

charged to any defect in our excellent municipal institutions. Nothing can be gained by an attack upon the integrity and intelligence of so large a body of men as that composing the great municipal administration. The role of the Cynic is one no man can fill with any benefit to himself or the cause he espouses. The writer evidently mistakes his mission. It is *he* who patronizes the ululating spirit of a witless bushwhacker, no more a true specimen of his class than a hawk is like a handsaw. The pioneers of Ontario are hardheaded as well as hardhanded, and their thrift, good sense and general prosperity furnish *matériel*—facts that do not lie—in direct denial of the flimsy tissue of nonsense, sophistry and rant that fill the pages of this pamphlet.”—*Floridy Sawloggist*.

CHAPTER VII.

POST-SCRIPT.

GENTLEMEN—I thank you for your courtesy. It is quite a pardonable offence to abuse the advocate of that cause of which you either know nothing, or, knowing anything, have the prudence not to impugn. You are also justified by the critical maxim :

“ Its proper power to hurt each creature feels—
Bulls aim their horns and asses lift their heels.

Omit some powers given to municipal corporations which unwarrantably abrogate private rights, and our municipal institutions are excellent. I cannot find fault with the want of knowledge or temper in the men who manage them. More carefulness and less conceit would make such men, honoured by the public suffrages, more honorable still. But when carelessness works private wrong it would be criminal to defend it.

It is a great evil that there is any land in the country for which the owners will not pay rates. After five years non-payment of rates such land should be forfeited to the Crown, to be sold in trust for the public. Every man, especially every holder of property, should meet promptly his due to the general burden of taxation. The right to hold and occupy land exclu-