

THE CARLETON SENTINEL.

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THE CHURCH WITNESS.—We have seen the two first numbers of this Paper, for the perusal of which we are indebted to the kindness of a friend. It is printed in St. John at the Book store of I. & A. McMillen. It appears to emanate from the Evangelical Party of the Church of England, and is probable will be the organ of that Church in this Province. We have long thought that a Paper of this description was very much required; and though we are not in favour of religious controversy as a general thing, yet we opine the time has now arrived when such a course is highly necessary. When we look at the Parent Land and see the many perversions to the Church of Rome, and the length to which the "Gorham" question was carried by one of the highest dignitaries in our Church, we think it becomes the true Episcopalian to protest against the many errors that are being encouraged by insidious hands in his own Church as well as against the many dogmas and superstitions that prevail in the Romish Church. We wish that all semi-papists of the Church of England were driven from her pale; as we are obliged from the many daily instances that occur of perversions from that church, to think that still there may be a few left who are tinged with some of the tenets of Roman Catholicism.

From the hasty glance we have had of our new contemporary we would hazard the opinion that it bids fair to realize all the fond hopes of every true Professing Christian, whether churchman or dissenter,—since we are liberal enough to think that there are many religious men out of the Church who conscientiously believe that true religion would be advanced in a greater degree were the Church severed from the state; yet at the same time while awarding this liberal construction to others we would reserve the right to ourself to think as we please on this subject. It is here that many members of the Church of England make a grand mistake when they almost unchristianize dissenters for thinking different from them on matters that of themselves are not of the first moment. Time prevents our saying much, but we cannot stop our pen until we say that the *Church Witness* has our very best wishes for success as long as it holds on to the principle with which it has commenced.

IMPORTANT RUMOUR.—The rumour that His Honor the Chief Justice is about to resign the high office which he has so long filled with satisfaction to the country, continues to gain ground in this community, and is now generally believed to be true. In the event of the present Chief Justice resigning, the country will look with anxiety to the choice of his successor, and we have no hesitation in saying at once that the people will expect that the undoubted claims of the present Attorney General to the seat, when vacant, will not be overlooked by those having the disposal of this exceedingly important office. Should these conjectures prove true, the arrangement will necessarily involve a new election for a member to serve in the General Assembly for this county, and the people will do well to cast about in their own minds for the very best man that can be found in the county to occupy the vacant seat. A mistake in this particular would be a serious injury to this part of the Province. There can, therefore, be nothing premature in the people canvassing among themselves the respective merits of those who are likely to present themselves for their suffrages.—*Head Quarters.*

Of all the modest assertions ever made by that remarkably modest man of the *Head Quarters*, this takes the lead.—"The people will expect that the undoubted claims of the present Attorney General to the seat, (of Chief Justice,) when vacant, will not be overlooked by those having the disposal of this exceedingly important office." In other words, the people expect that Mr. Wilmot will appoint himself to that situation. We do not believe the Government has the least idea at the present time of appointing that Gentleman to the office. They know too well such an act would irrecoverably seal their fate. The people of this Province would not submit to an outrage so gross as the appointment of Mr. Wilmot over the heads of the present Puisne Judges. They would immediately demand, through their Representatives, the dismissal of the Government. As it is well known, however, that the Hon. Attorney General and the man of the *Head Quarters* are in this instance the *People*, perhaps the paragraph alluded to will not be of much consequence.

We are unable to redeem our pledge and give the particulars of the Tea Meeting, on Monday evening the 30th ult. We feel ourself incompetent to the task of giving anything like a description of the tables, which were loaded with substantial and delicacies sufficient to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, and feed a dozen regiments of hungry Sons. The bright eyes and happy faces of the Daughters added not a little to the scene, and to crown all, some of our best speakers were in attendance, and entertained the company with sensible and appropriate remarks, until a late hour in the evening. We hope to hear of many of these Social Meetings in our quiet village during the winter months.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—It will be seen by reference to another column, that a Public Meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening last, for the purpose of adopting measures to assist the Fredericton and St. John Telegraph Company to carry their line from Fredericton to Woodstock, to meet the Canadian line from Montreal to Woodstock. From Mr. Torney—the agent of the Quebec Telegraph Company—who was present at the meeting, we learn that the whole of the stock for the line from Montreal to Halifax is taken up, except that part lying between Fredericton and Woodstock. It would therefore be a lasting disgrace to the people of this Province, if they do not complete the small portion of the line now left for them to build.

From the amount already subscribed in Woodstock, (about £400) we can have no doubt but that the work will at once go on, and that before this time next year the whole will be completed and in full operation. The people of this Province are under great obligations to Mr. Torney, the Quebec Company's indefatigable Agent for the great exertions he has made to carry the line through New Brunswick.

The following remarks by SERJEANT WILKINS on the Freedom of the Press, might be read with advantage by a few of the wise ones in this Province. It contrasts strongly with the decision in the late Libel case in Northumberland:—

SERJEANT WILKINS ON THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.—Serjeant Wilkins, at York, on Wednesday, while defending the *Yorkshireman* newspaper in an action for libel brought against it by the solicitor to the York Banking Company, paid the following tribute to the power and utility of the press:—It was the bounden duty of writers in the public press, if they saw that the public were about to be duped, to put the public on its guard; and this was one of the most valuable privileges and blessings which we had. "What is it," said the learned Serjeant, "that binds down the arm of tyranny? What is it that secures to us the privileges we enjoy abroad and at home? What is it that serves even as a terror to the throne—that carries even the highest gratifications to the throne that a virtuous and good monarch can possess? What is it that serves as a check to our two Houses of Parliament—that keeps within bounds the bigotry of those who would bind the opinions and the thoughts of other men by their own narrow views and intolerance? To what do we owe all these privileges but to a free and unshackled press, discharging its duties fairly, and for the public good, holding up to ridicule and contempt those who would invade that good? I say we are deeply indebted to the writer of these articles whoever he may be. I am satisfied that no twelve men will aid in placing fetters on this great power, so long as it is exercised for the public good. How much money had been saved—how many families had been rescued from ruin, if the same foresight had been exhibited by others as by the writers in this newspaper?"

TOWNSEND'S SARSAPARILLA has performed such wonders it has been suggested to administer large doses of that preparation to the people of Nova Scotia, so as, if possible, to soothe them into unanimity on the European and North American Railway—and other weighty matters which vitally affect their future well being.—*Nova Scotian.*

We would recommend a trial of Electrical Psychology or something to steal the senses, instead; it would be found to work much better in matters of this kind.

Our exchanges contain little or nothing of importance in the shape of news this week. The English Mail had not arrived at St. John at our latest advices, but was hourly expected; it will probably reach here this evening.

PARISH SCHOOLS.—We understand that Mr. D'Avary is now visiting the schools in this and the adjoining Parishes, and we would say to the several teachers to look out for a visit from that gentleman during this week. We only hope that they may give good satisfaction.

The Building known as the Tank House situated in Phoenix Square, Fredericton, was destroyed by Fire on Tuesday evening the 27th ult. The *Head Quarters* says there can be no doubt that this burning was the work of an incendiary.

Officers of Woodstock Division, No. 19, S. of T. A. Payson, W. P.; S. W. Gray, W. A.; J. T. Parsons, R. S.; J. C. Everitt, A. K. S.; James McIndoe, F. S.; Wm. Q. Shaw, T.; James L. McIndoe, C.; Wm. Blake, A. C.; Frederick Baker, I. S.; Nathaniel Churchill, O. S.; Wm. Stevens takes the chair of P. W. P.

Officers of Carleton Section No. 5, C. of T. S. N. Philips, W. A.; C. Jackson V. A.; A. McLaughlan, S.; Charles Connell, A. S.; Adam Shea, T.; Wm. Snow, A. T.; George Connell, G.; James Sharp, U.; I. J. McCoy, W.; F. Cleary, J. W.; O. P. Truesdell takes the chair of P. W. A. J. C. Everitt, Worthy Patron; D. I. Day and Joseph T. Parsons, Associate Patrons.

OUTRAGES.—A correspondent of the Hamilton (C. W.) Gazette writes:—

It is painful to witness the outrages that are continually perpetrated in this neighbourhood. On Saturday night the 3rd instant, a young man by the name of Curry was sent to Caledonia for a doctor, and returning home was

waylaid by some fiend or other, and fired upon, but providentially the cap only broke, but the villain was so near that the report of the cap started the horse, and he had a very narrow escape from being thrown off. The only course that can be assigned for this outrage is that Curry was summoned to give evidence at Caledonia against those who committed the murder on the 12th of July last. About 8 o'clock on the evening of the 6th instant, the waggon belonging to Mr. Wm. Smith, butcher, (formerly of the Ben Block Tavern,) while returning home, about six miles from Caledonia was surrounded by seven ruffians, three of whom seized the horses, the rest got into the waggon, seized the driver (who was Mr. Smith's brother) got him down, got upon him, and were determined to murder him, from the expression made use of, (threatening to cut off his bloody head!) but fortunately one of the rascals discovered their mistake and cried out, "Oh, let him go—it is not old Ben Block; cut off his hair and let him go;" they persisted in cutting off his hair, and while executing the diabolical act cut both sides of his face severely. To crown this brutal act, on the same night Mr. Alex. Roulston had one of his horses stabbed in the breast, and it is not likely to recover. This appears to be all done because people here will not sit down quietly and see their neighbours murdered in cold blood without seeking for justice. I would also state that it is not only against Orangemen that their vengeance is directed, but against Protestants of every shade.

Hitherto in this neighbourhood the Protestant people have maintained the law inviolate—looking to the administration of the law for that vengeance which blood demands. Should villains continue to perform these deeds of darkness and death, it is fearful to predict what will be the consequences.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At the request of Mr. Torney, Agent for the Quebec Telegraph Company, a Public meeting was held on Friday evening last at the Mechanics' Institute, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of erecting a Line of Telegraph between this place and Fredericton, connecting with the Halifax and Quebec route through this Province. A large number of the most respectable and influential inhabitants assembled, and Charles Connell, Esq., having been called to the Chair, and Mr. L. P. Fisher requested to act as Secretary.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, and called upon Mr. Torney, who stated the probable cost of the erection of the Line, the yearly expenditure, and the dividends likely to be received, and was followed by Messrs. R. English and William T. Baird, after which the following resolutions were moved by Mr. Baird, and seconded by J. R. Tupper, Esq., and unanimously passed.

Resolved, That this meeting do concur most heartily with the Company now formed to project a Line of Telegraph from Canada through this Province. And further, that it is our bounden duty to give our aid as far as practicable in the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

Resolved, That a Subscription list be now opened for the names of persons desirous of taking Stock in the St. John and Fredericton Telegraph Company, to be expended in erecting the Line, &c., between Woodstock and Fredericton.

A Subscription List was then opened and about 250l. subscribed, with a prospect of a much larger amount being obtained, there was a very great interest manifested for the success of the undertaking. A vote of thanks was then given to Mr. Torney, the Chairman and Secretary, for their services—when the meeting adjourned.

October 7th.

L. P. FISHER, Secretary.

INCENDIARISM.—On Friday last the barn of Mr. Moses J. Hackett, of Alexander, was set on fire by some demon in human shape, whereby he lost 65 tons of Hay, a large quantity of Oats, two swine, and a quantity of bed-clothes and wearing apparel which were put out to dry. This is the second time Mr. Hackett has suffered from fire this season, having lost his house and furniture only a short time ago by the destructive element, and undoubtedly through the instrumentality of the scamp who set fire to his barn.—*Calais Journal.*

The National Synod at Thurles have decided upon establishing a Roman Catholic University in Ireland, in opposition to the Government and Protestant establishments. Every ecclesiastic in Ireland will be called upon to pay an annual tax of two per cent, on his income for its support; and a committee has been already named for carrying the project into effect. The Archbishop and Dr. Cantwell for Ulster; the Archbishop and Dr. Derry for Cannought; the Archbishop and Dr. Healey for Leinster; the Archbishop and Dr. Foran for Munster. These prelates are to associate with themselves as many priests, and a similar number of laymen are to be associated with both, to form a provisional committee for carrying the project into effect. Dr. Cantwell, it is said, commences by a subscription of £11,000.

A BOAT, A CLOAK, AN UMBRELL, AND A WALKING-STICK.—At a recent meeting of the Humane Society, Mr. Olivera called the attention of the society to a new boat, invented by Lieutenant Halkett, R. N. It was so constructed that it served the purpose of a cloak when not inflated, or it might be carried in a small parcel weighing only seven pounds and a half. It could be inflated in three minutes and a half, and would support six or eight persons. In some recent experiments tried it had been found impossible to sink or overturn it, although filled with water and holding six persons. A paddle, capable of being used as a walking-stick, could be used in propelling it; or a small portable sail, which would also serve the purpose of an umbrella.

SUICIDE.—On Saturday last a young woman of the name of McKay, aged about 20 years, residing on the East River, committed suicide by springing over the bridge at New Glasgow into the River. There was from twelve to 14 feet of water where she fell. The body was discovered in about an hour, and though strenuous efforts were made to resuscitate her they proved ineffectual. The deceased had been partially insane for some time previous. A Coroners Inquest was held over the body and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts.—*Eastern Chron.*

A western editor announces the arrival of a twelfth responsibility "at his house," and makes the following appeal immediately after: More subscribers wanted, at this office.