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CHATHAM, N. B. - - - NOVEMBER 28, 1889.

Not a "Nondescript" Country.

What a pity it is that a newspaper so important as the New York World—with a daily circulation of nearly half a million copies—should cater to the lowest political sentiment of the people of the great country to the south of us.

The "overthrow of the Empire in Brazil leaves nothing but republican government on this hemisphere, with the exception of the nondescript concern known as the Dominion, a sort of half-breed or mock monarchy which is of very little importance and only needs time to bring it voluntarily or otherwise into the family of freedom."

The World proceeds to picture Europe on the eve of embracing the republican form of government and, because of a recent disgusting scandal in aristocratic club circles in London, makes a shameless attack on the royal family of the Empire and says the British crown itself is in peril.

The social offences of a few titled miscreants in England cannot do nearly as much harm to monarchical institutions as the political ignorance and wholesale blackguardism of the N. Y. World can to the republican-ism of which it is the advocate.

The political relationships of the Dominion and United States are ever to be closer than they are at present, it will not be because papers of the N. Y. World class have not done their best to prove that in spite of the advanced education and enlightenment of both countries, there is still, in the latter, a very large class with whom the average "nondescript" Canadian would deem as sociation of any kind very undesirable.

There are many amongst our people who are proud of the greatness of the United States. The feeling is due very largely to the fact that its people and ours are of the same world-dominating stock, that they glory in the same racial traditions and ancestral history as ourselves, and that they share with us, the language, laws and other national essentials inherited from the same mother.

At the same time we do not regret that we, in Canada, have preserved, unbroken, our political connection with an empire that embraces a fifth of the earth, and if our kinsmen to the south of us desire or expect us to sever that connection and join "the family of freedom," it can only be on the basis of a due acknowledgement, on their part, of our political and territorial importance and not by underrating either.

In the matter of territory we are many thousands of square miles greater than the United States. One of the great statesmen of the latter country pointed out, a year ago, that Canada has quite one quarter more land fit for wheat-production than has the whole United States and, he added, she has more timber for herself and the United States of every possible description than she can need for 100 years.

She has more coal and iron in her borders than any other country in the world and she has more copper than any other country—if not all Canada. The climatic advantages of Canada are that they enable everybody to work and the land is fertile enough to give every man abundant returns for his labor.

Although we have not so large a population as the United States, our people build great public works and conduct their political affairs with an enterprise and self-reliance that prove their faith in their country, themselves and the future. Our public men are as able and our people generally—man for man—as creditable citizens as those of the United States.

As long therefore as any considerable portion of the latter are led by such papers as the N. Y. World to believe that we are "nondescripts," just so long will we continue to successfully work out alone our national destiny, and be in a position to pity the ignorance which newspapers of that class assist in perpetrating amongst our neighbors, and be proud of our empire that still dominates the world.

Family Jars. Our friends of the conservative party throughout the Dominion appear to be very much out of humor with each other, and all of Sir John A. Macdonald's tact is required to prevent active hostilities between them.

In the Northwest there is an unpleasantness over mounted police matters, and the poetical Tory M. P., Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin of the Regina Leader, is pitching into the party for keeping Col. Herchmer in the position of Commissioner. Mr. Davin's humor may be understood from the following in reference to Col. Herchmer:

"His conduct is so outrageous as to suggest insanity. Some of his officers think him crazy. Sudden promotion turned his head, and the visit of the Governor-General gave the finishing touch. Warnings are lost on him 'till he laughs like a wild ass at the mild suggestions of Comptroler White." Then the personal spleen of the Regina bar is revealed in the following language: "The awful farce of the Herchmer regime, in which boys and women play a striking part, is followed up by the story of a woman's influence on one of the commissioner's judgments. Then Mr. Davin resorts

to epithets. "This former beer peddler, this ex-laquay of a Kingston race course," Mr. Herchmer, it may be explained, unsuccessfully tried to start a brewery in Kingston, and was over of land afterwards sold to a racing association. Mr. Davin says, "continues Mr. Davin, "that a commission of enquiry will reveal such a record of incompetence, inactivity and tyranny and madness as the lives of the Sultans could hardly surpass." Mr. Davin concludes by declaring that Mr. Herchmer has an order that no French Canadian officer should be allowed to appear with any prominence during the Governor-General's recent visit.

In Ontario, matters are in even a worse fix. The Equal Rights party, Orangemen and Temperance bodies selected a Mr. McCrae as their candidate in a recent contest for a seat in the local legislature. Mr. McCrae was a Liberal of twenty-five years' standing, and the Tories thought they would have a walk-over by his being induced to enter the field against the regular Liberal nominee, Mr. Mackenzie, while they ran a straight Tory. Mr. Mackenzie, however, beat the regular Tory candidate by about 700 votes—the biggest Liberal majority ever secured in the constituency—while Mr. McCrae had only about 650 votes in all.

The result has unsettled the would-be party chiefs of the Tories in Ontario, and they are blaming their leader for their want of success. The ultra Tory journals—gives vent to its feelings thus:—

The Conservatives of Ontario should oppose the Mowat Government, or should abstain from the presence of opposition. They can carry on no political work under a leader who refuses to lead.

Mr. Meredith is an amiable gentleman, an able lawyer, a good scholar, and an honest man; but he is not a party leader. The duty of the hour is to get a leader and try to do something, or to give up a vain and even farcical pretence of opposition.

But the most interesting of the happy family jars is that in our own province. It appears that there are, in St. John, two factions in the Conservative party, each contending for the mastery in matters of government patronage. The Sun represents the faction that is most recognized by the Government—by Sir John and Mr. Foster—while it occasionally gives a helping hand to the other faction, which recognizes Mr. Costigan as its sheet anchor at Ottawa.

Each of these, however, is jealous of the other over the party spoils, and the breach between them is further widened because they differ in regard to local politics. The Sun's pet faction opposes Mr. Blair's Government, while a majority of the other faction supports it. The Frederickton Farmer, which is a recognized Tory paper, sympathises with the latter, because it is more interested in provincial than federal politics, and the real opinion these Tories have of each other may be understood by the following which we find in the Farmer of 20th inst.:

The feeling is growing among the best elements of the Conservative party of the St. John Sun and the clique who control it, not calculated to advance the interests of the party which the newspaper pretends to speak. It is known that the Sun is in the hands of a few men, whose chief aim is not the good of the province, but to swell their own pockets with boodle, regardless of public or party interests.

While the murmurs of dissatisfaction may be heard in any part of the province, they are particularly loud in the city of St. John, where the Sun clique, by its arrogant abuse of power and its selfish and greedy course, has alienated very many of the best Conservative party members. It may be all very well for W. H. Thorne to draw his thousands of dollars annually for fat hardware contracts for the Government, but he should be content with his own pocket and his own family, and not to be meddling with the public printing, but when they seek to run the entire Conservative party according to their own parrot and selfish views, and for their own aggrandizement, it is time that the independent Conservative press of New Brunswick uttered a protest.

Who will say, in instance, that the respectable portion of the Conservative party agree with the Sun in its gratuitous abuse of the Conservative members and supporters of the local Government? Are we to understand that the Conservative standard of political morality is to be set by boodlers like Thorne, Everett and McLeod, and that gentlemen like Sargent, the Hon. J. J. Cameron, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, P. G. Ryan, A. S. White, O. J. LeBlanc, Dr. Taylor, William Douglas, and dozens of others, prominent in the Conservative party and their respective counties, are to be maligned and ridiculed because they, forsooth, decline to follow the lead of the Sun? Is it not a fact that the Sun has been elected to support? Coming nearer home to the Sun, is it not a fact that the paper has alienated from the Conservative ranks many former staunch supporters of the Sun's course in the late majority contest in St. John, when its attitude towards the lamented George Sargent, who was elected to the Legislature, was to perpetrate the reign of the boodle brigade so prominently represented in its management? The answer is known to every St. John Conservative. Will anyone say that the Sun's belittling of the Hon. Dr. Pugsley in the interests of the Conservative party, of which he is such a prominent member, and which the Sun so misrepresents? And what regarding the Sun's attitude towards Hon. John Costigan? Here again the clown hog shows itself. It is not a well-known fact that hundreds of the Conservative party in the Dominion are loyal to the Sun, which affords to regard Mr. Ritchie's appointment to the Police Magistracy as an outrage and a crime, "it is governed by the same motive in its shabby treatment of Mr. Costigan.

This is certain, that the Sun no longer represents the views of the better elements of the Conservative party in New Brunswick, but simply the pockets and spleen of its boodle proprietors.

We suppose these gentlemen cannot help quarrelling with each other any more than can their brethren in Northumberland. Our readers all know that we have two rival Liberal-Conservative clubs here—one being the organization which recognizes the gentleman who controls the Dominion patronage in the County as its leader, while the other doesn't recognize anything or anybody in particular, but supports Sir John, and vainly appeals to him to take the patronage

from the other fellows and give it to them.

In view of the peace and harmony prevailing in the Liberal ranks everywhere, and the fact that one of that party's leading characteristics is charity for its opponents, we extend our sympathies to our unfortunate Conservative fellow citizens, and hope, for the sake of the reputation of the country with those abroad who may be watching its political progress, that they will endeavor to settle their little quarrels in a less public manner than has been the fashion amongst them of late.

We are told that it is a good and pleasant thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and we assure them, in behalf of the Liberals—both abroad and at home—that we have no desire to monopolize the party harmony of the Dominion.

Ottawa News. The Dominion Parliament is summoned to meet on 16th January, which is a little earlier than usual.

It is said, on what appears to be good authority, that Deputy Speaker Colby is to enter the Cabinet as President of the Council, Sir John A. Macdonald taking the office of Minister of Railways, which has been vacant since the death of the late Mr. Pope.

St. John's Carnival. St. John appears to have come out of the carnival business with little profit and no glory, and although a grant was made last week by the common council to pay off certain outstanding amounts, there are still outstanding claims which aggregate a thousand dollars or more.

The whole amount of the deficiency was \$2,151.03 and the duty of auditing and reporting to the Council thereon was referred to a sub-committee. The committee recommended that \$1,084 be paid, as they considered that over one half of the claims were the result of recklessness or worse. The citizens' subscription lists also found their way into the hands of the committee, and from them it was learned that several prominent citizens who subscribed to the carnival fund had so far neglected to make good their amounts. Indeed, a thorough exposure of the whole carnival business was likely to surprise some people.

Of nineteen aldermen present at a meeting held last Thursday, eight voted for payment of the bills as recommended by the committee, and the remainder against. The next day the aldermen came out in force, having been hunted by the parties interested, so that twenty-five out of the full number—twenty-six—were present. All the aldermen interested financially (six in number) were present, and of course voted for payment. The scene during the discussion on the question was a lively one, and revealed several curious transactions. For instance, James J. Fellows, of London, England, an old St. John man, donated a hundred pounds sterling, on condition that it should be used exclusively for fireworks, but the Boston firm of whom the works were got had not yet been paid, and two of the committee on fireworks expressed great surprise that the bill had not been paid and that as far as their knowledge went no meeting of their committee had been called since the carnival, to pass the bills or take any action regarding them. It is stated that the money of Mr. Fellows was received and part of it used to pay duty, freights, etc., on fireworks, and that the remainder of it is still on hand.

This information, however, was never communicated to the committee as a whole, and Frank Tufts and John McLaughlin, two members of the committee referred to, had been kept in total ignorance regarding the whole business. About the only ones in the city who are happy over the action of the council are aldermen who either did not pay their promised subscriptions or had bills to be paid, and other citizens who failed to pay their subscriptions or have bills against the carnival committee. The chances are that Sir John has had his last summer carnival.

The Next Assembly Elections. The impression that a general Assembly election is to be held before another legislative session at Fredericton appears to be deepening in the public mind, and we think, the "signs" are in favor of that view of the matter. There is considerable activity in canvassing on the part of those who are supposed to know the government's mind on the subject.

The Charlottetown papers show that Surveyor General Mitchell and his colleagues have been on a canvassing tour in that constituency, and the Telegraph says:—

The activity, during the past week, of the gentlemen who represent Charlottetown in the general assembly, leads the people of that country to believe that a general election may be a thing of the very near future. Hon. James Mitchell and Messrs. Russell, Hubbard and Douglas, M. P. P.'s, spent last week in the eastern section of the county, it is said, making a vigorous canvass. These gentlemen are known over in the eastern section as "Charlotte's big 5."

In York, Carleton, Victoria, and the other St. John river counties, the names of prospective candidates are being announced in Westmorland, Kent, and Restigouche there is more or less of active preparation, Gloucester alone giving forth no sound that reaches the general public, although that is not to be taken as an indication that Messrs. Ryan and Young are not quietly working their plans for the campaign. One prominent supporter of the government in Northumberland has, within a fortnight, visited Hardwick, Glenelg, Chatham, Derby, Blackville and Blomidon, and, perhaps, other localities, while the Atlantic is very earnest in denouncing him through its usual correspondence method, and likewise frantically calling upon the constituency to organize another "ticket" in the opposition, another "ticket" in the opposition is a designing wretch for the government. All this shows that there is very little straight opposition to the government that is really not in a hesitating mood about showing itself.

In St. John there is evidently an un-

usual interest in the question. Whatever may be the intention of the government in regard to a dissolution, there must be an election there to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Ritchie to accept the position of Police Magistrate, and those of Messrs. Stockton and Alward because the government did not take their advice against appointing him.

The Globe says:—"That Messrs. Stockton, Bourke, McKown and A. C. Smith, of Carleton, will be the candidates of the opposition for the county is asserted by knowing ones on that side of politics, although there is now, as there has always been, a great deal of uncertainty concerning Mr. Gourle. By this state, Mr. John A. Chesley's claims would be ignored, and the aspirations of several young Conservative politicians would be nipped in the bud. The rumor that Dr. Alward was to retire has no foundation, and an effort is being made to secure Dr. P. R. Inches as a candidate with him. On the government side there will apparently be no lack of candidates. Hon. Mr. J. C. Robertson, Mr. W. B. Carvell, Mr. H. L. Sturges, Mr. John L. Carleton, and others are prominently mentioned on the streets as possible candidates. Some of them have not been consulted as to the use of their names."

The contest in St. John promises to be one of the sharpest that ever took place there, and the indications are decidedly in favor of a victory for the government.

The rumor that comes to us indicating that there may not be a general election before another session is to the effect that the government may fill the five vacancies existing in the legislative council with men pledged and to be relied on to vote for the abolition of that body, and having accomplished that, have the ordinary work of the session done as expeditiously as possible, and then dissolve and bring on the elections early next summer. This would, we believe, meet with general approval, but then there are the St. John vacancies. Well, why not let Messrs. Stockton and Alward be returned by acclamation. Now that their temper has had time to cool off, they may realize that they have acted hastily, and see the duty of returning to Mr. Blair's support.

News and Notes. THE BRAZILIAN COUP D'ETAT. The news of a revolution in Brazil will be received by the world with a considerable measure of surprise. That country has, compared with most of the other states of South America, where revolutions and counter-revolutions have been the rule, enjoyed almost phenomenal tranquillity. When the royal family of Portugal, driven before the French in 1808, took refuge in Brazil, the new empire was created without more excitement than might attend anywhere an expansion of self-government and an increase of prestige. Founded under happy auspices, and with scarcely a murmur of discontent, it passed peacefully under the mild rule of the house of Braganza, through the stormy period of 1821-25, when one after another the Spanish colonies of South America and Mexico threw off the yoke of their mother country. Brazil could not but feel a little of the turmoil around it at that time and the various internal commotions that have from time to time disturbed the states along its frontier, but beyond a few insurrections in distant provinces of the empire, insurrections generally attempted by adventurers encouraged from abroad, and receiving little local support, the course of government has been smooth.

Dom Pedro, whose reign has been longer than that of any sovereign in the world, has followed, under the form of a mild and liberal monarchy, a policy of mild and liberal reform. His personal disposition and his private virtues have given him popularity, and there is little ground to suppose that he quits Brazil without a general feeling of respect on the part of the people.

The circumstances which have provoked the coup d'etat just accomplished are not yet known to the outside world. As the able in the control of the revolutionists is unlikely that the whole truth, either as to the causes or course of recent events, will be given to the public. No doubt, for a considerable length of time, the world will hear most of the case of the revolutionists and comparatively little of that of their opponents. The charge is made that the overwhelming success of the administration in the recent elections was due to tyranny and fraud at the polls, but the fact that the leader of the revolutionists had been punished for insubordination creates the suspicion that personal grievances on the part of himself and his colleagues may have been the immediate cause of the successful blow struck by him in Rio Janeiro. Dom Pedro's Ministry went to the people with a very liberal bill of reforms, including universal suffrage, free education, extension of municipal powers, reorganization of the senate, abolition of custom charges on exports and various other proposals that appealed to the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests. The Government programme seemed quite sufficient to account for the large majority returned in its support, without recourse being had to corruption and coercion to secure a victory. It is said that the final steps taken a year ago to complete the abolition of slavery begun in 1871 was the chief cause of Brazilian discontent, and that the royal house, which was specially prominent in the cause of freedom for the slaves, incurred the bitter animosity of the land owners. Despite the gradual steps made in liberation—steps which substituted a long "apprenticeship" for the condition of slavery—the coffee planters no doubt felt the loss of slavery a pecuniary one to themselves, and their support of the republicans might be confidently looked for.

But it may be that the revolution had no widespread or general discontent behind it. The imperial army is a small one, only 20,000 strong, and is scattered through an empire 2,600 miles long by 2,500 miles in breadth. The capital has but a small force stationed in it, and if that small force

were quietly secured on the side of the revolutionists, the capture of the capital and the overthrow of the Government could be brought about before the rest of the empire had caught a threatened revolution. The change has apparently been made very quietly, and unless strong interests on the part of some of the other provinces bind a section of the population to the empire, it is not unlikely that the new regime may obtain entire control of the country without any serious strife.

The news from Brazil for the next few weeks will be closely scanned, with, of course, considerable doubt as to their being trustworthy.

THE OIL COUNTRY AND TRADE. Holland leads the world in the amount of business done per capita of population. The average business done by the Dutch amounts to \$197.34 per capita; Switzerland comes next with \$99.45; then England, \$82.09; while Germany and France do a business of only 19.50 for each man, woman and child inside their boundaries.

THE CIGARETTE. The cigarette smokers have been so unmercifully chaffed that it was rather wicked in Mr. Frank G. Carpenter to publish this material for new jokes at their expense:—

The baby smokers of the world are found in Siam and Burmah. I saw little tots of four, as naked as on the day they were born, trotting about Bangkok with cigarettes in their mouths, and the babes of Rangoon and Mandalay are taught to chew the betel nut mixed with tobacco as soon as they are weaned. The Siamese children, like their fathers, use their ears as cigarette and cigar holders, and the lack of clothing or pockets on the part of the little ones necessitates the carrying of these articles over their ears, as the American clerk carries his pencil or pen.

THE OTTAWA SAWDUST DEPOSITS. The contract for dredging the sawdust from the foot of the Rideau canal locks is completed. A passage 100 feet wide has been cleared from the locks to the running water for a uniform depth of eight feet below the lock sills. It is calculated that 15,000 square yards have been removed. Although the channel cleared was originally only 100 feet wide, the sawdust at the sides of this kept filling and was removed until now there is five or six feet of water along the shores where formerly there was hardly any. The contract price is, it is understood, to be about \$2,500, and is footed by the lumbermen of the Chaudiere.

OH, LADIES! Frances E. Willard knows how to be graphic when occasion requires. She recently inveighed against what she calls the "overlastingly befrilled, bedizen and bedagubled style of dress" now in fashion. This grieves and disappoints us, for we have felt like congratulating "all the world and the rest of mankind" on the good taste, the picturesque and dramatic appearance of the gentler sex. Miss Willard explains her meaning more fully, however, in the following crisp appeal to the imagination:—

"Catch Edison and constrict him inside a wire waistcoat, and be sure you'll get no more inventions; bind a house upon Bismark, and farewell to German unity; coerce Robert Browning into corsets, and you'll have no more poets; put Parnell into petticoats, and home rule is a lost cause."

On the whole we freely admit that we should be mighty sorry to see these gentlemen in any such rig.—New York Herald.

A MARE AND OX DUEL. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 29.—C. W. Hammond, of Cowan station, yesterday morning turned a fine blooded mare valued at \$800 and a large ox into the same enclosure. The animals had been together several times before, but as soon as they entered the lot yesterday they rushed at each other. Two or three farm hands attempted to separate them, but the latter rascoured and gored the mare two or three times. Both fought with the greatest fury. The mare both kicked and bit, tearing chunks of flesh from the ox with her sharp teeth, while she in turn was raked again and again by the ox's horns. Both were covered with blood but continued the battle as desperately as ever despite all efforts of the men to separate them. At last the ox plunged his horn almost entirely through the thick part of the mare's neck. The blow was fatal, but as the mare staggered her weight broke the ox's horn short off and she fell and died with it in her body. The ox died in the afternoon.

"A MAN AND A BROTHER." In Philadelphia, which has a colored population of about 35,000, the color line has almost entirely disappeared. There are six influential colored clubs in the city, three colored lawyers, and five colored physicians. One of the colored lawyers has crossed swords with some of the most brilliant lights of the bar, and one of the physicians has a practice of \$30,000 a year. Three colored dentists have a flourishing practice, and one landscape and one portrait artist are doing good work. There are twenty-seven colored churches in Philadelphia, a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, and three amateur dramatic societies. There is a colored Workingmen's Club, with a kindergarten attached, and two influential race papers published. There are twelve colored Masonic lodges, six colored lodges of the Knights of Pythias, and twenty colored Odd Fellows lodges. There is a great deal of wealth and refinement among the colored people of Philadelphia.—N. Y. Tribune.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ABUSED. The "Atlantic Constitution" prints the following extract from a text-book on grammar, said to be used by children in that city:—

A cognate equivalent, or elliptical accusative, may be used with a passive verb. The cognate or equivalent noun is often omitted and a neuter adjective used, limiting the cognate notion understood. An adjective limiting a complementary infinitive agrees with the subject. The

complementary infinitive is an accusative of direct object or limitation. The infinitive passive of an intransitive verb is used as a complement of an impersonal expression.

The complement of a concessive sentence is an adverbial proposition. The adverbial is often used for the adjectival relative. Dependent causal propositions are introduced by the causal conjunctions. Principal propositions in the oratio recta become infinitive propositions in the oratio obliqua.

It is almost beyond belief that this jargon is given to children to commit to memory. As to understanding it, that is a task to which the author of the book himself is probably not equal. If the effect of studying grammar is to read, write and speak English, the time wasted in filling the head with this rubbish would be much more profitably spent in studying the masterpieces of English literature and in the practice of English composition.

A TERRIBLE FIGHT WITH BEARS. Le Nord, of St. Jerome, Que., contains a thrilling story of a fight between a colonist and three bears at L'Annonciation a few days ago. Jerome Boivin went the other day to cut some lumber into some pine woods, where the previous evening he had heard several times the ominous growling of a bear. Forgetting all this he walked on in peace, with no weapon but his axe, with which he now and again blazed a mark on the trees on his way. All at once he heard a long, loud growl. This did not at first alarm him and he continued on his way, but the bear coming nearer, as evidenced by the cracking of the brush, he decided to return. Before he had got many steps an enormous bear appeared in his path, about ten paces from him, rushing upon him, and extending his claws and horrible fangs. Flight was impossible; he did not know what to do, but made up his mind to fight for his life. The bear continued to advance, and just as the claw struck him Boivin let out with his axe for dear life. When the shock had passed away he looked around and was glad to see that his opponent was down, suffering from an apparently mortal wound. Just as he raised his axe to dispatch his foe he uttered a plaintive cry, and before the axe could be let down Boivin was attacked by two young cubs. The odds were great, but the courage of despair added to his strength and he eventually, after a desperate struggle, managed to overpower his assailants. Then he despatched the mother, and proceeded, as fast as his wounds would allow him, to his home. Dr. Grignon, of Ste. Agathe, was speedily summoned and gave him relief, but it is feared that as Boivin has only recently recovered from a long illness, his wounds may prove fatal.

MORE BIG RAFTS. Mr. James D. Leary, the millionaire contractor of New York, and well known as the builder of the celebrated Joggins raft, is building another raft, which he hopes to launch next spring. Mr. Leary gives the following interesting particulars of the proposed raft. It will be 100 feet longer than the last one, having a total length of 750 feet and a width of 65 feet. It will be 45 feet deep and will draw about 25 or 26 feet of water. It will consist of from 27,000 to 28,000 sticks and will weigh about 11,000 tons. It will have six masts rigged with fore and aft sails. One of the greatest improvements over the former raft will be in the steam steering gear and capstan for the handling of the anchor and chains. The raft will be built entirely of plating and spars, and will have about one million feet of hardwood for a core.

Mr. Leary also states that he is building an immense raft at Paquet Sound, which will weigh about 13,000 tons and will be taken to San Francisco. He has strong hopes that the difficulties experienced in the last experiment will not be encountered in the next raft.

SIR JOHN LESTER KAYE'S FARMS IN THE NORTH WEST. OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—Sir John Lester Kaye arrived in town to-day on his way to England. By the terms of his contract with the Canadian Government Sir John has to reside in Canada half the year, and he is now on his way home to England to spend some time in working up the colonization part of his project. The company of which he is manager, is known as the Canadian Agricultural Coal and Colonization Company. A number of prominent Old Country capitalists are interested in it. It started by Sir John taking up 10,000 acres of land at Balgonie. To this he afterwards added ten other farms of equal size at ten points along the Canadian Pacific railway. For the Government land he paid \$1.50 an acre conditionally. The greatest difficulty experienced was to get laborers to work these enormous farms. The laborers taken out from England could not be depended on to keep their engagements, and there is no local labour market. The company have now gone to work to establish a local labour market. They have made an agreement with the Government to the following effect:—For every settler whom the company places on a quarter section and advances capital to the Government will sell the adjoining 160 acres at a low figure. The company's project is to settle 70 families near each of the farms mentioned above. The emigrants will be carefully chosen and must have some capital of their own. Besides this the company will advance them a small