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Editor "Miramichi Advance," Chatham, N. B.

Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1877.

Mr. Mitchell as the Hero of a Political Fiction. The gushing affection entertained fo

each other by the Advocate and the Moncton Times is only equalled by the burning jealousy with which the former regards the ADVANCE. The secret of the Times' weakness is gratitude. When that journal came out as a daily, almost all the respectable papers of the country were somewhat cool in their reception of it, because of its boastful promises and the silly pretensions which marked it as a "shoddy" article of the thinnest stripe. Its indecent bluster and the swaggering figure it cut as the champion of politicians who, though in disgrace, can afford to repudiate its unasked friendship, commended it to our Shiretown cotemporary, and the latter, at once, took the little bantling under its wing and the two vowed eternal fidelity to each other. According to the Advocate the Times is a power in the land and, according to the Times the Enormous Reduction! Advocate is a political force second only to the Times. If anyone says aught against the Times, the Advocate spits ink at him and if anyone treads on the mangy tail of the latter, the Times howls. They are a worthy pair, wading hand in hand in the gutter of political expectation, ready to share between them any

scrap of decayed political matter that may present itself to either. Their last great prize is made up of the woes of Mr. Mitchell. They seem to realise the condition of public sentiment in Northumberland and are bound to come to the rescue of a gentleman whom they conceive to be in imminent political peril. We made a general reference to the Advocate's piteous appeal on Mr. Mitchell's behalf last week, but as it has been turned over by the Times and had some life put into it, we will refer to it again. The Advocate said The majority of the electors of this county know full well that Mr. Mitchell has proved himself to be not only the best friend this County has ever had in legislative halls, but the best friend in private life of every individual inhabitant within its limits, and bearing this in mind are determined to give him their support. If ever Northumberland forgets the debt of gratitude it owes to Peter Mitchell, it ought to hide its head in shame. If ever, while he has the physical strength and the mental powers to represent and guard its interests, it should reject him for one who has done nothing for it, but all for himself, then it will stand disgraced in the eyes of the whole North, for whose people and their children for all time to come. his exertions have gained such incalculable

A good many persons in Northumberland, on reading the above, wondered why the County should thus acknowledge itself under such everlasting obligations to Mr. Mitchell. Ordinary politicians (and there is nothing either natural or acquired about Mr. Mitchell dinary politician) seem to believe that when a constituency elects them, they, and not the electors are honored, and it effect, that it was a compliment to them Times, however, through its "Railway department inspiration," no doubt, takes Northumberland in hand and tells us all about it. The familiar and brotherly way in which it speaks of "Peter Mitchell" clearly indicates the

inspiration. It says :--They [that is the electors of Northumberland] have already a lively sense of his labors in their behalf and every train which crosses the Miramichi, every pound of freight received by rail, every trip they make on the Inter-Colonial, every fresh salmon or bass they send to market, reminds them of the man who fought a good fight for his favorite Northumberland. Peter Mitchell, doubtless, has his faults and weaknesses. He does not profess to be a saint. Nor has he ever attempted to "elevate the standard" after the model Grit fashion. But Northumberland knows him as a man of great ability either in or out of parliament, as a political leader of much sagacity, as a whole-souled, plucky, chivalrous, large-hearted citizen, and, be tive Northumberland ever possessed. It could never be said of an Administration. whether Provincial or Dominion, of which Mr. Mitchell was a member, that Northumberland and the North Shore did not possess their fair share of influence in its Councils. On the contrary, it was universally acknowledged that Northumberland's and Northern interests generally Norval Extra; 500 brls. Albion Extra | were always in safe keeping. Especially was this the case when the Inter-Colonial Railway came to be located; when Mr. Mitchell, single handed, with a majority of the Cabinet against him, with Ontario and Nova Scotia opposed to the North Shore route. Quebec indifferent and New Brunswick divided -- set in motion the agitation which ultimately ended in convinc ing his colleagues of the desirability of accepting the Northern line. The history of Mr. Mitchell's labors in this connection may never be fully published, but enough is known to his constituents and the land in treating Mr. Mitchell as a great

public benefactor. There is much froth in the above which may be easily blown off and, that done, we will say a word or two in reference to the oft-repeated glorification of Mr. Mitchell in connection with the

Intercolonial Railway. We have no disposition to deny that Mr. Mitchell always "fought a good fight for Northumberland." A similar assertion may be made concerning the ture to post their letters for the United representatives of every constituency in Kingdom to go by the Monday mail H AVING opened business at the above named places. I am prepared to supply all my Customer the province. Mr. Mitchell knew that must bear in mind that no matter Northumberland expected it of him, mailed in Chatham later than Saturday month it had promptly quoted the larger and had it not been for Northumber- night can go by the Steamer which part of our remarks on the same subject BRANDIES, in Wood and Bottle, in Bond or duty tion to "fight" at all. We further Tuesday. How long this state of things thereto, and its silence when, at its reagree that Mr. Mitchell is no saint and will continue we cannot say, but we quest, we gave the most damaging statethat he has his faults and weaknesses, hope the Post Office Department will ments in reference to the Fishery the Government. This, Mr. Editor, is matter. We do not deem it necessary but we have no desire to refer par- bring it to an end as soon as possible. officers, backed by names which cannot ticularly to personal matters and the It is very well known that the United be successfully impeached on the Mira-Times' reference to them is in bad taste. Kingdom mails are, relatively, of greater michi, called for explanation. It is true

But we are told, in effect, that but Intercolonial Railway than St. John, for Mr. Mitchell we should never have events, we are solemnly assured that Mr. | nearly 48 hours before a St. John mer-Mitchell, and he, single-handed and

road where it is.

view of his repudiation of Sir John and

that at which Mr. Mitchell took the destinies of the country in his hands. In fact a bill on the subject had passed the Legislature of New Brunswick long before Mr. Mitchell honored Northbody. It was intended, prior to the Ashburton Treaty, to build the road by a route through the territory ceded by hat unfortunate instrument, but the ment, as well as those of New Brunswick and Canada, abandoned the

at once ordered a new survey for a military road which was made in 1844, the route followed being from Moncton via Boistown, Grand Falls etc. to Riviere du Loup. This was known as the Department. Holloway Survey, and like the route of the railway projected in 1846 it brought the Line within the County of Northumberland. Mr. Mitchell had nothing to do with all this. In 1847 the Major engineer recommended a route

"From Halifax to Truro, passing over | controversy, says :the Cobequid mountains, thence by the Gulf Shore to the River Miramichi, which

to the Bay Chaleur, etc." Perhaps Mr. Mitchell's friends will claim, for that modest gentleman, credit for this proposition, made by the great Engineer, Robinson, in spot is discerned in his armour, and the 1847. We think, however, that they will not have the temerity to face his- healthy, wholesome influence of journalism tory with that kind of statement.

It is needless to refer to the various negotiations into which the Canadian, New Bruniwick and Nova Scotia governments entered with the Imperial Government between '47 and '63, as they all fell through and Mr. Mitchell was not, by any means, a prominent man in them. It was in 1864 that Mr. Fleming was authorised by the Government of Canada (New Brunswick refusing to take part in the work) to make a survey of rib-stabbers, for a livelihood, into the the proposed road and it is well known arena of Canadian politics, may be, and that his expressed convictions were in favour of the present location. It is cautions and treatment. Where the mortrue that after Confederation there was al condition of society is tolerably sound, a good deal of discussion among the politicians of the country in reference to | port unwholesome or dangerous habits and the several routes, each naturally, practices, and the remedy is not long in ply to the petition which Mr. Henderfavouring that which ran nearest to, shape of commercial failure in the one case or through his own county, but it is now or a defeat at the polls in the other." admitted that those disputes were more for electors' ears than for the purpose certain of our cotemporaries in the of deciding a matter which was, already, above extract. We believe the New a foregone conclusion. The Major Brunswick press, as a rule, fairly recog-Robinson route, modified by Mr. Flem- nises the impersonality of journalism, ing, was adopted, as it had to be in order and those papers which have not done to meet the conditions on which, alone, so have drifted or are drifting into the

General Monck after the choice of route had been made. His Grace said :-The route crossing the St. John River either at Woodstock or Fredericton is one to which the assent of Her Majesty's Governon the south side of the St. John River are insuperable. One of the main advanthat stamps him as being above the or- tages sought in granting an Imperial guar- done with precision, hitting the desired haul, as he calls it. If Mr. H. had been antee for constructing the Railway would

have been defeated if that line had been * The communication seemed almost like an impertinence for which this line [the present route of the Inthe electors of this County to be told in | tercolonial : ED. ADVANCE | gives with the Gulf of St. Lawrence at various points and its remoteness from the American the only one which provides for the national objects involved in the undertaking.

The above, we think, pretty well disposes of the silly twaddle of the Times in reference to Mr. Mitchell "convincing his colleagues" against fearful odds. Sensible people will believe that it was Major Robinson, Mr. Fleming and the Imperial Guarantee which operated most powerfully on Mr. Mitchell's colleagues. It is true that Mr. Mitchell favored the route through Newcastle, and in assisting to secure that his own properties and those of his friends suffered no depreciation in value. But the Intercolonial would have crossed the Miramichi where it does now, or at the head of the tide, and run down as near Chatham as it does if Mr. Mitchell had never existed. At least, such is the conclusion which the history of the enyond all, as the most devoted representa- terprise has impressed on the unpre- of officials who show themselves capable

judiced public mind. the right to be elected to represent this constituency as long as he lives, and wherever he may live, he must strengthen his claims to the honor by something betterthan past services which are marred and almost rendered nugatory by being unduly magnified. The electors of Northumberland will argue that between the honor of representing the County and the profits and emoluments which Mr. Mitchell enjoyed while about squared. They will judge him by representative during the past four years, world to justify the men of Northumber- and he will surely find that such congreat reaction." Our twin cotemporaries know this and, hence, their piteous appeals as they cling to the fiction of the Intercolonial with Mr. Mitchell as

Our Mail Accommodation.

Correspondents who, under the Summer Railway arrangements, could ven-

the grand director of the "Left Centre" places in the other sections of the Pro- Freeman containing quotations from rather disproves the assertion that he is | vince and the Department ought, there- our issue of the previous week and "a leader of much sagacity." He is fore, to show a disposition to give us remarks thereon, reached this office, "whole-souled, plucky and large heart- such postal facilities as the nature of our but we submit that a more than ed" in many respects, but of his requirements and its easy ability demand reasonable time had elapsed without "chivalry" little ought to be said in and permit. Taking Chatham for the any editorial reference to the matter purpose of illustrating the present on the part of the Freeman, and being, service as it is and contrasting it with therefore justified in thinking it did driven from power on account of the what it ought to be, we may state that Chatham is nearer to Halifax by the vet a Chatham merchant is obliged to had any Intercolonial Railway. At all mail his European correspondence of what the Freeman was to contain on the chant does, and the merchants of alone, against all Canada, placed the Newcastle, Bathurst, Richibucto, and other important Northern towns are did, but, unfortunately, we are not en-Respecting the project for building subject to the same prejudicial dowed with the gift of prophecy and we an Intercolonial Railway, we believe it discrimination. We do not ask for only hope the Freeman will be less tardy

was mooted in 1832, a period anterior to or expect to enjoy equal privileges in the future. with St. John in this respect, but we have a right to better consideration | that we are firmly convinced that "all than we receive from the Department. St. John's mail goes by the very latest train that can reach Halifax from that umberland by representing her in that city. Miramichi's mail must be des- tain that our every effort to secure an patched by a train that leaves here opportunity to prove them has been more than thirty-six hours ahead of the | thwarted by the Fisheries Department. last train that it might go by to connect with the St. John English Mail it calculated to engender or maintain Treaty being made, the Imperial Govern- train at Moncton. These facts ought respect for the Government among our to receive due consideration in the pro- people. There are many persons-we per quarter. We present them for that | believe a majority of the people of purpose, hoping it will not be necessary | Northumberland-who, like ourselves, The Imperial Government, however, to refer to them again, in order to secure are ready not only to approve of, but a better English Mail service for the defend the general policy of the Reform Miramichi than is at present provided, Government, as compared with that of especially when such service may be the latter days the previous administraafforded without additional cost to the

Personal Journalism.

The Toronto Globe, referring to the personalities recently indulged in by Robinson Survey was made and that certain London papers and particularly to the Contemporary Review and World

"The misfortune of such controversies s that, once begun, it is hard to tell when would be crossed at the head of the tide, or where they will end. As a rule, the the majority of instances, be swayed thence proceeding by the Nepissguit River victims of personal slander do wisely to almost entirely by local considerations. let their assailants alone. Only in very exceptional cases does a man who is thus assailed gain anything by striking back. But flesh and blood won't stand the sting of the libeller for ever; some vulnerable retort is given, to be followed by a fresh wound upon the original sufferer. The is unknown where it is made to give place to the unseemly uproar of a newspaper Donnybrook. The disorder, too, may prove infections and oral controversy, catching the contagion, degenerate into

the same low and debased condition,' "We do not believe, however, that in any intelligent community the professional slanderer finds his vocation in the long run profitable. The intrusion of the publications we have already referred to in London, into the arena of journalism, is rather a revival of an effete species of ournalism than the origination of any new dea. And the introduction of political probably is an epidemic that will either exhaust itself or succumb to hygienic preas it is in both countries, a reaction is pretty sure to follow any attempt to impresenting itself. whether it be in the son laid before the Minister. The let-

There are several useful hints for the Imperial guarantee would be consequences set forth in the closing shore from Saturday night, as he representgiven. This is proved by the despatch lines of the above quotation. Persons ed; but Mr. Alex. Henderson was dragof the Duke of Buckingham to Governor who learn journalism as a profession are educated in the duty of self-restraint as a sine qua non to their business, and it is only when the curs snap sufficiently close at the heels to secure sure results | I believe the officers did right in seizing ment could not have been given. The ob. from the use of the whip that a retalliajections, on military grounds, to any line tory blow is justifiable. When adspot neatly and quietly.

The Freeman and our Fisheries.

While we admit that the Freeman has treated our efforts to secure investigafor the great Mr. Mitchell to conde- Frontier, are conclusive considerations in its tion of fishery administration on the confidence in its correspondent's rescend to be their representative. The favor and there can be no doubt that it is Miramichi, with all the fairness that we spectability or it would not have pubing that its reference, of Saturday last, following reply in the Freeman this to our remarks of last week on its silence | week : respecting the evidence we gave it the | To the Editor of the " Freeman." week before, was made in an uncandid spirit. It quotes from the ADVANCE as

"We expected it would have something to say in regard to the course which the officers exposed had pursued; we fear, however, that our cotemporary's friendship for the officers of the Department has overcome its sense of justice, as it not only has nothing to say editorially, but turns aside from the path of investigation and puts forward an anonymous letter charging Mr. Alex. Henderson with fishing on Sunday when his net was seized by the Inspector. We ask the Freeman if it thinks that is a fair answer, even if true, to the charges which we have made openly against the Inspector and his allies. When individuals, in the interest of right and of pure public administration, make charges against others and incur the enmity of the most dishonorable practices, it is hardly fair for a paper which professes to If Mr. Mitchell is going to claim be a friend of reform to answer those whom it has asked for evidence by anonymous correspondence, which only endeavours to injure the character of witnesses without touching the main questions

The Freeman's reply was as follows: "The Advance has no doubt come to the conclusion that all complaints are well founded and that it has fully proved them to be so, and therefore it is, we suppose, that it takes the Freeman to task and attributes to it motives for its declining to pass judgement which are not very creditable. We'know none of the officers against and wishes to take legal proceedings, our doing so, the account between them is whom the Advance makes its charges correspondent should have no objection to First quarter. except the Inspector, and him we believe to be incapable of committing some of the will be satisfied with the publication of his what he has done and left undone as their | crimes with which he is charged; such as the falsifying of documents, &c. We had no idea that in publishing an anonymous letter a newspaper does anything essentially siderations will result in "promoting a reprehensible. It is because we desire to see justice done that we hesitate to express any opinion other than this; that if the officers accused, or any of them, are guilty of the offences laid to their charge they should be promptly and adequately punish-

We can hardly believe that the Freeman is serious in all it says in the above. At the time our reference to its silence was written, it had not made the slightest editorial allusion to evidence which we had published almost at its request and which had been in its possession four or five days. For about a land he would not have been in a posi- leaves Halifax at noon every other and appended remarks of its own that this D. G. Smith wants the Inspec-We admit that Mr. Mitchell is a poli- importance to the people of the North | that after the Advance went to press on tician of much ability, but his success as | Shore towns than they are to those of | Wednesday evening of last week, the | "As soon as a new law is issued, this D.

not intend to refer to the subject fur- G S., the manager-his policy is to annoy ther than by the letter of "An Eve Witness,"our remarks, as above quoted, were quite in order. Had we been aware subject nearly a week after it had our reply in its possession, we would not have reflected upon its motives as we

our complaints are well-founded." We

never claimed, however, that we had

"fully proved them," but we do main-

and that fact is not to its credit, nor is tion, who are forced to join with those who are working for the return to power of the latter, in condemning Fishery management on the Miramichi. No journal better than the Freeman knows that however desirable it might be that the success of Governments or should be heard. We have struck out parties should depend on their policy in several offensive epithets and phrases, and respect of the questions which affect the national, rather than the local interests of the people, the popular mind will, in It is also a fact that the fishery interests this county-and, indeed, of the whole North Shore—outweigh in local importance all others which can be affected by the administration of the Go vernment. If fishery administration is bad, therefore, the local political mind will logically conclude that the Government is bad, and it is not difficult to foresee the result. We have charged that local fishery administration is bad

and that it has been rendered so by the ignorance, and worse than ignorance of officers who have, so far, succeeded in misleading the Government by a system of deception that is almost incredible. While we do not expect the Department or the Freeman to believe all this without evidence, we cannot hold the former blameless so long as it neglects the duty of investigation.

Reference is made in the above quotation from our remarks of 11th inst. to a letter published by the Freeman in reter was as follows :-To the Editor of the Freeman :-

SIR: In looking over the Advance to night, I saw a petition of Alex. Henderson to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Well, I must say he had a good cheek. First to present it, next to ask those gentlemen to sign their names attached to Now, as I was an eye witness to the affair. I can say that Mr. Henderson's seine or bag-net was not lying idle on the ging his nets on Sunday when Messrs. Venning and Hogan crossed the Newcastle ferry, and a boy (his look out) told him they were coming, when he run and hid in the bushes, leaving his net to the mercy of the officers. Now, Mr. Editor. the net, and they ought to have seized him, for fishing on the Sabbath. * * * Overseer Wyse is a pretty hard ticket, ministered, however, it ought always be but he never told Henderson to steal a to prayers his net would not have been seized. At the best, it was not worth ferry across the river. More again.

> Publish this and you will oblige AN EYE WITNESS. Chatham Head, October 11th, 1877. We presumed the Freeman had some

Dear Sir : In reply to a communication which appeared in your paper, stating that I had been fishing on Sunday at the time, or before my seine was seized last Spring by the Inspector of Fisheries, I beg to say that I never handled or fished either seine or net on a Sunday in my whole life. I think the seine was seized on a Monday.

I have not seen the "Freeman" containnig the charge, nor do my informants remember the name of your correspondent. I think, however, that as he has stated what is maliciously untrue and calculated to injure my private character, I have a right to request you to give me his name. A slander upon me, in addition to the seizure of my seine is, under the uninvestigated circumstances, more than I ought to be called upon to suffer-Yours truly, ALEX. HENDERSON. Chatham, Oct. 20th, 1877.

The letter of the traducer of Mr. Henderson and the latter's reply thereto can be safely left to be pondered over by the neighbors of a man who has received the usage to which Mr. Henderson and other gaspereaux fishermen were subjected last spring, through the instrumentality of the Inspector of Fisheries and those who were and are in collusion with him. The Freeman appends the following to the above letter: If Mr. Henderson thinks there is any grounds for an action at law in what our correspondent, "An Eve Witness," stated, denial of the charge made against him.

We presume Mr. Henderson will have to be satisfied. At least, the public are satisfied as to the characters who find a medium for their anonymous slanders in our cotemporary's columns. The Freeman cannot be congratulated

on the character of those who write to it in defence of the Inspector et al. In that paper on Thursday last we found a letter from "a Fisherman" dated "Oak Point Oct. 12th." Here are some extracts from it. "I consider it right for one of the principa ... Ishermen of our river to give you a few facts connected with the present contro-

versey in fishing matters in Northumberland, that has been weekly enunciated by that obstructionist, the manager of the Advance. It is now notorious, Mr. Editor, tor's office. A stranger reading his venemous sheet; he would imagine the Northnot the case. All the disturbance that is heard of here is from a few poachers, asmisguided men act just to suit his purpose, and know no better."

G. S. summons his satellites, a cry is raised. his accomplices go forth to do his bidding, they condemn, and abuse the Inspector, to the damage of the Department; this is his customary mode of procedure in Northumberland. Now Mr. Editor, would it not be fair and just for those ill-advised

* * * to give the laws say only one year's trial. Why condemn the Government for laws that have not yet been prov-But. Mr. Editor, this wont suit D. and preplex the Government, especially linister of Marine and Fishery. magines this will assist him to carry out his work of removal of the Inspector and his friends, to suit his political master. You may Mr . Editor, expect his abuse as long as his master allows him * * * the intelligent fishermen here he is looked on as destructive to our best interests, and assisting every day to destroy the good our esteemed Minister of Marine and Fish-

"The new laws are good, and just the thing we want. If, after a fair trial, we find them unsuitable, the honest and in-We beg to assure the Freeman also telligent fishermen will ask the Department to rescind them. Now, if this pretended promoter of the fishermens interests would fall into line what a good would be which we will offer at prices that cannot fail to suit. accomplished; but no, D. G. Smith assumes command-he will weekly, no matter what is the result * * * how disgusting it must appear to the Minister when he reads such vile trash, doing an injury to us fishermen and annoying the Department of Fisheries. Fortunately this character is well known to the Minister. To hear him vilify and abuse that gentleman to the fishermen is disgraceful and all for

In explanation of the "beautiful stars" which shine like a reflection of the constellated zenith in a muck-tub, we will add the following editorial remarks made by the Freeman on the essay of "One of the principal fishermen of our river" who does "Oak Point" the honor of claiming to be one of its "We publish to-day a letter from a

Miramichi fisherman in reply to the statements made by the Advance, because it is but fair that the other side of the story we are sorry to say that the language of the letter, even when thus expurgated, is not precisely what it should be. There is no need whatever for violent or even strong language in the discussion of matters of public importance, and the use of such language injures the cause of those who employ it.

We ought, perhaps, to have included the following from the "Oak Point"

"To give you an idea Mr. Editor of how much interested this newly fledged worthy is in the fishermen's interests, I will draw your attention to the damaging system of fishing for salmon carried on year after year at Portage Island, and the poaching or fish with seining nets, &c., on the shoals at the entrance of our river. Strange to say, but true, Mr. Editor, this genius has not a word to say for us half uined fishermen at this place. The seining nets and other contrivances are allowto run riot there. I will give you the real cause. * * * The poachers are his political friends, his interest is theirs financially and otherwise, hence the Mana-

We may remark that the gentleman referred to as the "new-fledged worthy," 'the genius" and "the Manager' directed the attention of the Department to the necessity for regulating the salmon fisheries in the vicinity of Portage Island several months ago. He is, therefore, no more to blame for the Department's neglect in that duty than for | PAINTS. its failure to attend to other matters in OILS, reference to which he has fe't it his duty GROCERIES.

to ask for reform. We feel that we have, perhaps, tired our readers' patience with a subject that has been already pretty fully discussed, but, as the Freeman says, "it is but 'fair that the other side of the story "should be heard." Our excuse for the length of this article must, there. fore, be our desire to let the Miramichi fishermen know what kind of witnesses the Department and the Freeman have "on the other side."

The Slaughter of Parent Salmon.

Attention is directed to a letter in another column on the subject of the Northwest river fisheries. The writer is a gentleman who has excellent opportunities for knowing the facts on which his statements are based, and, like other persons whose views on the subject of the fisheries are admitted to the columns of the ADVANCE, we are well assured he writes from a desire to bring about reform in the management ought to expect, we cannot help think- lished the above. But we find the of the second great interest of the Miramichi-one that is destined in the future to be its first.

The first evil complained of arises out of the want of discriminating power in the hands of the officers in regard to the ssuing of bass licences. We have before called attention to the fault of the present regulation in that respect and can hardly hope that any good will come out of any further propositions in the way of reform on our part.

We have also suggested, time and again the necessity of having a well-paid staff of honest officers to protect the Salmon Spawning beds of the upper waters. There may come a time when public opinion will force the Department to recognise the importance of our cwn and our correspondent's views. At the present, however, we must rest content with matters as they are, hoping that the promised visit of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will mark the beginning of an era of improved local ad-

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THE LETTER OF MR. MOWAT, Fishery Overseer of the Restigouche Division, in reply to queries put by Mr. McKenzie M. P. P. appears in another column. We think the accounts are satisfactory and are glad that Mr. umberland fishermen were in arms against | Mowat appears to good advantage in the to publish other documents forwarded by sisted by this veritable D. G. Smith, Mr. Mowat, because his defence is manager of a sheet published here; those sufficiently good without them and also because they are partially of a private

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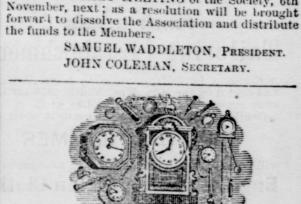
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