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THE WORLD FORWARD.

We are receiving letters containing new subscribers and commendations of the course of The World from all parts of Canada. The World is appreciated for the fearlessness exhibited in its discussion of public questions; for the new character of its reading matter; for the hope it holds out of Canada becoming something more than a mere colony. The World is now read in every town and village of Ontario and in many places in the other provinces.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Ever since the erection of new buildings for the provincial legislature was proposed by Mr. Mowat, our respected confederate of the outside towns and rural districts have been down on the movement with a determination exactly proportioned to the amount they didn't know about it. From Starnis to Ottawa, every country editor has sworn by his gods that, so far as in him lies, the wicked tax-payers of Toronto, rolling in wealth and laziness, shall not quadruple their colossal fortunes at the country's expense in this affair. Now, we propose to say, in a few words, what money is to be made in the matter, and who is to get it.

Whether the building cost a million, or half a million, its cost is the cost of materials and of labor. The whole expenditure is to pay for these, and those who furnish them are the ones who will receive the money our country friends are so patriotically anxious concerning. Who is to furnish them? "Oh, Toronto, Toronto, Toronto!" cry with full chorus and mighty lungs the colossal confederation. We really beg your pardon, gentlemen, nothing of the sort. The monopolizing money-grubbing rascals you are so vigorously denouncing bethose off your own household. The country—these are to get the cash. Let us unroll the garment before you, and see whether it is the country's coat or no.

Where will the stone be purchased? From the quarries in the country. The lime? Out in the country somewhere. The sand? Same place. The lumber? In the country, every stick of it, from a wall-plank to a bannister. The bricks? Well, as they are to be made in the Central prison, we are sure our country friends will be happy to hear that country labor will have a good deal to do with it, and, judging by the generous and liberal tone of their articles on the subject, they will be equally happy to hear that the laborers won't get any wages. Well, for the rest—the slates, the sashpiles, the nails and ironwork, the paint, the everything in fact wanted, comes, in one word, from outside Toronto. There are none, or next to none, of them produced here. The expenditure for materials—probably two-thirds of the whole, goes elsewhere, one slap, and most of it right into the pockets of people in the much injured country districts—poor fellows.

Then as to the labor. "Oh," cry our outside friends, "you wicked city people will furnish that, and he paid for it. Come you cannot deny that. Yes, this is a new robbery you will perpetrate on the poor farmers! Atrocious! Horrible!" Now, the truth of the matter is Toronto will do nothing of the sort. The country will furnish the labor, and will get paid for it. Toronto, we are glad to say, has neither had of late, nor is likely to have, the labor to spare. Our work-shops are fully employed—our laborers have twice raised their wages last year. To erect the parliament building, any contractor will have to import labor. He can not get it from the States; he will simply get it from our own country districts, or from the stream of European immigrants on the way to the country districts, who will carry there the money they make here. Even the small proportion the contractors and architects get may stay in Toronto or may not. In many cases it has not. Now, do our outside friends begin to see through the question? The expenditure is, most decidedly, to be in the country, not in the city.

If our country friends have anything more to say against the extravagance of a rich province building itself a decent parliament house when it badly needs it, let them sit their economical articles again. They are got of a kind, let us tell them, to make a Canadian—however he may feel about the city—proud of his country.

However, do not let them accuse the city of making money in the matter. All Toronto will get by parliament being here, she gets now. The new buildings will bring no more members, no more clerks, no more residents here. Nay, it is even to lose by it, for it is proposed to sell the present site, the money obtained for it going, of course, to the credit of the province, and to take a site in the Queen's park—Toronto property—instead, a project which will spoil, if effected, our central and chief place of city relation.

Our outside confederates have, in short, for two years been harking up a wrong tree. Let it be a lesson to them, and let them remember that all we have told them they knew all the while, if they had only used their own powers of thought, and not joined blindly in a cry, raised by some one who laughs to see them echo it. Canadian papers have been too much used to look for their ideas in the chief party journals—sometimes rather empty vessels to draw water from. Think for yourselves, gentlemen.

AN OTTAWA VINDICTA.

If we do not miss our guess there will soon be wigs on the green in Ottawa. The letter in which Mr. Nicholas Flood Davis

showed up the two utterly villainous habits of using naughty words and the practice of telling improper anecdotes, has roused the ire of the editor of the Free Press, and he proceeds to demonstrate to Nicholas that one who understands the science may fill half a column with singularly strong language without using one of those perverted theological expressions against which Mr. Davis fulminated. Some idea of the difficulty of this task—arising possibly from that dearth of adjectives which is the weak point of the Queen's English—may be formed when we say that the Free Press editor finds it impossible to relieve his pent up feelings without calling the object of his wrath "young Nick" and a "crank," and a "crazy Minerva" and a "brute." To be sure the editor tries to tone down the last two epithets by printing them in italics and trying to pass them off for Latin, but the deception is palpable. Besides, it is adding insult to injury, for it is equivalent to intimating that the editor doesn't think Nicholas understands Latin, and thinks he can safely call him names he doesn't understand. Now, if Mr. Davis is not classical he is nothing. If, after this statement, the Free Press man insists on saying he is not classical, his blood be on his own head.

The Free Press accuses Mr. Davis of lavishing his sweetness on the Ottawa girls, in plain English of being spoony on them. Here the assailant overshoots the mark. The story is discredited by the fact, known to thousands, that Mr. Davis has seen Toronto girls.

The Ottawa editor sets about an elaborate argument to prove that when Mr. Davis said that young men used swear words and told naughty stories, he must have meant Ottawa young men and not Toronto young men. This is a work of supererogation. Of course he didn't mean Toronto young men, for they never! never! never! are guilty of anything so horrid.

Just here we may remind the Free Press that it does not better the case for the Ottawa young men, to insinuate that Mr. Davis wrote his letter after the ninth hour as it were, for *in vino veritas*. We confess we are not a little puzzled to account for the Free Press man's wrathfulness. For as it seemed that Mr. Davis was carefully impersonal, and we can't see why our contemporary has felt personally called on to resent it. If Mr. Davis and the editor of the Free Press will pardon a Hibernicism we might say that if the latter's reply had preceded Mr. Davis's letter, there might be some reason to think the letter was specially aimed at the writer of the reply. But if it will help to preserve the peace and spare the capital the horrors of what otherwise threatens to be a most regrettable feud, we don't mind suggesting our contemporary that Mr. Davis did not intend any reflection on anyone connected with the Ottawa press.

Most unkindly the Free Press while calling Mr. Davis a crank alludes to Guineas, and tells Sir John to beware the Ides of March and be warned by the fate of Garibaldi. To our mind if the editor don't speedily make an apology Sir John will not be the most risky risk for Ottawa insurance funds.

FREE SPEARS.

Few rents have often been condemned as departures from the apostolic program. It has been plausibly contended that the churches of to-day should follow the example of the churches of the fathers, and by making the preaching of the gospel free, without money and without price, bring within its influence those who have neither the money to pay nor rent nor the wherewithal to clothe themselves as poor holders are required to be clothed.

But this is not an apostolic age. It is not an age of simplicity and self-sacrifice. It is an age of business, of money-getting and of money-spending. St. Peter never dreamt of such a cathedral as bears his name in Rome, nor would St. Paul recognize as his own the pile that perpetuates the Pauline memory in protestant London. The bishops who claim to be the legitimate successors of the apostles are better fed, clothed, housed and paid than the founders of their dynasty, and the exigencies of the age demand that they should be.

The Christianity of the present time has lost much of the spirit of primitive ages. It can not live upon the purely voluntary system, because this is a commercial age. Dr. Talmage tried the free seat plan in his Brooklyn tabernacle for ten years, but on Christmas day he announced that that plan was a failure, and that thenceforth the "pay as you go" method would be adopted.

Let us abandon once for all the pretence that clergymen can live upon air. They can not. And as they cannot let us admit that a man who occupies a seat in a church ought to pay for it like a man. Even those who never go to church will not be injured by dropping an occasional dollar into the poor box.

LAMBTON—EAST YORK.

Lambton is a large county, and, to Mr. Mackenzie in these days, a distant county. It is also getting to be pretty evenly divided in its political complexion.

East York is compact, is at the door, so to speak, has a sure reform majority for a good candidate.

Physically the ex-premier is not the Alexander Mackenzie of yore any more than he is the same man in his party that he was five years ago.

Time, cure, political reverses, party ingratitude have left their mark. But his usefulness is not gone, and Mr. Mackenzie, if his health continues, will be a power in the house, both in this parliament and the one to follow. How great his influence will be will however depend on his attitude toward the tariff and the railway question. Either he or Mr. Gordon Brown, or perhaps both jointly, are the great chiefs, and gristmill is but a weak reed. Other and greater issues are arising

THE PRESENCE IN ROME OF MR. ERINGTON.

A member of one of those English catholic families who have continued to remain loyal and wealthy Englishmen without becoming protestants, has excited considerable comment in the old country. It is admitted that, although not an accredited agent to the Vatican, Mr. Erington carries a letter of confidence from Mr. Gladstone to the pope. This admission arouses the suspicions of the Parnellites upon the one hand, and of the evangelical protestants upon the other. The recent creation of two English cardinals, both men of uncommon ability—and the protestantism of the Irish leadership lend color to the surmise that Mr. Gladstone contemplates the establishment of such relations with the holy see as will enable him to influence the catholic land leaguers through their spiritual advisers. Such an alliance would prove both unnatural and unsuccessful. It would mingle religion and politics with a vengeance. The land question can never be settled by either priests or preachers. It appertains to the realm of practical politics.

THE OLD COMMON LAW still in force in this country is that the master is not responsible to a servant for injuries received through the negligence of a fellow servant engaged in a common employment. We do not recollect the reasoning on which the "sages of the law" defend this principle, but it is doubtless as sound as their argument against allowing illegitimate children to inherit their father's property—namely, that it would encourage immorality. The simple layman would naturally reason that the servant does not choose his fellow; that the master has the choice of all the employees, and should be responsible for their acts. In England the law has been placed on something like a common sense basis, but our legislature has yet this work to perform.

THE DEATH OF MR. LITTLE, M.P. for South Simcoe, has caused a great picking up of ears among party aspirants for parliament. South Simcoe is considered a safe constituency for any man who gets the party nomination. It is possible that an independent liberal might have a chance there if the Globe would favor him with the charity of its silence, but at that journal's charity begins at home, no independent liberal will risk the chance. By several members of the young men's conservative association of this city the nomination for South Simcoe is looked upon as the longest due of Mr. Nicholas Flood Davis. No doubt if Mr. Davis could be nominated he could be elected.

FANNY DAVENPORT is playing Rosalind in New York, but the papers say she is "far too large and bulky for the part." Her voice is all right—to appreciate her acting one would only need to be blind. Mary Anderson is also being freely criticised. Her voice and beauty are her principal attractions according to the critics; and she is wanting in some of the essentials of a great actor.

THE TORONTO BLADE has doubled up and become a cheap paper. It says: "What the people want now a days is the cheap, lively, money paper, with everything condensed, and clearly set forth, so that a person can run it over in a short time, and learn all the day's events. Time is money, and the days of long and prosy articles have passed."

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An International Affair.

(From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.) Yesterday a dozen English sparrows were congregated about a little pile of oats dropped on the sidewalk at the corner of Walsh street and Monroe street. They were pecking at the oats with every thing condensed, and clearly set forth, so that a person can run it over in a short time, and learn all the day's events. Time is money, and the days of long and prosy articles have passed.

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