

STOUFFVILLE PILOT

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PRICE THREE CENTS

XMAS GREETINGS.
Our store is full of them

Blouse Goods
Our holiday assortment just in, best goods, lowest prices

Neckwear
Just what you want for your holiday gifts, new and up-to-date.

DON'T FORGET
Xmas in the Chinaware Dept.
Our Dinner, Tea and Toilet sets are the cheapest and best that money can buy.
See our stock of **Japanese ware**
It is surprisingly cheap.
Cups and Saucers, Plates, Fruit Dishes, Salt and Pepper shaker, Shaving mugs, and many other articles in a great variety all waiting for your inspection.

CUNLIFFE & PETERS, Stouffville, Ont.

XMAS GOODS
AT
THE MARKET HARDWARE STORE

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We have decided to clear out our stock of Silverware and in order to do so have reduced the price away down.
Our Silverware is not the cheap sort, but is of first class quality. We have a nice assortment now so come early and get a variety to choose from.

Lamps a good variety of hanging lamps, parlor lamps and hand lamps.

Cutlery Just received an assortment of carvers at special prices for Xmas. A good assortment of table and pocket cutlery.

Sleighs & Skates two thing a boy always welcomes at Xmas time, we have them in a variety of styles and sizes and at all prices.

Aitchison Bros.
Hardware Merchants,
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CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP 1,000,000 00
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We wish all our customers a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.
Call and see

Specialty
are the dainty mode for men and women

We also have the best mitts that are made for fall and winter wear.
Our leather foot wear none better in town for style, quality and price.
If you want a cool boot, rubber or mits you must go to A. Lehman's as we carry nothing but the best.
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We have them from 30c up to \$10.00

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One of the largest stocks to select from to be found outside of a city house.

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Stouffville.

THE FIRSTBORN.

Why is it that the firstborn child is so often the healthiest of a family of children? The reason seems to suggest itself. As child follows child the mother has less and less vitality; often not enough for herself and none, therefore, for her child.

Expectant mothers who use Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription find that it keeps them in vigorous health. They eat well, sleep well and are not nervous.

When baby comes its advent is practically painless, and the mother is made happy by the birth of a healthy child. If you would be a healthy mother of healthy children use "Favorite Prescription."

"I will be very glad to say a few words for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. F. S. Douglas, of Mansenville, Brome Co., Quebec. "During the first four months, when I looked forward to becoming a mother, I suffered very much from nausea and vomiting, and I felt so terribly sick I could scarcely eat or drink anything. I hated all kinds of food. At this time I wrote to Dr. Pierce, and he told me to get his Favorite Prescription and a bottle of Golden Medical Discovery. I got a bottle of each, and when I had taken them a few days, I felt much better, and when I had taken hardly three parts of each bottle I felt well and could eat as well as any one, and could do my work without any trouble (I could not do anything before). I feel very thankful to Dr. Pierce for his medicine, and I tell all who tell me they are sick, to get these medicines, or write to Dr. Pierce."

Those who suffer from chronic diseases are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness and sick headache.

West End Butcher Shop.

I beg to take this opportunity to announce to my numerous customers that I have

Moved to Todd's Block
Between Rateliff & Co. and J. C. Bundy's Stores, west end, to more convenient premises where I will be found ever ready to serve you to the best of my ability. I heartily thank you for past patronage and ask for a continuance of the same.

T. BARNET.

Editorial.

TRUE LIBERAL PRINCIPLES.

Last week in our Editorial we expressed ourselves as follows:—
"We believe in free expression of opinion, in argument and persuasion when untrammelled by slavish party ends and notwithstanding the remark of a Life Long Liberal (?) in the Tribune we propose continuing the exercise of this belief.

Life Long Liberal is either an abject slave of party or a Rip Van Winkle in politics, only partially awakened. He first wants to know how the Ross government of this day while professing the liberalism of a former day have depraved and dragged political morality to the dust. Let Mr. Willison, the Editor of the Toronto News, answer this—
"The case of Sault Ste. Marie stands out as one of the most complete and comprehensive pieces of electoral villainy in the history of Canada. The constituency had to be won. The life of the government was at stake. Nothing was left undone fair or foul that could be made to prolong its existence. The Hon. J. M. Gibson took a personal interest in the Campaign. He was at the Sault the night before the election. On the public platform Mr. Boyce read a letter in which the trip of the Minnie M was told in advance. The Attorney General as the highest legal authority in the province, was urged to prevent the outrage. He absolutely declined to make the least effort to stop the nefarious enterprise. He did not even ask Mr. Boyce for proof of his assertion. He said he was not a policeman. But was he not the High Constable of Ontario?—Editorial Toronto News, Dec. 10, 1904.

This is one instance only but if Life Long Liberal wants others we can give them. For his further information we may say that Mr. Willison was a great many years Editor in Chief of the Globe.

2nd This query of Life Long Liberal is pretty well answered by Mr. Willison in the above paragraph. L.L.L. if he has been acquainted with the late election trial of E. J. Davis in this constituency would not have asked this question, but for his further information we may say that the fact of a certain Robinson who has been reporter by the Election Judges on the North Grey Election trial for corrupt practices was left unpunished as provided in the Election Act by his working in North York during the Bye Election resulted a voiding of the Election of E. J. Davis. Had Robinson been previously punished? No. Has he been since the trial? No. Has the man who took the pluggers from North Bay to debauch the Soo election been punished? No. Has Coyne? No. And many others who have been reported in the late election trials. Whose duty is it to enforce the law? Have not the Ross government all the machinery in their own hands? Why have they not used it? Is it not because the government are the people who were benefited. The receivers of the stolen goods are equally as guilty as their tools whom they employ to carry out their designs and nefarious work. It appears to us that they are afraid to prosecute fearing further exposure and prefer affixing the seven seals on the past. But will the sealing of the past with seven seals or even seven times seventy satisfy the people? Will any over-

act on the part of the government condone the injury done the Liberal party, wipe out the disgrace or rehabilitate it in the position it held at the time of the demias of Sir Oliver Mowat? We think not. Our party can only be purged, cleansed and purified by a short term in opposition. Such a course will do our party good. We have no fear but it will come back shortly stronger than ever with the barnacles, heelers, grafters, office seekers, timber limit suckers, completely eradicated from the body politics. Liberal principles are too strongly entrenched in the breast of the people to remain long in seclusion if it soon emerge clothed in the robes of the past, clean, pure and spotless as it was when led by our great, honored and revered chieftains MacKenzie and Mowat.

If Life Long Liberal wants more instances of the Ross government disregard of the enforcement of its Election Act we can furnish them almost ad infinitum, we regret to say.

Query No. 3—How childish, but we must be patient with our life long but recently awakened brother, and explain that when we spoke of the flagrant attempt to purchase members of the Legislature we referred to the scandalous attempts upon Mr. Gamey Dr Reaume and others.

Query No. 4—The Pilot did not discover that the Ross government was clinging to power with an adverse popular majority. This fact was established by the returns of the last provincial election. The Pilot now takes the opportunity of quoting Mr. Goldwin Smith our eminent Canadian Litterateur and authority on constitutional history as having stated that constitutional precedent demands a dissolution of the government and a new election.

The Pilot now goes one better and says the Ross government is clinging to power on the face of an adverse Legislative majority as well as an adverse popular majority. Is this in keeping with the history of Liberal governments? We believe it is wholly without precedent.

Query 5—How childish. We had been hoping from year to year, from election to election, that the Ross government would free itself from its corrupt practices, but the conclusion was forced upon us that only an appeal to the extreme course of forcing Ross into retirement on the part of the Province would free us from a machine ridden and discredited government.

We note all that Life Long Liberal says in his concluding paragraph and take the opportunity of declaring—
1st That we have written nothing that disagrees with a proper understanding of Liberal principles.
2nd That we are not in the same class of Liberals as our critic. Such as he are not Liberals but party slaves, void of true Liberal principles and totally unfit to rank as Liberals whose principles are founded on the civil and religious liberties of our people.
3rd That we despise the miserable attempt to apply the party lash to us as requested by Life Long Liberal when he asks Liberals "endowed with common sense" to no longer continue to support the Pilot.
4th That we stand by the principles

as set forth in our columns and go so far as to declare it the duty of every Liberal to put down the corruption practised by the party even if in so doing he registers his vote against the party he has hitherto supported.

To the Editor of the Pilot.
Sir,—As an old Reformer, I wish to congratulate you on your recent Editorials in the Pilot. They have the right ring, and are such as your readers had a right to expect from a christian politician, in the light of recent revelations.

That those bordering on the verge of infidelity should hold up to the public ridicule such clear-cut and scriptural principles, is not surprising but, when men who profess to be Christian men join hands with such in their endeavour to disparage morality, simply because reference is made to bible teaching, the thought that man is led to wonder whether it would not be better for the country if such men were deputed to use the franchise. If the love and fear of God together with the universal love of brotherhood of man are not the basic principles of righteous government it would be interesting to know upon what foundation it stands. In vain may we look for clean and impartial legislation apart from such divine and human relationship and while such are elected and retained in office by the use and influence of unfair means.

The statement is not rash or lacking in truthfulness, when it is said that no man or class of men having regard for cleanliness and purity of administration would hold his or their office for a single hour with the knowledge that unfair, dishonest and corrupt means had been used to place them there. When men tenaciously cling to office being in the minority, while in possession of such knowledge, justice is not only outraged but there is sure to be class legislation and a pandering to the baser element. Moreover where such a disposition manifests itself the actor makes his religion a secondary matter and is on the descending scale of christianity. No man, sir, has the moral right to do wrong or condone a wrong, even though he may profit by the wrong inflicted. Nor has the moral right to apologize for wrongdoing while there are no signs of repentance nor should he take shelter behind the lame excuse that his competitor is more filthy than he. Such lessons of fraud, chicanery, political uncleanness and shameful hypocrisy, coupled with a dogged disposition to hold on to a dishonest seat are not without their baneful effect upon the rising politician and will have a corresponding effect upon his supporters. What folly, and inconsistency for a man to strongly condemn in an opponent what he persistently endeavours to cover up in the action of his friend.

It is certainly surprising as well as amusing to witness with what desperation a certain class of politicians are determined to apologetically conceal or hide away from public view the moral filth and defilement of their friends, by asking their opponents to throw over their transactions the blanket of charity, and then in a simpering whine asking for an extension of power, because they are not so dirty as their opponents. A little uncertainty as to an affirmative answer, they add with emphasis, if returned we will cleanse the stinking cesspool and from henceforth give the Province clean legislation. As well expect the leopard to change his spots, the African, his skin, or dip the Atlantic ocean dry with a pint cup.

No such reformation need be expected while the parties are so evenly balanced and while the rank and file of their supporters are blinded and bound hand and foot by the slavish chains of partyism. The time is not far distant, if not already here when the men of both parties who are lovers of their home and native land will not only demand a change of method in the election of their candidates, but will push it to an issue. They will not be satisfied until they have stamped out political corruption, irrespective of party affiliations.

The present government notwithstanding her loud boast of statesmanship and as being the happy possessor of all the unsoiled linen of party adornment and all the legislative administrative ability the country affords, during her thirty two years of incumbency has signally failed in her efforts to cleanse the filthy vessel, or to remove from society the greater source of weakness to any nation, the destroying agency of the rum traffic.

This has not been the resultant of legislative inability as her general policy abundantly demonstrates, but from her willingness to have the evil remain.

Under such a condition of impotency she should not wait until shoved out of office, but immediately give place to those claiming superiority of ability.

No man or class of men should be condemned without a trial even though their predecessors had gained a world-wide reputation for bribery and corruption, their record, if true, was in no wise in advance of the present Provincial Government, who if allowed to hold office another four years under such strained relations will be likely to sink still lower and deeper in the filthy mire of political corruption, while curling the lip of scorn and defiance at a christian politician.

Write again Mr. Editor, but do not claim too much for the incoming party. They too are human and will be subjected to adverse criticism.

It is to be hoped they will gain wisdom by the shameful record of their predecessors and keep clear of the smut pots AN OLD LIBERAL.

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