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HITTING BELOW THE BELT.

The DISPATCH has the experience of all other papers, in having communications thrust on it, apparently harmless, but which when published cause annoyance and trouble. We are glad to say that we have some excellent correspondents in this county and in Victoria. Generally they write news and we are always glad to hear from them. But we must beg our correspondents to give up the prevalent habit of hitting at some one, under the veil of news items. This is a constant danger in correspondents against which it is next to impossible to be always guarded.

We often hear of the serenity and innocence of country life as opposed to the turbulence and profligacy of the city and town. We greatly wish that there was some truth in this idea so pleasant and so complimentary to the residents in rural districts. People used to think that the French peasantry were a race as charming in their simplicity as Longfellow's imaginary Acadians who dwelt in the forest primeval, and were altogether lovely. Balzac exposed the falsity of this theory in his "Sons of the Soil."

We sincerely wish that a great quantity of copies which no man could number, of Balzac's work were available for distribution in rural districts, generally. They would then see as they are seen.

This county has an honored name for temperance. The very name of Rum horrors, and with good reason, the most isolated settler in the most out of the way settlement. But, alas! how very fond are our rural friends of malicious gossip! We use the word advisedly, because our experience of country writers has led us to form this opinion.

A stab in the dark for an unguarded enemy seems to be the height of rural chivalry.

We pity the newspaper man who enters an ordinary Canadian constituency, without a fair knowledge of the law of libel. He will soon find his plant gone, because of some "harmless item" that "wouldn't hurt anybody, of course," but at the same time was sufficient to put him quickly out of business.

We again wish to thank our staff of correspondents for the good work they are doing. We want facts, facts, facts. Correspondents can easily deceive us if they wish to do so. Some of them have already done so. It must not surprise them if the blue pencil is more industrious than ever.

Hasty, incharitable, untruthful innuendos and slurs are unneighborly and, certainly unchristian. To hurt a man by a newspaper item is as wrong as to hit him with the fist and ever so much more unmanly.

We will have no such hitting below the belt if we can help it, after this.

HISTORY OF CANADA.

The history of Canada is full of incidents of romantic interest, of detail of personal bravery and self-sacrifice, the records of which have not been available as one might wish to the attendants at our common schools. The ordinary school history is shorn of much interesting matter in order to provide a book of the suitable shortness. "There are many books which present with more fulness the events of the story of Canada, but they do not come within the reach of the children of our schools. To make up for this want, a series of leaflets will be published by the Educational Review, which will present the leading events and persons in our history in such a graphic way as to secure interest and at the same time give instruction." The first number of the series, which is edited by G. U. Hay, the well known educationalist of St. John, is at hand and contains Physical Growth of Canada by G. F. Matthew, D. Sc. The Legend of Glooscap by James Vroom, Cartier's First Voyage by W. F. Ganong, Ph. D., Winter at St. Croix Island, some extracts from Champlain's narrative by G. U. Hay, The Story of Lady La Tour by James Hanney and the Story of the Loyalists by Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C. M. G., L. L. D. These pamphlets, which will be issued quarterly, sell at the small price of 15 cents, and if future numbers have the value and interest of this first, they will be deservedly popular.

SINGLE TAX.

"Under the heading "It Grows," an article is published in another column. It is taken from the Bobcageon Independent, and will repay perusal and consideration. The writer says, Ten men each buy a lot, nine of them building homes and stores, the tenth does nothing. The vacant lot increases in value from \$10 to \$100. The increased value comes without any effort from the owner of this vacant lot.

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Many a thankful prayer will ascend from truly grateful and healthy men and women for the beauties and bounties of the new season. On the other hand, a vast multitude of halt dead, broken down, weak, debilitated

and suffering men and women will not have the capacity to appreciate the mercies so bountifully bestowed. Their thoughts are centred on their afflictions and sufferings; they are moody, despondent, morose, and some are hopeless and in despair.

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The Shadow And The Substance.

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theoretical condition, when we could secure the practical condition without spending a cent or losing a single life? When one realizes into what insane excesses it is proposed to plunge the government of this country, one cannot help believing that there must be some truth in the allegations made. That the underlying motive cause for this war fever is the desire on the part of certain speculators to make vast fortunes out of Cuban bonds, and the wish on the part of certain contractors to make other great fortunes by supplying the war needs of the American people.—Boston Herald.

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