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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1888.

The election in Cumberland resulted in the return of Mr. Dickey, Conservative, by a majority of 764.

Sir Adams Archibald has been nominated in the Conservative interest for Colchester County. He is to be opposed by a Mr. Morrison, a young lawyer of Halifax whose father formerly represented the constituency in the local house.

The people of Canada generally will be pleased to learn that Bishop Medley, Metropolitan of Canada, has received an honorary degree from Cambridge University. Bishop Potter of New York and the Bishop of Minnesota were also the recipients of honorary degrees.

Our Dominion marksmen have not been distinguishing themselves at Wimbledon this year, but in the Corporation prize for Indian and Colonial volunteers, they were the only competitors and carried off about 175 guineas, in prizes from £5 up to 30 guineas, each.

The meeting in St. John of so many leading educationists of the various Provinces of the Dominion with representatives from England the United States, must have its influence in the practical working of the subjects under discussion, and also on the future educational interests of the country.

The new Liberal Government have scored a rousing victory in Manitoba over Ex. Premier Norquay, whose unpopular attitude in Railway matters no doubt has turned the tide against him. The result is Government 33, Opposition 5. Mr. Norquay merely gained his seat by a majority of 2. Such is the uncertainty of politics.

The Chicago Anarchists are not all dead yet, but have been merely quietly slumbering. A plot has been discovered to blow up the Board of Trade, Court House, newspaper offices, and other public buildings by means of dynamite, and for the assassination of citizens in exalted capacity. Three of the arch conspirators have been arrested, and will no doubt receive their deserts in due time.

An effort is on foot to make the whole island upon which the Metropolis of Canada stands a part of the city, and thus render Montreal the largest city on the American Continent with an area of about 320 square miles, the length of the island being 32 miles with an average breadth of 10 miles. The population would be about 250,000 or 50,000 more than at present. Here is another argument for those who want to see Marysville, Gibson, Hooper town and Douglas all brought within our city limits and made apart of Fredericton.

General Boulanger may, perhaps, be regarded as more of an upstart than anything else. Since his election to the Chamber of Deputies he has been anything but a success, and the latest episode in which he figured—the duel with M. Floquet, Prime Minister—in which he came off second best, has greatly lessened his prestige and influence. It will be sometime, judging by present appearances, before Boulanger becomes Dictator of France, and the enthusiasm which was very warm for him a short time ago, is not nearly so ardent at present.

There is more than the usual outcry this year about the taxes being high. We do not see why there should be much reason for it either, for though the rate of percentage per \$100 is increased, it is not very largely so—the current indebtedness of about \$14,000 still hanging as it was, which will have to be consolidated with the capital debt, no doubt, by and by. It is the increased ratings of individuals that gives dissatisfaction, and yet it appears to us these might be so adjusted that matters should go along smoothly rather than unsatisfactorily and unpleasantly. The people of Fredericton as a general thing are well disposed and fair in their transactions, and, we believe, disposed to meet any fair burden imposed on them; but an injustice is an injustice, and no person feels disposed to put up with

that without grumbling. Fortunes are no made so rapidly in this city that people's income or property can be run up by hundreds or thousands in one year. The man who has held his own the last few years at his legitimate business has done well. The cost of living now-a-days is much more than it used to be—not the real necessities of life—but the modern and improved method of living, renders it more difficult for heads of families to save, which should all be taken into consideration in making up the Assessment.

First of July Lechoes.

The first of July was celebrated in London by a banquet at which Lord Lansdowne, Sir Charles Tupper, Premier Mowatt, Mr. Dalton McCarthy and others spoke, eulogizing the Dominion, comparing notes as to the past, and expressing their predictions for its future. Mr. McCarthy informed the assembly that Canada wanted Imperial Federation, to which Lord Knutsford replied that the first proposition looking to this end must come from the colonies. Lord Lansdowne spoke highly of Canada and of the patriotism of Canadians. Sir Charles and Premier Mowatt, though representing different political ideas, held their country up well before the world. The speeches were made in London as we have said, but when we speak of London we may almost say it is a world in itself, a place of 5,000,000 people, representing every nation, and all varieties of thought; its press permeating the remotest lands, anything that is publicly spoken there is most widely circulated and has a far-reaching influence. It will require all that our public men can say there however, to disabuse the people of many of the erroneous ideas they possess regarding us. Their newspapers continually dwell upon the coldness of our climate, and the impression is left that the people here live indoors all winter, and that to go out is to wade through snow, wrapped in furs, and to return imbedded in icicles. They little know of the enjoyment our young people get out of the winter season, either indoors or out. They know little of our school system which is far superior to theirs, and, of course are ignorant of what is a fact, that the backwoods youth of our country can get a better education at their doors than the youth of England from the middle classes down, in the English towns or villages. When our people speak so reverently of British Institutions, referring to education they no doubt mean the higher class of education for the obtaining of which there are such superior advantages in the old country.

Unlike the old world, however, Canada is an altogether different kind of country. Systems which would suit the one might not suit the other. There is an odor of freedom in the air we breathe which is noticeable by English people the moment they set foot on our soil. The severity and old time conservatism of England could scarcely be borne by our people who have not been reared with that holy dread or regard for people clothed with authority or possessed of the prestige of a noble ancestry. We are more democratic, progressive and independent in our speech and thought; and these appear to be characteristics of the American race. The climate and surroundings may have something to do with making this so. The more our public men dwell upon the advantages of Canada and endeavor to dispel the erroneous ideas held by the masses in the old country the better, if Canada is to be populated by a first class lot of people. The North West is being boomed continually, held up to the world as having a great future before it, while the Maritime Provinces are left to look out for themselves, and are heard little of across the Atlantic. We suppose the Canada Pacific Co. are anxious to build up a traffic for the Railway and this may be the reason the immigration all tends in that direction. It would be well, however, if when speaking of the North West as a desirable field for immigrants our public men in England would let it be known that there are older parts of the Dominion in many particulars as desirable, in some more so, for the intending settler.

New Brunswick Medical Society.

The eighth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society began in the Odd Fellow's hall St. John on Tuesday. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, Dr. Inches delivered the annual address. He referred in fitting terms to the three doctors that the Society had lost during the past year, Drs. Hamilton, Earle and Botsford. Dr. Inches continued, delivering an excellent address for which he received the thanks of the Society. The Council of the Society reported and said that during the past year it had been necessary to enforce by means of law the qualifications of practitioners.

Dr. J. Z. Currie reported that during the last year 14 names had been added to the register of New Brunswick, viz., Allan J

Ferguson, Gaus T Smith, John G Owens, George Bedell, James Vaughan, Tabor P H Wameford, Henry I Taylor, Francis J Desmond, Henry Wetmore, Mark Alford, Felix G Sirois, James W Kelley, Alexander C Moffat, Wilfred W Goodwin. Six of the above have registered Canadian qualifications, four British and four American; eight students have passed the preliminary examinations, viz.: A F Hamilton, H L Dobson, A J Madder, Arthur Lee, J C Carruthers, Alex Murray, A D Coburn, Harry McNally. There are now 277 names on the register and \$230 have been received as annual fees of the council.

Dr. J. E. March reported for the committee appointed to consider a communication from the W. C. T. Union relative to alcoholic liquor. The report was as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider and report upon the above named communication beg leave to report as follows: In answer to question No. 1, namely, 'Is the use of alcoholic liquor by persons in health beneficial?' We say that not possessing the properties of food in the ordinary acceptance of the term, they are not necessary or beneficial to persons in health.

In answer to question No. 2, namely, 'Is the discriminate use of alcoholic liquors by persons not in health beneficial?' We say that if the word 'indiscriminate' is intended to convey the meaning that alcoholic liquors may be taken by persons not in health, regardless of the character of the ailment, we say emphatically, no.

In answer to question No. 3, namely, 'Are alcoholic liquors necessary in medical prescriptions—if so, in what particular cases?' We say that alcoholic liquors are beneficial in many diseases, and that in the present state of our knowledge we know of no substitute for them of equal efficacy; but, when prescribed, judgment, care and discrimination should be exercised. The latter part of the question, 'In what cases should they be used,' cannot be answered without covering ground that would fill a volume, and which, we presume, would not be understood by our questioners. All questions of prescription must be left to the learning and judgment of the attending physicians.

In answer to No. 4, namely, 'What is the attitude of the medical profession towards the sale of intoxicants,' we say that our committee is of the opinion that the attitude of the profession in this matter can only be ascertained by forwarding the question to each medical man and getting his personal opinion thereon.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES CHRISTIE, J. E. MARCH, P. R. INCHES, } Committee.

Although one or two members of the society, in the discussion that followed, expressed themselves as not favorable to the use of alcohol, the report was, on motion of Dr. Bayard, seconded by Dr. Macfarlane, adopted without a dissenting vote, and the committee instructed to communicate the reply to the W. C. T. Union.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers. Dr. Bayard was elected president, but at his solicitation his resignation was accepted and Dr. McLaren was elected to the office. The other officers were as follows: 1st vice-president, Dr. A D Macdonald; 2nd vice-president, Dr. Duncan; secretary, Dr. Crawford; corresponding secretary, Dr. Hetherington; treasurer, Dr. Thomas Walker; trustees, Drs. O J McCully, Wm Christie and H G Addy. Dr. Daniel was elected a member of the medical council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. S Z Earle.

In the evening a reception was held by the society and an enjoyable time was spent. A fine musical programme was presented and successfully carried out. Refreshments were furnished during the evening.

The Foresters.

The High Court, Independent Order of Foresters, of New Brunswick, meets this year at Newcastle, on the 1st August. Dr. Oronhyateka, S. C. R., of London, Ont., will be in attendance. The Fredericton Foresters intend running an excursion over the Northern & Western at the time of the session of the High Court.

At the quarterly convocation of York Encampment No. 4 held in Oddfellows' Hall Wednesday evening the following were elected to the various offices for the ensuing year:—

- A. D. McPherson, Ill. Com.; H. C. Creed, Ill. P. Com.; E. Van Wert, Ill. S. P. Com.; J. H. Tabor, Ill. Lieut. Com.; W. A. Daniels, Ill. Orator; Rainsford Staples, Ill. Chancellor; W. B. Boutiller, Ill. Archivist; J. A. Blair, Ill. Marshal; Fred Clynic, Ill. Capt. of Guard; Geo. B. Hanson, } Ill. Standard Bearers. G. B. Currie, } Ill. Sword Bearers. I. G. Keith, } Ill. Guards. P. E. Cliff, } Jas. Tennant, }

Sergeant Wilson has won the London municipality prize, at the Wimbledon shooting tournament. Private Fulton, of the 13th Middlesex regiment, won the Queen's prize; score, 280.

Interesting Items.

Newcastle N. B. will shortly have a telephone exchange.

The lobster season on Atlantic coast of Cape Breton from St. Peter's island to Meat Cove has been extended fourteen days.

Winnipeg city council has made a grant of \$15,000 for the settlement of vacant lands in the vicinity of the city.

An order in Dominion council has been passed admitting free of duty, tablets, type writers, maps and musical instruments when imported by and for the use of schools for the blind.

The Harvey Hill copper mine in the county of Megantic, which was purchased last year for one hundred thousand dollars, has been sold for a million and a quarter. It is said to be the highest grade copper mine in America.

The People's Union Agricultural Society will hold an exhibition at Hartland on the 27th of September.

The drought in Central Ontario is represented as unprecedented. Farmers are turning cattle into the meadows, which are not worth cutting, while the grain crops are not likely to be worth harvesting. Hay is selling at \$20 per ton.

Reports from Victoria B. C., say that there is serious trouble among Skeena river Indians. It is stated that they murdered Mr. Clifford in charge of the Hudson Bay station at Hazelton and a special constable, C Battery has been sent to Skeena from Victoria.

Dickey, Liberal conservative has been elected to Parliament for Cumberland N. S. with a majority over Casey, Liberal of 764 votes. The poll stood Dickey 2,491; Casey 1,727.

It is intended to extend the Grand Southern Railway into the State of Maine as far as Mount Desert Island. Russel Sage, the owner of the road, speaks enthusiastically of the Maine coast for a summer resort and believes there is money in the Grand Southern.

A heavy fire on Wednesday nearly destroyed Grafton, Carleton County. Loss \$20,000. Insurance \$6,000.

The liberals of Colchester, U. S., have nominated A. G. Morrison to oppose Gov. Archibald.

The Salvation Army at Ste. Foye, Quebec on the 17th, being stoned by a mob, fired a volley in earnest. Several revolvers were used. The mob fled.

Cambridge University, England, has conferred an honorary degree on Bishop Medley, Bishop of Fredericton.

Last Saturday evening a fishing schooner was run down, off the banks of Newfoundland, by the Steamship Fulda. All hands were probably lost.

Three boys, Ernest Kemp, Michael Landers and Daniel Sweeney were drowned while bathing at Watter's Landing on Wednesday.

A volcanic eruption has occurred at Makmate, Japan; 400 persons were killed and 1,000 injured.

Edgar Raynes had his arm completely severed at the wrist on Wednesday in Mr. Chas. Baker's mill at Fairville St. John Co.

Telegraph poles in large quantities for the Short Line through Maine are now being got out on the New Brunswick Railway lands on the Tobique. The Miramichi is also supplying poles for this line.

The new highway bridge across the south west branch of the Oromocto at Eniskillen was finished on Saturday last. It is sixty-four feet span.

Burglars have of late been doing successful work in Portland, St. John. They have in all cases entered by the door and must have had keys.

An infant's skeleton was found last Saturday evening in an old house at Cogan Station, owned by Mr. Bowen Smith. The skeleton was hidden in the walls and wrapped in a cotton cloth. There were marks of blood on the cloth.

Bears are numerous in the vicinity of Hanwell this year, and it is not an uncommon sight to see them going about on the highway road. They have destroyed a number of sheep in the vicinity. Traps are set in several places, and many have been caught and killed by the farmers. Mr. C. Gallope has trapped four this season, and got good prices for their skins.

The 35ft. steam launch owned by Alex McLennan and W. Duncan, Campbellton, is credited with making the extraordinary fast time of thirteen miles an hour. If this is correct she is the champion of her size in Canadian waters.

Colonel Sir Francis De Winton, president of Emin Bey relief committee, in an interview with the King of Belgians expressed the belief that the white pasna reported to have arrived at Babr-el-gazel is Henry M. Stanley.