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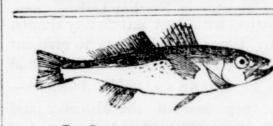
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Fisheries, The St. John News always appears eager to misrepresent the ADVANCE and its editor and while it has often indulged in placing both unfairly before the public, we do not remember when it showed its underbred aptness for misstatement in a greater degree than in one of its issues of last week. Its subject and inspiration were the Inspector of Fisheries for New Brunswick, a person who we are obliged to recognise occasionally in these columns, simply because he is an official of the Government, and, as such, a source of great annoyance to the local public. Were it not for this fact we are quite sure our readers would never hear of him through

the ADVANCE. The News starts with a statement of fact-viz., our expression of the belief that the Inspector induced some St. John papers to copy editorials written by himself for a local print, and it proceeds to state the following as assertions of this

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That "Venning is an authority on Fish-That "Venning writes all the hundreds of articles on the fisheries of Nova Scotia Pimples and Humor on the that have teemed from the press of that Province during the last tour years. That "Venning is retained as fishery pimpled skin depends entirely upon an internal editor of the News, the Telegraph the News has always shielded the Inspector in Moncton Times and that he was the

> That "Venning was the writer of the Open Letters to Sir A. J. Smith. That "all this time, if the ADVANCE is to be believed, Venning was continually travelling to various parts of the Province, attending to the correspondence and details of his office taking charge of elections, directing cancus meetings of the Conservative party," etc.

editor of the New Dominion

Attentive readers of the ADVANCE know, of course, that the whole of the above is untrue, in every particular, and that the News cannot quote a single line or sentence from this paper, or from any of its editor's writings, anywhere, to prove what it says. We never said, nor did we ever hear or read of any other paper or person saying, or hearing, that the Inspector was an authority on fishways. - We have never said a word about it, heretofore, but now mention the fact that Mr. Vennings ignorance of fishways is well known and his VEGETINE is not a stimulating bitters which mistakes in connection with that part o creates a fictitious appetite, but a general tonic, his administration before he was "relieved" of the Inspectorship of Nova Scotia have led practical anglers and sporting men to christen several leaky dams and other impassible obstructions on rivers whole system, acts upon the secretive organs and in that Province-" Venning fishways." If space permitted we could cite at least two instances in which it cost the Department pretty large sums of money for some of Mr. Venning's "fishway" experiments. It is, therefore, absurd for the News to charge the ADVANCE with asserting that "Venning is an authority on fishways." It would, ordinarily, be sufficient for us to simply deny that we ever said, "Venning writes all the hundreds of articles on the fisheries of Nova Scotia," etc., as the News falsly asserts, but we may remark

fies those with whose interests he had to

deal in securing his dismissal from that

heard that Mr. Venning wrote for the Nova Scotia press, nor do we believe it. The News cannot, of course, justify its assertion that we ever said he did. While we believe that Mr. Venning has recently done a good deal of fishery writing for the Sun, that he has practically been its fishery editor for a few weeks, has written the excuses and palliations of his own offences which have appeared in that paper; and while the Sun's ill bred and ungentlemanly editorial attack on Mr. Whitcher, as well as its silly remarks concerning the duties of the Chatham Customs Officials, were, doubtless, from his pen, we have never thought of saying that he was retained as fishery editor of any other paper in the Province. It is not a editors and staff members of several reit. His peculiar reputation in St. John,

in this as well as in the other charges. ters to Sir A. J. Smith;" they were friends of both candidates, in this County | kind say what they may. at least, during the late election, that in the event of success, Inspector Venning was to be kept from further interfering with

of any caucus meeting that received him as such; never heard of his directing a caucus meeting, or any other meeting and, therefore, could not have made the abstatements in reference thereto attrib: to us by the "News."

The purpose of the "News" article i quite apparent. The Inspector is about to make his annual trip to Ottawa and he, naturally, imagines that some of his doings may be the subject of special enquiry by his superiors. He will be enabled to point to the statements we have referred to in the "News" as evidence of what a terrible fellow he is. He imagines, probably, that when he will state to those who may question him that the "News' is opposed to his political views, they will be deluded into the belief that he was quite innocent last week of any knowledge of what that paper was going to say about him. He imagines that by this little bit of finesse he will lead his superiors to think the ADVANCE has held him up as a very industrious person, a great enemy of Sir A. J. Smith, a great organiser of political caucuses and one who did great service in the Conservative cause in the late elections. The little scheme appears to us of a piece with many former attempts of the Inspector to pass himself off for what he is not. It may, however, mislead a few of the simple-minded, but will be perfectly transparent to the very persons for whom it was specially written. The day is, we hope, past when officials, made of such poor stuff as renders resort to devices like that of the "News" necessary in their behalf, can impose upon any Department of the Government.

The Inspector's Ottawa friends will not forget that it was the News which publish. ed the correspondence signed "Roving Special" and which, as we stated at the time, was written by the Inspector. And it will be remembered that the News went so far in the matter as to state the deliberate falsehood that Mr. Seivewright of Bathurst was the writer, while that gentleman has, himself, said his name was improperly used in that connection. The a way that would do discredit to an honorable journal. It is not our purpose to state what we know to be the News, reasons for its questionable course in this respect, but we are quite sure that many persons can understand how dangerous it would be for the editor of a paper, if he had ever formed one of a "couple" with such a character as the Inspector and then dared to refuse to shield the latter when he was threatened with exposure in oficial matters. When the News makes spiteful mention, also, of "D. G. Smith" and states that "Smith has been gnawing at this file", etc., even outsiders might be led to enquire why the editor of the News should thus depart from journalistic custom and become so personal when referring to the editor of the ADVANCE. We can only attribute it to the fact that Mr. Smith has never been able to accord to a certain St. John editor-politician, who delights in seeing a disintegrated alphabet affixed to his name, the position to which he seems to aspire in our public affairs, and that he has never seen his way clear to do what seems to be necessary in order to secure even decent treatment at that gentleman's hands. We are not surprised therefore, at the "News'" attack upon "D. G. Smith" or its misrepresentation of this paper. We are not even surprised at the whitewash with which it bedaubs the guileless Inspector and the recommendation it gives him on account of his spotless innocency and "retiring manners", for we have no doubt that "Venning" would do the same thing for Mr. Willis if occasion required. They are a pair worthy of each other, having much that is common to both in the way of character and that the history of Mr. Venning's official career in Nova Scotia, is one which justi-

The real germ and point of the differences

between the ADVANCE and the Inspector

of Fisheries, unfortunately, lost sight of

Province. The Nova Scotia papers would by such papers as the "News," the "Sun" not, we believe, venture to publish articles and some journals of lesser note, as well as written by him, for they could not benea number of individuals who seem to look fit either the papers or the fisheries. In upon them as personal matters. It is any case, we do not remember having ever true that the editor of the ADVANCE has been the object of much personal malice and misrepresentation on the part of the Inspector and that if we consulted personal feelings we could never mention one so brutal in his instincts. On the other hand, we are convinced of the unfitness of Mr. Venning to deal with the important matters entrusted to him, and sensible of the danger which threatens the interests of our fishermen through his comparative ignorance and the antipathy which he has, for several years, exhibited towards them. Our duty to watch him closely and check him when we think he menaces one of the great industries of the Miramichi is, therefore, plain. We detected his agency recently in the publicasecret, however, that he has applied to tion-in several St. John and other papers -- ot certain misrepresentations of Fishery spectable journals to have some of his matters in Northumberland. We had peculiar efforts on the fish-controversy pub- given the questions involved much attenlished and been put off as other importu- tion and when we found gross misstatenate scribblers have to be. Mr. Venning | ments in reference to them going to the has himself boasted of his connection with | public we naturally enquire why it should the defunct Dominion staff. Though that be so. It soon became apparent that paper was no credit to New Brunswick the Inspector had undertaken to create journalism and the party upon which it a wrong impression in the public mind in endeavored to fasten itself was ashamed order to further certain unworthy ends. of it, we do not think its proprietor ever He was looking for a little official revenge got so low as to allow Mr. Venning to edit | for himself and one or two personal friends, who had deservedly suffered damage in and the tailure of several papers on ac- consequence of attempts to assist him in count of his connection with them before some of his high handed proceedings. he succeeded in getting billeted on the To gain his point, the Inspector would public were all against such an assumption. I ruin hundreds of honest fishermen and un-The "News," is, therefore, very far astray | neecssarily make the Department an engine of oppression and an object of hatred We know nothing about the open let- and dread to a large portion of the people. In order that such a state of things may, never mentioned, in any way, in these if possible, be avoided, that a better uncolumns and their introduction into the derstanding between the Department and "News" is, therefore, another piece of the fishermen may be established and that gratuitous misrepresentation. It is said the latter may have cause to look upon that Mr. Venning wrote an impertinent, Fishery Officers as their best friends, we Christmas Groceries, Spices Essences, Canned if not threatening letter to Sir A.J. Smith, shall, so long as the present Inspector when the latter was Minister of Fisheries, holds office, continue to watch him closely and thereby saved his official neck, which and criticise his work sharply. If he were was in jeopordy. Whether the story is better qualified to inform himself practitrue or false, we do not know, but we cally concerning our fishery interests and mention it now, for the first time, while less disposed to assert absolute knowledge denying, absolutely, the "News" "open in matters which he has but imperfectly letter" assertion concerning the Advance. investigated; if he were less childish in The statement that "Venning was con- his susceptibility to annoyance and less tinually travelling" etc., attributed to the vulgar and profane in his official inter-ADVANCE, by the "News" cannot be sustain- course with fishermen and others, he ed by anything that has appeared in this would command more respect for both paper. And the assertion that we ever himself and the Department, but as we hinted that "Venning" took charge of are convinced that ne is, simply, a great elecitons or directed "cancus meetings of mistake in his present position and a the Conservative party," is sufficiently hinderance to the proper working of the absurd to drive even the political friends | Department, the ADVANCE will continue of the Inspector into hysterics. So far as in its present attitude towards him, let we know it was a sine qua non with the the "News" or any other paper of its

CALL at the first Drug Store and pro-Etc, etc. the fisheries of the County and promoting cure a bottle of Gray's Syrup of Red dissatisfaction among the fishermen. The Spruce Gum for coughs, colds, &c. We appearance of Mr. Venning as a canvasser | recommend its purchase at Drug Stores of for any party would be an evidence of respectability, as there is an attempt to lunacy on the part of the management, place in the hands of the public an article Also,—A variety of Card Games—such as Authors,
Old Maid, &c., &c. All of which will be sold cheap and we would want no better guarantee under a similar name, put up in a similar of success than to have him against us in style, but of a white milky appearanceany compaign in Northumberland. No the genuine being of dark brownish-red party here has been so silly as to openly colour. It is a wretched imitation, and accept him as a friend; We never heard should be as once rejected.