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BUSINESS NOTICE.

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reference to the former. That is now changed. There is another important fact, and that is the connection of the Intercolonial with all the Railways of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

about one and a half miles nearer the city, and establish a central freight depot in the centre of the business portion on the water side.

After quoting from my letter some sentences in which I expressed my belief in the wisdom and propriety of the Minister's action respecting the smelt fishery, in which his motives were impugned, you said: "Even this testimony from a political opponent may be considered worth something."

"So, it appears, according to Mr. Vennings, that the Minister uses him as an editorial writer for the press for the purpose of defending his policy, and we are to understand that Hon. Mr. Smith "specially requested" the Inspector to do him this service.

GENERAL BUSINESS. HARDWARE. HARDWARE. The Subscriber has on hand a thorough and complete Stock of HARDWARE in all its branches, a large assortment of...

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1878.

The Pending Election.

Tuesday next is Nomination Day in Northumberland, and present indications are that Mr. Mitchell's return will not be opposed.

The Intercolonial Railway.

A more striking presentation of the utility of the Intercolonial Railway as a Canadian Public Work, in the broadest sense, has seldom, if ever, been presented, than that contained in the speech of Michael, Dwyer, Esq., one of the Halifax representatives at the recent Annual Dominion Board of Trade meeting.

The Election Contest in Halifax.

One of the most exciting and important contests that has taken place since Confederation was that which has just ended in the defeat of the Opposition Candidate in Halifax. The defeat of Hon. Mr. Vail, Minister of Militia, in Digby County, was a surprise which awakened the Liberals to a realization of the fact that the party led by Sir John Macdonald and Dr. Tupper were determined to leave no available means—honorable or otherwise—unemployed in their efforts to crush those who forced them out of power.

The Intercolonial Railway (continued).

- 4077 do... Flour in barrels. 315 do... Flour do. 54 do... Flour, extra, extra, and do. 183 do... Oats. 1 do... Wheat. 34 do... Barley. 114 do... Corn, peas and beans. 13 do... Cheese and butter. 1 do... Hay. 28 do... H. H. 2 do... Apples. 2 do... Sugar. 23 do... Salt pork in bbls. 2 do... Fresh pork in bbls. 1 do... Fresh beef in bbls. 3 do... Hides. 4 do... Leather. 6 do... 12 shirts, handkerchiefs, hosiery, liquors, groceries, merchandize, etc. 278 do... 8214 total.

Moncton, Canada, Jan. 7, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—"In compliance with your wishes, I have had a statement made out by our people of the amount of freight forwarded from Riviere du Loup to the Maritime Provinces, the larger proportion of which was for Halifax. I found it impossible to give you the information you asked for in less than 2 months.

You will allow me further to read the statistical statement, which I will do as rapidly as possible. I may state that it deals only with car loads of 2,000 lbs. each, or if four or more car loads is 4,000 lbs.

Several years there have been shipments of your produce to the West Indies by these vessels, but the trade has been comparatively small. This fact I account for in this way: The merchant wants to assure his cargo with Western produce. His vessel is at the wharf loading. He goes into the Halifax market, pays the merchants' profit there, with all intermediate expenses. This mode of doing business can't stand American competition.

The present system of transacting an export trade between the West Indies and Canada is this: All the fish sold to the merchant is brought in small vessels to his wharf, loaded and placed in his store. When he decides to which market he will send one of his vessels, which he is expecting daily from a return voyage, he has the fish packed in such packages as will suit the particular market to which they are best adapted.

"The closing sentences of the Inspector's letter are what striate their lack of principle will drive a man, and that it can make even the swaggering and swearing W. H. Vennings as mild as a lamb—innocent of politics, or of interference therein; faithful in the performance of his official duties; devoted during his leisure moments to sweet reveries over those friends of his boyhood who have gone fishing down the unreturning stream of time, while the unremembered memories which thus sweeten his life render him the more loving and faithful to Hon. Peter Mitchell ex-Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who also lives his successor in that important office! If the gentle Inspector is charged much further with his newspaper writings and some of the "Roving Specials" and News editorials of a year ago are made to touch their author, we expect he will be sending Valentines to the Minister, expressing the most affectionate admiration of him as his "superior officer."

DISTILLERS' AND BREWERS' LICENSES. An Ottawa despatch, dated Jan. 28th says the Supreme Court, to-day, gave decision in three cases. The most important was that Local Governments cannot compel distillers or brewers to pay wholesale licenses, such powers being vested in the Federal Parliament only.

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Ontario Finances.

On Friday last Hon. Mr. Wood, Treasurer, in his Budget Speech, gave the receipts of the Province of Ontario for 1877 as \$2,542,077; expenditures, \$2,308,345. Estimated receipts for 1878, \$2,451,009; estimated expenditures, \$2,542,553, of which \$2,062,553 is for ordinary expenses. The total assets of the Province are \$1,262,374; total liabilities, \$1,500,376.

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What England Could Do.

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Commercial College, Newcastle, N. B., Nov. 6, 77. ELECTRO-PLATING. KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS, TEA-SETS, TRAYS, CUPS, and BREAD BASKETS, SLEIGH BELLS, and other articles.

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