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WILL NOT ACCEPT.

The present prospects are that Newfoundland will not accept the best terms that Canada has offered or will offer for a union of the two countries. This is not, after all, a matter for very great regret on our part. Our government appears to have offered the island colony terms that are quite as good as those originally accepted by the other Maritime Provinces, and Newfoundland is a less desirable accession than either of them. She is much farther away from the common centre of the dominion; her resources are less and the masses of her people are far poorer than the generality of the people of Canada. She has little that we need, her chief article of export being fish, of which the dominion already has an abundance, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific.

There is something, no doubt, in the sentimental aspect of the case, and many would like to see the whole of British North America united in one dominion. But we must not forget that when once united with Canada the burden of defence thrown upon this country in time of war would be greatly increased. We hope for a long continuance of peace, but until the millennium has actually come we must expect that wars will from time to time break out in the world, and Canada will have to do battle for herself as other countries have been from time to time compelled to do. In such case, and especially if Britain's naval power is taxed with the opposition of a powerful European combination, the defence of Newfoundland would become a serious problem. In fact, with this addition to our territory, Canada would have need to begin at once what the Australian colonies have already undertaken—the construction of an iron clad fleet.

Otherwise the union of Newfoundland would have involved a present large addition to the Canadian debt, and also a large increase of our annual expenditure. For such new liabilities the times are not altogether auspicious. At least Canada can well afford to wait. We have territory enough and scope enough for our energies within the half continent we already possess. It is Newfoundland rather than Canada which will be the loser by the refusal to accept the fair terms of union offered. Apparently the islanders have counted too much upon their supposition that Canada is very eager to embrace them in her federal union. We are not so solicitous as they suppose. We will not "pay too dear for our whistle." Our government has apparently gone quite far enough—too far many may think—and rather than offer more it is well to call the bargain off for the time. We look upon the union as inevitable hereafter. It will not be many years till Newfoundland will learn that she cannot afford to remain isolated from her sister colonies and will again be found knocking for admission to the Canadian union. In the meantime the French shore question can be settled it will be a good thing all around, and the incomplete negotiation of 1895 will not be regretted.

HANINGTON AND BLAIR.

For a long term of years Hon. D. L. Hanington and Hon. A. G. Blair confronted each other in the political arena. They were the redoubtable champions not only of Westmorland and York, but of their respective parties in the legislature. At the beginning of their conflict Mr. Hanington was in the government and Mr. Blair leading the opposition. Very spirited was the attack, and very resolute the defence, until in the chances and changes of political warfare the citadel of government was stormed and the man of York ousted the man of Westmorland from the premiership and reigned in his stead. But the battle went on in the legislature and on the political platform, and occasionally in the courts of law, and the lovers of wordy war were always sure of an entertainment whenever and wherever these two able combatants might chance to meet. In process of time Mr. Hanington was called from the legislative to the judicial arena, and then it was believed that the

strife between these two sturdy opponents would cease for all time. Just at present it seems that the judge and the Attorney General are not much more agreeable to each other than were the leaders of the government and of the opposition in their old-time conflicts. The story of their present differences is a long one, but may be summarized.

In the matter of the St. John Street Railway the Attorney General and Hon. Mr. Pugsley represented certain important interests and the case was tried out before Judge Hanington. An order was made by the judge, that certain moneys, a large amount, should be paid to the receiver general of the province, to await the further order of the Court. At least such is the judge's contention. The order as written out by the official reporter of the Court, Mr. Fry, was in such form that it enabled Messrs. Blair and Pugsley to apply to the receiver general and get the money for their clients, without the further order which the judge had intended.

It is fair to assume that all the parties acted in good faith but in the controversy which has arisen it appears there is a wide misunderstanding between Judge Hanington and the Attorney General. Both have been interviewed by the St. John newspapers, and some statements of the judge were of a character to impugn the official conduct of the reporter, Mr. Fry, in preparing the order referred to. Mr. Fry is well known as a capable stenographer; moreover the provincial government appointed him, and Mr. Blair no doubt feels some responsibility for the proper conduct of his appointee.

Mr. Fry naturally did not wish to be under censure from the judge, and the Attorney General has prepared the way for an official investigation by commissioning Mr. C. W. Weldon, Q. C., to take the testimony of all concerned under oath. It is altogether a unique and interesting situation. The parties whose conduct in the premises will stand for investigation are a judge, two of our leading lawyers, and the court reporter. But the chief interest, after all, centres between the two chief contestants in the prolonged political and forensic controversy of years—Hanington and Blair. We must not anticipate the issue, but the public will watch its development with intense interest.

Rumor has been busy from time to time with the name of Mr. Blair as a coming judge. It may seem improbable that the present federal government would appoint a pronounced Liberal to the bench, and we only mention the rumor here as adding somewhat to the interest of a situation in which the leader of the provincial government and of the bar is in strong controversy with a judge who was so long a political opponent. Possibly if they were seated side by side on the bench the contentions of these two mighty spirits might cease and a great judicial calm would follow. For the present there is war between them and the end is not yet.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Parliament has been occupied with a long debate on the budget. A cold wave succeeded the brief heated term in the atmospheric conditions out of doors, but the tide of talk rolled on night after night and day after day, and regardless of the weather, the debate has been a warm one. There is little that is new in all this long succession of speeches. In fact two or three of the leaders on each side pretty thoroughly exhaust the subject. The first speeches are the ablest and the best, covering all the main points at issue between the contending parties. After the second day of such a controversy there is little of interest in the discussion and but little attention paid to it in the house. Members make speeches not with any hope of converting their fellow-members to their views, or of influencing the decisions of parliament, but chiefly in order to have their utterances reported in Hansard, and having copies thereof reprinted in the newspapers and distributed among their constituents.

It is quite safe to say that the debate of two or three weeks on the budget will not change a vote in parliament, but it is not therefore altogether a useless expenditure of time and labor. The member who takes the pains to prepare a speech upon the national finances or the tariff, will himself learn something in the process, and the dissemination of their printed speeches will spread an amount of useful information through the country. Most electors will take the trouble to read a speech delivered by their own representative, because of the personal interest they have in him, when perchance they might not peruse the abler deliverance of Hon. Mr. Foster or Sir Richard Cartwright upon the same subject.

With the close of the budget debate parliament will get down to the legitimate work of the session and we may expect public business to be pushed rapidly forward to completion. There will be less talk and more work. Mr. Foster, as leader of the Commons, will press the business forward energetically, and as the number of important public measures is not large, prorogation ought to be reached before the close of the fiscal year on 30th June.

The military camp for district No. 8 will be held at Sussex, N. B., June 25th, the 8th Hussars, Brighton Engineer Company and 73rd and 74th battalions going under canvas.

Boston Letter.
MAY 20.—In the absence of other manuscript from Boston in the form of a general article, I hope it may not be inconvenient for you to find space for the insertion of the few observations contained in this letter. I have waited with some patience for the lead of a reader pen in this direction, but without result, and in consequence, am at last emboldened to assume the initiative myself, objectively, for the purpose of letting the esteemed patronage of your paper at home know a "thing or two" in relation to the doings of the folk, their kith and kin, possibly, who read THE REVIEW in this part of the world.

And, in view of this opportunity, I am constrained, in recognition of the growing reputation of your paper, not less than in deference to the doctrine, of "rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's," to unite heart and hand with all the boys and girls of Kent in venturing an earnest compliment to the painstaking members of the staff, and to the galaxy of graphic rural reporters whose services are enlisted in support of the prestige that the Richibucto REVIEW has obtained with its patrons abroad.

As a mirror of the ills and fortunes, vicissitudes, tremors and triumphs of Kent, politically, socially and otherwise, it is both faithful and realistic, pulsate, as its pages are to the sturdy spirit of the energetic agricultural and commercial committees that flourish along the coast—reminiscent, as well, of the associations of hearth and home. In brief, we attach something above a provincial importance to THE REVIEW and confidently tender the assurance that its popularity will never grow dim in the Puritan City.

I regret the limits and other imperfections of the following budget of news, but am positive that everything herein mentioned has really happened, and that the oldest event is only a trifle over seven weeks of age. Old as it is, it should have been published before, one of the parties being well-known in Kent Co., and as his friends there are legion, it will hardly bear omission. It was but a marriage after all and the nuptials were performed at Malden Mass., in the presence of a few intimate friends. The contracting parties were Miss Bernhardt, of Antigonish Co., N. S., and Mr. James Lucas, Jr., of Cocagne. Mr. Lucas is foreman in a large blacksmith establishment at Southbridge, and is enjoying life immensely since his entrance into the ranks of the benedictines. I am sure that the many friends of the groom will unite in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous career.

The acquaintances of Messrs. Howard Anderson and Robt. McLellan, of Buctouche, will be pleased to hear of the very appreciable success they are having in their grocery store on Thorndyke St. The above mentioned partnership opened its doors in March, and by enterprise, perseverance and attentiveness to trade, is steadily winning its way to the front.

Mr. Gordon A. Johnston, son of Stipendiary Magistrate Wm. Johnston, of Cocagne, figures among the law students of Poston, and of the many disciples of Blackstone in this city few perhaps have brighter prospects of success.

We are pleased to notice the attendance at St. Joseph's College, N. B., of our all round popular friend Mr. D. W. B. Hicks of Buctouche. Mr. H. has been for several years the trusted clerk of W. E. A. Legg, one of the largest Commission Merchants, of Boston. We trust that on his return "Dow" will prove himself fully initiated into all the intricacies of the science of Debit and Credit.

Norwithstanding the jaded cry "dull times," business is getting brisk every day, and workmen's wages are in consequence much improved. Still there are hundreds of idle men too, even at the docks and warehouses.

The water front presents a busy scene at present—the historic Charles River reflecting on its glassy surface the hills and yards, the smoke stacks of thousands of tons of shipping from all parts of the world. It is alleged that Boston, taken in connection with its environments, is from a scenic standpoint, unsurpassed by any city on the continent—and charming the Fens at Roxbury, and the many parks and groves of the city certainly are.

The shrubbery and winding walks that adorn the Fens, have already bowed to charms of spring, and natures beautiful and significant poetry finds expression from every grove and hillock that meets the view, no matter where the eye may choose to roam. To the natural beauty of Boston add artificial grandeur, and you have a picture of the city as it is at this season. Hoping that I have not greatly exceeded the bounds of propriety, at least in the length of this rambling effusion.
R. J. D.

According to Niagara district papers the fruit trees have not been so much damaged by the frost as first appearances indicated. Cherry and peach orchards yet give promise of a good crop. The grapes in some districts entirely escaped. And the cold is said to have been fatal to the broods of insect pests that the hot weather had permanently wakened into baneful life. Things might have been worse and hope been left.

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Buctouche.
MAY 19.—Rev. Mr. Bynon held services in Barnes' Hall yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Gunn occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church yesterday. He intends remaining here during June, when he will be succeeded by Rev. Mr. Foote.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay goes to St. John today on business in connection with the Methodist Ministry.

Mr. Jas. Girvan, of Kingston, visited J. C. Ross, Esq., on Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Abbott, of Moncton, passed through Buctouche on Saturday evening, en route to Kingston.

Messrs. W. H. and J. A. Irving visited the Island during the past week returning each the owner of a handsome horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls, of Shediac, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Irving.

Mrs. Jas. Girvan, of Kingston, who is now visiting friends in St. John, intends visiting Boston this week with a party of St. John friends. While in Boston she will visit her niece, Miss Bertie Curren at Newton Hospital, Newton.

R. A. Irving spent Sunday in Buctouche.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Smith, of Moncton, are visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. T. Coates.

W. D. Carter, of Richibucto, spent Sunday in Buctouche.

Sheriff Legere was in town on Saturday on professional duties.

Mrs. J. J. LeBlanc has been quite sick during past week, but is now much better.

Mr. Edward Smith was very sick during the past week.

The Ocean Bride, Capt. P. A. Smith has returned from the fishing grounds with a fair catch of herring.

M. McLaughlin has taken his cheese press to Cocagne, where he intends opening a cheese factory. He has about 600 cows pledged for four years and should be successful.

The sisters of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception have re opened for the summer months the Sunday school in Farmers' Hall on Sunday afternoons.

Thos. Ward visited Kingston on Friday.

Arbor day was duly observed in the Buctouche schools. If the grounds were fenced in, the grounds could be made quite ornamental with a little judicious labor expended.

Miss Alicia Dysart spent Sunday with her father, A. Dysart, of Cocagne.

The lobster catch was very good last week.

Last Friday was house-cleaning day in the Methodist church, a number of the lady members gave the building a thorough cleaning.

Adolphe Robichaud has finished painting A. Grattan's buildings and is now engaged on the dwelling of E. J. L. LeBlanc. Mr. Grattan's house looks very creditably in its coat of white. I. Carter painted the interior.

The Misses Plume have removed from the old stand and now occupy the old building used by Mrs. Boudreau after the fire. The building has been considerably repaired and is now quite comfortable.

The store part of Capt. John Smith's house is receiving its putty coat.

Miss Morrison has removed from her late quarters in the Richard block into a part of the Casey building.

J. W. Hannagan is book-keeper and surveyor for P. King's mill.

The Peep of Day Boys meet to-night for the first, and the girls meet also.

J. T. Estes, a well-to-do farmer, was killed by Will Green, 23 years old, near Newbern, Ky. Green was running away with a daughter of Mr. Estes, and had reached the Rev. Dr. Harwell's home, intending to get the minister to perform the marriage ceremony. Just as he stepped out of the buggy he saw Estes and his son coming on the road. Green stopped, and as Estes and his son came up Green shot Estes just above the heart, killing him, and also fired twice at the son, but without result. Green then proceeded to Broughtonville, where he and Miss Estes were married. A reward of \$250 is offered for the capture of Green.

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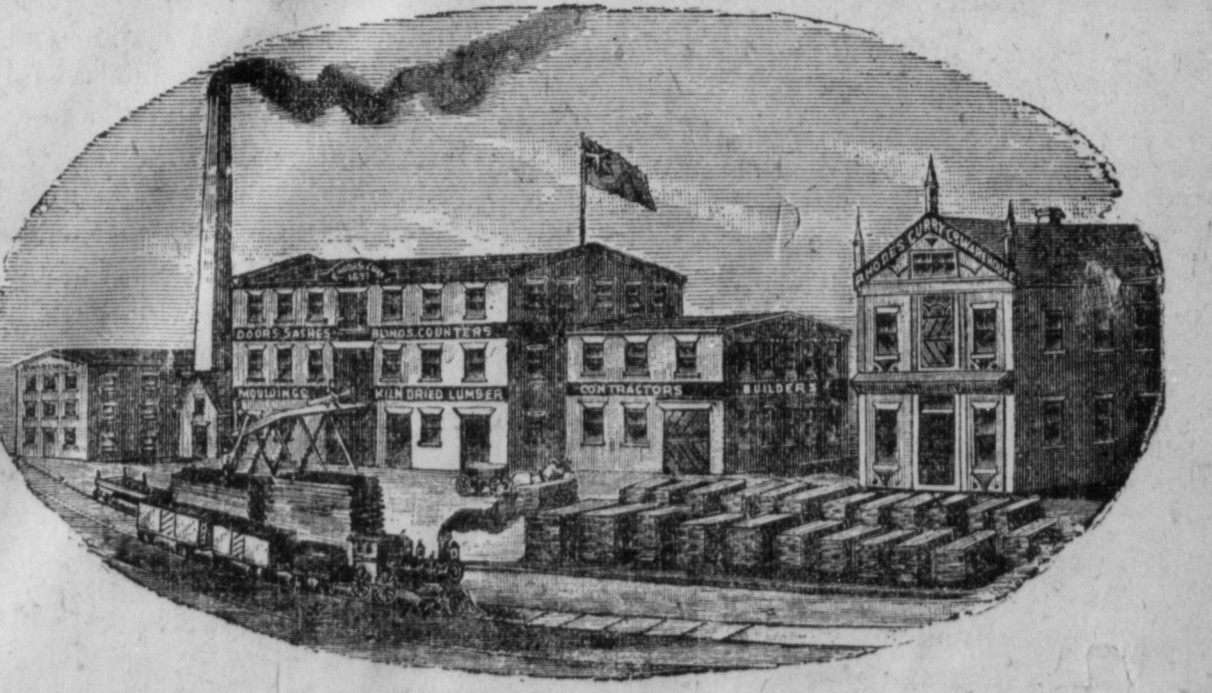
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