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-and we do so; and it shallbe our counterpart of the model we have be in no hurry about advocating set up, caring less for the gains any such a change believing than the name, and finding a better that petty politica! nostrums for two former this favored country has; reward in the praise of posterity a state, goes as far towards better! than in the gold of the hour.

Questions often arise suddenly that the public mind does not take the trouble to consider, but the newspaper editor must always be prepared to show some clue to the mystery or to put some interpretation upon the most involved circumstances. He must think more hastily than other men, and reach conclusions faster-then if his judgment be faulty, the public, which in the end is always right, will detect his shortcomings. The duty of thinking for one's self is important enough, and the man who is able to do so is generally above the common; but how much more important is the duty of him who thinks for the thousands and fashions their opinions after his ovn. If the sun be eclipsed the earth will be darkened; if he whose doctrines may become the rule of the state should spread abroad insidious teachings through the press, many of the thousands who look upon him as a teacher

will catch the infection. The press is the first and greatest born of a free people. Before the days of the press superstition and -a galling tyranny that we free STAR substantially pledged.

people cannot conceive of. them our prospectus.

port the liberal conservative party because we believe their policy for Canada in her present condition is good. The moment we think the! nterests of the Country are subordmated to the interests of the ruling no be wanting. party, that moment we cut the tie that binds us and call for better men. We have had no difficulty in concluding that the much abused National Policy, under all the circumstances is by far the best for Canada. Our reasoning to this with this question have been more or end we shall give in future issues of our paper, deeming such a subject for the repopulation of our waters a as not belonging to this place.

We shall always to the utmost of our power oppose measure having tendency towards annexation or that at the present they receive far we oppose any steps towards the disintegration of the Dominion, by quarters where the fisheries never can a repeal of the union. Both these are embryotic questions now; but we see them in the future with many There is a batch of useless officers in followers. It were well to educate be sent on "long holidays" and better the public mind to deal with them men be put in their places. when they come. To do this shall be part of our mission.

The writer has of late been there with some of its leading men We say we worship at that shrine he has learnt that the sister province useful, let him depend upon our is looking forward at no distant constant aim to make a paper a day to a Maritime Union. We shall terest of both. ing the condition of the people as The duties and the responsibilties | the medicines of the mountebank | National Policy.

of the press are great and grave. goes to improving the human body. Great minds within our Dominion. hursting with loyalty, think we are too far from the throne to be happy, and are looking to the day which will see a Federation of the Empire. This is a no-party idea, and among the Liberals we believe Mr Blake is its greatest champion. Matters of this kind, like the estab lishment of the fulcrum at some point outside the world, whereon an Archimedes might place a lever and of the Sahara into an inland sea, and kindred other mighty enterprises Province and the Dominion. we leave to others, professing ourselves unable to deal with them.

If our loyalty can only be preserved by crying out for the federation of the empire, then shall we no man as we know no mercy. We have to sit and in despair watch its departure. This federation of the empire seems to us, from what we have read of it, like harnessing a horse in Frederictou to a rope attached to a log in some part of Chatham. The connexion is about as remote-or about as near, men of the Blake school will have it.

But charity ought to begin at ignorance held sway over men's home, and before we reached this minds, tyranny lorded it over the point we should have said what our land and bad kings sent innocent aim shall be in relation to the county whim. But when the press once next few years. We never shoul people through its columns, tyranny bright hopes we entertain of its near faltered and autocrats and evil com- future. The grounds upon which There binations trembled before it. In we have based our hopes are no rosy Russia to-day there is no free press, dream, but a probable possibility to

We now refer to the important In countries blessed with the post between the Old World and the among whom we have cast our lot MOLASSES. glorious boon of liberty, the press New, which we believe Chatham is is to-day the greatest power upon to be at a date not far distant. It is weekly STAR on Wednesdays and the face of the earth, and there is no known that Newfoundland is now man, no matter how high his station | engaged in building a road from St that does not bend his knee before John's to George's Bay. This road all the Northern towns, on the steamit. With such a conception of the will be part of the new high road press, and of the duties of those from Queenstown to America; Atwho control the press, we give this lantic steamers during the summer paper to our readers. And it we wonths will discharge freight and have faithfully portrayed our ideal passengers at St John's; they will newspaper, and the duties of a be re-shipped at George's Bay; and proper editor we have stolen a Chatham in our theory will be the march on our readers and given entre-port, as well as the distributing port for the Dominion and New But these are only the general England States This means that a principles upon which a newspaper road would be built-and in any should be conducted, and while it case the road will be built-up the shall be our constant aim and great- Mramichi, from Chatham, and down est pains to conduct the STAR upon the Nashwaak to Fredericton. What the ideal we have set up, there re- this would mean to Chatham, those mains to be specified the special ob- who have some knowledge of the jects it shall be our particular duty to freight and travel by the steamers achieve. First of all we shall sup- plying on this route, need not be

told. We have already, by our articles turned the eyes of our Newtoandland friends to this scheme, and our readers may rest assured that anything we can henceforth do in the same direction, will

Next to the harvest of the land

that of our fertile waters is most mportant to our people here. The quistion therefore of our fisherie and how that industry may best be perpetuated if not fostered, is one for grave consideration. It seems to us that in the past our dealings ess speculative and every processly mere trial one. We shall not only approve further expenditures in the search for success, but we shall ask a much larger apportioment for our Maritime seas and rivers than they nave received in the past, believing eries here thousands of people are de- store. pendent for support, while in other be to the inhabitants what ours are to our people, lavish sums are expended with the most ridiculous results. the Fishery Department that ought to BARRISTERS, ATTORNEYS

shall be on the side where lie the interests of Miramichi and the North, and we shall insist on the laws relating to the protection of through Nova Scotia, and talking our fisheries being rigidly enforced. If to the farmer or the lumberman what we could say might ever be assistance: and much within news-

paper scope can be said in the in-A nation's wealth consists natural agents, her resources and her factories. it shall be our constant task to show our people they should have more of the latter. For this we have a

We think in the matter of costal telegraphic service, the important fishing settlements along the Miramicai and other parts of the North Shore have been left out in the cold. If Dr. Fortins scheme be as advantageous as it if claimed, then we do not want to have our fishermen denied these advantages. And with the powerful triends this county has " at court," we feel assured that the privileges of the telegraphic costal services will soon be extended to us. To this end the Star's efforts shall also be directed.

Upon the principle that under responsible government, the country is ruled by party, and that without party responsible government is impossible, overturn our planet; the conversion | we shall be the advocate of such party politics as seem to us best for the interests of the country-of our We shall always

with public men, npon their public record, save where private dealings crop out in public doings, or where the one is inseparable from the other. Then we know believe there is no greater poltroon than the coward who sits at the editorial desk and is afraid to speak his mind. If we are only to get bill heads and dodgers to print by smother ing our convictions, then we shall bepleased to starve. Yet we also know of Ladies' & Misses' Wool Hose, some men presiding over newspapers who are nothing if not absuive; and who unfortunately often please and carry the crowd as does the clever ruffian on the street corner, who is overflowing with words and fertile in low smart retort. These vulgar persons degrade the press to the level of those to whom they cater. Our face shall alwas be set against

such characters. And now we have reached the stage men to the block for a miscrable whose bread we hope to eat for the whereat we cannot but express our wonder that an enterprising and an intelligent people like those inhabitbegan to breathe the spirit of the have come to Chatham but for the ing the sturdy towns of the Miramichi should have remained so. a newspaper without no other of the Dominion, that we are aware 35 of, blessed with the natural resources, the wealth and the intelligence of but there is a rule of knout and iron whose fulfilment we consider the Miramichi, that has not a newspaper. To fill the lank so long existing we have come here, and to publish a paper that may be worthy of the people

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