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talk. Perhaps you can help us or vice versa

A Much Needed Reform.

In this Enlightened, and Progressive
age, old-time ideas, and worn out and
effete methods of procedure, in legis-
lation; as in other things, have to go to
the wall. Still, there are some antiquated
and (ought to be) obsolete laws, yet in
operation. It is one step in the right di-
rection, that has been taken by the gov-
ernment in passing the Lien Law. One of
our correspondents, in our last, deploras
the fact, that more acts on a similar basis
have not been proposed and made law; in
the province. We re-echo that sentiment,
and wish to point out, that, an amend-
ment in the law for the recovery of debts
is imperatively necessary. As the law at
present is constituted, the unfortunate
debtor is at the mercy of the creditor,
and in the case of involuntary debts; has
frequently to pay the debts of others, for
which he is not morally, though legally,
responsible. The method adopted is, to
say the least, arbitrary and one sided,
and, we steadfastly believe, has always
been a great factor in producing much of
the deplorable exodus from the province.
We would like to see district courts es-
tablished, held in convenient places, and
presided over by Gentlemen, educated,
and well versed in the principles of law,
and equity, who should be empowered to
inquire into the indebtedness, and make
an order on the debtor, to pay according
to his ability to do so, in certain period-
ical installments, till the debt and costs,
are fully paid up. There are thousands
of people in this province, who are most
unfortunately a little under the weather,
who are perfectly willing to pay, but from
force of circumstances are unable to do
so as the present system enforces. There
are very many of these, whose indebted-
ness is of a character that may be called
involuntary debts, that is, debts that have
been incurred in some cases without any
knowledge on their part, and which have
quietly, but surely grown to proportions
never contemplated. There are others too
that have been incurred voluntarily, as,
for implements of husbandry and the like
with the expectation that, a favourable
season, would enable them to discharge
that liability. But, early autumn frosts,
an extremely wet, or an excessively dry
summer, has shattered their hopes, and
rendered their well-formed intentions,
perfectly futile. These we conceive to be
cases where the court should have power
to say; You don't appear to be in a posi-
tion to pay this all at once, therefore we
make an order that you pay into court,
a certain sum per month. A Court, so

constituted, would have more weight
with all parties, and would be very much
better for both debtor and creditor, than
the system at present in vogue; There
would be fewer to batten on the hard
earnings of the poor-unfortunates. The
creditor would be assured of his money,
and the debtor would be happily relieved
(as long as he kept up his payments) from
all fears of a tipstaff or constable walk-
ing him off to durance vile, for no other
crime than his inability to pay in a lump
sum. This is a many sided question, and
we have only looked on one of it's many
sides. but, we shall hereafter have more
to say on the subject, and shall use our
best endeavours to have an amelioration
of the system carried into effect.

We are very fortunate in this county, in
having for once, "Two Gentlemen" to
represent us in the legislature, gentlemen
commercially engaged, and who will, we
are sure use their undoubted talents for
the material advancement of the county,
and province. We gratuitously offer them
in this article a hint as to a reform, that
will be welcomed by the people at large.

A Further Plea for FREE Trade.

It has been shown, by Government statistics,
that the Old Country is our best market, and that
very many of the so-called American articles, that
found their way to the markets of Great Britain,
were in reality of Canadian production; and that
the Dominion had been, most unjustly, deprived
of the credit of producing marketable commodities
for the British consumer. This has been manifest-
ly shown in many things, for our present purpose,
it will be sufficient to take the single article Cheese.
Real American cheese, has become a drug in that
market because of it's marked inferiority; while
the Canadian article has advanced in reputation,
and in demand. The American trade was built up
upon the well known excellence, of our production
and the consumer kept in the dark as to source of
supply. But now the source is known, and the ar-
ticle duly appreciated; the discriminating dealer,
and consumer, have relegated the american article
to the limbo to which, it evidently belongs. We
hope the day is not far distant, when Glassville,
will have the credit of sending to the British con-
sumer cheese, that will eclipse anything that can
be produced on the other side of the boundary line.
Looking at the fact that nearly three fourths of
our exports are sent to Great Britain, is it not time
that a policy of reciprocity was adopted? and the
heavy duties on British goods reduced? in the face
of such facts as are given to the public, by the gov-
ernment, who point out the circumstance, that the
Old Country is our "Best Market."

Customs Again.

There are comparatively few people in this part
of the country, who have not had, at one time, or
another; occasion to complain of the gross inciv-
ility; not to say, downright, positive rudeness, on
the part of customs officials. Fortunately there are
exceptions, but these only prove the rule. This has
become so great an evil, that it has been necessary
to issue a circular notice from head-quarters. We
reprint from St. John Globe, the following.

Mr. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs, has
issued a circular to all Custom House employes.
He warns them that many complaints have reach-
ed the department of insults and incivility of many
of the officers towards the general public, and also
warns them that every complaint will in future be
rigidly investigated.

There are other little peccadillos that require to
be looked into. We are told on good authority that
it is a common practice, to purchase potatoes on
the eastern side of the St. John river, they are then
taken round via Centreville, where for a small fee,
the purchaser gets a paper that enables him to send
them away as American produce. Is the dominion
exchequer so low, or officers so poorly paid, that it
is necessary to eke out either, by such trickery?

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