

TWO PICTURES.

This is what the great Edmund Burke says of the duty of a Representative. We want Mr. Snowball and his friends to read it:—

"It is the duty of your parliamentary representative to sacrifice his repose and his pleasures to yours, and above all, to prefer in all cases our interest to his own."

TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT

So much has been done and said here of late respecting our harbor affairs, that we deem it our duty now, and in future issues to get all the information we can touching the matter, and lay it through our paper before the Government that they may see what their duty in the matter is. We have over and over again called attention to the negligence and indifference of our harbor officials here, pointed out just where the shortcomings were, and called for the enforcement of the laws. We shall try briefly as we can, to re-state what these irregularities are, and show how serious already are the consequences.

There are several mills located along the Miramichi. From these mills for a good many years now, sawdust and slabs, and edgings have been continually escaping. On a small scale the flow is perpetual, and sometimes a whole raft of edgings and slabs will break loose and float down the river. The effect of this is harmful in three ways. The sawdust drives salmon and other fish out of whatever water it pollutes; the slabs and edgings destroy the fishermen's nets set along the river, while a large portion of the slabs and edgings, shortly after going into the water, sink like stones. There is consequently an almost perpetual deposit of slabs and edgings all along our river.

Then come the ballast wharves. Some of these are fair, some are bad, and some are scandalous. Some of them are so wretchedly constructed, that the sand, clay, etc., taken out of the ships and put upon them is always in more or less quantity sifting through, and being carried down the river, and deposited with the slabs and edgings. Again: some of these wharves are built so low that their surface is barely above high water mark. Ballast is taken out and piled up on these wharves; a storm comes and the whole mass is washed into the river. And to crown all, some of our ships come in from sea, heave to in the harbor, and dump their loads. This however does not occur in the upper portion of the harbor.

All this has been going on for years, and what are the consequences? Not many years ago heavy ships drawing from 15 to 19 feet of water four or five abreast might sail up the Miramichi opposite Douglastown and often have so sailed there. Now only one ship at a time can pass; if two ships drawing 19 feet of water had to pass down here, they would be obliged to go in Indian file, for so sure as they got out of the narrow little channel, which we grant is just as deep as ever it was, they would go aground. In like manner too it happens that when two ships are coming the opposite way, one has to "heave to," where she has room, to let the other pass. The shallow parts are becoming more shallow every year, while the channel inch by inch is narrowing up while retaining its depth.

The department having heard vague reports regarding this state of affairs ordered Mr. Harding to visit the Miramichi, and Mr. Harding in turn instructed Mr. Johnson to make soundings at several points. How this has been done is well known, and is the laughing stock of everybody, but which viewed in a serious light is simply scandalous. We are ashamed to say that the mock examination made was to suit a party here into whose hands Mr. Johnson has unavoidably fallen. The result of the examination before it is seen at Ottawa is published here, and in these words "The channel of the whole river from Douglastown to the Bar is not impaired in the slightest degree; and the water is just as deep as ever it was." The pilot who got into a boat, and sailed at the rate of five miles an hour down the river from Douglastown to Middle Island now and again throwing out a lead, is the authority for this statement.

Not to say anything about the reliability of such a survey the statement as we have shown by anticipation is not true. Every one here knows it is not true. That the channel is as deep as ever is admitted on all hands; but nothing is more certain than that it is gradually narrowing up, and nothing more true than that in parts of the river where five ships could sail abreast only a few years ago, only one can sail now. Will the pilot deny this? The harbor is pronounced safe

by official lips, though every one knows the contrary, so we must be satisfied. But in this very connexion the question arises, Is not Mr. Johnson's usefulness gone? Would not the harbor be better far without a harbor master at all than with such an officer? Ought he not be promptly dismissed, as the Grits dismissed him? We leave the public to answer, and the Department to act.

This is not all. The count against Mr. Johnson is legion. Look on every hand and you see irregularities. Yet his duty is very plain, and not very hard. It is his duty to board every ship or vessel within twelve hours after her arrival, to see that she is moored only in such a manner or position as shall be assigned to her by the regulations. And another regulation provides for the protection of the harbor, obliging each vessel when discharging ballast to have a piece of canvas or tarpaulin reaching from the gunwale to the wharf, so that no part of the ballast shall fall into the harbor. Has Mr. Johnson seen this carried out? Ships in the harbor are supposed at night to have up anchor lights. Do they all have them up? Let Mr. Johnson answer. We repeat, Mr. Johnson's usefulness is gone.

A REGULAR "BULL."

Some time ago, some one told Mr. Harbor Master Johnson that slabs and edgings and sawdust escaped out of the Miramichi mills, and were every day choking navigation up, by sinking along the river. Mr. Johnson could not believe a thing so wonderful though it is a fact; so he promptly drew up a certificate in effect like this, "I, A. B. mill proprietor on the Miramichi do certify that no slabs or edgings or sawdust have escaped from my mill;" and taking this document around he asked the several millowners if they had "any objection to signing it." To make the "bull" absolutely perfect Mr. Johnson asserts in the most enthusiastic manner, that "not a millowner has refused to sign it!"

In the annals of Irish wit and humor one sometimes meets a bull as good as this, but not often.

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

We reprint today from the *Mull* a short article on the small pox matter. We hope the Government has created this port a Quarantine Station, and appointed a medical Quarantine officer; if not then we hope they will do both these things immediately. The Reform Government abolished the office of medical Quarantine officer here, by dismissing Dr. Lewin, because two gentlemen here who had some influence with the Government had a spite against the officer.

But the wrong doing of the R-form Government is no excuse for the perpetuation of that wrong. In the name of the people of Chatham we ask Dr. Tache to see to it that this port, if not already created a quarantine port, be so created at once, and a medical Quarantine officer be at the same time appointed.

OBITUARY.

We regret to day to have to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Sadler of this city. Deceased had lingered for a long time in consumption, and died yesterday forenoon. He leaves a young wife and one child to mourn his loss. We tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved ones. The remains will be removed from the residence of Wm. Sinclair, Esq., on Sunday the 10th inst., at three o'clock, p. m., for interment in St. John Church burial ground.

The *News* understands that William M. McLean of St. John is to succeed Mr. Brydges in the St. John Grammar School.

A large quantity of matter crowded out this issue.

The "Andover" will leave here at 6.15 today, and will take parties and return to the boat race at Newcastle for 30 cents.

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

THE EAST.

Four thousand Greek troops have entered the Turkish village of Dimarion. The occupying force will probably enter Arta on the 6th inst. It is stated that the King will visit Arta next week. The Greeks have occupied two points in the new territory, the Turks having previously retired. Over 60 new Krupp artillery carriages broke down during the march from Athens to Lamia.

THE IRISH AGITATION.

There were a number of evictions in the County of Fermanagh, Ulster, on Tuesday. Trouble is feared and a strong force of militia and police have been sent there. The district has been proclaimed. At a meeting of the Land League in Dublin on Tuesday, Sexton said funds were still flowing in from America, but aid from there must depend upon enthusiasm and fluctuating. A time might come when they would have

to consider the advisability of asking from each farmer a percentage of the abatement obtained through the operations of the League. There must be a voluntarily and extensive national levy.

THE FRENCH ARMY.

The French Government are mobilizing a force of 120,000 men, and will ask the Chamber of Deputies for the credits necessary for the despatch of an army, for three months, so as to be prepared to secure the safety of the French possession in North Africa. Representations will be made to all European Cabinets, explaining the motives of the French Government in this matter.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Though an examination of many of the town schools was held yesterday, we are able to find space in this issue for only a portion of the proceedings in the High School. Our readers are aware Mr. Chas. G. D. Roberts is head master of this school, and that Mr. A. H. Straton, B. A. of Fredericton, has filled the place for the past couple of months. Mr. Roberts temporary absence from the school was necessary from the results produced by over study and application, his eyes having become quite weak. Mr. Roberts is still in Fredericton, and we are glad to say, almost completely restored; and we know we merely represent the general feeling when we express the sincere wish that he will return in six weeks to resume his school, full of vigor, completely himself again.

We notice some coward has taken advantage of Mr. Roberts absence to have a stab at him in a disjointed, spiteful communication to the *Newcastle Advocate*. There is nothing of any account in this letter. It is simply in its eagerness to get a stab at Mr. Roberts, for what reason it is hard indeed to see, holds Mr. Roberts responsible for what is manifestly the business of the trustees. The fences are down, and the school-grounds are in a shabby, shameful state; but would we have Mr. Roberts go out with his nail and hammer and saw, or his rake and wheelbarrow to set these things in order? Mr. Roberts has seen this state of affairs, and called attention to it—and this we learn from one of the trustees. What more remained for him to do? Anyone who has ever seen Mr. Roberts in the school, those who know anything at all about him, know well how much his heart is in his school work, and how successful have been both his methods and his discipline. We must ask our readers to excuse us for this digression, and will now return to our subject.

The attendance at school had fallen off a little within the past few weeks, but this is a usual occurrence here at the season. The average of attendance is about 35 per day. The examination opened with a singing exercise. Those present were G. A. Blair, Esq., Mr. Kerr of Napan, Mr. J. J. Pierce, of the *Gleaner*, some ladies, and the representatives of the local press. The absence of parents from the school examinations in Chatham, is much to be regretted. It is positively shameful. Surely those who are not very busy at home ought to come twice in the year to see the progress of their children. That they do not come, is rather an argument that they do not care much how their children are doing.

The first subject taken up was

GEOGRAPHY.

Mr. Straton by very aptly constructed questions, evolving historical as well as geographical answers from the pupils. We were glad to notice that the information worked out of the lesson was of such a nature as had a home application. The relation of forest and mountain to certain atmospheric conditions was shown and in an intelligible way. Mr. Straton's methods were natural, and therefore good. He called upon Miss Benson then to go to the board and draw a map of South America. This Miss Benson did from memory, first drawing a four-sided figure on the board, then making points, which were joined by straight lines giving the mathematical outline. The detail was then filled in very creditably. The familiarity of the whole class with the subject of geography was a credit to Mr. Straton, and his predecessor. Mr. Straton has followed the lines laid down by Mr. Roberts, and followed them with credit.

READING.

The next subject was reading. The chapter chosen was "The Siege of Torquinstone;" then the "Sky Lark" which is difficult to read properly. The class did not read this so well as some other selections; though Miss Edith Winslow read the first stanza very well.

There then followed the song "In this world I've gained my knowledge" etc., which was appropriate as it was exquisitely sung. We have never heard anything that pleased us better than this.

LATIN.

Mr. Straton explained that the class were exercising in the First Latin Reader, and had got through the conjugation of the verb. It then examined the class upon the declensions; how many; how distinguished; what were the exceptions, and readily got examples of the rules stated. Then with respect to the verb—how many conjugations; how known, with examples. So also with respect to the adjective, the adverb, the pronoun and the relative &c. In answering all these questions the class acquitted themselves with much credit. The sentence—*Agri colae laudant altas quercus*—The farmers praise the tall oak—was taken and translated, the class readily giving the number, case, tense &c., of the several words; *Pater meus amat*; *Quem deorum non invocabis*; and other short sentences were readily

translated. Then some English sentences were given to be put in Latin—one, The forces of the enemy were hastening through the island, was written by one of the young ladies with creditable ease—*Copia hostium per insulam festinant.* While the class was repeating the personal pronouns, ego, mei mihi &c. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Straton why he taught the harsh sound of *i*; Mr. Straton replied very satisfactorily that the custom to so pronounce prevailed in the University and most of the provincial schools; but that an effort was being made to have the continental pronunciation made general.

[The conclusion of our report will be published in next issue.]

THE PRIZES.

After the examinations had been concluded Mr. Straton called the classes to order, informing them that six prizes had been provided for the two highest marks in each grade. Subsequently three other prizes were announced, the gift of an unknown donor. At the request of Mr. Straton, Mr. Blair presented the prizes, accompanying each with a few well-chosen words of congratulation to the winner, and of encouragement to still greater industry. Tenth grade:—First prize, a neatly bound copy of *Shakespeare* to Miss Ullock; second, Miss Kerr handsome inkstand; third, Miss Benson a handsome escriptoire, filled with all pertaining to writing. Ninth grade:—First prize: Master Wallace, a copy of *Scott's poems*; second prize, Master Kerr, a handsome double inkstand; third prize, M. Loudoun and D. Davidson each a writing case. Eighth grade:—First prize, Miss Lamont, a copy of *Longfellow's poems*; second prize, Miss E. Winslow, handsome inkstand. Miss Laura Winslow's whose standing on the merit book was 920, but who was not present at the written examination took one of the prizes assigned grade 10—a very handsome writing case. The prize for drawing fell to Miss Ullock, but as she had already taken the first prize in the high grade, the drawing prize was given to another pupil. She has honorable mention. Likewise Master Wyse has "honorable mention," having taken prize 3 in 8 grade; but the prizes failed.

There was a good deal of natural excitement shown among the pupils as the prizes were being distributed; each bearing the trophy away with a slight touch of bashful pride.

Mr. Blair then addressed the class briefly. He said he supposed the pupils would be anxious to know how long their holidays were to last. Six weeks was the allotted time—there being no reduction made in the vacation. He said that though he had not been present at all the exercises, he was much pleased with what he had seen, both with respect to the proficiency of the class, and the efficiency of the teacher. He had a word however, to say to the boys. It was the intention of the trustees during the recess to have the school grounds trimmed up, and paling repaired, and he hoped the boys would take a pride in keeping the school grounds in respectable order. He also stated on behalf of Mr. Crimmen that the latter gentlemen found it impossible to be present. Dr. Benson was also unavoidably absent.

Mr. Straton then arose, and told the pupils that when the holidays ended Mr. Roberts would resume his place in the school; and he wished to say good bye to the class and at the same time to express his satisfaction at the cordial relations that had existed between himself and the scholars, during his temporary charge. The class then broke up, each of the scholars passing along singly to bid Mr. Straton good bye.

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