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The Morning Star.

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A Commissioner of Education.

All that could be expected has been accomplished the past session touching the matter of appointing an officer at the head of our school department, who shall be responsible to the people for the money he expends in this branch of the public service.

We still argue the measure, firm in our belief that looking at it in its most discouraging aspect, it is merely a question of time. The day must come in this province when no department taking large sums of the revenue will be allowed to float about, steered by a despotic captain, who is in his way a kind of Captain Ward.

The two questions, no doubt that present themselves to the Government are: first—would the change without impairing the efficiency of the system, circumscribe expenditure? and second—would such a change be acceptable to the people?

Not having space to devote to the first question, we answer the second. It would please the people immensely; for Dr. Rand is the most unpopular officer in the public service. Were he to take some means of testing his popularity we venture to say that not in any county in this province would he find a hundred to whom he is not in some way obnoxious.

He is, for all these reasons, unpopular to the people, and there is a strong feeling to have his powers limited, if not his place taken by some man with fully as much ability and far more popularity. The name of Mr. Brydges has been mentioned; but as we look at this part of the case just now our views are these: If the department is to be remodelled by the dismissal of Dr. Rand and the appointment of another Chief Superintendent—of which so many are in favor—then we oppose it; if there is to be a Commissioner of Education, and the services of a man like Dr. Rand be required, the legislative and administrative part of his duties curtailed, we say keep the Dr.

That "Blue Book."

We have to-day to ask a few plain questions of our city people. How many who pay taxes into the City treasury, have ever

looked into the "blue book?" How many looking into it have noted all that is strange and wonderful about it? Have those who every year pay their taxes promptly ever considered it unfair that those who are well able to pay have not for years past paid a cents taxes?—the amounts owed by some running up to more than a hundred dollars. That is truly a wonderful book when one comes to consider it. Looking over the names we find few if any poor men, the wretches who can scarce make a dollar a day and having large families to support, appearing there. Enquiring into how this comes we learn that if a poor man does not pay when the day arrives he is dragged to prison or his few miserable effects are sold to satisfy the ends of justice. He may have a wife or a family crying for bread, still to jail he must go if he can't pay his taxes. If the man of wealth and influence doesn't pay he gets a mild request once or so every quarter, but his person is too sacred to fall into the hands of the jailor, his paraphernalia, his household goods of too sacred a character to be defiled by the touch of the Bailiff.

And now that we have deemed it necessary to call the attention of our readers to this outrageous fact, it may be well to enquire what screw is loose in our city machinery and how long has it been loose. First is there an officer whose duty it is to send every ratepayer a Bill? To this somebody answers, There is. Then are there officers appointed to serve the tax Bills? A voice answers, There is. Then we have arrived at the root of the evil; we have discovered the "loose screw." This outrageous state of affairs, this gross injustice to our city, or rather to those in our city who pay their taxes, is attributable to the officer who sends out the tax bills, and the officers who take them out. Both these parties it would seem are guilty of ignoring what the law obliges, and these parties we hold accountable before our City Council for this most shameful state of affairs. We have not done with this matter.

The Latest Wind—Storm in Newfoundland.

When it became known in Newfoundland that Mr. Tilley had placed a duty upon fish and oil, the anti-confederate kite-flyers set to work to raise a breeze. They raised a general shout through their press and with all the lofty courage of heroes declared that now since the Dominion had tried to coerce them into union, they would record more terribly than ever their vow of celibacy. But after this huge wind storm had subsided and the calm of intelligence prevailed, it was found to have been only a tempest in a teapot; and that the invincible anti-confederate knights had been tilting all the time against wind-mills. Mr. Tilley consented to remove the duty from fish and oil, provided the Newfoundland Government would strike off the 20 cents a ton on coals going to all N. F. ports but St. John's. Still some of the savans would have it that Sir John's Government was trying to get into political matrimony with them, and in doing this imposed forcible means, to which the North Star whose editor is a man of travel and culture replies:—

That so far from treating us with the measure of retaliation which we have so justly entitled ourselves at their hands, the Dominion has been signally generous and considerate towards us.

And he proves this statement beyond question when he says:—"We must not permit ourselves to lose sight of the fact that whilst we have subjected every article of our Dominion imports to the exactions imposed upon those from other countries, and that whilst we have placed duties upon their fishery products, they have always admitted ours free."

Of course the anti-confederate howlers had forgotten all about this: indeed the more charitable and correct construction would be that they never knew it. And the Star goes on to pertinently enquire why they have deserved these favors:—

"Is it the result of the very thoughtless and inconsiderate abuse of Canada and everything Canadian that occasionally finds its way into some of our local papers, and of which Canadians are not ignorant?"

And to crown the argument the Star goes on to say:—"And yet while we collect light dues from their shipping upon lights which they themselves have erected upon our coasts, while we impose duties upon every article that we import from them, our anti-confederate papers here cry out like whipped hounds at the slightest evidence of a disposition upon the part of Canada to meet us on our own ground."

would think them "small potatoes politicians," but is thankful that all over there are not "tarred with these vile conditions," and that only a very insignificant part of the press is the exponent of such views. All of which is but too true.

Those Filthy Periodicals.

We have scoured the hare from the bush, but he has taken refuge in the brake. The postmaster informs us that no such packages of papers as those of which we speak to his knowledge comes through the post office. On asking how he would account for the fact that they are sold by the hundred in the City, he tells us that they reach here through means of persons connected with the New Brunswick Railway. This is a sad state of affairs indeed, —that we have no protection thrown round our rising generation. If we understand the matter, literature vile as bad men can make it can come in here by the ton unchallenged. Perhaps if we were to enquire a little more closely into the matter we should find that this filth comes in duty free—that the revenue is robbed, while public morals are contaminated.

We now go in search of the responsibility. If it be the duty of offices of the customs to seize and destroy all immoral literature, then the fact of the importation of the bundles distributed through the city, speaks either the culpable neglect, or criminal connivance of the officers. If the authority does not rest with Custom's officers to seize and destroy then the laws which it costs us so many millions to frame and to work are but a farce.

If the law of suppression be on the statutes, those who carry the parcels to the unscrupulous persons who distribute them, are accessories to the offense, as he who harbors the murderer and helps to defeat the ends of justice, becomes responsible in a secondary degree.

We therefore in view of all the facts now ask that the duties of each and every officer upon whose vigilance and honesty in much depends the safety of public morality, be defined and fearlessly carried out.

[Since writing the above we learn from a reliable source that the mode of importation is as follows. Agents are employed on the other side the line who bring their vile matter to Vanceboro, where it is bought by agents on this side acting for parties who afterwards distribute them. This mode is adopted with bundles of the Police News, but the filthy Boston Express is not yet on the list. We have been assured by the Magistrate that the parties selling have received a "hint of warning," and that they will not be sold again.]

Rumors of Cabinet reconstruction have been current within the last two days, looking to the retirement of Sir John Macdonald, with whose conduct, as developed in the Letellier affair, the French Conservatives are in no way satisfied. Mr. Tilley is indicated as the coming Premier and Mr. Thos. White as an addition to the Cabinet.—Montreal Star.

The New Legislative Buildings.

The Fredericton Reporter rather backs up the views of the Opposition leader, Mr. Blair, against those of the Government on this subject. We hardly expected the Reporter to "go back" on the Government in that way. The latter are proceeding warily, but steadily, towards the realization of the object in view.—Telegraph.

It will be some comfort no doubt to the Reporter's mind to know it is not the only one that has "gone back" on the Government of late. However we are not surprised at the view taken by our sombre weekly; had it taken a correct view we should have been quite surprised.

Among the latest reports on the street is one to the effect that A. L. Palmer, Esq., will be the new Judge in New Brunswick.—St. John Exchange.

how the Dominion Government can well pass him. To give the office to the Attorney General is a form of political courtesy which in ninety-nine per cent. of cases prevails.

Mr. Crawford was sworn in Solicitor General yesterday, and writes for his election placed in the hands of the sheriff of Kings.

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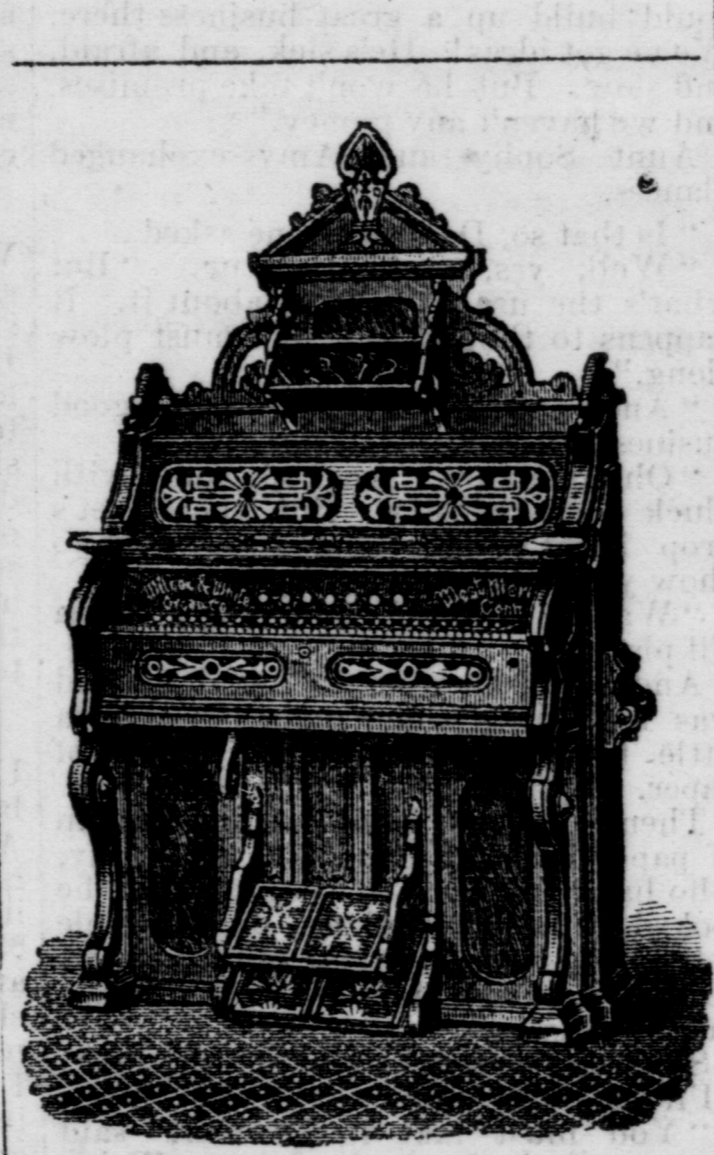
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