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## DURHAM CHRONICLE

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### SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS.

(The Liberator of Sept. 26.)

A representative of The Liberator visited Ottawa last week, to make some investigation of the periodical called "The Canadian Farmer," to which reference was made last week. The trip was a most fruitful one, and enables The Liberator to make startling revelations with regard to the plans and operations of the liquor party. The story of "The Canadian Farmer" is sensational enough, but it pales in the light of other revelations to follow.

The alleged agricultural journal is issued from the office of Magurn and Coughlin, publishers of "Events," at No. 11 Elgin St. Magurn was on the Toronto "Globe," for some time, and later, editor of the "Free Press," of Winnipeg, the organ of the Minister of the Interior. He has the reputation of a reckless writer, but never had any experience in agricultural work. Of course, he does not need any knowledge of agriculture to conduct "The Canadian Farmer," for, apart from the anti-prohibition articles, that paper is edited with a hand-saw, the only implement necessary to cut up the strips of boiler-plate, which are purchased by the yard. Dennis Coughlin, the other member of the firm, is also a newspaper man, and sports the pen-name of "The Lounger." He was for some time the Canadian Correspondent of the Utica "Globe." The issue of "The Canadian Farmer" for last week was just out when our representative called at the office, and large quantities were being prepared for the mails. The first article in the paper is a furious attack upon the Liquor Act, to show that it is not a prohibitory law. The spreading of this matter on the first page accentuates the clumsiness of the fraud, which should be patent to any intelligent farmer.

The Postmaster General's department was visited, and although the Minister was not in the city, it was ascertained that this alleged farming paper was entered at the Post office, and immediately given the privileges of the mails. Already three editions had thus gone out, largely at the expense of the country, to carry the liquor man's arguments to the farmers under false colors. The Secretary of the Department acknowledged that he detected nothing suspicious about the journal when Mr. Magurn brought it in, for inspection, to secure entry. It is worthy of statement right here, that when The Liberator was issued, although it was a bona fide newspaper of original matter, the P. O. Department was so suspicious, that right of entry was delayed for over two months. We believe most unreasonably and unjustly we were saddled with the trouble and expense of affixing a cent stamp to every paper sent out week after week. This official outrage was perpetrated at the expense of philanthropic people who were sacrificing themselves for the public good, but when a pirate paper, which on the face of it is sailing under false colors, makes appearance, its publishers can command the kindest sympathy and promptest action from the people's servants in the Postmaster-General's Department.

The Department of Agriculture was also visited, but the Hon. Sydney Fisher was not in the city. The Deputy Minister gave a very courteous audience and appeared to be impressed with the fraudulent character of "The Canadian Farmer." He acknowledged that the Department had not been

consulted with regard to the new agricultural journal and its patronage had not been sought even to the extent of an annual subscription. He had never seen nor heard of the sheet, although it was issued under the very shadow of the building in which his office is located. He promised to have the matter investigated, and to consult the Minister as to the responsibility of the Department for protecting farmers from such fraud.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, was the only Minister of the Crown in his office, and he was interviewed. He is a friend of the temperance cause, and from him the Canada Temperance Act gets its popular title. He had not heard of the new agricultural paper, but did not appear to be surprised that such a step would be taken by the liquor party. He promised to have the matter looked into.

Now for another chapter. The liquor party has opened fine offices in Ottawa, with every show of vigorous enterprise and extensive operations. The Liberal committee rooms are the premises engaged, and the manager in charge is Mr. Joseph Troy, formerly the chief Government organ at the capital. Dickie, the Provincial Secretary, and ex-President Maxey, of Hamilton, inaugurated the opening in Ottawa. It is worth noting, too, that Dickie, the chief Secretary of the liquor men in this fight, is an ex-provincial organizer of the Liberal party for Ontario. The liquor men are evidently capturing men to do their work who are intimate and influential with the Government.

The representative of The Liberator was fortunate in finding a newspaper man who had been offered a position on the staff of the Eastern Ontario headquarters of the liquor party. He was not unwilling to tell what he knew, and here it is, put into the shortest possible story. He was offered an engagement to cover ten counties, including Renfrew, Lanark, and Leeds, and east, to make contracts with the newspapers to oppose prohibition. He was told that the whole Province would be treated in that way, and that the Toronto papers had already been secured. Papers that would not sell out straight were to be given an advertising contract to insert matter, either unmarked or as correspondence, and part of the contract was to be, that no prohibition matter would be inserted in any form unless paid for at not less than ten cents a line. Several able journalists, he was told, were already at work preparing the matter to use in this way.

He was told that the campaign would be what is called a "still hunt" in all other respects, and that no speakers would be put in the field. Even the literature would not be in defence of the saloon, but the lines that would be worked would be, personal liberty, revenue, the act is not prohibition, and the Liberal papers were expected to stampede a lot of their friends with the story that the temperance people opposed Ross in the last elections.

Newspapers which had been favorable to temperance, and would not handle any other kind of matter, were to be tempted with mild articles, arguing that the new law did not go far enough, and was not in the interests of prohibition, and would thus be headed off from advocating the adoption. Even the strongest anti-liquor papers were to be meat for the distillers' money in this way.

He was told that a great majority of the candidates in the last elections were secretly pledged to the liquor party, and that the members and defeated candidates who had the Government patronage were now being canvassed and influenced to appoint returning officers friendly to the liquor party.

The voter's list, he was told, would probably be scarce, as they had been used in the last elections, and they would be corralled, as far as possible, before the temperance people got organized, so that they would be without them in the campaign.

In the cities, in the back settlements, and in the French districts, the temperance organization was expected to be poor, and in these places, the ballot-boxes would be stuffed as they were in Manitoba. To help along that plan, blank certificates are already printed that will be used to put scrutineers early at the polls, as if they represented the temperance people, and thus crowd out the regular temperance scrutineers.

The party organizers on both sides were to be engaged as far as possible, as they always had a lot of influence on the loose fish, and on politically ambitious young men.

He was assured that there would be lots of money, and that Montreal and Quebec, as well as Ontario, would bleed freely for the campaign. The Ottawa committee meet every week, and in November, would meet every morning.

Without note of comment, varnish or elaboration, we give the blunt, bald story of one young newspaper man, who, after careful consideration, declined to serve the liquor interests, although, to use his own words, "I was offered more for ten weeks than I ever made in ten months."

## Something New in Millinery!

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### FAKIRS AT THE FAIRS.

There was one thing, however, that The Advance was pained to see and that was that the directors allowed a gambler to ply his nefarious trade under their protection. If there is any one thing that tends to demoralize an exhibition it is gambling. No parent who has any interest in his child's welfare will allow his boys to attend such a place. On this occasion we saw boys of ten years staking their money on the turn of the wheel and feel assured we were not the only one who felt a twinge of sorrow to see children of this tender age getting their first lesson in the way to destruction under the sanction of the Artesian Agricultural Society. It does not sound well, and we believe the directors realized their mistake when too late. It is no, too late, however, to prevent a recurrence in the future. At the East Grey fair the same gentleman had not sufficient money to buy standing room for his outfit.—Flesherton Advance in report of Fair at Priceville.

On the grounds, as in Markdale, was the wheel of fortune man raking in the dollars from the gambling spirit so easily stirred in young boys. This same fakir admitted privately that at one fair this season he netted \$175.00, and yet directors will admit these games of chance—of cheat rather.—All honor to East Grey Show which refused him we believe, though it is said he offered \$80.—Durham Review.

It was an oversight on our part not to mention something of this evil in our report of the same institution, and even though we are a week late we endorse to its fullest extent the sentiment expressed by our journalistic cotemms.

Any person with half an eye in his head uses it to poor advantage if he can't see at a glance that the chances are in favor of the fakir. Even though the fools engaged in the game play off against each other on different sides the chances are against them just the same, and without any unfair manipulation of the wheel they are bound to lose money. "The public like to be fooled" is just as true a saying to-day as it was when uttered by the famous showman, and if they stand around with their mouths open waiting for some one to "do" them, we can't pity the poor dupes when we learn their losses. We do come to the conclusion, however, that they have more money than brains, and not a great supply of either. Even though hell may be cheated out of its own for a time, the Wheel of Fortune man with his bold effrontery has more brains than the poor simple dupes who waste their money on such games of chance.

Last week the Ontario Government issued a complete list of returning officers for the coming referendum on Prohibition to be held Dec. 4th. The following are the appointees in the County of Grey:—North, Robert McKnight, Registrar; Centre, C. H. Moore, Sheriff; South, J. D. Morgan, Dundalk.

Commenting on Premier Ross course as outlined in his Newmarket speech, Bystander in the Weekly Sun says: "The Premier of Ontario has decided on the course which affords him the best hope of the retention of office and which it was therefore pretty certain that he would take. In the battle now to be fought in the election courts and afterwards in the bye-elections the chances are in his favor. The probability is that his majority of one seat will be increased to three or four; a poor basis for a Government, but sufficient for retention of place. The hand which by his declaration against free trade otherwise irrelevant to the Provincial issue, he has held out to the Manufacturers' Association, is not likely to have been held out in vain. In the fresh election which would probably have followed a meeting of the Legislature and a decisive division the chances would probably have been against him. Apart from any special question of policy between the two parties there is a natural weariness of the perpetual domination of a single party machine, and of its endless monopoly of patronage, which leads

not a few, in the mere interest of Provincial freedom, to incline in favor of a change. Mr. Ross is not asked to resign. He is asked to meet the Legislature, which he has himself called, and let the question as to his ability to carry on the Government be settled in a constitutional way. There is nothing to prevent escape from the deadlock by coalition, except the party and personal animosities engendered by a bitter struggle for place; these, however, are evidently insurmountable."

Why don't you sail into this, that and the other thing, and rake them down for the wrong doings, is a question often asked a country editor, and we may give it as our belief that often the poor bewildered Knight of the Quill is at a loss for an answer. The fact is that we, personally, have very little use for the man or woman who is eternally poking his nose into other people's business, and causing discord where there should be no friction. If some of these cowardly agitators who are "sicking" on the man who is unfortunate enough to control a country newspaper have the grievances they speak of so much at heart, it is our opinion, and we have often expressed it, that most country newspapers will give them space to ventilate their grievances, either under their own names or under that of a non-descript. The newspaper is a good place to discuss all questions of a public nature, and while we are glad to think that many of our local newspaper men have back bone to give their opinions on general topics of public interest, we are equally glad that the rank and file of them have sense enough not to be mere scapegoats, and do all the dirty work of agitators in the community. Our columns are open for the discussion of all subjects pertaining to the general welfare of the community in which we live, barring of course from now on any reference to religious questions, from which we feel that no good is likely to come. If you are dissatisfied with any public institution or local concern, use our columns for the purpose, but be brief enough to feel sure your articles will be read.

Mr. Tarte resigned his position as Minister of Public Works. Nearly everybody knows this now, as Tarte is the best advertised man in Canada.

Everybody doesn't know, however, that, Premier Laurier, was met at Rimonski by a number of Cabinet Ministers, all of whom threatened to resign if Tarte were allowed to remain in the Cabinet. Even under such pressure, Mr. Laurier was very reluctant about having Mr. Tarte's resignation put in at once, as the now ex-Minister expressed his immediate willingness according to published reports. Mr. Tarte, however, did not wait to be kicked out by the premier, and wrote out and forwarded his resignation shortly after his interview with him, requesting its immediate acceptance, which was readily complied with, and both resignation and acceptance, published in the Ottawa papers, was the first intimation Mr. Tarte had of the premier's action.

Whether Tarte and the Tories are wrong or not about a protective tariff, a large number of the Liberal party now don the garb of the Protectionist whether they call it by that name or not. A cartoon in last issue of "Saturday Night" puts the Protective question in a nutshell. In this, Tarte is represented as a hen with his head on the block. Premier Laurier has him by the feet, with an uplifted axe in his hand ready to decapitate the ex-minister. Young Canada standing by expresses the thought that whether the old hen be killed or not, good care will be taken that the egg will hatch out all right.

Whatever may be said of Mr. Tarte as a political agitator, even his enemies, and he has enemies on both sides of the House, must give him credit for the courage of his convictions. In his advocacy of a policy of protection, he is not alone among the Liberals. Now that they are in power, the Liberals are fast abandoning their old Free Trade talk, and even the later policy of "Free Trade as it is in England" is not a matter of serious consideration in the Liberal ranks. The disturbance in the political atmosphere, caused by Mr. Tarte's resignation, will have a tendency to at least force the adoption of a policy of some kind, and the people are calling for Protection, based largely on the form it assumed in the days of the Conservatives.

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### Field Day Sports at Priceville

Several of the surron had been invited by Pri man to attend and take sports to be held in grounds on Friday. Though so late in the was a very good attend afternoon to witness the

There were over two some of which were ve indeed.

Early in the day a gam was played between the and Priceville school te resulted in a tie. A very feature was the boys' conducted by Mr. Ea reflected great credit training them in so sh Miss McLeod's Calsten very fine also.

The object of Field D mainly for the scholars acquainted with scholast schools, besides having and sociable time toget bring out the parents to touch with the schools.

These sports are carri Schools, but I think Mr. serves the credit of being introduce it into Public this part. It was so su it is intended to have it event, which we feel looked forward to with all who were presenlans

Refreshments were sc school, after which a go ment was given to a lar Mr. W. L. Dixon, one of former teachers, ably ad man, and in his opening he was indeed pleased t his old friends again. spoke of the good beh pupils of that school du years with them.

The program consist recitations and dialogu the scholars, who selves very creditably.

The songs by the sch cellent, especially "Te Old Camp Ground." M Leod presiding at the we musn't forget to me little Misses Watson down the house with come to my Tea Party stromentals were give McKinnon & Co. The Anna James was well well received. Recitati nicely given by Miss S Miss K. Dixon. Short given by Revs. Mathies and Messrs. McArthur, and Riley. Mr. Eas short speech, thankin for helping him pre event, and also thank who came and did what make the day successf

There were severa not represented, whi was due to the th weather.

Mr. Eastman's comi solo was quite unique received.

The prize winners by a liberal distribut nuts, etc.

About 9 p. m. the Lang Syne concluded esting meeting.

### The Man on the

DEAR SIR.—The streets are still thriv nometical Town Path consigned to the edit where, under the shaly burdock, they may beside the remains of subscribers.

Do the Town Path the back bone of se middle of Lampton a good roadway? If faithful few. It is and there lies its ch surely time our ce ceased to play at t begin on streets of M more substantial m course would, I belie by the citizens gene

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