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With this issue THE SIGNAL enters on its second year under our management. On the 1st of September, 1880, the present proprietors assumed control of the journal, and a complete change was the result.

Our object has been to provide a wide-awake, new journal for this section of the country, and we take pride in knowing that our efforts have not been in vain.

With confidence we now enter the coming year, in the firm belief that, as in the past our conduct of THE HURON SIGNAL has merited the approval of the reading public in this section, so will our efforts to produce a well-printed newsy, cleanly-written family journal be appreciated as fully in the time to come.

IS IT DISLOYALTY?

SIR Hector Langevin, at the dinner given in his honor by the Town Council of Goderich on Thursday of last week, endeavored to prove that the abolition of the Senate would knock the principal pillar from under the structure raised at Confederation.

Our Tory friends, in Ontario, who despair of ever holding power in this intelligent Province, are eternally bewailing the fact that we are too much governed, and are anxious to abolish the Provincial Legislature—perhaps the most useful House of all, so far as we are concerned.

As an evidence of the kindly feeling entertained by the people of Canada toward their cousins on the other side of the 49th parallel, we may mention that when the toast of "The President of the United States," was proposed at the recent banquet in Goderich to the Minister of Public Works, a sympathetic exhibition was observable throughout the entire audience, and at the conclusion of the tender tribute paid to the wounded President by Hon. Richard Hawley, of Detroit, there was moisture in many eyes.

THOUGHTS ON THE SURPLUS.

SIR Hector Langevin boasted in Goderich last week that there would be a surplus of \$3,500,000 in the Dominion Treasury this year.

A number of Conservatives have since been repeating the statement until they are hoarse.

But they fail to tell us who it is that pays the money—who it is that provides this fat surplus.

They seem to have escaped all knowledge of the fact that the Canadian people have subscribed it; that even out of the pockets of our Conservative friends themselves a portion of that three and a half millions has been paid. They appear to be oblivious to the fact that all of us have been quietly robbed to make up that surplus.

What would our Conservative friends think of a man who, under pretence of assisting a belated traveller, picked his pockets, and then boasted of their mutual wealth? Or, rather, what would they think of the victim who gloried in his friend's cleverness?

Our Conservative friends applaud a high tariff because it increases the Dominion revenue.

Yet these same people complain loudly at the least increase in the municipal taxation.

The municipal council that would recommend a high rate of taxation just to get a surplus, would be looked upon as public robbers.

Our Conservative friends are not in favor of a municipal surplus, for they must pay that directly; they glory in a Dominion surplus, which they assist to pay indirectly.

They fail to see that the custom house officer and the tax collector are twin brothers.

NON-PARTIZAN RECEPTIONS.

We would suggest that, at any future demonstration gotten up by the Town Council in honor of a Minister of the Crown, discrimination be exercised by the committee of management with respect to the naming of gentlemen to respond to toasts.

On Thursday of last week the greatest unanimity of feeling was evinced by the representative men of both political parties to do honor to the Minister of Public Works. Reformers vied with Conservatives in endeavoring to make the sojourn of the hon. gentleman in Goderich as pleasant as possible, and the result was that Sir Hector will remember his reception by the Council of Goderich, when the recollection of his visit to other places on the present tour will have faded away.

Such being the case, it was a pity that some of the gentlemen of the same political party as the hon. gentleman, had so little sense, that when called upon to reply to certain toasts they found in necessary to act like partizans, and endeavor to direct their remarks to straight political issues.

Fortunately the persons who thus forgot what decency required on the occasion, know little about the science of government, and only talked in the manner they did because of their inability to reply in any other fashion; nevertheless, they succeeded in throwing a damper on the proceedings which would otherwise had been the case. Sir Hector Langevin expressed his regret that the breach in decorum was made by his friends; the prominent Conservatives present objected to the tenor of the remarks of at least one of the speakers, and cut him short in his oratorical flow; and the Reformers felt chagrined that their good offices in helping to make the reception a success had not been appreciated, solely through the blundering stupidity of one or two of the lesser lights of the opposite party.

However, a lesson has been taught and it is this: At no future banquet of a non-partizan character should any person's name be coupled with a toast, unless he is known to be able to "open his mouth without putting his foot in it."

We're goin' to hev a rousin' time. With lots of fuss an' noise; Distinguished guests, et cetera.—The Judge an' all the boys.

We have often said that in Canada we had not one law for the rich and another for the poor, but the action of the Government in passing through the customs, free of duty, \$1,200 worth of liquors for the use of the Marquis of Lorne and his well party in the North-west, has closed our mouth as to the one law being for the high and the low. In addition to this free importation of wines, etc., a supplementary cargo from a Toronto wine house was also passed free of duty. All this liquor was destined for a section of country which calls for an immense sum annually for the support of the mounted police, whose duty is chiefly to restrict the sale of liquor. It's a mean piece of business all around. The Marquis of Lorne has paraphrased the Psalms, and poses as a good young man. We would like to see a paraphrase in verse of that admonition of the wise man: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it moveth itself aright (free of duty), etc. etc."

DURING the past week the condition of the wounded President was considered critical. Latest accounts, however, indicate a marked improvement.

THE junior Tory organ of the town this week studded with articles on the "tender" question.

Two editorial articles, two locals, and an excerpted editorial from the Safforth Sun on the doings of the Tuckersmith Agricultural Society, complete the exhibit; which all goes to show that the News man is in a bad state and requires to have his position bolstered. Vulgarly and falsehood are the component parts of the original matter, except in one instance, and that is a marrowbone apology to Mr. A. McD. Allan for the malicious slander uttered by the organ against that gentleman last week. The subject matter of the other absurdities and falsehoods, only goes to prove that Editor White-Lie is not wrongly named. If that person dreams that blackguardly writing is a tower of strength to a would-be journalist, he is likely to be rudely awakened one of these days. The allusion to the "lean-kine, bowleless writer" of the article in THE SIGNAL sounds well from the pen of the Goliath of the News, as is noted for nothing of a weighty calibre, if we except his wit, which is decidedly on the heavy side.

The Government have now three Senatorships at their disposal. One vacancy, caused by the death of Senator Bull, is beyond question an opening for a western man. Of course there will be a number of aspirants for the position made vacant in the west, but we do not believe that a more graceful tribute could be paid this section that would be done were our energetic townsman, Mr. Joseph Kidd, appointed to the position.

Mr. Kidd is a shrewd and successful business man and a staunch supporter of the party in power. His appointment would give satisfaction to all parties in this section.

The turgid style of composition taught in many of our schools is doing an injury to our youth. It is a mistake for any student to imagine that rampant imagery and bombastic phraseology make good writing. The flowery writer now-a-days (in the press, at least) is looked upon with an eye of pity. The call is for simple words, clear thoughts, and direct statement. Little words are the best. Short sentences are most easily remembered. Anglo-Saxon is the purest English, and it is a language of short words. There is more force in calling a man a liar, than in saying he is a prevaricator. Use simple language.

A Strong Argument. We have heard and seen a good many arguments advanced in support of what is called the "National Policy," but the most conclusive of all comes from Nova Scotia. Here it is, as given by the Halifax Chronicle:

The Tory speakers and writers have been expending a large amount of energy in the effort to reply to Mr. Blake, but the first substantial answer to the Liberal leader's speeches has come from a plain countryman, who attended a recent meeting. Whether he entered into the spirit of the occasion may be a matter of doubt. It appeared, however, that the spirit of some occasion had entered into him and developed a large fund of good humor and reasoning power. "It ain't no use," said the countryman, "for Mr. Blake to oppose this ere National Policy. It's a mighty good thing for trade. To-day I bought a barrel of cornmeal, which I paid four dollars for. I had given the mare a couple of feeds, and the old woman was a scratchin' in it one day to get out a little meal when she struck suthin' hard. 'What's this?' says she. 'I know what it is and I saw how it was. 'I know what that is, Amandy,' says I. 'That's a keg of terbaccer. I sold that ere keg for eight dollars. So you see, sir, I got my barrel of meal for nuthin' and four dollars to boot. Now what's the use of complainin' bout 40 cents taxes on that barrel?'

There was logic in the argument—more than there usually is in defence of the tariff. As the rural N. P. advocate remarked, the tariff is a mighty good thing for trade—of a certain kind.

The Prince and the President. Those who have fears that President Garfield will die, may be strengthened in their hope for recovery if they bear in mind that it was not until after the Prince of Wales had been given over by his physicians that he began to mend. For a week the English nation had watched the bulletins with ever increased anxiety. On Sunday, the 10th day of December, 1871—the day set apart for national prayer for his recovery—the doctors fairly gave the Prince up. From that hour he began to improve. On the Monday morning the bulletin which it was expected would quench the last ray of hope gave tidings of slight amendment, and in a week the patient was pronounced out of danger.

Mented Term Poetry. Oh for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers! Oh for an iceberg or two to control! Oh for a valley that at mid-day the dew cumbers. Oh for a pleasure trip up to the pole!

Oh for a little one-storey thermometer. With nothing but zeros all ranged in a row Oh for a big double-barrelled hydrometer. To measure this moisture that falls from my brow!

Oh that this cold world were twenty times colder. (That's every red hot it seemeth to me.) Oh for a turn of its dreaded cold shoulder! Oh what a comfort an ague would be!

Oh for a grotto to typify heaven. (That's every red hot it seemeth to me.) Oh for a winter of discontent even! Oh for wet blankets, judiciously cast! Oh for a soda font spouting up bodily. (That's every red hot it seemeth to me.) Oh for a proud maiden to look at me coldly. Freely may soul with a glance of her eye!

Oh for a draught of a cup of "cold pizza!" Oh for a resting place in the cold grave! Oh for the Styx, where the thick shadow lies on. And deepens the chill of its dark, running wave.

CHERRYDALE FARM.

A Visit to Mr. J. C. LeTouzel's Homestead.

Champagne Cider and Sorghum Syrup to be Manufactured on a Large Scale.

On Tuesday morning we drove out to the well-known Cherrydale Farm, about eight miles from Goderich, and perhaps two from the post village of Bonmillier. We approached the house by an avenue of poplars, and were soon in conversation with Mr. LeTouzel, who was pushing along his works for the cider and syrup industry. The present owner of Cherrydale has been some seven years in possession, and during that time has made some wonderful improvements on the old farm. The place derives its name from the large number of cherry-trees growing upon it. Mr. LeTouzel is justly proud of Cherrydale. Said he: "When I first came, not being accustomed to practical farming, I was laughed at. But I had read and thought, and no man can farm without study. Nearly all the apple trees bore natural fruit. I had them all grafted immediately—the old trees were literally 'slashed'—and all were grafted with choice trees growing upon it. Mr. LeTouzel is justly proud of Cherrydale. 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