

terrible war." Dickens perhaps was not the first to advocate Chancery court reform. Wm. Lloyd Garrison and John Brown were ardent abolitionists, but it remained for Mrs. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin to drop the bomb that gave freedom to the three million slaves that the Southern States held in servitude.

I am aware that some lone members of Parliament had suggested giving rural mail delivery a trial in Canada, but nothing came of it. The cost, as Postmaster-General Mulock and Lemieux contended, squelched the scheme, and anyhow the old way was considered good enough for the farmers of Canada, as letters herein makes plain.

My first manuscript, written December, 1905, and published in Woodstock, Hamilton, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll and many other newspapers. To Editor Sentinel-Review:

I have been living in Michigan the last three or four summers. Fifteen years ago there was no settlement at all where I was, to speak of, but the land being all right for farming purposes, it has been settling up rapidly, and now road constructions and other public improvements are going on in every direction. As in most new farming sections the people are not suffering on account of the fact, that there are no banks handy in which to deposit their surplus cash. The taxes all told on, say, a 160-acre farm of average improvements is about \$25 per year, but notwithstanding this state of affairs Uncle Sam's White Elephant, as Sir Wm. Mulock calls him, comes around every day except holidays and Sundays, to everybody's home with the mail bag, bringing to the people the welcome message from the outside world. Instead of hitching up a horse and rig and driving off three or four miles to a post office after the mail that has been lying there like as not for a week or more, and is all ancient history to the man in Michigan, as hundreds of farmers in this wealthy old County of Oxford, who pay three times the taxes on the same amount of land, have to do, there the whole post office outfit comes to your gate, as before stated.

In Great Britain they have rural delivery everywhere. Last year the income over the expenditure there was, in the postal department, \$28,000,000. In the United States the deficit was \$14,000,000. We must take into consideration in accounting for this the cost of installing rural delivery that is going on all the time in new and outlying districts. The system there is not as yet so far advanced as in the Old Country, where on account of the density of the population the cost is and will be for many years, below that of the United States, but notwithstanding this state of things rural delivery will, as the United States increases in population and the rural districts become