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The Independent Press.

The young man who denounced the independent press at the convention of young liberals did not speak the language of liberalism. Liberalism worthy of the name is impossible without the utmost independence of thought, word and action. The advanced English liberals never hesitate to express their opinions and urge their views, even though these may not be acceptable to their party leaders, Mr. Gladstone not excepted. Hence the marked progress that liberal principles have made in Great Britain within comparatively few years. One great reason why the reform party of Canada has made so little progress and has achieved so few triumphs since confederation is that its most active and most independent minds have been kept in the fetters of a too timid leadership. It has been, in the words of Mr. Blake, "a reform party that could find nothing to reform."

If Canada had had an independent press twenty years ago or more, she would not now be, as she is, without a choice between nondescript conservatism and side-bound grittism. It was for lack of an independent press that Mr. Blake's new departure stopped short. No one understood this better than that gentleman, and to supply the want he encouraged the establishment of the Liberal in this city by the present manager of the Globe. But the building of the temple was not for hands which had served too long at the shrine of party. Since the failure of the Liberal other independent journals have proved more successful, and are to-day not without honor in the country. Their existence is justified by the precedent set by Mr. Blake and the present manager of the Globe; it is, moreover, justified by their works. They are not of long standing, nor are they yet many in number, but they are vigorous, and their influence is felt by both parties. Their columns are open to the ventilation of ideas which the party organs dare not touch for fear of offending or weakening the party leaders. No politician can depend upon the silence of the independent press in an emergency, and a knowledge of this has a tendency to make politicians more careful than they otherwise would be.

It is said that the independent press is inconsistent—that it attacks one party one day and another party the day after. In the nature of things this cannot be the case until parties become organized perfections. Many political sins are committed and condoned in the name of consistency. Small is the man whose grandfather was foolish enough to eat sour grapes forever keep his teeth upon edge? But the independent journal is and must be more consistent than the party organ, because it can afford to. The consistency of the party organs has been illustrated recently by the Globe, which first denounced the salary grab and then justified it; and by the Mail, which pronounced British connection a secondary consideration to Canadian progress, and then appealed to its friends to rush to the rescue of British connection and the old flag.

Finally the convention of young liberals was a creation of the agitation for progress begun and maintained by the independent press. If it failed to accomplish all that it ought to have done the fault rests with those delegates who are still tied to the apron strings of old fogyism. The young men capable of denouncing the independent press at such a gathering are more juvenile in mind than in body.

Prohibition Postponed.

The convention of the Ontario branch of the dominion alliance is a thing of the past. The delegates declared for prohibition, but in such an elaborate, roundabout way as to confuse rather than enlighten the popular mind as to their policy at the polls.

There was prevalent an expectation and belief that the convention would follow the example of their United States brethren, and declare for the formation of a temperance party, thereby disentangling their cause from the political alliances which have hitherto made it a subordinate issue, but an undercurrent of feeling, which inspired both grit and tory delegates, prevented this from being done. Several of the speakers manifested a strong disinclination to break with their political friends, and the result was a compromise. The delegates were virtually instructed to work for prohibition within their respective parties. Experience teaches what that amounts to. The grit or tory will go to his party convention, and perhaps make a speech in favor of prohibition. His voice will be that of one crying in the wilderness. The office seeker, the party enthusiast, and the free trader or the protectionist, will all be there, potent to grind their own axes and keen to prevent the adoption of new or visionary ideas. The party candidate will be nominated with the customary whoop, and the protectionist will have either to vote for him or not at all. In the majority of cases he will vote, and not as a temperance man but as a party man, not as a friend of prohibition but as a supporter or opponent of the N. P., the C. P. R., or some other practical bone of contention between the politicians. Thus the decision of the prohibition issue will be indefinitely postponed.

The Montreal Witness rejects the scheme of commercial union, and comes out frankly for free trade and direct taxation. We do not believe that the people of Canada are in a mood to accept this drastic remedy for their political troubles, but we nevertheless appreciate the courageous candor of our Montreal contemporary. If all the opponents of protection to Canadian industries were equally frank they would command more respect and confidence. The Globe, for instance, has no well defined opinions on the trade question. It rails at the N. P., but no man can tell what it proposes to substitute therefor. Mr. Blake is equally non-committal. The effect is that even dissatisfied electors prefer enduring the ills they have to taking a leap in the dark.

The New York Sun quotes the Mail to show that the question of annexation is coming to the front as an issue in Canadian politics. Intentionally or otherwise, the chief tory organ has created the impression abroad that British connection with Canada depends upon a very thin thread.

Scarfe is the suggestive name of the new sheriff of Brant county. It is a good name for a man who is expected to officiate at neck-tie parties.

The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell protests against the misappropriation of the word "temperance," so common with a large class of writers and speakers of the present day. Another misused word is "liberal." A moderate "temperance" man is often intemperate, and not a few "liberals" are bigots of the narrowest type.

The London Advertiser agrees with The World that London's own western fair is ahead of the provincial. "If they will only keep the provincial out of London's legitimate fair district we shall not bother about it, and if the old concern were killed off to-morrow London would occupy the last carriage in the funeral procession." As this is the feeling at every centre where a successful large fair is possible, "the old thing" had better prepare to die decently.

It is a matter of remark with our United States contemporaries that despite the combinations of the mine owners to keep up prices and keep down production the price of coal refuses to reach the figure they desire. It is believed in Pennsylvania that their supremacy is threatened by the uses to which natural gas is being put as a heater and illuminator. Natural gas, which is petroleum in its most volatile form, is being tapped at many points outside of the great coal region, and promises at no distant date to supplant in several ways coal and coal gas. It has also been ascertained that petroleum, particularly Russian petroleum, can be extensively utilized as a steam generator. Experiments have been made which indicate that many ocean steamers will soon be seen carrying tanks of Russian petroleum instead of bunkers of coal. The mine owners of this continent have abused the riches given them, and therefore need not expect any sympathy should their properties be depreciated by these new developments.

In Season.

—It is now in season to warn our readers against the sudden attacks of cholera, cramp, colic, and the various bowel complaints incident to the season of ripe fruit, vegetables, etc. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is the grand specific for those troubles. 246

A Good Road Cart.

From the Boston Herald.

One of the roundest cuts human ingenuity has recently devised is that which the New Hampshire legislature, which recently adjourned, prescribed to be used for the promotion of the purity of elections. Under the new law any voter, at any town meeting, may challenge any other vote, offering to vote at such meeting and the Moderator shall not receive the vote until he shall make and subscribe to an affidavit as follows:

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16.

The transactions on the local exchange to-day were as follows: Ontario 10 5, 5 at 108. Merchants 10 at 116, 10 at 116½. Commerce 5, 20 at 123¾. Standard 8 at 116 after board. Northwest land 30 at 40¾. Imperial S. and I. 5 at 111¾.

Cox & Co.'s Chicago advices to-day were: Wheat irregular and business lighter. Northwest buying some on smaller receipts and sharp advance on Duluth market; crowd here rather bullish on this and New York predictions of another two million decrease to-morrow in amount afloat to united kingdom; selling nothing more than scalping market at present owing to small volume of business, but recommend long side as bullish factions are multiplying. Corn steady, dull, must drag lower. Provisions inactive, steady. Fleming & Boyden.

Oil opened at 98½ and closed 100½; highest was 100½ and lowest 98½.

Consols declined to-day from 100 3 16 at the opening to 100 1 16 at the close.

Toronto Stocks.

Closing prices: Montreal buyers 200½, Ontario 108½, 107½; Toronto, buyers 185¾; Merchants, 116½, 115½; Commerce 127 126½; Imperial, 127, 125; Federal 97, 95; Dominion buyers 201; Standard 116½, 115¾; Hamilton, buyers 125; British America 72, 70; Western Assurance 98½, 96½; Consumers' Gas, 164, 162; Dominion Telegraph, buyers 88½; Northwest Land Co., 41½ 40½; Canada Permanent, 203, 200; Freehold, buyers 166¾; Western Canada, buyers 190; Canada Landed Credit, 125, 124½; B. and Loan Association, 106, 105½; Imperial S. and Invest., buyers 111½; Farmers' Loan and Savings, buyers 115; Lon. and Can. L. and A., 143, 141½; People's Loan, buyers 106; Canada Loan and Deb. 127, 124.

The Fruit Market.

Business at Lumbers' fruit market yesday was lively. The supply and demand were much the same as on previous days. Bartlett pears are selling slowly; large lots are offering at $3 a barrel. Apples are in good demand; prices will be much lower next week. Peaches are getting finer in quality and cheaper in price daily. Yesterday's prices were:

Apples—Duchess of Oldenberg, per barrel, $2.50 to $3; Gravenstein, $1.75 to $2.25; Red Astrachan, first class, $1.80 to $2; second class, $1.30 to $1.30; sweet Bows, $1.20 to $1.30; crabs, per basket, 20c to 30c; per crate, 25c to 35c; per barrel $1.50 to $1.60.

Plums—Small blue, sound, 35c to 55c; per crate, 55c to 75c; large blue per basket, 45c to 55c; small green, 35c to 45c; Lombards, 47½c to 60c; Bradshaw, 65c to 70c.

Peaches—First class, per basket, $1 to $1.25; second class, 85c to 90c; inferior, 55c to 60c.

Pears—Bartlett's, per basket, ripe, 35c to 40c; per barrel, $3.25 to $3.60; preserving per basket, 30c to 40c.

Grapes—Champion, 3c to 3½c per pound; Concords, 6c to 6½c per pound.

Sugar melons—$1 75 to $2 per barrel.

Grain and Produce Markets by Telegraph

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Cotton steady; middling uplands 10 1-16, New Orleans 10 3-16. Flour—Receipts 21,498 bbls., strong, and instances shade better; sales 15,300 bbls. Wheat—Receipts 7,700 bush., exports 71,729 bush., spot firm; sales 5,448,000 bush. future, 120,000 bush. spot; No. 2 spring 87½c. No. 1 hard 94½c to 94½c. No. 2 red 93c elevator, No. 1 white 92½c, No. 2 red October 93½c to 94½c, closing 94½c. Corn—Receipts 47,400 bush., slack exports 126,180 bush; sales 368,000 bush. future, 148,000 spot, ungraded 48½c to 49½c. No. 2 48½c, store 49c to 49½c elevator. No. 2 September closing 49½c. October closing 49½c. Oats—Receipts 165,300 bush., cash ¼c to ½c better, options without decided change; sales 175,000 bush. future, 130,000 bush. spot and to arrive: No. 2 29c to 29½c, mixed western 25½c to 32c; white do. 31c to 43c. No. 2 September closing 29½c. October 29½c. Rices quiet and weak. Canada 18½c to 19c. Pork rather weak, but steady held; sales mess 10 00 for inspected. Beef dull. Cut meats firm, pickled bellies 5½c to 6½c, middles dull, long clear 5c. Lard less active, prices without quotable change, western steam spot 6.42 to 6.45.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Flour unchanged. Wheat active and strong, sales ranged: Sept. 79½c to 81½c, closed 81c to 81½c; Oct. 81½c to 82½c, closed 82; No. 2 82½c to 81½c, closed 84; No. 2 spring 81c to 81½c; No. 2 red 84½ to 85c. Corn very active, cash 43½c to 43½c; Sept. closed 43½c to 43¾; Oct. closed 42½c. Oats dull steady; cash 25½c to 26c; Sept. 25½c October 25½c. May 29c. Mess pork steady; cash $8.70 to $8.80; October closed $8.77½c. to $8.80. November closed $8 67½ to $8.70. Lard quiet and steady; cash $6.20, October $6.20 to $6.22½, November $6.10 to $6.12½. Boxed meats steady; dr salted shoulders $5 75 to $6, short rib sides $5.87½ to 5.60, short clear sides $6.05 to $6.10. Receipts—Flour 16,000 bbls., wheat 72,000 bush., corn 230,000 bush., oats 14,000 bush., rye 13,000 bush., barley 31,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 23,000 bbls., wheat 99,000 bush., corn 231,000 bush., oats 165,000 bush., rye 30,000 bush., barley 15,000 bush.

BERGSTROM'S TELEGRAM:—London, Sept. 1.—Floating cargoes—Wheat quieter; corn nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat quiter; corn steady. Mark Lane—Wheat and corn unchanged. English country markets a turn dearer. French do. firm. Weather in England fine. Liverpool—Spot wheat steadily held, corn upward tendency. Paris—Wheat and flour firm.

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