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THE WEEKLY PRESS.

THE EDITOR AS A CITIZEN.

THE translation of The Kincardine Review editor to another sphere of action was the occasion of a pleasing demonstration. Mr. Clark was told by the leading men of the place that his public spirit was recognized and that his removal was felt to be a loss. This is a tribute of respect which any man may be glad to have. It is the kind of reward which an editor gets when he really does his duty as a newspaper man. That duty is necessarily something more than making a living. In his genial and amusing way Mr. Pirie has said that the country editor's motto is: "Let me do the job printing of the nation, and I care not who makes its laws." This is one of many good jokes from the same source. As a matter of fact Mr. Pirie is a thoroughly public-spirited man, and will make an excellent representative in the House. The local editor who is unselfish enough to put spare time into public affairs, who is ready to work hard for the community, and, when any local enterprise is on foot, puts forth effort in getting up the facts and advocating the measure, is really fulfilling part of his duty as a journalist. The commercial view of a newspaper may take first place; but its other obligations are not to be lost sight of. It happens that the editor who makes himself a factor in the life of the locality reaps direct returns for his paper.

A VALUABLE FEATURE.

A new department in The Junction Leader and Recorder, which circulates largely in the county of York, Ont., round about the city of Toronto, calls for a remark. It is entitled "Our Poultry Corner" and is to be written by Mr. Joseph Dilworth, formerly editor of The Poultry Review, and one of the best posted men on the poultry industry in the country. If a weekly can manage to get a special feature of this kind, the value of the paper is greatly enhanced. In this case, no doubt,

the editor has found out that many readers are interested in poultry raising and the information, by a specialist, will be appreciated by them. According to the industries in the locality, other editors will make a note of this idea for adaptation elsewhere. The news comes first, and after the news features that have a distinctly local value should come next. Fruit culture interests many parts of Canada, and farmers often fail to make a cent out of the orchard because they have no time to go into fruit raising on any large scale and have no practical hints as to buying new trees and keeping the old ones in order. Clippings from agricultural exchanges by men who know really nothing about agriculture do not fill the bill. It is also a question whether the speeches of men like Prof. Robertson and bulletins from the Government model farms get enough attention from the weekly press. The daily papers often give great prominence to this class of stuff and thereby work even their daily editions into the country districts.

FOREIGN NEWS IN THE WEEKLY.

The summary of foreign telegrams in The Clarksburg Reflector is well done, and the news condensations in the city press are oftentimes not half so well boiled down. The matter is arranged under each day of the week, about four or five paragraphs to a day. The whole occupies about three-quarters of a column in a paper containing ten columns of home-printed matter. On another page the editor says: "In our Foreign News Column we have endeavored to keep our readers pretty well informed as to the affairs in Northern India. These reports, culled from the daily papers, have been very conflicting—one day we read that the tribes have yielded submission to the British army, to be in turn succeeded by the news of a fresh outbreak and more serious fighting for the troops." Then follows a half column of intelligent descriptive comment on the war with the tribes of the India frontier. The merit of the work must not blind one to the serious inroads on space made by a department of this sort. It takes time as well as space, and both could be better expended on local matter. If news runs short, there are always local features that will bear writing up. The local paper cannot hope to be accepted as an authority on foreign news, while it is supreme in its own sphere.

THE WEEKLY AND POLITICS.

Now that the provincial campaign is beginning in Ontario, the weekly will be called on to take part in the fray. This sometimes degenerates into a quarrel between the two local editors who are led into doing the dirty work for the politicians, while these gentry avoid personalities themselves and hunt for