hint at the proceedings we are at a loss to know, except it thought in this particular case the truth had better be withheld. No further comment was necessary to show that the assessor had failed in the proper discharge of his duties, and having stated this fairly we made up our mind to leave the verdict with the people. But as The Herald, in its last two issues, shows a disposition to clear him of all blame, by upbraiding us, we feel it our duty to again refer to the subject. Did we think the editor of that paper was writing the articles on his own responsibility we would not again bring the assessor's name before the public, but as this famous duet frequently happened to be in each other's company about the time those articles were written we naturally infer that they understood each other.

Two weeks ago the following appeared in its editorial.

"A week or two ago our Village Assessor was assailed in the columns of a paper in this village because he did not follow the behests of its editor, urged on by others who kept in the back ground."

The only time we had ever referred to the assessor's duties was on the 2nd of May, and we ask our readers to turn back to that date, and read the editorial of which he complains. We also ask The Herald to be honest for once in its life, and quote a single sentence from that article which could possibly be construed into one of hostility. If to ask for justice and the rights of our citizens is to assail the assessor, we must plead guilty, otherwise we deny the charge, and again call upon The Herald to quote even a line in substantiation of its statement. If it cannot do this how can it ever expect the public to have confidence in any of its utterances.

And baseless as was the article referred to above, that of last week, in which it accuses us of heaping abuse on "a worthy and respected citizen," was even more contemptible. Of the assessor's respectability and worth as a citizen we have had nothing to say, but will repeat here that had his roll been taken as a guide for the voters' list, many of our villagers would have been deprived of the right of the franchise at the next Provincial election, whereas many more who had no right whatever could have claimed the privilege of voting. We ask the pardon of our readers for the lengthy quotations which we are almost compelled to make. The following is a sample.

"We have been informed that if the Assessor had just put such names on the Roll, and been altogether guided by the young man and his coterie, all would have been smooth sailing, and (metaphorically speaking) no bones would be broken, but on the contrary he was guided by the instructions laid down by his Assessment book. He marked the present residences of those whom he supposed were entitled to vote, and if objections were to be made the Court of Revision was instituted for the purpose of hearing those objections, it was not for him to take the *ipse dixit* of the editor of THE LIBERAL or any other man in the discharge of duties."

Yes, Mr. Herald, you were informed correctly. If the assessor had taken the names that were handed him, and had been guided by the advice given, in a friendly spirit, by several responsible parties he would have saved the Council a lot of unnecessary work, and would not have made himself the laughing-stock and butt of sport for the surrounding country. But he chose to do the

opposite, and, as might be expected, is backed up by The Herald, which is ever ready to make a tool of itself when a mean action is to be performed. We would very much like to see the book of "Instructions" spoken of. We have been shown the guides given to other assessors this year and find they are copied word for word from the statutes, and expect Mr. Elliott's must be a similar book.

Again The Herald says that the letters "N. R." were entered against the names of D. Pugsley, J. Jolly, G. Wiley, W. Bricknell and some twenty others,

"At the suggestion of the Reeve, who insisted upon going into the question fully and not to limit the enquiries of the Court to snit the convenience and taste of the young man and his friends, and for doing which he afterwards was informed by the said young man that he had broken his obligation of office by his partiality in the chair."

We only wish to refer to the latter part as nothing could be more malicious if the editor of the Herald has not been incorrectly informed. We feel confident that the Reeve will bear out the statement that in the conversation referred to, no dispute whatever occurred relative to the additional names struck off; in fact such could not have been the case as many of them were not detected till the meeting held afterwards in the evening. To bring, however, other people's names into a controversy is an old trick of The Herald's, but we candidly believe that the Reeve feels himself quite competent to deal with his own private affairs, and is not at all proud of his would-be champion.

Concluding The Herald says "And now we wind up this painful subject by copying the following article from the Markham Sun, which our readers can mark, learn and inwardly digest at their convenience and leisure."

Poor Herald what pain you are made to suffer, because citizens will not allow themselves to be trodden upon with dirty boots, and be cheated out of their right to vote. Here is a part of the precious document from the Sun, which for meanness and silly trash stands on a par with the sheet which we are reluctant to refer to so often.

"We see that appeals in East York to strike Conservatives off the Voters' List are being made by Mr. Lawrence, the Division Court Clerk of Richmond Hill, and we suppose the information is worked by other officials of Mr. Mowat, while, when an election comes on, the bailiffs can have the executions against the poor debtor ready in their hands. It does seem rather a shameful thing that these officials of the Government should be used as tools by their political masters while paid by the people. This sort of thing should be put a stop to," &c., &c.

Who will dare to say the above is not a tissue of base insinuations against one of our respected fellow-citizens. Can either of the stupid twins show where Mr. Lawrence has exceeded his duty as a citizen? No, we defy them to do so. And we defy The Herald to show an instance relative to what it calls the "painful subject," where THE LIBERAL'S statements have not been in accordance with truth and justice. We must remind our contemporary in a friendly way that while we do not object to see its editor and the assessor walking arm in arm on the street, we cannot allow false statements to go unnoticed, and will also inform him that in the end, his so-called friends will despise him, as they do already.

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