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THE HURON SIGNAL

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LEONARD'S LETTER

The Fort Huron Philosopher Holds Forth.

The writer of the following was always considered an erratic genius, and his letter will be read by many with considerable interest.

The fish always goes back to the place where it first gained life, and man being no exception to this great law of nature, his memory will go back to the place where his children were born.

I got a copy of THE SIGNAL once in a while, and can agree with its editor on generalities. But, when you took part in the temperance fanaticism, you only did it to advertise the paper, as your thoughts are of the liberal order.

I think the worm and the still is the generator of the human family. It kills off the miserable creature not worthy to propagate their own species, and gives a better race, hence, all who disapprove the alcoholic traffic, are abusing their best friend; for had it not been for this civilization, these fanatics would never have been born.

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The Howick Enterprise has ceased to exist. The editor is removing to a livelier place than Gorrie, and to a better reading community than is to be found in Howick.

The Tory papers are now anxious that Riel should be hanged. We ask our readers to keep an eye on them and see how they will change their tune when the nod comes from the man who "wished to God he could catch him," to spare the arch-rebel. They all jump to the same music when "Old Tomorrow" pulls the string.

An important point pointed by the speakers of the Scott Act delegation on Wednesday, was that the duties of a police magistrate were not solely those connected with liquor trials.

It is the general opinion that butchers are not a tender-hearted class of beings - in other words, that their vocation being the taking of life, of necessity their finer feelings get somewhat blunted, and the taking of life of superior animals - the man species - would not worry them much more than the slaughter of the inferior kind.

THE POLICE MAGISTRATE

A Delegation Waits Upon the County Council to Press his Appointment.

A large and respectable delegation of temperance men waited upon the County Council on Wednesday, to urge the propriety of having a police magistrate appointed in Huron, for the more faithful administration of the Scott Act.

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CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE

A Toast Which was Received With Enthusiasm at a Montreal Banquet.

MONTRÉAL, P. Q., May 26, 1885. - At the banquet of the National club the toast of the evening was the "Independence of Canada," which was responded to by Mr. Beauregard, mayor of Montreal.

About 150 guests were present, among whom were a number of members of the provincial parliament. The toast to "The Queen" was drunk in silence, while that to Canadian Independence was received with wild enthusiasm.

"Wonder what'll they do with Riel, now they've got him?" "Hang him, of course," responded the man on his right. "He deserves to be hanged over again."

"Well, as to that," replied a man on the left of the first speaker, "I don't quite agree with you, mister. I grant you that Riel deserves punishment, and so does every one who commits a crime; but I can't for the life of me see what good hanging him would do."

"The advocates of hanging," appeared quite crestfallen for a second or two, but finally, after harpooning a cucumber from the pickle jar, replied, "It's all very fine to talk that way, for sentiment is a sentiment, but the Bible tells us that men that shed blood should die thereof. And it also lays down the law, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'"

"Well, mister, you can have your opinion, and I'll have mine. You quote scripture like a real person, but the passages you refer to were written for the Jews when they were under the law, and not for Christians who are under grace. There's a vast difference in the two systems, mister."

"If you're a Jew, of course you are justified in holding on to the old style, but if you're a Christian you will find lots of texts from the Galleian to show you that 'Old things have passed away and all things have become new.' An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was a good enough law for a wayward and semi-barbarous people in the days of Moses, but it ought to be well in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five. If you and I were held to account by the legal and moral code of the Jewish law-giver we might be in a position to pass judgment upon other delinquents. Going back three thousand years for an opinion to justify legal murder, is against the spirit of the times. Hanging is a bad business, mister, and you can't make any thing else out of it. Human life is a sacred thing, and the God who gave it should alone take it away, and that in His own good time."

And having thus delivered himself, the speaker, who, I afterwards learned, was a butcher, wiped his lips with his red and blue handkerchief, and rose from the table.

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WHERE IT HAD BEEN TRIED

At first the county council of Huron had been opposed to the Act, but the police magistrate had so administered it that now the Halton council was a Scott Act one.

The delegation represented a majority of 1,600, and that majority through them asked for a police magistrate. The population of the county was about 75,000 and its wealth had been placed at \$33,000,000, therefore the cost of an official such as desired, which had been estimated at \$1,000, would be lightly felt.

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