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REMINDERS.

WEDNESDAY.

RINE Meeting at 8 p.m.

Two thrilling temperance lectures were delivered in this city last night, one by Mr. Rine in the City Hall, the other in the columns of the WAR in the blood-chilling recital of the Weston murder. Imbued and infatuated by the drink-demon, a besotted wretch murders the wife who but an hour before, at the peril of her life, had rescued from a drunken brawl the wretched who was so soon to be her ruthless murderer. The entire scene, the wife slaughtered in the house, the flight of the terror-stricken children, their imploring but vain appeal to the murderer's drunken comrades in the barn to save their screaming mother from her fearful fate, the desecration of the lifeless body and the sleep of the three sons together till the morning revealed the cruel work of the bloody midnight truly heart-stirring in the extreme. No wonder that men like Rine are fired with a terrible earnestness to reduce the possibility of such deeds of horror by enlisting public sympathy against the fatal habit which in this case was the undoubted cause of the revolting domestic tragedy.

A contemporary, which shall for its own credit be nameless, unctiously affirms that Mr. Blake at Teeswater "was completely exhausted by his effort to defend himself." A fling like this at an opponent, of whom, although unhooked by illness, the Tories have such a whole-some dread, will enable us to appreciate at their true value any expression of mock sympathy that may emanate from the same quarter in the future. It is all of a piece with the unfurling attacks on the hon. gentlemen from the same source in reference to his acceptance of the Presidency of the Council. Ill health was known to be the cause of the change and Mr. Blake now publicly confirms this fact. This consideration had but little weight with some Tory journals, however, who did not think it at all indecent or dishonourable to berate him soundly for accepting what they alleged was a mere sinecure. What will these sympathetic grubbers say about the salary of his position in the face of the hon. gentleman's statement that it is all expended on his department, and that no portion of it is applied to his household expenditure or personal affairs? What they will say about the hon. Mr. Blake will not have the faintest effect in reducing the estimation in which the hon. gentleman is held by the vast majority of the people, who will continue to hope that he may long be spared to the councils of the country on which he has already reflected such distinguished honour.

ROYAL CUSH.

Scouting out what it was pleased to designate some 'can' in the columns of the Montreal Witness, the special organ of 'My Lord Bishop' elevated its jingoistic nasal pronunciatory to a becoming contemptuous angle and declared "it was enough to sicken a horse." We beg leave to borrow this delicate phrase and to apply it to some of the adulatory references to the Great Mogul of all the Tories. In the extravagant gush with which these political sycophants are beslobbering their chief we fear they are jeopardizing their claim to a monopoly of all the Canadian loyalty to the British crown. When the Chieftain gets a cheer from a Tory crowd the organs tell us, "that is the way they cheer the Queen." When he is bewildered by the flare of flambéaux, as at Montreal, he requires to be informed if he is not a "Prince of the Blood," and elicits the reply that he is the prince of the people. In keeping with these and scores of similarly royal pretensions, which colour the suspicion of some coming coup d'etat in his interest, a local organ gravely informs its readers that the reception of Sir John at Brockville exceeded that accorded to the Prince of Wales. Of course the self-dubbed super-loyal party can indulge in such extravagancies in the best of taste and without at all compromising their loud vaunted reputation for devotion to the throne. How absurd, however, would such fulsome inuence have been offered, for example, to Hon. Messrs. Mackenzie and Huntington at Simcoe, where the assembled Reform hosts outnumbered the Brockville muster by at least four to one, and where the genuine enthusiasm of the masses in favour of the present honest Government vastly exceeded anything of the kind ever developed in the recent political history of Canada. Apart from the absurdity of ascribing Royal honours to political leaders, were Reformers childish enough to indulge in such skinnedminded nonsense, instantly the welkin would ring again with Tory shouts of Reform disloyalty and disrepect. It must, however, be remembered that A. Tory, like his Chieftain, can do wrong; his loyalty with his means fealty to his party—after that to the Queen and Empire should there be any allegiance to ap re—and that when he makes himself or his party ridiculous by his silly behaviour, it may be permitted to pass with out remark as something too natural and too habitual to excite the least surprise.

THOSE LAPSED CERTIFICATES.

We rise to explain. We do so in difference to the Hamilton Times and other exchanges in which our remarks on the above subject have disappeared. We were not at all astray in regard to the threatened status of such of our city teachers as have survived the legal existence of their third class certificates, but who have not succeeded in obtaining those of a higher grade. Upon only one point were we all misled, and in the light of later information we were glad enough to learn that the Department had issued no rule for urban which did not equally apply to rural districts, in so far as the necessity for renewal and the possibility of obtaining permits for the interim of preparation were concerned. Technically city and country were thus placed upon an equal footing. So far all may seem fair. After all, however, there is a discrimination against the city which has created intense local dissatisfaction. The City Inspector is short of his power to grant these temporary renewals to city teachers, all of whom may need it, are placed at the mercy of the County officials. We regard this arrangement as an injustice to the teachers concerned, as well as a reflection upon our unquestionably efficient Inspector. But yesterday instance came under our observation, in which an efficient lady teacher had been informed officially that the certificate had been withheld because of failure in the single subject of Algebra, a branch which was not known to be an essential one. The certificate was forfeited, although it is quite possible that there may have been a sufficient number of surplus marks over and above the requisite proportion in other branches to have overlapped this solitary deficiency. There is no complaint whatever that in such a case the certificate was not granted, but it is thought to be pretty hard lines that proficiency in all branches but one, as well as efficiency in teaching, should all go for nothing, and the disappointed candidate not only be placed upon a worse footing in regard to status than any third class failing in the examination or model school, but be declared unable to obtain from our own Inspector a simple permit to teach on till the next opportunity should be afforded to retrieve a failure which was so nearly a success. The very extension of time beyond the three year limit is a departure from the original intent anyway, and the re-institution of the City Inspector with the power to issue renewals till the next ensuing examination would be no greater violence to the regulations, while it would be at the same time a great relief from what is here regarded as a very decided and quite unnecessary hardship.

Canada First.

(To the Editor of the British Whig.)

DEAR WHIG—I have been quite amazed at the amount of ink wasted by the editor of the News last evening over an erroneous comprehension of the substance of "Zenas" letter, which appeared in the News on Saturday. The doctrine I advanced is that every teacher, whether editor or proprietor of the News, either they are both Irishmen and Tories, because they are both naturalized Canadians, and fully good besides; nor would it exclude Lord Dufferin, for he was sent here by Great Britain on account of his talents and ability—not would it exclude any of our military gentlemen, for they are men whose powers have been known and prided in their home country—that it is to say, would not exclude any of these gentlemen, from filling the positions for which they are qualified and fitted for, and to which they have been appointed; nor would it exclude either Englishman, Irishman or Scotch man from coming direct from the mother country and entering into any enterprise whatever, that he might see fit to engage in.

Nor does it exclude Mr. Davin even, whom we believe to be a man of education and talents, that is to say it does not exclude him from reading, writing, lecturing, political speech making, etc., etc., nor from thoroughly acquainting himself with the needs and peculiarities of our country. Any man, who may not become a legislator in and for our country before he has become thoroughly permeated and imbued by our country's spirit, and intimately acquainted with its condition in every aspect, and under all circumstances.

My doctrine would not exclude the Hon. Alex Mackenzie, because he is a Brit, but because he is naturalized—for a born Canadian cannot be more Canadianized than he, nor would it exclude Mr. Galt, who is also thoroughly Canadianized, he shows ability and character to warrant the people in giving him power; but it excludes him yet for a time, for his political opinions do not seem to be well settled, and it is quite possible that he may turn Brit before two years more.

The sweep of my doctrine is to let every man fill the position to which birth, disposition, love of his country; knowledge, and general capability entitle him; and I am sure that the editor of the News will agree with me (for I believe he is pretty well naturalized) that the more thoroughly Canadian man is in all the foregoing particulars, the more valuable he must be as a legislator for Canada.

No, dear News, I do not wish to keep "foreigners" away, nor to detract from their merits, and I have the highest appreciation of Great Britain, nevertheless this would not bias me to place men in positions till they are qualified for them, whether they were born in Britain or Canada.

Yours respectfully,

ZENAS.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

Col. Brunel, Commissioner of inland Revenue, will shortly be supernumerary ed.

The Globe says reports of Indian outbreaks as being imminent on the Canadian border are unfounded and are sent abroad by interested parties.

Hon. Messrs. Mills and Pelleter are expected to return from Manitoba this week. The Governor-General will probably leave Winnipeg for Ottawa on Saturday.

Fresh massacres by Indians are reported from Arizona, in case a party of thirty-five persons having been killed, and in another all hands at a ranch near Silver City.

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ZENAS ON FOREIGNERS.

To the Editor of the British Whig. Sir.—In Saturday's issue of the WHIG there appears a letter signed "Zenas," which certainly must attract the attention of "Foreigners," whatever their creed or nationality may be. Jealousy has led him to carry, and I think your correspondent bears the burden badly. He quotes an item from the News, which he notices "on account of its displaying the same spirit that has always been the bane of our country, and therefore offensive to every 'true Canadian.' Now, to fail to see what spirit it has displayed which would so in any way offend us to any Canadian, either true or false."

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Many a worthy son of that most abused country (Ireland) has been compelled, from a variety of reasons, to live a stranger and "foreigner" far from the land of his nativity. It is man to be despised because he is an Irishman; "every department of business in this country we had Irishmen, and they don't seem to be much below the ordinary standard of humanity. They are just as intelligent and as capable of fitting positions of an exalted character as any Canadian, let his lineage be what it may." One would imagine by the way in which your correspondent speaks of "fresh imports from the old country" that he was speaking of the arrival of a ship from Ireland. There is plenty of room for men of talent in Canada, as well as for men who are willing to settle upon wild lands. And to my mind, it requires a man of more than ordinary amount of talent and energy to settle upon wild lands, and battle successfully with the difficulties and privations which are sure to be met with. And many "true Canadians" lack the necessary qualities.

Mr. Davin comes to this country evidently no greenhorn in political matters. He is an apprentice either to a manufacturer or a speculator, who is well known to be a "true Canadian." Let us hope that in such a case the certificate was not granted, but it is thought to be pretty hard lines that if any

Perhaps Mr. Davin has a far better idea of the political machinery of Canada than many of the great gurus who are "true Canadians." Whether Mr. Davin should be associated with Capt. Kirwan and S. J. Mooney is a question I will not attempt to discuss. I would like to ask your correspondent, who are Canadians, and to define the expression "true Canadian." Are we not the Canadians who are descended from some mighty warrior of old time? Or from some great chieftain who led the van on the war path? If he does hold such ideas, then I fail to understand what he can call the descendants of the important race. Every true and honest son of the British Empire is a Canadian, in the fact that England stands high in the scale of greatness, and for your correspondent to assert that she is "at least a hundred years behind the times" shows that he has yet something to learn. It is the boast of Canadians that that is a free country, but I cannot find that the man who says this need not expect any reward. And the offences against our antique, unique and picturesque constitution have been so numerous and so little notice has been taken of them, that I am constrained to call upon you to summon a general meeting of our Society for the purpose of electing a new President and all necessary officers except that of Secretary, whose duty is now perfectly discharged to the satisfaction of the whole world since the days of Bodenham.

I further expatiating on the moral excellence of our constitution, the wisdom of our laws, the side-slipping mirth and hilarity of our ritual. It is not long since my beloved Betty Rine was called away from the pleasant soap-boiling scenes of our back yard in Baldwinville. My peace of mind is greatly disturbed by the phantom shapes of our ancient ritual, although I am too tottering. Need I tell you why? I am visited daily by pretty girls who entreat me to buy tickets for Sunday School, which I do, and who in some trouble costume who evince gushing gratitude for my last subscription to any benevolent object. But I must admit that I buy such quantities of excursion tickets that my benevolent subscriptions are indeed very small; and that I neglect my business to attend to them, that my health has wonderfully improved, and my spirits are so vivacious, that notwithstanding my well-known bereavement, I am actually the subject of more attention from my youthful friends, the gender so much more gallant and sprightly who are neglected, and do not do the credit to say, the neglect costly.

How long is this to continue? I had hoped that ere this the resurrection of our ancient order in its pristine splendor, would have had a wholesome influence.

As a "true Canadian" and drive out the foreigner. Sweep out all the waste material of Great Britain and Ireland from this "great lumber room" of this Canada of yours. Unfurl your banner, and inscribe on it "Home Rule." Dig up the tomahawk and scalping knife of the savages, and let the Red Men once more return to power. Is this what you desire?

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Such a spirit as this is with them.

They are other points in your correspondent's letter which might be discussed. I will not trouble you with any for I believe you will be kind enough to insist upon your communication in your columns if you deem it worthy of a place. Apologize for troubling you, Yours, Etc.

FOREIGNER.

Sept. 24.

CURRENCY.

—Small pins have made its appearance at Sandy Hill, Ottawa.

Gen. McClellan has accepted the nomination in New Jersey.

Gen. Gladstone denies that he advised the Greeks to join in the war against Turkey.

Assets of the Chicago Federal Bank \$1,175,000, deposit liabilities \$1,370,000.

Ottawa forwarders have tried but failed to get an increase of rates on lumber.

—All the Provinces, at the suggestion of the Dominion Premier, accept Nov. 29th as Thanksgiving Day.

—Mr. W. Workman's friends entertain hope of his recovery, though he is now free from pain.

—A sum of call on ten per cent. will be made on the capital stock of the Grand Junction R. R.

—\$6,313 was realized by the sale of tickets of admission to the Quebec Provincial Exhibition.

The Right Hon. Dr. Playfair has been victimized by confidence men, to whom he handed his letter of credit on the Montreal Bank, to the amount of \$100.

The Rumour that Dr. Fortin was to be commissioned by the Federal Government to go to France to inspect the fortifications of the Rhine is contradicted.

Russell H. Tait, of Springfield, Mass., who ran away from his wife with a dissolute woman, has been arrested in Albany and sent to the penitentiary for one year.

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NORTH BRUCE DEMONSTRATION.

A SCATHING CRITICISM BY HON. M. CARTWRIGHT.

(Special to the Whig.)

Port Elgin, Sept. 25.—The chief feature of the North Bruce Reform Demonstration here to-day was the speech of the Finance Minister. It occupied two hours in the gallery. Mr. Cartwright opened the discussion with the Princess Park and Councillor, in the persons of Sir John, Senator Murray, and Mr. Dutton McCarthy, M.P., in a highly amusing and interesting fashion.

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