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Halifax and Queens.

Premier Fielding of the Nova Scotia Local Government, succeeded in winning his election last Wednesday in Halifax, by the very narrow majority of forty-five. There is no instance on record of the leader of government in these Provinces, holding the most important office in that Government, being pushed so hard in an election. In 1882, Mr. Fielding, then in opposition, had quite a large majority, and it speaks but little for his own or his Government's popularity, that the other day he should escape defeat so narrowly. The patronage of office tells heavily in an election, but if Mr. Fielding's opponents had not been so certain of success, it would have mattered little in his instance. The Local Legislature of Nova Scotia, however, like our own, has only two years to run before another general election, and if the vote in the Halifax contest is any indication of public feeling towards the present Government, its days are numbered.

The Late S. D. MacPherson.

Fredericton has lost a most worthy and respected citizen, by the death of S. D. MacPherson. Though a man of quiet and unobtrusive manner, there were few better known residents in this community, and we venture to say, none who stood higher in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. His name during a long and active life, has been connected with every movement of importance that he thought would lead to the good of the city. Whether in the church which he loved and faithfully served, in the School Board of which he was a useful and intelligent member, in the temperance meetings, a work into which he always entered with zeal, in the City Council, or in the social circle, the deceased gentleman exerted an influence and encouraged his fellow workers by his own straightforward earnest course. Mr. MacPherson was a man of warm sympathies, and his counsel was sought and appreciated. There was such evidence of sincerity in his genial, kindly manner, that those with whom he came in contact, could not fail to be impressed with his honesty, integrity and desire to do what was right and best. He was a good man, one who lived up to his professions, and if he erred it was not from intention, for he loved, acted, and spoke the truth. His life was an example of the respect and esteem that is sure to follow any man who pursues a course of integrity and honest dealing towards his fellow men. Mr. MacPherson in his day, and up to his death, filled many positions of trust and influence, and the duties of all he discharged faithfully and well. The kindly words spoken by Rev. Mr. Evans, at the funeral service of the deceased, were those of one who knew and appreciated Mr. MacPherson as his career deserved. But for the consolation of his sorrowing friends, it were vain to express regret at the death of so good a man as Mr. MacPherson, whose demise was only the signal for entering into a happier state. He had lived to an honorable and respected old age; he had accomplished good in the world till his affliction rendered life not worth the living; he was willing and anxious to depart to a happier land, and the lamentations for his decease from those who were near and dear to him, and to whom he was a kind and loving husband and father, will be mingled with the joyful hope of a more glorious meeting in the hereafter. Truly in the death of S. D. MacPherson, a good man has gone to his rest.

A Popular Lady.

Lady MacDonald, wife of the Premier of the Dominion has been visiting portions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia during the past few weeks and has met a warm reception. She was at the Spring Hill Mines in Cumberland Co., N. S., the other day, exploring those dusky regions, and before departing, the miners got out a band and serenaded her ladyship. Mr. Leckie, the manager, responded in a brief address of thanks on behalf of Lady MacDonald, but at the close of his remarks, she expressed her desire to address personally, those who had done her honor, and stepping to the front she said: "I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Such an unexpected welcome from you is very flattering to me indeed, and I shall tell Sir John how much I am indebted to you. I have been greatly pleased with my visit, and when I went down into the mines the other day I was not afraid. My reply was, why should I fear to go where so many of you spend eight hours at least every day of your lives. I hope to come again and see you. I again thank you for your generous reception." Loud cheers greeted her ladyship at the conclusion of her probably maiden speech, and the band played the National Anthem. Lady MacDonald is a woman of splendid education and refinement, and Sir John is always ready to admit, that much of his recent success in life has been due to the influence and encouragement of a faithful and intelligent wife.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The English Parliament will reassemble on the 15th of September. The herring fishing on the east coast of Scotland has this year been unusually productive. Paris has 437 schools of drawing, with 182 Professors, and 27,000 pupils, their cost is nearly 1,000,000 F.

CURRENT COIN.

Jay Gould's income is \$4 a minute. Over 21,000 widows in India, and all forbidden to re-marry. "Think of that!" Song of the cucumber:—"We're cramping to-night on the old cramp grounds." "Canada, my Home," is a very popular song among American bankers and bank officers just now.

RANDOM READINGS.

Do get up and make a fire, Turn the light a little higher, Go and call your aunt Maria, The baby's got the cramps. A CONSOLATION. The fun is this: You sit in bliss And all the cares of life dismiss, You feel so nice; when in a trice, Your heart grows cold—as cold as ice, And then you scold, for her sake, Old papa approaches with his boot, But do not fret—there is worse yet, You might suppose and she accept.

WEDDED BLISS.

Departing, I had clipped a curl, The ring she wore, I had a pearl, She, smiling, said: "You're making a gun, You go off with a bang!" A BANG AND A SMACK. Ought to be bounced—the baseball. The popular opera in Utah is "The Chimes of Mornon day." Lawn tennis plays itself, the ball tumbles to the racket so easily. The weed that chokes the flower of happiness is made of craps. The moon is a sort of matrimonial overseer. She is mistress of the tide. The banana peel, after parting from the banana, is frequently associated with peels of laughter.

THE BALANCE ON HAND OF.

Carpets, Lace Curtains, Oil Cloths, Etc, Sold at Cost, FOR CASH. A QUANTITY OF SUMMER DRESS GOODS, AND OTHER Fabrics, Sunshades, &c, Will be marked down to clear. The Season's REMNANTS! Of all kinds are being cleared out, regardless of cost.

DIAMOND DYES WILL COLOR ANYTHING.

Feeding fleas in an animal show in Paris, is the occupation of Miss Emma. She bares her shapely arms and sets a lot of fleas free from the neck of a dog, and then she draws drawing carriages and cannons weighing ever so many hundred times more than their little lives.

COURTSHIP IN TRUXIDIO, ARIZONA.

When stripped to the literal meaning of the words from which the term was derived, "pocket handkerchief" means "a pocket hand covering for the head." It is called "handkerchief" and what is called the handkerchief was not made for the pocket. All of this is so confusing it cannot be wondered at that the small boy prefers his slippers.

THE BROTHER'S WIFE.

A young woman in an Ohio town has married her brother's wife's father, and, at last accounts, had nearly gone crazy trying to figure out whether she was her brother's sister-in-law, or her husband's daughter-in-law, or her own mother-in-law, or her mother-in-law's mother-in-law, or all four, and if so, what relation her children will be to her husband.

THE SEASIDE.

A story comes from Boston of a large woman who had been dressed in plenty of jewelry, who recently attended a horse-race where every seat was occupied. No one moved till at length an elderly gentleman slowly rose and offered her his seat. She took it with a grateful smile, and said: "You are a gentleman—a perfect gentleman. The rest are hogs!"

THE DAIRYMAN.

A dairyman in Milan keeps an intelligent rooster in his bedroom to wake him up in the morning. The bird, in order not to disturb his master, relates to him from a crowing into 6 o'clock when he emits one loud crow, jumps upon the bed, and leans eagerly to peck at the slumberer. He has been taught his lesson, and he knows when it is six as correctly as the clock does.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

There was a time when the medical faculty, in dealing with their patients, appeared to act upon the "kill or cure" principle. The most powerful and the most heroic doses were employed, and the most escaped death from disease he stood a capital chance of dying from drugs. So it was often an open question whether the patient died of disease or he killed by the doctor's physic, vomit and salivator were mild remedies while physicians thought nothing was being done unless the head was made to swim, the back to ache, the stomach and joints to throb against natural diet. But times have changed and with them the practices of physicians and people. Coughs, colds and Bronchitis are now cured by Humphrey's Homeopathic Specifics No. one and seven, and not only coughs and colds, but diseases of a far graver nature like Pneumonia and Chronic Lung Disease are cured by the same. It is created by Dr. J. C. Smith, of Lowell, Mass., and is a most pleasant and agreeable and has cured thousands. Try it. So of Catarrh, of Rheumatism, of Croup or Headache; each has its Specific and its cure.—Ed.

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WARNING.

The most suddenly fatal diseases of Summer and Fall are the various forms of Bowel Complaints which Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry will promptly remedy.

THE MARIPOSA.

It will be remembered, that at the last sitting of the Supreme Courts, a case was stated by consent, whether the City of Fredericton was liable to pay a portion of the expense of converting the lower flat of the County Court House into offices for the Registrar of Deeds, the Sheriff and Clerk of the Peace, and that the matter was argued for the City by Mr. O. W. Beckwith, City Clerk, and for the Municipality, by Mr. H. B. Rainford, Secretary-Treasurer. Judgment then reserved, was delivered on Saturday, adverse to the contention of the Municipality, the Court holding (Walden and Watson, J. S., dissenting, and Fraser J. taking no part), that the Act, 42 Victoria, c. 41, relating to the administration of Justice in the County, only made the city liable for one third of the expense of repairing existing County buildings, not of constructing new ones, which the alteration in the Court House substantially was. The Chief Justice and Judge Palmer, however, stated, that they had decided that there was no legal liability of the city, but they did not hesitate to say, that the city ought, in justice, to pay a proportion of this expense, as they were as much interested in the County, in having safe and suitable offices for the Registrar of Deeds, Sheriff and Clerk of the Peace, which the alteration in the Court House had provided.

Coming Exhibitions.

The Eastern Main State Fair, will be held at Bangor, September 9th, to 13th. Premium lists and other information will also be furnished by Mr. Inches, on application. This Exhibition is open for competition from the Maritime Provinces, and reduced rates are given by our railroads and steamboats, for both freight and passengers. Our stock raisers should know that under existing regulations cattle and swine sent from the Maritime Provinces to the Maine State Fair, to be held at Bangor in September, cannot be brought back free of duty. This does not apply to horses and sheep. This information may be relied upon as correct, having been obtained from the Customs Department by Mr. Inches.

A Well Deserved Vacation.

His Honor Chief Justice Allen has been granted leave of absence from his judicial duties for four months, and will leave Fredericton before the end of September to spend his vacation in England. His Honor's health has not been good for the past few months and he seeks its recuperation, as well as respite from the toils of an active life. The Chief Justice is known to be a hard and most incessant worker, and his proposed holiday will be well deserved, and thoroughly enjoyed no doubt. The FARMER is sure of the one, and hopes the other will come fully up to His Honor's anticipations.

Toronto Opinion.

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