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Canada's "Prosperity"

The Dominion Watchman, in reviewing the Gov. General's speech at the opening of Parliament, says:—

"The speech delivered by the Gov. General is ample evidence that the Government has no clear understanding of the industrial, commercial and financial condition of the country. If they had known it, they would have made themselves ludicrous in their own eyes. It is well known that eight-tenths of the real estate of the country is under mortgage at excessive rates of interest, more than it can be sold for for cash, and we doubt if it can be sold for this amount on credit. These mortgages are supplemented by chattel mortgages to an incredible extent. We lately saw the return for one county, one of the richest in Canada, where such mortgages are increasing at the rate of fully \$250 a day, not for one month, but from month to month. Does that look like a restoration to prosperity? A merchant lately said to us: 'I dare not sell on credit; if I do I am sure to find that all the loose assets are covered by a chattel mortgage; and if I do not sell on credit there is not business sufficient to pay running expenses.' Is a naturally rich country returning to prosperity when such a state of things exists, as it does exist all over this country? These statements are confirmed by the vast increase in bankruptcies during the past year. The harvest was more abundant than for many years, the prices have been exceptionally good, and yet the Loan Societies claim to have loaned out an immense amount during the past year, and the amount gone into bankruptcy has been unprecedentedly great. If these are evidences of prosperity, then surely we have it.

If there is a real return to prosperity why are there so many fleeing from their farms as from consuming fires from the farms they have redeemed from the forest, from the farms on which they have toiled, and where they had cherished the hope to spend the remainder of their days in peace and plenty? Why, if there is a return to prosperity, are they fleeing to the Western States and to Manitoba to commence the world again, fleeing as people fleeing from a 'horde of robbers,' as the Loan Societies and the money lenders all over the country have become?"

In referring to the paragraph in the Dominion Watchman, it cites the case in Quebec, where a poor woman "killed and cooked her cat to keep her children from starving to death," with equally harrowing tales of want and suffering in other cities and towns of the so-called prosperous country!" It proceeds:—

"The cost of government in Canada, as we have repeatedly shown, and as we intend to show again, has ever since 1870 been more per family than all the earnings of the people, after feeding and clothing themselves. In the last nine years \$70,000,000 in excess thereof. All the money in the treasury was borrowed in Britain. We have no earnings to sympathize with after feeding the Government. As proof positive there has even in Government revenue been an annual deficit, which this very year is estimated as \$1,000,000. Besides which, \$5,648,000 was spent out of borrowed money on the Pacific Railway, Welland Canal and other Public Works.

It is thus clear that our sympathizing rulers borrow money in Britain and pay her interest on it, or rather agree to, in order to keep Britain's own children from starving to death in Ireland, while some of Canada's own babes are dependent for existence upon cooked cat.

The causes assigned by the Watchman for this condition of affairs are chiefly, the cost of our present system of Government and the erroneous currency system. The latter we will not at present discuss; but it, must be a fact patent to every one who has given the subject even a brief consideration that the cost of our legislation and official government is vastly in excess of both common sense and the means we possess. Were we an old and wealthy country, we might indulge the luxury of an expensive and ostentatious system; but Canada is a young competitor in the business of the world and it behooves her to manage the merely official departments, nay, all departments, in the most economical manner, so that her internal industries and wealth may be developed; instead of being absorbed and dissipated in a complicated and, in many respects, a useless system of government.

By many minds, biased by partisanship, the prosperity of the country is thought to depend on the policy adopted by the ministry—by some, Free Trade, by others Protection. But we agree with the Watchman in considering these as having but little to do with the question.

The question of a National Policy is still a debatable one; but regard-

ing the figures given by the Watchman, there can be no dispute. They are to be seen by every one studying the parliamentary accounts. And indeed, as an evidence that this subject has nothing to do with the question of material prosperity may be adduced the fact, that the same state of affairs has been evident for years past, under the varying phases of partial and entire free trade, and now, stringent protection.

We are yearly consuming more than our earnings, to keep alive a ruinous and extravagant system of administration—running in debt and hastening to national bankruptcy.

If any one doubts the assertion that "eight-tenths of the country is under mortgage," at ruinous rates of interest, let him question any of our city or town brokers, who will give astounding facts concerning it, may be, his own neighborhood.

It is high time that people were aroused to a just knowledge of the state of Canadian affairs, so that they may speedily demand and apply the remedy. We have a country rich and glorious in natural advantages and possibilities, and if we would have it become prosperous and happy, we must speedily eliminate the leeches that are sapping its vitals.

Licenses in East Kent.

The Commissioners of East Kent met at Thamesville on Thursday, April 8th, when the following licenses were granted:—

OXFORD. Tavern license—Mrs. Jacob Beedle, John Beattie, John Cotes, Nancy McIntosh, James Leitch, Mrs. Mary Robinson, Wm. Cavers.

HOWARD. Tavern license—Alex. Gillis, John L. Smith. Shop license—J. C. Nation, Jas. Robinson.

RIDGOWTOWN. Tavern license—N. S. Benton, Jas. Ross, N. B. Huffman. Shop license—James Grant.

HARWICH. Tavern license—Jas. E. Welden, Alex. Brown, R. Elliott, Mrs. J. Stanton, Arthur Walker, George Gillies, Catherine McKay. Shop license—D. Hutchinson.

BIENHEIM. Tavern license—Geo. Vester.

CAMDEN. Tavern license—John H.

THAMESVILLE. Tavern license—Wm. Watts, George Haugh, John A. Mayhew. Shop license—Chris. E. C.

DRESDEN. Tavern license—Geo. Cragg, J. M. Shaw, W. A. Helmer, Alva Westcott.

BOTHWELL. Tavern license—Samuel Béanish, R. K. Davey, Wm. Poynter, Con. Coughlin.

Applications laid over for consideration: H. Y. Handy, John Morris, Howard, O. B. Sheldon, Agnes McGregor, Bienheim; R. Johnson, Harwich. That of S. Merrill for license for Black Horse, on town line, was refused unless he would put up a new house.

The following applications were refused: Dun. McNicol, tavern license, Ridgowntown; E. Britton, Chas. Grant jr., shop license, Ridgowntown; Robert Hogan, tavern license, Camden. Thos. Boon, Inspector, E. Kent.

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Village Council.

Council met April 20, 1880. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Schlenker, and seconded by Mr. Rockey, that the account of Mr. Chas. Baker, for two tickets for indigents, be paid, amounting to \$3.—Carried.

Read a petition from Thos. Brown, and 8 others, complaining of a nuisance on the premises of Mr. George Gunder, caused by keeping a large number of hogs and filthy pig pens.

It was moved by Mr. Schlenker, and seconded by Mr. Baker, that the Clerk notify George Gunder, to comply immediately with the By Law, respecting nuisance as it relates to his pig pen and pigs.—Carried.

Read a statement from John Young, collector, respecting dogs, which was laid over for further consideration.

It was moved and seconded that the Court of Revision for the Village of Ridgowntown, be held in the Town Hall, on May 27th, 1880.—Carried. Council adjourned.

CHAS. GRANT, Clerk.

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Ridgowntown, April 8, 1880.

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