The North Star

CHATHAM, N. B, April 30. 1881.

J. E. COLLINS..... .....EDITOR

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 YOUR INTEREST TO HIS OWN."

ICHABOD.

Poor Mr. Snowball has but too good, and too many, reasons for believing now that his political days are numbered. The many scores of men he induced to vote for him by offering them offices, he knows he has lost—the men who foolishly fancied the Do-nothing Government would be sustained, and who voted for Mr. Snowball on that account, he knows likewise he has lost—and then the larger, the incomparably larger, body whom he has disgusted by breaking his most solemn pledges, and running off to England just after the House opened, he knows nothing can induce to make believe in his promises, or integrity again. Mr. Snowball does not know very much outside of his knowledge of the business in which he is engaged, but he *does* know if he were weighed in the balance of this county to-morrow, he would be found, sadly, and badly wanting.

This is why he has been compelled of late to resort to the ridiculous device of trying to breed discontent in the Conservative ranks of the county. If he hope to do this, we assure him he has allowed his hopes to grossly deceive him. When the dawning of the campaign of 1883 arrives, the Conservatives of this county will not be found either sleeping or divided. Newcastle will join with Chatham, and the county will assist both, to put an end to a regime which has made Northumberland the laughing stock of the Province.

There are two large and important towns, as our readers ought to know, in this county. One of these is Newcastle—the other is Chatham. In each town is a large body of Conservatives, and in each no small body of Conservative interests. This is why there is a newspaper in each now, and this is why a newspaper will be maintained in each. The interests of the Conservative party in Newcastle, as the centre of an extensive, and important field, are well and ably defended, if not decidedly promoted by the *Union Advocate*, a newspaper that ranks among one of the solid and *respectable* institutions of the Province. In Chatham there is likewise a wide and important field for the usefulness of the other Conservative paper, our own STAR, and we must leave time and results to say how we turned the opportunities afforded us to account. The ground is not any too narrow for two Conservative papers, nor the interests involved any too trifling, and it shall always be the aim of the STAR to assist its older, and more experienced brother the *Advocate*, in defending and promoting the Conservative interests in this county. We are proud to have the *Advocate* to look up to, nor do we think the *Advocate* grudges the *Star* the warm and generous support it is getting in Chatham and Newcastle; for it knows that those who are assisting the STAR are warm friends and admirers of its own, and in assisting us, they are only assisting the cause, with which the *Advocate* is so closely, and so creditably identified.

The effort therefore of Mr. Snowball to divide our party, by trying to engender ill-will between the STAR and the *Advocate* must miserably fail, and make the wiseacre who attempted such an absurdity appear in the end only supremely ridiculous.

MORE NEGLECT.

Somebody has now and again to say a word for the interests of our County, since the delightful person that the people sent to represent them in 1878 will not. Perhaps the proper way would be to let the county grin and bear the obloquy it has brought upon itself; and but that so many innocent ones would suffer with the guilty, we should not bother our head about oyster culture or anything else that the Government ought to look after.

A large grant of money was made to Mr Pope, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, last winter, to be expended on "oyster beds." We have some fertile, and extensive oyster beds in this county, but Mr. Pope knows nothing about them, for when the question came up towards the close of parliament, our member sat like a mute, and never opened his mouth to say our County had oyster beds, and that they needed the expenditure of money to replenish and perpetuate them. The consequence is, that so far, it is not the intention of the Department to spend a dollar on the oyster beds of our County; though we are entitled to $2,000 or $3,000 at the very least. Though Mr Snowball is in opposition, and not much force on whatever side, had he pointed out that our oyster beds were being rapidly depleted, and required replenishing and care, the government would hardly have cared to ignore his representation. For all the purposes of a representative, we might as well have a stick at Ottawa, as Mr Snowball. Is it any wonder the county has turned against him, and that no one save a few henchmen can be found to defend his cause, or say a word in his favor?

If it is not too late now, *we* would call Mr Pope's attention to our oyster beds. They are extensive and they are fertile. But constant draughts have depleted large areas of them. Some of the most fertile portions have been almost exhausted of fish, and those parts remaining will soon be in the same condition. Our oyster fishery is very important, and gives employment to a good many of our people. It is the duty of the government then, to protect and perpetuate it. We proposed some time ago that the oyster beds ought to be laid out in blocks, and every alternative block be stocked and protected for say five years; at the end of the five years to stock and protect for another five years, the blocks fished on for the past five. This would perpetuate the fish, while it would cause no privation to the fisherman.

In the old world there are numerous artificial oyster beds. The London markets are supplied to a great extent from the artificial beds at Whitstable, Rochester, Colchester, Burnham, Faversham, &c. Though oysters abound around almost the entire Irish coast, those brought from Barran Bank in Galway, an artificial bed, are the most eagerly bought.

An artificial oyster bed is a cavity or reservoir which communicates with the sea by means of a canal, and in such a manner that the water may be kept in or let out at low tides by means of locks or traps. These beds are supplied by dredgers in the month of May when the oyster casts its spawn or spat. The dredger proceeds to the natural beds, lets down a large rake or scraper on which is fastened a bag of sail cloth, leather, or net work, which is dragged along the bottom by the boat in full sail. When the bag is brought to the surface it is found to contain pieces of wood, stone and shells, known as cultch to which the spat has adhered. The dredger then gently separates the brood from the cultch, with a knife, then drops the cultch overboard to serve the same purpose again, and carries his gleanings and deposits them in the artificial bed. In five years the ovæ will have become full grown oysters.

AN ORATOR RUN MAD.

The friends of Mr. Blake, are as much astounded as his opponents at the mad speeches the new leader have recently made. The public read his figures and his statements made at Montreal and elsewhere recently; read them over again, then

* "there was silence deep as death
And the boldest held his breath for a time,"

waiting for the next witness to speak. Like a thunder bolt the testimony of that "witness" came—Senator Macpherson sprung his clear and irresistible letter upon the public. He has said nothing that he cannot prove from the "blue books," and what he says shows Mr. Blake to be a traducer of the Government, a perverter of facts, a mis stater of figures.

Mr. Blake has stated, and brazenly, and openly, and repeatedly stated, that the controllable expenditure has increased under the present Government. This is untrue,—and Senator Macpherson conclusively shows it to be untrue, from the official returns. The controllable expenditure instead of increasing, has as a matter of fact, and official figures *decreased* under the present Government. We commend our extract from Senator Macpherson's letter to our readers. It is on our first page.

It is not worth while to follow Mr Blake, or to refute his statements. He is doing less harm to his opponents than he is to himself. He is "wasting quick" as the Indian said of his butter. He is wearing out fast. His own party are in fear and trembling every time he opens his mouth, lest he may say some wild and monstrous thing, for as the head of their party, they are responsible for what he says. The politics of Cloudland are one thing, and the politics of actual practice are quite another. Mr. Blake has been dreaming over the federation of the empire, and it is ever, said he goes a step beyond that now, taking his new theory out of Tennyson, and it no less than a

"Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

Federation of the Empire would be good, but this would be better. The world would be one huge state, *rounded* off according to Mr. Blakes idea. Then he could have trade, "free as the wind that blows"—as if ever there was "wind" that didn't "blow."

Mr. Blake attacked the N. P. in Montreal, because it made our sugar dear. He spoke of the "refiner" and added, "I will not say 'refiners' yet as you have only one." He pretended then to speak to the public of the Dominion, and he is so very well versed in the affairs of this lower world that he could not say "refiners yet," though we have beside the Montreal refinery,

One in Moncton,
One in Halifax,
One (under way) in Sussex.

He spoke of the "sugar taxes" too, but he forgets that the present tariff has actually cheapened sugar; while two million dollars *less* have been paid to American refiners in one year, than in the last year of the Mackenzie regime, though the gross quantity of sugar consumed was *greater*. Without adding any taxation, the "sugar monopoly" has simply enriched the Dominion by nearly three millions of dollars.

It is not a little strange, though after all perhaps not so very strange, that the Toronto *Globe* so far has not accepted Senator Macphersons challenge, or tried to prove that Mr. Blakes late statements are not a tissue of wild, and reckless untruths. The *Mail* asks why the silence? Then it adds:—

"Of course it may be that some process of incubation is going on, and that the Opposition chick will chip its shell in due course, but up to this moment there has been no sign of vitality. Why? The Speaker of the Senate charged the Opposition leader with either ignorance of finance or deliberate misrepresentation, yet the organ remains mute. Why?

Simply, we answer, because facts are stubborn things.

ANOTHER CHANGE.

Mr. Willis, M. P. P. and editor of the evening *News* has again shed his coat. When the Local Legislature was in session last winter, Mr. A. G. Blair moved a Want of Confidence resolution, and at the same time announced the platform of the Opposition. Mr. Willis published this platform for a fortnight, in great awkward Small Pica type, on his editorial page. One of the planks in this "platform" was *the abolition of the Legislative Council*. Mr. Willis supported the motion and the platform most inveterately, both in the Legislature and in the *News*.

Thursdays *News* comes to us, and the *wind* has changed. Its leading editorial is an enthusiastic defence of the Legislative Council and it takes the assertions of Mr. Jones,—who is by far the ablest Lord in the Chamber—as proof that Ontario gains nothing by having no Upper Chamber, and that New Brunswick would be nothing the better for abolishing hers. Mr. Willis must be held in high esteem by all those who respect fixed principles.

A BIT OF FINE TALKING.

Some evenings ago the writer walked down the streets—or what the inhabitants call "streets"—of our little town, and he was informed the Miramichi Valley Railroad was going to be built "right away." He was agreeably astounded and thought, "what enterprising men there are here to be sure!" Every man who could at all afford it, was going to "take stock,"—Mr. Snowball, and Senator Muirhead, and dear only knows who else were going to "sink politics out of sight," and assist in building the road. Parties in Montreal, and a "whole lot of parties" in New Brunswick were going to "take hold of it"—and the writer fancied himself a year hence sitting in a railway car, thundering up the valley of the Miramichi, and down past the smiling hamlets of the Nashwaak.

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Yesterday afternoon the writer was again "down town" and mentioned the Miramichi Railway matter. The people seemed not to understand him. But when they did, "O yes, the Miramichi Valley Railway—that would be a good thing, if it was built." But they had done nothing, after all the fine speaking, and all the high flights of fancy: not even a postal card has gone forth from Chatham on the subject. They simply had "forgotten altogether about it."

Now the next scheme that Chatham and her business men get enthusiastic over, will be given to the public through some other newspaper than the STAR—unless we have some good guarantee that the scheme has some other element in it besides talk.

We are glad to see that the conservative dailies of St. John, have the good sense and manners to let the Conservative papers of this county, look after the conservative interests of this county. Their action is at once a recognition of the ability of our local conservative press, and an evidence of journalistic good taste and politeness.

There has been a fire in Woodstock and it burnt $4,000 worth of property on Mr. Sharp the orchard farmisher.

Sir Charles Tuppers health is restored, and it is said he left for Canada Thursday.

"Missouri has a five legged mule."—*Exchange*.

The more a mule is developed the greater seems to be his facilities for kicking.

The only colored Attorney in the Province is one Baker, and he was examined at Fredericton last week, and will be sworn in in June.

The funds of the Duchess of Marlborough are now only £3,400.

Sir John is again reported very ill.

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

LOGS ON SAINT JOHN RIVER.

Five million feet of logs have been already rafted at the Douglas boom. The spring was very favourable to the lumbermen on the St. John who owned the logs which came down the river late last autumn. Some of these were rafted just as the river froze up, and had the ice gone out in a body instead of thawing out slowly as it did, these would have gone to sea. The snow on the Aroostook is very high, on the East side of the St. John it is much deeper. There may therefore, be hard driving on the West side of the St. John, and it is not unlikely that many of the logs in the small brooks may "hang up."

HEMLOCK.

A party in St. John has contracted for 600,000 sup. ft. of hemlock deals from the Pokiok at $6 per M. feet. As these will have to be put in the water and run down the river 40 miles to Fredericton, they will not exhibit so good an appearance as if the logs had been sawn in Fredericton and the deals stuck and dried for a short time, which always improve the character of hemlock deals. There is no wood which is more improved in quality by drying than hemlock and there is none which seasons quicker as it is very porous. Some hemlock logs have been put into the Schoodiac during the past winter which were cut and peeled 5 years ago.

CRANBERRY CULTURE.

We have frequently called attention to the excellent opportunities that exist in various parts of the Province for cranberry culture. In the United States the cultivation of the cranberry is carried on extensively and with much profit. Why do not some of our people who own, or can lease marsh or bog lands, make the trial? We find the following in the *Maple Leaf* on the subject:—

"A practical soil is required for the successful raising of this berry—a sort of bog that is not likely to be affected by a flow of salt water. Plenty of this kind soil is found at Germantown Lake, and we hopo to hear of some party purchasing a large number of acres there and utilizing them for this purpose. The land is almost useless otherwise, as the cost of fitting it to raise good hay would be more than the profits secured from the sales of many years after it had been so fitted.

Our attention was first directed to this business by a statement in the Fredericton "Star," of June 10th, 1880, in which reference was made to an association of Nova Scotians making application to the Government for the purchase of a tract of bog in this Province, and attention was called to the acres of marsh between Moncton and Bathurst as a good purchase."

CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Wednesday morning the high constable of Montreal arrested Mr. Gagnon, M. P. P., managing editor of the *Electeur* newspaper, on a criminal information of libel laid by Mr. L. A. Senecal, manager of the Q., M., O., and O. Railway. The action arises out of an article in *L'Electeur* charging that the administration of the provincial railway is a cave of forty thieves, of which Mr. Senecal is the boss. Another civil action of libel claiming $100,000 damages is also said to have been taken by Mr. Senecal for the same article. Mr. Gagnon was brought before Judge Chauvea, and gave bail to appear in Montreal on the 7th of May next.

A CANARD.

The statement that went the rounds of the press lately to the effect that the Pope had received a letter from the Nihilists condemning him to death was merely an April fool canard published in Florence.

THE BISHOP'S MANIFESTO.

The *Times'* Dublin correspondent says: "The manifesto of the Catholic clergy is substantially an endorsement of the report adopted by recent Land League Convention."

THE CARLTON CLUB.

It was arranged yesterday that Lord John Manners should, to-night in the Commons, give notice of amendment, not with a view of obtaining a rejection of the Land Bill, but of securing certain important alterations.

In the House of Commons, to-night, the debate on the Land Bill was resumed. The discussion was uneventful. Stuart withdrew his motion that no measure be complete which ignored farm laborers. The debate was adjourned.

At a meeting of the Conservatives at the Carlton Club, yesterday, it was pointed out that the Land Bill would not only deprive landlords of their rights in dealing with their property, but take away a large portion of property without any compensation.

THE LAND BILL.

The League feels itself in a difficult position with respect to the Land Bill. If they reject it *in toto* they may be assisting another party strong enough with their help to defeat it, and this may continue serious hardship to those who are likely to benefited under the act. On the other hand they do not care to endorse it lest the movement of justice may stop, and think it has gone far enough.

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Chatham, N. B., APRIL 28, 1881.

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THOMAS DOOLAN,
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Nelson, April 30, 1881. tf

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