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MR. BALFOUR.

It often happens that a statesman is very keen and quick, and successful in opposition, while, on the accession to office his friends are altogether disappointed in him. This seems to be the case with Mr. Balfour the leader of the conservative party in the Imperial House of Commons. As a leader of the opposition Mr. Balfour was a pronounced success. Now, that he is leading the majority, there is a good deal of dissatisfaction with his party management. A newspaper correspondent in London writes: "The secret of Mr. Balfour's failure as a government leader is not far to seek. He is intolerant of criticism, has no liking for the details of public work—those details which are often as important as principles—and is too much inclined to take an academic view of the matter in hand. Politics are synonymous with business. Mr. Balfour is not a business man. He detests accounts and statistics. He prefers the abstract to the concrete. He is a man of the world, but not a man of affairs. He sits down to consider a legislative proposal just as he would sit down to digest a reply to his 'Foundations of Belief.' He examines every question from the point of view of the metaphysician. He is a metaphysician in politics. Mr. Balfour takes himself seriously, but not politics. That is to say, he knows of several things much more important, as well as much more congenial, than life in the House of Commons. A sense of undoubted intellectual superiority, and the pride of aristocratic birth, coupled with the staid bachelor habits of years, have led him to underestimate the practical difficulties of government. Personally Mr. Balfour is one of the most agreeable of men. The fascination which he exercises upon his intimates resembles Mr. Gladstone's. He has the same seraphic sweetness of temper—when unopposed—and much of the veteran Liberal's stateliness of manner. His most savage political opponent concedes the charm of his nature—or, invariably did so until he began to take on the oratorical airs that have helped to hasten his present discomfort. As a debater he is cautious and conciliatory, never descending from the high plane of impersonal argument even in the heat of controversy. In force he has no equal on the tory side in the Commons. All these qualifications for effective leadership he has, but lacks the tact, the assiduity, and the essentially serious conception of politics which sees it a business, and treats it as such."

The men who sit on the right of the speaker and hold government portfolios are the powers that be; but the fellows on the left are free lances, and everyone knows it is easier to tear down than to build up.

DOGS AND SHEEP.

That delay in litigation is dangerous is amply shown by the destruction wrought by dogs among the sheep in the neighborhood directly below town. Within a very short time 68 sheep have been killed, and the blame for some of it is laid to a town dog, which Mr. Henry Smith fortunately sent to the happy hunting grounds. Dogs that go on picnic parties below town, must bear in mind that they take their lives in their hands. They will be shot in cold blood, without benefit of clergy. Let the members of the Woodstock county council consider what their feeling would be at the wholesale destruction of sheep of their own, and they will be likely to see that the host of curs around the county should be exterminated, or that the owners shall pay well for their keep. The religious editor of this journal sympathizes heartily with the sheep, now deceased, and the farmers who owned them, for his calves have been more than once seriously threatened by the dogs as he glided gracefully through the county on his bicycle built for one.

The dog tax is as sensible a bit of legislation as the Fredericton house has passed for a long time, and the sooner it is enforced the better, both for bicyclists' calves and for farmers' sheep.

It is a good way to collect money, too. If people want to keep dogs let them pay for it.

JUST AS WELL.

The press of the province is discussing the question of running the local legislature on Dominion issues. The St. John Globe is the principle advocate for such a cause, which appears to be popular with men or both sides. True there is something funny in having to go to another Legislature for cries on which to divide our provincial parliament. It would seem that a few business men might meet once a year and conduct the affairs of a small

province like New Brunswick without much difficulty. However, if they want to play politics, they might as well do it on Dominion lines. This is the course the mock parliament of Woodstock pursued a few winters ago.

Some time ago the State of Iowa passed a law prohibiting the importation of cigarettes or cigarette paper. On an appeal from the enactment Judge Senborn of the U. S. circuit court has pronounced the law unconstitutional. So the cigarette smokers of Iowa are happy once more.

Personal.

H. S. Crosby, Yarmouth, is at the Wilbur. E. G. Vroom, St. Stephen, is at the Wilbur. J. C. Macfarlane, Montreal, is at the Wilbur. W. M. Jarvis, St. John, is at the Wilbur House. Mrs. R. English Brayley has returned to Montreal.

H. H. Fairweather, St. John, is at the Wilbur House.

Mr. George Black, Fredericton was in town on Sunday last.

Mrs. R. E. Guy Smith is visiting Miss Jeffrey at St. Marys.

Miss Helen Hutchinson Upper Wicklow is visiting in Fredericton.

George F. Burt and Randolph W. Raymond are at Anaconda, Montana.

Miss Godsoe, St. John is the guest of Miss Louise Hume, Florenceville.

Sterling Whiteside, Montreal, is visiting at James Jewett's, Florenceville.

Sheriff Balloch and Deputy Sheriff Albion Foster were at the Victoria yesterday.

Mrs. A. C. Day of Lynn, Mass., is in town visiting her mother, Mrs. Astle.

Mr. and Miss Lynch, St. John, are visiting the Misses McGaffigan, Florenceville.

Geo. Frapp of the Merchants bank left on Saturday for Halifax to take in the carnival.

Miss Sadie Brown, daughter of James Brown, Main Street, is visiting at Fort Fairfield.

Mr. Ernest Jack, late of the Woodstock branch of the People's Bank, has been moved to Quebec.

Miss Kate McKay Houlton, and Miss Cassie McIntosh Boston were in Woodstock last week.

Mr. Sanderson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, spent Sunday with D. McGaffigan, Florenceville.

Mrs. G. W. Slipp and her daughters spent a few days of last week with Miss Harmon, Peel. They returned on Monday.

Mr. Alleyne Deveber who has been in the Western States for the past year or two, arrived in Woodstock on Thursday last.

Mr. W. P. Craig is slowly recovering from his recent illness. He was able to go down to his place of business for a short time on Monday last.

H. B. White, Centreville, J. E. McCollom, Hartland, W. Webster Ross, F. G. Foster, Simonds J. R. Stewart, Barrie, Ont., were among the recent arrivals at the Victoria.

Stanley G. Smith, Presque Isle, Chas. Phillips, J. Stebbins, Bristol, Mrs. Chas. Anderson, Canterbury Station, Fred Workman, Jonesport, Me., are at the Exchange Hotel.

W. T. Whitehead, Fredericton; Geo. E. Barnhill, Fairville; and F. J. Menzie, private secretary of Russell Sage, registered at the Wilbur on Monday, on their return from a successful fishing tour on the Tobique.

Rev. Horace E. Dibblee who has been ill at the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, for many weeks, arrived in Woodstock with his wife and mother on Saturday last. It is hoped that his health will improve, under the beneficent influence of native air.

Mr. Geo. H. Gilman, of the Houlton Pioneer, has been nominated by acclamation as the Republican candidate for Representative to the Legislature from his district. The Pioneer has been an able consistent advocate of Republican principles, and wields an influence that is sensibly felt in the local political field.—Ex.

"Home Comfort" Still Leading.

The following are using, and the longer they use the better they like the Home Comfort Range:—
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John O'Donnell,
David Hemphill,
Thos. Griffin,
Howard Laferty,
Miss J. Kennedy,
William Nicholson, Kirkland;
Mr. S. Wolhaupter,
Mrs. Harriet Nye,
T. Stoker, Bloomfield;
Jonathan Merrithew, Gordon;
Mr. Scott, Brighton.

Thos. Flemming, Grocer, Woodstock, purchased a range and claims he would not be without it for \$100.00, if he could not get another.

An Awful Deed.

Nothing especially new has developed with regard to the murder on the high seas, of Capt. Nash and his wife and second mate Blanbury, on the barkentine, Herbert Fuller. Suspicion of having done the deed rests on the first mate Brain, and on a seaman named Brown. The prisoners will be taken for trial to Boston, no impediment being put in the way of extradition.

New Road to Grand Falls.

The engineers will soon be able to report upon their survey of the proposed railway from Campbellton, on the I. C. R. to Grand Falls. The road would soon develop a very paying business, and the engineers say it is one that can be well built at a comparatively small cost.

BORN.

BRASHEAR.—On the 25th inst., at Victoria Hotel, Woodstock, to the wife of W. M. Brashear, Supt Rhode Island Range Co., Toronto, a son.

CARR.—On the 26th inst., to the wife of Willard Carr, a son.

RANKIN.—On Saturday, July 25th, to the wife of Dr. Rankin, a girl.

MARRIED.

GAUNCE-HAYTER.—At Woodstock, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Elmer Gaunce of Riley Brook, Victoria Co., and Miss Lottie M. Hayter, of St. John.

HARRIS-BOYD.—At Woodstock, on the 29th inst., by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Miles Harris and Miss Ida Boyd, both of Houlton.

WAY-PATTERSON.—At Woodstock, on the 15th July, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Melvin C. Way and Miss Della Patterson, both of Southampton.

DIED.

BOYER.—At Houlton July 18th, of injuries received while coupling cars in the yard of the B. & A. R. R., Frank B. aged 24 years eldest son of Charles T. and Emily Boyer of East Florenceville, leaving a young wife and child to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held under the Orange and Odd Fellows of which orders deceased was a respected member.

Vagaries of a Sleep-Walker.

A certain boarding house in this town was the scene of rather a peculiar incident a few evenings ago. Among the guests was an old gentleman who hailed from some of the remote sections of the county. It appears the old gentleman is something of a somnambulist, or in other words a sleep walker. He was given a spare room, but took a notion to get up in his sleep, and transplanted himself into the room and bed of another boarder, a man somewhat younger in years. On coming to his senses the old fellow was a bit surprised to find himself where he was. His wanderings awoke some of the younger element in the house, and they proceeded to play a somewhat practical joke on the aged visitor. One of them pronounced himself a doctor and insisted upon entering into an ante-mortem examination of the centenarian, assuring him that he was far from being a well man. He also informed the ancient guest that he had made a serious mistake in thinking he had run up against a temperance hotel. The old fellow went away in the morning a sadder and a wiser man. The boys are looking for other victims.

A Thrilling Race.

The Fredericton Herald is authority for the following bear story: "Mr. James Evans of Upper Woodstock, who works at the quarry at Smyrna, near Houlton had rather a thrilling experience on Sunday last while returning from a visit to his home on a bicycle. He was speeding along at a good clip, at a point about four miles from this place, when he discovered a large bear sitting up on the side of the road. He wheeled up to within a short distance of the animal without it being aware of his presence. He then suddenly rang the bicycle bell and yelled as loud as he could. Old Bruin jumped as if he had been shot, and then after growling a few times, started to run along the side of the road in the same direction that Evans was going. Mr. Evans, taking in the situation at a glance, put on an extra spurt, and succeeded in passing the bear in a jiffy. When once he had passed old Bruin he never stopped to look behind to see if the animal was following him, but kept on going as fast as his wheel would carry him.

Mr. Evans only learned to ride a bicycle last spring, and was never considered much of a scorcher, but since his thrilling race with the bear, he thinks he can do up most of the boys in a road race."

Bryan the Choice.

St. Louis, Me., July 25.—William J. Bryan of Nebraska, who was nominated by the democratic national convention at Chicago a fortnight ago, was today made the standard bearer of the populist party by a vote of 1,042 to 321. The democratic candidate was nominated in the face of his own protest in the shape of a telegram directing the withdrawal of his name, sent to Senator Jones, sent after Sewall, his running mate, has been ditched for the vice presidential nomination last night, and Thomas E. Watson of Georgia had been named for second place on the ticket. It was also made in the teeth of an opposition so bitter that after the convention adjourned some radicals held "rump" conventions. As to the future all is problematical. Whether Bryan will decline the nomination is being canvassed.

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