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It is to be regretted when buffoonery enters the church door. A minister in Cleveland who doubtless would consider it wicked to make a money wager, has expressed his confidence in the victory of Bryan by undertaking to preach a sermon with his coat, vest and trousers turned wrong side out. If Bryan is elected a coal operator named Davis Armstrong, will attend church with his raiment reversed to hear the said sermon. The clergyman's name is Oiler.

BISMARCK AND HIS REVELATIONS.

Prince Karl Otto Bismark was born on April Fools' day eighty-one years ago. Doubtless many greater fools have been born on other days of the year, but no greater man nor living was born on April first. When he had completed his college course he entered the army—a bad training for his arbitrary disposition. His first essay in politics was in the diet of Saxony in which he was making bold speeches fifty years ago. On one occasion he argued that all great cities should be swept from the face of the earth because they were the rallying centres of democracy. The revolutionary epidemic which overspread Europe in 1848 tended to strengthen his love of arbitrary government to which he has all his life adhered.

In 1851 he entered the diplomatic service and presently sought to bring about an alliance between Prussia, France and Russia. In 1859 he was Prussia's ambassador to St. Petersburg. In 1862 he was ambassador to Paris, and received from the Napoleon whom he was afterwards destined to crush, the grand cross of the Legion of Honor. He induced Austria to engage in the war with Denmark over the Schleswig-Holstein affair, and afterward by an alliance with Italy defeated Austria, deprived her of the spoil wrung from Denmark, forced her retirement from Germany, and placed his beloved Prussia at the head of German affairs. He thus entered upon his greatest life-work, the unification of Germany, which was completed by the victorious crusade against France, in which the French empire was overthrown, Paris captured, and William crowned emperor of Germany at Versailles.

For years he remained chancellor of the mighty empire he had done so much to create. He served the old emperor till he died, and retained his post when the crown prince came to the throne, and when he too passed away Bismark was still chancellor to the imperial grandeur, and had been to the grandfather. But the present kaiser became weary of a prince so great, so imperious and who had rendered such signal services that he overshadowed the throne. Bismark was deposed, and has ever since pined and fretted in official exile, showing from time to time a disposition to thwart the plans and belittle the services of those called to bear the burdens of state in Germany.

Occasionally he has disclosed some state secret which for the credit of himself and of Germany had been better kept. His latest disclosure, which has made no small stir in Europe, is the fact that for years past there has been a secret treaty between Russia and Germany negotiated in the days of his own power as chancellor, which treaty has since expired by limitation of time. The apparent object of this revelation is to show that Germany has lost prestige and influence, lost the alliance of Russia which has now formed an agreement with France, all because the master mind of Bismark has been withdrawn from German councils. There is great force in this inference as a disturbing factor in international relations, as well as in the domestic politics of Germany.

A later revelation, with which Bismark has apparently nothing to do, shows that Russia had at the same time a secret treaty, offensive and defensive, with Denmark, and aimed at Germany. In case of war between Russia and Germany, Denmark was to assist the former with

army and fleet and as a reward was to receive back the principalities which had been wrested from her. The disclosure of these secret treaties has had a very unsettling effect upon European affairs, and tends to promote international distrust. The question naturally arises, what other secret plots and treaties may not now exist? Has Bismark told all he knows, or has he other revelations yet in store? Is not Germany, without a Bismark at the helm of her affairs, in danger of losing something, perhaps much, of the position and prestige gained by the shrewdness and ability of the great chancellor?

The complications among the continental nations renders it doubly necessary that Britain shall neglect no precautions that may be necessary to enable her to "hold her own" in the time of conflict that is inevitable in the not distant future. We may rest assured that the costly additions being constantly made to British fleets are quite within the bounds of common prudence in view of the rotten and treacherous condition of international nations.

ONTARIO CONSERVATIVES.

The Ontario Conservatives recently came together for the purpose of organization and cementing the party again in the bonds of unity. The meeting was a noteworthy one from the number of prominent men brought together as well as for the harmony that prevailed. The Mail and Empire tells that there were eight senators, thirty-six members of parliament and thirty defeated candidates present besides the host of delegates from the party associations. Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Frank Smith and Hon. John Haggart with other members of the late Conservative ministry were at the front in the great gathering.

The feature of the meeting, which was most striking, was the apparently perfect accord which prevailed between the remedial and anti-remedial wings of the party. To the remedial bill for Manitoba many of the strong men of the party were irreconcilably opposed. Now that the party no longer has any official responsibility in that matter, whether the school question is now settled or not, no occasion for the fatal split in the ranks longer exists. There are many Conservatives who think the remedial bill was a great mistake. They, as well as those who think otherwise, will be glad to have it out of the way.

The Conservative party in Ontario is strong alike in numbers and influence and with no further cause for dissension, united and organized as they now are must make their influence powerfully felt in the future political affairs of the country.

Among the things that have leaked out recently is the fact that Hon. John Costigan has been strongly solicited and is not indisposed to re-enter provincial politics. He was before Confederation a member of the house of Assembly and he has such an impregnable hold on the electors of Victoria and Madawaska that should he wish to return the finding of a seat would be easy. There are those who would like to see him become premier of New Brunswick, and would wish to that end if the opportunity should offer.

The departure of His Honor, Lieut. Governor Fraser, to recruit his health in a foreign land will cause regret that the necessity should exist for such a course. His Honor has been a capable, just, impartial and popular administrator and THE REVIEW trusts he may be speedily restored to his old time health and vigor.

Bass River, Kent Co.

Oct. 29th, 1896.—To-day the remains of one of our oldest and most highly respected residents, the late Mrs. Robert Marshall, were laid to rest. The funeral ceremony, conducted by the Rev. Mr. McClure of Harcourt, was witnessed by a large concourse of friends who wished to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom in life they esteemed in death they mourned. Zealous in good works, charitable to the poor she ever manifested, a deep solicitude in the welfare of all within the wide circle of her acquaintances. Born in Dumfries-shire, Scotland, in 1819 she emigrated to Richibucto some 70 years ago along with her parents James and Jane Duryavil. The deceased had one brother and two sisters, the late Mr. Herbert Irving of Buctouche and the late Mrs. Robert Brown of this place, whose names are still revered for the many virtues exemplified in their Christian lives. Mrs. Marshall was married in 1839 to Robert Marshall, also of Dumfries with whom she shared the cares and pleasures of wedded life for over fifty seven years. To the sorrowing husband, who has seen October's seared and withered leaf of 81 years and the bereaved family who have lost a kind and christian mother, the deepest sympathy of the community is affectionately extended.

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Coal Branch and Vicinity

As I have not seen any news from our quiet little village lately, through the columns of THE REVIEW, I will venture to pen a few remarks.  
Mr. James Spencer has moved his dwelling house across the Railroad and placed it alongside of his old house.  
Mr. J. T. Swift has erected a new barn which adds greatly to the improvement of his premises.  
Mr. Hefferman, of St. John, shipped a carload of beef cattle from here recently.  
The trustees of this school district having secured the services of our able and experienced station master, J. W. Lutes, as auditor, held a special school meeting on Thursday last in order to obtain a recapitulation of their accounts.  
Partridges seem to be very plentiful in this locality, as our very popular and obliging station master spends about two-thirds of his time (accompanied by his little black and tan) hunting them, and always brings home a goodly number of birds.  
Rumor says that we are about to lose some of our fair ones.  
Mr. Paul Gallant is receiving congratulations—it's a boy.  
Mr. Wm. McDevitt is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. T. Swift.  
Mr. A. B. Wilson, having been removed from the home of his fair one, is again boarding with J. T. S. Don't be discouraged, Al.  
Sheriff Legere paid a visit to our station agent one day recently.  
Mrs. William Kenny, who is under the skillful treatment of Dr. Keith, is improving.  
A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. William Howard, Hallowe'en, by a number of young folks who gathered for the purpose. Walter says, "by hedges," his mouth is too small to catch an apple on the fly.

Mr. Richard Little has sold his violin to Thos. H. Swift. Dick says he is not going to play any more.

Mr. J. P. Swift, I. C. R. operator, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is now glad to state, able to be out again. A number of our young men have gone to the lumber woods in Nova Scotia. OBSERVER.

Buctouche.

Nov 3.—I have noticed lately while reading the out of town correspondence in THE REVIEW that Buctouche was not represented at all, and this, I am informed has been the case for several months. Such shameful neglect has lasted too long, so I will try from this forward to give the doings of this wide awake little town to the readers of our local paper.

Mr. C. Farrand was at the Victoria last week.

Miss Maggie Hannagan is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Dysart, in Cocagne.

Mr. Gross was in town one day last week.

Mr. Dehurtle registered at the Bay View last week.

Mr. Scovil was at the Victoria Friday.

N. J. Ross spent two days in Moncton last week.

Mr. Thomas McMannus has been unable to attend to his duties on the B. & M for the past two weeks, owing to an extremely sore hand.

Messrs F. Goddard and J. Steeves are visiting Mr H. S. Goddard at the Bay View.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving on the arrival of a daughter.

Miss Virginia LeBlanc left on Saturday for Moncton, where she intends remaining till Christmas.

Mrs. J. H. Abbott, of Moncton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

All Hallow e'en this year did not come up to the young folks ideal, on account of the disagreeable weather. The boys managed to commit the usual depredations, however, and were even a little noisier than on former occasions. In the way of practical jokes, they went so far as to remove the railing from the second story balcony of a house, and dissect a pung and place it in the middle of the street. These acts have aroused the anger of the citizens and they are resolved to keep better order next time.

There were no gatherings of any kind this Hallow e'en except a select little candy pull which was given at the Bay View. It was greatly enjoyed by the favored few who were present.

Mrs. P. Allen, Miss May Trenholm and Martin Trenholm left this morning for Cape Tormentine. They will be much missed in the place and especially at the Bay View where they have resided for several years.

FLUFF.

Guide (at the stone gallery, St. Paul's)—Straight over there you see the Thames To the right are the Houses of Parliament and a little to the left is the wonderful Tower bridge. Gentleman—But where? I don't see anything. Guide—Oh, well, that's where they are, but it's a bit foggy this morning.—London Fun.

The following telegram was sent from Atlanta to an interior Georgia town:—"Look out for incendiary. Six feet high; sore on left cheek; limp in left leg." Pretty soon the following telegram came in reply:—"We've got a man what says he burnt a house down, but that ain't his name, want you said!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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