

such a result follow the action so recently taken on behalf of Eastern people. If the old market was sustained by Eastern people, and cannot be maintained without them, the injustice done for so long a time has manifestly been great. Surely, though, this is not the real situation. While the Eastern people have undertaken to provide for themselves a market convenient to their homes, the residents of the west are doubtless able to keep up a good market at St. Andrews. There are few who do not desire that this should be so. The present movement has been one of defence—not of offence; one of protection—not of aggression; one, indeed, that cannot do otherwise than favorably affect every resident of the East End, be he tradesman or householder; and one of which no man in the west dare assume to say that by it an injustice is done to the people of the west, be their avocation or occupation what it may. It is simply a movement to balance the scales and allow trade to assume its natural course and to enable every business man to enjoy his just share of its benefits, while an equal privilege is given to every citizen to enjoy the benefit of a good market.

The Still Bonus.

To the Editor of The Era.

DEAR SIR:—Since your paper, (as I am given to understand) is published specially in the interest of East End citizens, there is one thing of particular interest to the said citizens of paramount importance for us, as citizens, to take into our earnest consideration, viz:—the proposed Still Bonus.

I see that by the action of the city council, assisted by the board of trade and advised by our two dailies, we are about to have submitted to us a by-law to vote away \$8,000 and interest, or an equivalent to \$7,700.00, to a firm to come from Tilbury Centre to St. Thomas to establish a manufactory which has been tried here before and which proved to be a failure.

When the question was before the council Ald. Cockram asked that the affair should first be submitted to the people at a public meeting; and if the public meeting was in favor of the by-law, then submit the question to the public

vote. Our council men said, "No! We are placed here by the public to do their business and we are going to do it," and a correspondent of the *Journal* who signs himself a Satisfied Citizen, is satisfied.

The last time this question of bonusing was before the public was in connection with the Essex affair, and I then thought the council understood the feelings of the people in regard thereto. It was voted on and defeated, and afterwards the two dailies set up a cry that the citizens wanted it but that it was not advertised in their papers, and the council allowed themselves to be bulldozed into submitting it again to the people. Then, after having paid the said dailies something like \$149 for advertising the affair, it was defeated worse than before. That alone, I think, should have told the city council what the ideas of the people were in regard to the bonus system. Immediately afterwards we had the said council in their wisdom asking the people to petition the people's parliament to take away from councils the power of granting bonuses, to which the people responded in a manner most positive; and now the council turns round and asks us to vote for just one more bonus, and this one, as Bohemian puts it, like the baby that came before it was wanted, is only a little one, so "please vote for it, it won't make any difference, the rate will be one-and-a-half cents on the dollar just the same whether it passes or not."

Now, Mr. Editor, let us look this thing fair in the face before we proceed any further. The city fathers in council assembled, on the recommendation of the board of trade, favorably received this application for a bonus of \$8,000 to Mr. Still to remove his establishment from Tilbury Centre to St. Thomas. A motion was passed to send a special committee to Tilbury Centre to investigate into the merits of the establishment. This committee went accompanied by a *Journal* reporter; and perhaps here it would be interesting to the public at large and the ratepayers in particular to know who asked this *Journal* reporter to accompany this committee and who pays his expenses; also what position did he hold in regard to the committee? If he went at his own expense then it is none of our business, but if he went at our expense, then we have a right to enquire why he was there and if there is any connection between his visit to Tilbury Centre and the extraordinary puff the affair is receiving from the *Journal* every evening. This committee returned and, as always occurs, every member who, like Bohemian, was opposed to bonuses before is in favor of this one. And why? The principal reason I can find is, Mr. Still's home is in St. Thomas and we must needs give him \$7,700.00 to come home. Now, Mr. Editor, there is something really pathetic about this, and something that a discerning public ought to take into their serious consideration. Here is a man who has taken Horace Greely's sage advice and gone west. He has grown up with the country and is now rich, and now he wants to come home and we are asked to vote \$7,700.00 to assist in moving his furniture, and I suppose the "Satisfied Citizen" is still satisfied. But, Mr. Editor, the times of bonusing any one is past. We have paid a considerable sum in obtaining railway facilities for manufactories, and if men think proper to settle in our midst, well and good, but if they will not come without a bonus why let them stay away. If a majority of our citizens believe as I do they also will stay away from the polls on polling

BRANTON & MAHER,
Manufacturers of
Crown Head, Pet Pug, Little Dwarf,
and other famous brands of
Havana and Domestic Cigars.
Smoke Em. Factory—Opp. Traders Bank.

J. E. PHILLIPS,

Manufacturer and dealer in

Boots, Shoes, Rubbers

Trunks and Valises.

Talbot St. East, opposite M. C. R. depot.

Special Attention given to Ordered Work and Repairing.

ness, but if he went at our expense, then we have a right to enquire why he was there and if there is any connection between his visit to Tilbury Centre and the extraordinary puff the affair is receiving from the *Journal* every evening. This committee returned and, as always occurs, every member who, like Bohemian, was opposed to bonuses before is in favor of this one. And why? The principal reason I can find is, Mr. Still's home is in St. Thomas and we must needs give him \$7,700.00 to come home. Now, Mr. Editor, there is something really pathetic about this, and something that a discerning public ought to take into their serious consideration. Here is a man who has taken Horace Greely's sage advice and gone west. He has grown up with the country and is now rich, and now he wants to come home and we are asked to vote \$7,700.00 to assist in moving his furniture, and I suppose the "Satisfied Citizen" is still satisfied. But, Mr. Editor, the times of bonusing any one is past. We have paid a considerable sum in obtaining railway facilities for manufactories, and if men think proper to settle in our midst, well and good, but if they will not come without a bonus why let them stay away. If a majority of our citizens believe as I do they also will stay away from the polls on polling

E. M. YARWOOD,
SOLICITOR, &C.,
573 Talbot St., St. Thomas.

Money to loan at favorable rates. Correspondence solicited.

day and thus tell all bonus hunters that they are of the same opinion as Truly yours,

COSMOPOLITAN.

Conclusive.

Your hair is thinner than when we last met said a man to an acquaintance.

Yes, some of it came out.

How do you account for it?

Thought.

What! you don't mean to say that thinking caused it to come out?

Yes.

That goes to prove that badness is often caused by mental work. I have for some time been thinking of preparing an article on the subject and I would like you to give me your experience.

Well I can do so in a few words. A few weeks ago I was engaged in a dispute over a debt with a man named Jackson, and directly after thinking my hair began to fall out.

I don't understand it.

I do. I said what I thought and—he reached after me.

What did Adam first plant in the garden of Eden? His foot.

CHAMPT'S CHEAP STORE

Is the Cheapest Place in the City to Buy all kinds of

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, HATS, CAPS, &C.

Straw Hats, 5 cents each.

See our Mens' Sox—three pairs for 25 cents.

Cor. Talbot and Manitoba Sts.

Opposite M. C. R. depot.