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## THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

### HAS A PROBLEM FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR TO SOLVE.

**Absurd and Useless Customs Inherited from the Past—Opinion of an Exchange on Hangings for Murder—Better to Hang Ten Innocent than Clear One Guilty Man.**



In looking up the law on the matter I find that in computing my taxes the assessors must deduct the amount of my debts from the value of my personal property and tax me only on the remaining amount of personal property. Then, I suppose, if I have more debts than property the town ought to pay me taxes on the excess of my debts over my property. On this assumption the town owes me about \$4.75 in taxes on my debts. I will see my legal adviser and have him speak to the treasurer about it.

There are some of the exchanges in which the editors have not sense enough to see certain really humorous sayings, which they throw away without so much as looking at, while they file all the religious and party political journals. Now I ran across one paper the other day, and the editor, who seems to have more in him than the editors of this great journal, was dealing with the cheerful subjects of suicide, murder and other crimes of a like quality. He believed, he said, in someone always being hung for a murder—if it were practicable he would have the right man hung, but somebody should most certainly feel the noose. Yes! he agreed that it would always be better to hang the murderer than anybody else—if he could be caught—but if not, then somebody else from the municipality or school section in which the murder was committed, and by preference the father of the criminal. He thinks the old adage that it would be far better that ten guilty men should escape than one innocent man should suffer the extreme penalty, should be reversed. Now, I say there is good, practical common sense in this.

There are a great many absurd and useless customs which we inherit from bygone ages, and find it hard to dispense with. A contemporary, the Babageon Independent, has the following: Throwing rice and old boots at newly married couples, is now considered off-tone. And about time. There is no sense in plugging a man in the back of the neck with an old boot, and telling him it is for luck. It is taking a mean advantage. The man is not in a condition to fight, and dare not resent the booting. Then when the couple are trying to palm themselves off as an old married pair with a family of thirteen, and a half pound of rice jiggles out of the fair ones' hat, it is a dead give away, and sets people sniggering. The proper caper is to throw bits of paper called confetti, which are about half the size of a wafer, and stamped in gold, and silver, and colors.

I haven't a cold in my head by any means. When you hear me blowing my nose with a foreign and in fact rather profane accent and talking through my ears; when you see me with a nose swelled to four sizes, and of a pleasing ruby tint; you may know that I have these things arranged so, merely for my amusement, and that they are not an affliction. Still some people are having colds this week. By the way, why is it that when a horse has it, it is epizootic. When a man has it it is a rank cold and in a woman it is called hay fever.

I had a letter from Jim Corbett this morning in which he says that after much hesitation it has been decided that he and Mr. Fitzsimmons will fight on Bull's Island. He wants it kept a dead secret for fear Mr. Blair will have it stopped.

### THE IMP.

#### Can Handle The Traffic.

Sir William Van Horne in an interview with newspaper representatives recently said the company did not at present contemplate the construction of any branch lines in Manitoba nor a new station building in Winnipeg; neither was it intended to interfere in any way with the grain buying or elevator business. He seemed to think the farmers themselves to blame for many disabilities under which they were placed. He considered the proposal to construct flat warehouses ill-advised, and endorsed the course of the Government on the grain mixing question.

Freight rates, he said, were fair and reasonable, and there was no present prospect of a reduction. As to whether it were better for farmers to hold wheat than sell it at the present low prices, Sir William declined to express an opinion. Previous predictions as to wheat prices had not been fully realized. Sir William feels quite confident that the company can handle all the traffic this season without blockade.

#### Election for County Councillors.

The elections last Tuesday for county councillors resulted in the election of a comparatively large number of new men. In only one parish, Wicklow, was there a Patron of Industry in the field, and he was defeated. The general result is as follows:

Woodstock Town—J A Lindsay, 235; D Munro, 213; A Henderson, 159; J Fisher, 152. Woodstock Parish—Ansel Franklin, 126; J H Forrest, 119; I E Slipp, 102. Richmond—John Y Fleming, 154; James Watson, 163; James Barton, 125. Wicklow—G L Cronkhitte, 171; A C Caldwell, 140; W J Kilpatrick, 55. Northampton—D Gibson, ; J Bragden, ; Charles Connell, 29. Simonds—William Taylor, 88; Rudolph Grass, 83; LeB Moores, 78. Kent—P Corbett, 331; George J Brittain, 126; A F Giberson, 105; E F Shaw, 78; P O'Neil, 6. Aberdeen—John Crawford, 82; Wm H Staten, 71; Wm Simpson, 61, Charles H Gayton, 61. Peel—Major A D Hartley, 121; David Phillips, 110; R R Ross, 110; Harrison Rideout. Brighton—G Phillips, ; McCollum, Wakefield—L R Harding and John A Lindsay, by acclamation. Wilnot—Joseph Cheynev, 238; John Williams, 180; H Corbett, 137.

In Peel Mr. Rideout, though nominated, requested that he be left out, and no votes were given him. Ross and Phillips each had 110 votes and J. R. Tompkins chairman, gave the casting vote in favour of Phillips.

#### Woodstock Markets.

The market is not brisk to a degree that would scandalize any one who objected to the sensational. Good hay at the barn is being bought at \$7. Loose in town it is worth \$8. The Boston hay market has been unchanged for some three months and Woodstock buyers say there is no immediate prospect of an advance in price. There are not many oats being hauled in at 26 to 28c; butter brings 16c to 17; cheese is worth 7c to 8c; eggs 8c to 12c; pork on foot 4c. dead 5; beef 5c; sheep \$2.50 to \$3.00. Potatoes are rather scarce, and though they are only worth 50c to 60c at present there can scarcely be a doubt that they will come up. Turnips 40c to 50c; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50; peas \$1.00 to \$1.25; buckwheat meal \$1.00 to \$1.25; buckwheat 30c; Alexander apples \$1.25; Fameuse \$1.50; Peabodys \$1.50.

#### Burt, Lee & Hale.

The firm of Burt, Lee & Hale is now a fact, and these enterprising men will open a general hardware store on King street next week. Their place, which is in Vanwart's brick block, opposite the woolen mills is being fitted up with a plate glass front, and the second story is being made into a very charming show room. They are to have F. H. Hale's new building across the street as a show room for their farm machinery, wagons, sleighs and such stock. When they open their business they will have a stand which for size and appointments will have no superior in town. The three men who compose the firm are young, well known, and deserving of the patronage they will undoubtedly receive.

#### The Shortis Case.

BEAUFORT, Oct. 12.—In the Shortis trial, this morning, the cross examination of Father Dunne, of Waterford, Ireland, was commenced. He said the prisoner associated with the sons of gentlemen in Waterford. Being second master at the school which Shortis attended, the witness was brought in contact with him for six hours a day. He had told the prisoner's mother that he was carrying dangerous weapons and advised her to have it stopped.

#### A Bronze Medal.

Mr. G. Hugh Harrison has received word from the governor-general's secretary to the effect that his Excellency proposes to offer a bronze medal for competition in the Woodstock High School annually during his term of office. It is needless to say that the offer will be accepted.

#### Big Catch of Seals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The Russian steamer 'Kotik' has arrived from Petropaulovski with 17,920 seal skins, 227 sea otter skins, thirteen land otter skins and sixteen sable and seventeen fox skins, the cargo being valued at half a million dollars. The agent says the seal poachers reaped a harvest around Cooper Islands, as the Russian and British cruisers were away nearly all the time in eastern waters.

## LOTS OF WORK FOR ALL.

### SEWERS AFFORD WORK FOR ALL WHO CAN HANDLE A SHOVEL.

**Work Progressing on Both Sides of the Creek.—How a Map was Returned on the Quiet.—Town Council.—Dog Tax to be Enforced.**

Quite a stroke of work has been done already in connection with the sewers, although the digging has been pretty hard, and a good deal of rock which needed blasting was run across.

The work has been pressed on both the south and north sides of the bridge. On the south side the digging was commenced at the river beginning near Davis mill. Some 270 feet have been done on this side leading up Water street.

At the river on the north side the work was begun about opposite the foot of Guelph street coming this way. Then, while the work was carried along Guelph a crew of men were turned in to work on Richmond street. They carried the work along Richmond for about 300 feet, and then turned up Cross street and went as far as Main where they turned to the south. It is the purpose to run up Prince Albert, and out into Green. Forty-eight men were employed on Saturday night and there is a demand for a considerably larger number. In every possible instance men from the town have been given the preference, but it seems as if it will be necessary to get outside labor in order to push the work as expeditiously as possible.

#### A Stricken Conscience.

For several months past a firm of lawyers in the town have been seriously injuring their once bright prospects for a home in that happy land where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. Some miserable beggar, without any just cause or provocation borrowed their map of Carleton county last winter, and during all these months these poor lawyers have been rendering the atmosphere blue with their curses on this unknown individual. Yesterday while they were engaged in sundry occupations, trying to earn an honest dollar, this individual still unknown, crept into their office when the door had been accidentally left unfastened, returned the map and departed leaving no trace of his identity. While they are thankful to receive the map yet it seems a pity that two such promising young men should run the risk of forfeiting their right to a home in the bright regions beyond on account of the thoughtlessness of another. May the gods make an entry against this beggar in his account, if he is not so insignificant that he has been overlooked and give these poor hard working young men credit for the same and thus in some measure repair the evil done them.

#### Town Council.

At the town council on Friday night, the mayor and councillors Gallagher, Payson, Jones, Arnold, Smith, Van Wart and Leighton were present. A small part of the sewer committee handed in a favorable report on the request of Charles Connell that the Chapel street sewer be extended some 80 feet beyond Green street, so that he might connect his two new houses with the Chapel St. line instead of making an entry on Green street.

The council voted that the sewer be extended in accordance with the report. The mayor informed the council that Mr. Connell had expressed it as his opinion that Mr. Queen was trespassing on St. Gertrude's street. It was voted that a written report on the matter be handed in and then a general feeling seemed to prevail that Mr. Queen should be driven in within his rightful line.

On motion of Coun. Van Wart it was decided that all individuals and corporations having a line of poles carrying wires, in town, should be compelled to paint the poles. Couns. Leighton, Jones and Arnold were made a committee to discover the proper way to collect the dog tax and the council intends that the tax shall be collected.

On motion of Coun. Arnold the fire committee were ordered to have the batteries of the alarm from the engine house to the pumping station fixed. They were in bad condition. An order was passed providing that the payroll of the labourers working on the sewers, should be certified by the sewer committee, on which the treasurer should draw a check for the amount payable to superintendent Munro.

#### Cause of the Outbreak.

The Fredericton Gleaner has the following to say about the recent outbreak of typhoid fever at the capital: The water was never known to be so low as it is now and was all

summer. Simmons tannery is not sufficiently far away from the pumping station, and the sewer from the hospital should never have been allowed to enter the river at that point. At the present low state of water, the tide counteracts the current so that logs are floated up stream for a considerable distance, and if this is the case with logs, fever germs should be washed still further up. There seems to be no doubt that the city water has been contaminated in this way. The Board of Health have quite a load on their hands. Typhoid germs will multiply in water, and even in filters, very rapidly, so that the city water system will be a hard thing to purify. The sewer will have to be extended along the shore, at least as far as Estey's mill. A cess pool would be no good, as the fecal matter would probably soak through to the river, oozing out near the pumping station. One of the city physicians, last night, said he enquired early in the season where the hospital sewer emptied into the river, and understood it was a safe distance from the water works engine house. When informed that it was only about 100 yards below, he said that was probably the cause of the fever outbreak. The board of health are now investigating and will report shortly.

#### RUSHED WITH WORK.

### D. A. Grant's Factory Turning Out Good Wagons and Pungs.

THE DISPATCH in passing through some of the leading factories of the town took in D. A. Grant's establishment the other day. He found all hands busy as usual and work being put out in first class shape in a marvellously short space of time.

"On one occasion" he said, "I had an order for a heavy wagon, which came from a distance. It reached me at 11 o'clock on one day, and by noon of the next day the order was shipped. We did all the work in the factory from the bottom up."

A very nice job is a Chadbourne coming, the first of the kind ever built in this county. It has a big low seat and is finished in black broadcloth. This could probably be got at a bargain, and there are some light cornings which also might be purchased at a cheap rate, now as Mr. Grant wishes to close out all his stock.

A number of nice second-hand road carts were noticed which purchasers looking for anything in that line will find can be got for a price which will probably surprise them.

There is a beautiful surrey in stock, finished in oak bottom, which is just the sort of thing a carriage fancier should wish.

As the season is getting along it is desired to make a sale of all the wagons and carriages the firm have on hand. Pungs are being turned out rapidly for the demand in that line. As in the carriages, so in the pungs Mr. Grant is introducing new ideas all the time, and the designs this year are something different from last season. It is quite a sight to pass through his factory and notice how busy all the hands are and how dexterously and rapidly they turn out the work.

It may be well to state for the convenience of those who are looking with wistful eyes on pungs which they would have painted, if they only had the wherewithal to pay for it, that now is the convenient time to take sleighs and pungs to Grant's painting rooms, where a first class man is in charge.

#### His First Court.

The fall term of the supreme court opened yesterday, his honor Justice Landry presiding. This is the first time that Judge Landry has taken a court in the Carleton circuit. He was to have been here last spring but circumstances prevented his attendance. His place was taken by Judge Vanwart. Judge Landry was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. Justice King to the Supreme Court of Canada. Among the cases on the docket is a civil action brought by N. Tompkins against Samuel Boyer for slander. Fisher & Connell appear for the plaintiffs and D. McLeod Vince for the defence. Stephen B. Appleby is prosecuting in the two criminal cases on the docket.

The grand jurors are: Hamilton Emery, Leonard Harding, Solomon Perley, Albert Brewer, Wm. F. Glidden, Geo. L. Holyoke, Wm. Balmain, Sam'l A. Britton, D. L. Pitt, Herbert N. Payson, Chas. R. Watson, John A. Lindsay, Jerry Bragdon, Wm. B. Jewett, W. W. Hay, Richard Cluff, Fred. Dickinson, Hugh E. Gallagher, Jas. H. Wilbur, jr., Howard Burt, Alex. Henderson, Uriah Hanson, Thos. L. Duncan, W. B. Belyea.

The grand jury selected W. W. Hay foreman, and on their return to the court room presented an address to Judge Landry, to which he made a response.

A true bill was found against Thomas A. Rideout for assaulting constable Allan Tibbits, of Peel, in the discharge of his duty. A bill was also found against John McQuarrie for stealing a watch from Hamilton Giberson, Bath. The court adjourned to meet again on Thursday morning at 10 a. m.

## WILL HE BE BOSS AGAIN?

### THIS IS THE DAY A. G. BLAIR THINKS IMPORTANT.

**Some Facts About the Premier.—His Ancestry Dates Back to the Time of Adam.—Scotch Parentage Accounts For His Tenacity to Office.**

The various papers throughout the province have been either lauding Mr. Blair to the skies or carrying him to the profound depths beneath, just as they happened to feel in the matter. Whether he shall still be the leader of provincial politics, or find himself in the so-called cold shades of opposition will be known some time this evening, probably it will not be quite settled until tomorrow morning. THE DISPATCH would not like to be prophetic in the matter. It cannot afford to make public its prophetic capabilities without some consideration for the feelings of those who would feel their case to be hopeless. But, the main purpose of this little squib is to let the people know something of A. G. Blair. THE DISPATCH was not personally acquainted with all his ancestors since the days of Julius Caesar, but, undoubtedly he is in the direct line of descent from a certain husbandman named Adam. The favorite in the ring today, was born in the celestial city of Fredericton at some particular hour on the 7th day of March, 1844. His ancestors were Scotch, and it is probably his adherence to that nationality—in spite of temptations to belong to other nations which has given him that ability to hold tenaciously to office, which has characterized him for several years past, and which still seems to stick by him. It is said of some Scotch people that they keep the Sabbath day, and everything else they can lay their hands upon. Mr. Blair was married on the 31st Oct. 1866, to Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Thompson, of the educational department of New Brunswick. He was educated at the collegiate school in Fredericton, was returned to the house of assembly at the general election in 1878, re-elected at the general election in 1882, and in March 1883 was called upon to form an administration, and he has been forming them ever since.

#### A Monument to Bloomers.

It is said that a monument will be erected very shortly to Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, the celebrated founder of the new woman.

It was at a ball given on July 23, 1851, that the heroic lady first displayed to an admiring world her idea of the new woman. It is a little singular that not until the present bicycle came did the bloomer conquer. Few women, perhaps, who now wheel along in the habit, think of what their dead and gone sister endured for the sake of the progress. Mrs. Bloomer, at the time of her bifurcated campaign, was editor of a temperance paper published at Seneca Falls, in New York State. She had advocated in her little publication the desirability of the change in woman's attire, but experience convinced her that if she wished to make the right impression she must herself lead the way.

"If delicacy," she asserted, "requires that the skirt should be long, why do our ladies a dozen times a day, commit the indecency of raising their dresses, which have already been sweeping the sidewalks, to prevent their dragging in the mud of the streets? Surely a few spots of mud added to the refuse of the sidewalk on the hem of their garments are not to be compared to the charge of indecency to which the display they make might subject them."

#### New Blood.

The recently elected county council has an infusion of new blood in it. Some of the blood has been mixed up in former councils, but the following did not serve on the last board. J. A. Lindsay, Alex Henderson, Woodstock town; Ansel Franklin, Woodstock parish; John Flemming, Richmond; J. W. Cheney, Wilnot; A. W. Taylor, R. Grass, Simonds; P. Corbett, and G. J. Brittain, Kent; David Phillips, Peel; John Crawford, and William Staten, Aberdeen; J. E. McCollum, Brighton; A. C. Caldwell, Wicklow. The first meeting of the new council will be held in January.

#### St. John and Standard Time.

The St. John Board of Trade is going earnestly into the question of the adoption of standard time. A meeting of the board was held last evening in which the best means of ensuring its adoption were discussed. The Globe believes in standard time, but favors the adoption of intercolonial time.

#### Lady Randolph Churchill.

It is reported that Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jennie Jerome, of New York, will shortly marry a distinguished army officer.