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ANOTHER LIBEL SUIT.

The Montreal Witness recently re-nounced a citizen of the Canadian commercial metropolis for entertaining the "city snowshoeing clubs with flowing cellars." The result of the denunciation was a libel suit against the staunch old journal for \$10,000. The proceedings were taken in the criminal court, where the case was thrown out by the grand jury. We join with the vast number of friends of the Witness in offering our congratulations. The victory won by the Witness is one more step in the establishment in the freedom of the press, which is the surest safeguard of the people.

Commenting on its success, the Witness writes as follows:

"There have been a good number of cases since, some of them very celebrated, and some of which have resulted in changes in the law of libel, which has gone on continuously softening towards the honest newspaper. Indeed, the Witness has had many congratulations over holdings in the present case, which seem to indicate that the time has come when the law will do justice to the newspaper as well as to the person denounced. The most notable of these changes in the law has been the removal from it of the old immoral doctrine that the greater the truth the greater the libel."

Juries, nowadays, are inclined to take a more calm and sensible view of the difference arising between the press and offended individuals. The members of the jury are judges to the facts in a libel case. In the suit in which the Witness was involved, the judge laid stress on two points, namely, were the articles in question published maliciously? and were they SUBSTANTIALLY true? Newspapers, like individual men, lay no claim to infallibility, and it is almost needless to say that in the impersonality of a newspaper there is, as a rule, less of malice than with private persons. Those who are offended by newspaper publicity very often try to get even with the paper by taking advantage of some technicality or inaccuracy of phrase when the article may be true in substance. A newspaper should be entitled to as much consideration and protection in the courts as an individual. The press asks no more. The greater the scope given to the public press, the better can it serve the people. Even when given as great a latitude as possible, the self-respecting editor is not apt to abuse his privileges. There are too many other matters incident to the success of his business to dispose him to be less careful than under a more rigid libel law.

THE O'CALLAGHAN CASE.

Says the Woodstock Express, Independent:

Discussing the Callaghan case, the Globe says: "There will, of course, be general sympathy with Mrs. Callaghan and her children in the distress into which her husband's transgressions have plunged her. It is to be feared, however, that they are recounted not wholly in a humane spirit, but as a sort of justification of the strictures which have been passed on the court which condemned him. Rarely is anybody sentenced in a court but some innocent woman or child suffers even more than the real delinquent. That has ever been one of the poignant aspects of the administration of justice. But it is unavoidable. Can offenders be allowed to go unpunished because those connected with them, although innocent, are punished to an even greater extent? What the Globe says is true enough, and yet there are some features of the Callaghan case that are unusual. Callaghan made an affidavit containing certain statements about certain prominent Liberals. Thereupon Callaghan was arrested for a debt. It is difficult to dissociate in one's mind the affidavit and the arrest. Had the affidavit not been made there would probably have been no arrest. At the trial the Crown, or the Attorney representing the Crown, used the right of challenge until he secured a jury that suited him, namely, a jury composed entirely of Liberals. It is impossible to dissociate in one's mind this action of the Crown from a strong desire to convict the prisoner. Now, it is not the business of the Crown to secure convictions, but to ensure justice. It is idle to argue that the Crown has the right to challenge; the possession of a power gives no moral right to abuse it. In the Callaghan case the Crown appears to have abused its power when it used all its machinery in advance to ensure a conviction before there was any evidence of the prisoner's guilt. Either the action of the

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Crown showed an improper desire to ensure a conviction in any event, or it was intended as an insult to every Conservative in the country, for if the Crown was anxious only about securing justice, then the exclusion of the Conservatives from the jury could mean nothing else than that Conservatives were not to be trusted on a jury to do justice.

The case is an unfortunate one, but perhaps some good purpose will be served by calling attention to it. In this country, as in other countries, there are representatives of the Crown who do more to misrepresent than to hold it up for public respect. Some Crown Attorneys appear to act on the theory that every man accused must be a scoundrel, and that it is the duty of the Crown to secure a conviction, forgetting that the Crown can have no interest in the conviction of any man apart from the desire to deal out even-handed justice. There is this consideration, too: The more of party politics the people get the sooner they will get enough. With party politics in Dominion affairs, party politics in Provincial affairs, party politics in municipal affairs, party politics in the church, party politics in the schools, and party politics in the courts of justice, the people may soon get a surfeit of party politics, and then there will be a revulsion. One of the theories of the late Herbert Spencer was that all motion was rhythmic, and that when the pendulum reached one extreme it at once began to move in the direction of the other extreme. The sooner party politics reaches the extreme limit the sooner will the change set in.

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ADELINA PATTI

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her wardrobe she could do so by stepping from one car to another. The singer's personal baggage consists of fifty-one pieces, which takes up the floor of an entire car.

The baron is delighted with his life on railroads. He says he had seen some Pullmans in Europe, but none of them compared with the "Craig y Nos," as they had to be much shorter and lighter on account of the curves and bridges, and much lower on account of the tunnels. Thus one could not get the comfort out of them that distinguishes the "Craig y Nos." He had understood, too, that the roadbeds were so bumpy. He had found them perfect, so far.

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DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

Auld Lang Syne—From Planet files from June 26, 1857, to July 1, 1857.

The following prices were paid for farm produce June 26th:

Wool, per lb., 2s. 2d.
Wheat, per bush., 11s. 6d.
Oats, per bush., 3s. 9d.
Barley, per bush., 12s. 0d.
Rye, per bush., 7s. 0d.
Potatoes, per bush., 7s. 6d.
Corn, per bush., 7s. 0d.
Beef, per 100 lbs., 40s. 0d.
Pork, per 100 lbs., 56s. 0d.
Mutton, per 100 lbs., 48s. 0d.
Butter, per lb., 1s. 2d.
Tallow, per 100 lbs., 95s. 0d.
Chickens, per pair, 8s. 6d.
Hay, per ton, 36s. 0d.
Eggs, per doz., 1s. 0d.

John Smith, Market Clerk.

Drowned—William Allen, of Chatham, captain and owner of the Emily, a steam craft, was accidentally knocked overboard in Lake St. Clair and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

A meeting was held in the Court House, Chatham, on June 27th, to discuss the St. Clair, Chatham and Rensselaire canal project, which was on foot then. Those who were managing the meeting were Samuel Arnold, A. Fletcher, Jos. Northwood, Hooper King, R. S. Woods, A. Knapp, Thos. McRae, John Richmond, Jas. Hart, David Wilson, Stephen White, Rufus Stephenson, D. Sinclair, Thos. Keating, R. K. Payne, Geo. Duck, Jr., Jas. Burns, John Dickson, Thos. Cross, Geo. W. Foot, A. R. Robertson, J. S. Vosburg, Miles Miller, Ingram Taylor, J. W. Rose, Thos. S. Shackleton and Duncan McVicar.

The results of the examinations of the Chatham Grammar school are published in the issue of June 26, 1857. Among the prizes awarded were for—

First classical prize—Alfred R. Rols.
First mathematical prize—Edwin C. Rols.
Senior Latin—Alfred Rols, C. Rols and Samuel Barfoot.
Junior Latin—Geo. Sheriff, William Rols, Samuel Pratt.
Ancient geography and history—Alfred Rols, Cecil Rols and James W. Rols.
Greek—Peter McKellar, Cecil Rols and Alfred Rols.
Geometry—C. Rols, John King, A. Rols.
Practical mathematics—A. and C. Rols and Samuel Barfoot.
English Grammar—George Sheriff, Samuel Barfoot and John McKellar.
English History—Hugh Stringer, Geo. Sheriff and Wm. Northwood.
Algebra—C. and A. Rols, S. Barfoot.
Arithmetic—Wm. Northwood, Edward Wilcott and Samuel Pratt.
Modern Geography—George Sheriff, Wm. Northwood and John McKellar.
Natural Philosophy—Samuel Barfoot, Alex. Merriam and Peter McKellar.
Junior reading—Wm. Laidlaw.
Good conduct—Jane McKellar.
English composition—Mary Jane McKellar.
The principal of the school was George Jamieson, and his assistant, Archibald McEwen. Some of the trustees were Rev. J. Robb, Rev. Wm. King, of Buxton, and Alexander Charteris.

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The real cause of "oldness" is lack of vigor and vitality, of exuberant joy in living, of spirit and courage.

These are the elements which set Old Age at defiance and make a man laugh at the thought of becoming decrepit and nerveless, shuffling and snuffling his existence from bed to hearthstone, and back from hearthstone to bed, until he totters into the grave.

This is not living—it is simply vegetating. And how many who are young in years may well envy many who are called "old" because they have not their vigor of body or enjoyment of life.

The secret of youth is not in some magic elixir, but in the right relation of the parts of the body to each other.

The normal working of the organs and nerves prevents the oncoming of abnormal conditions of disease, and a man may have life pulsating in every tissue and every blood-drop every moment while he is on earth.

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