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The North Star.

CHATHAM, N. B., FEB. 5, 1881.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF JABEZ SNOWBALL WHO IS DEAD IN THIS COUNTY.

THE STAR

TODAY is not so "good" as usual because the Editor was detained a day in St. John by the storms. We have been obliged therefore to make up the greater part of the paper with "reprint" which means matter already published in other papers. We do not do this very often; for excepting communicated matter nearly everything appearing in the paper is in the one hand writing. We do not think it is right to give the people long dreary stuff clipped from this paper or that, and dealing with the last contest between Laycock and Hanlan, or the last donation a few simple hearted country people gave to some retiring "preacher" just because it was "the custom" to do so.

Into a quart you cannot get a gallon, even by hydraulic pressure; and so if a paper not appearing daily wish to keep the passing events of the time before its readers, it cannot give away two or three columns to some insignificant matter, in which not a half dozen people are interested. The little of everything is much better than nothing of one thing, and a surfeit of another; and as we have always tried to observe these rules, we hope our readers are not blind to what we do; and it is for this reason we apologize today for so much "reprint."

"THEY STOPPED AT NOTHING" SAID HE ON HIS CANVASS. SLANDER FOLLOWED SLANDER. LIE FOLLOWED LIE, AND AT LAST ONE WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY I WOULD GO OFF TO ENGLAND AND THE HOUSE SITTING" WELL, NOW, THAT WAS NOT RIGHT!!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WHILE the Editor was absent the two letters which we publish today were put in type, else they should not have appeared. The subject with which they deal, though both are written well, is not fit for newspaper discussion, in view of what probably will follow. Certain charges made through a newspaper's columns against anybody may be with propriety taken up and discussed by another newspaper; but when a newspaper charge takes the character of a monstrous and brutal crime, then the case is for the courts and the juries to deal with, not for the newspaper press. When a grave crime was committed in St. John the other day, we suspended comment promptly and pointed out that we conceived it to be improper for other papers to deal with the matter, as what they wrote might influence the tribunal afterwards to determine the nature of the guilt, and the punishment due the guilty. The crime committed in a

Miramichi paper is so gross and so heinous, that before the Bar of justice is the only place to bring it; it is a crime committed against the private character of a public man without any reason, actual or stated. It indeed it should not be dealt with there, then may the public look for justice being done in the columns of the STAR.

The political effect of the united our correspondents refer to, will be a disaster upon the head of the responsible person. If the time should ever come, and God grant it never may, that religion should again be dragged from its sanctuaries to the political platform and that the man of the Catholics choice must be firm in faith, and steadfast in morals, it will be found we hope, that the Catholic people here, aided by their spiritual advisers, will have intelligence, perception and judgment enough within their own body to select that man; but should the day come, when the corporality of the Catholic church shall be deemed ignorant and so factions that she can not of herself close her man, then pray Heaven, that getting advice from outside, they may get it of some pure, moral and worthy Protestant, who recommending a man for his honesty, will be able to impress the Catholic people that he is honest himself, who recommending a man for his morals, will be able to show that his own life has not been immoral; and above all that in volunteering his services as a spiritual guide to the Catholic people, he is not heaping a gross insult upon that very people, and that those means which he hoped to turn to his own account, will not rebound against himself to his own destruction.

"MEET ME SQUARELY," HE SHOUTED, "BUT DON'T SAY I'LL RUN AWAY AND DESERT MY CONSTITUENCY." IT WASN'T RIGHT!!

THE FIGHT AT GEOK-TEPE.

General Skobeloff's detailed account of the storming of Geok Tepe shows that the Russian assault was made simultaneously by distinct columns and the final breaches made by the explosion of mines. Several hundred Tekke-Turcomans were buried in one explosion. Hand to hand fighting with the Tekkes on the wall lasted over an hour, after which there was desperate fighting inside the fortress. The day was finally decided by the capture of the hill redoubt of Dengal Tepe. Over 4,000 corpses of the Tekkes were found inside the fortress. The trenches also were filled with corpses. A number were killed during the pursuit. Four thousand families were found in the fortress and 700 Persian prisoners.

Several of the Home Rulers have been forcibly removed from the Commons for obstruction. Mr. Gladstone makes rather a first class tyrant.

It is not quite so certain after all that the Conservatives will support Gladstone in his repressive measures.

The estimates has been promised by Sir Leonard Tilley Wednesday next.

The Opposition resolutions and amendments on the Pacific Railway scheme, fall something short of A HUNDRED.

Davitt has been arrested.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The Ontario boundary question will probably come up in the House this evening.

Mr Dawson intends to move for correspondence relating to the substitution of new names for ancient and historic ones in the North West Territories, more especially along the north of the Pacific Railway.

Mr. Richey will introduce a bill to prevent and punish wrongs to children. Mr. Domville's wrath is not appeased and he intends rising to another question for privilege this p. m.

The Tibbits-Glasier claims are likely to occupy the attention of the Sen in a short time, Senator O'Dell having given notice that he will move for the appointment of a select committee to enquire into the circumstances connected with, and the cause of, the non payment of a debt devolving upon the Dominion Government by the British North America Act and now due to the Hon. Benj. Beveridge, James Tibbits and others, the liability for which appears to have been acknowledged by various orders in council and payments made on account both by the late and present administrations, but no final settlement arrived at, and that the said committee be composed of the Hon. Messrs. Miller, Lewin, McFarlane, Bureau, Brouse, Carvell and the mover, with power to send for persons and papers.

A somewhat curious petition was presented to the House yesterday being that of John Farish, of Hamilton, for the payment for a quantity of clothing valued at over \$1,700, delivered to Co. De Rottenburg, for the use of the volunteers at Belleville in 1837.

The petition sets forth that the clothing was ordered by Col De Rottenburg, and was delivered and worn, but as the petitioner did not need the money at the time he did not apply for it until months after, when he was informed he was too late. The petition is supported by some of the leading merchants and others at Hamilton.

It is thought that three or four amendments to the Railway Bill will be offered in the Senate and that the discussions will last about a week.

The State ball at Rideau Hall, last night, was attended by over 600 guests.

Communications.

D G SMITH AS CHAMPION OF THE CATHOLIC CAUSE.

DEAR SIR:—

In the last issue of the *Advance* D. G. Smith opens an unholy war upon the Hon. M. Adams, and has declared that he is the self constituted champion of the Catholic people.

O tempora! O mores!

Now, Sir, I hold that it is not necessary for D. G. Smith (who refuses to allow Mr. Adams the privilege of being a Catholic) to attempt to convince the Catholics of this County that he has any respect for them or their religion, they having ere this learnt the lesson he and others took pains to teach, viz: that when anything is to be gained, they are willing to become sympathizers with their Catholic fellow subjects, but the reverse is the truth when any question arises which calls for a sectional war. I do not wish to take Mr. Smith to task about this as we are all too willing to undertake a war of this nature; but I confess that I dislike seeing him assume the role of "Fox" to catch the Catholic vote of the County in favor of some Catholic who is opposed to Mr. Adams, (who he terms a "renegade," an irreligious renegade "a scoffer at the Church and Her Clergy etc.") and whom he yet supported at the last election.

Now, Sir, Mr. Smith knew when he advocated the election and re-election of Mr. Adams during the year of '78, that he Adams was a man who caught the Catholic vote by pretending a love for Catholics, who when behind their backs he scoffed at and insulted, and who by doing so caught the bigoted Protestant vote amongst which I suppose was Mr. Smith's, (if he paid his taxes) and yet during all this time was a free thinker, thereore a renegade to both denominations. Mr. Smith knew all this and yet advocated his election, and I wish to know just here, what excuse has he to offer to the public for this crime committed by him in advocating the election and re-election of a man so devoid of honor and manhood? and above all what excuse does he offer to the Catholics in whom he takes so deep an interest for allowing them to foolishly go on putting faith in a man who repaid their confidence by offering the deepest insult one can offer to a Catholic? viz. that of scoffing at his religion and his Church and Her Priests. But this is not the whole of the indictment. No! "He Adams also sold his County and his constituents by entering into an unholy alliance with the Youngs etc., determined opponents of his religion he thereby injuring the best interests of his County."

Mr. Smith knew at the time that the alliance was detrimental to the County, and to the Catholics in particular, and yet this good man, this lover of Catholicism sat quietly inactive, or if active, it was in the cause of Mr. Adams, viz: as he says by, "advocating his reelection with out opposition," and his only excuse is: "I wanted to serve Snowball." Remember Sir, that he Smith was willing that the dearest rights of Catholics should be trampled upon, that the best interests of his County, should be ruined, that a renegade should take a seat in the Government, that in fact the County should go the way of J. B. Snowball was conserved.

Now, Sir, I ask you and the rest of the public whether a man condemned out of his own mouth, of having committed the gravest political crime on record is one fitted to choose a man as the Catholic representative of this County, and yet this is the manner in which Mr. Smith intends condescending to the County for his fault. He is going to offer a good Catholic. One who does not scoff and insult his Co. religionists when among his Protestant friends, one who does not defy the authority of his Church and Her Priests, and one in fact who is a Catholic in the most strict sense of the word, and who will have no interest at heart, but the good of his religion. But Sir, will the Catholics be willing to accept anyone offered by Smith? the man who knowing what Adams was yet advocated his election. I think Sir that the people having found that there is neither honesty nor honor in Smith will be very chary in accepting the person he so kindly offers as a sacrifice upon the altar of political preference. I think Sir that Smith has lost his equilibrium and we must forgive him, and do him the justice to state that his drivelling of to day will have no effect other than making him who has heretofore donned the guise of a knave to appear in his true colors, those of an "Ass."

He declares to day that he was in favor of seeing the County represented by a man without honor or honesty if by it he could see his master take his place at Ottawa. He was willing to advocate a policy detrimental to its best interests, to support a man who while using the name of Catholic to catch Catholic voters, scoffed at them when in the company of Protestants to whom he

pretends to be friendly, but was during the whole time a freethinker and therefore a renegade of both denominations. He was willing I say to do all in his power to further this man's interests, and place him in a position both lucrative and honorable, and for what? Why to obtain his silence at the Dominion election to be held soon thereafter.

Now, Sir, these are the whole facts of the case as stated by Smith, and yet he dares call the people of this County to countenance this conduct. I answer him that he who has once shown himself so devoid of honor as to advocate his own interests and to gratify his own or his masters interests, would again when opportunity offered sell again his country for a mess of pottage or the flesh pots of Ottawa. No petty quarrel with Mr. Macdougall or Mr. Smith will defeat Mr. Adams at the next election and his charge against Mr. Adams in connection with Crown Lands arises alone from malice, inspired by the fact that he cannot injure him one iota. In the estimation of the public Mr. Smith knows that Mr. Adams has no more right to commence actions in behalf of the grantees of Crown Lands, against the merchants of the river than Smith has, and yet he charges him with "allowing others to rob them of their lumber without compensation." Well, Sir, that charge might well be laid to parties nearer in interest to Mr. Smith than Mr. Adams.

But this article is the veriest blubbering of the Editor and I will follow no further "His drivelling makes even the calamities of which he complains ridiculous." And he must state some facts as to Mr. Adams in his capacity of representative ere he commences a war politically, personally or religiously upon him. I have nothing to do with Mr. Adams's religion and consider it too sacred for a newspaper and every good citizen must today execrate the man who for purposes of political preference to his master dares take upon himself the office of judge of any man's conscience, a right which belongs to God alone.

Not religion, not good government, not honesty, not intelligence, not attention to duty, nor any other one of the many good qualities which contribute to make up a good representative, has any thing to do with Smith's hostility to Mr. Adams, but it all arises from the fact that Mr. Adams had opinions which he was honest in only only to express and advocate at the last Dominion election and that is truly "the very head and front of his offending."

I put the question fairly before the public today. Whether or not they think or would advocate the principle, that before electing a man to be our representative he must first promise to be dumb when any great question arises which affects the interest of all? As the right of free speech is one of the bulwarks of liberty which is a birthright descended from our forefathers, will it interfere with the political prospects of J. B. Snowball. I hear the answer, wringing "No" from one end of the county to the other, from the lips of every man who loves freedom and they are legion while the disaffected one: might all be enumerated under the name of Smith.

J. K.

PATS ANSWER TO D. G. SMITH,

Sir,—The leader in the last issue of the *Advance* is deserving of the reprobation of every true citizen. The man, who, to serve personal spite or political malice, would drag into the mire of politics the pure form of holy religion, writes himself on his brazen forehead an immoral fire brand. Who is the editor of that sheet anyway that he should set himself up as mentor to any religious denomination? Is his life so pure, and his character so spotless, that he can throw stones at his fellow men? Is his record as a christian such as to command respect, or afford an example worthy of imitation? What right has he to judge his neighbor? Let him first cast the beam from his own eye before he sees the mote in his neighbors.

The constant efforts of a certain class of papers to trade on the Roman Catholic votes, are grossly insulting. Catholics are citizens of this country, and pretend to nothing more, and will be satisfied with nothing less. The endeavor to make them a separate class, having different objects from their fellow citizens of other denominations is an unholy one, and the man who strives to this is the worst enemy that denomination can have. The object of the last *Advance* is to arouse this feeling, but it will fail. Fortunately the bonds of unity are too strongly fixed, and the interests of the denominations too thoroughly blended to permit the machinations of a political schemer, to enflame a religious quarrel in a simple question of politics. When the *Advance* was in the pay of the Government at the time of the Caranquet riots, it supported Kelly and Young. It grossly attacked the Hon. Mr. Anglin, whom it now besetters. Now when the pay has ceased and when the religious question that then agitated the country is in abeyance, it is its policy to attack Young, to wreak a mean spite on Adams. Is a paper with such a record the one to nominate a Catholic representative?

Let Adams be judged by his politics, not by his religion. If he has failed in his duty or been unfaithful to his trust, let him be condemned. But if the only charge against him is that he is not a good enough Catholic to satisfy the eminently pure and moral and christian editor of the *Advance*, then I think his re-election will not be very difficult.

PAT.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Thos. Carlyle is either dying or dead.

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