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LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK!

The case of Mr. ELLIS appeals strongly to public sympathy. Among his personal friends the severe sentence imposed upon him has aroused indignant feeling.

In all free countries there exists a love of free speech. An unshackled press is rightly esteemed the strongest bulwark which guards the liberty of the subject.

"This is true freedom," said the Grecian sage, "that freeborn men, having to advise the people, may speak freely." It is a British boast that this is "a land where a girl by friends or foes a man may speak the thing he will."

Let us admit that these ancient and modern maxims pre-suppose that no one shall exceed the bounds of justice and moderation in his speech or writing. Admit further, if you will that Mr. ELLIS, writing at a moment of great political excitement, spoke trenchantly, indignantly and with undue severity of Judge TUCK.

Instead of such fair trial as the laws provide and as the people love, a musty precedent is called up from medieval times and Mr. ELLIS is tried for contempt of court, condemned and imprisoned by the men he had offended, sitting as accusers, judges and jury in one.

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For all these reasons, for the love of free speech, because of his arbitrary and unusual trials, the undue severity of his sentence, and because in what he wrote, and for which he is punished he was moved not by private malice, but what he conceived to be public reasons and aiming at public right—there is now intense and proper sympathy evoked in his behalf.

Paragraphs similar to this have appeared in the press all summer and they undoubtedly furnish the best evidence that the practical encouragement, extended to the dairy industry by the local government, has been of great assistance to the farmers in those sections where butter and cheese factories have been established.

He has not paraded his wrongs or sought to play [the] martyr. He has not asked nor expected that any one should share his losses.

This feeling of sympathy and regard seeks expression. PROGRESS proposes that it shall take the form of a testimonial which will enable the hundreds who will gladly contribute to share in the payment of the pecuniary penalties imposed on Mr. ELLIS.

It is not right that Mr. ELLIS should bear in his own person and pocket the indignity of imprisonment and the heavy fine and costs. This controversy is not for Mr. ELLIS alone. It is the people's cause.

THE MUZZLED DAILY PRESS.

Rev. L. G. MACNEILL is a popular and timely preacher. He does not hesitate to apply the events of the day to illustrate his sermons and make them interesting.

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Post office inspector STEPHEN J. KING says that the writer of the article in the city edition of PROGRESS exposing his re-

markable conduct must have been drunk or crazy. That is one line of argument that is as easily made as it is unconvincing.

Governor BOYD went to Fredericton this week and lost no time in paying his respects to Editor ELLIS. Since he was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, the Sheriff and the Mayor of the City the call was made in state.

It is often said that women have a keener sense for justice than men. If that is so they have an admirable opportunity now to emphasize the fact by contributing to the "Ellis Fund."

"Mr. J. V. ELLIS attended divine service yesterday," writes a Fredericton correspondent. He might have added that it was an evidence of the missionary efforts of the new sermonizer of the bench—Judge PALMER.

The letter from Secretary NAYLOR of the S. P. C. of Halifax finds a place in this issue. Our correspondent has been severe in his strictures—perhaps too severe, as Mr. NAYLOR's explanation is quite reasonable.

Keep your eyes on Sir CHARLES TUPPER. A man who has seen Canada as often as he has, travelled over every section of it again and again, does not make such a trip as he has just completed without an object.

Will the persuasions and inducements of Sir CHARLES lure Sir LEONARD into politics again?

PENALTY PARAGRAPHS.

"Rates are facts and so are taxes," sings King Paramount, in Gilbert & Sullivan's new opera. They are, certainly, most disagreeable facts, whether the rate be one per centum or five. The disagreeableness increases in proportion to the rate.

"The St. John, N. B., Gazette has not uplitted the journalistic profession by glorying over the imprisonment of a confere. It is the city in which it is published does not repudiate and scorn the editor that can glory over the unjust imprisonment of a neighbor, it is without public opinion and deserves to be set apart as a community which cares not for liberty but enjoys the affliction of a citizen."

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I have received (only this week) the letter of "a lover of music" but will have to refer the writer to the editor of the music column as I am not a musical critic. I may say, however, that it is very evident that there is reform needed in the singing at Trinity church.

The Chicago Exhibition is about closing, and I believe I have not made mention of it in these "paragraphs". For this let my readers be devoutly thankful. It is not everywhere that they could read so much and such varied matter without coming up on something describing the wonders of the midway pleasure or some of the other greatness and glory of the big show.

The Editor of Toronto Saturday Night Speaks to the Point.

A man well known throughout Canada as an upright and honorable gentleman, has had imposed upon him a large fine and been sent to jail for thirty days by the court he is alleged to have held in contempt. It was unimportant that one man held the court in contempt, but the august body should remember that it is a serious affair if they are held in contempt by everybody.

Not Patti But Eugenie Tessier. Mr. A. O. Skinner, President of the Opera House Company, was unable to secure Adelina Patti for a concert in this city but he did arrange for the appearance here on Nov. 7th and 8th under the auspices of the A. A. club of Mlle. Eugenie Tessier, the wonderful blind singer, who is considered by competent critics the equal of the great Albani.

Some Fine Specimens of Potatoes. An incident at the meeting of the Agricultural society on Thursday was the display of a number of very fine potatoes, raised on the farm of Mr. William Hawker at Welsford.

The Safford in The Grand. The new Grand Hotel, at Yarmouth, has put in the Safford radiator, which has been advertised in PROGRESS for some time.

Should Be Here Earlier. Owing to the change of the sailing dates of the Monticello, correspondents of PROGRESS in Windsor, Annapolis, Digby, Bridgewater, and other points in that section of Nova Scotia, should endeavor to mail their letters earlier than they did formerly.

The "Lennox" Hat. Le Bon Marche, of Halifax sent PROGRESS a change of its advertisement this week, but too late for insertion. One of its specialties, however, is the "Lennox" hat, its own design and in the very latest style.

A Quaint Idea of Linnaeus. Linnaeus constructed a dial of flowers, indicative of their times of expanding and closing, by planting them in such a manner as that at each succeeding hour a blossom should unfold.

The Uses of a Church. To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS. The need of a public hall in St. Stephen has been for years a subject of much discussion, but with so accommodating and commodious a "sanctuary" as the Methodist Church, such a building would be superfluous, as it forms an excellent advertising medium for a Concert or Musical Co.

What a perversion of the "House of God" enough to call Wesley and Calvin from their graves. An occasional sermon on reverence might prove beneficial to the congregation, and I take the liberty of suggesting the following texts, "Despise ye the church of God?" "My house shall be called the house of prayer."

The meanest, most contemptible, ridiculous, and insignificant word in our vocabulary is this little two lettered construction called "it."

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morning. He did so. She made a statement to me in the presence of the Chief of Police and a police sergeant. A paragraph appeared in a city paper the same day. How did they get the information? I did not give it to them; and moreover the facts therein stated were not correct.

In conclusion, allow me to ask why the public look to the S. P. C. to attend to these and numerous other cases, and at the same time, neglect to supply it with the needed funds to defray the expenses? Lawyers cost money. Where is it to come from? The society is now many hundreds of dollars in debt, and the burden is by about four members of the executive, who are personally liable for most of it.

John Naylor, Secretary. Halifax, Oct., 25, 1893.

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