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The Ottawa Freak Press.

THAT "Liberal" anamorphosis, the Ottawa Free Press, resents any comment on its political blunders, judging by a petulant paragraph concerning "Events" which appeared the other day, apropos of our directing attention to its extraordinary power of damaging its professed political friends. As a fair specimen of the lucidity which attends the cheap editorial of the Free Press we are tempted to reproduce in full the reference to Events, as follows:—

"The Citizen is to be congratulated upon having secured, in its attempt to damage the Liberal cause in Ottawa, the lowly and obscure alliance of an eccentric little weekly, whose extraordinary freaks on the borderland of the uncanny have for some time provoked the amusement that one may feel where there is the sense of security that can be enjoyed by those who contemplate the contortions of a monstrosity which lacks the power, although it possesses the will to do harm."

Ye gods! what a sentence! To draw attention to the flagrant blunders of the Free Press in its hopeless efforts to speak for the Liberals of Ottawa is to form an alliance with the Conservative organ. Then we must not speak of the absurdity of an immigrant from Europe endorsing Imperialism and Chamberlainism and claiming to speak for the Liberal party of Canada. We must not allude to the last municipal campaign which forced hundreds of thorough Liberals to vote for the secretary of the Conservative association. We must not refer to the idiotic attack on a member of the Ross government or to the sneers at one of the most respected clergymen in the city of Ottawa. Neither dare we allude to the idiosyncrasy of reproducing in full with prominent headlines a column article from the Citizen, the Opposition

organ, setting forth dissensions among the Ottawa Liberals and, in particular, how the Free Press was making a fool of itself. And least of all must we speak of the break made by the Free Press on the Tuesday before the Liberal convention by which in all probability the Liberals have lost one seat in Ontario where it was very desirable that they should do the very best possible. The monstrosity moved the Liberal association to indignation when it met that same night, or rather it would have if the feeling of perfect disgust had left any room for indignation. It was demonstrated that any candidate for public office endorsed by the present management of the Free Press might as well save his money. The paper has the presumption to criticize in its elephantine fashion, the tried friends of the Liberal party, which leads us to enquire the name of a Liberal responsible for the management of that paper? There is not a man in Ottawa who can name a Liberal connected with the Ottawa Free Press in any responsible position. It is simply ludicrous for the sheet to pose as a Liberal party paper when it is notoriously repudiated by every real Liberal in the city of Ottawa. It's all very well to charge Events, which has an influential Dominion circulation, with being obscure, but that is an endurable thing compared with being pernicious. The Free Press is the only daily or for that matter, weekly paper in the Capital that is not edited by a Canadian and in consequence it is out of all touch either with Canada or the Canadians who form the bulk of the population of Ottawa. It may have been flattering to the youth who fired the Ephesian dome to thereby become notorious but the edifice remained destroyed.