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A Much Needed Reform.

In this Enlightened, and Progressive age, old-time ideas, and worn out and effete methods of procedure, in legislation, as in other things, have to go to the wall. Still, there are some antiquated and (ought to be) obsolete laws, yet in operation. It is one step in the right direction, that has been taken by the government in passing the Lien Law. One of our correspondents, in our last, deploras the fact, that more acts on a similar basis have not been proposed and made law; in the province. We re-echo that sentiment, and wish to point out, that, an amendment in the law for the recovery of debts is imperatively necessary. As the law at present is constituted, the unfortunate debtor is at the mercy of the creditor, and in the case of involuntary debts; has frequently to pay the debts of others, for which he is not morally, though legally, responsible. The method adopted is, to say the least, arbitrary and one sided, and, we steadfastly believe, has always been a great factor in producing much of the deplorable exodus from the province. We would like to see district courts established, held in convenient places, and presided over by Gentlemen, educated, and well versed in the principles of law, and equity, who should be empowered to inquire into the indebtedness, and make an order on the debtor, to pay according to his ability to do so, in certain periodical installments, till the debt and costs, are fully paid up. There are thousands of people in this province, who are most unfortunately a little under the weather, who are perfectly willing to pay, but from force of circumstances are unable to do so as the present system enforces. There are very many of these, whose indebtedness is of a character that may be called involuntary debts, that is, debts that have been incurred in some cases without any knowledge on their part, and which have quietly, but surely grown to proportions never contemplated. There are others too that have been incurred voluntarily, as, for implements of husbandry and the like with the expectation that, a favourable season, would enable them to discharge that liability. But, early autumn frosts, an extremely wet, or an excessively dry summer, has shattered their hopes, and rendered their well-formed intentions, perfectly futile. These we conceive to be cases where the court should have power to say; You don't appear to be in a position to pay this all at once, therefore we make an order that you pay into court, a certain sum per month. A Court, so

constituted, would have more weight with all parties, and would be very much better for both debtor and creditor, than the system at present in vogue; There would be fewer to batten on the hard earnings of the poor-unfortunates. The creditor would be assured of his money, and the debtor would be happily relieved (as long as he kept up his payments) from all fears of a tipstaff or constable walking him off to durance vile, for no other crime than his inability to pay in a lump sum. This is a many sided question, and we have only looked on one of it's many sides. but, we shall hereafter have more to say on the subject, and shall use our best endeavours to have an amelioration of the system carried into effect.

We are very fortunate in this county, in having for once, "Two Gentlemen" to represent us in the legislature, gentlemen commercially engaged, and who will, we are sure use their undoubted talents for the material advancement of the county, and province. We gratuitously offer them in this article a hint as to a reform, that will be welcomed by the people at large.

A Further Plea for FREE Trade.

It has been shown, by Government statistics, that the Old Country is our best market, and that very many of the so called American articles, that found their way to the markets of Great Britian, were in reality of Canadian production; and that the Dominion had been, most unjustly, deprived of the credit of producing marketable commodities for the British consumer. This has been manifestly shown in many things, for our present purpose, it will be sufficient to take the single article Cheese. Real American cheese, has become a drug in that market because of it's marked inferiority; while the Canadian article has advanced in reputation, and in demand. The American trade was built up upon the well known excellence, of our production and the consumer kept in the dark as to source of supply. But, now the source is known, and the article duly appreciated; the discriminating dealer, and consumer, have relegated the american article to the limbo to which it evidently belongs. We hope the day is not far distant, when Glassville, will have the credit of sending to the British consumer cheese, that will eclipse anything that can be produced on the other side of the boundary line. Looking at the fact that nearly three fourths of our exports are sent to Great Britain, is it not time that a policy of reciprocity was adopted? and the heavy duties on British goods reduced? in the face of such facts as are given to the public, by the government, who point out the circumstance, that the Old Country is our "Best Market."

Customs Again.

There are comparatively few people in this part of the country, who have not had, at one time, or another; occasion to complain of the gross incivility; not to say, downright, positive rudeness, on the part of customs officials. Fortunately there are exceptions, but these only prove the rule. This has become so great an evil, that it has been necessary to issue a circular notice from head-quarters. We reprint from St. John Globe, the following.

Mr. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs, has issued a circular to all Custom House employes. He warns them that many complaints have reached the department of insults and incivility of many of the officers towards the general public, and also warns them that every complaint will in future be rigidly investigated.

There are other little peccadillos that require to be looked into. We are told on good authority that it is a common practice, to purchase potatoes on the eastern side of the St. John river, they are then taken round via Centreville, where for a small fee, the purchaser gets a paper that enables him to send them away as American produce. Is the dominion exchequer so low, or officers so poorly paid, that it is necessary to eke out either, by such trickery.?

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