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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1888.

General Boulanger is getting better rapidly, and is able to drive around the streets. His popularity has greatly decreased, however, and it is believed his duel was the last blow to his aspiration.

There is a difficulty in St John between the Street Railway and the Street Committee of the Council. The railway company wish to put a switch down on Union street which is quite narrow, the City Council object. The matter has not been decided yet.

We regret to hear it reported that Hon Edward Blake will return home very little improved by his visit abroad. While he was in Italy he was much better, but on his return to England, his old trouble returned. We sincerely trust that the sea voyage and his native air, after the change will have a beneficial effect.

The Canadian Wimbledon team this year did not secure any of the greater prizes, but nevertheless acquitted themselves very creditably. Individual members of the team secured many prizes, it being stated that more prizes of this kind were taken than ever before. Naturally our people hoped that some of the larger prizes might be taken by Canada, but all will be glad that the marksmen did so well in their individual capacity.

The St. John Press have been discussing of late the necessity of reduced postage for Canada. The United States have a much lower rate than we have. An ordinary letter, weighing one ounce, is carried to any part of that country or Canada for two cents, while in Canada the rate is three cents on every half-ounce. We believe that the Postal service should be one that if necessary should draw on some other department to meet the expenses, rather than be run as a source of revenue. We trust the new Post Master General will give the question of reduced letter postage prompt consideration.

Labor day was celebrated in Halifax for the first time, Thursday, by a procession through the city and a picnic at McNab's island. Eight hundred mechanics and laborers marched through the principal streets with two bands. Mayor O'Mullin, Stipendiary Motion and several of the city contractors occupied carriages during the procession. About 3,000 people attended the picnic. Taken all in all, it is said the first celebration of labor day in Halifax was a great success and will be a fixture for the future.

The Queen's County Case.

Judgment was given on Tuesday last by the Supreme Court on the celebrated Queen's County case. The petition against Mr. Baird, has been dismissed and the petitioner ordered to pay the cost. This probably means the end of the Baird-King election case. Three of the Judges, Wetmore, Palmer and Tuck prepared written judgments, all expressing the opinion that the deputy sheriff who served the notice, mistook Alexander Baird for his brother George Baird. Of course it is possible that this may have been the case, the circumstances in connection with the whole business seem very extraordinary, however. The Chief Justice put it pretty clearly when he said it was quite clear to him that both Baird and his wife had intentionally misled the officer. The deputy sheriff's affidavit as to what Mr. Baird had said on the first attempt at service had not been contradicted by Mr. Baird and it was evidently a deliberate design to mislead and he could not think otherwise than by previous direction from Baird, Baird had sworn that the petition had not come to his knowledge, though two copies had been served at his house, one on his wife and the other on his brother. If he told the truth and he, the Chief Justice, would not say but that he did, how could any one think that instructions had not been previously given to prevent it coming to his knowledge. The court was at liberty to draw inferences of fact, and he found sufficient in the facts proved to lead him to say that Baird by contrivance and device had himself prevented the petition from coming to his hands. He thought to

order the petition off file with costs would be a denial of justice to the petitioner who had shown every desire and made every reasonable effort to get his case properly before the Court. At least the petition should be allowed to stand and the petitioner to take his case to trial when the Judge who tried it could deal with the question. But as a majority of the Court was of a different opinion the judgment would be that the petition should be taken off file and the petitioner pay the costs.

Cabinet Appointments.

Hon. Edward Dewdney has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Dominion Cabinet through the death of Hon. Thomas White. The new Minister of the Interior will bring to the office a thorough knowledge of the people of the west, and the necessities of that vast country. His experience as Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories will stand him in good stead. Mr. Dewdney has been a member of the British Columbia Legislature, has been a member of the Commons for the same Province, has served as an Indian Commissioner and held the office of Lieutenant Governor. As a Cabinet Minister he is able to give to the office a large experience which it is hoped will prove of great benefit in the discharge of the duties of the office.

The other vacant office in the Cabinet has been filled by the appointment of Mr. John Haggart to succeed Hon. Mr. McLellan as Postmaster General. To those of the Maritime Provinces Mr. Haggart is not specially well known, representing as he does an Ontario constituency and not having been particularly prominent in politics, but he will doubtless fill the office of Postmaster General efficiently and acceptably.

Needed Improvements.

We would like to draw the attention of his Worship, the Council, the Road Committee, or whoever it is the duty of, to some few little improvements that might be made in the appearance of the city, at very little expense, and which would add materially to the appearance, and some not a little to the comfort of visitors.

On many of the cross and back streets, it would be a great improvement if a man was sent with a lawn mower or scythe to cut down the burdocks, and thistles. A drive along the back streets by any of the Committee will show to the most careless observer that a few dollars expended in trimming up the grass plots on each side of the streets would make a most wonderful difference in the whole appearance of the town. A couple of men could trim all the weeds down in less than a week. Our streets compare most unfavorably in this respect with other cities of the same population, that have not half the natural beauties.

Another convenience would be placing on each corner of the streets a neat sign board giving the name of the street. Of course Fredericton is not very large, and it would be somewhat difficult to get lost for any length of time, and yet travellers to other cities are impressed with the convenience of having the name of the street on the corner house, or tree as the case might be. The expense would be light and it would remain for years as an evidence of the thoughtfulness of the present Council.

Some of the gas lamps on Queen Street have the names of the streets on them but the others on all the streets should be changed as soon as practicable.

One of the great disadvantages Fredericton is laboring under and which prevents the rapid extension in the way of handsome country residences, is that many of the best building lots are locked up by several land owners who care little for the prosperity of the city, and its extension, other than to ask exorbitant prices for their land, so that no opportunity is offered for purchase or speculation. If either the Park or Odell's Grove could be opened up for private residences, at reasonable prices, we believe there would be a boom in building operations such as has never been before experienced in this city. We are under the impression that neither of the named properties are at present in the market.

We hope the parties holding these building lots in the vicinity of the city will open them up to *boni fide* purchasers for residences, and we believe that before long the city would extend in the directions indicated.

A very curious and rare instance of honesty was shown in the record of John Madill of Toronto, who nine months ago failed. His estate all that time realized only 90 cents on the dollar, but the upright gentleman has since managed to pay the remaining ten cents faithfully. It is not the ability which is so rare, but the willingness, and the creditors of Mr. Madill showed their appreciation of his conduct by presenting him last week with a solid silver tea service, suitably inscribed.

Interesting Items.

A remarkably cheap horse was sold a week ago at Moncton, bringing \$2.25 in cash. The horse had been kicked by another animal, and hence the great reduction in price.

An analysis of water from the various towns and cities of the Dominion, shows that Hamilton has the purest and Moncton the most impure water. Ottawa stands next to Moncton on the wrong end of the list.

The people of Moncton are agitating about introducing a system of water-supply into the town, and also lighting the town with electric light. \$10,000 is to be spent besides in perfecting the sewerage of the town. Moncton is soon, they say, to have a population of 10,000 souls.

A second Grace Darling has appeared in Montreal in the person of Miss MacKenzie, a resident there, who recently rescued from drowning two gentlemen named Bellavance and Patry at Bic. The rescue was performed in the face of great danger, and bespeaks the young lady a heroine of the first rate.

John Martin of Perry County, Ohio, and his son met with a fatal accident in a curious manner on Thursday. While out mowing, something went wrong with the machine, and they crawled under to fix it, when the horse ran away through fright, the machine passing over the two men, and almost decapitating both.

The Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who eloped with Miss Smith last week, appears in very black colors now, since it has been ascertained that for many years past he has been in the habit of abusing and even beating his wife, who bears cruel marks of the wrongs done her. It is a pity that the young lady had not discovered the Reverend gentleman's true character before the elopement.

The fisheries report for 1887, which is not yet issued, will show the total value of the industry that year to be \$18,234,000, a slight decrease as compared with the previous year. There was a decline in the value of cod of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and nine hundred thousand dollars in lobsters. Thirty seven per cent of the total catch was exported.

A FIND.—On Monday last the hens of Mr. Louis Sicotte, a rich farmer living at Boucherville, P. Q., scratched up some coins, which Mr. Sicotte observing, began to dig on the spot, and soon unearthed a large treasure, consisting of Mexican, French and American dollar pieces, dating from 1726 to 1837. The money was probably hidden there during the war of 1837. The value of the whole find is about \$400.

Three Chinamen were tried at Plattsburg last Monday, charged with forging their entry papers into the United States. Two of them were released upon investigation because of ignorance, and were ordered to be sent to Canada. Accordingly they arrived at Delacolle via the Delaware and Hudson Railway on Tuesday morning in charge of U. S. Marshall Dowell, who paid the required duty \$50 per head, and the Chinamen were sent on to Montreal, to join the Colony there. Their names are Yun Yau and Ah Long.

At Springfield, Ill., last Wednesday week, the Faith Cure camp meeting in progress there was rejoiced by the conversion to Christianity of A. G. Wood, aged 82, who was Col. Ingersoll's first instructor in infidelity. The old repent never believed there was a God until just now, and he intends writing to Ingersoll to influence him towards conversion.

The apple trade of Canada will this year, it is thought, aggregate three quarters of a million of dollars, and consists chiefly of exports from Ontario to Great Britain. The shipments this year will be sent by way of New York, instead of by the St. Lawrence as formerly, and the railway men and shippers of Canada do not like such an arrangement at all.

The Hon. Sir Adolphe P. Caran, K. C. M. G., minister of militia and defence, at the request of the Hon. C. H. Tupper, minister of marine and fisheries, at the office of the agency of the department of marine in Quebec, Monday, at 11 o'clock, presented Captain J. W. Dunham with a beautiful gold medal bearing the following inscription: "To Captain J. W. Dunham, of the British ship Favonius, for the rescue of the crew of the American schooner George E. Young, April 3d, 1887."

The prohibition party in Louisville, Ky. are having a serious time with the rum faction there. County Judge Lewis rendered himself obnoxious to the 'rumtims' and narrowly escaped being shot on Wednesday last, as he was riding out of town. He assembled his own men and marched back to town where they laid siege to several grocery stores, and finding liquor in some of them, rolled the casks into the street and tapped them there. The rum party met them armed and a considerable fight ensued, in which over a hundred shots were exchanged and four men wounded. None killed.

General News.

—Hon. E. Dewdney has been appointed Minister of the Interior, and Hon. John Haggart has received the portfolio of Postmaster General.

—The Temiscouta Railway, connecting the International with the New Brunswick Railway, will be open for traffic on the 15th of this month.

—At a meeting of shareholders of the Panama Canal Co. at Paris on Wednesday De Lesseps promised the canal would be opened in 1890.

—On a logging road 15 miles east of Sego Lake, Michigan, on the 31st ult., a train of empty flat cars struck a fallen tree lying across the track and jumped the rails. Twenty-five workmen are reported wounded, 16 seriously, and three will probably die. Nearly all were Poles.

—At Ottawa on Monday Mr. A. N. Greenfield, a clerk of the Department of Railways, was drowned while bathing with a companion in the Rideau Canal. Mr. Greenfield's companion was close behind him when he sank almost instantaneously, probably through loss of strength. Mr. Greenfield was a native of Amherst N. S.

—Intelligence has been received in Montreal from China of the death of Dr. Wm. Young of that city, which occurred in Hong Kong on the 2nd of July. He filled the chair of chemistry in Bishop's College there in '83 and resigned to succeed to his brother's practice in Hong Kong.

—The lumber mills owned by Mr. E. P. Eddy, situated three miles east of Ottawa, were burned on Wednesday, together with the whole season's cut, valued at \$420,000. The total loss is \$500,000 on which there is \$100,000 insurance. Two men were fatally burned at the scene of the fire.

—It is stated that the delegates appointed by the government of Newfoundland to confer with the government of Canada as to the terms on which Newfoundland may become part of the Dominion, will arrive in Ottawa about September 10. Sir John is expected to return to that city a week or ten days before that date and all the ministers will be there to receive the delegates.

—A house and barn on the Mountain Road, about 5 miles from Moncton, belonging to Mr. Alfred Trites, were totally destroyed by fire between two and three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The house caught from forest fires and so suddenly was it consumed that it was found impossible to save anything except a piano and organ. The loss will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and there is no insurance.

—In Halifax harbour on Monday last a very sad drowning accident occurred, in which Mr. Garret Roache, his son and nephew were all victims. Mr. Roache took the two boys, both of the age of 13 out for a sail in a small whaler, and the weather being treacherous, they were struck by a squall and capsized within a hundred yards of the harbour shipping. The small boat sank immediately, and when help arrived, nothing was seen but the hats of the men. Mrs. Roache is heartbroken, one of the boys being her only son.

The present style of snow-plough is destined soon to be out of date. Mr. J. H. Leslie has invented a remarkable new machine called the rotary steam shovel, which has been already adopted by the C. P. R. It consists of a front 10 ft. square, which feeds the immense rotary inside, which is furnished with two sets of knives to cut the snow off. By means of a fan wheel with several blades the snow is made to pass out of an opening behind the headlight. The wheel makes 300 revolutions in a minute, while the snow can, by means of a movable hood placed over the point of egress, be made to fly far on either side of the track. It is estimated that \$50,000 a year can be saved on the C. P. R. alone by the new invention.

THE W. U. AND THE C. P. R.—AN INJUNCTION GRANTED.—At the instance of the Western Union Telegraph Company, on motion of Dr. Barker, Q. C., an injunction was granted yesterday against the New Brunswick Railway Company and the Canada Pacific Railway to prevent the placing of the poles for the wires of the Canada Pacific line within the lines of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Messrs. Weldon & McLean, acting as solicitors for the Canada Pacific and N. B. Railway Company, will apply immediately to have the injunction dissolved. There will likely be a war to the knife between the two telegraph companies. The competition of a rival line through the province may induce the Western Union to lower its telegraphic rates—a consummation devoutly to be wished.—Tel.

Those who are troubled with bad eyesight or defective eyeglasses, should call at Wiley's drug store to-day and consult Dr. B. Lawrence the celebrated optician.