

**A Plea for Toleration.**

The little recontre with Mrs. True of Lincoln, we mention in another place, shows to what an extent the good will and friendly understanding between Catholics and Protestants is being undermined by narrow sectarian bigots of the class of Pitts, Rossborough, Anderson, Col. Hewitson and "Bishop" Wiley; who work on the fears of such people who with more zeal than wisdom imagine that their religion and liberty are in danger if a Catholic is allowed to live in the country. With the "Raw head and bloody bones" of Popery everlastingly held up before their eyes by such men and such papers as the Orange Truth and Boston Citizen, which were circulated among them last winter by the ton by designing politicians and contained the stalest calumnies and most abominable falsehoods against the Catholic clergy and people, they have been blinded: and though a good, kind-hearted, noble class of people they have let their fears get the better of their good sense and are turning their backs upon their Catholic friends and neighbors and refusing so far as they can to have any intercourse with them.

Lincoln is only a sample of what the blighting breath of religious bigotry has done among the people of this province wherever its baneful shadow has been cast.

We remember when we first started out peddling we were as we are now thrown largely among Protestants and Orangemen. No better friends could we have, and it was they who restored our faith in human nature after it had got such a shock by our harsh treatment among the Yankees and showed us that the world was not all bad yet and that there were noble hearts who could feel for the wronged and unfortunate and extend to us the right hand of fellowship regardless of sectarian or political bias.

By far the larger number of those friends made in early years have remained staunch and steadfast, but the defection of the few who have turned their backs against us in this city, Nashwaak, Keswick, Stanley and Lincoln for no other cause show what a potent factor for evil this sectarian agitation is in smothering down all the better feelings of the heart and letting loose the wild beasts of bigotry, intolerance and proscription.

We are told by Orangemen in high standing, whose words we must believe, whom we know to be incapable of falsehood or uncharitable feelings toward anyone, that the principles of the Orange order are in no wise antagonistic to the Catholic people, that all they ask is equal rights for all, regardless of creed, color or nationality, that they are banded together to uphold the principles of the Protestant religion and British rule. So far they are clearly within their right and no Catholic can find any fault with them, if their papers and certain evil disposed persons did not give the lie to their declarations.

We hate above all things a religious controversy and would gladly eliminate all religious discussion from the pages of our paper, but when it is forced upon us we owe it to ourselves and our Protestant friends who are amendable to reason, to set ourselves right with them. We have travelled among them for

the past twenty years, shared their hospitality, played with their little children and slept with their big boys. Were they afraid that we would do them any injury because we happened to have our name enrolled among the ranks of the "Scarlet Woman" Hardly. Then why should they be afraid now? Have we changed? Don't we love their little children quite as much as those of our Catholic friends? The fact is that we have formed many more friendships among Protestants than Catholics. We have dealt altogether, with very few exceptions, with Protestant dealers, because we began with them, and finding them good, honorable men and disposed to treat us squarely and honestly have seen no reasons for making any change. Although Mrs. True refuses to take our paper any longer, does she suppose if she comes to town with butter, eggs, potatoes or buckwheat, that we would not buy from her as quick as from a Catholic? Certainly we would; but at the bidding of men like Rush, Rossborough and Bishop Wiley, whom we have shown up, not because they are Protestants or Orangemen, but a disgrace to the parties to which they belong, she is resolved to throw us over, and induce all her friends and relations to do the same. Well, so be it. There are other people with better and sounder reasoning.

**Wreck of the "Mary George"**

Toll for the boat  
Which came near being no more--  
She struck against a pier  
Close by her native shore.

'Twas near the Iron Bridge  
Where she received the shock  
That knocked her bowsprit off  
And made the vessel rock.

The Captain did his best  
To save the good old boat,  
But soon the fact was plain  
That long she could not float.

'Twas with an anxious eye  
He scanned the waters o'er,  
Then ordered his good men  
To pull him to the shore.

He chanced to spy a tug  
And with heart filled with joy  
He put his hand up to his mouth  
And shouted, "Ship ahoy."

The tug came steaming down  
And saw the good boat's flight,  
But in spite of all their efforts  
She remained there for the night.

But next day they succeeded  
And towed her to St. John  
And just as good as ever, now  
She rides she waves upon.

**MORAL**

Now all ye Schooner captains  
Wherever you may be,  
Be sure and take your bearings true  
When you put out to sea.

In spite of all your seamanship,  
Your bluster and your brag,  
If e'er you run amuck again  
You're sure to strike a snag.

**PRINTERS' DEVIL.**

Rooney—"Say, Pat, your a bit of a scholar, kin ye tell who it was ordered the sun to sthand still?"  
Noonan—"I dunno. Some son of a gun of a contractor who wanted to get a big day's work out of the laborin' man, ye can bet."

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