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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., AUGUST 23, 1900. Narrow Antagonism.

The St. John Telegraph, although it had a clever and attentive representative at the recent meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, appears to have determined to assume a position of editorial antagonism to that body as soon as its deliberations had ended.

Inference to the resolution on the St. John-Digby mail service, it was stated by those who spoke for the steamboat interest that it would require another vessel to do the work, and the extra subsidy required was estimated as high as \$12,000 a year, and it was argued that the additional outlay could hardly be fairly asked for just now, when a number of other places which are as important, at least, as those to be benefited by the proposed increase, were not so well served with mails as those which the resolution was designed to assist.

It seemed to the majority of the delegates that those who desired to promote the object of the resolution were not prepared with arguments sufficiently strong to justify the Board in passing it, and they, evidently, realised the force of the objections urged against it, and like reasonable men, withdrew it.

The Telegraph does its traditions and acknowledged influence injustice when it seeks to convey the impression that there was anything in the proceedings of the Board, or the attitude of any of the delegates to justify its suggestion of a disposition to "side-track" St. John. No paper that approaches subjects such as those dealt with by the Maritime Board with the seemingly determined purpose of creating or maintaining the unworthy antagonism so pettishly hinted at by the Telegraph, can be expected to retain its influence or impart a healthful tone to public sentiment.

The Telegraph gives complaining prominence to another matter.—Mr. G. S. Fisher, of St. John, is a valued member of the Maritime Board and any suggestion of his would command attention from it. He, however, did not find it convenient to attend at Kentville, but he sent a letter of regret and suggested, as the Telegraph states, that the Board discuss "The Old Home week," or the observance of a holiday-time similar to that adopted in certain parts of the United States, when people living abroad might revisit their old homes at low rates over passenger lines, etc.

We beg to suggest to the Telegraph that it strive to cultivate a broader spirit in dealing with the motives and work of those connected with public matters and with whom the promotion of the country's interests at the expense of their own time and thought seem, to the normally-minded observer, to be the paramount idea. The Telegraph ought to be able, in dealing with a body like the Maritime Board, to refrain from mistaking such well known facts as the numbers attending its meetings and the disposition made of its formal resolutions. If it is so careless or reckless as to be entirely unreliable in these matters, with what reason can it expect its statements based on less well known and positive data to be accepted?

manage the operation. He no longer "staggered humanity." China. The allied forces have entered Peking. There was considerable opposition to their advance but very little when once they entered the city.

Shirt Waists for Men. The tyranny of custom, which demands that trousers, waistcoat and coat, together with boots of certain prescribed kinds, shirts with more or less starch to stiffen the front, and collars brought to rigidity by the same process, shall be worn by all men who wish to be recognised as socially respectable, is shocked by the fact that a few men have struck for freedom from the coat.

The most civilized of the human race, the Anglo-Saxon has been heretofore required to bear the white man's burden in the matter of the conventional dress, and whether he is in the latitude of Greenland's icy mountains or of India's coral strand, whether he is lean or fat, whatever may be his personal tastes or preferences, he has not only not been permitted to have much to say in regard to what he shall put on, but the taking off of his coat in the social presence has been the signal for his ostracism from the exclusive circle known as Society.

The Lumber Market.—London Timber Trades Journal of 23rd says:—"The wood market has not undergone any change since our last report. The high freights continue to be the chief obstacle to business, and unless there is shortly a more plentiful supply of tonnage, the autumn f. o. b. sales this year are likely to be much below the average."

Enforcing the Sunday Law. The St. John police authorities have moved in the matter of a general enforcement of the Sunday Law. Some time ago a cigar vendor was proceeded against for selling on Sunday and was convicted by the police magistrate, who imposed a fine. The case is now pending on appeal.

Chatham's Proposed Water-Works. There seems to be a belief in certain quarters in Chatham that the idea of the insufficiency of Morrison's Brook water supply was one originating in the mind of some citizen after Mr. Coffin had recommended that source. While it is true that most persons who are acquainted with Morrison's Brook and have examined it at different times the year round are of the opinion that its minimum flow is very much overrated by Mr. Coffin, and that it will not give an adequate supply to the town, it ought to be remembered that it was Mr. Coffin, himself, who gave the first intimation of the fact.

South Africa. The war in South Africa is practically over, although burgers are keeping the field here and there and General De Wet with several thousand men is, according to the despatches, always being surrounded but always escaping. It is said that Lord Roberts is soon to go to England to assume the post of Field Marshal and Commander-in-Chief, vice Wolseley, a general of less prestige taking his place in South Africa.

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