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The Newfoundland Governorship.

The cancelling of Sir Ambrose Shea's appointment as Governor of Newfoundland, has raised quite a squall in that ancient colony. St. John's correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, lets some light into the causes that led to that action by the Imperial Government. He says:—"It appears that the appointment had not been gazetted at the time when Sir Ambrose left London. His commission was made out and had only to be submitted for Her Majesty's approval. Had he remained a few days longer in London, he could have brought his commission with him duly signed, but having business matters to attend to he preferred to leave his commission behind to follow by the next mail. On his arrival here, his appointment as Governor was speedily made known, and at once protests against it were despatched to Colonel Stanley, colonial secretary. These had the effect of keeping the appointment unconfirmed till the arrival of the following mail, which carried protests in *extenso* from the Executive, the Government party and a portion of the Chamber of Commerce. It is said, I know not how truly, that the Executive threatened resignation if the appointment were carried into effect, and urged strongly the unconstitutional character of an arrangement which placed the leader of the Opposition at the head of the Executive, and that, immediately after an election. In reality, however, Sir Ambrose had never led the Opposition, and up till a short time before the close of the last session of the Legislature he had been identified with Sir William Whitway's party, and had acted with it for ten years. Moreover, he had been on amiable terms with the present Government leaders during the electoral conflict. Meantime, Sir Ambrose returned to London to confront these representations and protests, and vindicate his position, and the general expectation here was that his appointment would be sustained. But it has been recalled. * * * The course now taken is calculated to bring the Colonial office into disrepute, and is sure to create an immense amount of irritation and bitterness among the friends, supporters and co-religionists of Sir A. Shea. It will be at once alleged that the fact of his being a Roman Catholic has led to his rejection, and that our sectarian strife will be still more embittered. Once the appointment was made, it should have been adhered to, and all difficulties would have vanished. Sir A. Shea should not have been compelled to submit to such an indignity as the withdrawal of his appointment, though doubtless the Colonial office will offer him something equally good."

The new Governor is Sir George William Des Vaux, who was born in 1834, and educated at Charterhouse and at Balliol College, Oxford. In 1861 he was called to the bar of Upper Canada; was stipendiary magistrate of British Guiana from 1863 to 1869; administrator of the government and secretary of Trinidad in 1867; acting-governor of the Fiji Islands in 1878, and governor and commander-in-chief of the Bahamas from May to August, 1880; since then he has been governor and commander-in-chief of the Fiji Islands. Sir George got tired of "single blessedness" in 1875 and married Maria Denison, daughter of John Pender, M. P., and has issue living, Henry John, born 1876, and two daughters. Governor Des Vaux is now on his way to Newfoundland, to assume the reins of Government.

The Canning Industry.

The large and profitable business carried on by Messrs. D. W. Hoegg & Co., in this Province and in Quebec, in canning fish, fruit and vegetables, is the means of disbursing a great amount of money among the farmers, fishermen and laborers of the two provinces. The head of the enterprising firm is Mr. D. W. Hoegg, a gentleman who thoroughly understands the business, and who during the summer season actively superintends operations in northern New Brunswick, at New Mills, which is the central depot of the fish canning branch of the business. The junior partner is his son, Mr. George W. Hoegg, who spends the summer principally among the fish canning factories, and the remainder of the year in Fredericton, having the entire charge of the fruit and vegetable canning, and the general control of the whole business during the winter.

The firm put up lobsters, salmon and mackerel, corn, beans, tomatoes, blueberries and apples. The headquarters of fish canning is at New Mills, Restigouche County, and there are also factories at Jaquet River, in the same county, at Bonaventure, Hopewell, Port Daniel, East Cove and Belle Anse, in the Province of Quebec. At Caplin and Maria in that Province, the Messrs. Hoegg employ a number of hands paid for them by the dozen. The largest business is done at New Mills and Port Daniel, these factories employing fifty men each. In all the fish canning factories the number of men employed directly and indirectly, amounts to about 300. Last season the firm canned 300,000 lb. cans or 1,500,000 lb. live weight of lobsters. They put up 90,000 lbs. of salmon, shipped, principally in ice, to the American market. They also put up a quantity of spiced salmon,

which find a ready sale in New York. The amount of mackerel canned from year to year, depends upon the catch, which often is very small. The cost of the raw material for the lobster and salmon trade amounted to about \$14,000, and the sum of \$40,000 would represent the sales of the prepared article in these lines for an average year. The season for canning fish lasts from the 1st of May to the 20th of August. All the fish is shipped from New Mills, which is the central depot, and here the goods are inspected before being despatched to the markets.

The vegetable and fruit canning industry of the firm, is carried on in Fredericton, and at Sheffield, Sunbury County, the former factory having the greater capacity. Blueberries, apples, corn, tomatoes and baked beans, are the articles prepared for the market. In this city canning goes on from August 1st till the middle of October, and 75 hands are employed, but a certain number of men work at the factory during the winter, making cans for the following season, and attending to the shipment of goods. At Sheffield, the factory is run for four weeks, or during the corn season, and 30 hands are employed there. The value of vegetables canned annually, amounts to \$15,000, and the money paid to the farmers for corn alone, reaches \$6,000. In an average season, 150,000 2 lb. cans, or 300,000 lbs. of corn, 8,000 quarts of blueberries, and a quantity of apples and beans, are put up for the market.

The Messrs. Hoegg find a ready market in the Upper Provinces and the United States, for all their products, and while reaping a fine profit themselves, scatter a large amount of money in many directions. They employ directly, and indirectly, over 400 hands, and their disbursements for wages and raw materials, reach the vicinity of \$50,000 annually. Their first factory was established at New Mills, in 1872. The senior member of the firm is also a member of the firm of Thompson Hall & Co., who do an immense business in canning corn and apples, at Jay Bridge, Maine. Mr. D. W. Hoegg, during the winter resides at his home, Woodford, Maine, and his son for the greater part of the year, is a respected young citizen of Fredericton, to which he is bound by a tender chord. The firm deserve well of the farmers and fishermen of New Brunswick, and the FARMER is glad to learn that they find their increasing business, profitable.

The Irish Question.

Mr. Parnell in speaking in the House of Commons on the Home Rule movement, denied, that giving Ireland a Parliament, would increase the chances for a disintegration of the Empire. The question he said, is really a question of the amount of rent that the landlords of Ireland are to receive; and when honorable members representing the landowners of the country talk about the integrity of the Empire, they talk about the integrity of their breeches pockets. The land question is undoubtedly a very difficult question, and to his mind presented the real points of difficulty in arriving at a solution of the question of Irish autonomy, and the House would find, if that question was once settled on a basis satisfactory to the Irish landowners and the tenants of Ireland, if such a basis could be arrived at, we would hear nothing more from Irish representatives in Parliament, about the integrity of the Empire and the risk of separation. Speaking on the necessity of protection for the loyal minority, Mr. Parnell declared he himself, was born a Protestant, lived a Protestant and hoped to die a Protestant, and if in the future after the concession of the Irish claims, any danger were to arise to his Protestant fellow-countrymen, he should be the first to stand up for that liberty of speech, and that liberty of conscience, and liberty to live and thrive of every section of the community, whether they were Protestants or whether they were Catholics, and, perhaps, he might be a more effective aid to them in times of real danger than some of those gentlemen who talk so loudly and boast so much. But he had no such apprehension. He was convinced that the Catholics of Ireland would not attempt to oppress their Protestant fellow-countrymen, and that they would desire, that it would be their object, in view of the history of ages, the history of the past, that the Protestants of Ireland should have more than fair play, that they would endeavor to bring them to the front and give them the full share in the government of Ireland.

Northumberland.

If Messrs. Adams, Park, Tweedie and Hutchinson, form a ticket in Northumberland, in opposition to the Local Government, that organization will stand a poor chance of electing a supporter in the approaching election. Messrs. Adams and Park are admittedly strong in the constituency. Mr. Tweedie and Mr. Hutchinson have both had political experience in the Assembly, and have a strong support in Northumberland. Mr. Hutchinson, when in the Legislature from 1878, to 1882, was an enthusiastic friend and supporter of Mr. Blair, but like a good many other people, he has discovered that Mr. Blair in the Government, is not so ardent a Reformer, as Mr. Blair in Opposition, and that the Government have failed to carry out a single pledge made on its accession to office. Mr. Tweedie too, we understand, has hitherto supported the Blair Government, but if reports are true, he has sickened of the administration. Messrs. Adams, Park, Tweedie and Hutchinson, would form a splendid representation from Northumberland.

It is stated that the local general elections in this Province will be held in May. The Dominion Parliament and New Brunswick Legislature, both open one week from to-morrow.

Three hundred and twenty-eight thousand one hundred Presbyterian of Ireland have adopted resolutions denouncing Home Rule.

Wheat sowing is in full blast in the Northwest, between Maple Creek and Medicine Hat, and this is a country that was described by a Gt. politician as fit only for the home of the wolf and the bear.

CURRENT NOTES.

Over 2,000 fires took place in London during the past year.

Lord Lansdowne is visiting New York, and his two sons have gone to England.

The Toronto Board of Trade has condemned the principle of taxing commercial travellers.

The Kentucky State Senate has passed a bill establishing a whipping-post for wife beaters.

A Mr. Deery is opposing the re-election of Mayor Beauregard in Montreal, with poor prospects of success.

The great mortality among hogs in the Western States, must deter many from eating pork, unless some adequate means be used to prevent the sale of diseased meat.

A recent Grit story was that the Dominion Government proposed to reduce the salaries of Civil Service employees ten per cent. The Ottawa Citizen authoritatively contradicts the rumor.

Prof. Sheldon who visited New Brunswick a few years ago, and made a tour of the province to inform himself on its agricultural resources, is now a member of the British Parliament.

Rev. John Storr, whom the London *Figaro* describes as one of the most popular pulpit orators in the metropolis of the world, is a Canadian. He was born and brought up in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

The widow of the late President Barrios of Guatemala, now lives in New York City. She is worth eight million dollars and has eight children, the oldest aged about ten years and the youngest about two.

At a Yale dinner, Rev. Dr. Clapp told a story of a student who asked his father's consent to an engagement with one of the New Haven beauties. The father consented at once, saying he himself had courted the same girl when he was a student at the college.

The amount of seed grain to be distributed by the Department of the Interior among the distressed half-breeds and settlers of Prince Albert, Duck Lake, St. Laurent and Batoche, will be upwards of sixteen thousand bushels, aggregating in value \$40,000. The distribution will be made to the needy ones by the Lorne Agricultural Society, the missionary priests and the prominent citizens of the respective places.

The Chatham Herald says that "requisitions to Messrs. M. Adams, W. A. Park, L. J. Tweedie and E. Hutchinson, to form a ticket for the local Legislature, at the coming election, are circulating in different parts of the county. We presume that the gentlemen, should they comply with the requisition, and be elected on the same ticket, would be expected to act together in the House on important questions. Messrs. Gillispie and Barchill will probably be in the field."

This is the centennial year of representative institutions in New Brunswick, the first parliament of the province having assembled at St. John, on the 3rd of January, 1784, in a building on King street, known as the Mallard house, the Speaker being Amos Botsford, whose grandson, Senator Botsford of Sackville, to-day holds a seat in the Canadian Senate. The Assembly consisted of twenty-six members, and before the time for a new election came round three of these had died and three had gone to the United States.

L'Etendard, a French newspaper, has got down on its knees to Hon. Mr. Chaplain. A few days ago it intimated that Mr. Chaplain's character was such that Sir John was unable to trust him in any department where financial or other large interests were handled. Mr. Chaplain brought a libel suit against the newspaper, and in its next issue *L'Etendard* published the following apology:—"We now consider that the gentlemen who furnished us the information in connection with the matter, are not in a position to give sufficient proof of the accuracy of their affirmations. Under these circumstances we believe it our duty to take back the statements we published and we request our readers to consider them as such."

Mr. Adlard Forget, deputy sheriff at Batoche, writes to his brother in the Recorder, Court at Montreal, a letter in which he makes the following remarks regarding the much talked of Indian rising in the Spring:—"Speaking of the Indians you may tell the brave Canadian volunteers to keep their arms clean and their powder dry. The only way to prevent an outbreak in the spring is by the immediate despatch of at least 2000 men to the South and prevent the hordes from crossing over into the Northwest. I can tell you things are not at all reassuring here, and I feel very much afraid myself. The Indians don't like me very much since I took part at the execution of the Indian murderers last year. I take pretty good care, but at the same time I don't feel any too secure."

There were thirty persons at the Grit convention held here Monday, to elect delegates to the Provincial Convention at St. John, to-morrow, and only six of the number were from the country districts. The delegates appointed were Messrs. E. S. Simmons, Richardson Boone, P. E. Cliff, James Dever, Hon. F. P. Thompson, M. L. C., Richard Bellamy, George F. Gregory, Coun. Rowley, Coun. March, Z. R. Everett, Warden Everett, and Arthur Limerick. The convention decided to effect a permanent organization, and with that end in view, appointed the following gentlemen as executive committee, Messrs. Moses Hall, William A. Quinn, Charles H. Loring, James H. Crockett, B. McManis, Z. R. Everett, Arthur Limerick, J. E. Simmons, E. Hammond, George F. Gregory, John Anderson, Coun. March, W. Wilson, M. P., P. J. James Dever, Amos C. Whitehead, Coun. Rowley, John Owens, George T. Whelpley, Warden Everett, H. Bellamy and John Moore. The convention is to meet again next Monday evening. All the gentlemen named above, are of course, purely disinterested patriots, who are willing to sacrifice their time and talents to rout Sir John, and save this country from going to the dogs.

A Queens County correspondent of the *Telegraph*, describes an exciting incident that occurred at a Grit political meeting at Waterbury, in that county the other day. It appears that Mr. G. King, M. P., was addressing the meeting, and so great was his eloquence, that the huge crowd of people were agitated beyond description. "At times," says the correspondent, "the applause was so great, that the committee and builders of the hall, actually trembled in their shoes for fear the roof would collapse, and the building fall to pieces." Imagine gentle reader, what a narrow escape these innocent Queens County people had from the result of Mr. King's eloquence. Burke in his impeachment of Warren Hastings for misgovernment in India, must have been thrown far into the shade by Mr. King, when he arose before his constituents in eloquent and virtuous denunciation at the village of Sir J. MacDonnell and all the Tory tribe.

On that memorable occasion, we are told so touching was the great Irish orator's eloquence that "hysterical cries and sobs were heard, handkerchiefs were pulled out, smelling bottles were passed round, and some were even carried out in fits." Mr. King did not quite so seriously affect his hearers, but his address seems to have made the rafters, the beams and the plaster to audibly creak and moan. What may be the effect of his burning eloquence on that frail structure the Parliament Building at Ottawa when he uncovers his full vehemence, we dare not conjecture.

The Northumberland Ticket.

Preparings for the Local Election. Mr. Crawford Granted a Divorce from his Wife - The Charges against Sir Charles Dilke Dismissed.

The trial of the divorce case of Mr. Donald Crawford against his wife, in which Sir Charles Dilke was correspondent, took place in London, Friday. Great interest was felt in the case and the room was crowded. Sir Charles Dilke arrived early and took a seat in the court room without being recognized by most of the people in attendance. The case being opened, the petitioner's counsel stated that the first intimation his client had of his wife's unfaithfulness was on the receipt of several anonymous letters, the writer of which was Mr. Crawford, to beware of the member from Chelsea (Sir Charles Dilke). Mr. Crawford thereupon made an investigation into his wife's habits and found that she had been corresponding with one Captain Foster. This officer had been condoned. Receiving further anonymous letters to him, Mr. Crawford, tired of his wife's infidelity, she admitted her guilt and made a full confession, implicating Sir Charles Dilke. His attention to her, she said, had commenced her marriage. He professed to ignore her because of her resemblance to her mother. The wife of petitioner had attributed the anonymous letters to the wife's mother, but she had been on some one of her nights she stated she had been with Sir Charles Dilke. The petitioner, Mr. Crawford, was called to the witness stand and gave testimony supporting the statements of his counsel. Mr. Crawford said he had been startled by his wife asking him whether he would forgive her if she had been unfaithful to him. His wife's sister, had been shown the anonymous letters, and agreed that they were in the handwriting of her mother. Counsel for the petitioner submitted evidence against Mr. Crawford, but she did not name against Sir Charles Dilke. The Court granted Mr. Crawford a divorce from his wife, and dismissed the charges against Sir Charles Dilke.

A MILITARY DEMONSTRATION.
Canadian Regulars almost certain to go to the North-West and some of Montreal's Volunteer Battalions may be called out.

Considerable interest is being taken among militia men in the city over the reports which have gained currency of the intention of the Government to organize a flying column of Canadian Regulars, to be used in a military demonstration in the United Provinces in the North-West. The Major-General is understood to have recommended the raising of a flying column, to be recruited from the North-West, and to be sent to the North-West, as a demonstration of the Government's intention to maintain its authority in that region. The flying column will be composed largely, if not wholly, of the corps of Canadian Regulars. If any volunteer corps is called out, it is considered as a foregone conclusion that some of the crack battalions of the Montreal brigade of the militia will be selected to form the nucleus of the column, which will, in all probability, be commanded by the Major-General in person, will be composed largely, if not wholly, of the corps of Canadian Regulars. 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