

## ST. JOHN LETTER.

The American newspapers are chronicling the "movements of our distinguished visitor, Admiral Cervera", but for what he is distinguished is a rather perplexing question. He sailed a fleet almost as elusive as the Flying Dutchman until he allowed himself to be "bottled up" in Santiago Harbor, and when he attempted to escape, the attempt was made in the most blundering manner possible. There is altogether too much gush in this business; the "distinguished visitor" should be sent home with the other prisoners, who have been amusing themselves by starving and murdering the Cubans, and forgotten as soon as possible. Years ago the gush over the reconciliation of the "gray and the blue" and the bestowal of federal offices upon the confederate leaders was no less incongruous than the feting of Admiral Cervera. To this day the South despises northern civilization as is made clear by their lynchings which would be regarded as disgraceful by the Spaniards or even the Turks in Armenia.

Brig-of-war Plumper, that was lost in 1812 has been located by Diver Henrion, and the search for the treasure that went down with her will be resumed in a few days.

Robert W McIntyre, (shoemaker), a well known figure about Indiantown for more than a generation died last week aged 71 years. He was a native of Charlo, Restigouche Co.

A company proposes to erect a number of cottages on Douglas avenue, commanding a magnificent view of the harbor and the surrounding country, which will be let to desirable tenants.

Many cargoes of kilnwood have been shipped from here to Rockland, Maine, recently. Nova Scotia apples are arriving in this market and the crop is said to be much larger than has been reported.

One morning last week there were from 20 to 25 large vessels in the vicinity of Partridge Island bound inward and outward.

Pork and beef are easier; clear pork is quoted at \$15.75; plate beef \$14.75; extra plate \$15. Barley is easier at \$3.75; rice 3 1/2 cents. All kinds of feed are scarce; middlings \$22 per ton; shorts \$21; bran \$20. Eggs are in demand at 12 cents.

Harry DeForest is expected home from his European trip in about ten days.

Joseph Lordly, once a well known auctioneer in the city and later proprietor of the Globe Hotel, died last Saturday aged 89 years. Mr Lordly was a kindly hearted gentleman who survived many "domestic cyclones" that would have wrecked the lives of most other men.

An unknown man was seen to plunge into the falls last Thursday morning, and the body has not been rescued. It is supposed he was William Thompson, of the old firm of Knox & Thompson, furniture manufacturers, Princess st, who disappeared about the same time. Mr Thompson was about 60 years of age, recently married, and in fairly good circumstances. He had exhibited signs of insanity for some days. The body has not been recovered.

Nineteen deaths, eighteen births and five marriages were recorded in the city last week. EDWARD EDWARDS

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent]

Washington, Aug 19, 1898.

President McKinley expects to be able to announce the names of the American Peace Commissioners in a day or two, after which he will leave Washington for a short rest, of which he stands very much in need. He promised Gen Joe Wheeler that he would go to Montauk and review the Santiago troops just as soon as the men get in good condition and before any of them are mustered out of service.

To say that the President and members of the Cabinet were pleased with the news that Gen Merritt and Admiral Dewey captured Manila by assault before they knew of the armistice, is stating it very mildly. So far as Merritt and Dewey are concerned there was no armistice until they received official notice of it.

It was hardly necessary for Secretary Alger to deny the silly story that the government was about to pay the Cuban insurgents for all the time they had been in service and disband them, which was sent all over the country a few days ago. The story originated with some one who is ignorant of our method of government. Even if the President and his Cabinet thought it right and proper that the U S should pay the Cuban insurgents, which they do not, it would be impossible for them to pay out a dollar for such purpose without specific authority and an appropriation from Congress. There are mischievous persons at work trying to make trouble between our military authorities and the Cuban insurgents, and there is little doubt that this story came from some of them.

By direction of President McKinley, Gen Lawton, who is in command of the department of Santiago, has been instructed to maintain order and protect all persons and their property, to allow no interference from any quarter; also that the Cuban insurgents should be treated justly and liberally, but must recognize authority of U S. Speaking of this order, Secretary Alger said: "The order means just what it says. The U S government is in control of the surrendered territory and is responsible for the maintenance of peace. The laws of this country must be obeyed. We know no race or color in this country in the requirement of obedience to law and we will know none in Cuba. The position which the President has taken will settle the matter for the present and for all time."

Unless present calculations are upset, about 100,000 of the volunteers will be mustered out of service between now and the first of October. When the temporary peace agreement was signed it was thought that none of the volunteers would be allowed to go home until the formal treaty was agreed

upon, but, after consideration, it was decided to be unnecessary to keep so many men away from their ordinary occupation. No announcements as to the particular regiments to be mustered out has been made, but, as it has been determined to muster the men out near their homes, the ordering of a regiment into its own state may be accepted as an indication that it is to be mustered out of service.

Mr D D Woodmansee, ex-president of the League of Republican clubs, passed through Washington this week. When asked what he thought of the political outlook, he replied, "President McKinley has conducted the war magnificently. The victories on land and sea will add greatly to our prestige in both hemispheres. The effect on the elections this fall will be electrical, and a large Republican vote will be polled."

Col John Hay, now ambassador to Great Britain, has accepted the tender of the Secretaryship of State, which Mr Day will relinquish to become one of the Peace Commissioners. It would have been difficult for President McKinley to have secured a man better fitted by experience and ability to become Secretary of State, and the territorial and commercial growth of the U S, as a result of the war with Spain, will make it necessary that our Secretary of State should be a man of the highest ability.

The orders to the officers composing the American representatives upon the joint military commissions to arrange for the Spanish evacuation of Oaba and Porto Rico provide for their meeting at Havana and San Juan respectively as early as possible. It is expected that both commissions will get to work before the end of the month. Gen Wade, Admiral Sampson and Gen Butler will, with a like number of Spanish officers, form the Cuban commission, and Gen Brooke, Admiral Schley and Gen Gordon will represent us on the Porto Rican commission.

## An Appeal.

To the Electors of Carleton county and to all the Friends of the Advanced Temperance Cause:—

We are to face, in a few days, the most important issue, that could be possibly placed before us; let us not shirk any responsibility in the matter, but manfully do our level best. Previous to voting day will be our time for preparation; let nothing be left undone, which ought to be attended to, in order that the fullest expression of public opinion be secured. The future of prohibition enactments will depend upon our being alive, and casting our votes properly on plebiscite day.

It is important that all should be on the ground early and continue to be active until every vote is cast; see that no frauds are perpetrated; that no alcoholic beverages are concealed on the premises; that no rowdism be permitted, and no ballot boxes stuffed. All ministers, teachers and mothers, who have husbands and sons to save, should give their united support and, if possible, their attendance at the polling booth.

Let the day be a holiday from labor but a day of hard work for the general good.

Make Carleton county the banner county of New Brunswick in the plebiscite, as it has been in the enforcement of the Scott Act.

To those who have been the victims of appetite, now is your chance to take one step towards your own salvation, towards breaking the chains that have bound you so long. It is for your especial benefit that this great drama is being enacted, and, while the time may have been long delayed, yet there is a bright hope now for you; look up, my brother, the day is dawning; you can be saved, if you will but put forth an effort in your own behalf.

To those who have been hardened by the love of gain, believing themselves forced to sell intoxicants as a business; who have been frequently annoyed by official visits, obliged to carry on your unlawful business under cover of the darkest shades, often suffering financial losses, and at times obliged to resort to concealment from the iron grasp of the law—lay aside such business and resolve to do the right; your day will not always last, a reckoning time will come, perhaps very soon, when you will indeed with you had never touched, tasted or handled the accursed stuff; time is too short, my friends, to waste or trifle any longer; be manful and vote for the plebiscite.

There are, perhaps, some doubting ones who think and say that the government will not carry out its pledges, that a promised prohibitory law will be long delayed even should the vote be favorable. To such let me say that their work is not ours. We must discharge our duty fearlessly and manfully; in speaking out plainly it carries with it no uncertain sound, no government can ignore. They have asked a fair question; will we not answer it fairly, and if the answering will put them in an unpleasant position, on account of the certainty that it conveys, then I say let them feel unpleasant, and may such feelings continue to haunt them like a spectre of the night until they do their duty.

The question of revenue is not a dangerous one, but the question of who is in and who is out is the all important one. Knowing this, by past experience, they dare not presume on the will of the people, and face the issue. Let us see to it that, on the 29th September next, we make this matter so plain, that no government can, for one moment, refuse to carry out its pledges.

To the various temperance organizations, and especially to the W O T U, I wish to say, our time is near at hand, for this we have long waited, patiently watching, and often contending. The night has been dark, but the morning dawns. May we not unfurl our banners, and march forward with much assurance of victory very near.

In the various engagements that are sure to follow our success in the present issue, if success it will be, do not flinch, march on, there must be freedom. Remember, the last shot has not been fired when prohibition is on our statute book; no, indeed! A new conflict will surely arise to delay its enforcement. This also will command our united

strength. In testing the constitutionality of the Act, let us remember that it will be a failure if not backed up by the moral support of the people, manfully knowing and doing our duty, we can trust a higher power for the rest.

E M BOYER,  
Secretary Prohibition Convention.

## Hartland Items.

(Too late for last issue.)

The Band picnic, which was held here on Tuesday 8th, was a grand success. The day was all that could be desired and a good crowd was in attendance all day. The trades procession was very good. The firms represented were: J T G Carr, Richardson & Porter, H D Keswick, Shaw & Dibblee. The band headed the procession. In the afternoon a base ball game between the home and the Benton teams proved interesting, but a point was disputed and the visiting team refused to play, leaving the score 9 to 0 in favor of the home team.

In the evening a grand concert was given. Seldom has the rink been filled so completely as on this occasion, and the boys may just feel proud of their popularity as shown by the good attendance. The programme was as follows: Salutatory, Allen Rideout; music by the Band; Reading, Miss Grey; Duet, Misses Thornton and Matheson; piano Solo, Miss Kelly; Duet, Prof Fox violin, Fred Stevens, Auto-harp; Reading, Miss Cameron; solo, W B Taylor; reading, Miss Hay; solo, Love's Sorrow, Miss Wetmore; Baritone solo, Hugh Gillin, Band accompaniment: duet, Mrs Curtis and Miss Kimball; reading, Ohas Rideout: duet, Mesdames Estebrooke and Taylor; reading, Etta Thistle; reading, Miss Mills. The audience was particularly pleased with the singing of Miss Wetmore. The baritone solo was also well received.

## Centreville Items.

Aug 23rd, 1898.

The farmers are improving the fine harvest weather.

Rev J Cahill has sold his valuable pacing horse George S, to parties in Fort Fairfield; we expect good things from him, as he is very promising.

Rev J E Flewelling left yesterday for Forest Glen, V Co, to attend Sabbath school convention of his church.

Mrs A H Hayward of Florenceville was visiting Mrs O A West yesterday.

Dr Brown's painters have their job of painting nearly finished; the Doctor's residence and office look very attractive.

H T Scholey intends to move that part of his building known as the Alexander furniture store on to his corner lot, for a store, L W Burst being the foreman.

A good many of our citizens went to Littleton, Sunday, to attend the Camp meetings held there. Among the number was our young blacksmith with a fine turn out.

C M Sherwood's flower garden presents a fine appearance at present.

Mr James Carr of Fort Fairfield was in the village yesterday.

Mrs Barry Estabrook and wife started for Ashland yesterday, for a week's outing.

Mr G W White, we understand, was successful in getting the Good Settlement mail route. Mr William Lewis got the Knoxford and Greenfield mails to carry.

The ladies of the sewing circle of Tracey's Mills will hold an ice cream festival near the F B Church, Tracey Mills; a good programme will be carried out.

We understand that Rev W DeWare gave an excellent talk on temperance in his church on Sunday evening.

Deacon C White and wife returned from the World's S S convention, London; they both look real well.

F G Burst takes pleasure in showing those who call upon him in his shop his fine assortment of harness, especially a double team harness made to order. Mr Burst carries a good line of goods and keeps a first class workman.

A number of our young people was pleasantly entertained by Mr and Mrs R Wheeler of Tracy's Mills last evening.

Some ten of our young men and women went to Miramichi last week on a fishing trip; they report a good crop of flies out there.

Rev J Cahill preached a temperance sermon in the Baptist Church, Sunday morning.

## Great Naval Pageant.

NEW YORK, Aug 20.—The reception given to Admiral Sampson's squadron by the people of Greater New York to day was a magnificent one, and was participated in by hundreds of thousands of wildly enthusiastic citizens. Long before the sunrise gun was fired at Governor's Island the people were astir and about. Crowds were hurrying to the river to be early on the scene. Long before the time when the ferry boats and street cars are usually crowded, great throngs of people hung on the straps, trod on each other's feet and jammed into conveyances to points all along the river front. The New York and New Jersey shores were literally black with people, while the river and bay were crowded with craft and the craft alive with people, all cheering and good natured.

Guardian, Charlottetown, says:—

"Hon Mr Tarte, Minister of Public Works, is spending some time overlooking the structures which his department control in the Maritime Provinces. In this he is fulfilling a manifest duty of the head of a department. Nothing can compensate for a lack of local knowledge of the works upon which he is responsible for expending large sums of money. Mr Tarte has been much attacked, in the Opposition press, but even his worst enemies will admit that in alertness and zeal in making himself acquainted with the works under his control, he has not been excelled by any of his predecessors in office. His activity and industry are remarkable."